Mr. Prentice said he had had considerable experience in telling one member what he thot of her, but it was a new experience to face all the members, and he feared he would have no better success than with the one.

To realize what the Club meant to South Haven, we might try to realize what South Haven would be without the Club.

While there was no unit to measure the worth of the Club to the City, there as a taugible thing in the form of the building which was the pride of the city, was pointed out to visitors who often expressed surprise that in a city of this size there should be a woman's club owning its own building.

He congratulated the club on being free from debt and in position to push its efforts in new lines. He had marvelled at the Club being able to do this on its limited income, and he thot this spoke well for our future voters. Probably the reason South Haven gave so large a majority for suffrage was because its men were so well acquainted with the ability of its women.

The Club supplements the work of the schools, and its building furnishes a community center. Any woman of the community may join on paying the small fees asked, and such a club goes far to break down classes and to create a democratic spirit.

"May the Club live long and prosper," he said in conclusion.

Mrs. C. O. Monroe sang "To You," by Oley Speaks, and "Thy Beaming Eyes," McDowell, with Miss Shoemaker at the piano.

Mrs. Cordelia Merritt responded to "Our Membership, Past and Present." As a good foundation is necessary for an enduring structure, the club of today was greatly indebted to the early members who had laid the foundations so well, and she recalled the names of many of these pioneer workers, a few of whom are still left.

The memory of their work ably and willingly done should make the present members strike to emulate them, and the latter had done well by clearing away the debt under the leadership of the energetic and able president. With this spirit, who can predict the victories that await the club.

Mrs. W. G. Packard sang Bensberg's "Nymphs and Fawns," accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Hard, and responded to an encore.

Mrs. Pierce told of the poor boy who when pressed in coasting said his folks had a mortgage, and said the Scott Club had had one for twenty years, but had not boasted of it. Now, thanks to the efforts of the President and others, the Club had mortgages to burn, or to be more exact, a mortgage to burn. She then called upon Mrs. Rhodes, the president, to burn the mortgage.

Mrs. Rhodes spoke of what the mortgage had done in stimulating the members to effort, there being no occasion to look back with regret, but only to look forward with hope and anticipation. The debt was gone, thanks to the members and their husbands and other friends for opening their pocketbooks, and now the club should repay this aid by reaching out to touch all phases of life in the community.

After reading the list of donors, she touched the mortgage to the flame of a candle, and as it burned, addressed herself to it as a thing that had served its purpose.

As Mrs. Rhodes resumed her seat Mrs. E. A. Hartman came forward to present her with a beautiful bunch of chrysanthemums as a token of the appreciation of the club members for her efforts toward raising the debt, Mrs. Rhodes responding with the wish that this effort might only be the beginning of her work for the club.

The program concluded with a piano duet by Mrs. Edward Merson and Mrs. Lillian M. Eaton, Valse Caprice by Nevin, and encore "Fantare" from "William Tell" by Rossini.

A half hour or so of visiting and mutual congratulations on the success of the banquet and on the cause thereof concluded the evening.

Members and friends of the Scott Club who attended the banquet Friday evening will not be obliged to rely entirely upon their memories for reminders of that delightful and successful affair for more tangible souvenirs were given them in the form of the place cards painted in the shape and coloring of autumn leaves. These leaves which were all of different design as to coloring, bore the name "Scott Club" in gilt letters across their tips. They were the handiwork of Mrs. H. A. Parker, who was assisted by Mrs. M. O. Brookway in their preparation. Stems of slender wire wound with green paper carried out the likeness to real leaves.

(Editor's Note. Because of the unusual demand for extra papers containing the account of the Scott Club banquet, the article is republished in full above.)

Scott Club President in Words of Kindness Pays Mortgage Long Farewell

By Mrs. L. G. Rhodes

And now to you, mortgage, I wish to address a few words.

During the time that you have been in our possession you have aided and befriended us in that you have made it possible for us to meet our obligations and have tided us over the time until our circumstances were such that we could pay the debt; but you have served your purpose.

It is not with any feelings of resentment or self-gratification that we destroy you, but we place you upon the altar, that you may be consumed as an obligation to the muses.

In committing you to the flames, we do it in full confidence that you will never again rise, Phoenix like, from your ashes, to confront us.

The honor of destroying you as the last remaining evidence of our club debt, was conferred upon me by the club, and was made possible by the following friends, who contributed toward the liquidation of the debt. (Reads names of donors.)

Therefore, in the name of these friends and the members of the Scott Club, I now consign you to the flames.



