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## African-American Women's Clubs

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## Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa

Organized 14 October 1950, last non-obit reference, 27 June 1989

This Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa was organized 14 October 1950 at the residence of Mrs Gertrude Sledd. Phi Delta Kappa is a national professional sorority with a focus on teaching and education. Officers elected were Mrs Margaret Andrews, Basileus; Mrs Gertrude Sledd, 1st Anti-basileus; Mrs Lola B Dale, Grammateus; Mrs Susie B Fish, Epistoleus; Miss Zula Pryor, program chair; Mrs Florine Ingram, dean of pledgees; Mrs Lillian C Jones, publicity. First official meeting was with Margaret Andrews, 13 January 1951. Mrs Lillian Jones and Miss Zula Levingston represented the chapter at the national conclave, which was held 27-29 December 1950 at Tuskegee Institute.

The chapter met with Lola Mae Dale, 228 North Wilderness Rd, on March 5, 1951, to plan a financial entertainment. Present were Margaret Andrews, Gertrude Sledd, Susie Fish, Florine Ingram; Ella Pryor, and Lillian Jones.

Members present at a "Founders Day" program on 14 May 1951, with Soror Florine T Ingram, East Walnut St, were Margaret T Andrews, Gertrude Sledd, Lola M Dale, Susie B Fish, Zula M Levingston, Ella P Pryor, Lillian C Jones and Florine T Ingram. The Chapter sponsored a social 22 October 1951 in Bate gym; a ham

was to be given to a lucky ticket holder. On 12 November 1951, they presented Miss Gladys Watts in a musical recital, and the Chapter was represented at the national meeting by Mrs Lillian C Jones, who left for Richmond VA on 26 December 1951.

In February 1952, Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Chapter accepted "The Xinos" as an accessory group, high school students recently organized under Soror Lucy Stevens. At a March 1952 meeting, the Chapter discussed national and local affairs, and made plans for a basketball game and popularity contest, with help from Xinos. Officers elected in December 1952 were Miss Ella Pryor, basileus; Mrs Lillian Jones, 1st anti-basileus; Mrs Cordelia Wood, grammateus; Mrs Susie Fish, epistoleus; Miss Zula Levingston, tamius; Mrs Florine Ingram, dean of pledges; Mrs Lola M Dale, program chair; and Mrs Lucy Stevens, publicity and supervisor of "The Tops".

The chapter met 5 January 1953 with Mrs Sam Wood of Stanford; Mrs Lillian Jones and Miss Ella Pryor were delegates to PDK Conclave, 26-30 December 1952 in Nashville.

After a gap of over two years in newspaper accounts, the Chapter set 14 February 1955 for a benefit card party at Bate School; announced by Mrs Burton, Mrs Dale, Mrs Parr and Miss Edwards. They presented a fashion and talent show 21 November 1955 at Bate gym, to include the Bate Orchestra, proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. The Chapter presented programs by the Kentucky State College Choir on 18 March 1956 and 24 March 1963, both programs to benefit the Chapter's scholarship fund. (PHOTO)

In January 1957, they met, exact date not given, with Soror Birdie Edwards on Wilderness Road, with 14 members present; new officers were, Gertrude Sledd, baselius; Cordelia Woods, anti-baselius; Zula Levingston, tamius; Birdie Edwards, epistoleus; Ella Pryor, program chair; Margaret Helm, dean of pledges; Amelia Burton, publicity; Delores Revely, historian; Lucy Stephens, chairman of Xinos; there was a report on the sorority conclave in Miami December 26-31 December 1956 attended by Gertrude Sledd, Susie B Fish, Zula Levingston and Lillian Jones.

A significant gap in coverage ended when the Chapter presented 22 debutantes 20 June 1964, at the National Guard Armory on Stanford road; the young women represented Danville, Stanford, Lancaster, and Harrodsburg.

The Chapter initiated five new members 1 April 1967 at the residence of Mrs Gertrude Sledd; new members were, Miss King, Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Caston and Mrs Williams, all teachers in Fayette and Clark County school systems. Mrs Frances Schexsinder of Indianapolis, third anti-basileus and Midwestern Region director of Phi Delta Kappa was the guest speaker and house guest of Mrs Lucy Stephens, basileus of the local chapter, in June 1967. It was announced that the Chapter had been invited to Lexington for a Teach-A-Rama on 4 November 1967. The last entry for 1967 indicated a meeting on 2 December with Mrs Mamie Grimsley, 673 Ohio St, Lexington.

Notice of the debutante of the year contest, sponsored by the Chapter in July 1968, included names of all the debutantes and their escorts, along with a PHOTO; Arthella R Withers, Lancaster, and Gary Brown; Shelia M Spillman, Lancaster, and Dallas McCowan; Karen Davis, Winchester, and John Thomas; Marsha Dianne Mason, Nicholasville, and David Poindexter; Gwendolyn M Smith, Winchester, and David Blake; Bettie Baughman, Danville, and Chester Kavanaugh; Gloria Raines, Danville, and Gary Lockett; Deborah McCowan, Danville, and Ronald McCowan; Beatrice O Newell, Winchester, and James Mason; Edith Turner, Danville, and Ebert Turner. The winner was Marsha D Mason, of Nicholasville, runner-up was Arthella R Withers, of Lancaster. It was also noted that Phi Delta Kappa embraced Clark, Boyle Jessamine and Garrard Counties.

They sponsored their fourth Debutante Ball 26 June 1970; the first was June 1964 and it was sponsored every two years. The event benefited scholarships for girls pursuing a teaching career. Past recipients were Mary Ole Gray, Cheryle Blake and Janet Mitchell. This year's recipient was Gwendolyn Riffe, 1969 graduate of Danville HS, who entered Eastern Kentucky University this fall.

Full identification, along with a photo of the 1970 Debutante ball appeared in the Advocate, 29 June 1970. The winner was Miss Regina Turner, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thelma Turner; second was Miss Marva Valanda Burris, daughter of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Burris; third was Janice E Greene, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sherman Greene. Other girls and escorts, as well as their parents, are all listed -- PHOTO. Deborah Naomi Stevenson

(Mr and Mrs Irvin Stevenson) and George Haggard III (Mr and Mrs George Haggard Sr); Alice Crawford (Mr and Mrs Burgan Crawford) and Guy Bell (Mr and Mrs William Bell); Janice E Greene (Mr and Mrs Sherman Greene) and Artie Greene (Mr and Mrs Harold Greene); Jacqueline Williams (Mrs Mayme Williams) and Larry D Gay (Mr and Mrs James Gay Sr); Regina Turner (Mrs Thelma Turner) and Rodney Welch (Mrs Emma Welch); Marva Valanda Burrus (Mr and Mrs Benjamin Burris) and Gregory Gill (Mr and Mrs James Gill); Carol Bernice Bell (Mr and Mrs William Arthur Bell) and William Clay Daniel (Mr and Mrs William Clay Daniel); Gwendolyn Riffe (Mrs Carrie Gash) and Timothy Gray (Mr and Mrs Arthur Gray). In October 1970, Gwendolyn Riffe received the Chapter's scholarship from Miss Ella Pryor, PDK (PHOTO).

Miss Regina Turner, daughter of Mrs Thelma Turner, 137 East Green, a freshman at Western Kentucky University, received the scholarship from the local chapter in November 1971; she was Miss Debutante in 1970, a graduate of DHS 1971, majoring in psychology (PHOTO). In March 1974, Miss Ella P Pryor presented a \$200 scholarship to Ann Catherine Jones on behalf of the sorority; Jones was a DHS graduate in 1973, was attending Kentucky State University, and daughter of Mrs James E Jones, Lebanon Rd, and late Mr Jones (PHOTO). It was also noted that ten years ago, in 1977, Mary Ola Gray, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Gray of Danville was awarded \$100 scholarship by PDK. And rounding out the 1970s, Larita C Barleston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Barleston, 223 North St, received the \$200 scholarship from PDK in December 1977, awarded by Miss Ella P Pryor; Barleston was a 1976 DHS graduate majoring in pre-engineering at Kentucky State University (PHOTO).

The Advocate-Messenger carried a major article on Ella P Pryor, with a photo on 30 August 1979 (PHOTO). Several years later, Gertrude Sledd was honored 3 June 1983, with a banquet at St James AME (PHOTO).

The Chapter sponsored a Miss Alpha Upsilon contest 23 July 1983 at the home of Ruth and Rosie Logan. Dovie Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Garnette Smith of Richmond was crowned queen; Sheilla Gooch, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest Gooch Sr of Danville, was runner-up.

The final notice of the Chapter on 27 June 1989 noted that scholarships were given to three women: Angela Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Smith of Frankfort, \$500; Cheryl Lewis, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lewis of Danville, \$300; and Angela Embry, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Embry of Winchester, \$200.

A partial list of members at various times includes: Andrews, Margaret; Burton, Amelia; Dale, Lola; Edwards, Birdie; Fish, Mattie; Fish, Susie; Helm, Margaret; Ingram, Florine; Jones, Lillian; Levingston, Zula; Perkins, Dayton; Pryor, Ella; Revely, Delores; Sledd, Gertrude; Stevens, Lucy; and Wood(s), Cordelia

Obituaries of members include:

Mrs Susie B (Rochester) Fish, who died 1 May 1961

Mrs Florine (Thomas) Ingram, 82, who died 1 January 1967

Lillian Caldwell Jones, 82, 227 E Green St, reported 24 December 1981

Ella P Pryor, 66, 151 Green St; PHOTO, 4 February 1983

Lola T Dale, 81, 228 Wilderness Rd, who died in Philadelphia, November 1989

Gertrude S Sledd, 101, of MLK Boulevard, who died 1 December 1991

## Ambassadors (Ambassorettes, Ambassadors) Club

First reference, 29 January 1950, last reference, 7 September 1982

"The Ambassadors" apparently first met on 24 January 1950 at the home of Mrs Maomie Smith, West Green St, their purpose being socializing and supporting worthy causes. Officers elected were, President, Mrs Charles Field; Vice-President, Mrs June Kinley; Secretary, Miss Avarilla Field; Assistant Secretary, Mrs Opal Gray; Treasurer, Mrs Clara Smith; members Mrs Ella Pryor, Mrs Thelma Kimbrell, Mrs Nancy Cooper, Mrs Ruth Robinson, Mrs Evelyn Smith, Mrs Kathline Jenkins, Mrs Thedora Coats, Miss Alberta Field, and Mrs Maomie Smith, reporter.

On 4 April 1950, hostess Miss Avarilla Field 4 April on Russell St entertained the group; scores were won by Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, Mrs Nancy Cooper, Mrs Lorene McGee, Mrs Mayma Taylor; other guests included

Mrs Cornelius Faulkner, Mrs Mary Lockett, Mrs Eva Ray, Mrs Olivia Singleton, Mis Catherine Faulkner, and Miss Mabel Letcher.

The group met 15 May 1950 with Mrs June Kinley on So Third St; a prize was won by Mrs Lorene McGee; other guests included Mrs Olivia Singleton, Mrs Mattie Lancaster, Mrs Christine Cecil, Mrs Helen Burnside, Miss Mary Margaret Crowdus, Miss Susie Bailey, Miss Annie Frye, and Mrs Francis Harlan.

Mrs Theodore Fields entertained at Stanford Ave 27 Sep 1950, with prizes going to Miss Ella Pryor, Mrs Clara Smith, Mrs Sarah Conover, and Mrs Francis Harlan. Other guests were Mrs Cernelia Faulkner, Mrs Maggie Whitley, Mrs Ethel Fields; Mrs Dora Revely, Mrs Piccola Garr, Mrs Beatrice M Brown, Mrs Anna Frye, Mrs Sadie Bradshaw and Miss Catherine Faulkner; before cards the hostess served chicken dinner assisted by her aunt, Miss Sadie Allen.

Mrs Opel Grey hosted 19 October 1950 at East Green St, the speaker was Mrs A C Jenkins talking on the NAACP. Card prizes went to Mrs Naomi Smith, Mrs Ruth Robinson, Mrs Mayme Taylor, and Miss Ophelia Johnson; other guests included Mrs Cleo Richardson and Mrs Maggie E Whitley. Miss Ella Pryor was the hostess 14 November 1950; whist prizes went to Mrs Naomi Smith, Mrs Ruth Robinson, and Miss Willie Pryor; other guests included Mrs Frances Truitt and Mrs Mattie Durham.

Notes for 1951 show only that a Style Show will be presented 21 April at Bate school, sponsored by the club; and that they were hosting a blue jeans and gingham social on 8 June at Hollywood.

Only six notes in the following eight years were reported. They extended an invitation to public for their first seasonal Kentucky oyster and fish dinner, 22 November 1952 at the Masonic Club Room, So Second St; a basket of groceries given away on 24 February 1953 was won by J W Smith of Russell St; they thanked friends and businesses for contributions to their Bazaar in April 1954 to benefit the Negro Youth Center; they held a moonlight picnic on 3 September 1955 at the Old Fort Park, serving barbecue and soft drinks; they held a barbecue 16 August 1958 at the ball park, and in August 1959, they contributed \$100 toward the pool near Batewood Homes.

After an absence of newspaper items of over four years, in February 1964, the group was noted as having contributed \$100 toward a swimming pool near Batewood Homes.

The club met 11 May 1965 with Mrs Charles Fields, Stanford Rd; Mrs Clara Smith was listed as president; they met on 12 October 1965 with Miss Ella Pryor, Walnut St; they held a Silver Tea on 11 September 1966 at the home of Mrs Kathleen Jenkins on Old Wilderness Rd, and presented its annual country ham on 16 December 1969 to Mr June Christy.

On 14 March 1970, they celebrated their 22nd Anniversary at Old Crow Inn. Charter members were listed as Mrs Naomi Smith, president; Mrs Evelyn Smith, vice-president; Mrs June Kenley, secretary; Mrs Theora Coates, treasurer; Mrs Nancy Cooper; other members named were Miss Alberta Fields, Mrs Charles Fields, Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, Mrs Ella Pryor and Mrs Clara Smith.

Again, over a four year period, there were only four notices. They held an oyster and fish fry 13 March 1971, with Mrs Evelyn Smith, 429 Russell St, proceeds going to the club's charity; in July 1972, they raised \$25 for the Danville Boyle County Rescue Squad; Theodore Fields of Dayton OH won the ham at the Ambassorette dinner at the home of Mrs Ralph Smith in November 1973; and Mrs Cornelia Faulkner won a chaise lounge and chair sponsored by club to raise money for rescue squad.

After another absence of over five years, the Club is mentioned in September 1979 in a general notice of social and civic clubs, as meeting the 2nd or 4th Tuesday; Clara Smith is listed as president; similar listings in 1980 and 1981 show Mrs J W Smith, president; they are listed as the "Ambassadorettes" in 1981, and again, as the "Ambassadorettes", with Naomi Smith named as the contact person.

On 15 December 1979, they provided a Christmas party for residents at the Golden Living Center.

The obituary of Kathleen Pennington Jenkins, 61, 226 Wilderness Rd, published 20 May 1980, mentions that she was a member. The obituary of Ella P Pryor, 66, 151 Green St, published 4 February 1983, mentions that she was a member.

## Bate School Homemakers Club

First reference, 29 March 1942, last reference, 23 January 1949

The first mention of this club was on 29 March 1942, for a meeting to be held on 1 April at 2:30. Several meetings of the group, if not most, were held in the Home Economics room at Bate.

Various hostesses for the Club included Home Economics Instructor, Miss Ella Pryor, 7 February 1943; Mrs Sarah Rice, president, Mrs Martha Patton, secretary, and Mrs Sadie W Turner, all on 11 April 1943; and Miss Margaret E Jones and Mrs Lillian E Jones, 9 May 1943.

Officers included Mrs Sarah Rice, president, 11 April 1943 and 9 May 1943; Mrs Martha Patton, secretary, 11 April 1943

A canning demonstration was held on Tuesday, 15 June 1943, presented by Mrs Jennie C Grubbs, assisted by Miss Ella Pryor (1943-06-13-p5).

The only other mentions of this club were 10 October 1943, 18 April, 1944, and 23 January 1949. No mention after 1949 has been found.

## Busy Sunshine Club

First reference, 16 November 1919 (Lex Herald), last reference, 23 September 2007

Because the Busy Sunshine Club was one of the clubs involved in the City Federation of Women's Clubs, many of their activities are duplicated under the Federation history. A similar situation exists with the other main member of the Federation, the Domestic Economy Club.

The first mention found of this club was in the Lexington Herald, 16 November 1919, when the paper notes that Mrs Eliza Davis, Stanford Road hosted; Mrs Bessie Miller and Mrs Anna L Moore were elected delegates to State Federation of Clubs, Maysville, November 27-29, 1919.

The Club was thanked on 2 July 1931 for pledge of \$5 that was made to Recreational School and Supervised Play Ground for Colored Children of Danville, to be held beginning July 8.

Mrs Lettie Bate, president, announced the marriage of Henry Green and Lou Clark at a meeting in August 1932.

