



Tuesday Club Elm

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The Tuesday Club's Slippery Elm

River Falls

Perhaps the only tree in Wisconsin ever protected by a woman's club was a slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*) located in the city of River Falls in Pierce County. Eighty feet tall, it was estimated to be well over 100 years old and had a trunk circumference of 16 feet 5 inches.

The Federated Women's Club of River Falls, known as the Tuesday Club, launched a campaign to acquaint the community with the problems of Dutch elm disease. Their work in this area was so outstanding that an award of \$200 was given to them by their state organization. This money was used, with additional funds coming from the city, to preserve the landmark slippery elm as long as possible. A large crack that had developed was filled and the tree was reinforced with cables and bolts. Unfortunately, it too succumbed to Dutch elm disease and no longer graces the small park overlooking the Kinnickinnic River.

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