Mrs. S. H. Wilson.....1914-1916

1914 - 1915 A GERMAN YEAR LITERATURE AND DRAMA 1915 - 1916

It is to the credit of the President, Mrs. S. H. Wilson, that during her term of office, the work of the standing committees was developed to a much higher degree of efficiency than ever been before attained. As time passed the members of the Club came to realize the value and helpfulness of these committees in the Club's work, and how much more and better work can be accomplished by thus sharing in its various activities. In the year 1914 the Scott Club became federated with the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Wilson and several other members attended the Biennial Convention which was held in Chicago in May of that year.

At a special summer meeting held on the lawn of the Wilson home, our delegates and the others who attended, gave excellent reports of this great meeting. Much work was done for the material improvement of the Club building and the grounds. With money earned by the ladies, in the year 1914 a new roof was put on the building. In 1915 the walls of the rooms were redecorated and later the carpet was bought and put down. Mrs. C. J. Monroe as chairman of the Civics Committee secured and had planted the shrubs about our building.

In the summer of 1914 the Scott Club sponsored the second Redpath Chautauqua held in South Haven. It also sponsored the Chautauqua held here during the summers of 1915 and 1916; thus making the fourth season that the Scott Club was the chief factor in securing for our city the wonderful opportunities held in a good Chautauqua.

The calender programs were well carried out, and proved most instructive and profitable. A number of special day programs were of unusual interest. Among them being a Union Meeting with our neighboring clubs. Another bright day was with the daughters of the Club as guests.

The Kammer Musik in December 1914 gave a delightful program. This was the first of the popular and pleasing programs we were privileged to enjoy annually for a number of years.

Another outstanding feature of committee work was the Michigan day program arranged by the Historical Committee, where Pioneer relics were on exibition. Miss M. B. Perry, State Historical Chairman, spoke both afternoon and evening to an audiences which filled the room to its greatest capacity. Miss Perry presented the Michigan seal we have and Mrs. Henry Avery had it framed and hung.

HISTORICAL STUDY STRONGLY URGED; FASCINATING DISPLAY OF RELICS

A large number of ladies met at the Scott Club Tuesday afternoon to enjoy the historical day prepared for them by a committee comprised of the ladies who are chairmen of the various departments of work, Mrs. H. M. Avery, chairman of the historical department acting as head. It is gratifying to know that so interesting and valuable a day could be presented to the public through the services of this historical committee.

The club was called to order as usual by Mrs. S. H. Wilson, the president, and a piano solo by Hugh Wilson, Lizst's transcription of Schubert's "Serenade" was much enjoyed by all. As encore he gave "Valse Mignon," by Schuett.

Mrs. H. M. Avery then read a fine history of South Haven, as prepared by one of our High School students. The name comes from Grand Haven, being south of there. All the southwest part of town was originally a swamp, a surveyor becoming mired where Winkel's planing mill now stands. Broadway was a corduroy road. A plank was used for a bridge at the mouth of the river for some time. Judge J. R. Monroe was the first man to take up land. He built a house near the Fred Stanton house, now Pepin's, on Erie St., this being the first house in South Haven. Wild cat banks were plentiful.

The currency was carried from one bank to another to be ready for government inspection, hence these banks had notes out that were of very doubtful value. There was one at Saugatuck. Sturgeon came in great schools those in front often being pushed up on the sand and residents killed them with pitchforks. The Lapwing, the first sailing vessel from here, found a dozen cords of wood a full cargo.

The business center was first over on the north side on Main street, then at the corner of Phoenix and Broadway, next at the present location A. S. Dyckman in 1859 set out the first large peach orchard, and fourteen years later secured $12,000 for his peach crop.

Mr. Irving Pierce read clippings from old papers that gave a very interesting view of some of the scenes of long ago. The first Fourth of July celebration was in 1849. Three families took part, coming in seven miles. Clark Pierce, the speaker's father, with his wife and four young children were in the party. Mr. Pierce was marshal on horseback, having a big tin trumpet. The children were drawn by four oxen and much of the day was consumed in chopping aside the fallen timber

Dinner was served in the first frame house of the village after it had been swept out with hemlock brooms.

Winifred Shattuck gave a very enjoyable piano solo. Godard's "Pan" from "The Magic Lantern," the playing on his pipes by Pan furnishing a dainty and pleasing part of the selection.

Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, chairman of the historical committee of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs and curator of the historical museum at Lansing, was the speaker of the day, and after being introduced by the president gave an address which did much to stimulate the interest of those present in recording the history of our pioneers and preserving the various pieces of handiwork where it is possible.

Every year we bury more history than is recorded. Think of the tales that were lost when grand father was

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the last time. The fire place was the only spot in the house above the freezing point and there you found grandfather and grandmother. There were neither idle hands or brains in those days. Grandfather might be found making a splint broom, and because of the scarcity of papers the verbal story was of great value, so the pioneer experiences became familiar to the children, but today there is difficulty in getting a family together. We must remember in this great laid away; what history was lost when grandmother's hands were folded for melting pot, America, there are foreign customs and foreign traditions coming to us in great quantities. If we wish true Americans to issue from this melting pot, we must be prepared to substitute our traditions and our customs for theirs, and so must in some way familiarize our young people with this history. Van Buren county has roads of interest historically and it is her privilege and duty to mark those roads.

