

Presidents' Themes Indication Of Challenges Met By Clubwomen

The Seventh District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, will become history following the three-day convention in Lubbock, beginning with a board dinner Monday.

After this meeting the district will be divided into two and one-half sections.

For almost four decades the Seventh District has included every federated club in 49 counties of the Texas Panhandle. The current president, Mrs. A. T. Cocanougher, will preside at the final district convention. Mrs. Ben Boyd of Denton, state president, will be in Lubbock for the meeting.

Mrs. A. L. Putnam of Plainview, who was chairman of arrangements for the first district convention in 1922, is a member of the district board of directors. Other members are Mrs. Mark Henry of Crowell, Mrs. Sam Seay of Amarillo and Mrs. Martin Crews.

Began In 1921

In a 1921 redistricting move, the Seventh District was formed from the First District. Mrs. Carl Goodman of Abernathy was the first Seventh District president, and presented the area a gavel she had made from wood from Palo Duro Canyon. The gavel is still in use. The first convention was held in Plainview and the second in 1923 in Amarillo.

Mrs. Reese Tatum of Dalhart was president from 1923 to 1925, and she urged the study of good government and good citizenship. Recognition as homemakers rather than housekeepers was stressed by Mrs. W. B. Price during her presidency from 1925 to 1927.

From 1927 to 1929 Mrs. T. E. Collins of Amarillo was the district president. Her objectives were free county libraries, County Federations and tree planting. During her administration Texas entertained the General Federation of Women's Clubs for the first time.

"The Federation of Women's Clubs furnishes an outlet from woman's innate desire for usefulness as nothing before has ever done. Clubwomen, as a rule, hold themselves bound to walk the upper roads of usefulness which run along the ridges and command a better view of the general field of life," declared Mrs. J. T. Whitmore of Snyder, who was president from 1929 to 1931.

Vice President Served

Mrs. C. T. Hunapillar of Pampa was elected from 1931 to 1933, but was unable to serve. This put the administration into the hands of the first vice president, Mrs. J. A. Hill of Canyon. Her aims were enlistment, enlightenment, wise economy and helpfulness, and her watch words were: "Look upward not downward, outward not inward, forward not backward, and lend a helping hand."

"Let's go a little farther, let's do a little better this year. Got any rivers they say are uncrossable, got any mountains you can't tunnel through? We specialize in the wholly impossible, doing the things no one else can do," were the words chosen by Mrs. W. P. Averitt of Lamesa who served during the depression years of 1933 to 1936.

From 1936 to 1938 Mrs. J. W. Walker of Plainview was district president. "Life is not measured

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DRESS WITH HISTORY — Mrs. A. L. Putnam of Plainview models a dress and accessories she wore at the first convention of the Seventh District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in 1922. She will wear the dress for a meeting at the last convention of the Seventh District to be held in Lubbock Monday through Wednesday.

in years but by its enthusiasm," she declared her slogan and urged clubs to make reports at meetings.

Twenty-six clubs were added to the roll of the district when Mrs. J. W. Rutherford of Chillicothe served from 1938 to 1940. She asked

ed that each club member "rededicate yourself to the ideals of the federation."

Mrs. Godeke Served

Mrs. H. F. Godeke of Lubbock, who served from 1940 to 1942, chose "Education for Democracy's Defense" as her theme. Service by every club woman was stressed by Mrs. Wesley Izzard of Amarillo who served during the war years 1942-1945.

Mrs. Raymond W. Harrah of Pampa, 1945-1947, left the thought: "Any woman who can get up in the morning with the corners of her mouth turned in the right direction, and can sing a cheerful tune, and can laugh, is not headed for an institution. Do something for someone else everyday and life will hold for you a sunburst of joy."

"Women's Opportunity and Responsibility in the New Era" was the theme chosen by Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard of Memphis who served from 1947 to 1949. She stressed international good will, and 7,000 letters were written to foreign clubs during her term.

Letters and care packages were also sent to foreign countries when Mrs. James A. Allen of Childress served from 1949 to 1951. She stressed international good will, cooperation and friendship.

"I will give freely to this district as its president. I will give loyalty and I shall be myself," declared Mrs. O. M. McGinty of Spur when she took office to serve from 1951 to 1953. In 1953 Mrs. H. P. Mundy of Shamrock took the theme: "Let Us Widen Our Visions and Renew Our Strength." She served until 1956.

On Abundant Living

"Accept the Challenge" became the theme for Mrs. Robert R. Lindsey of Borger who served from 1956 to 1958. She stressed "Abundant Living Through Service," and took part in furthering scholarship programs.

"Keys to New Evaluations" is the theme of Mrs. Cocanougher. Her motto has been: "Love, Friendship and Service." She has worked toward marking Coronado's Route through the Lubbock Area.

So the Seventh District to the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will come to Lubbock this week for the fifth and last time

Charter Dinner Held By Delta Rho Delta

Tau Mu Chapter of Delta Rho Delta was chartered at a dinner Saturday night at the Lubbock Club.

Officers in the new chapter are: Mrs. Opal Johnson, archon; Mrs. Julia Price, first vice archon; Mrs. Wanda Henderson, second vice archon; Mrs. Mary Rumbo, treasurer; Dr. Carolyn Attneave, service activities; Mrs. Francis Brown, hostess; Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin, publicity chairman; Mrs. Jo Stoneham, historian; Mrs. Billie Jones, Federation representative; Mrs. Eugenia Bray, parliamentarian; and Mrs. June Cleary, sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. Margaret Kelley is local

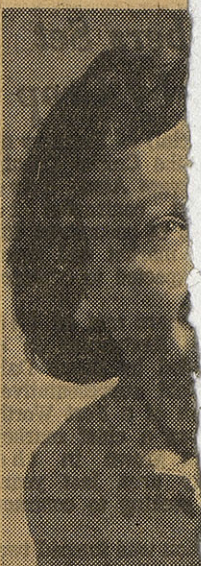
membership director and Mrs. A. T. Cocanougher is first honorary member.

Miss Francis Ramsey of Tulsa, national executive administration, was in charge of the charter ceremony.

Assisting in the program were Mrs. Ruth Harris of Oklahoma City, national counselor; Mrs. Winnie Thornton of Fort Worth, national field director; and Mrs. Lillian Merriam of San Antonio, membership director.

Seven members of Alpha Beta Chapter in Fort Worth were present.

Mrs. Ben Boyd, of Denton, president of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, was a special guest.



JUNE BRIDE — Mr. and Mrs. Verne W. Reed of Ill., announce engagement of their daughter, Nan, to David Phron, son of Mrs. Verne W. Reed, 3203 28th St. The wedding will take place June 11 at First Christian Church. The bride-to-be is a freshman at University, and the groom is a former student of Texas Tech.

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Dear Miss Julia:

Your card came and it is
so good to have your
Birthday message -

I think you are having
a Birthday just about
this same date but I am
not sure - know Arthur's
and mine fell on the same
date -

Hope you are well.
I think of you so often.
Eighty-six is not so bad!
I am well, and just fine.
The children gave a Bridge
party for me Friday, we
went to Minna-Matens
new Tea Room, in Ft. Worth
Saturday for a luncheon
and had our family dinner
Sunday with the third
"Birth Day cake" and all
the trickings! Wish
you could have been
with us -

Thanks again for the
good wishes, I love you,

Devotedly,

September 24, 1963 Ada

Mrs. A. L. Putnam



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