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NOTE: The Bulletin staff would appreciate and welcome articles about other groups such as DeMolay - Masons - Eastern Star and various lodges that were organized in the early days of Sutter County. Please contact Jean Gustin at the Community Museum, 674-0461 or Raona Hall, 674-2119.

A TRIBUTE TO BILL DAWSON
JUNE 20, 1902 - FEBRUARY 3, 1982

By Earl Ramey



Bill was a valuable member of the Society. Only those members on the Editorial staff of the Bulletin knew the extent of his work in producing the Bulletin.

Both of Bill's parents were natives of Ireland and from this rich Irish heritage came an outgoing personality and a natural leadership with certain skills.

His experience as school administrator had taught him the necessity of delegating certain duties and functions to qualified subordinates. He selected four of his former high school teachers to serve on his staff. We accused him of pulling his rank and

pressing us into service. His modesty produced respect for special talent and this respect determined the selection.

The staff meetings were held in the Dawson's home and, with Alice as hostess, became regular pleasant social gatherings, but efficient meetings as a result of Bill's carefully prepared agenda. The agenda was the result of Bill's capacity to anticipate details and problems.

One time while reading a document, I discovered a record of an incident in the complicated land dealings of Captain Sutter. I copied the passage and added some comment but it was not enough for an article for the Bulletin. I gave what I had written to Bernice Gibson, then editor of the Bulletin. I told her to keep the item for a rainy day when she might be short of copy, but the item was in the next number of the Bulletin. When I reminded her that the item was to be held until a rainy day, she replied, "It was a rainy day. It is always a rainy day." I told Bill this anecdote, and it evidently impressed him. The day after the Directors appointed him to serve as chairman of the staff, he came over to tell me I was to be on his staff. I was working in the basement of the old library. A lady was talking to me so Bill took a chair and waited. This lady wanted me to address her group in Yuba City and wanted me to present some topic on Sutter County history. I had just read an official document about an incident in Yuba County but which also related to Sutter

County and which, I assured her, would be of interest to residents of Sutter County. She agreed, and we agreed on a time and place for the address. Bill had overheard our discussion, and when the lady left, he said to me, "You write out that address and we will use it in the next Bulletin." So started Bill's tireless search for copy. He was able to persuade several people to begin work on an article. At one time he had four years of articles either being prepared, projected or already submitted.

One time we nearly came out short. A promised article failed to come in, and we had to reject one because it was too long. We were only four weeks before the deadline. Bill had noticed that we had several items in our Sutteranna file about Eliza, the daughter of Captain Sutter. We began gathering what we could find about Eliza. Bill made trips to the State Library and Sutter recorder's files while I began to compose our article. We came out a few days ahead of the deadline with what was accepted as a satisfactory account of the romantic affairs of Eliza Sutter.

Bill made several changes in the Bulletin. He had a way of determining what the member readers liked or disliked. He agreed with other critics that the long continued article was not good for the Bulletin because member readers might not sustain interest and might stop after the first installment. Also, he contended that

variety was desirable as a means of providing something of interest to all readers. To provide this variety several regular features were introduced. Some of these features were gleanings, recollections, Sutteranna, museum reports, museum donations, and photographs of local interest if they related to current articles.

Bill's health broke down seriously, but he made heroic efforts to continue producing the Bulletin; and he succeeded, with the help of Alice, to keep up the quality.

Those members who have kept a file of the Bulletins have testimony to Bill's energy and skill, and they are an appropriate monument to his memory.

IN MEMORIAM

Norma Petro Harter

December 25, 1897 - October 8, 1981



Of her life's many accomplishments, the one that meant the most to Norma Harter was the part she and her husband, Howard, played in the institution and development of the Community Memorial Museum and park. Together they had a dream of a living memorial to the pioneers and veterans of Sutter County; together they worked to give life to that dream.

Coming to Yuba City from Mills College in 1919, Norma Petro was herself a pioneer - as music supervisor for Sutter County, a pilot program with one counterpart in the Los Angeles area. She married Howard Harter in 1920, and when Yuba City High School was completed, assumed chairmanship of its music department.

After retirement in 1927, Mrs. Harter continued her musical and dramatic contributions to the community through affiliations with several club and fraternal organizations. In 1938 she was a co-founder of the Tri-County Community Concert Association and remained an emeritus board member.

One dominant theme emerges from tributes to her life: she was constantly supportive of worthwhile endeavors and she always encouraged excellence.

Today's Museum and developing park are memorials to pioneers and veterans, and tribute to a vision shared.

