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Auburn A.A.U.W. Is 66th Branch In California

Newest among local women's organizations is the Auburn Branch of the American Association of University Women. Begun in the minds of two local women, Mrs. Lois S. Nelson and Mrs. Elma L. Clark Young, an organizational meeting was called Nov. 16, 1948, with forty women responding. By the close of charter-membership application Feb. 2, 1949, eighty-three memberships had been received.

Election of officers occurred in January with Mrs. Howard G. Lee, president; Mrs. Lois S. Nelson 1st vice-president and Membership chairman; Mrs. R. W. Lawrence 2nd vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. M. B. Cheek recording secretary; Mrs. O. F. Ruud corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Bob Robinson, treasurer.

Adoption of a constitution also was accomplished in January. With local organization completed, official application could be made to national headquarters of AAUW for a charter for the Auburn Branch. Presentation of the charter and installation of officers by Mrs. Edward C. Lanphier of Burlingame, South Western Regional Vice-president of AAUW is scheduled for April 7, 1949. With this last formality, the Auburn Branch of AAUW will have become a reality, although regular meetings have been in the interim.

Auburn will become the sixty-sixth local branch in California, totalling over 12,000 members. Nearest neighboring branches are those located at Placerville, established in 1947; Nevada County Branch at Grass Valley, organized in 1947; and Sacramento, 1920. There are over 100,000 members in the U.S.

General branch sessions are held monthly with programs of interest to all. Special interests are cared for by section meetings. To date six groups have been organized as follows: International Relations with Mrs. Nancy Krakow, chairman Crafts with Mrs. W. F. Keeney; Book Sec. led by Mrs. Elma L. Clark Young; Hooked Rugs, with Miss Kathro Frank; Social Studies chaired by Miss Louise Langenbach; and Fine Arts under Mrs. A. M. Akers.

A seventh group, Education, is in process of organization under Mrs. Leila Dunievitz as chairman. These sections meet once or twice monthly at members' homes. A monthly calendar of activities is prepared and mailed to all members. Other chairmen and appointive officers of the Branch are Mrs. H. E. Castain, General Art chairman; Mrs. Harold R. Bushke, Fellowship; Miss Leona Field, Section Coordinator; Mrs. Frances Latimer, parliamentarian; Mrs. Elma L. Clark Young, publicity; Mrs. G. W. Brundage, historian.

Any woman is eligible to join AAUW if she is a graduate of any one of some 350 accredited colleges and universities in the U. S.