Sojourner Truth, Madame Cadillac and other women were mentioned as Michigan women deserving some memorial. The gulf between young and old can be bridged by letting the young understand the meaning of the old customs. It will make them better Americans.

At the close of Mrs. Ferrey's speech girls from Central seventh and eighth grades accompanied by their teacher, Miss Bacon, sang "Michigan, My Michigan.' It was a pleasure to the club to hear this fine song given by these young girls.

This closed the program but the audience lingered to enjoy further the fine loan exhibit of articles of historical interest. It is surprising to discover how much the individuals of a community own which is really valuable along these lines. Yesterday there was china, bed spreads, home spun table clothes, candlemolds, candlesticks, and many other articles, many of them really beautiful and all of great interest.

The historical committee of the Scott Club beside furnishing the afternoon and evening program at the Scott Club building, were also able to arrange for Mrs. Ferrey to speak to the children of our public schools. Mrs. H. Griffin had charge of the music of the day.

Members and guests of the Scott Club turned back several pages in the history of South Haven, and also of this county and state, Tuesday afternoon and evening, at which time they learned much and recalled much of the earlier days of the community and commonwealth.

The committee had assembled a collection of relics that repaid the most careful scrutiny. There were some that recalled the pioneer days of this community, others from New England and the other eastern states that contributed so generously to the peopling of this new territory. There were some from England and other countries across the Atlantic, and some from China.

As diverse as were the places of their origin were the nature of the relics. There were books of the early days of the nineteenth century and even farther back to the middle and later part of the eighteenth. There were old papers of the early days of the nation and some of the first ones published in South Haven.

There was a spinning outfit and candlesticks, candlemolds and snuffers all used within the memory of those present yesterday. There were other household articles that brot many a memory to some of those who found them on the tables at the club.

Needlework, beadwork and weaving were liberally represented, some specimens being notable for their age, and others for the beauty, intricacy or quaintness of their designs.

There were relics from famous battlefields and famous homes, and some that are treasured because of the famous men that had owned them. There were autograph letters of other famous men.

Members of the committee had taken pains to familiarize themselves with the history and other interesting facts about the articles and their explanations added materially to the interest and value of the exhibit. Among the visitors were a number of children whose interest in historical research was stimulated by the chance t see and handle some of these mementoes of days that they can know only as history, and which will be made the more real to them by this sort of contact.

HISTORICAL STUDY URGED

Aboutthree-quarters of an hour was allowed at the evening session for the inspection of the relics, after which Mrs. S. H. Wilson, president of the club, announced the program, which opened with the appropriate song, "The Old Fashioned House," by Squier sung by Mrs. Ethel Hockett.

Mrs. A. C. Merritt told of her girlhood days in the pioneer home about twenty miles west of Detroit, and of the duties and diversions of those days. Some of them were also found in the new home established in Casco township, together with new experiences in pioneering, which she recounted with quaint simplicity which showed that the only memories she retains of those days are pleasant ones, whatever there may have been of different nature having been long since wiped from the slate of her memory.

Mrs. Viola McGregor spoke briefly of the work of her father, the late Dr. Bishop who exhibited in his braving of new conditions and facing of perplexing situations the spirit of the missionary. Of her own recollections of his practice, the most vivid one had to do with the well-meant but ill-timed visit of herself and a girl friend to the pest-house in which were housed the suspects in the smallpox epidemic that created such a flurry here forty-odd years ago.

M. H. Bixby sketched the physical, industrial, material and moral conditions of South Haven and surrounding country as he found them on coming here about fifty years ago. He referred to the height and the decline of the lumber and bark industries and the growth of the fruit business.

Mr. Bixby paid tribute to Mortimer McDowell and his father for their part in developing farms in their extensive holdings in Casco township. He recalled that Mr. McDowell once poled a scow up Black River to Bangor, taking three days for the upbound trip and one for the return. One could not get far on such a trip today. Also, some of the lighter draft schooners used to load as far up the river as what is now Cold Springs.

Despite the handicap of thirteen saloons with attendant demoralization, the people of those days were happy. They found little fault with wages at two dollars a day, flour at sixteen dollars a barrel, salt pork twenty-five cents a pound, and wood six dollars a cord.

Misses Bacon and Dietrich sang, "Annie Laurie," with "In the Gloaming' as encore, after which Mrs. S. P. Wilson told of South Haven as she knew it forty-seven years ago.

