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## PARLOR CLUB COLLECTION

### INTRODUCTION

The Parlor Club of Lafayette, Indiana, held its first meeting on 13 November 1877. The first officers of the society were Purdue President, E. E. White, president; Captain W. D. Wallace, vice president; Helen M. Gougar, secretary. Members are elected both from the university and from the town. As stated in the constitution, the Parlor Club was founded “with the object of attaining a higher, broader, and truer culture – intellectual, social, and moral...The usual literary exercises of each evening shall be an essay and a discussion.” (See Box III for club histories.)

The collection consists of minutes, 1913-77 and 1982-84; program booklets, 1878...1985; some correspondence; items re anniversary meetings; some papers presented by members, including the Joseph Charles Arthur collection of Parlor Club papers, ca. 1894...1933; an album with photographs from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting held at the Cable G. Ball home, 1977. Included is a meeting program for the anniversary meeting, 13 November 1897, which was probably illustrated by Evaleen Stein, Poet Laureate of the Parlor Club until her death in 1923.

### PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE COLLECTION

2 records storage box  
2 document boxes

### CONTAINER LIST

ADMINISTRATIVE, 1877-1984

#### BOX 1

##### ITEM A

Minutes book. October 1913 to April 1926. Includes copy of constitution and by-laws from 1916-17 program booklet pasted inside front cover.

##### ITEM B

Minutes book. October 1926 to April 1931.

##### ITEM C

Minutes book. October 1931 to May 1938.

ITEM D

Minutes book. October 1938 to October 1945.

ITEM E

Minutes book. November 1945 to May 1958.

ITEM F

Minutes book. October 1958 to May 1968.

ITEM G

Minutes book. September 1968 to May 1977.

The above minutes books also contain treasurer's reports.

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

1 Minutes. September 1982 to March 1983.

2 Minutes. September 1983 to April 1984.

3 Miscellaneous correspondence. 1923...1984.

4 Anniversary meeting. 13 November 1897. Program for meeting was illustrated by Evaleen Stein.

5 Anniversary meeting. 20 November 1923. Poem presented by Dr. P. N. Evans.

6 Anniversary meeting. 20 November 1942. Correspondence.

Picnic meeting. 14 May 1942. Agenda.

7 Anniversary meeting. 19 November 1943. Newsclipping.

8 Anniversary meetings. 1962, 1970. Poem given at both meetings.

9 Anniversary meeting. 13 November 1964. Examples of place cards, newsclipping.

10 Anniversary meeting. 19 November 1965. Agenda.

11 Anniversary meeting. 10 November 1967. Newsclipping.

12 List of presidents of Parlor Club. 1877...1949.

13 Roster of active members. 1877-1952. (6 copies of booklet)

14 Mailing addresses of members. September 1969.

## BOX 2

### FOLDER

1 Program booklets. 1878-79; 1895-96; 1896-97 (3); 1897-98 (3); 1898-99 (3); 1899-1900 (3).

2 Program booklets. 1900-01 (2); 1901-02 (2); 1902-03 (2); 1903-04 (2); 1904-05 (3); 1905-06 (3); 1906-07 (2); 1907-08 (3); 1908-09 (3).

3 Program booklets. 1909-10 (3); 1910-11 (3); 1911-12 (3); 1912-13 (2); 1913-14; 1914-15 (3); 1915-16; 1916-17 (3); 1917-18 (2).

4 Program booklets. 1918-19; 1919-20; 1920-21 (3); 1921-22 (2); 1922-23 (3); 1923-24 (3); 1924-25 (2); 1925-26 (3).

5 Program booklets. 1926-27 (3); 1927-28 (3); 1928-29 (3); 1929-30 (3); 1930-31 (3); 1931-32 (3).

6 Program booklets. 1932-33 (3); 1933-34 (2); 1934-35; 1935-36 (3); 1936-37 (3); 1937-38 (3); 1938-39 (3).

7 Program booklets. 1939-40 (3); 1940-41 (3); 1941-42 (3); 1942-43 (3); 1943-44 (2); 1944-45 (3); 1945-46 (3).

8 Program booklets. 1946-47 (3); 1947-48 (3); 1948-49 (3); 1949-50 (2); 1950-51 (2); 1951-52 (3); 1952-53 (3).

9 Program booklets. 1953-54 (3); 1954-55 (3); 1955-56; 1956-57 (2); 1957-58 (3); 1958-59 (3); 1959-60; 1960-61; 1961-62 (3).

10 Program booklets. 1962-63 (3); 1963-64 (3); 1964-65 (3); 1965-66 (3); 1966-67 (3); 1967-68 (3); 1968-69 (2); 1969-70 (3); 1970-71 (3).

11 Program booklets. 1971-72; 1972-73 (2); 1973-74.

12 Program booklets. 1981-82 (3); 1982-83 (3); 1983-84 (3); 1984-85.

(In above listings, multiple copies of program booklets are indicated after the date in parentheses; otherwise only one copy of the booklet is in the collection.)

