

## HISTORY OF MERRY MOLLYS

The Merry Mollys began back in November 1949. The first meeting was at the home of Mrs. Artley Cullum, who was from the Jolly Janes, the club who sponsored our beginning. Our first officers were: President, Mrs. Noble Oyler, Vice-president, Mrs. Clayton Holloway, Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Simcoe and Treasurer, Mrs. Gene Sarber.

We were probably started because the county encouraged organized clubs to sponsor new clubs - so when a few young ladies around Mentone expressed an interest in Home Demostaration work, our club began. Each new club needs a name and ours was suggested by Mrs. Royal Blue. If the Jolly Janes were Jolly Janes we could be Merry Mollys, and up to the present time the name has served us well, because we have always managed to be merry and have fun together.

Our goals were varied. Some wanted to make new friends, some wanted to learn from the county lessons given by the County Demonstration Agent and other qualified leaders from Purdue University, and some just wanted a night out to have fun. We have all attained these goals many times over, but most importantly, we have gained many close friends that we can count on to help us, support us or we just enjoy spending time with.

Being a Merry Molly has been a good experience and I would recommend it to anyone who is young or old or in-between, who is shy, unsure, but wants to fellowship with women who are her peers. Through club work, I have learned how to be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, song leader, a leader in cultural arts, citizenship, gardening, and health and safety. I have learned how to give a lesson and speak in front of a group without the knocking knees, how to serve on a committee, how to take trips, how to garden, and to fix food, decorate my home, save energy and fix the plumbing. Along with those things, I have also learned how to make candy, silk flowers, sew, alter patterns, choose rugs wisely, and furniture, wallpaper and paint, how to dress attractively, how to do laundry, how to select shoes and take care of your feet, how to entertain, how to make a will, buy insurance, to count calories, serve nutritious food,

how to raise a family, how to get along with others, how to be a friend and how to make one, and how to dress funny on Haloween and how to drink punch and eat lots of food at the Anniversary and Christmas parties. I also learned how to plan and construct a county fair exhibit and have a good time doing it. This is just a small list of things I have learned in the last thirty-two years.

We have three charter members in our club and they are: Mrs. Marion Smith, Mrs. Clayton Holloway and Mrs. Carl Whetstone.

Members at the present time: August 1, 1981 are:

Mrs. Everett Besson	Mrs. Glenn Mellott
Mrs. Lester Blackburn	Mrs. James Romine
Mrs. Bill Cochran	Mrs. Marven Romine
Mrs. Dave Cooper	Mrs. Doug Simpson
Mrs. Robert Foltz	Mrs. Bernard Peters
Mrs. Loren Gross	Mrs. Marion Smith
Mrs. Roy Haney	Mrs. Dale McGowen
Mrs. Luke Hiers	Mrs. Dale Stiffler
Mrs. Clayton Holloway	Mrs. Joe Tucker
Mrs. Merlyn Holt	Mrs. Everett Welborn
Mrs. Hubert Keirn	Mrs. Carl Whetstone