Mrs. Wilson recalled among other interesting memories, the theatricals given in Dyckmans hall, which stood on the corner now occupied by the Congregational church, and in which Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dyckman used to play so prominent a part.

There were two churches, the Congregational which worshipped in the chapel that then stood just north of where Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wirick now live, and which is now built into the Free Methodist church, and the Methodist church which stood on the site of the present house of worship, the original structure having been burned by the liquor element in the battle that waged a few years later.

Mrs. Wilson said that of the residents of that day, she could think of but one that still lived in the same house as then, and that is Mrs. Mary Pomeroy.

Mrs. C. H. Fletcher spoke briefly saying that her memories were much the same as those recounted by Mrs. Wilson.

Dr. G. D. Carnes first saw South Haven in March, 1876, when he passed thru here on his way to Covert where he lived before coming to South Haven. He had heard of Covert as a place where "real Christians" lived and so he found it, the community being one of the best that he ever saw, small in numbers, of moderate means, but rich in human sympathy, in community spirit and in the other qualities that make good neighbors and friends.

Dr. Carnes also recalled the early train service between South Haven and Kalamazoo, a mixed train each way that took all the forenoon and sometimes more for its trip, and a passenger train in the afternoon.

He began practice at Covert the same year that Dr. Bishop began at South Haven, and so far as he knows two physicians in Kalamazoo who began practice the same year, are the only others of that time who are still in active practice in the three counties of Van Buren, Allegan and Kalamazoo.

H. T. Cook said that he had been told that he was the first white child born in Casco township, his pioneer days beginning on New Year's Day of 1854. He reproduced some of the pictures his memory treasured, among them a graphic "movie" of the hurricane that occurred when he was a youngster.

The children were dismissed from school when the storm was seen to be approaching, and his sister and himself reached home before it struck their place. They were watching the trees falling before the storm from a leanto beside the house, and their mother called them into the house just a moment before the leanto went flat before the storm.

He was ten years old before he saw South Haven, or "came to the river" as the Casco people used to say, and he touched upon the building of the piers, here and that built by the McDowells off their property in Casco.

Mrs. A. H. Monroe could go back a year or two beyond any others who spoke, as she first saw South Haven in 1863. Her first impressions were of mud and desolation, but these impressions gradually gave way to more pleasant ones as the family became acquainted and got into the wholesome life of the place.

One choir did duty for both churches the Congregational and the Universalist. The literary society was an important factor in the better life of the community. The school house was then the social center, just as people are seeking to make it today, for there all meetings were held and plays given.

The president then called upon Mrs. Ferrey who expressed her appreciation of the opportunity at hearing so much history from first-hand sources, and also of the chances given her to speak to the school children during her stay here.

She urged that the stories told and all others of similar nature that could be gathered should be put into permanent form.

Mrs. Ferrey sketched over some little-known facts, about the history of Michigan. Four flags have floated over this state, or parts of it, the French, English and Spanish before "Old Glory." The Spanish was hoisted at Niles for a brief period.

Fort St. Joseph was at Niles, instead of at the mouth of the St. Joseph river, as is often stated. The fort at the latter place was Fort Miami.

Michigan is the only state that was both a state and a territory at the same time. Its people adopted a constitution and elected Stevens T. Mason as governor, and acted under a state form of government for about a year before admission to the union, the delay being due to waiting for a "slave state" to get ready for admission, that being the time when the states were admitted in pairs, a "free" and a "slave."

Michigan is the only state that had a kingdom within its borders, that being the realm of King Strang, the Mormon leader on Beaver Island. Strang was a masterful man and came near being chosen leader of the Mormons.

Michigan's school system is more widely copied than that of any other state, and soon there will be a bust of John D. Pierce, the founder of the system, in the state capitol to recognize his splendid service to the state and nation.

Mrs. Ferrey would put Michigan and local history into the schools in place of cube root and the like.

She closed with pleas for due honor to the Indians and for love for "Old Glory" and for all the things for which the flag stands.

The program closed with the singing of two stanzas of "America," and then nearly an hour more was given to further inspection of the display and the reclaiming of the articles by their owners.



Mr.C.J.Monroe-
A loyal friend of the Scott Club



Mrs.C.J.Monroe - For a number of years the efficient chairman of the Club's Civic Committee.



For a number of years through the kind and cordial invitation of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Monroe the ladies of the Scott Club enjoyed the gracious hospitality of this beautiful home annually for their picnic which each year brought to a close the Club's sessions. These gatherings were looked forward to with joyful anticipation which was always most happily realized. The bright days of spring with the birds and flowers and under the shade of the large beautiful trees were most delightful. These pictures of the diferent groups of the ladies were taken by Dr. Rhodes in May of 1914 when the last Scott Club pinnic was held at this beautiful home.