

Garden Clubs of State Honor Mrs. Schmitt

MRS. MAX J. SCHMITT, a Wauwatosa woman known throughout the state for her conservation work, was honored twice this week by the Wisconsin Garden Club federation at its convention in Madison.

The federation established the Aroline Schmitt conservation scholarship fund to be given annually to two University of Wisconsin students to be selected by the university. In addition, the group awarded Mrs. Schmitt an honorary life membership in the organization. She is the first person, other than past state presidents, to receive the second honor.

Mrs. Schmitt, who lives on N. 54th st., received the Izaak Walton league Broughton award in 1950 for her outstanding work in conservation.

Mrs. A. C. Garnett, Madison, was elected president of the state federation; Mrs. D. F. Stilling, Oconomowoc, first vice-president; Miss Elsie Lautenbach, Plymouth, second vice-president; Mrs. H. W. Schaefer, Kenosha, recording and corresponding secretary, and Mrs. George W. Luebke, Fort Atkinson, treasurer.

The Fox Point Federated Garden club, Milwaukee, and the La Belle Garden club, Oconomowoc, were awarded ribbons given annually by the National Council of State Garden clubs for the outstanding flower shows in Wisconsin in the last year.

The Wisconsin Garden Club federation award was given to the Nemakagon Garden club, Hayward. The club has planted 206 cedars at the Hayward cemetery entrance and has kept flower boxes at the American Legion clubhouse. The Milwaukee District Garden club won a contest for the largest membership gain with three new clubs having 125 members. The scrapbook award was given to the West Salem Garden club.

Placing first in their districts in a yearbook contest were: Fond du Lac Green Thumb club, Fox River valley district; Mendota Gardeners, Madison district; Fox Point Federated club, Milwaukee district; West Salem club, northwest district; Lake Shore club, Sheboygan district, and the Williams Bay club, south central district.

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Group Formed to Aid Indians

Legislation Urged

The Citizens' Committee for the Menominees, organized at a meeting Sunday, urged Gov. Kohler and Wisconsin residents and organizations to fight for legislation to protect the tribe and its virgin forest before federal control is ended.

The meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Max J. Schmitt, of 2532 N. 100th st., elected Mrs. Angus Lookaround, Keshena, chairman. About 20 of the 40 persons who are members of the committee attended.

The committee endorsed bills by Representatives Reuss (Dem., Milwaukee) and Laird (Rep., Marshfield) which would provide protection for the forest, a termination plan acceptable to the Menominees as well as to the secretary of the interior and funds to hire specialists to develop the plan.

Bill Passed in 1954

A bill to terminate federal control of the tribe and its reservation near Shawano on Jan. 1, 1959, was passed in 1954.

The committee's purpose was outlined by Mrs. Lookaround, widow of a Menominee Indian leader, writer and lecturer:

"The committee hopes to offer a means whereby the thousands of individuals and organizations in the state that are deeply interested in the Menominee Indians and their forest may effectively support these essential amendments to the 1954 act.

"This is a real emergency. Unless these amendments are passed, irreparable damage will

be done to the Menominees' forest, and a shameful wrong to the Menominees themselves."

Loss of Forest Feared

The forest and the tribe's selected cutting of it for many years has made the tribe one of the wealthiest in the country. The committee fears that the termination act will result in the same fate — cut clean — as the forests once owned by the Oneidas, Chippewas and Stockbridges, other Wisconsin tribes.

Friday, the state Menominee Indian study committee of the legislative council asked congress to amend the termination law.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Schmitt, vice-chairman; Roderick H. Riley, of 2341 Le-feber av., Wauwatosa, secretary; Frederick L. Ott, of 1358 N. 63rd st., Wauwatosa, assistant secretary; Ma-hew Mott, Neenah, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Kummer, of 7817 N. Club circle, Fox Point, assistant treasurer, and Mrs. L. C. Wasson, 3522 Avon ct., Wauwatosa; Edward La Plante, of 3167 N. 15th st., and Robert Arnold, of 3944 N. Prospect av., executive board member.

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