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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Maywood Woman's Club

other name/site number: American Woman's League Building

2. Location

street & number: 902 Marin Street

not for publication: NA

city/town: Corning

vicinity: NA

state: CA county: Tehama code: 103 zip code: 96021

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: NA

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Stade P. Craig Signature of certifying official August 26, 1992 Date

California Office of Historic Preservation State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

~~Entered in the National Register~~
By Mr. Rapley 10/2/92

 Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Social Sub: Clubhouse

Current : Social Sub: Clubhouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Bungalow/Craftsman

Other Description:

Materials: foundation: concrete; roof: asphalt
walls: stucco other: terra cotta
weatherboard

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :

Areas of Significance: Social History

Period(s) of Significance: 1910-1942

Significant Dates :

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Helfensteller, Hirsch & Watson

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- _ previously listed in the National Register
- _ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _ designated a National Historic Landmark
- _ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- _ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- _ State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	10	570415	4419800	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 19 and 20, Parcel 3, Block 064, Assessor's Map Book 73, Page 06, County of Tehama

Boundary Justification: These are the lots historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Elaine A. Davis, President (with OHP revisions) _____

Organization: Maywood Woman's Club _____ Date: March 17, 1992 _____

Street & Number: 1881 Colusa Stret _____ Telephone: (916) 824-3964 _____

City or Town: Corning _____ State: CA ZIP: 96021 _____

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The Maywood Woman's Club is a small, one-story bungalow that sits on a landscaped 50'x130' lot in Corning. The clubhouse was built in 1910, in a cross-shaped plan. The building is clad in stucco and has a gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The roof originally had wood shingles. Although somewhat altered, the building retains sufficient integrity for Register listing.

The most prominent features of the building are its many multi-paned wood casement windows covering almost all wall surfaces. Also prominent is the south-facing gable on the facade, where over the windows is the original 1910 terra cotta emblem of the American Woman's League.

Changes from the original clubhouse have been to move the front door from the south side to the east side of the porch. Metal railings have been added to the front and back porch steps. The original brick foundation has been reinforced with concrete.

Inside the clubhouse above the fireplace along the west wall is the plaque symbolic of the American Woman's League "Woman's Mission" sculpted by Hungarian artist George Julian Zolany, the director of the Art Academy in University City, Missouri. It shows a woman seated with a large book on her knees, teaching two children to read. The original plaque was bronze, but years ago it was painted beige with a dark border.

Other changes inside the clubhouse have been to add a bathroom, update the kitchen, add paneling to the walls, install acoustical tile ceilings, install a tile floor, and install a gas heater and a cooling unit.

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For more than eighty years, the Maywood Woman's Club building has served the women of Corning in their efforts to gain the vote for women and to improve the community in which they lived. The two organizations associated with the building, the American Woman's League and the Maywood Woman's Club, used the talents of local women to promote worthy causes and achieve a number of civic improvements in such areas as education, parks and recreation, and youth activities.

The American Woman's League was a national organization founded in 1908 in St. Louis, Missouri by Edward Gardner Lewis. The AWL chapter houses, built in three classes or sizes, were originally branches of the Peoples University City of Missouri. Built mainly for the education of women, the buildings housed correspondence classes from the University. Politics and government were often discussed as the League members worked toward suffrage. The AWL had thirty eight local chapters throughout the U.S.

The Corning branch of the League was established in July, 1909 by Mrs. Arvilla C. DeLuce, the chapter's first president. Warren N. Woodson, founder of Corning, and his wife Florence, donated the lots for the construction of the chapter house. The building was constructed in 1910, the first of three built in California. The others were in Compton and Los Angeles.

The Corning branch of the AWL, known as the L.B. Tebbetts Chapter, worked for women's suffrage until 1912, when California women gained the right to vote. (The vote for women was not gained nationally until 1920 with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.) With the demise of the local AWL, the building continued to be used by the women of Corning as the new home of the Maywood Woman's Club. The Club had been organized in October of 1898. The name "Maywood" came from Warren Woodson's real estate venture, the Maywood Colony, that was the origin of the town of Corning. The Club had built a clubhouse in 1903, but sold it in 1912 when they moved into the vacant AWL building.

Just after it organized, the Women's Club worked on a number of local improvement projects, and continued their efforts after moving into the new building. In 1901 the group worked toward obtaining a city park. Land was donated by Woodson and his partner Foster, and in 1910 the Woman's Club paid for seats, tables and swings in the park. Other outdoor recreation projects included support for Corning's river park improvements and efforts to save the redwoods. Fundraising for reforestation began in the 1920s and continues today.

Education has been another area of focus for the club. Due to the efforts of the Maywood Woman's Club members, the first high school was built in 1903. In 1918 members campaigned vigorously for an elementary

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school. Bonds to build the school passed three to one. The club started a library in their building which became the nucleus of the city's public library, a Carnegie, which opened in 1914. The club continues to stress education, offering a scholarship to a Corning high school graduating senior each year. Personal education and improvement are emphasized through a regular monthly program of speakers on various topics of interest to the community.

Maywood Woman's Club members have also helped foster better health care by organizing the local blood bank in 1952. Support for the blood bank is still ongoing. Also in the 1950s the club furnished a room at the new Memorial Hospital in Corning. The hospital also received its flag-pole and plaque from the club.

Through the years Maywood Woman's Club has sponsored the Campfire Girls, the Cub Scouts, Brownies, Corning Junior Woman's Club, Corning Friends of the Library, and the Corning Museum Association. It is still a vital contributor to community life. (However, since exceptional significance has not been justified, the period of significance has been ended at 1942, fifty years ago.)

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