DESCRIPTION

Records of the Arizona Federation of Women’s Clubs represented by yearbooks, minutes, some correspondence and scrapbooks. Local chapters, such as the Benson’s Woman’s Club and the Tucson Women’s Clubs have fairly complete records, while some of the smaller local chapters have incomplete records.

15 Boxes, 7.5 linear ft.

RELATED MATERIAL

MS 912 : Tucson Woman’s Club

ACQUISITION

Unknown

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Riva Dean in October 1999.

ARRANGEMENT

Four series: 1/Arizona State Federation, 2/ Local Chapters, 3/Geographical Divisions, 4/ General Federation of Women’s Clubs
HISTORICAL NOTE

The Arizona Federation of Women’s Clubs was organized in Phoenix in November 1901 and admitted to the General Federation of Women's Clubs in February 1902. The Arizona Federation was made up of local women’s clubs around Arizona. Local chapters included the Tucson’s Woman’s Club, the Phoenix Woman’s Club, the Benson Woman’s Club and the Monday Club (in Prescott). The “object” of the Federation was the “mutual inspiration and concerted action among women’s organizations in Arizona.” The state federation had committees around the state for specific topics, e.g. Library Extension, Juvenile Court, Philanthropy, Legislative, Arizona History and Household Economics.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Much of the collection is represented by reports, yearbooks and scrapbooks. The yearbooks give the names of the members and listings of all the committees and give reports on the main focus of each local group. Some of the groups were more concerned with philanthropic efforts, while some were more concerned with “home” issues, like sewing and cooking. During the two World Wars, many of the local groups made an effort towards “war work.” The Benson Woman’s Club has more complete records than many of the other local chapters for the years 1926-1940. Edith Kitt, Secretary of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society, was also president of the Arizona Federation so her correspondence from 1923 to 1931. For that reason, the correspondence of the President is complete for those years. That correspondence is largely from the local chapters giving reports on their activities.

The collection had previously been split between the Arizona Federation, the Benson Woman’s Club and the Arizona Federation (Benson Woman’s Club). All three were combined in 1999.
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Sub-series 1: Yearbooks

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Box 2
f. 8  State Federation Yearbooks, 1948-1959

Sub-series 2: Misc. State Federation Records
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f. 10  Record of Items Contributed to APHS, 1928-1930
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f. 13  Scrapbook, 1922

Sub-series 3: State Federation Correspondence with Edith Kitt
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f. 38 (bound volume)  Reports, 1963-64

Box 7
f. 39 (bound volume) Safety Report, 1962-64

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Series 3: Geographical Divisions
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