Officers elected in February 1943 at the meeting with Mrs Eva Franklin, Russel St, were, Mrs Lettie R Bate, president; Mrs M C Summers, vice president; Mrs Gertrude Sledd, secretary; Miss Georgia Doneghy, treasurer; and Mrs Josie Ervin, director to City Federation. A Benefit tea was held 25 August 1943 at the home of Mrs Reeve Jackson, proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Aid Fund. At a Pew Service in September 1943 at the First Baptist Church, Dr C B Doty spoke on symptoms and best medical skills. Proceeds from the service benefited the Infantile Paralysis Drive. Attending Kentucky Association of Women's Clubs in November 1943 were Gertrude Jones, pres, Domestic Economy Club; Lettie Bate, pres of Busy Sunshine Club; Sophia Craig, Miss Maggie Jones, and Mrs Alice Goodloe of Perryville.

The Club raised \$2 in the Infantile Paralysis drive for 1945, it was noted on 1 March. The Club met 12 December 1945 with Mrs A E Strozier of West Danville, hostess, and Mrs Lettie R Bate, president; guest speaker was Mrs Sophia P Craig; club at this point began aiding young woman attending Kentucky State University.

Officers elected in February 1946 were Mrs Florence Walker, president; Mrs P A Carter, vice president; Mrs Florine Ingram, secretary; Mrs Richard Frye, treasurer; and Mrs Jeanette Cowan, ways and means.

The meeting scheduled for 25 May 1948 was cancelled for Mrs Rosetta Strozier, on account of fire that destroyed her parents home; members were asked to turn in books for Cancer Control campaign no later than

Wednesday to president, Mrs Essie Carter. Mrs George Parr noted in the paper on 15 Oct 1948, that she regrets that someone took the wrong coat after the meeting. The coat worn by mistake is Mrs Reeve Jackson's garment. A Scholarship Aid Drive with a musical program was held 7 November 1948, sponsored by Mrs Beatrice Bogle.

The year 1949 saw several activities. A Barrel contest on 17 January at Mrs Reeve Jackson, East Walnut; was won by Mr Zackria Embry, with proceeds going to Scholarship Aid Fund. On 26 January, with Mrs Rebecca Bright of Louisville as hostess, the election of officers was on agenda; it was noted that at the December meeting, Mrs DeForest Jones spoke on "New Year's Resolutions and Their Benefits." On 8 June, the guest speaker was Mrs T M Meritt, principal of Lancaster High School. And finally, Mrs Florene Walker, who attended State Federation of Women's Clubs, returned home, and in December, reported a profitable meeting.

On 24 January 1951 they with Mrs Rosetta Strozier; the program was Mrs Lillian C Jones, giving account of attending the Phi Delta Kappa National conclave in Tuskegee, AL; 8 guests and 20 members enjoyed a two course luncheon. At the last meeting of year on 26 December with Mrs J W Bate, hostess, the club presented Mrs Essie Carter a necklace of pearls; and gave Mrs Annie Lee Moore a present in honor of the Club having the State Association president a member of the Busy Sunshine Club.

The Busy Sunshine Club organized a new group, the Hoganettes, which held a meeting 30 April 1952 with Mrs Edna C Hogan, sponsor; they are a younger group affiliated with the Busy Sunshine Club; Miss Emma Rose Routt, is listed as president, and Miss Gladys Revely, secretary.

Mrs Rebecca Bright of Louisville was hostess for the 11 March 1953 meeting; the program consisted of Dr C B Dotye speaking on vacations; Mrs Lucille Powers doing a solo, and Miss Eleanor Segar and Mrs Sadie W Turner doing readings. Later that year in December, the Danville Lions gave \$50 to provide a Christmas party for Negro children. In January 1954, the Club thanked the community for helping with the Christmas party, at which 80 children were entertained.

The first mention of a "club house" was on 9 July 1959, when the Club hosted a tea. This "club house" was owned by the City Federation of Women's Clubs, and shared with that group and the Domestic Economy Club. It is now the Goldsmith House, owned by the Heart of Danville.

They hosted a silver tea 29 November 1959 at the Club House to benefit the swimming pool project; it was apparently successful because the Club reported in December that they were able to pledge \$100 toward that project.

At the February 1960 meeting, Mrs Isabel Kinnaird spoke on her trip to Morocco, France and Spain; other guests were Miss Frankie Adams, a teacher at Atlanta University, and Mrs Agnes Adams of Danville.

Mrs Bessie Green Anderson Cooley, 510 West 11th St, Metropolis, IL, wife of Alfred Green and Samuel Anderson, both of whom had died, and widow of Henry Cooley was guest of honor at various organizations in August 1960.

The next notice found over three years later noted that the meeting scheduled for 9 Oct 1963 was postponed to 23 October, due to death of Miss Zula Levingston.

After another gap of news of over three years, the Club hosted the Kentucky Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, 15 April 1967 at St James AME Church. The Busy Sunshine Junior Club had a pool party 15 August at the pool near Batewood Homes. Mrs Mary Mattie Gray, sponsor of the Junior Busy Sunshine Club was thanked for making the Kentucky Association of Junior Girls conference on 13 October 1967 a success.

Officers elected in February 1968 included Mrs Dora Revely, president; Mrs Gertrude Sledd, vice president; Mrs Mable Letcher, secretary; Mrs Rose Cummings, ass't secretary; Mrs Adolphus Alcorn, treasurer-chaplain; and Mrs Lillian Jones, ways and means. They observed Negro History Week with Mrs Lucy Stephens speaking on "Achievements of Negro Women."

The Advocate-Messenger published a major article with photo, of Gertrude Sledd running for Danville School Board, 29 Sep 1968, p1.

Members of Danville clubs met with the Junior Pansy Girls in Stanford 28 September 1968; included were Miss Cynthia Owsley of Busy Sunshine; Miss Regina Turner from Junior Domestic Economy; and Miss Ann Katherine Jones, member of the Junior Busy Sunshine Club.

Junior Sunshine members attended the 22nd Bi-Annual Convention of the Central Association of Colored Women's Clubs, 26-30 July 1969 in Louisville; the group of girls from here attended July 26, accompanied by leader Mrs Mary Mattie Gray. Miss Ruby Owsley was a contestant in the talent show, and Miss Cynthia Owsley won third place in the oratorical contest; both are daughters of Mr and Mrs James Owsley.

In April 1971, after the Federated Home was condemned by urban renewal and the City Federation, the Busy Sunshine, and Domestic Economy clubs were forced to sell the building, an attempt to purchase a residence on North First to be used as clubhouse was denied by Planning & Zoning. Chair Mrs Agnes L Adams gave a synopsis of the City Federation's purpose, noting that the Domestic Economy Club was organized in 1898 and the Busy Sunshine Club was organized in 1912. Officers at that time were Mrs Theora Tarrance Coates (president, Domestic Economy Club); Mrs Gertrude Sledd (president, Busy Sunshine Club); and Mrs Georgia Ball (president, City Federation). Trustees of Busy Sunshine were Miss Ella Pryor, Mrs Lillian Jones, and Mrs Sylvestre Parr; trustees of the Domestic Economy Club were Mrs Agnes L Adams, Mrs Georgia Doneghy, and Mrs Jessie Frye.

Busy Sunshine members joined many other local groups, organized in May 1971 to campaign for a 1-1/2 cent library tax.

The great tornado outbreak of April 1974 impacted the club. The meeting set for 10 April was postponed to 24 April as Mrs Dora E Revely, scheduled hostess, noted that her daughter, Mrs Delores Revely Austin of Xenia, OH, lost their home in the 3 April tornado.

An article and photo on 21 April 1974 noted the sponsorship of a concert with Kentucky State Concert Choir, on 26 April 26. By May 1974, the City Federation, Busy Sunshine, and Domestic Economy clubs had apparently purchased the building at 210 East Broadway, as a club house (though in some later reports the address is given as 201 East Broadway).

Miss Black Danville contestants in August 1975 included Cecelia Lavonna Napier, 15, daughter of Monroe and Catharine Napier, 500 Clark St, sponsored by Busy Sunshine Club.

At an autumn tea sponsored by the City Federation on 14 Sep 1975, a history of the Busy Sunshine club was read by Mrs Lillian Jones, and remarks about Prof J W Bates were made by Mrs Gertrude Sledd, remarks on Rev J E Wood were made by Mrs Benjamin Jenkins.

An article with photo covering the style show given 14 April 1976 lists members present.

An annual event for nearly ten years, the Club hosted a dinner for 10 senior citizens, this year honoring Miss Georgia Doneghy in particular. A photo was included in the 4 December 1977 article.

The Club met 26 April 1978 with Naomi Smith, 439 West Green St; speakers included Mrs Doris J Kelsor of Stanford, president of the Kentucky Association of Colored Women's Clubs, and Cecil Cohen, Danville City Commissioner; guests included Mrs Ophelia Alford, Mrs Lucy Stephens, Mrs Charles Fields, Mrs Mattie Lewis, and Mrs Beatrice Adams.

Mayor Arnold, in April 1979, appointed a Cemetery Advisory Committee to include Miss Ella Pryor of the Busy Sunshine Club. On 30 August 1979, the Advocate-Messenger printed a major article, with photo, on Miss Pryor. Another major article with photo on 12 October 1980 covered the convention of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, which was sponsored by the Busy Sunshine and Domestic Economy clubs.

The group was thanked on 14 May 1981 for donating to David Hamilton, KSD basketball player, going to World Olympic Games for the Deaf this summer. The club planned a day trip to Gatlinburg, TN, leaving at 7 AM 22 October 1983, and returning late that day.

Noted in June 1984, for Danville's 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration, the Club had a float, featuring Danville native Larnelle Harris, 1984 Grammy Award winner, son of Mr and Mrs Oscar Harris of Danville. They also had a food booth at Constitution Square, with Larnelle Harris performing at 4PM for the dedication of an historical marker.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual session of Kentucky Association of Colored Women's Clubs was to be held in October 1986 at the Holiday Inn, hosted by DEC and Busy Sunshine Club. A performance by the Berea College Black Ensemble was scheduled for 15 November at St James AME, to benefit the scholarship fund; but two weeks later, the same concert was scheduled for 4 December 1987.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs sold hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs, cookies and popcorn during Danville's Christmas parade, 6 December 1991; the Federation was located at 225 West Main in the former Wilker Layton Shop; it was noted that the Federation is made up of two women's clubs that date back to the 19th Centurynd Busy Sunshine Club. The Advocate-Messenger carried another major article, with photo, on Willa Mae Ball, 25 Feb 1992.

The Celestial Choir of New Light Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, performed 26 April 1992 at Danville High School. The performance was to benefit the City Federation, which hopes to buy a permanent meeting place. The group once owned the Smith-Jackson building, then the Goldsmith House, until they were ousted by urban renewal. Later in 1992, the Club received a \$5000 grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council to renovate the club's new home on Martin Luther King Boulevard. The house, formerly owned by the late Gertrude Sledd, was built prior to 1840, and was owned at one time by the Doram family. The group's first home was the Smith-Jackson building, later the Goldsmith house, then at 210 East Broadway. The following years saw two major articles on what is now known as the Doram-Sledd House. Several organizations participated in renovating the house, including students from the Governor's Scholars program at Centre College and Murray State University; there was much more information on the background of the house in the article, 20 June 1993.

In a major article on Second Street, published 27 February 1994, it was noted that the Goldsmith House was purchased for club rooms for the City Federation of Women's Clubs, which was formed about World War One. However, the Federation was forced to move after accepting a negotiated settlement from urban renewal officials.

The Busy Sunshine Club provided \$25 toward beautification of Hilldale Cemetery in June 1995, along with the Domestic Economy Club, which was organized in 1898 with Mrs Susan Davis; the Domestic Economy Club erected a stone entrance with iron gates many years prior to Danville assuming maintenance; DEC provided \$100; Busy Sunshine \$25 toward beautification.

The Kentucky Association of Colored Women's Clubs held its annual meeting in Danville the first week in October 1996. The main banquet speaker was LaShana M Harris of Frankfort, daughter of Carol Woods, a graduate of Danville High School, Spelman College, and the University of Kentucky College of Law (1996). She was an attorney with Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company in Frankfort.

The new Federated Club House, formerly the residence of Gertrude Sledd, Martin Luther King Boulevard, was ready by November 1996. The article on the house mentions Gertrude Sledd.

The Club was thanked by Oyo Fummilayo, Teen Director, Wilderness Trace YMCA for help in a 13 September 1998 program, "For Those Known and Unknown: The Dedication of a Slave Graveyard; and the Reenactment of a Slave Wedding".

No notices were found on the Club from September 1998 to September 2005, when they were selling tickets to the Kentucky Association of Colored Women's Clubs state board luncheon 31September, with speaker, Dr Betty Sue Griffin of Frankfort.

They co-hosted the 101st session of the Kentucky Association of Colored Women's Clubs in September 2007 at SS Peter and Paul Church; the luncheon speaker was Perryville Mayor, Anne Sleet.

The final mention of the Busy Sunshine Club appeared in a biography of Helen Fisher Frye, member, who died 26 November 2014.

#### OBITUARIES MENTIONING MEMBERSHIP

Mrs Mary Shannon, 82 (1956-01-09-p5)

Mrs Della Todd Beard, 83, of 446 Russell St (1958-08-30-p3)

Mrs Josie Irvine, school cook, who died December 8 (1958-12-10-p3)  
 Mrs Reeve Jackson Ison, 106 West Walnut (1962-03-27-p7)  
 Miss Zula Levingston (1963-10-07-p8)  
 Mrs Gertrude Yowell, 117 East Walnut (1964-02-28-p6)  
 Mrs Nina Jenkins, 518 Russell St (1966-04-01-p8)  
 Mrs Florine T Ingram, 82 (1967-01-03-p5)  
 Mrs Della Todd Beard, 83, 446 Russell St (1968-08-30-p3)  
 Mrs Adolphus Alcorn, 69, 501 Russell St (1971-03-03-p8)  
 Mrs Sylvester Theodore Parr, 67, 120 East Walnut (1974-04-15-p3)  
 Mrs Georgia G Ball, member (1976-07-25-p16)  
 Vivian L (Rowe) Moore, 73, Clifton Road (1980-10-19-p2)  
 Lillian (Caldwell) Jones, 82, 227 East Green St (1981-12-24-p2)  
 Ella P Pryor, 66, 151 Green St (1983-02-04-p2)  
 Josephine (Rowe) Adams (1985-10-06-p2)  
 Mattie (Ingram) Lancaster, 65, Duncan Hill (1986-02-16-p2)  
 Maggie Ellen Whitley, 78, 720 W Lexington (1987-02-02-p2)  
 Georgia Carter, of Evanston, IL (1988-01-28-p2)  
 Naomi (Lawrence) Smith, 68, 440 Russell St (1989-08-16-p2)  
 Dora Evans Revely, 79, 104 East Walnut St (1992-12-03-p2)  
 Nina Baughman Williams, 89, 149 Louise St (1995-11-30-p2)  
 Madeline B Summers (1997-09-02-p2)  
 Mattie B Brown, 75 (2000-05-03-p2)  
 Mamie (Beard) Prince Taylor, 95 (2001-01-19-p2)  
 Katie Haynes, 95 (2002-05-22-p2)  
 Natalie I (Brown) Harris, 88 (2002-12-02-p2)  
 Mildred D Hunn, 95, of Stanford (2005-07-24-p2)

#### ENTRIES OF MEETINGS mentioning names and/or addresses of members

Early meetings were hosted by Mrs Nannie Purcell, 1925; Mrs Florine Ingram, 1930; Mrs Lorraine Hayes, 1931; Mrs Eliza Davis, 1933; Mrs Louise Clark, 1933.

