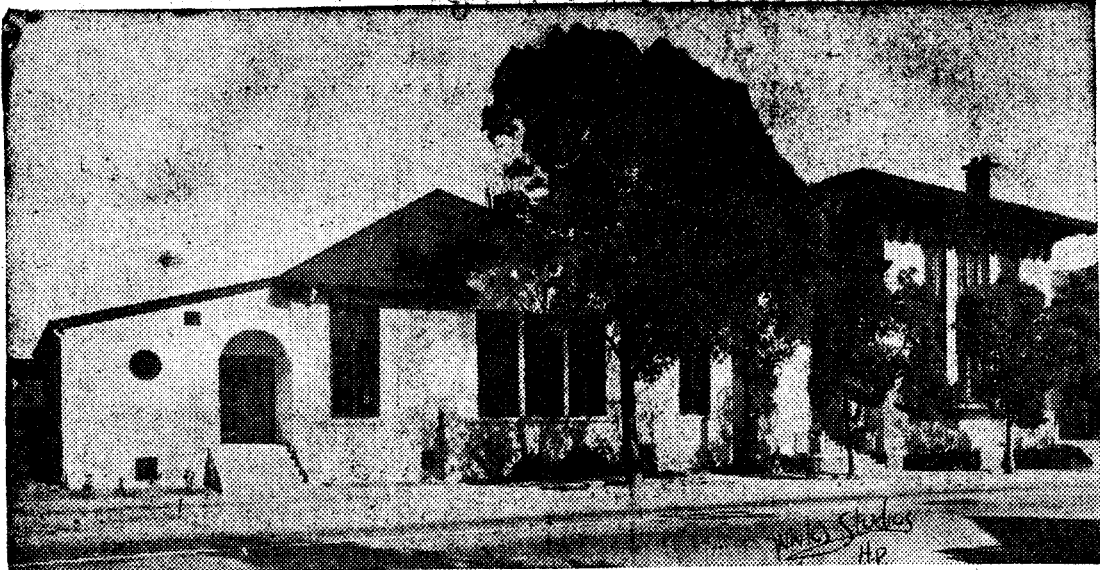


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## Scene Of Ebell Anniversary Event Tonight

The Ebell Clubhouse at 131 S. Ave. 57 will be alive with merriment . . . and memories . . . this evening when members and their friends gather for the organization's 50th anniversary. Cornerstone was laid on Nov. 19, 1911, with over 1,000 people present. The crowd was the

greatest public gathering ever held in Highlands up to that time, but could hardly compare with the opening of the clubhouse itself on Feb. 14, 1913, when an estimated 20,000 inspected the new civic, education and social center of this community.

### Treasure Chest of Golden Memories

# Ebell Celebrates 50th Anniversary

To our club—loyalty;  
To our community—wise service;  
To our country—devoted patriotism.  
—Motto of the Highland Park Ebell Club

BY MRS. R. E. KRUEGER

In the bustling community of Highland Park at the turn of the century in 1903, a group of civic-minded women met in the Highlands home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leslie Lunt. This group of women was invited by Mrs. Lunt, who, using her practical experience of wide travel and a zeal in the interest of social culture, wished to discuss the organization of a Women's Club.

The name of the resultant organization as suggested by Mrs. Lunt was "The Highland Park Ebell Club" in honor of the eminent scholar Dr. Adrian F. Ebell, whose plan was to organize cultur-

al groups of women in all countries to study Art and Science. Thus, the Highland Park Ebell Club came into being. Its constitution was adopted, in the first draft of which the kindly assistance of Mrs. Emma M. Greenleaf of Long Beach was so beneficial. The object of this new society was to be advancement in all lines of general culture and to promote the well being of the community.

Mrs. R. H. Tripp was elected as first president, serving from 1903 to 1905. The club had 51 members the first year. Through the ensuing years, women of the finest qualifications have served as presidents.

A lot was purchased at 131 S. Ave. 57 on which to build a clubhouse. Many and varied means of financing a building were used and in true pioneer fashion the women set about to acquire the necessary funds for that purpose. The women held various fund-raising projects right on this lot because of its ideal location.



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dresses, fine needlework, quilts, etc., were sold. People from miles around came in their surreys, buggies and wagons, hitching their teams to a nearby railing.

By Nov. 19, 1912, the cornerstone for the main building was laid—the beginning of the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream.

The silver anniversary was fittingly celebrated during the presidency of Mrs. Carl A. Plath in 1928.

About this time the club's activities had increased to such an extent that it was necessary to purchase an adjoining lot. The

new dining room cornerstone was laid on May 31, 1938.

