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Community Woman's Club Records, ca.1904-1955

3 boxes; .9 cu. ft.

History

The Community Women's Club was one of the many organizations that traced its origins to the turn of the century when women's clubs became so numerous and so popular in Delaware County. It was on March 3, 1904 that the ladies of the Union Chapel Church in Eaton, Indiana met at the home of Mrs. Lee Langston for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Aid Society. The group drew up by-laws that stipulated that monthly meetings would be held in various members' homes. Hostesses who served over three items for refreshments would be subject to a small fine. Sewing was the main activity of the group and orders were taken for sunbonnets, aprons, and eventually for handmade quilts. The money received for the sale of these articles was used for the upkeep of Union Chapel. The singing of hymns and group prayer also accompanied the meetings, which sometimes featured a trip to the minister's home with refreshments.

In March of 1935, the Society voted to change its name to the Community Woman's Club. Sewing was still a main activity, but by the 1950s, the club had evolved into one of the numerous home economics clubs in the County. Demonstrations of products for home use and time saving tips for completing household tasks were now part of the monthly programs.

Scope and Content

The collection contains meeting minutes (1904-51), treasurer's report (1904-07, 1923-1937), flower secretary lists (1934-1952). It also contains letters and cards (1938-1950); membership lists; programs (1937-1949); yearbooks (1935-1949); program books, creeds, and membership cards (1949-1953), and secretary record books (1948-1955).

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		Minutes
1	1	1904-1905
	2	1905-1909
	3	1913-1914
	4	1916-1919
	5	1919-1922
	6	1922-1925
	7	1925-1927
	8	1927-1935
	9	1935-1938
	10	1938-1939
2	1	1939-1941
	2	1941-1943
	3	1943-1947
	4	1947-1949
	5	1950-1951
		Treasurer's Report
	6	1904-1907
	7	1906-1916
	8	1923-1929
	9	1929-1937
	1	Secretary Record Books, 1948-1951
	2	Secretary Record Books, 1952-1955
	3	Flower Secretary's List, 1934-1952
	4	Membership Lists, no date
	5	Programs, 1937-1949
	6	Program Books, Creed, Membership Cards, 1949-1953
	7	Letters and Cards, 1938-1950
	8	Yearbooks, 1935-1949