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Meeting of March 14<sup>th</sup> - 1985

We met at the home of June Shields - Lovely refreshments were served with St Patrick appointments. Present were Opal, Ginger, Shanda Jean, Evelyn, Pearl, June and Agnes. Jean was welcomed back after her knee operation which was very successful.

Alice was in the hospital for knee surgery also - but had been discharged and unable to be present at the meeting.

Opal presided at the meeting opened with the 4 leg salute and Club prayer. dues were voted to \$3 and all present paid dues. It was voted to meet on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for luncheon at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition in the New Park Plaza.

The April meeting to be at Opal's.

The Treasurer report was given by Ginger:

\$36.20	low hand
7.17	out from bank
139.20	Bank Savings Acc.
2.96	Penny can

Paid out \$7.96 + \$329 for gifts and blank low tabs members & Condolences.

Gifts were exchanged and  
revealed the secret Pals.  
New secret Pals were drawn  
for the new year.

Meeting adjourned  
Agnes Pearce  
Sec. Pro Tem

## 50<sup>th</sup> History of Eastside Social Club

On May 8<sup>th</sup> 1924 the ladies of the  
Durham Land Colony met to form  
a social club.

Mrs C. F. Cheaney, a prominent  
member of the Land Colony sent  
invitations to the 55 women at  
that time residents of the colony  
to attend a meeting to make  
plans for a Colony Women's Club.

Thirty five ladies were present  
at the first meeting and signed  
the membership list.

Election of officers was held  
at a special meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Mrs Cheaney - Pres.

Mrs Geo Peck, V. Pres.

Mrs Clloyd Pearce, Secretary

Miss Evelyn Cooley, Treasurer.

The name chosen was Land Owner's  
Social Club. The name later was  
changed to The Sunrise Social Club  
and in 1937 to Eastside Club.

The monthly meetings were first  
held in the old Stanford Clubhouse  
or former bunkhouse for the Stanford  
Grant employees,

The Water Co had charge of the Club house and rented a room to the Colony ladies.

The members donated time and money toward the fixing of the room. Penny drills were held and serving trays and dishes were purchased which are still in use today. The first drill a penny a piece was 22¢. Money was scarce in those days all the colonists were hard pressed, having just bought land, cattle, stock, machinery etc. to improve their land and build homes.

The club meetings were for social enjoyment and also for educational benefit. Many interesting programs on gardening - handi craft, travel, highway safety, + history were presented plus musical programs + book reviews.

Community participation for child welfare, hospital volunteers, picnic booths, Red Cross sewing, fire department donations, aid to needy families.

During the war years 1944-1947 special meetings each month were held for Red Cross sewing. 14 quilts were made.

St and sweaters knitted for boys overseas.

Baby clothes for wives of soldiers included 12 diapers, 17 baby gowns; also 12 hospital slippers, 50 arm slings, 6(00) bag, 6 bed sacks, 3 kimonos and 100 hospital bags. The women received pins for 200 hours of red cross sewing.

- In 1949 - 31 members earned \$75 for 1st place decorated car in Picnic Parade.
- 1950 - Held 1st flower show.
- 1951 - Started Secret Pale. Membership 31.
- 1952 - Adopted "old mens ward" in Co Hospital. 12 men involved - gifts, cup cakes + monthly visits -
- 1958-60 Pearl Merced Pres.  
Started stencil painting.  
We met in Grange Hall.  
Dorothy Blumewas joined the club.

Take from us, O God, All pride and vanity,  
All boasting and forwardness,  
And give us the true courage  
That shows itself by gentleness,  
The true wisdom that shows itself by simplicity,  
And the true power that shows itself by modesty,  
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord Amen.

## Eastside Club Elects Officers at Luncheon

DURHAM—The Eastside social club enjoyed its annual company luncheon yesterday at the home of Mrs. E. A. Carlson who had a long table arranged for the members to be seated. Victory garden delicacies, fresh hot rolls and many other good foods were brought for the luncheon hour.

Mrs. Adele Lucas presided at the head of the table and at the other end was Mrs. Mary Cheney from Chico, the first president. Mrs. M. Drennan who now lives in Berkeley and Mrs. John Parker from Chico were also welcomed back by the members, Mesdames Carlson, Tvrdik, McNair, Seager, Charlton, Henderson, Crandall, Henson and Pearce.

During the afternoon new officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. E. A. Carlson; vice president, Mrs. R. W. Seager; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Henson; auditor, Mrs. W. D. Henderson.

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers, Mesdames Lucas, Carlson and Tvrdik and the Red Cross chairman, Mrs. R. H. McNair for their faithful services for three years. Mrs. W. S. Hook was chosen for the new Red Cross chairman. Mrs. D. C. Crandall was appointed property chairman to cooperate with the officers.

