

## Carrie D. Schnoor

*From Day Before Yesterday by Nell Pauly*

Carolyn Dorilla Stowell was born December 29, 1872 in Big Springs, Wisconsin. She was raised and educated in Wisconsin and taught school before her marriage. Carolyn married William Schuster on October 16, 1901. William Schuster was a plumber by trade. He had tuberculosis and they moved to Colorado for his health. In 1905 they moved to Denver and to Grand Lake in 1910. They had two daughters, Florence and Helen. In 1915 Bill Schuster passed away.



Carolyn (Carrie, as she was known), taught the Grand Lake School in 1912 and continued teaching for several years. Later she was elected the County Superintendent of schools for 26 years. She was a staunch Republican, never wavering from her ticket.

Carrie was a Good Samaritan in times of need and stress to her fellow men, yet of stern character. She married Henry Schnoor June 17, 1917, a Grand Lake widower with two young daughters, Beatrice (Bea) and Mary (Mayme). So there was a family of six all of a sudden. But Henry's younger daughter Mayme did not make her home in her father's house but remained at the Harbison ranch with the Harbison sisters, Annie and Kitty, who had raised Henry's two little girls since there were mere babies. Bea lived in the Schnoor home along with her new step sisters, Florence and Helen. Carrie Schnoor had many friends and was very well respected in her community.

After the death in 1943 of her husband, Henry, Carrie lived with her daughter Florence Quail in Ault, Colorado. Later she lived in a nursing home in Greeley where she passed away in 1959.

*Copied from 1940 newspaper in a scrapbook donated to GLAHS*

Mrs. Schnoor is Pioneer Clubwoman

At the annual meeting of the Moffat District of Women's clubs and as a part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the General Federation, Mrs. Carrie D. Schnoor of Grand Lake was honored with the distinction of holding the longest continuous membership in a woman's club for the entire Moffat district. In recognition of the service implied by such a record, Mrs. Schnoor was presented with a beautiful corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Schnoor had joined the Grand Lake Embroidery club about 1913 and the club evolved into the Grand Lake Woman's Club and became part of the General Federation of Women's clubs in 1928. She has been a continuous member since that time. It is especially appropriate at this time to honor Mrs. Schnoor as our pioneer clubwoman in Moffat district, inasmuch as she is rounding out more than a decade of years of service to Grand county as county superintendent of schools. Her record is worthy of emulation and congratulations and we are happy to pay her this tribute in this anniversary issue of the Middle Park Times.

*Comments from the Middle Park Times showing the activities of Carrie Schnoor*

1918

Grand Lake Ladies Club, including Mrs. Schnoor, were collecting funds for the Red Cross. Mrs. Schnoor reported \$2,267.05 was sent to the Red Cross and she commended Mrs. J. L. Ish who had charge of the drive. Mrs. Schnoor was visiting schools in the county and attending to other professional business. Mrs. Schnoor, Mrs. Harbison, and Mrs. Cairns collected used clothing for the Belgians this week. Mrs. Schnoor was elected Treasurer the the Grand Lake Branch of the American Red Cross.

1919

The people of Grand Lake and vicinity are having a number of community gatherings to promote sociability and to further community singing. The first of these meetings was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schnoor, the second with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kauffman, at both of which everybody had a fine time. Mr. W. C. Gregg and Mrs. Floyd Gregg will have the next meeting.

1920

P. H. Smith and Mrs. Carrie Schnoor met with the County Commissioners as a Committee from Grand Lake to secure the passage of a resolution permitting the Grand Lake town to build a Community House in the public park at Grand Lake.

1921

The Community Association of Grand Lake has recently purchased a new piano and a Grafonia for use in the Community House. Dances are being given regularly on Wednesday and Saturday evenings and the proceeds from these dances are used to make payments on the musical instruments. There is a splendid orchestra and all of our county people who like to dance are urged to attend. Mrs. Schnoor is Secretary of the Community Association.

1927

The Women's Club met with Mrs. Henry Schnoor. Most of the time was spent piecing quilt blocks and all the members appreciated the lovely lunch served afterwards.

1932

Mrs. Schnoor was a member of the Grand Lake Social Club. A very successful benefit bridge party was held at the Grand Lake Community House. There were twelve tables of players and in addition a number of ladies who could not attend contributed to the fund. Wild roses, columbines and other flowers were used in the decorations. After the game, refreshments consisting of fruit punch and little cakes were served. Mrs. Schnoor was on the committee in charge.

Mrs. Schnoor was secretary of the Grand Lake Commercial Association.

1935

Mrs. Schnoor was on the school board

A committee of five including Mrs. Henry Schnoor, met with the county commissioners at Hot Sulphur Springs relative to street work in Grand Lake.