

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Community Woman's Club of Gideon (Mo.).**  
**477**      **Records, 1929-1990.**  
            **Twenty-six volumes.**

### **MICROFILM**

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Twelve charter members organized the Community Woman's Club of Gideon in October 1929. The club is affiliated with the state and national federations of women's clubs, but its focus is the civic and social improvement of Gideon. From the beginning, the club has assisted needy families and cooperated with organizations such as the Red Cross, the Gideon Kiwanis Club, and the United Way. Clubwomen pioneered a hot lunch program in Gideon schools, established a scholarship fund for high school students, and were instrumental in securing a public library in Gideon. The club also supports several Girl Scout troops, and has sponsored or participated in civic programs such as city beautification projects, Christmas lighting contests, Christmas basket deliveries, and the annual Labor Day parade. Membership has remained small but stable at fifteen to twenty members. The club continues to hold monthly meetings to the present (1992).

The records of the club are housed in the Rhodes Memorial Library at Gideon. They consist of twenty-six record books and scrapbooks covering the period from the club's organization through 1990. The record books include minutes of meetings, membership rosters, and treasurer's records, 1929-1975. The earliest volumes combine membership and treasurer's records. Minutes of meetings are not available until 1939, but some of the club's early activities can be discerned from the records of receipts and expenditures. The scrapbooks were assembled in connection with a contest sponsored by the national federation of women's clubs. They were submitted annually for judging at district meetings. The scrapbooks span the period from 1940 through 1990, but there are no volumes for 1960-1979. Included are newspaper clippings, yearbooks, photographs, miscellaneous items pertaining to the club's activities, and printed material from the state and national organizations. Historical sketches of the Gideon club are available in the scrapbooks for 1956-1957, 1959-1960, and 1986-1987.

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### Shelf List

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Volumes 1-6: Record books, 1929-1975

Volume 01: Membership roster/treasurer's book, 1929-1934 (136 pages)

Volume 02: Membership roster/treasurer's book, 1936-1953 (76 pages)

Volume 03: Record book, 1939-1947 (300 pages)

Volume 04: Record book, 1947-1953 (300 pages)  
Volume 05: Record book, 1953-1960 (300 pages)  
Volume 06: Record book, 1961-1975 (292 pages)

Volumes 7-26: Scrapbooks, 1940-1990

Volume 07: Scrapbook, 1940-1941 (35 pages)  
Volume 08: Scrapbook, 1941-1942 (50 pages)  
Volume 09: Scrapbook (newspaper clippings), 1941-1942 (17 pages)  
Volume 10: Scrapbook, 1942-1943 (55 pages)  
Volume 11: Scrapbook, 1944-1945 (66 pages)  
Volume 12: Scrapbook, 1946-1947 (15 pages)  
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Volume 23: Scrapbook, 1984-1985 (58 pages)  
Volume 24: Scrapbook, 1985-1986 (67 pages)  
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