

Wildwood

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AUXILIARY NEWS

OUR OCTOBER MEETING WAS MOST ENJOYABLE -- MRS. PHILLIP J. BAKER REVIEWED THE BOOK, "I'VE ONLY TWO HANDS AND I'M BUSY WRINGING THEM", BY JANE GOODSSELL. EVERY WOMAN COULD SEE HERSELF MANY TIMES IN THE STORY, AS IT WAS TOLD.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS. WM. FENSOM, WITH THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS BROUGHT TO US BY MRS. CATHERINE WHITEHOUSE. WE ARE SURE YOU WILL ENJOY MRS. WHITEHOUSE, SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

IN THE 40 YEARS AGO ITEMS OF OCTOBER 30, WE READ ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF WILDWOOD LAKES. WE HOPE YOU ALL READ THE ARTICLE. THE COPY OF THE ARTICLE WILL BE PLACED IN OUR HISTORY BOOK.

THE CURTAINS AT THE CLUBHOUSE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CLEANED AND RE-HEMMED, SO WE WILL BE ALL FRESH FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE EVEN PLAN TO BUY A FEW NEW DECORATIONS. THE WINDOWS MAY BE WASHED ALSO AND WE HOPE ANY BROKEN GLASS REPLACED.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE ADULTS IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE SECOND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THAT DATE AND BE READY WHEN THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE CALLS YOU FOR RESERVATIONS.

A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE TINY TOTS AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH SANTA. MARTHA CROSS AND DOROTHY GRAY ARE TAKING CARE OF THE CONTACT WITH MR. SANTA HIMSELF.

IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE A NICE THANKSGIVING, AND GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE EARLY.

MRS. THOS. F. (THELMA) CROSKY
PRESIDENT

ELSA HART, WHO IS A SISTER OF MRS. ROBERT RAYS, SPOKE TO THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY AND THE ASSOCIATION AT THE CROSKYS TUESDAY EVENING, THE 7TH. ELSA DOES PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK FOR THE DEBIER DIAMOND MINES. SHE WAS A MOST CAPABLE AND ENTERTAINING SPEAKER AND EVERYONE ENJOYED HEARING HER AND SEEING THE BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS. WE EVEN FOUND OUT HOW THE WORD CARAT CAME INTO USE AS A MEASURE OF WEIGHT FOR DIAMONDS. THE CROSKYS ALSO HEARD ELSA HART ON A PANEL ON WALT BODINE'S SHOW THURSDAY NIGHT.

Mrs. Fensom

Wildwood head

Mrs. William Fensom, 6711 Harvard, has been elected president of the Wildwood Home Owners auxiliary. She and other officers will be installed in January.

The others elected were Mrs. Shelby Cross, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Chaffey, secretary; Mrs. Charles Barnett, treasurer; Mrs. R. S. Brenik, auditor; and Mrs. Roger Duggins, historian.

Mrs. Catherine Whitehouse spoke on Thanksgiving thoughts, Mrs. Phillip J. Baker reviewed a book "I've Only Got Two Hands and I Am Busy Wringing Them" by Josie Goodsell.

The meeting was at Mrs. Fensom's home. Mrs. Roy Thomas was co-hostess. The October meeting was at the home of Mrs. Charles Barnett and Mrs. Cathy Culbertson was co-hostess.

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nce only summer cabins—

Wildwood homes areas expanding

Two new realty developments with the Wildwood name are opening a new chapter in the history of Wildwood Lakes which began more than four decades ago. Wildwood Estates is the name given by Watt Realty (Alph Watt and Jim Watt) to their area, Mock & Scott, Inc. (Larry Mock and Aaron Scott) are the developers of Wildwood Lakes Extension. Wildwood Lakes—at one time a suburban resort—began its start in 1923 when late W. C. Glover Sr., a manufacturer of laundry and cleaning equipment, and late E. E. Norquist of Butler Manufacturing Co. bought 167 acres south of Highway 167 and east of Raytown rd. Buying out Norquist in 1926, Glover built a chain of lakes, which he named after his sisters and relatives, and developed 30 acres of the heavily wooded land into the Wildwood Lakes resort.



WILDWOOD LAKES when it was a rural resort.

A rustic clubhouse of native lumber was built overlooking the 15-acre swimming lake. Picnic grounds, tennis courts, a baseball diamond, and a shuffleboard court were other attractions. The area was so popular that during the summer, laundry trucks spent the whole day stationed near the lakes to pick up and deliver clothes.

Mrs. Merle Glover, widow of W. C. Glover, remembers especially the Fourth of July celebrations when people traveled miles and waited in long lines to swim. There were wrestling shows, high diving exhibitions, and Stan Kenton and his Misericordia Ramblers. (The late Stan Kenton later became a major leader and county public administrator.)

In 1929 three summer cabins were built around the lake by some Butler officials. Then, in 1932, year-round homes were started. A new homes have been built each year since.

In 1950 a homeowners association was formed.

Mrs. Glover said, "and it has been one of the most successful in and around Raytown. I still own the 30-acre fishing lake, which I lease to the association. They hold fishing derbies for the youngsters, and water shows."

In 1944 the park, lake, and clubhouse were sold to B & L Concessions, which ran it as a swimming and picnic area. Stan Kenton and other big-name bands entertained the crowds.

Real estate was only a sideline for Mr. Glover and after his death in 1954 Mrs. Glover continued to sell lots and develop three sections of the area.

In the mid-1950s the recreation area began to deteriorate. In March, 1966, the old clubhouse figured in a tragedy when a teenage boy was killed while playing on the roof. Then, in July, the clubhouse burned.

Appropriately for an area which has figured in Raytown's progress from a semi-rural outpost to a thriving suburb, all four developers share a boast.

"Planned and developed by

native Raytowners," say Jim and Ralph Watt, Larry Mock, and Aaron Scott.

Both companies are building large and well-styled residences, aiming to attract buyers who seek modern convenience along with scenic serenity.

A Watts home at 6828 Englewood is part of the Parade of Homes this week, as is a Mock & Scott home at 6800 Willow.

Yellow and orange signs identify them and 96 other exhibition houses in Greater Kansas City.