In the 1940s, Ora Baker, Cowan St, West Danville; Lettie Bate; Della Beard; Madolyn Brown, hostess; Mrs P A Carter; Jeanette Cowan, Junction City; Georgia Doneghy, East Green St; Lillian Doneghy, East Green St; Mrs C B Dotye, 226 Wilderness Rd; Eva Franklin, Russell St; Ellen Frye; Mrs Katie Herrigan, Russel St; Florine Ingram, East Walnut St.; Josie Irvin; Mrs Reeve Jackson, 106 West Walnut St; Mrs Addison C Jenkins, 518 Russell St; Lillian C Jones, East Green; Bessie Miller, North Fifth St; Annie L Moore, North Fifth St; Mrs George Parr; Mrs Sylvester Parr, East Walnut St; Ella Pryor; Nannie Purcell, West Lexington Ave; Lula Reed, West Green St; Mrs Adolphus Reynolds; Mary Shannon, East Walnut; Gertrude Sledd, East Green, hostess; Mrs Ralph Smith, West Green St; Mrs Clara Smothers, Old Fort Neighborhood; Helen Steele, Old Wilderness Rd; Mattie Thomas; Florence Walker, East Green; Gertrude Yowell, East Walnut St

In the 1950s, Mrs Adolphus Reynolds Alcorn, Russell St; Ora Baker, Cowan St, West Danville; Mrs Willis M (Georgia) Ball, Lebanon Road, West Danville; Mrs L R Bate, Russell St; Della Beard, Russell St; Beatrice Bogle; Jessie Boyd; Lillie Mae Boyd, 151 East Green; Rebecca Bright, Louisville; Essie B J Carter, West Walnut; Mrs P A Carter; Jeanette Cowan, Grubbs Lane, Shelby City; Georgia B Doneghy, East Green; Helen Doty; Mrs C B Dotye; Mrs Cornelius Faulkner; Eva Franklin, Russell St; Ellen Frye, Stanford Rd; Mrs Richard Frye; Frances Harlan; Katie Hughes, Clifton; Florine Ingram, East Walnut St; Josie Irvine; Mrs Reves Jackson Ison; Mrs Reeve Jackson, East Walnut; Mrs Addison Jenkins, Russell St; Nina Jenkins, Russell St; Lillian C Jones, East Green St; Zula Levingston; Mrs Charles McKittrick; Aline Moore; Annie L Moore, North Fifth St; Mrs Sylvester Parr, East Walnut St; Ella Pryor, Stanford Ave; Nannie Purcell; Dora Revely, East Main; Mary Shannon; Gertrude Sledd; Naomi Smith, West Green St; Mrs Porter Smith, Russell St; Clara Smothers, Stanford Road; Helen Steele, Wilderness Rd; Mrs Raymond Steele; Rosetta Strozier, West Danville; Madelyn Summer; Mayme Taylor, Russell St; Florence Walker; Gertrude Yowell

In the 1960s, Mrs A M Alcorn; Mrs Will Alcorn, 504 Russell; Mrs Ora Baker; Mrs Gaines (Georgia) Ball, 1217 Lebanon Rd; Mrs Willa Mae Ball; Mrs R O Ball, in Fairview; Mrs Della Beard; Mrs Jessie Brantley, Cowan St; Mrs Reuben Brantley; Mrs William H Cohen, Shelby City; Mrs Jeanette Cowan, Grubbs Lane, Junction City; Miss Georgia B Doneghy; Mrs Ellen Frye; Mrs Arthur Gray, Louise St; Mrs Alex Hughes, Clifton; Mrs Christine Harris, Ohio; Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, Old Wilderness Rd; Mrs Lillian Jones, 227 East Green St; Mrs Eugene Kenley; Mrs Mattie Lee Lancaster, Duncan Hill; Miss Mabel Letcher, 203 East Green; Miss Zula M Levingston; Mrs A L Moore, North Fifth St; Mrs Sylvester Parr, 120 East Walnut; Miss Ella Prior, 106 West Walnut; Mrs Ella P Pryor, 210 East Broadway; Mrs Eva Ray, Junction City; Mrs Thomas (Dora) Revely, East Main St; Mrs Gertrude Sledd, East Green St; Mrs Naomi Smith; Mrs Porter Smith, 525 Russell St; Mrs Ralph Smith, 439 West Green; Mrs Clara Smothers, Lancaster Road; Mrs Helen Steele, 202 Old Wilderness Rd; Mrs Rozietta Strozier, Lebanon Road; Mrs Madelyn Summers; Mrs Mamie Taylor, 446 Russell St; Mrs Florence Walker; Mrs Gertrude Yowell

In the 1970s, Georgia Ball, Fairview; Sue Bowman, Russell St; Rose Cummings; Florine Fields, 133 East Green; Ella Frye, East Broadway; Lillian Jones, East Green St; Mattie Lancaster, Duncan Hill; Mabel Letcher, 203 West Green; Mrs Sylvester Parr, 120 East Walnut; Ella Pryor, 210 East Broadway; Mrs Clarence Reed; Willie Richards, Secretariat Drive, Bluegrass Estates; Gertrude Sledd, East Green; Naomi Smith, 439 West Green St; Mamie Taylor, 446 Russell St; Florine Wade, West Lexington; Maggie Whitley, West Lexington Ave; Mina Williams, 147 Louise St

In the 1980s, Josephine Adams; Willie M Ball, 346 Swope Dr; Ella B Evans; Mattie Gray, 145 Louise St; Natalie Harris, 1410 West Walnut St; Katie Haynes, 439 Russell St; Mattie Lancaster; Mabel Letcher, 155 East Green St; Dora Revely, 104 East Walnut; Mrs Willie Richards, 1078 Secretariat Dr; Gertrude Sledd, 233 E Martin Luther King; Clara Smith, 524 Russell St; Naomi Smith, 440 Russell St; Madeline Summers, 214 East Walnut St; Mayme Taylor, 446 Russell St; Mrs Mine Williams, 147 Louise St

In the 1990s, Willie Mae Ball, 346 Swope Dr; Mattie Gray, 149 Louise St; Natalie Harris, 1410 West Walnut; Charlene Hines, 109 Waveland Ave; Ida Johnson, 424 Fairview Court; Mabel Letcher; Dee Welch, 624 Longview; Dora Revely, 104 West Walnut St; Clara Smith, 524 Russell St

## City Federation of Women's Clubs

First reference, 13 March 1924, last non-obit reference, 3 December 2006



The Goldsmith House, first home of the City Federation (photo 2016 by Michael J Denis)



The Federated Home, 201 East Broadway (photo 2016 by Michael J Denis)



The Doram-Sledd House, final home of the City Federation (photo 2016 by Michael J Denis)

Most references to the City Federation were simple notices of meeting times and dates, and only occasionally was there mention of activities or events. I have deleted notices which give no additional information.

Because the City Federation was composed of the Busy Sunshine and Domestic Economy clubs, many notices for one club involve the others as well.

Activities in the 1920s included an annual Tag Day, 17 March 1924, to benefit the Old Folks Home; an annual Rally Sunday 26 October 1924 Stout's Opera House, Martha H Jones, president; the annual Rally, 26 Sep 1926, Mrs H D McGratts, president; Tag day, 21 Mar 1927 to benefit the Old Folks Home;

In April 1930, Mrs Henry Jackson donated furniture to the Old Folks Home in care of the Federation.

An article in April 1933 notes that the Old Folks Home was bought and managed by the City Federation, which was a union of the Domestic Economy Club, the Busy Sunshine Club, an embroidery club, and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Clubs.

Tag days were held in May 1933 (raised \$47.78), March 1934; April 1935 (raised \$73.67); April 1936; and April 1937. No mention is made after 1937.

The Federation was having some wallpapering done in the Old Folk's home in February 1945, and were anxious to have other repairs done in near future.

Cancer Control Drive workers in City Federation asked to report May 1 at res of Mrs Sophia Craig; all members of Federation asked to meet tonight, May 1 with Mrs Sophia P Craig (1946-05-01-p5)

Mrs Annie L Moore represented the Federation at the State Association meeting in Louisville on 25-26 November 1949, and was elected First Vice President of the state association in November 1950.

The Sheriff's sale for delinquent taxes, 5 April 1952, shows that the City Federation owed taxes of \$86.70 on 3 town lots; there were many "colored" delinquents listed in the same notice.

The Delinquent Tax List for 1 May 1952, shows the City Federation owning 140 So 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 115 W Walnut St and 471 W Walnut St, owing taxes at \$25.50; the list was repeated 15 May 1952, but they only owed \$22.50.

The first recorded meeting at the Federated Home was 22 January 1954, with Mrs Annie L Moore, president, and Mrs Agnes L Adams, secretary. The formal opening of Federation Home was held on 2 January 1955, with Mrs Lucy Hart Smith as guest speaker, followed by silver tea; members were asked to attend with one guest and to take 12 sandwiches each. To accommodate tourists, the Federation had an open house every Sunday afternoon in July 1956, giving tourists and visiting friends a chance to refresh themselves.

An attempt in April 1971 to purchase a residence on North First St to be used as a clubhouse was denied by Planning and Zoning. The club said that they are private, their rooms are not open to the public at any time, and that they fit criteria for residential area on North First St. Mrs Agnes L Adams gave a synopsis of club's purpose, and noted that the Domestic Economy Club was organized in 1898 and Busy Sunshine Club was organized in 1912. Officers at the time were Mrs Theora Tarrance Coates (pres, DEC); Mrs Gertrude Sledd (pres, BSC); Mrs Georgia Ball (pres, City Fed). Trustees of Busy Sunshine were Miss Ella Pryor, Mrs Lillian Jones, Mrs Sylvestre Parr; trustees of DEC were Mrs Agnes L Adams, Mrs Georgia Doneghy and Mrs Jessie Frye. A meeting at the Federated Home in May 1971, was the last mention of the building which is now the Goldsmith House. The first mention of a meeting at "The Clubhouse" on Broadway was in January 1972, so the group was successful in replacing the Goldsmith House as their meeting place. The Advocate-Messenger noted a real estate transfer from Roy L and Margaret P Singleton to Agnes L Adams, Georgia Doneghy, Jessie Frye, Ella Prior, Sylvester Parr and Lillian Jones, trustees, for a lot at 201 East Broadway was noted in January 1972.

Jackson Furniture of Danville was asked for a donation to help furnish new club house, as the group was forced to abandon its location at So Second and Walnut; Jackson responded 6 April 1972 with a sofa, three chairs, two with footstools, and a second sofa also delivered. The Federation was planning an open house at the property purchased in January after their former location was sold to Urban Renewal.

On 9 April 1972, the Advocate-Messenger published a photo of the remodeled house, with apartment on the west side occupied by Mr and Mrs Charles Lewis III; the club purchased the home after selling Goldsmith house. The group held an open house 2 July 1972 at 210 East Broadway (other notes, and the deed say 201 East Broadway). Even a notice the same month said "201 East Broadway).

Notices of the City Federation over the next 20 years were few and far between. An autumn tea was held 14 Sep 1975, with remarks about Prof J W Bates by Mrs Gertrude Sledd, and remarks on Rev J E Wood by Mrs Benjamin Jenkins. A Style Show was held 14 April 1976, with a photo showing Mrs Mamie Taylor, Mrs Maggie Whitley, Mrs Gertrude Sledd, Miss Georgia Doneghy, Miss Mabel Letcher, pres; Mrs Madeline Summers; Mrs Lillian Jones; Mrs Katie Haynes; Mrs Ella Pryor, Mrs Willa Richard, Mrs Mattie Lancaster, Mrs Mina Williams, Mrs Natalie Harris, sec, Mrs Dora Revely, and Mrs Sue Bowman.

A meeting at the Federated Home, East Broadway 18 September 1978 included Latitia Walker, reading; Madeline Summers and Carlyle Minor, music. Lucy Stephens presented the Federation with a plaque of native Danvillians including Rev Seldon Parr, Prof Langston Bate, Miss Frankie Adams and Vance Smith. Agnes Adams, trustee, and member of Domestic Economy Club accepted the plaque; the refreshment committee included Ella Evans, Ela Pryor, Elizabeth Singleton, Doris Revely, and Viola Young; Katherine Jenkins was listed as president.

Ella P Pryor was the subject of a major Advocate Messenger article, with photo, on 30 August 1979. Again, the Advocate-Messenger published a major article on the City Federation of Women's Clubs convention hosted by Busy Sunshine and Domestic Economy Clubs, 12 Oct 1980.

The Choir of Miami University, Oxford, OH, in concert at St James AME 28 April 1985, was sponsored by the Federation. They were selling hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs, cookies and popcorn during the Danville Christmas parade, 6 Dec 1991, at 225 W Main in the former Wilker Layton Shop. The City Federation was incorporated, and recorded 19 April 1992; at 143 Rowe St by Helen Frye.

The organization was awarded a \$5000 grant in July 1992 from the Kentucky Heritage Council to renovate the club's new home on MLK Boulevard. The building was formerly owned by late Gertrude Sledd, built prior to 1840, and owned at one time by the Doram family. The group's first home was Smith-Jackson Funeral Home, then the Goldsmith House, then a house at 201 East Broadway.

Boyle County deeds record a property transfer from Mary E and William Craft to the City Federation of Women's Clubs, property on Martin Luther King Blvd, for \$25,000, posted in the newspaper 26 July 1992.

Clubs renovating the Doram-Sledd House included students from the Governor's Scholars program at Centre College and Murray State University; the article, with photo, published on 20 June 1993, gives much more information on the background of the house.

Published 4 June 1996, another major article concerned the Crutchfield House, once owned by City Federation -- sold by Nannie Woodstock Lowry about 1915 to the Federation, which was "to maintain a home for the aged and infirm worthy colored people in town." The Club sold the property to the Banneker Elks Lodge 582 and Phyllis Wheatly Temple 371; members at the time were Josie Irvine, Della Beard, Gertrude Jones, Nina Jenkins and Sadie Lee Allen.

In November 1996, the Club house was ready; the article on 17 Nov mentions Gertrude Sledd; at the time, Juanita Harris was ive president of the Domestic Economy Club.

In December 2006, Sheila Kavanaugh, retired human resources worker, was named by Gov Ernie Fletcher to MLK Jr State Commission; she was secretary of the City Federation and president of the Domestic Economy Club.

The Advocate-Messenger carried on 3 December 2014, a biography of Helen Fisher Frye, who died 26 November 2014. Finally, the Advocate-Messenger published a major article on the Smith-Jackson Funeral Home on 15 Nov 2015, mentioning that the City Federation bought the building in 1920 for \$3,300.

#### Some Officers:

President: Martha H Jones, 1924; Mrs Sophia McGrath, 1925; Mrs H D McGratts, 1926; Gertrude Jones, 1929; Catherine Summers, 1933; Mrs Lettie Bate, 1943; Annie L Moore, 1943, 1944; Mrs Florine Ingram, 1945; Mrs Annie L Moore, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1966; Mrs Agnes Adams, 1968; Mrs R O (Georgia) Ball, 1969; Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, 1975; Dora Revely, 1982

Vice President: Mrs Georgeann Allen, 1925; Martha H Jones, 1931

Secretary: Mrs Pearl Griffin, 1925; L E Caldwell, 1929; Sarah Sneed, 1933; Mrs Annie Moore, 1943; Mrs Lettie R Bate, 1943, 1944, 1945; Mrs Sophia P Craig, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1952; Mrs Agnes Adams, 1952

Asst Secretary: Mrs Olivia Doneghy, 1925; Mrs Sophia P Craig, 1945; Mrs Nancy Dunn, 1957

Treasurer: Miss Maggie Jones, 1925

Meeting Hostesses, only infrequently listed: Mrs Mary Johnson, East Walnut St; Mrs Mary Shannon, East Walnut St; Mrs Florine Ingram; Mrs A L Moore; Mrs Florine Ingram; Mrs Reeves Jackson, West Walnut St; Dora Revely, 104 E Walnut; Gertrude Sledd, 233 East Green; Dora Revely; Mrs John Frye.

Obituaries of Members:

Gertrude Jones, 79, who died 9 December 1958

Mrs Sylvester Theodore Parr, 67, 120 East Walnut, Obit 15 November 1974

Mrs Georgia (Gaddie) Ball, who died 22 June 1976

Kathleen (Pennington) Jenkins, 61, 226 Wilderness Rd; Obit 20 March 1980

Lillian (Caldwell) Jones, 82, of 227 East Green St; Obit 24 December 1981

Ella P Pryor, 66, 151 Green St; Obit 4 February 1983

Madeline B Summers, Obit 2 September 1997

Marzie (Burchett) Durr, 90, of Lincoln Ave; Obit 21 November 1999

## Clover Leaf Club

First reference, 29 October 1941, last reference, 19 November 1944

Comprised of Bate girls from 6 to 12, they hosted a one-day county fair Monday, 3 November 1941 from 4 to 10 pm. They had a fireplace party at the residence of Sadie Turner on 4 June 1942, and it was noted the club had done worthwhile things for a cancer drive, and the local USO.

Mrs Louise Fuller was the speaker at a meeting 27 January 1943.

As an Auxiliary of the Domestic Economy Club, they assisted on Sunday, 25 July 1943 for a scholarship rally. The group's members are listed here as teenage girls, and the group was sponsored by Mrs Sadie W. Turner.

The group was hosted in August 1944 by Mrs Sadie W Furrer (Turner?) at her home, 143 East Green St, the party being supervised by Mr. James E. Feye of Illinois.

The final mention of this club concerned a jitney supper at the Russell Street residence of Mrs M R Adams on Wednesday, 22 November 1944, Sadie W Turner, directress.

## Crusaders Guild, OES

First reference, 17 February 1950, last reference, 12 March 1950)

There are only two references to this organization. First, they reserved 20 March 1950 for a banquet in the club room in the Masonic Hall on South Second Street; and they hosted a banquet and talent show on 20 March 1950, Mrs Sadie W Turner in charge.

