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DeMolay Mother's Circle, Illini Chapter
Records, 1929-1960

Collection 84

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Illini Chapter of DeMolay Mothers Circle

Inclusive Dates: 1929-1960, bulk 1937-1944

Physical Description: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Illini Chapter of DeMolay Mothers Circle records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in January 1994.

Access:

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Historical Note:

DeMolay International (also known as the Order of DeMolay) is an international fraternal organization for young men ages 12 to 21. It was named for Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and was founded in Kansas City, Missouri by Frank S. Land in 1919.

The Illini Chapter of the DeMolay Mothers Circle was formed April 1929 when an invitation was extended to all mothers and supporters of DeMolay members to form a Mothers Club. The mission of the Mothers Club was to support the local young men in their involvement with the Illini Chapter Order of DeMolay. The founding officers were Francis Welch (president), Frida Smith (vice-president), Pearle Alberts (secretary), and Ethel Porter (treasurer).

In 1960, the club changed its name to Acacia Chapter Order of DeMolay Mothers Circle to reflect the new Acacia Chapter.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains minutes dating from 1929-1960. Member's names are also present in the form of dues paid and attendance lists. Newspaper clippings collected reveal the Circle's more public events as well as promotions of members to local or state councils of the Circle.

Subjects Terms:

DeMolay (Organization). Acacia Chapter

DeMolay (Organization). Illini Chapter

DeMolay (Organization). Illini Chapter. Mothers Circle--Records and Correspondence

DeMolay (Organization). Illinois Society--Records and Correspondence

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International Council of DeMolay Mothers--Records and Correspondence
Women--Societies and Clubs--Records and Correspondence

Container List:

Box 1

Attendance Book, 1937-1944

Clippings, undated

Constitution, 1934, undated

DeMolay Mothers Illinois State Convention, 1940-1942, 1950-1951

DeMolay Service Boys, 1943-1944

Ephemera, 1939-1950 (dues booklets, membership cards, etc.)

Minutes, 1929-1960 (10 folders)

Treasures Book, 1934-1944