

Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs.
Title	Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs Collection
Date	1900-1962
Extent	0.42 Linear feet
Language	English

History

The Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs (M.F.W.C.) was founded on April 25, 1895. Initially, fifteen clubs from around the state comprised the M.F.W.C. By the 1940s, the Federation had grown to include 40,000 members and 500 clubs. The M.F.W.C. was divided into ten smaller district branches, corresponding to the congressional districts of Minnesota. Members participated in social service, public health, legislation, community service, industrial, and conservation work. They lobbied for better forestry laws, worked to establish vocational schools for boys and girls, and started rural libraries across the state. Notable members included Margaret Evans Huntington of Northfield, Minnesota (the M.F.W.C.'s first president) and Alice Ames Winter (also known as Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs from 1921-1924).

Description of Collection

The collection consists of one box of material related to the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs. The material includes newspaper clippings, historical summaries, programs, and newsletters. The collection also contains several files of material pertaining to radio programs sponsored by the Federation in the early 1940s, including "World Adventure Club," "Pioneer Women of Minnesota," and "General Federation of Women's Clubs Golden Jubilee Roll Call."

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Palmer, Evelyn

Subject(s)

- Radio
- Radio programs -- Minnesota
- Women -- Minnesota -- Societies and clubs.
- Women civic leaders
- Women in charitable work -- Minnesota.
- Women in community organization -- Minnesota.

Newspaper Clippings

Collection Inventory

Newspaper Clippings 1926, 1934-1947		
	Box	Folder
Newspaper Clippings: General 1934-1947	1	1
Newspaper Clippings: General 1926	1	2
Newspaper Clippings: General 1938-1939	1	3
Newspaper Clippings: General 1940	1	4
Newspaper Clippings: General 1940	1	5
Newspaper Clippings: General 1940	1	6
Newspaper Clippings: General 1941	1	7
Newspaper Clippings: General 1942	1	8
Newspaper Clippings: General 1943	1	9
Newspaper Clippings: General 1944	1	10
Newspaper Clippings: General 1945	1	11

Organizational History

Newspaper Clippings: General 1946	1	12
Newspaper Clippings: Radio Broadcasting 1940-1941	1	13
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Golden Jubilee Edition October 24, 1940		1

Scope and Contents note

Two copies of the Golden Jubilee issue published in the Minneapolis Star Journal on October 24, 1940.

Organizational History 1916, 1939, 1942-1943

	Box	Folder
Facts and History of the Federation 1939	1	14
Correspondence Regarding Questionnaires for Obtaining Club Histories January-October 1942	1	15
Historical Questionnaire, 1st District 1942	1	16
Historical Questionnaire, 2nd District 1942	1	17
Historical Questionnaire, 3rd District 1942	1	18
Historical Questionnaire, 4th District 1942	1	19

Programs and Newsletters

Historical Questionnaire, 5th District 1942	1	20
Historical Questionnaire, 6th District 1942	1	21
Historical Questionnaire, 7th District 1942	1	22
Historical Questionnaire, 8th District 1942	1	23
Historical Questionnaire, 9th District 1942	1	24
Historical Questionnaire, 10th District 1942	1	25
Historical Summary of the Districts 1943	1	26
Scope and Contents note		
Missing pages 1-3 of the summary covering Districts 1-3		
The Story of the Prize Gavel of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs 1916	1	27
Programs and Newsletters 1900-1910, 1916-1917, 1959-1962		
	Box	Folder
Midwinter Luncheon Programs 1902, 1907, 1916-1917	1	28
Annual Convention Programs 1900-1901, 1903, 1905-1910	1	29

Radio Division

The Minnesota Clubwoman newsletter December 1959-March 1962	1	30
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Scope and Contents note

A distinct newsletter from "Minnesota Clubwoman," also published during this time period

Radio Division 1940-1941**Scope and Contents note**

Material related to the work of the Radio Division of the M.F.W.C., including broadcast transcripts, promotional material, photographs, reports, correspondence, and press releases. In 1941, the Radio Division sponsored a popular radio show for children called "World Adventure Club," which aired on KSTP. Other radio work included sponsoring a show about women leaders in Minnesota called "Pioneer Women of Minnesota," which aired in 1941 on WCCO, hosting a program called "General Federation of Women's Clubs Golden Jubilee Roll Call" in conjunction with the General Federation's 50th anniversary in 1940, and promoting the establishment of the Children's Memorial Library. Much of the work of the Radio Division was conducted by Evelyn Palmer, who served as Radio Chairman in the early 1940s.

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Reports and Correspondence 1940-1941	1	31
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World Adventure Club 1941	1	32
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World Adventure Club Photographs 1941	1	33
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Pioneer Women of Minnesota 1940	1	34
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General Federation of Women's Clubs Golden Jubilee Roll Call 1940	1	35
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Radio Division

Children's Memorial Library 1940-1941

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