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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

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* The annual DINNER MEETING of the Sutter County Historical Society *
* will be held on THURSDAY, April 22, 1982 at 6:30 p.m., at THE *
* HANGAR, 210 Julie Drive, Yuba City. (That's the south-east corner *
* of the Hillcrest Plaza - across from St. Isidore's Catholic Church.) *
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* The menu will feature Garden Salad, Chicken Kiev, and Rice Pilaf *
* at a cost of \$8.50 per person. *
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* John McClurg of Yuba City is putting together a slide show for us - *
* high-lighting some outstanding photo work by HUB CAMERA CLUB *
* members, focussing on natural beauty. It's sort of a warm-up and *
* introduction to the exhibit this talented group will have for us at *
* the Museum during most of May and the first week of June. *
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* PREPAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - mail or bring to: *
* Community Memorial Museum *
* 1333 Butte House Road, P.O. Box 1555 *
* Yuba City, CA 95992 *
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our January meeting, Sutter County Librarian Stephen Klein explained the functions of a County Library - collection, custody, and circulation of books, and the administration of the collection for use and study. (Parallels to these functions exist at Memorial Museum, and Lorrie Ramsdell made copious notes on how she might put information and methods to use there.) The high point of the facility tour for historians was the gracious invitation to "feel free to browse" in the California Room, which houses a special collection of California items so rare and so valuable that they may be examined and studied only in the presence of a full-time member of the Library Staff - on our tour, the Librarian himself, of course.

Randy Schnabel, esteemed President of our Museum Commission, has promised the NEWS BULLETIN an article about "Hunting in the Buttes". (I'll be impatiently watching for it - and for any inexactitudes of the type that sometimes creep in when he and I chat casually as seasoned sailors remembering old storms.)

All levels of authority, administration, and planning, from the Board of Supervisors on down, have been making, reviewing, and revamping plans and proposals for developing the Museum Park grounds. We'll display results of all these efforts at the April meeting, so join us there, and tell us what YOU think!

Cordially,

Dewey Gruening

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM NOTES

Jean Gustin, Director/Curator

MUSEUM SPECIAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

- APRIL 12-24: A special exhibit of children's art from the Yuba City Unified School District ... our artists of the future! On Wednesday, April 14th from 4 to 6:30 p.m. an Open House will be held.
- APRIL 25: More stars of the future will be performing at the museum ... Come and hear the "YOUNG PERFORMERS CONCERT" being arranged for your pleasure by Jane Roberts.
- MAY 3-JUNE 7: The month of flowers will be celebrated with an exhibit of nature photography by the Hub Camera Club.
- MAY 7: "WINE AND POSIES", our second annual wine tasting party and drawing for the beautiful baskets full of flowers created by "museum friends." Time: 5 to 7 p.m., Contribution \$4.50. Get your tickets from the museum so you don't miss this lovely event.
- MAY 22: The "BLACKJACK SPECIAL" will leave from the museum parking lot for a Saturday trip to Reno! Only \$21.00 for this museum fund (and fun) raiser, you will get \$18.00 back in cash and food or beverage coupons. Call the museum to get on the reservation list.
- MAY 23: 2:00 p.m. A concert featuring Dave Bissell, baritone.
- JUNE 21 - SEPT. 7: We will receive an exhibit of "CAMERA WORKS, Sacramento Valley Photography from 1900 to 1945." Curators for this exhibit are Nikki Pahl and Mary Swisher of the Sacramento History Museum. This exhibit has special significance since two local historically interesting photographers, Smith and Sackrider, are among the six featured photographers.
- JUNE 27: 2:00 p.m. Sunday Concert.

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WILSON WOMEN'S CLUB

Founded in 1913 - by Mrs. Bergetta (Hess) Schyler and Mrs. Elizabeth Troncatty.

Number of Charter members - 8, later increased to possibly 12.

Meetings were held in the homes and the Club functioned as an embroidery club. Later Mrs. Mary Blank, became President, Mrs. Charles Adams, Vice President, and held office until the club was Federated.

During the hectic days of World War I the club functioned as a working Red Cross Unit and continued as such until Federated.

Federated - 1921, with Mrs. William Greene Sr. as President.

Club House built and dedicated, 1926, with Mrs. Ruth Milhills, President.

Mortgage burned - 1936
Club House sold - 1942

Club has had 13 presidents as of 2/19/51. Mrs. Bertha Norcross the last, 1948-49.

Two Bi-County Presidents, Mrs. Ruth Milhills, Mrs. William Greene Sr. and three District Chairmen have come from the club the last three being Mrs. Tillie Kussenberger, Mrs. Charles Adams and Mrs. Ruth Milhills.

During its history and at present, the club has worked for community interest and welfare and supported Federation aims, since its Federation.

NOTE: This information was taken from a book owned by Mrs. William Eden. Copied February 7, 1980 by Raona Hall.

SUTTER CLUB

On May 6, 1908 the Sutter Women's Improvement Club was organized and officers elected. The first meeting was held in the home of Miss Ella Moody, and she became the first President and served in this office until her death in July 1919.

The Club was Federated in March 1921. The members have always been active in Civic affairs and worked unceasingly in the improvement of their cemetery.