The club is affiliated with the County, District, State and General Federation of Women's Clubs, and has cooperated in many civic projects such as in the naming of the Arroyo Seco Branch Library; the location of Franklin High School; and in obtaining the proper civic authorities to cause the companies operating rock crushers in the beautiful Arroyo Seco to desist.

The club also continues to participate in civic and patriotic activities such as sales of Defense Bonds, USO work, and the club's

civilian defense chairman is closely cooperating with local and city defense officials. The Ebell club's charter Red Cross unit has served well through continuous service for 12 years and is now under the chairmanship of Miss Clara Geltmacher.

Mrs. J. Arthur Lewis with the assistance of Dr. Maude Wilde, carried on a Mother's Educational Center and Clinic for 14 years.

Mrs. William Waller Slayden, president of the club from 1919 to 1921, served as District President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, and also served as State President of C.F.W.C.



## Present At Historic Event

Above are shown the past presidents present at the mortgage-burning ceremony in 1945. From left are Mrs. Harriet Williams Myers, Mrs. T. L. Stearns, Mrs. Harry L. Stroh, Mrs. Carl A.

Plath, Mrs. C. W. Mattison, Mrs. Van Dugteren, Mrs. White, Mrs. T. H. Van Norman and Mrs. Herbert Carr. Pageant of Presidents will be highlight tonight.



## Spring Festival Highly Praised

Ranging from classical to popular music, Ebell chorus presented one of its outstanding Spring Music Festivals in May of 1950. Members shown

above are wearing their purple robes with gold collars and cuffs. Presentation was highly praised by large audience.

Photo by George Axt



## There Goes The Mortgage!

Big event of the year at Highland Park Ebell in January of 1945 was the dinner celebrating the paying off of the clubhouse mortgage. At the left, Mrs. Theta Lynn van Dugteren, president when the club dining hall was built, sets fire to the mortgage as Mrs. Carl A. Plath, past president and chairman of the building committee, holds the bowl to catch the ashes. Mrs. Arthur A. Wentz, 1945 president, looks on.

Mrs. William R. Myers, president from 1921 to 1923 was chairman of "Birds and Flowers" of General Federation during her presidency.

During the term of Mrs. Harry L. Stroh from 1923 to 1925, 34 club members served on committees at the Biennial of General Federation of Women's Club's which convened in Los Angeles.

So it is fitting that in 1953 this club on its 50th anniversary pays tribute to the gracious lady, Mrs. Howard Leslie Lunt and to the departed members whose inspiration gave this community the Highland Park Ebell Club.

The club also pays special tribute to the three living charter members: Mrs. C. M. Morlan, Mrs. E. B. Machin, club poetess, and Mrs. Edwin J. Symonds, historian. The latter two are active participants in club work and are regarded as "an inspiration to all."

This evening, the 50 anniversary will be celebrated under the title: "Our Treasure Chest of Golden Memories."

A dinner will be held in the clubhouse, at which families and friends of the members will be guests as well as many local civic

stage. Mrs. Rose Arp will act as narrator. The prologue to the program of the evening will be staged in an authentic reproduction of the room in the home of Mrs. Howard Leslie Lunt, founder of the club. Furnishings for this room were loaned by Mrs. Helen Philips Cordell, a very active member of the club. Seated at a golden harp, Maryjane Mayhew Barton will play two harp solos. These numbers will serve as a memorial to her artist-mother, Nell Brooker Mayhew, who was a club member in the early years and presented a beautiful oil painting to the club.

On the stage in the center of the framework of a large golden picture-frame the President, Mrs. Lee O. Tenney will be seated surrounded by Mrs. Edwin J. Symonds, Mrs. E. B. Machin and Mrs. Marietta Somerville, who is Special Occasions Chairman and the only living honorary life member. This group will be seen as the central part of the theme as depicting the present day, while episodes of the past are enacted by other groups as living pictures as they pass in review.

Also, the club's chorus of to-

club chorus will also enact a scene with their original director Mrs. Charles Oden.

Highlight enactment of the evening will be seen in an historical President's March which will include representative presidents of each term wearing appropriate authentic costumes as they march one at a time past the Golden Treasure Chest, each in turn depositing her sparkling jewel embedded in a rosette of golden ribbon, which represents an historical episode in her term in office. One by one these jewels bring the completed golden chain of jewels up to 1953, the Golden Anniversary of the club. Terry Dianne Emmons, granddaughter Mrs. Tenney, will assist, acting as a page.