Mrs. John Parker invited the club to meet with her on West 19th street, Chico, for its next meeting, June 5 and Mrs. Lucas invited the club to her home for its sewing May 15.

Monday, September 25, 1967

## Durham Eastside Social Club Will See Demonstration

DURHAM (E-R) — The first meeting of the Durham Eastside Social Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. Jay Gardner.

New officers for the coming year are Mrs. Opal Floyd, president; Mrs. Pearl Merical, vice president; Mrs. Shanda Pearce, secretary - treasurer; and Mrs. Eva McNair, sunshine chairman.

Mrs. Pearce reported on the club's request to the county supervisor for speed controls on Lott Road. Club members were pleased to see that speed signs had been posted on the road.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Eva McNair Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. Mrs. McNair will give a demonstration on the art of making artificial grapes.

Tuesday, April 22, 1969

## Durham Social Club Covers Lots of Business

DURHAM (E-R) — The home of Mrs. Jay Gardner provided the setting for the April 11 meeting of the Eastside Social Club.

Seventeen members attended the meeting, called to order by the president, Mrs. Robert Pearce.

Following recitation of the club prayer and the pledge of allegiance, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. A. B. Comer, secretary.

Mrs. J. C. Floyd, chairman of the club's community improvement project, reported that due to illness of committee members no plans had been made.

Correspondence was read from the Children's Home Society thanking the club for its Godparent membership. Get well cards were acknowledged by Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Pearce following his surgery in Sacramento and Mrs. Comer who had had surgery in Chico. Mrs. Bill Hook expressed her appreciation of the club's condolences on the death of her son-in-law.

Sunshine secretary, Mrs. Eva McNair, was delegated to express the well wishes of the club to Mrs. C. P. Davis who is convalescing after surgery at a local hospital.

The nominating committee report, presented by Mrs. John Bradley, chairman, proposed the following officers for 1969-70: Mrs. Comer, president; Mrs. Floyd, vice president; Mrs. R. A. Mackessy, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. McNair, sunshine secretary. The slate was unanimously approved by the members.

Mrs. Gardner entertained the club with an organ recital. Her selections took the form of a medley which included many old time favorites, so the club participated in group singing.

Secret pal gifts were distributed. Birthday celebrants were Mrs. Omar Gilley, Mrs. Robert Pearce, Mrs. Ray Summers, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hook.

The tea table had been decorated by the hostess in a spring theme focusing on a huge arrangement of multicolored flowers. Mrs. H. C. Duncan assisted Mrs. Gardner by pouring tea.

Other members attending the meeting were Mrs. Ray Ford and her daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Laura Chandler, Mrs. Cloyd Pearce, Mrs. Varney Wakefield, Mrs. Ruby Crandall, Mrs. A. P. Chase and Mrs. Mackessy.

Party arrangements for the next meeting were made by Mrs. Bradley. All members will meet on May 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Club Sundown for a club sponsored luncheon.

Friday, June 20, 1969 P

## Durham Woman Tells About Land Colony to Club

DURHAM (E-R) — Mrs. Mary Lemcke spoke on the Durham Land Colony, telling of the problems and fun involved in the project, when the Eastside Social Club met for a pot-luck picnic June 13.

Husbands and guests were invited to the event held in Durham Community Park.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Al Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mackessy, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Merical, Mrs. H. C. Duncan, Mrs. Ray Ford, Mrs. Eva McNair, Dorothy Ford, Mrs. Ruby Crandall, Mrs. Lemcke, Mrs. Omar Gilley and daughter, Lela Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearce and daughters, Sally, Susy and Sherry.

Chico (Calif.) Enterprise-Record

Monday, May 19, 1969

## Members Honored By Social Club At Birthday Meet

DURHAM (E-R) — The annual birthday celebration of the Eastside Social Club was marked May 8 by 19 members attending a luncheon at the Club Sundown in Chico.

Tables were decorated by Mrs. Cloyd Pearce with three flower arrangements combining roses, carnations, and iris. At the head table, bright multicolored bracelets circled the place cards as gifts for the new officers—Mrs. A. B. Comer, president; Mrs. J. C. Floyd, vice president; Mrs. R. A. Mackessy, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Eva McNair, sunshine secretary. A dusting powder kit was presented to the past president, Mrs. Robert Pearce.

The club's oldest member, Mrs. McNair, and its youngest members, Mrs. Robert Pearce, were each presented with a corsage by Mrs. Cloyd Pearce.

Charter members honored were Mrs. Cloyd Pearce, Mrs. Ruby Crandall, Mrs. Charles Baxter and Mrs. Ray Ford. Past presidents Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Henrietta Varnes, Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. H. C. Duncan were applauded.