HISTORY OF LADIE'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB OF SUTTER

In the year 1901 the men of Sutter built a hall issuing stock at \$100 per share to pay for material and labor. For seven years they made no effort to seat, light, or improve in any way and as this hall was the only hall in the community it really became a hardship to hold entertainments or any functions for the community had formerly loaned chairs and the breakages became so great, this method of seating was stopped. In the year 1908 the first commencement of S.U.H.S. was to be held in this hall and as chairs had been hired from Marysville a distance of nine miles and the only transportation those days were team and wagon, this was quite a handicap. Right here is where the women came forward.

In the latter part of April 1908, Miss Ella Moody sent out the word to every lady in Sutter to meet at the home of Mrs. E.W. Hauck to try and formulate some plan for chairs for the said hall. They were not very enthusiastic and less than twenty women attended this meeting, but those who did were staunch energetic and progressive, namely:

Miss Ella Moody (deceased)
Mrs. D.J. McLean (deceased)
Mrs. E.S. Norton
Mrs. E.S. Wadsworth
Mrs. B. Ullrey
Mrs. George Straub (deceased)
Mrs. W.J. Davis
Mrs. W.C. Gibson (deceased)
Mrs. Annie Summy (deceased)
Mrs. G.W. Hill
Mrs. J.J. McPherrin
Mrs. W.H. McPherrin
Mrs. E.W. Hauck (deceased)
Miss Rose McLaughlin
Miss Mabel Campbell

On May 6, 1908 our club was organized and officers were elected. Constitution and by-laws drafted. Initiation of \$.10 per member and dues \$.60 per year was voted on. (These charges held until 1921, when our initiation was raised to \$.25 per member and dues \$1.00 per year). Meetings held every Tuesday afternoon.

We discussed plans to get chairs and decided to borrow money to buy 350 chairs. Mr. Griffith advanced the money and the club paid him by the sale of home made ice cream and cake at the exercises of S.U.H.S. in June 1908. In August of the same year

three efficient women joined us. We had the same trouble in borrowing a piano as chairs, only a little more so, and as our motto is "Where there's a will there's a way", we cast about for some means to purchase a piano. Three members, one as coach and the other two as part of the cast of characters, put on a drama, "The Missouri Girl", which was a "howling" success. This play was put on in Sutter, Meridian, Live Oak and Yuba City and the proceeds more than paid for the piano. We owned the chairs, lamps, and piano and thought it a good idea to own part, if not all of the hall, as we wished our work to be rewarded us. Some of the members' husbands held stock in the hall, and by a little love pat or two we succeeded in obtaining 219 shares in less than two months, and at the end of four, we had collected 428. This was a good starter as there were only 863 certificates issued. We could not own these shares unless being incorporated, and the men had let their corporation tax become delinquent, so, it cost us one hundred and ten dollars to pay back taxes and be on a legal basis.

Our meetings were held in the basement of one member's home, and this was getting inadequate for our membership was growing. We decided to meet in the hall. It was not a very desirable place for our meeting, so concluded to make it so. In 1911, we had it plastered, costing something like \$300. Gave a play to cover cost of same.

In 1912 gave \$50 toward new S.U.H.S. campus. In 1913 we ceiled, floored and improved the basement of said hall, costing \$329.60. Chairs, dishes, etc. costing \$200. In 1916 we put in a maple floor costing \$489. Gave a grand ball to dedicate said floor and a financial success. During the years gone by, we did a great deal of cemetery improvement installing a gas engine, painting tank house, fencing and acquiring more land to enlarge the same, also started our club library, which from time to time in buying books, we have expended \$193.75. Gave 30 volumes to our soldier boys, 44 volumes to Weimar Sanitorium.

We joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs in March 1921. Sent two delegates to the Convention held in Corning same year. Last work to be done on hall was to shingle south half of roof and south side tinting the plaster and painting wood work inside. Our share amounting to \$354.54. We had the power for lighting sometime and also have done various other improvements. A notable fact our President, Miss Moody who was elected in 1908 served as President until her death in July 1919. Other members who held offices were Mrs. E.S. Norton, who acted as Treasurer for seven years and Mrs. W.H. McPherrin who served as Secretary for twelve years.

We have an enrollment of 54 and first Tuesday in each month we are entertained by social committee appointed alphabetically by our President.

Written and compiled by Mrs. W.H. McPherrin

April 18, 1963

TIERRA BUENA WOMEN'S CLUB
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
APRIL 1913 to APRIL 1963
By Ada Weber

As we turn back the "Hands of Time" to the Springtime of 1913, we shall pause briefly to recall scenes and events which took place during the former "Horse and Buggy Days" of yesteryear - in the scarcely settled, rural community of Tierra Buena; which at that time was only a "Small Flag-Stop Station" along the Sacramento Northern Railroad Route. Few people were ever seen to get on or off the trains at any time. Looking in any direction - at night - one could see only a few twinkling lights from the farmhouses, which were scattered about and marked the main community boundary lines. In those early days, automobiles were not very common among the ranchers who had settled in this area about 1910, or shortly thereafter.

