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DEMONSTRATION CLUB
RECORDS

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Summary Information

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Date:	1936-1993
Physical Description:	3.7 linear feet. The collection consists of 98 folders in 4 document boxes, 4 oversized boxes, and 8 volumes.
Language:	English

Abstract

The Arkansas Home Demonstration Club (AHDC) was founded in 1912 with the goal of strengthening families through consumer science education. In Craighead County several local chapters were established by women who wanted to participate in the AHDC curriculum. This collection contains the materials distributed by the AHDC to local chapters including club secretary record books and yearbooks containing the annual curriculum. The collection also contains scrapbooks maintained by various clubs.

Acquisition

The collection was donated to Archives and Special Collections by the Arkansas State University Museum in 2013. Due to the nature of the transfer, this material was artificially assembled into a collection. No further additions to this collection are expected.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Meredith Curtis, Julia Corrin, Jennifer Hardin, and Flora Smith.

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Historical Note

In 1912, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) founded a nationwide association of Home Demonstration Clubs whose purpose was to bring consumer science education to homemakers. The USDA partnered with established organizations across the country, such as the University of Arkansas, in order to help manage the various clubs. This model was applied to any state that expressed interest in being part of the program. The national association provided overall leadership to the clubs, including curricula, while the state organizations were tasked with administration of local chapters.

Local clubs were established in Arkansas by women interested in participating in the AHDC's program. Each chapter appointed its own president, treasurer, and secretary to administer the group on a yearly basis. Educational materials were sent to each chapter from the AHDC and included a record book for the secretary to fill out at each meeting, in addition to a "yearbook" which detailed the curriculum for the year. A typical meeting outlined in a yearbook would include a song, lesson, and a corresponding craft or demonstration. Regional Home Demonstration Agents would also attend local chapter meetings in order to give demonstrations regarding particular skills, such as canning food. From 1938 to 1954, Mary Britzman served as the regional Home Demonstration Agent for Craighead County and was succeeded by Juanita Fuller, who served from 1954 to 1982.

The Home Demonstration Club (HDC) was a popular activity for homemakers and helped encourage strong communities. In 1955 alone, there were 46 clubs in Craighead County with 1,281 members. The clubs frequently held competitions, coordinated with one another on projects, and held combined holiday parties. The clubs in Craighead County included the Homemaker's Club in Jonesboro (c. 1963-1981), the Clinton Club in Brookland (1941-1961), the Aggie Road Club (1938-c.1980), and the Otwell Club (1939-c. 1980). All of these clubs regularly maintained records of their meetings, in addition to maintaining membership lists, and records of projects and events.

In 1966, the AHDC changed its name to the Arkansas Extension Homemaker's Council (AEHC). This was in part because of the creation of the new Agricultural Extension Service at the University of Arkansas which was also tasked with community outreach. However, local chapters were still referred to as Home Demonstration Clubs. This change is reflected in the materials from the Home Demonstration Club.

In 1992, the national association changed its name, which prompted the AEHC to once again rename itself the Arkansas Association for Family and Community Education. After only a year, the state's club council voted to separate itself from the national organization and become an independent organization. Therefore, in 1993 they reverted to the AEHC name and committed to working solely on local administration of clubs with the express purpose of helping Arkansas families through education.

Scope and Content Note

The Craighead County Home Demonstration Club Records consists of materials distributed by the AHDC to local chapters including club secretary record books and yearbooks containing the annual curriculum. The collection also contains scrapbooks maintained by various clubs in Craighead County.

Arrangement

This collection is divided into 4 series.

Series 1: Home Demonstration Club Secretary's Record Books. The "Home Demonstration Club" series contains record books from the Jonesboro based club. The record books include membership lists and details of club activities. It is divided into three subseries. Subseries 1.1, "Craighead County Records," club secretary with annotations regarding club activities and membership lists pertaining to Craighead County. Subseries 1.2, "Clinton Club Records," holds record books maintained by the club secretary with annotations regarding club activities and membership lists. The Clinton Club was based in Brookland, AR. Subseries 1.3, "Other Club Records," contains record books from five other groups that detail activities and membership lists. The clubs included in this series are: Enterprise, Prairie, Hancock, Aggie Road, Turkey Run, and Philadelphia.

Series 2: Yearbooks. The "Yearbook" series contains annual publications that outline a curriculum of club activities and subjects for the year. Yearbooks were published by the University of Arkansas in cooperation with the USDA.

Series 3: Administrative Files. The "Administrative Files" series contain material created by Craighead County Home Demonstration Club regional agents. The series includes records of club participation, projects that involved multiple clubs, administrative history, and by-laws.

Series 4: Scrapbooks. The "Scrapbook" series contains scrapbooks created by club members chronicling their yearly activities. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, photos of members and fair booths, fair ribbons, yearbooks, programs, and other club paraphernalia. Subseries 4.1, "Aggie Road," documents the life of the Aggie Road club from its inception. Included are yearbooks, photos, member lists, club histories, programs, fair exhibits, cards, by-laws, and letters. Subseries 4.2, "Hope HDC," holds news clippings, yearbooks, photos, fair ribbons, programs, club history, and membership lists showing the activities of the club over two decades. Subseries 4.3, "Otwell HDC," contains scrapbooks assembled by club members with news clippings, photos, membership lists, club history, community profiles, programs, awards, cards and other mementos gathered during the five decades that the club existed.