## Ebell Federation Day — 1950

In March of 1950, the Highland Park Ebell club was host to several officers of State and City Federation of Women's Clubs in honor of Dedication Day. Pictured from left, are Mrs. Harry Underwood, who was at the time second vice president, Los Angeles district; Mrs. George B. Doolittle, who was vice president Highland Park Ebell club and federation secretary; Mrs. Claude

Snedden, then president, Los Angeles district; Mrs. Allan W. Young, then first vice president, Los Angeles district; Mrs. George Hohnsbeen, president of local club at the time; Mrs. Scott Campbell, then state extension secretary, and Mrs. George Truechek, who was president, Los Angeles county.

Photo by George Axt



## Community Leaders of Highland Park

Various members who have held top positions in Ebell Club gathered for above picture as popular Highland Park group met for weekly meeting. They include, seated, Mrs. O. T. Deal; standing, from left, Mrs. William F. Brower, Mrs. Lee O. Tenney, Mrs. Hazel D. Arnott, Mrs.

George Hohnsbeen (president-elect), Mrs. Harry Fisher, Mrs. Lawrence Branson, Mrs. Mary Patrick, Mrs. George J. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Hur Lewis, Mrs. H. G. Schroeder, Mrs. E. W. Wilbur, Mrs. Audra Jones, Mrs. M. B. Somerville and Mrs. George Doolittle. Photo by George Axt

# Ebell marks Diamond Jubilee

Highland Park Ebell Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the city of Los Angeles, will celebrate its 75th birthday with many VIPs expected to attend a Diamond Jubilee luncheon to be held Jan. 17 at the clubhouse.

In 1903 in Highland Park, fifty women (eighteen charter members) met with Mrs. Howard Lunt to form a woman's club with goals of civic improvement, cultural study and philanthropy.

## NAMED FOR SCHOLAR

The Club was named in honor of Dr. Adrian Ebell, a scholar who had planned, before his early death, study classes for women in Letters, Sciences and the Arts — thus the origin of the distinctive "sections" which all Ebell Clubs (not otherwise related) have in common.

The pink carnation was selected as the Club flower. The Club's main building was dedicated in 1913 with 20,000 in attendance. The adjacent dining building was built in 1938.

Using the Club motto: "To the Club — Loyalty; To the community — Wise Service; To our Country — Devoted Patriotism" as a measure for the organization's accomplishments, the following items may be noted:

## RESCUED PARK

In the 1920's, the rescue of the Arroyo Seco park lands from a rock-crushing plant, from the City incinerator, and from a 30-acre industrial site near Avenue 60.

The pleas of Ebell helped save the Redwoods. (A grove has been named for the Club.)

In World Wars I and II, relief activities included knitting, bandage-making; Club-located Red Cross Units met until 1963, with 43,864 work hours; and Ebell sold \$115,000 in war bonds and stamps.

Ebell worked for better lighting on Pasadena Avenue (now North Figueroa); and had sewing days, and collections, for the victims of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

## DONATED SITE

The family of a club member (Mrs.

Clarence Judson) donated the site for the Avenue 50 location of Occidental College.

The Club aided the drive to establish the Benjamin Franklin High School, opened in 1916. They worked for, and collected money for, the first branch library ever built in Los Angeles — the Arroyo Seco Branch, in 1914.

## SYMPHONY ORGANIZED

The Northeast Los Angeles Symphony Association (formerly the Highland Park) was founded by Club member, Helen Cordell Terzo.

Philanthropic and conservation efforts include: Music, Art, Nursing Scholarships; support for the Northeast Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra and the NELA Opera and Chorus Group; founding support for the Southwest Society of the Archaeology Institute of America; yearly planting of 100 pines, under CFWC, in Los Angeles Forest; collections for the needy.

The Highland Park Ebell celebrated its 25th year under President Mrs. Carl Plath; its 50th with President Mrs. Lee O. Tenney.

Now, in Highland Park Ebell's 75th Jubilee Year, Mrs. Eloise Curry becomes the thirty-eighth president of the organization that had its beginning with President, Mrs. Robert H. Tripp, 1903-1905.



## 1903-1978

Seventy five years have gone by since Mrs. Harold Lunt (left) founded the Highland Park Ebell Club in 1903. Mrs. Eloise Currie (right) current president will be the hostess at a luncheon commemorating the 75th anniversary of the club on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1978.



### *Ebell Club celebrates 75th 1-18-78*

Highland Park Ebell Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the city of Los Angeles, observed its 75th birthday with a diamond jubilee luncheon held yesterday in their clubhouse. Offering red roses to the hostesses is Art Gastelum, deputy to Mayor Tom Bradley. From left are Evelyn Sawyer, past president; Eloise Currie, current president; and Clarice Conley, Jubilee chairman, who also had charge of the club's 50th anniversary celebration 25 years ago. At right, Councilman Art Snyder and Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson present the club with a plaque from the city.