Neighbors were practically strangers, and the women especially missed their former friends. A feeling of deep and great human need for closer companionship, was apparently the motivating power that prompted action for this small group of women, who met for a social afternoon - on April 10, 1913 - at the home of Mrs. Lee J. Farmer, located just east of Tierra Buena School-house. (More commonly known to many of us as, the Alvin Weis home, which for the past several years has been occupied by the Ernie Heckel family.)

It was on this tenth (10th) April Day - FIFTY YEARS AGO - that this small group of energetic women, who were interested and deeply concerned about the welfare of their own families and that of others within this rural community, organized the "TIERRA BUENA IMPROVEMENT CLUB" (also known as: "THE WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB OF TIERRA BUENA"). As stated in the original minutes of this first meeting, "These women met to organize a Ladies Aid to assist the Methodists, who were holding Church and Sunday School Services in the school-house. Many denominations were represented, so it was decided to meet as the "TIERRA BUENA IMPROVEMENT CLUB". Their main interests being for: entertainment, social diversions and community welfare. There were thirteen (13) ORIGINAL PIONEER CHARTER MEMBERS who joined the organization at this first meeting.

(As listed in minutes of the first meeting) Namely: -

Mrs. L. H. Metzgar - 1st President
Mrs. A. W. Reynolds - 1st Vice President
Mrs. Lee J. Farmer - Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. James R. Murray, Sr.
Mrs. Albert H. Lueth
Mrs. Robert J. Armstrong
Mrs. Charles E. Vogan
Mrs. D. J. McLean
Mrs. Arthur B. Gage
Mrs. Agnes H. Barnickle
Mrs. John T. Jensen
Mrs. Joe Page
Mrs. White

(NOTE: Mrs. E.J. Proper - mother of Mrs. Farmer; and Mrs. Asa Keck attended this meeting as guests but they did not join as charter members.)

The second meeting of "Tierra Buena Improvement Club" was held April 24 at the home of Mrs. Robert J. Armstrong. Attending club in those days proved to be very thrilling, as members drove with their horse and buggy over roads that were deep in mud during winter months and even deeper in dust through the summer. This group organized to promote social interests and community improvement. Their first main social event and community gathering of club families and friends was a "Box Social" held in the one room school-house. Sometime later, this club changed its name to: "Tierra Buena Women's Club" - and in 1914 they became federated with the Northern District and also with the California (State) Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). When Sutter-Yuba Bi-County Federation of the California (State) Federation of Women's Clubs was organized in 1920, Tierra Buena's representative group attended the meeting held at the home of Mrs. C. K. Schnabel near Yuba City. Tierra Buena Women's Club joined then as Charter members of the Bi-County Federation of Women's Clubs. There were ten (10) clubs within the Sutter-Yuba County area who joined at this time.

In the Fall of 1921 the new school house building was completed, and the club women were given the privilege of meeting in the auditorium. During the Spring of 1922, school attendance had increased so much that it was necessary to use the auditorium for class-rooms. This prompted the club women's decision to build

their own club-house. So a portion of property located on the corner of Butte House and Adams Roads was secured from James R. Murray, Sr., and A. B. Murray (his wife). On June 27th, 1922, husbands of club members broke ground for the basement, and began construction of the club building. On August 30th, 1922 an additional, adjoining strip of property was secured from Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLean. Mrs. Lloyd L. Williams was club president at this time. There were 52 members when they began to build this first club-house; with \$1,750.00 in the Bank Account. "Open Air" dances and various other events were held during late summer and early Fall to help defray construction expenses. During late Fall of 1922, Mrs. L. Fitzgerald, State President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, officiated at the dedication ceremony. She was assisted by Mrs. Thomas H. Richards of Chico, (former resident of Marysville) a past State CFWC President.

"A Family Night" dinner and program was held in April 1924, at which time the main feature of the evening was the burning of the note and mortgage - which indicated that Tierra Buena Women's Club was cleared of all indebtedness against the club building and grounds. Mrs. George Hoffman, President, presided. Mrs. D. J. McLean performed the mortgage burning ceremony. A letter received from Mrs. Lloyd L. Williams was read at this time, congratulating the club women on their achievements. This was considered to be one of the

largest and finest Club-houses in the Sutter-Yuba Bi-County area.

During April 1927 members of Tierra Buena Women's Club were hostesses at a tea, at which time they entertained two hundred and fifty club women who had gathered in the local area for the annual convention of the Northern District California Federation of Women's Clubs. The hall was attractively decorated for the occasion with olive boughs, large baskets of marigolds, lilacs, bridal wreath and iris. Long festoons of wisteria were arranged around the sides of the spacious club-room. The two tea tables were centered with large baskets of lilacs.

