

1943 - 1944

During the seventh year of the Garden Club, 1943-1944, our course was largely charted by the war's necessities. Individually and collectively members devoted themselves to war work. Volunteers staffed as well as gave blood to the mobile units. We were well-represented in all the nine Corps of the Red Cross. The Cheviot Hills Production Division completed 7606 garments in two years of activity. The "Elastoplast Unit" rolled thousands of yards of dressings and enjoyed the companionship as we worked. Members continued to take food and staff the U.S.O. Canteen downtown in the Pacific Mutual Building. We continued helping at the Overland Canteen until it was phased out at end of the year.

No dinner dance was held this year but there was a Valentine party and Garden Tour. We took sandwiches to our luncheon picnics at the American Legion Clubhouse on the Rancho Golf course. We now had 124 members, 27 of whom were new. We did continue our Victory Gardens producing fine vegetables for our tables. The officers for the year were:

Executive Board:

President.....Mrs. John Oslin Crawford
1st Vice President.....Mrs. Charles M. Peak
2nd Vice President.....Mrs. J. J. O'Connor
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Thomas Baskim
Corresponding Secretary...Mrs. Harry J. Wade Jr.
Treasurer.....Mrs. E. Steinkamp