

HISTORY:
1930-1945

- The Junior Welfare League of Amarillo was organized January 14, 1930.
- The principal project of the League for 15 years was the free clinic for preschool children. Gladys Seewald served as all-time chairman and worked with Drs. Cultra and Lemmon who donated their professional services. Monies spent on this project were derived from the Rose Bowl Tea Room, the annual Charity Ball, calf sales, and cookbook sales. The Junior Welfare League applied for membership in the Association of Junior Leagues of America and a representative of AJLA visited Amarillo in the spring of 1943.

1945-1946

- The Junior Welfare League was accepted into the Association of Junior Leagues of America, and affiliation became official at Annual Conference held at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec. Two delegates were sent. The Rose Bowl Tea Room closed prior to affiliation.

1946-1947

- AJLA staff Welfare Consultant visited.
- Project Finding Committee recommended a demonstration park and recreation program, and the Membership approved. Program started and a director hired; \$10,000 voted to be spent for the three summer months.
- Newsheet published for the first time.
- In the community arts field: Puppet Playhouse offered instruction in puppet production and operation; "Jack and the Beanstalk" was trouped to 2,225 children; Radio Committee presented series "Books Bring Adventure"; picture costing \$350 presented to Amarillo High School.
- Two delegates sent to Children's Theatre Conference in Seattle, and two delegates sent to Conference in Coronado, California.

1947-1948

- Regional Director, Mrs. J. Ramsey Harris, visited.
- Park and Recreation program with League volunteers started in June, 1947, with supervised play in five city parks. The Director took over a winter program at the San Jacinto Youth Center, and League paid salary of \$3,500.
- First office space leased on Taylor Street.
- Junior League Garden Club founded.
- Provisionals initiated book cart services for Northwest Texas Hospital.
- Community Arts: Three educational films shown at high school and college; "Up and Down the Scales" broadcast, reached 9,500 students; classes in puppet making; puppeteers trouped "Hansel and Gretel" to 7,472 students; paintings presented to Amarillo High School cost \$225.
- All facets of community program and in-League administration represented on Board and the Bylaws thoroughly revised.
- Regional Meetings in Austin and Conference in French Lick, Indiana, were each attended by two delegates.

1948-1949

- Staff visit by Children's Theatre Consultant.
- Demonstration park and recreation program had successful second season at cost of \$7,000.
- City ordinance passed in March creating a Park and Recreation Commission and a City Recreation Dept. League gave city \$8,000 to supplement budget for park program.
- \$200 nurse's scholarship given.
- Community Arts: League sponsored "21st Birthday Party" for Amarillo Little Theatre; Children's Theatre founded; "Sleeping Beauty" trouped to 7,076 children; \$150 spent for pictures for Amarillo High School.
- Delegates sent to Children's Theatre Conference in Denver, Regional Meeting in Fort Worth, and Conference in Boca Raton, Florida.

1949-1950

- Mrs. Vernet Slater, Director of Region VIII, visited.
- May, 1949, League accepted responsibility for establishing a board for Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center and guaranteed a one year salary of \$3,600. League members, in cooperation with doctors, C. P. parents, civic clubs, and interested citizens, secured a location and therapist.
- Total expenditures of the League for the City Parks and Recreation program was \$30,000.
- Sustaining Members Club organized.
- \$500 given to Children's Home, and \$300 to the library.
- Community Arts: Wood-wind trio trouped elementary schools; \$400 paid for scholarships for promising student musicians; Radio Committee presented "Leather Breeches"; Children's Theatre trouped "Rumpelstiltskin" to 9,711.
- Delegates sent to Conference at Sun Valley, Idaho. Kathrine Wilson elected Director of Region VIII and to the Board of Directors of AJLA for two-year term.