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## LEBANON FARMER'S CLUB Secretary's Book 1896-1899

A book containing minutes and lists of members of the Lebanon Farmer's Club about 100 years ago was recently acquired by the Archives. One page is reproduced below.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897

The December meeting of the Lebanon Farmer's Club was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. H. Wingus.

The program was as follows:  
Music: Groves Orchestra  
Reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting.  
Paper by Mrs. H. J. Holmes, entitled "Making Farm life Enjoyable."  
She said "The subject infers that farm life is not enjoyable but must be made so. This is not the case true, it is and should be as enjoyable as life anywhere."  
She first took the negative side of the subject and showed

(Lebanon Farmer's Club continued)

The minutes reveal that at most meetings a "paper" was presented and then discussion was held on its topic. Music, recitations, dinners, and other entertainment was also devised.

On Apr. 1, 1897, the membership of 46 resolved that the mortgage tax law was an unjust measure and that they were decidedly opposed to it.

At the next meeting on May 6, the topic was *System in Housekeeping*. Mrs. **Mrs. Jay Sessions** stated, "If order is the first law of heaven, it is or should be in every well regulated home. Have a system for your work. Do certain things on certain days or at certain times of the day. Women are, as a rule, slow to adopt new facilities for doing their work and are, therefore, more or less to blame for their condition for generally the husband is willing to provide for her comfort so far as he is able. Women should strive to be cheerful at all times, as that adds largely to the happiness of the home."

Another paper at that meeting was presented by **Lewis Bently**, and was titled, *Corn Culture*. Mr. Bently advised, "Sod ground should be used. Plow 3 or 4 inches deep as shallow plowing will hold the moisture. Roll the ground smooth, harrow well, mark both ways. When the corn is coming up, put a spoonful of ashes to each hill to kill cut worms."

County organization was the issue on Feb. 2, 1899. "The Lebanon Farmer's Club is not in favor of a county organization" was the resolution recorded. On Dec 2, 1898, after discussing the possibility of adding the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the country schools, the majority stated they were not in favor of that.

At other meetings club members discussed child rearing, insurance, temperance, women's suffrage, and farm

legislation. Genealogists will appreciate that many names are mentioned in this little treasure of a book.

### Lebanon Farmer's Club Membership

Jan. 5, 1899

Abbott, M/M C.F.  
Abbott, M/M F.  
Avory, Date  
Avory, Mary  
Bamber, M/M  
Bancroft, M/M D.  
Frank, Ed  
Doil, M/M James  
Gaddy, M/M. H.  
Hanlan, M/M Thomas  
Harrison, J.  
Hiner, Bert  
Holmes, Mrs. H.S.  
Howard, Myrtle  
Kentfield, Margaret  
Lambie, M/M James  
Lamphere, M/M Frank  
Martin, M/M Charles  
Messer, Levi  
Messer, Lydia  
Messer, M/M M.M.  
Morris, M/M George  
Murwin, Mrs. H.  
Murwin, Stella  
Patrick, M/M B.S.  
Peet, Ellsworth  
Piggott, M/M F.  
Pinkney, Mrs.  
Rogers, M/M David  
Sessions, Irma  
Sessions, M/M Jay  
Smith, M/M Eli  
Smith, Velma  
Vincent, Mrs.

## DE WITT SCHOOL ALUMNI

**C. Lawrence Feightling**, deceased, of DeWitt compiled a list of the alumni of the DeWitt School. He was president of the 1922 class. These records which cover the years 1896 through 1929 are held by the archives. In the transcription printed below, addresses are in Michigan unless otherwise stated. Names in parentheses are maiden names. The year probably indicates the year of graduation. Those listed as "deceased" are as noted in the records.

Jessie <u>Anderson</u> ; 1921; 904 Burch, Lansing	Bessie (Heil) <u>Chapman</u> ; 1908; deceased
Rilla (Henderson) <u>Anderson</u> ; 1921; St. Johns	Donald <u>Clark</u> ; 1914; Lansing
Albert <u>Arink</u> , Supt.; 1917	Edna <u>Clark</u> ; 1922; DeWitt
Ella <u>Baird</u> ; 1920, Bath	Lorna <u>Clark</u> ; 1922; DeWitt
Evelyn <u>Baird</u> , Pres.; 1921; Bath	Julia <u>Clements</u> ; 1897; deceased
Gordon <u>Baldwin</u> ; 1915; 813 Fayette, Lansing	Jessie (Harris) <u>Coates</u> ; 1901; 729 Chicago , Lansing
Lila (Doty) <u>Barnard</u> ; 1911; DeWitt	Gladys <u>Collins</u> ; 1920; St. Johns
Clarence <u>Bauerle</u> ; 1921; Lansing	Elgie (Pierce) <u>Crossman</u> ; 1901; 429 Park Lane, East Lansing
Florence <u>Bauerle</u> ; 1913; deceased	Hazel (Lankton) <u>Cuolahan</u> ; 1916; S. Bingham; Lansing
Mrs. Mark <u>Beardslee</u> ; 1925; DeWitt	Paul <u>Cuolahan</u> ; 1912; S. Bingham, Lansing
Leon <u>Blizzard</u> ; 1921, Merle Beach	Blanche (Lewis) <u>Cutler</u> ; 1907; DeWitt
Linden <u>Boch</u> ; 1921; 1115 Tuscola , Saginaw	Donovan <u>Cutler</u> , Vice Pres.; 1920, DeWitt
Donald <u>Brainard</u> ; 1929	Francis <u>Cutler</u> ; 1915; 1707 Drexel, Lansing
Myrtie <u>Brainerd</u> ; 1924; Lansing	Vernon <u>Cutler</u> ; 1923; DeWitt
Mrs. Don <u>Brinkerhoff</u> ; 1925; Lansing	Arthur <u>Dagget</u> ; 1912
Maude (Brazee) <u>Brown</u> ; 1897; deceased	Francis (Hurd) <u>Dean</u> ; 1909; 3271 Hazelwood , Detroit
Eva <u>Brya</u> ; 1923; DeWitt	Gerda (Jayne) <u>Dean</u> ; 1896; DeWitt
Francis <u>Brya</u> ; 1925; DeWitt	Norma <u>Desmond</u> ; 1924; 418 Fairview, Lansing
Grover <u>Buchan</u> , Supt.; 1922-23	Dow <u>Devereaux</u> ; 1922; DeWitt
Edgar <u>Burke</u> , Supt.; Eureka; 1897-8	Frances <u>Devereaux</u> ; 1921; DeWitt
Edna <u>Burke</u> ; 1923; Lansing	Althea <u>Dillingham</u> ; 1924; 525 W. Main , Lansing
Ethel <u>Burke</u> ; 1929	Gerry <u>Dills</u> ; 1904; 287 Palmer E., Detroit
Agnes (Lerg) <u>Butler</u> ; 1906; Williams, AR	Albert <u>Doty</u> ; 1919; DeWitt
George <u>Butler</u> ; 1917; St. Johns, c/o Frink's Shoe Store	Helen <u>Doty</u> ; 1920; DeWitt
Myrtle <u>Butler</u> ; 1924; 308 Fairview, Lansing	Louis <u>Drake</u> ; 1901; DeWitt
Joyce <u>Camp</u> ; 1929	Ruth (Moses) <u>Draper</u> ; 1919; 2847 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Detroit
Maude (White) <u>Carl</u> ; 1899; 531 N. Butler, Lansing	
Doris (Masall) <u>Carter</u> {Mrs. Theo.}; 1915; 1109 S. Washington, Mt. Pleasant	
Edna (Farrier) <u>DuBreuil</u> ; 1920; DeWitt	

