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College Branch of the AALW Oranges is 60 years old

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"I joined because they were doing what I was interested in, using a college education in a constructive, out-reaching way," says Mrs. Olive. Noble of Maplewood.

Mrs. Noble, a member and past president of the College Club of the Oranges and Maplewood, Millburn and Short Hills, a division of the American Association of University Women, is program chairman of a luncheon which will be held at Mayfair Farms on May 20 to mark the College Club's 60th anniversary.

The luncheon program will commemorate in rhyme and rhythm, the Club's history of accomplishments since its inception in 1914.

devoted to education

The College Club "is an organization devoted to the educating of educated women, helping to continue their intellectual growth in ways designed to be of service to the seven communities - the Oranges, Maplewood, Millburn and Short Hills," according to a published history of the Club.

Meetings of the College Club are diversified in content and divided in time between afternoon meetings and evening sessions to accommodate the needs of the variety of members, all college graduates, but occupying different positions in life.

The Afternoon Section holds monthly general meetings in the Parish House of

St. Cloud Presbyterian Church, West Orange. Special interest groups, which are formed by members of the day-time group, meet in members' homes.

Evening Section meetings are held in homes of members and study groups for evening members are also scheduled in member homes.

programs varied

The afternoon programs have been varied and geared to today's women. As an example, in November, the topic discussed was "Women Searching for Self." Other meetings featured a slide presentation of "The New Jersey Craft Scene," a talk on "Global Interdependence: Budgeting for Earth," and a discussion on "Science and the Humanities."

The Evening Section enjoyed a slide discussion on "Today's Eve - the saga of woman trying to re-enter today's job market." Other meetings featured a talk on "Food for Thought" - facts and fancies about health foods; "Yoga, the Why and How of It," and "The Future: What's in it for Women."

Another interesting topic which involved an Evening Section meeting and indicates the trend in women's interests today was the "Psychologists View of Today's Women." Members were interested in the discussion led by Lilian Ehrlich, an Adlerian psychologist and Dr. Zeig Bach, a Freudian psychologist, who presented their divergent psychological views of today's women.

college graduates

To become a member of this intellectually stimulating group, one must be a college or university graduate from an approved college drawn from a list of more than 800 colleges and universities approved by the AALW.

Although many members are college graduates who have turned in their Phi Beta Kappa key for a key to a home with such as teachers and librarians and decorators.

All the women who attend the meetings wish to broaden their horizons, intellectually, through discussions and lectures and continue the educational process they started when they began their college education. They also enjoy the companionship of other college graduates.

However, many also join the Club to use their education to help others. The Holiday Bureau of the Oranges was founded in 1958 to coordinate welfare and charitable contributions to needy families at special seasons.

help for needy

Mrs. Noble said that College Club members accomplished this by making telephone surveys and keeping a file index to see that needy people were helped.

Mrs. Noble said "Another project that College Club members were involved with, was a survey of nursing homes in the East Orange area which led to governmental investigation and

cracking down on violators."

College Club members have also attended meetings of the New York-Tri-State Regional Planning Association meetings to find out what is good for cities and the people who live there.

Mrs. Noble says "College Club members worked on consumer problems and education and research long before it became fashionable. Their findings were published in a publication of the Consumers League of New Jersey."

Many study groups of the College Club choose topics to study which are precursors of what will become newsworthy in the future. Mrs. Noble says "Some groups within the College Club studied Red China before the cultural revolution. We are always just a little bit ahead," she said.

Another area of concern of College Club members is the environment and studies of the Passaic River and pollution.

well-informed

College Club members not only are informed on world and local affairs, but make their voices heard. A Legislative Chairman talks to members about bills under consideration in the legislatures and members study them and often communicate their views by letter to legislators.

The AALW maintains a Lobby in Trenton and Washington to speak for members of the group and so the gathering of educated women make themselves heard and make their opinions count.

AALW serves another function also. Scholarships are made available to

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deserving women to either go to college or to continue studies in graduate schools.

new fellowship

At the luncheon next week commemorating the 60th anniversary of the College Club a new fellowship will be announced which will be administered and given annually for graduate study. The fellowship will honor the late Mrs. Katherine Hodgekirkson, of Short Hills, a past president of the College Club of the Oranges, who died this year.

The College Club has a few charter members still listed amongst its ranks, one of whom, Mrs. Natalie Warner of West Orange, will attend the luncheon. All the women who will participate in the luncheon program, which will be entitled "We'll Sing Our Song of the Years" will wear hats typical of the era in which they were Club president or in some outstanding way associated with the Club.

The program will feature music appropriate to each historical era, of the club played on the piano by Mrs. Betty Oberrender. Original poetry will be written and read by Mrs. Nola Hooper of

West Orange and Mrs. Peggy Quad of South Orange. Assisting Mrs. Noble with the anniversary program in addition to those mentioned above are Mrs. Albert Capen of West Orange, Mrs. Norman Fifth of Maplewood and Mrs. William Gero of Millburn.

new officers

At the luncheon new officers will be installed. Mrs. Barbara Davidson of Maplewood, will be installed as president. Miss Helen Van Dyke Winter of Maplewood is the new second vice president and Mrs. Theina Hadley of Maplewood is secretary. Miss Louise Bales of Orange is treasurer. Evening Section chairman is Mrs. Beverly Schindler of Maplewood. Area representatives are: Community Problems, Mrs. Virginia Stox, of Maplewood; Cultural Interest Chairman, Mrs. Beverly Schindler; Bulletin and Yearbook Editor, Mrs. Ellen Krapp of Maplewood; Groups Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Alston; Fellowship chairman, Mrs. Carolyn Volk of Maplewood; Historian, Mrs. Dorothy Dralle of Maplewood; Hospitality, Mrs. Ellen Hagan of Orange, and publicity chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Busold of East Orange.