## Domestic Economy Club

First reference, 15 November 1931 (Lex Herald), last reference, 23 September 2007

As with many of the social clubs, most of the newspaper entries only gave the date, time and place, and occasionally, the hostess's names. These entries have been combined into one list near the end of this history. Also, as the DEC was a partner in the City Federation of Women's Clubs with the Busy Sunshine Club, many of the events in which the DEC participated are listed under the Federation.

Carrie Kellog, soprano, assisted by Harry Fields, tenor, performed in a vocal concert, 19 August 1942 at Bate school. It is interesting to note that the announcement included "A cordial invitation is extended to our white friends."

World War II was having an impact. Miss Maggie Evelyn Jones informed that she will not entertain Friday evening, 15 Jan 1943, on account of the blackout.

They met in June 1943, and voted a card of thanks for plants and bulbs from the Danville Garden Club for Mr Ashby Jackson. Flags were to be given to any colored residents who had salvage for the city pick-up. Mrs M J Williams of West Walnut donated part of her front yard to receive salvage which country people will bring in.

The June 1943 meeting was a busy one. Entertained by Mrs Sadie Turner, music was provided by Mrs Lucile Powers, Mrs Lola Dale and Miss Georgia Doneghy. Mrs Gertrude Sledd was the guest speaker speaking on "Global War and its affect on the Negro." The group also noted the need for some place for transient soldiers while in Danville.

Will observe 45th Anniversary at res of Mrs Matilda Jones; honoring three charter members, Mrs Georgia A Allen, Mrs Eliza Hayden, and Mrs Sophia P Craig; the history of the club has been formed into booklets, presented to the guests. (1944-11-15-p5)

The Club unveiled a memorial plaque at Hilldale Cemetery in memory of club organizer, Mrs Susan Davis; Mrs Agnes Adams was MC, and other participants were listed in an Advocate article, 26 May 1948.

Negro History Week was observed in March 1949 at the residence of Mrs Nellie Atlas, Russell St. Guest speaker Mrs Fitzgerald, discussed three former teachers and their contributions, Miss Margaret Evelyn Jones, Mrs Sophia P Craig, and Mrs Melinda Doneghy.

In September 1950, the Club observed its 50th anniversary, as the oldest club in the city. They also pledged \$500 to the hospital building fund.

On 28 November 1950, the Club held a band and talent show at Bate gym, to benefit the band and the hospital building fund. Mrs Georgia Ball and Miss Maggie E Jones elected to represent club at State Association in Louisville. (1950-11-26-p6)

The Club sponsored a food and rummage sale 9 June 1951 on Second Street next to Richardson's pool room beginning at 11.

The best plans ... The club was to sponsor a concert by the Knoxville College Octet concert 3 June 1953 at the First Baptist Church. Proceess above expenses were to benefit the DEC's hospital fund. Unfortunately the day following the announcemenet, the concert was cancelled due to a conflict in dates.

The Advocate-Messenger carried a large article on the concert scheduled for 13 November 1955 by the Blind Gospel Troopers of Lexington.

On 4 March 1956, the Club sponsored a talk at First Baptist Church by Dr Rufus Ballard Atwood, President of Kentucky State College since 1929. The article on 2 March 1956 carried a photo as well. Miss Helen Fisher, KSC graduate, and faculty member at the Bate school, introduced Dr Atwood.

Not content with bake sales and rummage sales, the DEC sponsored a benefit basketball game on 30 December 30 1958 at the Bate school gym. Mr June Christie, coach of the American Legion team was in charge. The men's game was between the Harrodsburg Rams and the Wallace Fisher Post, American Legion. The girl's game was between Bate seniors and sophomores. The game was to benefit the Juniors of the Domestic Economy Club. Players for the basketball game for American Legion team were June "Mutt" Christie, coach; Shanks Miller, John "Snooks" Davis, Oliver Wheat, Harry Whitley and Thomas Barnes.

An article on 9 Oct 1960 gives a nice biography of Miss James Frances Green of 590 West Lexington Ave,

A program on Negro History Week was given 21 February 1964 at the Federated Home, Miss Helen Fisher, hostess; the program was given by 9th grade students at Bate school.

First mention of a "Junior" Domestic Economy Club" was made in January 1948. The Girl Scouts and Junior Domestic Economy Club reserved March 1 for a social at the local Youth Center, Mrs Sadie W Turner, Girl Scouts' leader, reported. A Leap Year social was held the first Monday in March 1948 with Girl Scouts and Domestic Economy Junior Club hostesses, Mrs Sadie W Turner, Girl Scouts' leader.

No mention is made of the "Juniors" until 1967, when the Junior Domestic Economy Club met 18 January 1967 with Mrs Jacqueline Bowman, Miss Gloria Raines, president. The Junior DEC met 22 March 1967 with Misses Carol and Patricia Harris; Miss Gloria Raines, president. They next met 16 August 1967 with Miss Debbie Price, Miss Gloria Raines, president. Mrs Elizabeth Singleton and Mrs Theora Coates, sponsors of the Junior Domestic Economy Club were thanked for making the Kentucky Association of Junior Girls conference on 13 October 1967 a success. Several other meetings in 1968 were noted, with Carol Harris, president, 1968.

The newspaper carried a photo of the group's 70th Anniversary at the Federation Clubhouse on 21 December 1969. An attempt to purchase a residence on North First, 21 Apr 1971, is fully explained under City Federation history. In March 1971, the DEC joined with other organizations urging the county to levy a tax to support the library.

Lee Patton, 91, and Mrs Lucy Cunningham, 90, were the oldest persons attending the senior dinner 17 November 1973 at the Federated Home, on Broadway. The dinner, which was covered with a photo on 20 Nov 1973, was sponsored by the DEC, and drew 17 persons with a total age of 1,336, averaging almost 79.

Special recognition was given on 22 Aug 1977 to the Club for its assistance in the Miss Brotherhood pageant, won by Laticha Marie Walker, daughter of Mrs Rose Walker and Joe Walker.

The senior dinner, an event for nearly 10 years, had ten senior guests, this year honoring Miss Georgia Doneghy in particular. The Advocate Messenger covered the event with a photo on 4 December 1977.

The DEC held a baby contest in September 1980. The winner was Algeria Jarber, granddaughter of Lula Marie Jarber; others were Tavorus Troxler, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joe Troxler; Brandon McCormack, son of Mr and Mrs Michael McCormack; and Jaclyn McGill, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman McGill.

A major article with photo on the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs convention, hosted by the Busy Sunshine and Domestic Economy Clubs, is also mentioned under the City Federation history.

The DEC held a bake sale 14 July 1984 near Begley's Drug Store in the Danville Manor Shopping Center; proceeds went to the Willis Russel House restoration. The club was apparently holding events outside the downtown area by this time.

Ophelia Alford, 81, and other 80+ year old guests were hosted for a senior citizen dinner on 5 December 1987; she has been a member of the DEC for 40 years; Mrs John Frye, a member for 35 years, said the club has sponsored this event on 1st Saturday in December for about 10 years. At that time, the DEC had 15 members. (photo)

Another photo and article on 9 Nov 1989 covered the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and DEC members Ophelia Alford and Helen Frye, raising money for the hospital selling handmade items and pastries.

In the first of several similar notices, the DEC had a bake sale on 12 May 1990 in front of Watson's Department Store, in the Danville Manor Shopping Center.

On 15 July 1990, the Advocate-Messenger carried a major article on history of club with a photo. An article in December of that year noted that the club started the Old Folks Home (now Smith-Jackson Funeral Home) in 1912 and operated it for 24 years.

Cemeteries became a concern of the group in March 1991. Two black cemeteries were an issue with Helen Fisher Frye and Joan Riley of the Club. Frye said that Meadow Lane was the oldest black cemetery in Danville, and asked the city to pave Meadow Lane to the cemetery. The club toured Hilldale later that week. In another article later that month, members of the Club discussed maintenance of Hilldale with city officials.

Linda Tillman, member of the DEC, said work needs to be done. Member Joan Bailey said the group is just expressing the needs of the cemetery.

Between 1992 and 1995, three main articles concerned the Domestic Economy Club, but only as a part of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, and so are reported under that organization. In brief, the first article covered a \$5000 grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council to renovate club's new home on MLK Boulevard; the DEC is mentioned in a full-page article on Second Street in 1994; and the Doram-Sledd House was awarded a \$3000 grant in 1995 from the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission, the article giving an extensive history of the house. By November 1996, the Club House was ready; an article on 17 November includes a write-up on long-time member, Gertrude Sledd.

Domestic Economy Club celebrated its 100th birthday in March 1999. The purpose of the club was not concerned with gardens and flowers, but rather, a new "progressive" organization, seeking to follow practical "home economics" while improving themselves and the community.

An article on 5 May 2004, honors Hattie Sleet who was 100 years old, and an honorary member of the DEC.

Sheila Kavanaugh, president of the DEC, a retired human resources worker, was named by Gov Ernie Fletcher to the Martin Luther King Jr State Commission in December 2006.

The final mention of the Domestic Economy Club on 21 April 2007, noted that the Club will host a reception on 22 April Sunday for Perryville Mayor Anne Sleet at Doram-Sledd House, 233 MLK Blvd; 2007-04-21-p1)

A partial list of officers over the years includes:

Gertrude Jones, president, 1943, 1944; Miss Maggie Jones, secretary, 1944; Mrs M R Patton, president; 1944; Mrs Nancy Dunn, secretary, 1955; Miss James Frances Green, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960; Mrs Georgia Ball, president, 1961; Miss Helen Fisher, vice president, 1961; Mrs Marzie Durr, secretary, 1961; Mrs Elizabeth Hayden, assistant secretary, 1961; Mrs M R Patton, treasurer, 1961; Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, ways and means committee secretary and treasurer, 1961; Mrs Jessie E Frye, president, 1966, 1968; Mrs James Coates, president, 1970, 1971, 1974; Mrs Elizabeth Singleton, president, 1976; Viola Young, president, 1983; Juanita Harris, vice president, 1996

Meetings in the 1930s, hosted by: Allen, Mrs G A, Stanford Ave; Christopher, Susie, East Walnut St; Jones, Martha, Russel St; Patton, Martha R

Meetings in the 1940s, hosted by: Adams, Minnie; Allen, Sadie; Boyle, Beatrice, East Walnut St; Christopher, Susie; Craig, Charles, East Walnut St; Doneghy, Georgia, East Green St; Dotye, C B, Mrs, Old Wilderness Rd; Dunn, Nancy, Russell St; Fitzgerald, Lizzie, West Walnut St; Francis, L C, Mrs, Fairview; Goodloe, Alice, Perryville; Hayden, Eliza T, East Walnut St; Hayden, Elizabeth, Fairview; Johnson, Mary F, West Walnut St; Johnson, Mary S, East Walnut St; Jones, B F, Mrs, 116 East Walnut St; Jones, Gertrude; Jones, Maggie E, 228 North McGroarty; Jones, Martha H, 529 Russell St; Jones, Matilda, East Walnut St; Nelson, Katie, College St, Charter Member; Patton, Martha, North Fifth St; Powers, Lucille Brumfield, 141 East Green St; Smith, John T, Mrs, West Walnut St; Steele, Raymond, Mrs, Wilderness Rd; Tresenwriter, Mollie, 239 Old Wilderness Rd; Turner, Sadie W, 143 East Green St; West, Lizzie Smith, West Walnut St; Yowell, Gertrude

Meetings in the 1950s, hosted by: Adams, Agnes, Russell St; Alford, Theodore, Mrs (Ophelia), 431 Russell St; Allen, Sadie L, 222 Stanford Ave; Atlas, Nellie, Russell St; Baker, Ora, Cowan St; Ball, Georgia, West Walnut St; Bogle, Beatrice, East Walnut St; Burton, Amelia, Perryville; Caldwell, Bessie C, 512 Russell St; Dale, Lola M, McGroarty Ave; Doneghy, Georgia B, East Green St; Dunn, Nancy, 426 Russell St; Fisher, Helen; Fitzgerald, Elizabeth; Fitzgerald, Lizzie Cowan, West Walnut St; Goodloe, Alice, Perryville; Hayden, Elizabeth, West Danville; Jenkins, Kathleen, Wilderness Rd; Johnson, Mary S; Jones, Gertrude, East Green St; Jones, Maggie, Old Wilderness Rd; Neal, Ray, Mrs, 214 Stanford Ave; Patton, Martha Pearl, North Fifth St; Prewitt, Coletta, 138 North Seventh St; Raum, Ella Mae, East Green St; Steele, Helen, Old Wilderness Rd; Turner, Sadie W, 143 East Green St; Yowell, Gertrude, East Walnut St

Meetings in the 1960s, hosted by: Adams, Montague, Mrs (Agnes), 499 Russell St; Alford, Theodore, Mrs (Ophelia), 431 Russell St; Allen, Sadie; Atlas, Nellie, Russell St; Baker, Ora, 340 Cowan Ave; Ball, R O, Mrs, Fairview; Burton, Amelia, Perryville; Caldwell, Eddie, 512 Russell St; Coates, James, Mrs (Theora), 250 East Green St; Davis, William "Bunny", Mrs, West Lexington Ave; Doneghy, Georgia, 161 East Walnut St; Dunn, Nancy, Russell St; Durr, Marzie B, 229 East Green St; Fitzgerald, J B, Junction City; Frye, Jessie E, Duncan Hill; Green, James Frances, Mrs, 599 West Lexington Ave; Hall, Lillie Mae, Perryville; Harris, Ida Mae, Randolph Hill; Hayden, Charles, Mrs (Elizabeth), Fairview; Ingram, Florine, East Walnut St; Jenkins, Benjamin, Mrs (Kathleen), 226 Old Wilderness Rd; McCowan, Linda; Neal, Roy, Mrs, 214 Stanford Ave; Patton, Martha; Powers, Lucille, East Green St; Prior, Ella, 106 West Walnut St; Sleet, Hattie, Perryville; Steel, Raymond, Mrs, Wilderness Rd; Tarrance, James Madison, Mrs, Wells Landing Rd; Yowell, Gertrude, East Walnut St

Meetings in the 1970s, hosted by: Alford, Theodore, Mrs (Ophelia), 431 Russell St; Ball, R O, Mrs, West Walnut St, Fairview; Barleston, Norman, Mrs, Southland Heights; Blake, C E, Lexington Rd; Burton, James, Mrs, Perryville; Caldwell, Bessie; Coates, James, Mrs (Theora), Green St; Doneghy, Georgia; Dunn, Nancy, 426 Russell St; Durr, Marzie, 229 East Green St; Fisher, Helen, 143 Rowe St; Frye, Helen, Rowe St; Frye, Jessie, Duncan Hill; Frye, Tump, Duncan Hill; Green, James F, Mrs, 590 West Lexington Ave; Harris, Ida, Randolph Hill; Harris, Juanita, Southland Heights; Hayden, Charles, Mrs, Fairview; Jenkins, Benjamin, Mrs, 226 Stanford Rd; Phillips, Marvin, Mrs, 709 Upper St, Southland Heights; Silverburg, Lizzie M, East Main St; Singleton, Elizabeth, West Lexington Ave; Sleet, Hattie, Perryville; Tarrence, Mabel; Walker, Bertha, Fourth St, Perryville; Young, Viola, 210 Dorothy Ave

Meetings in the 1980s, hosted by: Alford, Theodore, Mrs (Ophelia), 431 Russell St; Burton, Amelia, Perryville; Burton, James, Mrs, Springfield Road, Perryville; Coates, James, Mrs (Theora), 250 East MLK Blvd; Durr, Marzie, 229 East Green St; Frye, James, Mrs, Duncan Hill; Frye, John, Mrs (Helen), 143 Rowe St; Green, James Francis, Mrs, 519 West Lexington Ave; Harris, Juanita, 221 North St; Kavanaugh, Sheila, 348 Swope Dr; Richardson, Leon, Mrs (Elise), 509 Russell St; Riley, Joan, 708 Perkins Ave; Riley, Thomas, Mrs, 708 Perkins Ave; Singleton, Elizabeth; Singleton, James, Mrs (Elizabeth), 521 West Lexington Ave; Sledd, Gertrude, 233 East Green St; Sleet, Hattie, West Second St, Perryville; Tarrance, Madison, Mrs, 175 West Jefferson Ave; Taylor, Fred, Mrs, C-3, McIntyre Homes; Taylor, Jeanette, Apt 3, Park Ave Apartments; Tillman, Ennis, Mrs, 177 Mason Ave; Trumbo, Robert, Mrs, 132 East Jefferson Ave; Turner, Rose, 417 South Third St; Turner, Rosetta, 419, South Third St; Young, Ernest, Mrs, 211 Dorothy Ave

Meetings in the 1990s, hosted by: Alford, Ophelia, 431 Russell St; Coates, Theora, 250 Martin Luther King Blvd; Frye, John G, Mrs; Graves, Georgia, 233 Randolph Hill; Harris, Juanita, 221 North St; Pennington, Bessie, 206 Duncan Hill; Richardson, Elise; Riley, Joan, 708 Perkins Ave; Singleton, James, Mrs (Elizabeth), 521 West Lexington Ave; Snodgrass, Claude, Mrs; Snodgrass, Lucille, 184 Mason Ave; Tarrance, Madison, Mrs (Mabel), 175 West Jefferson Ave; Tillman, Linda, 177 West Mason Ave; Trumbo, Helen, 635 Seminole Trail; Turner, Rose, 419 South Third St; Young, Viola, 211 Dorothy Ave

Obituaries of members, with dates of notice:

Miss Hannah Pennington, 1945-03-01-p5

Mrs Martha H Jones, 529 Russell St, 1955-06-12-p7

Mrs Gertrude Jones, 79, who died 9 December 1958

Mrs Mary S Johnson, 87, died 23 1959 March at home, 119 East Walnut

Mrs Sadie L Allen, 74, who died 14 August 1961

Mrs Gertrude Yowell, 117 East Walnut who died 26 February 1964 in Louisville

Alice Goodloe, honorary member, 1966-12-02-p3

Mrs Florine T Ingram, 82, who died 1 January 1967

Mrs Lennie Attles, 1968-08-15-p8

Mrs Martha Patton, 1969-09-15-p2

Mrs Lucille Brumfield Powers, 87, 1976-03-16-p3

Mrs Georgia G Ball, 1976-07-25-p16)

Kathleen Pennington Jenkins, 61, 226 Wilderness Rd, 1980-05-20-p2

Elizabeth Hayden, 1984-03-18-p2

Lola T Dale, 1989-11-30-p2

Lizzie Silverberg, 1988-06-01-p2  
Georgia Doneghy, 99, 1991-10-22-p2  
Colettie Prewitt, 1993-03-17-p2  
Joan J Riley, 1998-08-09-p2  
Marzie B Durr, 1999-11-21-p2  
Natalie I Harris, 2002-12-02-p2  
Mary E (Meaux) Singleton, 75, Lexington Ave, 2005-02-18-p2

## Double V Club

Only reference, 11 April 1943

The only mention of this club was in the Advocate-Messenger for 11 April 1943. They were entertained Tuesday, 13 April, by Miss Mary Wade, of Russel Street. Also listed were Lorraine McGee, Susie Bailey, Sadie Bradshaw, and Mrs George Faulkner.