In 1939, a partition was built across the North end of the auditorium to allow for a smaller, more convenient meeting room with kitchen facilities. Regular afternoon and evening card parties and other events were held through the summer months to help defray costs of this project.

During May of 1944 this first club building was sold to: Harter Packing Company for \$3,000.00 cash. This money was converted into Bonds. Harters used the building to house their farm workers for a time. Later they sold the building to George Pier, who did a considerable amount of work and remodeling which transformed the spacious building into eight attractive, housing apartment units. Following sale of the club-building meetings were held in the homes during the ensuing few years.

At the October 4, 1945 meeting - Mrs. George Boughton reported the "GOOD NEWS" that Dr. C. V. Doll had offered to give the club ladies a portion of land upon which to build a new clubhouse, "with the provision that we build within five (5) years": Later the property was deeded to the club with NO specific provisions. In October 1953 - resolutions were accepted that a new club-house be built on this property, with Lamon Brothers Contractors in charge of construction. Mrs. D. F. Sakuth, who was club president at this time, appointed Mrs. Kenneth C. Bryan as the Building Chairman. She devoted many hours over-seeing the construction and progress of this building, at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held November 9, 1953 with Mrs. Charles E. Vogan, one of our "Pioneer Charter Members", turning the first shovelful of ground. Construction of the club building began shortly thereafter. The first meeting in our present clubhouse was held February 18, 1954, with Mrs. D. F. Sakuth, president presiding.

"Building and Living" was the theme for the formal dedication of the new building of Tierra Buena Women's Club located on Butte House Road. Mrs. Amer Stolp of Durham, junior past State president of California Federation of Women's Clubs, officiated at the dedication ceremony and was guest speaker. Mrs. D. F. Sakuth, president, presided and introduced guests. The dedication ceremony was held

Sunday, February 28, 1954. Club members were hostesses at the "Open House and Silver Tea" which was attended by a large number of representatives of Women's Clubs throughout the Northern District and members of the State CFWC Executive Board.

In November 1959 mortgage burning ceremonies were held with Mrs. Fred Pedley, of Truckee, Sutter District President as guest speaker. Mrs. Louis Rockholt, president, presided at this meeting. Mrs. David Sakuth, conducted the mortgage burning ceremony, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Bryan, Mrs. Lloyd L. Williams and Mrs. Alvin H. Pelton. One large white candle in a formal white container was the instrument for the actual burning.

Now on this wonderful Spring Day of April 18, 1963, we are celebrating our Golden Anniversary, marking Fifty Years (50) of service and activity for Tierra Buena Women's Club, with Mrs. Vera Gridley, president, presiding.

NOTE: During World War I and World War II - Club members were very active in Red Cross activities and many phases of other volunteer community and service organizations, including: Community Chest, Civil Defense, U.S.O., etc. For many years they sponsored the annual community Christmas tree program at the school until after the local PTA was organized. They also sponsored various youth organizations and activities during the past years.

The Tierra Buena Women's Club joined the Federation in 1920 and withdrew in 1976.

The Clubhouse was sold in 1977 and then the club met for a time at the Alstate buiding in Yuba City. At the present time the club meets in the homes of members. In 1981 there were 29 members.

