

The Woman's Club

Bryan, Texas

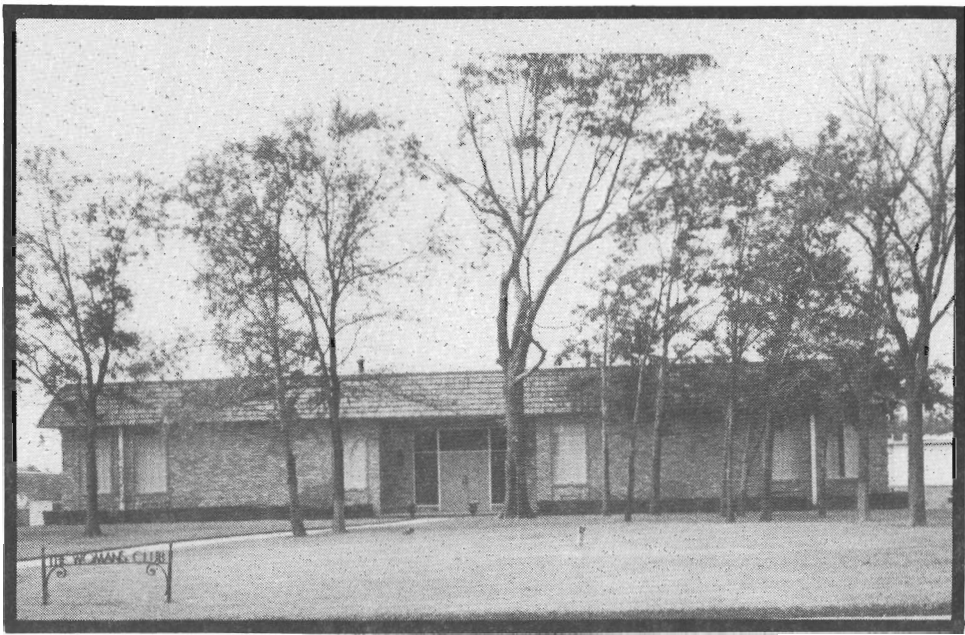
MARKER CEREMONY



CEREMONY AT THE CLUBHOUSE
1200 Carter Creek Parkway
Bryan, Texas

Wednesday, November 15, 1989
at two o'clock in the afternoon

THE BRAZOS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Dr. Charles Schultz, Chairman



DEDICATION OF
THE HISTORIC MARKER FOR THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club, organized in 1895, was originally known as "The Mutual Improvement Circle."

There were twenty members in the early group, who undertook to improve their minds, to serve the community, and to fight for the rights of women. In 1909-1910, the Mutual Improvement Circle became the "Woman's Club".

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL (MARKER) COMMITTEE

Mrs. C.P. Briggs, III
Mrs. Warren Harmon
Mrs. Leroy R. Jakubik
Mrs. Emmette Wallace
Mrs. Walter Britten

MARKER CEREMONY

Presiding Mrs. Walter S. Britten
President 1988-1989

Welcome Dr. Charles Schultz, Chairman
Brazos County Historical Commission

The Marker Program Dr. James L. Boone, Jr.
Brazos County Historical Commission Chairman, 1985-1989

Introductions . . Hon. Walter Wilcox, County Commissioner
Member Historical Commission

Hon. R.J. Holmgreen, Judge, Brazos County

County Commissioners: Gary Norton, Randy Sims,
Milton Turner, Walter Wilcox

Hon. Kent A. Caperton, Senator, Texas Legislature

Hon. Richard A. Smith, Representative, Brazos County

Hon Marvin Tate, Mayor of Bryan

Hon. Larry Ringer, Mayor of College Station

History of Marker . . . Committee for Marker, Woman's Club
Mrs. Charlie P. Briggs, III
Mrs. Warren Harmon

Unveiling of Marker Mrs. John Seeley Caldwell
Life Member, President 1938-1939

Reading of Inscription Mrs. Emmette Wallace
President 1948-1949, Member Historical Commission

Acceptance Mrs. Richard Perkins
President 1989-1990

Reception following

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

FOUNDED IN OCTOBER 1895 AS THE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CIRCLE, THIS ORGANIZATION BEGAN WITH TWENTY MEMBERS. INITIALLY GATHERING IN INDIVIDUAL HOMES, THE CLUB MET AS A STUDY GROUP TO IMPROVE MEMBERS' MINDS SERVE THE COMMUNITY, AND PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. ITS PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST YEAR WAS A STUDY OF GREECE.

AMONG THE CLUB'S EARLY CIVIC PROJECTS WERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY'S CARNEGIE LIBRARY IN 1903, DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS, AND LANDSCAPING OF THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS. CLUB MEMBERS PLANTED A ROW OF LIVE OAK TREES ALONG THE COLLEGE AVENUE APPROACH TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. IN 1909 THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS CHANGED TO THE WOMAN'S CLUB. MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY BUILDING UNTIL 1929, WHEN THE FIRST CLUBHOUSE WAS BUILT. DUE TO INCREASES IN MEMBERSHIP, THE CLUB MET IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LOCATIONS BEFORE THE PRESENT FACILITY WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1972. THE WHITE ROSE SERVES AS THE ORGANIZATION'S SYMBOL AND APPEARS ON CLUB PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS. THE WOMAN'S CLUB CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE IN THE CIVIC AFFAIRS OF BRYAN AND COLLEGE STATION.