## Elite Club

Only reference, 16 November 1930 (Lex Herald)

The only reference to this club was in the Lexington Herald, 16 November 1930, page 5, which noted that the Elite Club met this week with Mrs Edith Neview.

## Faithful Few Club

First reference, 28 November 1948, last reference, 19 December 1950

The first notice found of his apparently short-lived club noted that Miss Lucille Lawson, a Gospel singer from Cleveland, will perform at the Green Street Church of God on 29 November 1948, the event sponsored by the Faithful Few Club. They next sponsored a pew service at the Green Street Church, 29 October 1950.

Mrs Elizabeth Buster, 511 Green St, served a Kentucky oyster supper at her home, 29 October 1950; a second oyster supper was served there on 11 November 1950.

The Faithful Few hosted Bishop W H Powell of Lexington, on 29 October 1950 at the Green Street Church, and the last four references were all for musical productions at the Green Street Church: the Kkeys of Zion Quartet of Lexington, 5 November 1950; Lexington vocalist Mrs Anna Mae Brooks, 23 November 1950; a repeat with Mrs Lucille Lawson of Cleveland on 29 November 1950; and the Davistown Chorus, 24 December 1950.

## Fall Rally Club

First reference, 16 November 1919 in Lexington Herald, last reference, 13 November 1936

Only two mentions of this club can be found, seventeen years apart and in two different newspapers, so we're not even sure it's the same group.)

The first reference in the Lexington Herald noted that the Fall Rally Club of the First Baptist Church will have banquet at the church Friday, 21 November 1919, with Miss M P Rowe, president, and Miss L T Coleman, assisting. The other mention was in the Advocate, and noted that the "Young Women's Division" will have a supper at the First Baptist Church on 14 November 1936; the same article was repeated on page 3.

## Flamingo(es Social, Royal) Club

First reference, 6 May 1945, last reference, 14 May 1981

As "Royal Flamingoes Social Club", Miss Roena Patton, Miss Margaret Rice, Miss Geraldine Harding and Miss Katherine Seawright were guests in Lexington of Miss Cordelia Lockett, their advisor, reported 6 May 1945; Miss Lockett was a teacher in Bate High School, and was hostess in Lexington. It is not known if this is the same group as the Flamingo Club, active from 1950 to 1981.

According to Joy Simpson, the club started around 1950 when older members of other clubs helped to organize it. Charter members were Elaine Bradshaw Segar, Joy Simpson, Myrtle Faulkner Taylor and Mary Mattie Gray. During the years, several new members would come and go.

Formed as a social club, the Flamingo Club often hosted games of "Whist", a popular card game in the 1950s. Prizes were given for high and low scores, as well as guest scores. On 16 November 1950, at the residence of Mrs Theora Coats, on East Green St, members and guests played Whist; prizes were awarded to Miss Myrtle Faulkner, Mrs Johnetta Redd, and Mrs Beatrice Penman.

They were entertained on 1 March 1951 with Miss Myrtle Faulkner, on South Second St; and on 4 March 1951, the group hosted a Silver Tea at the home of Miss Ruby Riffe on Russell St.

The Flamingoes held a Whist Tournament at Hollywood, on South Second St, 22 July 1951 (admission 25c), and sponsored a Hallowe'en Kentucky Oyster supper 31 October 1953, at the home of Mrs Myrtle Taylor, 219 South Second St. The group held another Whist Tournament on 13 February 1954 at the Masonic Club.

There are no further newspaper entries until 5 November 1958, when it was noted that the group will hold a variety food sale on 8 November at the home of Mrs James McPherson, 206 East Walnut; Bertha Bowman is listed as president of the group at that time. On 4 October 1959, the Advocate-Messenger noted that the group had contributed \$100 toward the public swimming pool to be located adjacent to Batewood Homes.

Notes for the ensuing years are very sketchy, the group only making the newspaper six times between 1962 and 1981. They hosted a Social at Swingland, 29 June 1962, with music by the Whirlwinds; they sponsored several trips during their heyday; one is noted for 7 June 1974, when members who were planning to go to Atlanta were asked to meet at 11:30 Friday at the Masonic Hall. M M Gray is listed as president at that time. Mary Martha Gray also added that the group went to the New York World's Fair. (Personal interview, 14 June 2016)

In August 1975, the Club sponsored Miss Black Danville contestant, Marguerite (Rita) Phillips, 17, daughter of Bennie and Doris Phillips, of 709 Upper Street. Going back to old traditions, they held a whist tournament on 5 September 1975 in the yard at 441 Russell st; in case of rain the tournament would be held at 709 Upper St. The Club received special recognition for assistance in the Miss Brotherhood pageant, reported on 22 August 1977, the pageant being won by Laticha Marie Walker, daughter of Joe Walker and Mrs Rose Walker.

In May 1981, the group donated money to help send Kentucky School for the Deaf basketball player David Hamilton, of Lexington, to the World Olympic Games for the Deaf to be held later in the summer in Germany. [Follow-up, 4 August 1981, Hamilton helped the US team win the gold medal at the World Olympic Games for the Deaf in Cologne, West Germany; as of 2016, he was the International Director of the USA Deaf Basketball Team, and the athletic director at the California School for the Deaf (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-hamilton-18610b18>)]

This is the last mention of any club activity in the newspaper. However, in one final notice in October 1995, Farmers National Bank reported abandoned property belonging to the Flamingo Club, Mabel Letcher, 155 E Green St, in the amount of \$498.16.

According to Joy Simpson, the organization disbanded about 1986.

Members at one time or another included Joy Simpson, Mary Mattie Gray, Florine McPherson, Beatrice Pennman, Mabel Letcher, Cleo Richardson, Ruby Letcher, Bertha Bowman and Doris Phillips.

## Friend In Need Club

Only reference, 27 June 1965, reference to 1898

The only mention of this club was in an article on Danville churches in the Advocate-Messenger's 100th Anniversary edition, 27 June 1965, p74. It was noted that during Rev. H E Wood's pastorate, beginning in 1898, several women's clubs were formed, including the Women's Improvement Club, Lend-A-Hand Club, and the Friend in Need Club.

## Friendly Few Club

First reference, 6 February 1959, last reference, 17 February 1961

First mention of this club in the Advocate-Messenger, notes that the Friendly Few club will sponsor a Kentucky oyster sale on 7 February 1959 with Melvina Kenley, South Second St. Later in September 1959, they donated \$100 toward the swimming pool at Batewood Homes.

Weather was a gremlin in February 1960, as their Valentine Social set for 20 February was postponed twice. It was finally held 27 February 1960 at the American Legion Hall on South Second St.

The last mention of this club was in 1961, when they again held a social on 18 February at the American Legion Hall, with no admission charged.

## Friendship Sewing Club

First reference, 3 October 1958, last reference, 2 August 1963

This group held its first meeting 6 October 1958 at 313 Cowan St; Mrs Lillie M Ford was listed as president, with Mrs Audrey Ford, hostess.

Although most of the notices in the Advocate-Messenger were about upcoming meetings, the group did donate \$10 to the swimming pool at Bate-Wood apartments (April 1960); gave a fish and chitterling supper 20 February 1960 at Mrs Bertha Faulkner's on South Second St; held a Kentucky Oyster and Fish sale, 22 October 1960 at the home of Mrs Bertha Faulconer, 224 South Second St; and planned a barbecue on 3 August 1963, with Mrs Minnie Wilkerson, South Third St.

Their meetings, listed in the Advocate-Messenger, were: 13 October 1958 with Mrs Katherine Simpson of Lebanon Rd, hostess; Mrs Lillie May Ford, president; 27 October 1958 at 313 Cowan St, Mrs Lillie Mae Ford, pres; Mrs Audrey Ford, hostess; 3 November with Mrs Jessie Brantley, hostess, November 3; 10 November Mrs Lillie Mae Ford, pres; Mrs Audrey Ford, hostess, 313 Cowan St; 17 November 1958 and 26 January 1959 with Mrs Lillie May Ford, pres and hostess, Apt B-3, Batewood Homes; 9 February 1959 on the grounds of the Old Crow Inn; Miss Carolyn Turner, hostess; 16 March 1959 at 1223 Lebanon Rd, Mrs Lillie Mae Ford, pres, Mrs Nettie Simpson, hostess; 1 March 1960 with Mrs William Simpson, Lebanon Road; 7 March 1960 with Mrs Paul Gunn, C-5, Batewood Homes; 4 April 1960 with Mrs Bertha Faulkner; 18 April 1960 with Mrs Archie McCowan, Batewood Homes No 2; 25 April 1960 with Mrs Mable Napier; and 9 May 1960 with Mrs Kathryn Simpson, Lebanon Pike.

## Good Will Club

First reference, 22 April 1948, last non-obit reference, 28 June 1956

This club was organized in 1947 according to a 1948 article mentioning their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Twice, the organization was thanked for help and consolation to families of the community -- death of Claypus Higgins in April 1948, and at the death of Mrs Mattie Higgins, in July 1950.

Among activities of the club were a lawn fete on 19 June 1948 with Mrr Mattie Higgins; a Widow's Contest, 28 October 1948, won by Mrs Annie Wade, Mrs Nannie Walker, Mrs Mattie Higgins, and guest speaker, Rev J T Moore, pastor 2nd St Christian Church in November 1948.

They celebrated their first anniversary 11 November 1948 with founder Mrs Mattie Higgins, of Bate St. Proceeds from an entertainment on 2 December 1948 with Mrs Mattie Higgins, were to go to purchase Christmas gifts for shut-ins; they also held a Christmas party 9 December 1948, where 27 children received gifts at the residence of Mrs Mattie Higgins; the following day, 10 Dec, members carried 25 baskets to shut-ins.

In later years, they were entertained or hosted by Mr and Mrs Ezra Montgomery of Bate St 14 April 1949; a social with Mrs Mattie Higgins 11 May 1949; met 9 June 1949 with Mrs Sophia Williams; had a benefit social 14 July 1949 at the home of the president, Mrs Mattie Higgins; Mrs Higgins hosted 25 August 1949 and again for Christmas 15 December 1949 where they sponsored a Christmas Tree for neighborhood children, and baskets for shut-ins; Mrs Jessie Irvin was thanked specifically for her donation to this event.

Events for 1950 included observation of their fifth anniversary with Mrs Emma Andrews 26 October 1950, which included a dinner and blanket contest, the blanket being won by Orestes Richardson; funds raised were used for the sick and aged of the community.

The club reserved 10 June 1951 for a talent program; listed as "Good Will Club of Bate and Fackler streets", which was held at the Bethel Baptist Church in West Danville. In 1952, they sponsored a homemade pie and fish supper 4 October with Mrs Mattie Hutchinson, So Second St, and Mrs Louise Jenkins, of South Third St, won a grocery basket, date not given, but reported 5 December 1952.

In later years, the club was hosted by Mr and Mrs Ezra Montgomery on Bate St;. In February 1953, Mrs C B Dotye praised club for helpfulness to community. They celebrated their seventh anniversary on 21 October 1954 with a dinner at Mrs Mattie Hutchinson, on South second St; they had a "Trip Around The World program on 24 June 1955; they hosted a "Kiddie's Day" treat at Apt A-4, Batewood Homes 20 August 1955; and a barbecue 30 June 1956 on the lawn at the residence of Mrs Mattie Hutchison.

Obituaries were published for Mrs Melissa Montgomery, 64, 430 Bate St, member and president at the time of her death, 18 November 1956; and Mrs Mary W Pennington, Stanford Ave, 28 April 1957.

## Hoganettes

First reference, 2 March 1952, last reference, 12 October 1955

The Busy Sunshine organized a new group, The Hoganettes, which held a meeting 30 April 1952 with Mrs Edna C Hogan, sponsor; they were a younger group affiliated with the Busy Sunshine Club; Miss Emma Rose Routt, president, Miss Gladys Revely, secretary. No further reference is made until they met 22 February 1954 with Willa Cooper, 444 West Green Street.

In the last newspaper reference, they were to meet 18 October 1955 at the Federation building, Second and Walnut, where they were to be entertained by Mrs Essie B Carter, Mrs Annie L Moore, Mrs Sylvester Parr and Mrs Gertrude Sledd, members of Busy Sunshine Club. Mrs Naomi Smith, is listed as the supervisor, and Miss Odell Bradshaw is listed as the president.

## Household of Ruth Lodge 59, OOF

First reference, 2 July 1931, last non-obit reference, 19 September 1943

We have found only two newspaper articles on this group, which must have been quite active, considering the number of obituaries which mentioned the organization. They were thanked in July 1931 for a pledge of \$10 to to the Recreational School and Supervised Play Ground for Colored Children of Danville, to be held beginning 8 Jul.

The family of Mrs Mattie Fisher Prince thanked the Household of Ruth and Phyllis Wheatly Temple for floral contributions to the funeral. The card of thanks was signed, J C Prince and family, 19 September 1943.

All other references were mentions in various obituaries: Mrs Martha H Jones, 529 Russell, who died 10 June 1955; Mrs Mary Perkins, 67, who died 27 September 1957; Mrs Josie Irvine, school cook, who died 8

December 8 1958; Mrs Gertrude Jones, 79, who died 9 December 1958; Mrs Mary S Johnson, 87, died 23 March 1959; and Mrs Florine T Ingram, 82, who died 1 January 1967.

## Jolly Believer's Club

First reference, 21 May 1968, last reference, 23 December 1970

The Jolly Believers held a Memorial Day Picnic in May 1968, at Old Fort Park, featuring a ball game, refreshments, music and prizes. However, this club probably sponsored more dances in Danville than any other club in a comprable time frame. On 1 August 1968 at the Danville Armory featuring "Soul Smiths" from Hamilton, OH, co-sponsored with the Del Rays of Harrodsburg.



The Advocate-Messenger for Monday, 17 February 1969, carried this photo of what they referred to as "the first dance" of the club, 15 February 1969. The "Sweetheart of 1969" event featured 18 girls who entered. Identified, L-R: are Rodney Dunn, Jerri Sue Doty of Paint Lick (first runner up), Gary Lockett, Jackie Bowman of Danville (queen), James Simpson Jr, Debbie Jeanene McCowan of Danville (second runnerup) (Identified in the newspaper, and by Mae Harris on Facebook, 14 and 21 June 2016), with music by "Lee Wright and the Swinging Seven".

Other dances the group held were: 5 April 1969, at the Armory, an Easter Dance; 31 May 1969, at the Armory with "The Delegation" from Lexington; 5 July 1969, the Club Anniversary Dance, at the Armory, with the "Soul Messengers"; 15 November and 27 December 1969, at the Armory, music by Lee Wright and the Swingin' "7"; 21 March 1970 to celebrate the grand opening of Club Ponderosa, Duncan Hill, under new management; music by Sol Syndicate featuring Miss Angie Dee, May 1970, a Memorial Day Dance and Show, at the Armory, with "Soul Sounds" from Indianapolis; 1 August 1970, at the Armory, with "Soul Smiths" from

Hamilton OH; 28 November 1970 at the Armory, with "Soul Messengers"; 26 December at the Armory, an After Christmas Dance and Show, with the All Mighty House Rockers featuring Miss Linda and Johnny T.