Others attending the luncheon were Mrs. Ida Hollingsworth, Dorothy Ford, Mrs. Varney Weakefield, Mrs. Jay Gardner, Mrs. Laura Chandler, Mrs. John Bradley, Mrs. Omar Gilley and her guest, Beverly Holleman.

The next meeting will be held June 13 at 6 p.m. in Durham Community Park. Members are requested to fix a favorite dish and bring their husbands or a guest.

Chico (Calif.) Enterprise-Record, Fri., March 23, 1973.

## Eastside Social Club Holds Name Revealing

DURHAM (E-R) — The Eastside Social Club of Durham held its annual name revealing during its regular meeting on March 16 at the new home of Mrs. Robert Pearce on Lott Road.

Cohostess for the meeting was Mrs. Cloyd Pearce of Durham. Decorations centered around a St. Patrick's Day theme with refreshments including cake, candies, and beverages.

The meeting was called to order by president Mrs. John Bradley, followed by the flag pledge and prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting was read by secretary Mrs. Omar Gilley.

Mrs. Shanda Pearce, Mrs. Giner Arney, and Mrs. Blanch Gardner were selected for the nominating committee. Annual dues were paid and secret pals were revealed.

During new business members voted to donate \$4 to the Four Chaplains Memorial. It also was voted to donate \$50 to the Durham Volunteer Fire Department for needed equipment.

Members purchased tickets toward a painting donated by Mrs. Frances Stephens, the proceeds from ticket sales to go to the Durham Women's Club scholarship fund.

Twenty-one members attended including Mrs. Robert Pearce, Mrs. Cloyd Pearce, Mrs. John Bradley, Mrs. R. A. Mackessy, Mrs. Roy Ford, Dorothy Ford, Mrs. H. C. Duncan, Mrs. Ida Hollingsworth, Mrs. Eva McNair, Mrs. Laura Chandler, Mrs. Richard Arney, Mrs. Ray Summers, Mrs. Al Chase, Mrs. A. B. Colmer, Mrs. Omar Gilley, Mrs. Gordon Shields, Mrs. Jay Gardner, Mrs. John Kerr, Mrs. William Lucas, Mrs. Bill Hook, and Mrs. Roy Merical.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Bradley as a going away present for her new home in Los Molinos. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Beulah Bard on Lott Road with cohostesses Mrs. Florence Westland and Mrs. Blanch Gardner, on April 13.



Installation of officers →

## Social 1973 Calendar

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

## Eastside Social Club Will Meet

DURHAM (E-R) — The home of Mrs. Shanda Pearce on Lott Road in Durham will be the setting for the first meeting of the year of the Eastside Social Club of Durham. Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Agnes Pearce, president, will act as cohostesses during the Sept. 14 meeting at 2 p.m.

Officers for the coming year including Mrs. Agnes Pearce are Mrs. Blanch Gardner, vice president; Mrs. June Shields, secretary; Mrs. Alice Summers, treasurer; and Mrs. Eva McNair, sunshine chairman.

## Christmas Party Is Scheduled

DURHAM (E-R) — Eastside Social Club will hold its annual Christmas meeting Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. June Shields on Esquon Road. Mrs. Elaine Ford will be co-hostess.

There will be a secret pal gift exchange during the meeting.

At the last meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Eva McNair she displayed the various handcrafts she has made for the holidays, as part of the program.



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**FRIENDS** — Standing with Mrs. Eva "Gram" McNair (center) are two friends, Mrs. Cleo Comer (left) and Mrs. Agnes Pearce. The latter two are members of Durham Unit 673, American Legion Auxiliary, the group which has received 50 hand-crocheted laprobes from Mrs. McNair for use in Veterans Administration Hospital work. Mrs. McNair is 86 today and, besides crocheting the robes, refinishes her own furniture, makes frames for her crewel work and paintings and embroiders dish towels for missionaries. (Enterprise-Record Photo by Peggy Norlie)

86 Years Old Today

1973

## No Rocking Chair for 'Gram'

By PEGGY NORLIE

(Enterprise-Record Correspondent)

DURHAM — Most people in their 80s spend their days relaxing quietly in their rocking chairs. But for Mrs. Eva McNair of Durham, who is celebrating her 86th birthday today life is too exciting and she has too many things to do to spend her time in a rocking chair.

Durham Unit 73, American Legion Auxiliary, the organization announced the donation of her 50th crocheted laprobe, for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinez. She started the project after hearing friends talk of making laprobes, continuing with the donation of yarns from the Auxiliary and friends. Her last five laprobes

will be delivered by former Durham Pastor Ernest Nelson, of the First Baptist Church in Martinez.

"Gram" McNair, as she is affectionately called by her many friends, lives on Esquon Road in Durham with her beloved Siamese cat, Old Yellar. Her son, Dan, resides nearby. She has two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Besides crocheting for the ALA, "Gram" likes to sew for her friends, refinish furniture, do crewel embroidery, needlepoint, knitting and painting. Presently she is embroidering dish towels for missionaries for the Neighborhood Church of Chico of which she is a member.

