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Azuliket Club

My guess is that this curious photo was taken in the 1940s. I'm sure many older residents of Medina will remember some of these women. They were known as the Azuliket Club, which was a card club started around 1923. Here they are obviously dressed in costumes for some sort of special occasion or party theme.

Indeed, they must have thought it special or otherwise they wouldn't have bothered to have this professional photo taken. The setting is obviously a living room in one of the member's homes. There are certainly many residences in Medina with this configuration of bay windows in the background. Note here the very decora-

tive swinging curtain rods which became popular in the 1920s and 1930s.

Certainly before television and the computer age, people devised all sorts of creative entertainment. Card playing and card clubs were prevalent for both men and women. Small women's clubs for social purposes were common back when this group of ladies met.

They are, from left, seated: Betty Wells, Ida Housden, Grace Rugg and Nellie Barnes. Standing are: Laura King, Belle Cooper, Jo Turner, Elsie Ferguson, Bertha Plimpton, Peg Dygert, Mary Douglass and Dora Warren.