TIERRA BUENA WOMENS CLUB PRESIDENTS

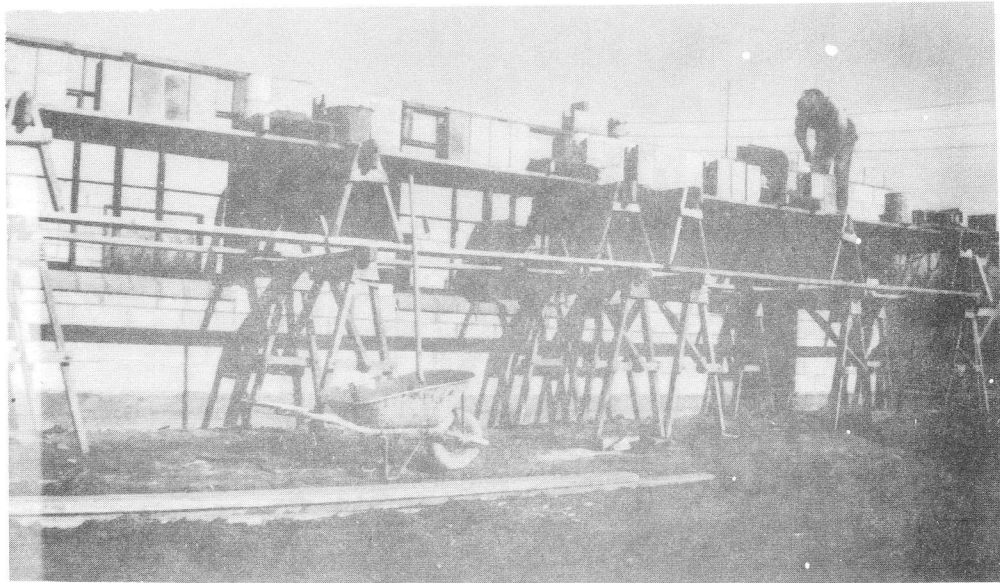
Mrs. L.H. Metzgar	1913-1914		(deceased)
Mrs. A.W. Reynolds	1914-1915		(deceased)
Miss May Smith	1915-1920		(deceased)
Mrs. L.L. Williams	1920-1923		(deceased)
Mrs. George Hoffman	1923-1925	1936-1937	(deceased)
Mrs. Charles Tharp	1925-1926		
Mrs. Alvera Parker	1926-1927		
Mrs. D.J. McLean	1927-1929		(deceased)
Mrs. D.J. Cutler	1929-1930		(deceased)
Mrs. Charles E. Vogan	1930-1932		(deceased)
Mrs. Kenneth Gordon	1932-1933		
Mrs. Charles Doll	1933-1935		(deceased)
Her second year was finished by Mrs. V. Vanderford			(deceased)
Mrs. Clarence Hoon	1935-1936		(deceased)
Mrs. Neil Landis	1937-1938		
Mrs. Alvin H. Pelton	1938-1939	1956-1957	
Mrs. Karl Weber	1939-1940		
Mrs. E.J. Holzbock	1940-1941	1952-1953	
Mrs. Everett Winton	1941-1942		
Her year was finished by Mrs. Karl Weber			
Mrs. Clinton DeWitt	1942-1944		(deceased)
Mrs. James Green	1944-1945		
Mrs. Ed Shaffer	1945-1946	1975-1976	
Mrs. H.L. Woodward	1946-1947		
Mrs. Clifford Conner	1947-1948		
Mrs. George Shintaffer	1948-1950		
Mrs. A.G. Chenoweth	1950-1951		
Mrs. Loran Hawkins	1951-1952		
Mrs. D.F. Sakuth	1953-1955		
Mrs. Kenneth Bryan	1955-1956	1979-1981	
Mrs. Virgil Woods	1957-1958	1972-1973	(deceased)
Mrs. A. L. Sullenger	1958-1959		
Mrs. Louis Rockholt	1959-1961		(deceased)
Mrs. Ralph Essay	1961-1962		(deceased)
Mrs. Vera Gridley	1962-1963		
Mrs. Neva Romelsbacher	1963-1964		(deceased)
Mrs. Ben Franklin	1964-1965	1966-1967	1981-1982
Mrs. Clarence Boardman	1965-1966		
Mrs. Pete Licari	1967-1968	1976-1977	
Mrs. Leland Drew	1968-1970		
Mrs. Roy Phillips	1970-1971		
Mrs. Roy Osterli	1971-1972		
Mrs. Ruth Putman	1973-1975		
Mrs. June Thomas	1977-1979		



GROUND BREAKING NOVEMBER 9, 1953



DIGGING THE WELL 1953



THE WALLS GOING UP 1953



THE PAINTERS

DEDICATION

Words may mean a great deal to us -
Did - signifies achievement
Can't is a word of defeat
Ought - is a word of duty
Will - is a word of beauty
Can - is a word of power -
 that has never failed you; for
you have built for yourselves
 a home
apart from life's busy ways;
and there - you invite us
to enter and share your
 happy days.

The walls are the love of friends
 cemented, strong and stout;
Built on four square corners
 of loyalty,
To keep unkind thoughts out.

The walk is broad -
The threshold wide -
There is no bolt or bar.
Because of you with hearts so true,
The door will stand ajar.
The light of trust and sympathy
Will thru your windows shine.

Upon your desk of "Service"
Shall shine the lamp Divine.
You built your house
 with earthly hands,
You built so all could see -
The work that dedicated hearts
 can do -
In Federation Unity.

To me this dedication will mean - Home.
Your club will be filled with hospitality,
And whenever I come to visit you
I will be - "Just coming Home".

(NOTE: This is a portion of dedication
message presented by: Mrs. Amer Stolp)

meeting Nov 28, 1953

Friday Morning, November 28, 1953

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Tierra Buena Clubwomen Hold Mortgage Burning Ceremonies



DEDICATION DAY FEBRUARY 28, 1954



AT THE FIRST MEETING

meeting Nov. 19-1959

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Tuesday Morning, November 24, 1959

INDEPENDENT-HERALD

Yuba City, California

Tierra Buena Clubwomen Hold Mortgage Burning Ceremonies

Mrs. David Sakuth read the Deed of Reconveyance for the Tierra Buena Clubhouse at the burning of the Mortgage at Thursday meeting of the club. She thanked her building committee and all the club members that had helped in the project. Assisting her were Mrs. Kenneth Bryan, music chairman, Mrs. Edna Pelton, Mrs. Nancy Williams, and Mrs. Neva Romelsbacher.

