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Local DAR commemorates Catherwood as historic woman

Two members of the Barbara Stan-
dard chapter of the Daughters of the
American Revolution (D.A.R.) re-
cently presented Hoopeston Public
Library with a Certificate Award for
Women in American History.

Regent Ruth Neathery and Janet
Haggerty, historian/librarian, pre-
sented the honor to library director
Linda Mitchell in honor and memory
of Mary Hartwell Catherwood.

Catherwood was a central figure in
Middle Western American authorship
during the period between the close of
the Civil War and the opening of the
20th century. She wrote many histori-



MARY HARTWELL
CATHERWOOD



cal romances
with important
regional contri-
butions of much
originality and
charm. She also
wrote poetry
and had articles
published in
periodicals.

Catherwood's
worth and per-
sonality as-

sume a richly interesting role that
affected at least a half dozen major
episodes in American literary history.
She was the first American woman
novelist of any significance born west
of the Appalachians. She formed a
literary club in Hoopeston that still
exists and meets monthly at Hoopes-
ton Public Library. The library was
founded by the Mary Hartwell Cath-
erwood Club in 1898; in 1904, An-
drew Carnegie was the donor of the
building and Alba Honeywell donor
of the grounds.

Catherwood was born in Lurey,
Ohio, the daughter of Dr. Marcus and
Pheba Thompson Hartwell. The fam-
ily moved to Milford in 1856, where
Dr. Hartwell died of pneumonia

within a year. Mrs. Hartwell gave birth to a son, Marcus,
shortly after his death, and then she died. The children -
Mary, Roxanna and Marcus - lived with their maternal
grandparents.

Catherwood earned a teaching certificate at age 13 and
first taught in Jersey Township, Ohio. She went on to
attend Granville (Ohio) Female College, completing the
four-year course in three years.

She taught in Ohio, then returned to Danville where
she also taught. While visiting relatives in Hoopeston,
she met her future husband, James Steel Catherwood,
who would become a Hoopeston realtor with the firm of

See CATHERWOOD on other side

A plaque at Hoopeston Public Library marks the Mary Hartwell Cath-
erwood Club as founding the library in 1898, with the building donated by
Andrew Carnegie and the grounds donated by Alba Honeywell, in 1904.

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Lady Cornjerkers lose one, win one in basketball action

The Lady Cornjerkers fell to Cissna Park but topped Oakwood in recent hoop action.

The ladies fell to Cissna, 22-64 on Friday. Karena Colunga led Hoopeston Area scorers with six, along with five rebs. Brea Bushong and Aly Zarate contributed four points each and Bushong had four rebs on the night.

Catherwood continued from other side

Wallace and Catherwood. They lived in Hoopeston for 17 years.

The Catherwoods lost a son in infancy and had a daughter, Hazel, who lived to adulthood.

Catherwood was friends with James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field, well known poets.

Catherwood moved to Chicago in 1900 to be closer to her publishers. She died there on December 26, 1902, of intestinal cancer, and was buried at Floral Hill Cemetery

Original copies of some of her novels may be checked out at Hoopeston Public Library.

On Monday, the ladies extinguished Oakwood's Lady Comets, 42-28. Hoopeston Area had a 19-point first quarter that helped lead the ladies to a home conference victory, said Coach Clinton Mathewson.

Haley Dixon was on fire, contributing three 3-point shots. Shelby Holzinger had 11 points and 11 rebs.

The girls were scheduled to play Milford Tuesday evening at home.

Briefly

Cheer cards appreciated

Dorothy Richards, of Hoopeston, was hospitalized while in Arizona. She would appreciate hearing from friends. Cheer cards may be sent to: Dorothy Richards, c/o Linda Shoemaker, 10248 E Charter Oak, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

Weather



Becoming mostly sunny today. High 21. Tonight, cloudy. Low 18. Tomorrow, breezy. High 35, low 15.

Court Dispositions



November 7

Deono Zamarripa, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Bryson Irvin, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Ryaan Nosler, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Gerardo Torres, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Joshua Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Jeremy Carlock, Georgetown, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Susie Wisdom, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Holly Baker, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Elbert Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

Kenneth Irwin, Crete, case continued to December 5.

Police News



A 22-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 4:02 p.m. Monday that someone took several dollars worth of change and a blue tooth device were taken from his vehicle in the 600 block of East Penn.

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