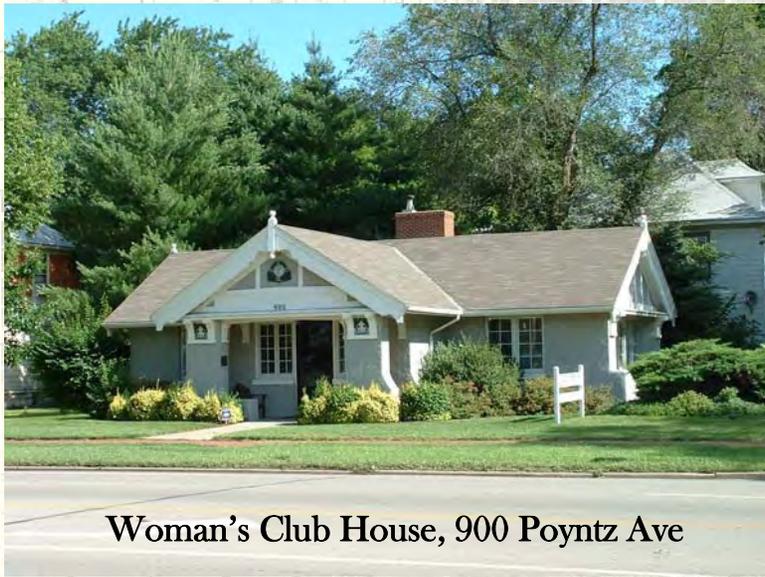


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Woman's Club House

As an Arts and Crafts style bungalow, the Woman's Club House is a design distinctive of the early twentieth century. The building



Woman's Club House, 900 Poyntz Ave

was built in 1911 for the local chapter of the American Woman's League, a group whose stated purpose was to associate the women of

Manhattan in intellectual, cultural and civic activities.

The American Woman's League was part of a business promotion for the E. G. Lewis Publishing Company, which capitalized on popular interest in organizations for women devoted to charitable causes. The company offered membership in the American Women's League if local chapters could secure 50 to 75 members who would sell subscriptions for publications offered by the Lewis Publishing Company. The Company would then donate a clubhouse to the local chapter provided that it could supply a lot upon which to build it. The Manhattan chapter enjoyed its first meeting in the new building on August 24, 1911.

Government prosecution forced the Lewis Publishing Company to suspend its business activities on charges that it disobeyed the law

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and flooded the mail with periodicals. Despite the profiteering that underlay the original scheme of the American Woman's League, Manhattan and many other communities were positively affected by the promotion to develop women's organizations that played important roles in community life.

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