

Bowling Clubs.

Robert C. McCrechie (with Mary
his wife and William L. their
son) came to Sunnyside Wn in
April 1907 to help open the
First National Bank. These
were the early days. There
was much need for
Civic Improvement in which
of course the McCrechie's were
greatly interested and took
an active part. Many new
settlers were coming into the
Yakima Valley even tho' it
was being ^{called} "the Death Valley" to talk about
as the "Death Valley" because of the
many deaths from Dysentery
caused we believed in most cases
because the early settlers were
using water from the Yakima
River for cooking and all
domestic purposes and the
towns in the Valley from Ellensburg
to Pasco were emptying their sewage
into the river. In those days
when new settlers who had

It is almost a year since I came to
this Sanatorium. Needless to say it has taken
a big effort to keep a stiff upper lip and
make the best of the situation. The many
kindnesses - messages, ~~and~~ gifts of flowers
and callers have been a big help,
especially those from my old home in the
Yakima Valley. where we lived for 30 years
~~or~~ so, as I lie here almost helpless.

- my right side is paralyzed - because of
my love for the Yakima Valley and my
many friends there among whom you are
numbered I decided to have a one sided
talk with you to-day and if you can
decipher this, maybe when I have made
my final exit and they take me to lie beside
Robert in Sunnyside you will use some of it
in a final message to my many friends.

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invested in richland and were busy
planting their orchards the homes
for their wives & families received
secondary consideration. Women's Clubs
filled an important place in the life of
the women. A great many of these
were well educated from fine families
in the East and accustomed to
cultural pursuits. Mrs R K Liffamy - a
prominent engineer's wife had organized
the Women's Improvement Club that Spring.
she was expecting a baby. A friend took
Mrs M. Creech to one of its meetings. There
were about ten members in attendance.
Mrs Liffamy was expecting a baby she
as Pres had to resign. Mrs M. Creech was
elected Pres, and with encouragement
and co-operation from the City Council
and the Townsite Owners who were
of the Old School and believed in the
influence and benefits of righteous
living so that there was a strong Church
life, no saloons or gambling clubs in the
town. The Club became very busy
and enthusiastic about securing

We had a good time socially

It was quite the thing to belong to
The Woman's Club we soon had
over 100 members

No road thru to Trachores
from Sunnyside

Wonderful meetings in
Bethel Hall in winter and
in a Park in summer of
The Sage Bush ~~the~~ Sisters

attractive lawns & gardens

planting shade trees, cleaning
the alleys, slaughtering flies
and prevention of pollution of the
Yakima River

The Sunnyside Women's

Club became very popular. Every
member was busy. We gave fine
dinners ^{on an average} using our own china &
silver. gave popular entertainments
and made as much as \$500.00 a
year! We purchased the site for the
City Park and landscaped it as well as
smaller plots on the hill planted
with trees. plots on the Hill given
to the Club by the town site owners.

In 1908 The Club sent Mrs. McBride
to the Annual State Convention of W.S.W.C.
in Bellingham. She came home more
enthusiastic than ever about civic
improvement. Yakima has
always since its settlement been
very much alive and its women
have been loyal supporters of
its men's enterprises. W-M Greek

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& composed of other Club Presds.
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how club women in the valley could
co-operate for its benefit. It is
to-day one of the strongest Club
Districts in the General Fed. Womens
Club (G. F. W. C.) and our own
State has benefited by this fact for
no less than six of its
W. S. F. W. C. Presds. have come
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to-day is one of the most
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if you drive through it
especially in April & May - So
follow Marion Macmaster McCreedy's
career. She was elected Presd. of
W. S. F. W. C. in 1911 Mrs W. W. Robertson
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Larson as Ch. of Library and
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friendships as well as very valuable

supporters of the W. F. C. work 15

Dr. Eugene R. Kelley of Secy was interested in the Club women's work and was influential in having Lou Marion Hay appoint Mrs. McCredie on the State Board of Health where she served from 1912 until 21 finally, mainly thru

Dr. Massie's influence (of Seattle) she was elected its President.

Her chief duty was lecturing for the S. B. H. before schools, clubs, churches, soldiers, camps etc. She also was on the State Board of the Y. B. Assoc for 5 and Presd for 3 or 4 years.

- Is a Life member of the Board.

She with Ruth Kerr, Mrs. Kee and Mrs. Overton & Ellis in Mounting headed The Minute Women of Washington Mrs. McCredie was Ch. of Health on the State Council of Defense during the 1st world war. She lectured on the Clamaguer for the Nat. Y. W. C. A. in 1919. She acted as Ch. for several

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the women's State groups of organizations
interested in that work.

The League of Women's Voters the
W. I. & W. C. and Minute Women.

Had quite a fight over
the Minimum Wage Law in 1915

Because I love the Yakima
valley and have appreciated and
enjoyed so much the warm
friendship of the women and
been inspired by their
example, I kind of want
to be linked up with them
so helpless as I am. I have
scrubbed this article

some of which you may
use after I have made
my exit. I have enjoyed
a long happy life just
trying to live as kindly and
helpful as possible and as a
consistent Scotch Presbyterian

for
Miss Canton
of the
Yakima Herald

I made one of the addresses of
welcome at the Gen. Fed. W. Club
Biennial Convention in San
Francisco in 1912 was flattered
because I was one of seven
women nominated for Presd.
M^{rs} Pennybacker was
elected. M M M.

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