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Questers Group Two Years Old

Junior Organization Begun by the Women's Club.

The Questers' Club was organized Feb. 19, 1935, in answer to a demand from the Montclair Women's Club for an organization similar to their own which their daughters might enjoy. The suggestion of a junior club was introduced to the daughters and their friends by the president of the Women's Club, Mrs. Robert Lyman Grant, at a reception given for the girls by the club the preceding December. A welcome also was extended by Mrs. Frederick H. Amerman, who has acted since in an advisory capacity to the Questers.

The plan was received with such enthusiastic approval that Mrs. Frederick Griswold Jr. was immediately appointed senior advisor of the new group. Credit in carrying out the wishes of the Women's Club to organize the daughters must also go to Miss Gertrude Clayton and many other friends of the Questers in the Women's Club.

The next meeting of the girls was in January, when a salmagundi party was planned. The meeting was such a success that it was decided to hold regular meetings on alternate Tuesday evenings. To facilitate the organization of the new club until the end of the club year appointments were: Membership chairman, Miss Elizabeth Nostrand; program chairman, Miss Virginia Harkness.

At the first meeting nominations were open for treasurer and secretary. Mrs. William Mackie was elected treasurer and Miss Margaret Stearns secretary.

Names for the club were under consideration and at the next meeting an overwhelming majority named the new club the Questers' Club, because that immediately identified it with the Women's Club, with its magazine Quest.

Before the first club year ended the nominating committee, Mrs. William Mackie, Miss Betty O'Gorman and Miss Kathryn Dougherty, presented the Questers with their first slate of officers and board members, which was unanimously elected as follows: President, Miss Virginia Harkness; first vice president, Miss Elizabeth Nostrand; second vice president, Miss Margaret French; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Gordon Male; recording secretary, Miss Gladys Perry; treasurer, Mrs. Wilbur Stevens.

Chairmen of standing committees were: Membership, Miss Charlotte Stilson; hospitality, Miss Estella Goodspeed; program, Mrs. Robert T. Jones; music, Miss Adelaide Miller; drama, Miss Bobbie Howard; publicity, Miss Katherine Meeke, and outside activities, Miss Rita Nostrand.

The following board members were appointed: House committee, Miss Grace Rolland; calling committee, Miss Eleanor Bishop; telephone committee, Mrs. Richard Sargent, and senior advisor, Mrs. Frederick Griswold Jr.

The objects of the Questers' Club as incorporated in the constitution are social and educational, with welfare and civic interests. Accordingly the opening meetings of the first complete club year was an afternoon bridge for charity. At Christmas time stockings were filled for the Montclair Convalescent Home for Children. Every week day Questers who were free to give their time spent a stated number of hours at the home reading and playing with the children, tutoring them and doing stenographic work. Miss Margaret French showed some of her moving pictures at the home one evening, and at the end of the year a collection of used toys and books which the home needed was taken.

At the end of the first year the annual meeting and election of officers took place, followed by bridge. The election of the present board as drawn up by the nominating committee, Miss Virginia Harkness, Miss Charlotte Stilson and Miss Katherine Weeks, is as follows: President, Miss Margaret French; second vice president, Mrs. Robert T. Jones; corresponding secretary, Miss Marion Benbow. Standing committees: Membership, Miss Bobbie Howard; program, Miss Marjorie McConnell; hospitality, Mrs. David Agens; publicity, Miss Kathryn Dougherty; outside activities, Miss Marjorie Kieselbach; art, Mrs. Edgar Sisson Jr., and drama, Mrs. John Norris.

Mrs. Lennox E. H. Stuart was appointed chairman of the house committee and Miss Susie Sterling of the telephone committee.

This past year the Questers have rolled bandages and made favors for patients' trays at the Community Hospital, filled the Christmas stockings at the Montclair Convalescent Home for Children and contributed \$25 to the Red Cross for the relief of flood sufferers.

Community Club Serves North End of Montclair

Activities of Civic Betterment Group Town Wide.

The Northend Community Club, a civic improvement organization, was started more than twenty-five years ago, when the north end was a rural section. Men of that section formed a club of which the charter members included George Hulse, William Rockwell, and Richard Misbach. Mr. Rockwell is the present president.

The first meetings were social gatherings held in the Montclair Heights Reformed Church, but with the growth of the north end, civic matters became the main interest of the club.

Most of the club's work has been the securing of benefits for the north end, among which were the new schools in that section, Mountain-side Park, plazas at the stations at Mountain Avenue and at Upper Montclair, and the restriction of business zones of Upper Montclair.

The Northend Community Club was first to support zoning and has consistently fought all encroachments against zoning in any section of the town. The club has always worked in co-operation with the Watchung and Southend associations.

Origins of "Questers" subdivision of Montclair Women's Club

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