Barnette Welfare Workers Extension Club (Boone County, Mo.) Records (C3775)

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Collection Title: Barnette Welfare Workers Extension Club (Boone County, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1931-1973

Creator: Barnette Welfare Workers Extension Club

Abstract: The records of a rural Boone County women’s club consist of minutes and financial accounts of the club are presented in the records. Missing from the documents are record books for 1956 and 1960-1964. Also, there are no separate financial accounts for 1931-1942 and 1971-1973.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic feet
(14 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Mary Alice Brown on August 15, 1986 (Accession No. CA4731).

Historical Note:

The Barnette Welfare Workers were organized so that women could meet together to decide how to improve their community. The club was part of a larger network, the Boone County Extension Club group. The club was also called the Barnette Welfare Workers Extension Club, and the Barnette Home Economics Extension Club, and the Barnette Home Economics Club. The club was located in the northwest part of Boone County.

The women met once a month to demonstrate new cooking techniques, new dressmaking designs, and new child-care methods, and to improve community action. The club received instructions (a "loan envelope") for cooking, dressmaking, etc. from their county agent. One woman in the group would then take the envelope home to try the tip out and report to the group what had happened. The envelope was a brochure explaining new procedures; it was returned to the agent so that women in other communities could use it.

The meetings also included roll call, singing, and games. In 1969 the club celebrated its fortieth birthday. At that time there were only four active members. Interesting items to note are that the group gained a clubhouse and that some of the members were involved in the club for over four decades.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the records contain the minutes and financial accounts of the club. Many of the minutes are in pre-printed booklets. The minutes are sketchy and quite formal. Membership lists, arranged chronologically, are included with the minutes. The minutes note events like seed exchanges, holiday dinners, and demonstrations of new techniques for improving family life. The record book format changed with the 1949 issue.

Financial accounts are contained within the minutes or in separate notebooks. These files chronicle the financial transactions of the club. Included are receipts and dues lists. The entries in the financial records do not follow standard bookkeeping procedures. These files are arranged chronologically.

Container List:

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