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INTRODUCTION

The records of The Tuesday Club of Columbia, Missouri, contain newspaper articles, minute books, reports and scrapbooks of a women's social club founded in 1899. The records detail the history of the club, including meetings, activities, membership, finances, and projects sponsored.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Quanah Williamson for the Tuesday Club on 19 May 1961 and 10 April 1962 (Accession No. SUNP0224). An addition was made on 7 August 1981 by Quanah Williamson for the Tuesday Club (Accession No. SUNP2380).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The Tuesday Club was organized in Columbia on 17 January 1899 as a women's social club. Its purpose was to study selected subjects and engage in matters of civic interest. Some of the subjects studied were politics, the arts, religion, and education; the matters of civic interest included a public library, the women's suffrage movement, the establishment of scholarship loan funds, and the public schools.

The Tuesday Club was admitted to the State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1899 and the National Federation in 1904. Meetings of the club have been held at members' homes, the Daniel Boone Hotel, and the Missouri Methodist Church and consist of a business meeting, program, and social hour and tea.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records have been arranged into the following four series:

Miscellaneous Records Account Book Minute Books Scrapbooks

The **Miscellaneous records** series contains newspaper articles on the history of the club, its activities, and meetings; yearbooks listing officers, members, constitution and bylaws, and the programs for that year's meetings; annual and treasurer's reports; proposed yearly budgets; histories of the club since its founding and biographical sketches of important members; certificates for the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs honor roll; and a membership list showing the names and addresses of members.

The **Account book** series contains lists of active club members and whether or not their dues were paid; a building fund report; and annual treasurer's reports listing receipts, expenditures, and the current balance.

The **Minutes of meetings** series contains minutes of executive board meetings and regular meetings. These contain descriptions of the programs and speakers, reports by the treasurer and committees, discussions of club business and to what programs money should be donated, recommendations from the board, and nominations and elections of new members and officers. Also included in the books are newspaper articles on the meetings, treasurer's annual reports, and lists of proposed members. Loose papers from the minute books include executive board meetings and regular meeting minutes, recommended changes in the club's constitution and bylaws, and lists of new and proposed members.

The **Scrapbooks** series includes club yearbooks; articles, programs, and certificates from the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs and the 4th district; newspaper articles concerning speakers and programs at club meetings; articles dealing with projects sponsored by the club, including the U.S.O., Columbia Women's Club, Sophomore Pilgrimage, and Missouri Girls' Town; cartoons; and newspaper articles concerning club members and their outside activities.

Overall, the collection documents the activities at each meeting, the projects the club was involved in, and its work in association with the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. The records also reveal the contributions that the club made to the community of Columbia and various funds and service organizations.

A nearly complete set of Tuesday Club yearbooks, dating from 1899, is located in the State Historical Society reference library.

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