



## **Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri Records (R0070)**

**Collection Number:** R0070

**Collection Title:** Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri Records

**Dates:** 1907-1937, bulk 1907-1924

**Creator:** Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri

**Abstract:** The Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri Records contain a microfilm copy of a record book for the Mothers and Patrons Club in Flat River, Missouri. The records include meeting minutes, lists of officers and members, and miscellaneous documents.

**Collection Size:** (1 roll of microfilm)

**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-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The records were loaned for microfilming to the University of Missouri by the Saint Francois County Historical Society on September 2, 1981 (Accession No. RA0086).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri Records can be found in the following collections:

*Flat River Women's Club Records* (R0206)

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, October 9, 1981. Revised by Kathleen Seale, April 2, 2020.

**Historical Note:**

The first meeting of the Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River was held at the home of Mrs. Oliver M. Bilharz, the club's first president, on March 23, 1907. The stated aims of the club were social and civic improvements in the Flat River mining district. The local schools were the objects of its first efforts, and members visited the schools and sponsored improvements in the classrooms and playgrounds. Members also paid regular visits to the county jail, infirmary, and hospitals, and became increasingly involved with aiding the indigent and sick of Flat River, especially those suffering from tuberculosis.

The club's active membership remained relatively constant at approximately thirty, although the rolls indicate a larger membership. Regular meetings were held every third week, and usually included speakers or readings on selected topics. Speakers were often doctors and professional people who travelled to address the club. Soldiers stationed in the mining district during World War I were occasional guests, and were entertained by club members on holidays. The club became the Lead Belt Women's Club in 1914 and the Flat River Women's Club in 1923. The club disbanded in 1953.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contain a microfilm copy of a record book for the Mothers and Patrons Club in Flat River, Missouri. The records include meeting minutes, lists of officers and members, and miscellaneous documents. Enclosed at the end of the volume is a congratulatory letter by Mrs. Oliver M. Bilharz, dated April 2, 1937, written on the occasion of the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Container List:**

Roll 1      v. 1                      Record book, 1907-1937

**Index:**

Index Term	Medium
Bilharz, Oliver M., Mrs.	v. 1
Flat River (Mo.)	v. 1
Flat River Women's Club (Flat River, Mo.)	v. 1
Lead Belt Women's Club (Flat River, Mo.)	v. 1
Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri	v. 1
Saint Francois County (Mo.)	v. 1
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