At the Valentine Sweetheart Dance, 14 February 1970, at the Armory, Miss Barbara Baughman of Danville High School, daughter of Mrs Mollie Baughman of Isaac Court, was crowned Valentine Sweetheart; second place went to Miss Betty Frye, of Boyle County High School; 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Miss Darlene Gillespie, Danville High School.

## Lend-A-Hand Club

First reference, 22 November 1942, last non-obit reference, 22 July 1973

The Advocate-Messenger, in its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition, 27 June 1965, noted that Rev. J E Wood's pastorate, beginning in 1898, saw creation of the Women's Improvement Club, the Lend-A-Hand Club (in 1901), and the Friend in Need Club.

The Lend-A-Hand Club hosted a "Pen (Pew?) Service" 22 November 1942 at the First Baptist Church. Just a few days later, they served dinner Tuesday, 8 December 1942, in the church dining hall to delegates attending the mid year meeting of the South District Association.

They met for their monthly meeting 18 January 1943 at the residence of Mrs Lillie Mae Baxter on West Lexington St, the main business being reports for the year and election of officers for 1943; Mrs Lillie Baxter is listed as president; Mrs Gertrude Jones, secretary.

After an absence of news clippings for over six years, it was noted that Mrs Ashby Jackson hosted a Silver Tea at her home on East Walnut St on 3 April 1949; Mrs Gertrude Jones is listed as president, and Mrs Lillie Baxter, secretary.

For the next few years, the club was quite active. They sponsored the Davistown Chorus at First Baptist Church on 10 June 1950; Mrs Reeve Jackson of East Walnut St again hosted the Annual Tea on 1 April 1951; they sponsored a Pew Service in 29 April 1951, featuring Rev E E Fields and his choir from Harrodsburg; new officers were elected 20 January 1952 with Mrs Gertrude Jones, president; Mrs Louise Jenkins, vice president; Mrs Lillie Baxter, secretary; Mrs Fannie Chenault, treasurer; and they hosted a tea 21 March 1952 with Mrs Reeves Jackson, 106 West Walnut St; and the Miss Susan Garr Ensemble of Lexington, performing at the First Baptist Church 16 May 1954, was sponsored by the Club.

After an absence of many months, they assisted in a hospitality at the dedication of the new First Baptist Church parsonage at 115 East Walnut; construction began in June, and was completed 20 December

1956. Also in 1956, after, they sponsored the Gospel Song Birds, of Paris, KY on 4 March at First Baptist Church and held their annual tea at the residence of Mrs Reeve Ison, 106 Walnut St, 15 April 1956.



LEND A HAND CLUB MEMBERS look over the bell from the old First Baptist Church building, Second and Walnut Streets, which they have mounted and returned to the church. From left, are: Mrs. Eugenia Penman; Mrs. Marsha Bates; Mrs. Maggie

Kinley; Mrs. Agnes L. Adams; Mrs. Mary Joyce Kinley, president; Mrs. Catherine Doneghy, vice-president; Mrs. Fanny Kinley and Mrs. Genia Meaux.

After another gap in newspaper accounts of two years, the Club was treated to a program by the Glee Club of the First Baptist Church, directed by Mrs Lola M Dale, on 18 May 1958. Mrs Isabelle Kinnaird, of the Kentucky State Hospital, was the guest speaker on 29 March 1959. The Club held a bake sale and dinner on 12 December 1959. On 24 June 1962, the Club hosted a musical program with Mr and Mrs Courtney Allen Jr, and her father, George Faulconer; and they had a social and served dinner at First Baptist on 6 October 1962.

Dr Benjamin May, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, and Miss Florence V Adams of the Atlanta School of Social Work spoke on 30 Nov 1963; Ms Adams attended Bate High School; the event was sponsored by the Lend A Hand club and the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church; more information was available from Miss Agnes L Adams or Miss Georgia B Doneghy.

The Advocate-Messenger provided extensive coverage on 15 July 1973 of the dedication of the bell which was in original First Baptist Church until it was destroyed by fire. The Lend-A-Hand Club returned the bell in memory of Mrs Margaret Young, who presented it to the church and said that although she lost her sight and her health was impaired, she knew that services were being held and she could worship at home whenever the bell was ringing. Dave and Kerry Kinley, great-grandsons of charter members of club, which was organized in 1901, unveiled the bell; and Mrs Mary Joyce Kinley, president, gave a history of the club. (PHOTO ABOVE) The Club went on to thank Rev. Dr William Austin Roberts, minister of music at the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church; also thanked were Mr Reynierson, Mr Hubert Preston, the Glee Club, and Mr Lionel [Larnelle?] Harris, for making rededication of bell a success.



An extensive article on Hester (Harris) Garr was published 11 Nov 1988; born on Main St in Danville in 1910, and blind since 1947, she still attended church regularly. (PHOTO LEFT)

Some of the hostesses over the years included:

Mrs Davidson, Russel St, 1943; Mrs L M Baxter, 719 West Lexington Ave, 1944; Mrs Bettie Fry, Seventh St, 1945; Miss Pattie Smothers, 1949; Mrs Russell Christy, West Lexington Ave, 1950; Mrs Bessie Caldwell, Old Wilderness Rd, 1951; Mrs Lillie Mae Baxter, West Lexington St., 1951; Mrs Louise Jenkins, South Third St, 1951; Mrs Reeve Jackson, 1952; Mrs Della Beard, Russell St, 1957; Mrs Reeves Ison, West Walnut St, 1957; and Mrs Reves Ison, East Walnut, 1958

Some of the officers over the years included: Mrs Lillie Mae Baxter, president, 1943; Mrs Gertrude Jones, secretary, 1943; Mrs Gertrude Jones, president, 1949, 1957, and 1958; L M Baxter, secretary, 1955 and 1957.

Obituaries for group members include:)

Mrs Martha H Jones, 529 Russell, who died 10 June 1955  
 Mrs Mary Perkins, 67, who died 27 September 1957  
 Mrs Della Todd Beard, 83, of 446 Russell St, who died 29 August 1958  
 Mrs Gertrude Jones, 79, who died 9 December 1958-12-10-p3)  
 Mrs Reeve Jackson Ison, 106 West Walnut, obit 27 March 1962  
 Mrs Sallie Barnes, 82, obit 9 August 1963  
 Mrs Fannie Chenault, 207 East Green who died 25 March 1968  
 Mrs Sarah Bell Meaux, 59, who died 22 October 1968  
 Mrs Lillie Baxter, who died 30 May 1969  
 Mrs Bettie Frye, 645 West Lexington, died 25 October 1969  
 Mrs Etta Lee Southern, 71, of A-3 Batewood Homes, died 26 July 1970  
 Mrs Elizabeth Graham Meaux, 300 Latimer Hts, who died 2 July 1972  
 Mrs Maggie Bell Kenley, 80, of Randolph Hill, died 5 September 1975

Mrs Willie Marshall, 83, who died 8 February 1976

Miss Mary Eliza Cooper, 83, of 220 East Main who died 16 February 1976

Mrs Cornelia Higgins, 60, of 482 Bate St who died February 13. (1978-02-14-p3)

Mrs Lillie Napier, 70, who died 2 March 1981)

Mary Catherine Grey Doneghy, 73, of 702 So Second, who died 15 July 1984

Christine B Wilhite, 83, of North St, who died 6 July 1997

Hester Garr, 87, obit 28 June 1998

## Lively Few Club

First reference, 3 March 1971, last reference, 30 May 1973

They sponsored a fish and chili supper, 6 March 1971 at noon, at 237 North Fifth St; and they even delivered orders; hosted by Mrs Jack Bowman.



In November 1971, the Lively Few Club donated equipment to Pauline Walker's special class at Stanford Elementary school, so students could have hot lunch in their room. The above photo shows (l-r) Freda Givens, teacher aide and club member; Eustasia Bowman, president; Florence (Smith) Brown, secretary; Virginia Lewis, ways and means; teacher Pauline Walker; and Evelyn Wallace. Absent from the photo were Mrs Mamie Brown, vice president, and Mrs Louise Bright, chairman.

A fish and chili dinner was served on 20 November 1971 at home of Miss Evelyn Barleston, on North Fifth Street.

The club celebrated its first anniversary on 16 January 1972 at the Lancaster Masonic Club; they welcomed three new members according to president Mrs Eustatia Bowman; members were Mrs Christine Porter, Danville; Mrs Phyllis Keys, Danville; Mrs Barbara Brown, Stanford.

Cynthia Owsley, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Owsley, 518 So 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, was chosen May Queen on 26 May 1973, photo in newspaper article; first runner-up was Paula Pennington, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Pennington, McMillan Ct; third was Leitha Dawson, fourth was Lyn Johnson; fifth was Genessa Givens of Stanford, sixth was Gwen Daugherty; and seventh was Vanessa Faulkner. All but Givens are students at Danville High School.

## Merry Makers Club

First reference, 15 June 1951, last non-obit reference, 24 August 1975

Possibly more than most women's clubs in Danville, this group seemed to host barbecues and outside events. They first sponsored a barbecue Saturday evening, 16 June 1951 at 8:00 pm at the home of Mrs Ella B Evans, South Second Street. They next sponsored a lawn fete on 15 September 1951 at Mrs Sadie Bradshaw's home from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm.

The Merry Makers gave a supper on 16 February 1952 at 2:00 pm, at the home of Mrs Cornelia Faulkner, 102 West Walnut Street. Many similar events were open to the public; two more barbecues were set for Saturday, 10 August 1957 at Swingland at 4:00 pm, and at the American Legion Hall, Second St, 29 July 1960.

In the Miss Black Danville contest, the group sponsored contestant Rita Snodgrass, 16, daughter of Claude and Lucille Snodgrass, 136 Wilderness Rd. 24 August 1975 is the last mention in the Advocate Messenger, other than obituaries.

Obituaries of members found so far, include Maggie Ellen Whitley, 78, 720 W Lexington, who died 1 February 1987; Nina Baughman Williams, 89, 149 Louise St; obit 30 November 1995; and Mamie Beard Prince Taylor, 95; obit 19 January 2001.

## Nannie Sparks Missionary Soc, St James AME, Parksville

First reference 9 April 1967, last reference 17 May 1968

This organization, though not strictly a social club, was the only organization outside Danville that we could find. On 9 April 1967, they sponsored a "Packed-House Day"; with Mrs Cassie Ammons, speaker, along with various singing groups. The pastor is listed as Rev Henry Bevel of Danville.

They then met at St James AME Church in Parksville 12 June 1967 for a program with guest Melvin E Williams of the Virgin Islands, and son in law of Mr and Mrs Albert Wilhite of Junction City; Williams graduated Wilberforce College, and was discharged from the Navy 5 June, Mrs Henry Bevel, the pastor's wife reported.

Rev Everhart Walker was the speaker on 21 January 1968; his congregations from Bonersville, Turnersville and Mayo accompanied him; the program was for the benefit of the building fund.

Finally, Mrs Nancy Pope Newell gave a Gospel program on 19 May 1968; she was a former resident of Parksville, daughter of Mrs Addie Pope and late Rev A W Pope; she lived in Somerset where Mr Newell is pastor of Davis Chapel.

## North End Club

First reference, 27 October 1950, last reference, 21 November 1950

This club had three mentions in less than a month then nothing. They served a Kentucky oyster supper 28 October 1950 at the residence of Mrs Elizabeth Buster, 511 Green St, with invitations from the Faithful Few Club.

They then held a pie and fish supper 11 November 1950, at the home of Mrs Ollie Mae Napier, corner of Seventh and Rowe Streets, sponsored by the North End Club.

Finally they sponsored the Ohio Spiritual Quartet of Springfield, OH 26 November 1950 at the Green Street Church of God.

## Orchid Girls

First reference, 10 June 1949, last non-obit reference, 24 June 1994

Susie Bailey and another original member, Annie Segar, credit Carrie Gash with organizing the club in 1949.

Playing Whist was a large portion of the club's activities, and the results were often reported in the newspaper.

Miss Susie Bailey entertained the Club on 7 June 1949 at Russell St; prizes were won by Mrs Flora White, Mrs Sarah Coniver, and Mrs Allen Caldwell; Mrs Sarah Conover entertained 21 June 1949 on Grimes St; prizes were won by Mrs Mayne Taylor, Mrs Louvenia Harlan, and Mrs Gillette McCowan; others attending were Mrs Eliza Beasley, Miss Mollie Letcher; Miss Alma McCowan and Miss Ann Prewitt. Miss Annie Mae Daugherty entertained 5 July 1949 on Seventh St; again, prizes went to Mrs Piccola Garr, Mrs Mamie Taylor and Mrs Frances Harlan; Mrs Mattie P Durham entertained 19 July 1949 at South Second St; prizes went to Miss Susie Bailey, Mrs Piccola Garr, and Miss Dorothy Lankford; other guests included Miss Mattie Brown, Mrs Madeline Summers, Mrs Cleo Richardson, Mrs Pearlina Lewis. Mrs Annie Frye entertained 2 August 1949 at East Walnut St; this time, prizes were awarded to Mrs Sarah Conover, Mrs Coletta Prewitt, and Miss Ophelia Johnson; others attending were Mrs Lucille Powers, Mrs Sylvester Parr, Mrs Florence Walker, Mrs Cornelia Faulkner, Mrs Sadie Bradshaw, Miss Lucy Jones, Miss Peggy Moore, Mrs Charles Fields, Miss Suella Baughman, Mrs Christine Cecil, Miss Alberta Fields, Mrs Susie Wood and Miss Abarilla Fields.

Mrs Carrie Gash entertained 6 September 1949 at Grimes St; prizes were won by Mrs Mayme Taylor, Mrs Flora White, and Mrs Gillette McCowan; other guests were Mrs Eliza Beasley, Mrs Lucille Powers, Mrs Maggie E Whitley, Mrs Cornelius Faulkner; Mrs Sadie Bradshaw, Mrs Cora McGowan, Mrs Georgie Faulkner, Miss Emma Esters, Miss Alma McCowan, and Mrs Lurline Bradshaw of Portchester, NY. Mrs Luvenia Harlan hostess 4 October 1949 on Walnut St, with prizes to Mrs Mattie P Durham, Mrs Colette Prewitt, and Mrs Thelma Temble; other guests Mrs Cleo Richardson, Miss Mabel Letcher, Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, Mrs Rose Bogle. Mrs Cotellie Prewitt entertained 8 November 1949 on Seventh St, with prizes to Miss Susie Bailey, Mrs Carrie Gash, and Mrs Frances Harlan; others attending Mrs Cornelius Faulkner, Miss Emma Estes, Mrs Maggie Whitley, Mrs Edmond Fields; and ending 1949, Mrs Mayme Taylor entertained 29 November 1949 on Russell St; prizes went to Mrs Piccola Garr, Miss Susie Bailey, and Mrs Thelma Kimble; other guests Mrs Elice Caldwell, Mrs Naomi Smith, Mrs Theora Coates, Mrs Charles Fields, Mrs Mary Lockett, Miss Catherine Faulkner, Miss Mary Crowdus, Miss Avarilla Fields, Miss Alberta Fields and Miss Jennie McPherson.

Mrs Allen Caldwell entertained 7 February 1950 at her home on Wilderness Rd with prizes to Mrs Piccola Garr, Miss Susie Bailey, and Mrs Naomi Smith; other guests were Miss Ella Pryor; Mrs Charles Fields; Mrs Mabel Harlan; Mrs Kimbul; Mrs Sadie Bradshaw, Mrs Maxine Caldwell and Mrs Helen Doty. Mrs Annie Frye entertained 7 March 1950, with prizes to Miss Mayme Taylor, Mrs Mattie P Durham, and Miss Ella Pryor; other guests included Mrs Mable Harlan; Mrs Snow Mae Jones; Mrs Cleo Richardson; Mrs Thelma Kembul; Mrs Naomi Smith; Mrs Georgia Raines; Mrs Theora Coates; Mrs Ruth Griffin; Mrs Ruth Robinson; Mrs June Kenley; Mrs Gillette McCowan; Mrs Kathleen Jenkins; Mrs Natalia Harris, Mrs Bea Bogle; Mrs Eva Ray; Mrs Maggie Whitley; Mrs Frances Harlan; Miss Jessie B McFerrison, Miss Dora Simpson, Miss Mable Letcher and Miss Dorothy Lankford. Mrs Louvenia Harlan entertained 11 April 1950 on Walnut St; prizes were awarded to Mrs Mayme Taylor, Miss Susie Bailey, and Mrs Cleo Richardson; other guests were Miss Noble Letcher; Miss Dorothy Langford, Miss Ruby Cloud, Mrs Ben Bogle and Mrs Rose Bogle.