Mrs. Fred Pedley of Truckee, Sutter District President, was a guest and expressed her pleasure at the cooperative spirit and friendliness of the club members in their fine work as a club, and as Federated Club members.

Other guests attending were Mrs. Guy Rogers, Durham, former Northern District president; Mrs. Henry Johnson, Marysville, District Amenities Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Stoker, District Chairman of Internal Affairs; Mrs. Neva Romelsbacher, Meridian, District Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Bryan, Chairman of the Joseph Seaman, Award; Mrs. Arthur Sullenger, District chairman of Citizenship, Mrs. Mamie Meier, Yuba City District Chairman of Radio and Television; Mesdames Donald Ohleyer, and F. P. McLaughlin, Bogue Country Club; Mrs. J. B. Greenfield, Marysville Art Club

president; Mrs. Ben Catlett, Mrs. Bert Ullrey, Mrs. William E. Gottwalls, Sutter City Woman's Club; Mrs. Parthena Smith, Mrs. Clarence West, Mrs. Geraldine Sagerstrom Mrs. Irene Warnick, and Mrs. Arthur Wallis, Yuba City.

Mrs. E. F. Lange gave the Bible reading on "Mystery and Miracle of the Daily Bread", followed by the tribute to the flag led by Mrs. Arthur Sullenger. Mrs. Kenneth Bryan, pianist led in the singing of the National Anthem and the Sutter District song, composed by Mrs. Pedley and sung in her honor.

Mrs. Edna Pelton reported on the plans to build a small storage and pump building. Mrs. Louis Rockholt, president, called a meeting for Wednesday Dec. 2 to plan and vote on this project.

Mrs. Ed. Holzbock, told of the recent District Safety Council meeting held at Hotel Marysville, the club voting approval of assisting with that work. Mrs. Albert M. Schuler, reported on the sickness of club members.

A donation was voted to be given to the Tuberculosis Association fund.

The next meeting, Dec. 17, will be a Christmas party, with an exchange of gifts and singing of Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Rockholt, presented Pedley a gift of a place setting, made by Mrs. Rockholt, from the club members.

Mrs. Henry Johnson read the collect followed by the penny march for the Wishing Well, Penny Pine Fund, and the Building Fund House. There was a display of pantry articles for sale.

Bouquets of pastel chrysanthemums were a gift from Ray Gordon. The tea table was centered with ceramic pheasants and chrysanthemums.

Serving for the potluck luncheon which preceded the program, were Mrs. Ila Brown, chairman, Mrs. George Boughton, Mrs. Marge Hendon, Mrs. Ed. Holzbock, Mrs. Edna Pelton and Mrs. Bryan.

Golden Anniversary Is Marked By Tierra Buena Woman's Club

Meeting April 18-1963

Arrangements of golden tulips, golden foliage in large containers and arrangements of golden sprayed money plants decorated the clubhouse of the Tierra Buena Woman's Club on Butte House Road, for the observation of the 50th anniversary of the club.

Mrs. Ada Weber, giving the history of the club, related how a small group of women met for a social afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee J. Farmer, located just east of Tierra Buena School house.

It was April 10, 50 years ago, that the small group of women organized the Tierra Buena Improvement Club.

As stated in the original minutes of this first meeting, they met to organize a Ladies Aid to assist the Methodists, who were holding church and Sunday School services in the schoolhouse. Many denominations were represented, so it was decided to meet as the Tierra Buena Improvement Club.

Their main interests were entertainment, social diversions and community welfare. There were 13 original pioneer charter members. They included:

Mrs. L. B. Metzger, first president; Mrs. A. W. Reynolds, first vice-president; Mrs. Lee J. Farmer, secretary - treasurer; Mrs. James R. Murray Sr., Mrs. Albert Leuth, Mrs. John T. Jensen, Mrs. Joe A. Page Mrs. Charles E. Vogan, Mrs. D. J. McLean, Mrs. Arthur B. Gage, Mrs. Agnes H. Barnickie, Mrs. W. White and Mrs. Robert J. Armstrong.

The second meeting of the club was at the home of Mrs. Armstrong.

The first main social event and community gathering of club families and friends was a Box Social in the one-room schoolhouse.

The club group sometime later changed its name to Tierra Buena Woman's Club. In 1914 the club became federated with the Northern District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, and with the State Federation.

When Sutter-Yuba Bi-County Federation of CFWC was organized in 1920, a representative group attended the meeting in the home of Mrs. C. K. Schnabel near Yuba City. Tierra Buena Woman's Club joined as one of the 10 charter clubs.

