Lebanon Business and Professional Women’s Club (BPW)

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Provenance

Unknown; the scrapbook for 1919-April 1929 was given by Helen Beck to Naomi Stark in 1976. Items 2019.5.1-2019.5.2 in Series XVIII.G donated by Boone County Historical Society in January 2019.

Scope and Content

This collection contains minutes, scrapbooks, papers and photographs from the Lebanon Business and Professional Women’s Club. Most of the items in the folders are items that became detached from the scrapbooks. 36 postcards were moved to the Postcards collection.

The scrapbooks in Series II include newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and some minutes. Scrapbooks covering 1919-April 1929, 1961-1962 (vol. 2), and 1969-1970 have been unbound and are stored in Special Collections Box 15.

Series III “The Indiana Guide” contains a calendar, a directory of state officers, information on awards and education funds, the procedures manual, the state rules and by-laws, and the “State Job Description Handbook”, which describes the responsibilities of officers and committees.

Series V contains a list of the club’s charter members.


Series X contains programs and other papers from meetings and events.

Series XVII.D contains papers and brochures collected by club members during their travels to various Business and Professional Women’s Club conventions and events.

For Series XVIII see Photographs-Business and Professional Women (BPW).

Series

I. Minutes
A. Bound, 3 vols., 1926-1934, 1942-1944
B. Unbound
   1. 1923-1926
   2. 1927-1930
   3. 1930-1931
   4. 1931-1932
   5. Other


III. Indiana Guide, 1989-90

IV. Histories
   B. The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc.: A History, 1918-1968

V. Charter Members

VI. Certificates

VII. Guest Book

VIII. By-laws

IX. Annual Programs

X. Activities
   A. Lebanon
   B. Indiana

XI. Conventions
   A. Indiana
   B. National

XII. Correspondence
   A. Undated and 1930s-1940s
   B. 1960s
   C. 1970s

XIII. Magazines and Newsletters
   A. “Cedar Boughs” and “Bits, Pieces, and Wisdom” (Lebanon)
   B. “The Hoosier Business Woman”
   C. “The National Business Woman”
   D. Other

XIV. Newspaper Clippings

XV. 1961 National Annual Report

XVI. Songs and Poetry

XVII. Miscellaneous
   A. Local
   B. State
C. National  
D. Travel  
E. Other  

XVIII. Photographs  
A. 1910s-1930s  
B. 1940s  
C. 1950s  
D. 1960s  
1. 1961-1963  
2. 1965  
   a) 1965  
   b) July 1965  
3. 1966-1968  
4. 1969  
   a) 1969  
   b) July 1969  
   c) October 1969  
E. 1970s  
1. 1970  
2. 1971  
3. 1972  
4. 1973  
5. 1974  
6. 1975  
F. Undated  
G. 1980s  

Background  

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs was founded in July 1919 to represent the interests of working women in the United States of America. Many local and state organizations with similar aims were organized prior to this, and many of these groups affiliated with the National organization following its founding.  

The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs began in 1918 as the Women’s Association of Commerce, organized by representatives from local working women’s clubs.  

Lebanon’s Business and Professional Women’s Club was founded in the Lebanon Public Library by librarian Cora Bynum in November 1919.  

Sources


Access Restrictions: None

Related Holdings: Vertical Files: Clubs

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