

Information Sheet

R Mothers and Patrons Club (Leadwood, Mo.).

687 Records, 1911-1992.

Twelve volumes, four folders, fifty-seven booklets

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The Mothers and Patrons Club at Leadwood was organized in 1911 at the instigation of Mrs. O. H. Bilharz, wife of the St. Joseph Lead Company's mine superintendent at Flat River. She had just organized a similar club at Flat River, and suggested that the Leadwood Club be formed by adopting the same constitution and by-laws as Flat River. Twenty-four women joined the club during its first year. They chose Mrs. S. S. Clarke as the club's president, the first of multiple terms that she was to hold that position. Mrs. Ross Blake, wife of the St. Joseph Lead Company's mine superintendent at Leadwood, succeeded her the next year.

Clubwomen interested themselves in social and civic improvement, particularly in regard to the conditions in local schools. Throughout its history, the club focused on educational and school matters for its benefactions, but also cosponsored or contributed to civic and charitable programs of the City of Leadwood, the Leadwood Commercial Club, St. Francois County, the Presbyterian Orphanage at Farmington, Boys Town of Missouri, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other organizations. The Leadwood club affiliated with the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs and was among neighboring groups in the Ninth District. Clubwomen participated in a variety of state and district conventions. Membership dwindled in the 1970s and 1980s and the club became mostly inactive in 1991-1992.

The records of the Mother and Patrons Club span nearly the entire period of the club's life. They consist of administrative records such as minutes of meetings, financial records, and miscellaneous papers, 1920-1992, and a large group of "yearbooks," 1911-1991. The yearbooks are booklet-sized publications prepared for each club year containing the names of officers and members, committee assignments, meeting dates and program information, and information on various projects. The yearbooks begin with the booklet for 1911-1912, the club's second year, and continue through 1991. Booklets for some years are missing, especially for the 1950s and 1960s, but the surviving booklets provide information on the first decade of the club's existence, a period for which there are no minutes or other records.

Additional material on the history of the club may be found in the miscellaneous papers in Folder 1. Researchers may also wish to consult the records of the Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri (WHMC-Rolla collection R070).

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Volumes 1-12: Minutes of meetings, roll calls, agendas, and financial records, 1920-1991.

Vol. 01: 08 October 1920—January 1925

Vol. 02: 13 February 1925—28 September 1928

Vol. 03: 28 September 1928—May 1931

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Vol. 11: Meetings, agendas, and notes, 13 October 1981—2 October 1991

Vol. 12: Financial account book, 17 September 1964—18 May 1978

Folders 1-4: Constitution, history, correspondence, certificates, miscellaneous items, 1942-1992.

F. 01: Constitution and history, 1920-1960

Constitution; "History of the First Thirty Years..." (28 pp.); "History of the Mother's and Patron's Club, 1920-1960" (3 pp.).

F. 02: Community Improvement Program, 1964-1982

Citations [certificates], 1964, 1966, 1980, 1982; Official Summary Report Form, 15 January 1982; "The Community Improvement Program Marks Its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, 1955-1980" [booklet].

F. 03: Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, Ninth District, 1942-1964

Program, "Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Ninth District..." Fredericktown, Mo., 15 October 1942; "The History of the Ninth District Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs" [booklet], compiled by Ruth Page McWilliams, 1964; Handbook, 1972-1974; "Ninth District Club Presidents' Annual Reports, ca. 1977 [booklet]; Ninth District Spring Reports, 1981 [booklet]; Ninth District, 1980-1982 [booklet]; program, Ninth District Spring Convention, Farmington, Mo., 21 April 1992.

F. 04: Miscellaneous correspondence, programs, certificates, etc., 1947-

Letter, Alice Gay, 1 Jun 1947; Arbor Day program, Leadwood, n.d.; U.S. Treasury Dept. War Finance Program, certificate, 31 Dec 1945; program, St. Francois County Club Convention, Leadwood, 29 Apr 1942; GFWC 50th Anniversary Scroll, 14 Jan 1960; MFWC Honor Roll certificates, 1960-1991; Missouri Girls' Town receipt, n.d.; GFWCM 10 Year Honor Roll Club, 1960; MFWC 15 Year Honor Roll Club certificate, 1966; MFWC 20 Year Honor Roll Club, 1971; MFWC 30 Year Honor Roll, 1981; C.A.R.E. certificates (6); yearbook contest rules and red ribbon, n.d.

Yearbooks, 1911-1991

[Fifty-seven booklets]

These are arranged chronologically beginning with the club's second year. There are some missing booklets, especially for the 1950s and 1960s.

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