Mrs Mary Lockett entertained on Russell St in May 1950 with prizes going to Mrs Sarah Conover, Mrs Flora White, and Mrs Helen Doram; other guests included Mrs Charles McCowan, Miss Helen Baughman, Mrs Cleo

Richardson, Miss Katherine Faulkner, Miss Alberto Fields, Miss Alverilla Fields, Mrs J W Smith. One of the last mentions of Whist parties was in June 1950, when Mrs Mattie Lee Lancaster entertained on Duncan Hill; prizes went to Mrs Picolla Carr, Mrs Lorraine McGee, Mrs Georgia Segar, and Mrs Evelyn Mayfield; other guests Miss Janie Letcher, Miss Viola McKittrick, Miss Lucy Jones, Mrs Theora Coates, Mrs Ruth Robinson, Mrs Ruth Jones, Mrs Charles Fields, Mrs Mattie Peters, Mrs Daisy Shorers, Mrs Kathleen Jenkins, Mrs June Kinley and Mrs Jennie Lee Ingram Wade.

William Whitley won the country ham given away 29 August 1950.

Many other social and cultural events followed. Mrs Annie Frye of East Walnut St entertained the Orchid Girls 3 July 1952 with a lawn fete. They sponsored a Silver Tea Sunday 20 June, 4-7 pm at the Community Center on Walnut St (1954-06-17-p5); they conducted a pantry sale Saturday, 16 July 1955 at the U-Name-It Shop on Walnut at First St, offering homemade cakes, pies, candies, salads and cookies. They held a fish fry, Saturday 26 November at home of Mrs Annie Frye on East Walnut St, and they reserved Friday 1 November 1957 for a ball to be held at Hollywood Hall.

Other social events included: a barbecue Saturday 5 July 1958 at the park on Duncan Hill; a Labor Day dance Monday 1 September 1958, at the Armory, featuring Duke's Band with Prince at the organ; chitling meals at the Masonic Club on Second St, 7 and 14 November 1959, to benefit the proposed swimming pool; a barbecue at the ball park on Duncan Hill Friday 12 August 1960; a Tom Thumb wedding at Bate School 12 July 1959; and a fish fry with soft drinks at the home of secretary, Mrs Naomi Simpson, 340 Cowan St Saturday 6 November 6 1965 at noon.

This photo may have been taken around 1966, maybe a year earlier or later. This was a dance, held at the Danville Armory, sponsored by the Orchid Girls Club. The Night Owl Band is in the background. From left to right, Ruth Griffin, Martha (Curly) Grey, Mattie Lancaster, Sue Ella Baughman, Alma McCowan, Mattie Hill, Mattie Elliot, Naomi Simpson, Helen Baughman (aunt of Brenda Baughman Hughes) and Annie Segar. On the stage left to right, Johnny Roy Yocum, (unidentified person hidden by Johnny Roy's guitar), Alonzo McGuire, Dennis Jones, Thomas (Butter) Ford, Cecil Smith, and Harvey Yocum. Mrs. Martha Grey talked about how being in a social club was one of the few grand things to at that time.



Dances and parties were numerous: a social at Hollywood Restaurant in March 1961; a social at Swingland in October 1961; a party and dance at Swingland 17 February 1962; a St Patrick's dance Saturday 16 March 1963 at Swingland; a benefit dance 31 December 1965 from 9 to 1 at the Armory on Stanford Road; a pre-Thanksgiving dance at Armory, Friday 18 November 1966; the Annual New Year's Eve dance, at the Armory, Sat 31 December 1966 with music by the Night Owls; their 18th Anniversary Ball, 19 May (1967?) at

the Armory, with 400 present; members wore formal gowns with orchid corsages; and a New Year's dance Saturday 30 December 1967 at the Armory.

Officers and members listed in May 1967 were Mrs Mattie Hill, pres; Mrs Alma McCowan, vp, Mrs Helen Hawkins, sec; Mrs Ruth Griffin, asst sec; Mrs Annie Segar, treas; Mrs Martha Gray, ways and means; Mrs Suella Barleston; Mrs Mattie Lancaster, Mrs Naomi Simpson and Mrs Mattie Elliott.

Charitable contributions included: \$100 pledged in January 1960 for a community swimming pool for "Negro" children; and in October 1960, a basket of groceries given to Horace King, an employee residing on grounds at Kentucky State Hospital.

After 1967, there are few mentions of the club, the exceptions being a notice in the Lost and Found, 10 February 1969, p7: "Lost: Orchid Girl treasurer's book Saturday between Fackler and Russell St; phone 236-4502 or any name listed in the book", and notice of a yard sale Sat 14 May 1977 at the home of Mrs James Shannon, corner of South Second and McGrath St.

The photo to the right, date unknown, includes, l-r: Suella Baughman, Ruth Griffin, Helen Baughman, Bessie Langford, Katie Lou Price, Christine Gray Cecil, and Mabel Harlan (Thanks to Bobby Trumbo for identifying them).



**Orchid Girls still having fun 45 years after founding** (Advocate-Messenger, 26 June 1994, p1, 10). "We picked the best flower there is." That's how the Orchid Girls Club got its name 45 years ago, said Susie Bailey. Bailey and another original member, Annie Segar, credit Carrie Gash with organizing the club in 1949. ... Gash was lonely and wanted to get together with friends on a

regular basis, Segar said. Gash made a few calls and soon a group of 13 was organized to meet two times a month to eat dinner and play whist, a card game similar to bridge. Having 13 members made it possible to have three tables of whist and left the hostess free. "You had to have food," Bailey said. "We love to play cards," Segar said. One picture in Segar's albums shows members sitting on motel beds playing whist.

In addition to regular meetings and annual dances, members also traveled together whenever possible. "We would have a lot of fun," Bailey Said.

On Saturday, the Orchid Girls will have a dinner-dance at the Holiday Inn in the manner of past parties when members and their invited guests gathered at Old Crowe Inn dressed in formals and wearing large purple orchids.

They laugh about picking the orchid for the club's name and flower. "It was the most expensive one and now we can't even afford it," Segar joked.

This year, members will wear smaller orchids, which were easier to find and cost less. And one member will be missing. Gash lives in North Carolina and can't get back to Danville for the anniversary celebration.

Gash's decision to organize the club in 1949 created a stir. "Everybody wanted to be in it," Segar said.

When word got out about the club, Gash's phone rang up into the night, Segar recalled, as women called saying they wanted to be in it.

"We had the big head," Segar laughed." We wouldn't let in more than 13. Now we're lucky to have eight at a meeting."

The Orchid Girls limited membership to women they knew they would be compatible with." We picked from our real close friends," Segar Said.

New members are proposed by existing members and have to be voted in.

Soon after four other black social clubs were started, but the Orchid Girls is the only one still in existence, Bailey said. Today's members are Bailey, Segar, Mattie Elliott, Mattie Hill, Helen Singleeton, Emma Shannon and Monie Bedinger.

Members are looking forward to the 45th anniversary celebration. "This will probably be the last (major celebration ) for me," Segar said.

She plans to have a good time even though her arthritis will keep her off the dance floor.

Traditions linger on. Dinner is an important part of every meeting. Winners at whist still receive prizes. And an Orchid Girl is an Orchid Girl until she dies.

"We always send an orchid," Bailey said.

Annie F Segar's obituary appeared in the Advocate-Messenger on 18 July 2001 (p2)

## Palm (Pond) Lily Embroidery Club

First reference, 13 November 1925, last reference, 25 February 1934

This club is early known as the Palm Lily, and later as the Pond Lily Embroidery Club; we can find no source to discern the correct name. Most references for this group were found in the "Danville Colored Notes" in the Lexington *Herald*.)

Mrs Nellie Atlas entertained Thursday afternoon. (1925-11-13-p11-Lex-Herald); they gave a banquet 18 October 1929 at the home of Mrs Nellie Atlas. (1929-10-20-p18-Lex-Herald); in November 1931, they met with Miss Carrie B Doneghy;

Members gave a picnic at Davistown, which included boating, fishing, other sports, then excellent lunches. (1932-09-09-p2)

They were entertained in January 1933 by Miss Hallie Taylor, East Green St; they met Thursday, 21 September 1933 with Mrs Martha H Jones; 12 October 1933 at the Old Folks Home, Bates St; Mrs Nina Jenkins was hostess Thursday afternoon, 9 November 1933; and finally Miss G Mitchell hosted at her residence Thursday, 22 February 1934.

What is intriguing about this club is that the Lexington Herald covered it much more extensively than either the Kentucky *Advocate* or the Danville *Messenger*.)

## Phyllis Wheatly Temple No 371

First reference, 7 April 1943, last non-obit reference, 10 February 1957

First mention of the Phyllis Wheatly Temple was in an invitation to the IBPOE of W's Thanksgiving Service, Sunday 11 April 1943.

Cards of Thanks appeared early; in the edition of 19 September 1943 (p5), the family of Mrs Mattie Fisher Prince thanked the Household of Ruth and Phyllis Wheatly Temple for floral contributions, signed J C Prince and family.

In 1944, Mrs Lillian D Welch was state secretary of the Daughters of Elks, who were meeting 10 May 1944 in Winchester; Mrs AL Moore, Royal Grand Matron of Celia Dunlap Chapter will visit Celestine Chapter 1 June 1944; some officers listed were Lillian C Jones, Matron; Sophia P Craig, Welfare Committee.

The Temple entertained with a tea Sunday, 9 July 1944 at the residence of Miss Governess Mitchell, East Green St.

The organization-sponsored "Coal contest" was postponed due to the illness of Mrs Bessie Miller; the contest would be held 11 December in the Lodge room. (1944-11-29-p5)

The newspaper reported 1 March 1945, that \$2 was raised in the Infantile Paralysis drive for 1945 and \$5 was raised for the March of Dimes in 1948, reported 12 Mar, p7.

Mrs Rufus Taylor, Mrs G W O'Neal, Mrs Ralph Smith, Mrs Burchett Logan and Mrs Richard Frye represented the Daughter Elks Phyllis Wheatly Temple at rites for Mrs Jane Alcorn 12 April 1949 in Turnersville.

Participating in the annual Thanksgiving, Education and Health Day, 9 April 1950 were J L Prewitt, exalted ruler; Essie B Carter, daughter ruler; and Fredna L Logan, senior mother.

The 27th Annual Sermon by Rev W L Gaddie at St James 13 April 1952, was delivered to the Temple. This may indicate that the Temple was organized about 1925.

They held a banquet at the Odd Fellows Hall, on West Walnut St, 30 June 1952. Mrs Florence Taylor was crowned Miss Phyllis Wheatly, winning the contest.

The obituary of Mrs Martha H Jones, 529 Russell, who died 10 June 1955 mentioned that she was a member. The group met at the First Baptist Church 11 February 1957 for the funeral of Mrs Ella Letcher; Mrs Essie Carter was the Daughter Ruler at that time. Finally, the obituary of Mrs Mary W Pennington, Stanford Ave, listed as a member was reported 28 April 1957.

## Pink Star Club

First reference, 5 August 1960, last reference, 9 May 1963

This club, like so many others in Danville, was primarily a card-playing club, as most of the newspaper notices gave the names of the card game winners. They met in various homes.)

Mrs Margaret Harlan, Old Wilderness Road, hosted on 5 August 1960, with guests Mrs Margaret Harlan, Old Wilderness Rd; guests Mrs Willie Garr, Mrs Joy Simpson, Mrs Beatrice Pennman, Mrs Patricia Miller and Mrs Emma Shannon. On that occasion, prizes went to Mrs Lacy Faulkner, Mrs Arnese Gooch; and a basket of groceries was won by Mrs Willie Harris.

The next mention was with Mrs Frances Houston on Duncan Hill in August 1960, with prizes to Mrs Alleine Swan and Miss Loretta Gardner. It was also noted that the next meeting would be with Miss Rivenia Johnson, at Batewood Homes on 1 September 1960.

On 6 October 1960, entertained by Miss Mona Jo Ross entertained, and prizes went to Lacey Faulkner, Frances Huston, Mary Badinger, Louise Bright, and Juanita Harris; other guests include Alma McCowan, Pat Miller and Bernice Kennedy.

In the only mention of the group in 1961, the Club made a contribution toward a high-diving board at the Terrell Drive pool, reported 22 August.

Prizes were won by Mrs Bessie Pittman, Mrs Betty Fisher and Mrs Louise Harlan, when the Club met on 10 May 1962, with Mrs Lacy Faulkner as hostess.

The meeting set for 16 August 1962 was postponed to the following day, with Miss Mary Griffin, of East Walnut St, as hostess.

The final mention of the Club was regarding the 10 May 1963 meeting, hosted by Mrs Louise Singleton, of Russell St; Mrs Bessie Pittman was noted as club president.

## Progressive Club

First reference, 3 April 1937, last non-obit reference, 8 June 1993

An article in the Advocate-Messenger's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, June 27, 1965 (p74), notes that the Young Women's Club of the First Baptist Church was renamed the Progressive Club under Rev P A Carter after he arrived in 1933.

The first mention of this club in the Advocate was in 1937, when they held a "Diamond T" 4 April 1937 at the First Baptist Church; L C Hayes was listed as president, and Susie Thomas as secretary.

In 1938, the Club held a supper 30 April 1938 at the First Baptist Church, mentioned in both the Advocate and the Messenger. A "Tea of the Gay Nineties" was held on 28 August 1938, with the ladies dressed in 90s costumes. The last mention for another few years was their Easter Tea, 9 April 1939 at the Church, again covered by both the Advocate and the Messenger.

The only other mentions of the Club until 1952, were a June 1946 meeting at the parsonage, listing Mrs P A Carter, president, and Miss Susie Bailey, sec. (1946-06-27-p7), and a 16 January 16 1949 meeting, with Mrs Essie Carter, president.

Social events in the following years included a Kentucky Oyster and fish dinner 22 November 1952, at the residence of Mrs Mayme Taylor, 440 Russell St; a style show at the Bate gym, 3 April 1959, with the notice listing Mrs Malvena Bedinger, president, and Mrs Addie Caldwell, secretary; the Annual tea and dedication service, 1 April 1962; a fish and pastry dinner 13 October 1962, listing Elizabeth Singleton as President; a Silver Tea, 7 April 1963 at the home of Mrs Mary Owsley, 116 East Walnut; the anniversary tea 14 November 1965; and a fall tea at Batewood Center, 5 November 1967.

The club also sponsored several cultural events. They held a musical program 6 November 1955 at the First Baptist Church, with the Gospel Song Birds of Paris; they co-sponsored the Knoxville Octet, 28 April 1960, at the Bate school, the octet consisting of soloists, a dramatic reader, and a male quartet, doing popular, operatic and sacred numbers. They sponsored a guest speaker, Centre College student, Timothy Aye Kusi, from Africa, 7 October 1962 [SIDE NOTE] – an article with photo in the Louisville Courier-Journal on 17 March 1963 notes he was from Ghana, the first African student ever to attend Centre; he may be the Timothy Aye Kusi who is the head of the largest cacao producer in Ghana today]; they presented the University Ensemble of Eastern Kentucky State University on 12 January 1969; and the Morehead State University Ensemble, 5 November 1972.

When the new First Baptist Church parsonage, 115 East Walnut, was dedicated, they assisted in the hospitality at the dedication; it was noted that construction began in June, 1956, and was completed December 20. The Club was thanked for sympathy after death of Ola B Toliver and Henry F Haynes in February and May 1986, respectively

The last mention of the club, other than in obituaries, was a major article 8 June 1993 on, with a photo of, Malvena Bedinger, president - PHOTO

Mention is made of the Progressive Club in the following obituaries:)

Mrs Cindar Ella Pope, 457 So Third St, died 4 February 1961

Jessie F (Barnes) Richards, 89, of Duncan Hill, who died in September 1966

Fannie Paxton, 65, of Batewood Homes who died 1 May 1980

Kathleen Pennington Jenkins, 61, 226 Wilderness Rd, who died in May 1980

Christine (Gray) Miller, 78, 102-1/2 West Walnut, who died 21 January 1991 in Lexington

Betty (Paxton) Raines, 61, of 1117 Lebanon Rd, who died 23 September 1992

John Etta (Bradshaw) Chenault, 82, who died 2 December 1998

Mamie (Beard) Prince Taylor, 95, who died 18 January 2001

Lenora Smalley, 89, who died 14 Oct. (2001-10-16-p2)

Bea Shannon, 78, of Wilderness Rd, who died 18 January 2002

Mary E (Meaux) Singleton, 75, Lexington Ave, who died 16 February 2005 in Harrodsburg.

## Sisters of the Mysterious Ten

First reference, 16 August 1928, last reference, 25 May 1929

United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten staged mammoth parade on 16 August 1928. The parade consisted of four bands, four blocks of walking delegations, fifty or more cars with delegates. The parade came up Main Street to College Street to Walnut Street, to the Kentucky School for the Deaf. They were holding a state meeting here with about 1,500 delegates in attendance.