IN THE FALL of 1921, the

new school building was completed and the club women were given the privilege of meeting in the auditorium. During the spring of 1922, school attendance had increased so that it was necessary to use the auditorium for classrooms. This prompted the club women to build their own clubhouse.

A portion of property located on the corner of Butte House Road and Adams Road was secured from Mr. and Mrs. James R. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLean and on June 27, 1922, husbands of club members broke ground for the basement, and construction of the new building. Mrs. Lloyd L. Williams, club president at this time, spent a great deal of time overseeing the main construction. There were 52 members when the building was started and they had \$1,750 in the bank account. Dances and various other events were held to help defray construction expenses. The club's dedication ceremony was in 1922. The mortgage was burned in April 1924.

During April, 1927, members of the Tierra Buena Woman's Club were hostesses at a tea, at which time they entertained 250 club women who had gathered in the area for the annual convention of the Northern District (now Sutter.)

THE HALL WAS decorated for the event with olive boughs, large baskets of marigolds, lilies, bridal wreath and iris. Long festoons of wisteria were arranged around the sides of the club-room. The two tea tables were centered with large baskets of lilacs.

In 1939, a partition was built across the north end of the auditorium to allow for a smaller, more convenient meeting room with kitchen facilities. Regular card parties and other social events were held to defray costs of the project.

During May of 1944 the first club building was sold to Harter Packing Co. in Sutter County for \$3,000. This money was converted into bonds. The firm used the building to house its farm workers for a time. Later the building was sold to George Pier, who remodeled it and made it into eight housing units.

At the Oct. 4, 1945, club meeting, Mrs. George Boughton announced that Dr. C. V. Doll had

offered to give the club a portion of land upon which to build a new clubhouse, with the provision that it be built within the next five years. Later the land was deeded to the club with no specific provisions. In October, 1933, it was decided to build a new clubhouse with Lamson Bros. contractors in charge, Mrs. Kenneth Bryan of Yuba City was appointed building chairman. She devoted many hours to overseeing the progress of the building. Mrs. D. K. Sakuth, was president. Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted Nov. 9, 1953, with Mrs. Charles Vozan, a charter member turning the first shovel of earth.

THE FIRST meeting in the new clubhouse was Feb. 18, 1954, with Mrs. Sakuth presiding. Mrs. Amer Stolp was guest speaker at the dedication ceremonies for this new building, held Feb. 28, 1954. Club members were hostesses at the Open House Tea held at this time.

In November, 1959, mortgage burning ceremonies were held with Mrs. Fred Pedley of Truckee, Sutter District CFWC president, as guest speaker. Mrs. Louis Rockholt was president at this time.

Mrs. Vera Gridley, current president, presided at the 50th anniversary meeting. In addition to the history of the club the program included solos by Mrs. William Green, accompanied by Joann Russell. She sang "Mr. Snow" and "Bali Hai."

Nine girls of the Sutter Union High School Glee Club sang several numbers.

Mrs. Gridley greeted guests, who were present from many surrounding clubs and next presented past presidents of the Tierra Buena Club. Those present were Mrs. Lawton Parker, Mrs. Edna Pelton, Mrs. Ada Weber, Mrs. Ed Holzbock, Mrs. David Sakuth, Mrs. Kenneth Bryan, Mrs. Louis Rockholt, Mrs. A. G. Chenoweth, Mrs. Ralph Essay and Mrs. L. L. Williams, senior president, who was given a seat of honor and spoke for the past club presidents. Others spoke of the changes in the area since 1913.

Mrs. Gridley presented each past president with a handmade camellia corsage, the work of Mrs. Rockholt.

Mrs. J. B. Moorhead of Marysville, a past president of the for-

mer Northern District, CFWC, spoke briefly and was presented a corsage. Presidents of visiting clubs were introduced and presented their members in attendance. Fifty-year cards of congratulations were read from clubs not represented in person. Mrs. B. F. Lang opened the meeting with devotionals. Mrs. A. G. Chenoweth, reporting for the nominating committee, announced the following slate of officers, who were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Neva Romelsbacher, president; Mrs. Rosemary Rodhair, first vice-president; Mrs. C. Boardman, second vice-presi-

dent; Mrs. Starr Poole, secretary; Mrs. Louis Rockholt, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Edna Pelton, treasurer. The officers will be installed at the May 16 meeting.

Mrs. Gridley announced the Tierra Buena Club had received three awards of merit at the Sutter District convention in Placerville—one for history and landmarks, one for conservation and the third for Penny Pines project.

A tea hour followed the meeting with Mrs. Hanlon Brown, Mrs. William Green Jr., Mrs. M. A. Schuler, Mrs. Kenneth Bryan, Mrs. Bertha Jaeger and Mrs. Inga Heiken as hostesses. The lace-covered tea table was centered with an arrangement of golden tulips in a gold dish, flanked by white candles in golden holders.