Subjects

- Scrapbooks
- Societies and clubs
- Women--Societies and Clubs
- Yearbooks

Names

- Aggie Road Club
- Agricultural Extension Service-University of Arkansas

- Arkansas Extension Homemakers Club
- Arkansas Home Demonstration Club
- Clinton Club
- Craighead County Home Demonstration Club
- Homemaker's Club in Jonesboro
- Home Demonstration Club Work
- Home Economics Extension Work
- Hope Home Demonstration Club
- Otwell Club
- University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- University of Arkansas (Fayetteville campus). Agricultural Extension Service
- Craighead County (Ark.)
- Brookland (Ark.)
- Jonesboro (Ark.)

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Home Demonstration Club Secretary's Record Books, 1953-1981

Subseries 1.1: Craighead County Records, 1953-1981

Box 1:

Envelope Number	Folder Name	Dates
1	Secretary's Record Books	1953
2	Secretary's Record Books	1954
3	Secretary's Record Books	1955
4	Secretary's Record Books	1956
5	Secretary's Record Books	1957
6	Secretary's Record Books	1958
7	Secretary's Record Books	1959
8	Secretary's Record Books	1960
9	Secretary's Record Books	1961
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14	Secretary's Record Books	1966
15	Secretary's Record Books	1967
16	Secretary's Record Books	1968
17	Secretary's Record Books	1969
18	Secretary's Record Books	1970
19	Secretary's Record Books	1971
20	Secretary's Record Books	1975
21	Secretary's Record Books	1976
22	Secretary's Record Books	1977
23	Secretary's Record Books	1978

Box 2:

Envelope Number	Folder Name	Dates
24	Secretary's Record Books	1980
25	Secretary's Record Books	1981

Subseries 1.2: Clinton Club Records**Box 2:**

Envelope Number	Folder Name	Dates
26	Secretary's Record Books	1941
27	Secretary's Record Books	1943
28	Secretary's Record Books	1945
29	Secretary's Record Books	1946
30	Secretary's Record Books	1947
31	Secretary's Record Books	1948
32	Secretary's Record Books	1949
33	Secretary's Record Books	1950
34	Secretary's Record Books	1955
35	Secretary's Record Books	1956
36	Secretary's Record Books	1957
37	Secretary's Record Books	1958
38	Secretary's Record Books	1959
39	Secretary's Record Books	1960
40	Secretary's Record Books	1961

Subseries 1.3: Other Club Records**Box 2:**

Envelope Number	Folder Name	Dates
41	Enterprise	undated
42	Prairie	1941
43	Hancock	1941
44	Aggie Road	1942
45	Turkey Run	1942
46	Philadelphia	1944

Series 2: Yearbooks**Box 3:**

Envelope Number	Folder Name	Dates
47	Yearbook	1936
48	Yearbook	1939
49	Yearbook	1940
50	Yearbook	1941
51	Yearbook	1942
52	Yearbook	1943
53	Yearbook	1944

54	Yearbook	1945
55	Yearbook	1946
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67	Yearbook	1958
68	Yearbook	1959
69	Yearbook	1960
70	Yearbook	1961
71	Yearbook	1962
72	Yearbook	1963
73	Yearbook	1964
74	Yearbook	1965
75	Yearbook	1966
76	Yearbook	1967
77	Yearbook	1968
78	Yearbook	1969
79	Yearbook	1970

Box 4:

Envelope Number	Folder Name	Dates
80	Yearbook	1971
81	Yearbook	1972
82	Yearbook	1973
83	Yearbook	1975
84	Yearbook	1975-1977
85	Yearbook	1977-1979
86	Yearbook	1980-1981
87	Yearbook	1981-1983
88	Yearbook	1983-1985
89	Yearbook	1985-1987
90	Yearbook	1987-1989
91	Yearbook	1989-1991
92	Yearbook	1991-1993

Series 3: Administrative Files

Box 4:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
93	4-H Project	1979-1981
94	By-Law Revision	1989
95	Council Handbook	1956
96	Participation Point Records	1961-1976
97	Projects Under Juanita Fuller	1954-1982

Series 4: Scrapbooks

Subseries 4.1: Aggie Road, 1938-1975

Item	Dates
Box 5	1938-1944
Box 6	1945-1954
Box 7	1955-1963
Volume 1	1964-1966
Box 8	1968-1975
Volume 2	1975

Subseries 4.2: Hope Home Demonstration Club, 1961-1962

Item	Dates
Volume 3	1961
Volume 4	1962

Subseries 4.3: Otwell Home Demonstration Club, 1939-1983

Box 4:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
98	Photo Album	1958-1983

Item	Dates
Volume 5	1939-1945
Volume 6	1946-1951