The following spring, the Annual Thanksgiving sermon was preached to United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten at St James AME Church on 26 May 1929.

## True Daughters of Liberty No 1, Union League of America

Only reference, 27 January 1905, Boyle County Deeds Book 31, p496

In 1905, members of this organization were Lillie Wood, Mary Wood, Annie Cowan, Harriet Tinsley, Mandy Jones, Mary Ann Green, Horace Nelson, Amanda Davis, Mariah Owens, Mary Jackson, Rettie(?) Ewin, Lizzie Embry(?), Laura Cersan(?), according to Boyle Deed Book 31, page 496, 27 January 1905.

## Twentieth Century Embroidery Club

First reference, 8 February 1930, last reference, 25 August 1931

This club is first mentioned in the Lexington Herald, 8 February 1930.

They were thanked 2 July 1931 for a pledge of \$50 to the Recreational School and Supervised Play Ground for Colored Children of Danville, to be held beginning 8 July.

In the final mention, on 25 August 1931, Mrs Tera Craig, president, and Mrs Mary B Jones, secretary, submitted a report of expenses for the Supervised Playground in July.

## Valeda (Veleda, Leda) Club

First reference, 29 November 1949, last reference, 26 November 1952

Many of the notices for this club refer to the West Danville area, and references are made to the Valeda, Veleda, or just simply Leda.

The club was thanked on 28 November 1949 for helping raise money for Bate High School Band.

Meetings were held with Mrs Katherine Faulkner in West Danville 16 January 1950; with Mrs Georgia Ball, 30 January 1950, as the Leda Club of Lebanon Road; the quilt contest was won by Mrs Georgia Rains.

Mrs Elizabeth Hayden of Lebanon Road was the hostess of the "Valeda Club" 10 February 1950; photos were made of the table and all the guests. On 25 September 1950, Mrs Maybe Beard Taylor won a basket of groceries sponsored by Veleda Club of Lebanon Road at the residence of Mrs Lizzie Fitzgerald.

They served a pre-Thanksgiving banquet on 20 November 1950, at the Masonic Hall; plates were \$.75.

On 24 November 1952, J C Daugherty of Wells' Landing, an employee of Danville Motors, won a quilt sponsored by "the Veleda Club of Lebanon Road" at the residence of Miss Catherine Faulkner.

The last mention of the club was in the obituary of Mrs Catherine Jackman, who died 23 May 1953

## Voguettes

First reference, 24 March 1950, last reference, 11 October 1959



A group of young women met in March 1950 at the residence of Miss Mabel Letcher, 203 East Green, to organize a social club, called the "Voguettes." Officers and members were Mabel Letcher, president; Florine McPherson, secretary; Alma McCowan, treasurer; Maxine Caldwell, Catherine Faulkner, Marjorie Miller, Ann Prewitt, Mary Margaret Crowdus, Ruby Cloud, Venus Miller, Cleo Richardson and Dorothy Langford, reporter.

They held a Fish Fry and Kentucky Oyster supper at the residence of Mr and Mrs Venus Miller, 129 East Walnut, 21 October 1950.

Playing cards was one of the main social events. They met 23 April 1951 with Mrs Venus Miller, with prizes going to Miss Katherine Faulkner, Mrs Maxine Caldwell, Mrs Luvinia Harlan, and Mrs Tabitha Prince; Eugene Harlan won the bedspread; other guests Mrs Flora White, Mrs Daisy Cohen, Mrs Mattie Pearl Durham, Mrs Mary Locket, Mrs Naomi Smith, Mrs Katherine Jenkins; they also met 20 August 1951 at the residence of Miss Dorothy Langford for business and to play Whist, but Orestes Richardson Jr, son of Mrs Cleo Richardson, stole the first hour; the club gave a baby shower, after which they resumed business.

There are no references to the group again until 1958, when they met 31 March with Mrs Alma Jackman as hostess; James Lynn won the prize in the annual basket project. The final mention was of a Sock Hop at Bate School featuring Buzz Riggins of radion station WLAP, in October 1959



## War Mothers Club

First reference, 1 March 1944, last reference, 23 October 1958

This club, apparently organized fairly late during World War Two, hosted or participated in a number of activities in 1944. They gave three musical numbers in an amateur hour talent show, 4 March 1944 at the Courthouse. They met Wednesday, 10 May 1944, at the home of Mrs Lizzie Smith for slipper making.

For the meeting on 4 June 1944, Miss Frances Harlan is listed as president, and Mrs Charles Fields, as Secretary. Two months later, the president is listed as Mrs Frances Harlan, and she is listed as "Mrs" in several other meeting notices.)

A speaker from Darnall General Hospital presented a program at the First Baptist Church on 1 October 1944; in this notice, Mrs Harlan is listed as president, and Mrs Fields as secretary. In two more meetings in December, 1944, the group met at St James AME Church with the same officers listed.

At a meeting on 8 December 1944, the officers are switched, with Mrs Fields as president, and Mrs Harlan as secretary. The group is not mentioned again until a meeting in December 1946, when officers switched again, Harlan being president and fields being secretary.

The only other mention of any members was in the Advocate-Messenger on 23 October 1959; in that edition, Citizen's National Bank held \$50.61 belonging to the War Mother's Club, Lula Francis, treasurer.

## White Rose Club, St James AME Church

First reference, 25 February 1955, last non-obit reference, 21 September 1962

With only four references over a seven-year period, this club was apparently not very active. They did sponsor a Kentucky oyster supper 26 February 1955 with Mrs Hattie Harris, Lebanon Rd, a musical program 15 June 1958 at St James AME Church; and two barbecues in 1962, one at the home of Mrs Mattie Faulkner, 325 Cowan St on 21 July 1962 and a second on 22 September 1962 at the same address

The club is mentioned in the obituary of Natalie I (Brown) Harris, 88, who died in early December 2002

## Women's Improvement Club, First Baptist Church

First reference, 18 February 1933 (Messenger), last non-obit reference, 2 September 1983

This Club was organized about 1913, during the pastorate of Rev. J E Wood, beginning in 1898, which also saw the creation of the Lend-A-Hand Club, and the Friend in Need Club, as reported in the Advocate-Messenger Centennial Edition, 27 June 1965, p74.

Possibly more than many women's social clubs, the Women's Improvement Club of the First Baptist Church seemed to have musical, literary, or educational programs. On 19 February 1933 they held a program on "Six Great Women of the Bible". They sponsored a recital, 26 April 1943, at which Mrs Louise McHaney rendered a program of original poems. Miss Gladys Watts of Louisville appeared 25 April 1949 for a singing performance. They sponsored Miss Minnie Caldwell's piano recital 1 September 1957 at the church. They presented a play, "Gates Ajar" 23 February 1958, at the church. On 21 October 1973, they presented Mrs Pearl Jackson, a gospel singer from Louisville, also at the church. Next, they sponsored the Ever Willing Singers of Lexington, 26 October 1975 at the church, the Senior Choir of Antioch Baptist Church of Lexington, 7 June 1981, and a program by Rev A B Lee and congregation of Greater Liberty Baptist Church of Lexington, 4 September 1983.

Breakfast was served Sunday Morning 9 April 1939 by the club; Georgia Doneghy, pres; Fannie Hines, sec; supper was served Tuesday 8 December 1942 in the dining room to the South District Association members. In May 1943, the group held a Pew Service, Rev J N Christopher of Lexington delivering the sermon.

Sunday, 20 June 1943, was Woman's Day at the First Baptist Church, and the Women's Improvement Club held its annual rally, with Mrs Alice Goodloe of Perryville as guest speaker at 3:00. Miss Georgia Doneghy is listed as President, and Mrs Fannie Hines, Secretary.

The organization held a Silver tea, 14 April 1945, from 4 to 7 at First Baptist Church, Mrs Mary Jane Smith in charge. The tea was to benefit the May Rally. They also held an Easter program Sunday afternoon, 28 March 1948.

After a reporting gap of several years, they met 8 November 1953 with Mrs Katie Herrigan; plans were made to present the choir of Pleasant Green Baptist Church of Lexington on 22 November 22. Very shortly

after, it was noted that the group would host the Young People's Choir of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Lexington, on 22 November 1953.

They met "Sunday afternoon" (date not given, but reported 12 December 1954) with a program honoring charter member Mrs Susie B Fish; Mrs Nancy Dunn read a poem; Mrs A M Alcorn sang a solo; and an original poem was read by Mrs Georgia Ball; brief talks made by Mrs Ellen Frye, Mrs Joe Hattie Walker, Miss Addie Caldwell, and Rev and Mrs P A Carter; hostesses Mrs Alma Harlan, and Mrs J H Walker.

From the mid-1950s on, there were relatively few mentions of this club, other than notices of meeting dates. The Club assisted in hospitality at dedication of the new First Baptist Church parsonage at 115 East Walnut St; construction began in June 1956, and was completed 20 December 1956. They sponsored a Fall Festival 27-28 October 1961 at the church.

Miss Frankie Adams, a Danville native, and sister of Montecue Adams, and a retired social worker from Atlanta, was the guest speaker at the 55th Anniversary of the club 28 April 1968.

In one of the last references to the club, a Card of Thanks for Keenie Burdette, signed by Mrs Suella Walker, Mrs Ella B Evans, and McElroy Burdette was published 16 April 1981.

Most notices for this club were notices of either upcoming or past meetings. The dates, hostesses, and occasionally, officers included:)

In the 1940s, Miss Georgia Doneghy, Alma Harlan, Mrs Theodora Henderson of Duncan Hill, Mrs Fannie Hines, Mrs Marietta Tompkins, and Mrs Joe Hattie Walker, in Fairview.

In the 1950s, Mrs Nannie Adams, So Second St; Mrs A M Alcorn, Russell St; Mrs Frances G Cowan, Duncan Hill; Mrs Jeanette Cowan of Junction City; Miss Georgia Doneghy; Mrs Nancy Dunn; Mrs Ella B Evans, South Second St; Mrs Bertha Gray; Mrs Maude Gray; Mrs Alma Harlan; Mrs Katie Herrigan at Atoka; Mrs Lena Jefferson; Mrs Mary S Johnson; Mrs Mary Frances Jones, Randolph Hill; Mrs Ella May Raum; Mrs Lizzie Mae Silverburg; Mrs Bessie Sleet, East Green St; Mrs Mary Smith, North Seventh St; Mrs Joe Hattie Walker.

In the 1960s, Mrs A M Alcorn, Russell St; Mrs Nellie Atlas; Mrs Georgia Ball; Mrs Lue Bottoms; Mrs Bessie Caldwell, Russell St; Mrs Mary Susan Caldwell on Bate St; Miss G B Doneghy; Mrs Nancy Dunn, Russell St; Mrs Ella B Evans, South Second; Miss Helen Fisher; Mrs Lettie Fisher, Lebanon Rd, West Danville; Mrs Bertha Gray, 220 East Walnut; Mrs Maude Gray; Mrs Estelle Jefferson; Mrs Laura E Jones,; Mrs Mary Frances Jones; Mrs Cordie Mayes; Mrs Bessie Sleet; Mrs Mary J Smith, North 7th St; Mrs Christine Wilhite.

In the 1970s, Mrs Georgia Ball; Mrs Nancy Dunn, 426 Russell St; Mrs Berta Gray, East Walnut; Mrs Ida Mae Harris, E Green St; Sarah Mullins; Mrs Allie Pennington of Parksville; Mrs Bessie Sleet, Green St; Mrs Mary Smith, North Fifth St; Mrs Cora Tarrence; Mrs Marietta Tompkins; Mrs Christene Wilhite, A-1 McIntyre Homes; Mary Frances Woods

Obituaries of members include:)

Mrs Frances R Cowan, 70, 118 North 7th St, who died 18 March 1948

Mrs Nannie Adams, 90, So Second St, died 19 August 1957

Mrs Mary S Johnson, 87, died 23 March 1959 at home, 119 East Walnut

Mrs Fannie Helm Green, 88, 590 West Lexington, who died 26 May 1961

Mrs Ida Bobbitt, 74, 134 So Second St, who died 27 August 1961

Mrs Katie Tadlock, 94, East Walnut, who died 21 October 1963 in Lexington

Mrs Lennie Attles, who died in August 1968

Mary Sue Caldwell, 467 Bate St, who died 18 October 1968

Mrs Etta Lee Southern, 71, of A-3 Batewood Homes, who died 26 July 26 1970

Mrs Adolphus (Shearers) Alcorn, 69, 501 Russell St, who died 2 March 1971

Mrs Alma Harlan, 83, who died 22 May 1974 in Lexington

Mrs Cora (Moore) Tarrence, 83, who died 10 Mar1975

Miss Ophelia Johnson, 67, 161 East Green, who died 5 Jan1976

Mrs Mary (Murphy) Owsley, 79, 595 McMillan Ct, who died 24 Jan 1976  
 Mrs Mary Lizzie (Thomas) Routt, 88, Shirley Lane, who died 15 April 1976  
 Mrs Georgia C (Gaddie) Ball, West Walnut, Fairview, who died 22 July 1976  
 Mrs Bertha P (Adams) Gray, 84, 220 East Walnut St, who died 16 November 1977  
 Mrs Katie (Perkins) Herrigan, 78, 437 Russell St, who died 20 December 1977  
 Mrs Delia (Penman) McRoberts, 89, who died 5 January 1978  
 Mrs Lucy (Ewing) Cunningham, 94, 171 East Green, who died 16 January 1978  
 Annie Carpenter, 85, who died 17 January 1981  
 Bessie L (Gray) Sleet, 84, 151 Louise St, who died 16 June 1984  
 Annie K (Walker) Pennington, 88, Parksville, who died 4 February 1985  
 Lizzie Mae (Scott) Silverberg, 92, 220 East Main, who died 1 June 1988  
 Ella V (Burdette) Evans, 88, 607 So Second St, who died 7 Jun 1994  
 Mary Elizabeth (Carpenter) Ross, 75, 405 Crescent Dr, who died 16 December 1994  
 Mattie Pearl (Carson) Alcorn, 82, who died 5 March 1996  
 Mamie "Sis" (Pope) McCauley, 71, Plainview St, who died 14 August 1996  
 Madeline B (Childs) Summers, who died 30 August 1997 in Lexington  
 Maude (Cowan) Gray, 101, who died 2 December 1998  
 Naomi Letcher Alcorn, 56, Russell St, who died 11 January 2002  
 Lucille (Walker) Garr, 95, who died 14 December 2005  
 Ida Mae (Howard) Johnson, 92, who died 2 Mar 2014

## Xinos Club, Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Chapter

First reference, 10 February 1952, last reference, 8 June 1954

Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Chapter accepted "The Xinos" as an accessory group in February 1952; the members were high school students who were recently organized under Soror Lucy Stevens. The following month, the Xinos planned a basketball game and popularity contest with help from Alpha Upsilon, Phi Delta Cappa.

The Xinos Club held a Fish Fry 12 April 1952 with Mrs Nancy Dunn, Russell St, to help Eleanor Segar of the Youth's Xinos Club; sponsors were Miss Zula Livingston [Levingston], and Mrs Susie B Fish.

They again met 16 July 1952 with Miss Doris Singleton, on South Second Street, with Miss Virginia Spaulding, president, and Miss Bessie Davis, acting secretary.

New members, Miss Della Bridgewater and Miss Gladys Revely were mentioned for the 19 November 1952 meeting, held with Miss Eleanor Segar. The young ladies appear again in a notice on 8 June 1954, as officers for next year: Della Bridgewater, president; Gladys Revely, vice president; Joan Neal, secretary; Martha Bottoms, corresponding secretary; Betty Segar, treasurer; and Dorothy Girten, sergeant at arms.

## Yellow Moon Club

First reference, 16 February 1930, Lexington Herald; last reference, 16 November 1930, Lexington Herald

This group was only mentioned under "Danville Colored Notes" in the Lexington *Herald*. The paper notes on 16 February 1930, p13, that an organization of young people met with Miss Helen Atlas last week.

and they hosted a social dance at the UBF Hall Monday 21 July 1930, with Jordan Embry's orchestra furnishing the music; the paper noted the following week that the dance was quite a success.

Again, the Herald reported on 16 November 1930, p5, that Miss Sinora Mae Owsley entertained the group last week, with Miss Zillah Hines as the honor guest.

## YGI Club

Only reference, 13 March 1927, Lexington Herald

The YGI Club will dedicate a room in the Old Folks home, and they have a program for Sunday prepared; Mrs Zula Livingston [NOTE: MISS Zula Levingston], president, reported in the Lexington Herald, 13 March 1927, p18

## Young Ladies Industrial Club

Only reference, 2 July 1931

The Young Ladies Industrial Club was thanked on 2 July 1931 for a pledge of \$5 to Recreational School and Supervised Play Ground for Colored Children of Danville, to be held beginning 8 July 1931