## MATERIALS WRITTEN BY OR RELATED TO PARLOR CLUB MEMBERS

### BOX 3

#### FOLDER

- 1 Reminiscences of Parlor Club written in a letter addressed to Mrs. Eliza B. Vinnedge by Harvey W. Wiley, 11 November 1927.
- 2 "Looking Backward Ninety Years" by R. Norris Shreve, 10 November 1967.
- 3 "The History of the Parlor Club" by Helen S. and Harold H. Watts, ca. 1976.
- 4 History of Parlor Club compiled by Kent A. Schuette, [1984?].
- 5 Miscellaneous notes and reminiscences of Parlor Club.
- 6 Papers presented at Parlor Club meetings. 1912, 1 item; 1945, 1 item; [undated], 5 items.
- 7 Papers presented at Parlor Club meetings, 1971; 1972, 3 items.
- 8 Papers presented at Parlor Club meetings, [1978?], 1 item; 1980, 1 item; 1982, 1 item; 1983, 3 items.
- 9 Papers presented at Parlor Club meetings, September 1983 to March 1984, 6 items.
- 10 "A Letter to the Parlor Club" by Edw. H. Davis.
- 11 Miscellaneous writings, including poems, play scripts, song lyrics.
- 12 Items re Evaleen Stein, including "Ode by Evaleen Stein Read Before the Parlor Club, September 21, 1894"; poem, "Our Doctor"; note addressed to Mr. Burnett; newsclippings.
- 13 Items re Andrey A. Potter, including paper, "Ellen Richards, Pioneer in Euthenics and in Bettering Conditions in the Home, Factory and Community"; letter addressed to Norris [Shreve], 15 November 1965 listing outstanding members of Parlor Club; biographies of Potter from "Purdue Engineer," 1946, 1953.
- 14 Miscellaneous items re members, including newsclippings, resolutions at the time of death.

ITEM H, in BOX I

Photograph album. Members attending 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting at Cable Ball home, 1977.

ADDITIONS TO BOX 3, FOLDER 15

Papers presented at Parlor Club meetings, 1897.

BOX 4

Collection of essays written and presented by Joseph Charles Arthur listed below by title and date of presentation before Parlor Club:

“Vivisection of Plants,” n.d.; “The Biology of Habit,” 21 September 1894; “Universality of Consciousness and Pain,” 18 September 1896; “The Forty Immortals and Some Others,” 4 February 1898; “Quest of the Round Table,” 7 February 1902; “The Island of Height,” 27 January 1905; “The Heart of the Dolomites,” 6 April 1906; “The Old Settle,” 21 January 1910; “The Story of a Garden,” 7 April 1911; “Vocations and Avocations,” 6 December 1912; “Ho to Live Without Fighting,” 2 October 1914; “The Art of Accumulating,” 16 March 1917; “Rousseau, Lover of Plants,” 16 April 1920; “The Course of Endeavor,” 19 December 1924; “Incidents of Travel,” 6 November 1925; “The Spirit of the Mountaineer,” 19 January 1928; “Why a Botanist?,” 1 November 1929; “The West Country,” 20 March 1931; “Man and His Thoughts,” 4 March 1932; “Time and Time Again,” 20 January 1935.

Included with above is autobiographical sketch by Arthur, “Boyhood in Charles City”; letters re the Arthur collection of essays, 1936, 1937, 3 items.

FOLDER 1

Paper, “The Personal Equation” by Dr. John P. Hale, presented at Parlor Club, 3 November 1916 at the Arthur home.

BOX 5

FOLDER 1

Xrox copy of "The Parlor Club: Guidebook for Members, September 2008 Edition"  
Resolution passed 11/17/2008 regarding banking actions  
2008-2009 Parlor Club Schedule  
2008-2009 Club Membership Roster  
Minutes and copies of programs presented from September 2008 - April 2009  
Addition to Parlor Club Collection, Accession 2012.22

FOLDER 2

Minutes, Membership, Finance 2009- 2010

From Accession 2014.032

FOLDER 3

Minutes and Papers 2009- 2010

From Accession 2014.032

FOLDER 4

Minutes and Papers 2011- 2012, Part 1

From Accession 2012.79.1

FOLDER 5

Minutes and Papers 2011- 2012, Part 2

From Accession 2012.79.1

FOLDER 6

Records for 2012-2013

From addendum accession 2014.032

FOLDER 7

Records for 2013-2014

From addendum accession 2014.032

FOLDER 8

Treasurer's Book 2013- 2015

From Accession 2016.056

FOLDER 9

Secretary's Book 2014- 2015

From accession 2016.056

FOLDER 10

Membership, Minutes and Papers 2015- 2016

From accession 2017.038

FOLDER 11

Papers 2016-2017

From accession 2017.038

FOLDER 12

Meeting Minutes, Sept. 2016- April 2017

From accession 2017.038

## PEOPLE

White, E. E.  
Wallace, W. D.  
Gougar, Helen M.  
Ball, Cable G.  
Stein, Evaleen  
Evans, P. N.  
Vinnedge, Eliza B.  
Wiley, Harvey W.  
Shreve, R. Norris  
Watts, Helen S.  
Watts, Harold H.  
Schuette, Kent A.  
Davis, Edw. H.  
Potter, Andrey A.  
Arthur, Joseph Charles  
Hale, John P.

## CLASSIFICATION

Organizations/Cultural

## SUBJECTS

Clubs  
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## SEARCH TERMS

Parlor Club