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Mothers Club - Bowling Green, Kentucky (MSS 113)

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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 113 MOTHERS Club - Bowling Green, Kentucky

2 ½ boxes, 25 folders, 647 items, 1925-1998

Gift of Mothers Club, Bowling Green, Ky., 1998

HISTORY

The Mothers Club was organized in January 1925 at the home of Mrs. Zula G. Yarbrough, with three other women in attendance. On February 12, 1925, ten women met and formalized the organization, which would eventually include 15 members (later increased to 20 members in 1935). The purpose of the organization was “to assist each other in the mental, spiritual, and physical development of our children” and membership was limited to “young mothers of intelligence and character.”

The organization’s meetings were held on the second Thursday of each month from October through June. The June meeting was generally a picnic. The meetings consisted of a short business session, a speaker, a short program by some of the members’ children, and refreshments. As club members aged the children’s portion of the program was eliminated. The club did participate on a limited scale in civic activities, such as furnishing one of the rooms at the City/County Hospital’s Nurses’ Home, writing letters about questionable movies being shown, and making contributions to fund drives such as the Red Cross. Program topics varied from “Care of Children’s Teeth” to “Conditions in Nicaragua.” Gradually the program became more of a literary club format rather than one of parental concern. Annual highlights included the June picnic and Christmas programs in which the children performed.

COLLECTION

This collection consists of three boxes of organizational materials, chiefly minutes, financial records, attendance sheets, and yearbooks. The yearbooks include program topics and membership rosters. The minutes are not detailed, but they provide insight into the club's activities and briefly describe the program.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	MOTHERS Club minutes, etc.	1925-1998	426 items
Folder 1	Descriptive Inventory	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	1925-1934	15 items
Folder 3	Minutes	1934-1938	34 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1938-1944	54 items
Folder 5	Minute book	1944-1948	1 item, 152p.
Folder 6	Minute book	1948-1951	1 item, 72p.
Folder 7	Minute book	1951-1963	1 item, 245p.
Folder 8	Minutes	1963-1972	76 items
Folder 9	Minutes	1973-1978	57 items
Folder 10	Minutes	1979-1990	94 items
Folder 11	Minutes	1991-1998	67 items
Folder 12	Newspaper clippings	1925-1979	25 items
BOX 2	MOTHERS Club data and yearbooks	1925-1998	191 items
Folder 1	Attendance sheets	1929-1998	50 items
Folder 2	Constitution and by-laws	1925; 1935; 1983	4 items
Folder 3	Financial records	1925-1998	45 items

Folder 4	History	1940	2 items
Folder 5	Memories written by past members	1998	9 items
Folder 6	Stray materials	1925-1995	38 items
Folder 7	Yearbooks	1925-1938	14 items
Folder 8	Yearbooks	1938-1945	7 items
Folder 9	Yearbooks	1945-1955	10 items
Folder 10	Yearbooks	1955-1967	2 items
BOX 3	YEARBOOKS	1967-1998	30 items
Folder 1	Yearbooks	1967-1975	8 items
Folder 2	Yearbooks	1975-1985	10 items
Folder 3	Yearbooks	1985-1998	12 items

CATALOG CARD

MSS 113 MOTHERS Club - Bowling Green 1925-1998

Organizational records including minutes, financial and attendance reports, yearbooks, and newspaper clippings related to the Mothers Club, a group of concerned mothers who formed the Bowling Green club in 1925 for educational purposes. The group formally dissolved in 1998.

2 ½ boxes. 25 folders. 647 items. Originals.
See Descriptive Inventory for details.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Bowling Green – Clubs
Clubs – Bowling Green
Motherhood
Women - Societies and clubs

CHRONOLOGICAL CARD

1925-

1926-

1951-

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