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INTRODUCTION

The Extension Study Club was a study organization that also belonged to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Pittsburg Federation of Women's Clubs. This group studied various topics following their business meetings by bringing in lecturers to speak to them; the topics ranged from sociology to working in Africa to religion. The Study club would also host music performances by club members, high school or college music groups during their meetings. The Extension Study Club was active within the Pittsburg, Kansas community hosted fundraisers to help different organizations, such as the Girl Scouts and Safe House. The club also presented scholarships to area high school students to further their college education.

DONOR INFORMATION

There is no donor information available for this collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Extension Study Club was founded in 1914 with fifteen female members who withdrew from the Clionian club to form their own group. The primary goal of this organization was to provide women past high school age an opportunity to stay up-to-date with local and world affairs. The group expanded these goals to include providing community service and hosting fundraisers for other non-profit organizations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Although there are large gaps in this collection, it does give an overview of the club and its activities. There are eight series: **Information, Club Meetings, Projects, Finance, News Clippings, Members, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous.**

The **Information** series consists of the general information about the club. The information discusses the goals and intended purpose of the club and club members. There is also a copy of their constitution that was revised in 1975. This series is arranged thematically.

The **Club Meetings** series comprises a major part of the collection. Included in this series are general and board meeting minute books. There are also news clippings in some of the minute books reporting the group's projects and programs; Historian's reports for the early 1970s, giving a yearly overview of the clubs activities; and meeting agendas for the latter half of the 1970s as well. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Projects** series gives some information regarding a few of the club's service and projects. They were involved in city-wide rummage sales, and collected and donated items to the local Safe House. The club members also volunteered at Mt. Carmel Hospital, now Via Christi Regional Medical Center. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Finance** series includes monetary transactions for the club. The Treasurer's monthly reports and yearly budget planning are included in this series. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **News Clippings** series contains news clippings regarding the Study Club meetings, programs, and Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs events. These news clippings are undated.

The **Members** series consists of a membership form and membership lists for members and officers for various years. There is also a compiled list of all the Study club's presidents and years they served. This series is arranged chronologically with undated papers at the back of the series.

The **Correspondence** series includes correspondence to and from Study Club members and other non-profit organizations. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains two items: a note and ideas for making an appointment at the Crestwood Country Club.

FOLDER LIST

Information Series

- f. 1 Purpose of the club; Questions with Answers; 1975 Revised Constitution of the Extension Study Club

Club Meetings Series

- f. 2 Historians Report (1969 – 1975); Agendas (1975 – 1980); Minutes (1918 – 1988)

Projects Series

- f. 3 Rummage Riot (1985); Program (1985); Safe House (1986); Hospital (19); Craft project; Program ideas

Finance Series

- f. 4 Treasurer's Report (1969 – 1987); Proposed budgets (1976 – 1978)

News Clippings Series

- f. 5 Undated

Members Series

- f. 6 List of club Presidents; List of officers; List of new members; Member forms

Correspondence Series

- f. 7 Resignation; Thank You; Dues; Get Well (1985 – 1988)

Miscellaneous Series

- f. 8 A note (1977); an undated appointment at Crestwood Country Club

INDEX ENTRIES

Browning Group
Elks Lodge
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Girl Scouts
Hospitality Committee
Hotel Besse
Hotel Stilwell
Interior Decorating Department
Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs
Kansas State Teachers College
Lincoln Park
Pittsburg Federation of Women's Clubs
Pittsburg High School
Zion Lutheran Church