

# Rolla United Service Organization Council Records (R0638)

**Collection Number:** R0638

**Collection Title:** Rolla United Service Organization Council Records

**Dates:** 1970-1971

**Creator:** United Service Organization (Rolla, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The Rolla United Service Organization Council Records includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs and miscellaneous materials concerning the USO center at Rolla in Phelps County, Missouri, on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic foot (1 folder)

**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 <u>The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla</u>. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, July 23, 1998. Revised by Aaron Schmidt, April 2020.

## **Historical Note:**

The United Service Organization Center at Rolla was established in February 1941 to serve troops from Fort Leonard Wood, thirty-five miles from Rolla in neighboring Pulaski County. The local organization was segregated during World War II and operated two centers in Rolla. Operations were discontinued when Fort Leonard Wood was closed in 1946, but resumed during the Korean War and continued through the Vietnam era. Although the Rolla USO Council maintained contacts with United Service Organizations, it received no funding from the national headquarters and was entirely dependent on local donations and funding through the United Way. The last decade of operations were carried on from the former Knights of Pythias building at Seventh and Pine streets in downtown Rolla.

## **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

# **Scope and Content Note:**

Items in this collection concern the Rolla USO Council's thirtieth anniversary in February 1971. Included are correspondence with the national headquarters of United Services Organizations, the Salvation Army, and commanding officers at Fort Leonard Wood, lists of officers of the Rolla USO Council, and newspaper clippings regarding the thirtieth anniversary. The clippings contain some information on the Council's history and the local individuals prominently associated with it.

#### **Container List:**

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