Recently, noted her friend and neighbor, Mrs. Cleo Rae Comer, she purchased a miter saw to make her own frames for her crewel work and paintings.

In addition to her talents in crafts, she has been a member of the Eastside Social Club, acting as corresponding secretary for many years. She recently instructed members in the art of resin casting. Each October she entertains in her home and serves the traditional pumpkin pie which she prepares.

Her active schedule never seems to slow down, say members of the Auxiliary, despite several operations and the implanting of a heart pacer five years ago.

Born in North Loup, Neb., in 1887, Mrs. McNair moved to Alberta, Canada, in April of 1906 with her late husband, Reubin. Before the winter, they had built their own one-room log cabin. There they raised the cattle, later trading some of the cattle for a creamery in Elkton. In 1924 they moved to California with their son, Dan. They were headed for Delhi but because of many problems encountered with cattle, they arranged with the government to establish in the Durham Land Colony.

Due to the long hours and many chores in operating their dairy in Durham, the only use made of Mrs. McNair's artistic talents for years was picturing the "old bosseys" for identification.

Today, in the absence of cows to identify, her busy hands continue to create, benefiting her community and delighting her many friends.

Enterprise-Record, Wednesday, March 6, 1974.

## Eastside Club Meets March 8

DURHAM (E-R) — The Eastside Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Pearl Merial in Durham on March 8 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. LaFay Gilley and Mrs. Alice Summers will assist the hostess. As part of the program, the revealing of secret pals will take place.

The plans were announced during the February meeting of the club held at the home of Mrs. Cleo Comer. Mrs. Agnes Pearce and Mrs. Amy Chase assisted the hostess.

Surprise birthday congratulations were extended to Mrs. Florence Westland and Mrs. H. Shields during the refreshment hour.

Mrs. Eva McNair, sunshine chairman, reported on members who were ill. Cards and a box of candy were sent to Mrs. Dorothy Ford who is in the Chico Convalescent Hospital.

It was voted to give \$10 to the Durham Women's Club project of making pillows for the Loma Vista Special Education classes in Chico for the children's rest periods. Mrs. Blanche Gardner accepted the check and expressed the gratitude of the Durham Woman's Club for the assistance of their project.

Thurs., April 11, 1974. Page 4C

## Social Club to Meet April 12

DURHAM (E-R) — The Eastside Social Club will hold its April 12 meeting at the home of Mrs. Lyle Olsen on Cummings Road. Mrs. Dorothy Duncan and Mrs. Dorothy Husing will assist in serving refreshments preceding the business meeting.

Plans will be made for the club's annual luncheon meeting in May and the nomination of officers.

Officers for the past year have been Agnes Pearce, president; Mrs. Blanche Gardner, vice president; Mrs. June Shields, secretary; Mrs. Alice Summers, treasurer; and Mrs. Eva McNair, sunshine chairman.

## Durham Club <sup>2/13/70</sup> Hears Talk on BB Candy Sales

DURHAM (E-R) — Talk on the Blue Birds candy sales and a poem entitled "Get Up and Go" were among the highlights enjoyed by members and guests attending the Feb. 13 meeting of the Durham Eastside Social Club.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Pearl Mercals, with Mrs. Alice Summers as cohostess and called to order by Mrs. Cleo Comer. The "calendars" were turned in and the money was put into the club treasury. The Blue Bird talk was given by Mrs. June Shields and the poem was read by Mrs. Agnes Pierce.

Desserts were served to 16 members attending and one guest, Mrs. Amy Hancock.

After the meeting, games were enjoyed.

The March 13 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Baxter with Mrs. Agnes Pierce as cohostess. Secret pals will be revealed and new ones will be drawn.

## Pearl Merial

DURHAM (E-R) — A funeral service for Pearl Ora Merial, 79, of Durham will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Brusie Funeral Home in Chico.

She died Saturday in Redding.

Mrs. Merial and her husband, Roy, owned and operated a dairy in Durham from 1948 to 1967.

She was born May 30, 1906, in Custer City, Okla., to George and Louise Moore. She was educated in Oklahoma and she and her husband were married in 1922, at which time they moved to Tulsa, Okla.

In 1948 they moved to Durham and bought the dairy, which they sold in 1967. Merial died in 1973.

Mrs. Merial was a member of Durham Eastside Club and the Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Ila Jean Pooler of Durham; a son, Don of Redding; two sisters, Eva Bowman of Snyder, Okla., and Mae Purcell of Lathrop, San Joaquin County; and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Glen Oaks Memorial Park in Chico.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity in care of Brusie Funeral Home.

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