

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. Sixth District.**  
**1175**      **Secretary's record book, 1932-1943.**  
                 **One volume.**

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These are the secretary's minutes of the annual meetings of the Sixth District, Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. The record book includes minutes of the twenty-ninth through fortieth annual meetings, 1932-1943.

According to the booklet produced for the thirty-fourth annual convention (1937), the Sixth District was comprised of federated clubs in Christian, Crawford, Dallas, Dent, Greene, Howell, Laclede, Oregon, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Shannon, Stone, Taney, Texas, Webster, and Wright counties. In 1937, the district counted 66 clubs and 1,700 club women. Membership and the number of federated clubs in the district declined slightly in the 1940s.

Annual meetings of the district were held at Springfield (1932), West Plains (1933), Lebanon (1934), Rolla (1935), Ozark (1936), Springfield (1937), Bolivar (1938), St. James (1939), Springfield (1940), Mountain Grove (1941), Lebanon (1942), and Rolla (1943).

The two-day district meetings in September or October of each year featured a mix of socializing and musical entertainment, speeches from local and state leaders, and reports from various committees on citizenship, legislation, applied education, scholarships, public welfare, and the status of Junior Clubs in the district. Beginning in 1941, patriotic themes predominated, with reports and programs on war work, defense projects, the American Red Cross, and the Women's Army Corps. In October 1941, guest speaker Brigadier General U. S. Grant III, from Fort Leonard Wood, described defense activities in that area. The minutes also show national efforts to organize the Women's Field Army, an organization dedicated to fighting cancer that ultimately became the American Cancer Society. The theme for the 1943 annual meeting was "The Ozarks Looks Toward Peace."

A clipping from the *Lebanon Republican*, 16 November 1906, is enclosed in the front of the volume. It describes the fifth annual meeting of the district, when Rev. Harold Bell Wright of Lebanon was a guest speaker. Due to a lack of time, he was unable to give readings from his unfinished novel, *The Strength of the Hills*.

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