
Hope College
The Hope College Women’s League serves to stimulate interest and upkeep the facilities of Hope College. Chapters of the Women’s League have opened in Muskegon, Chicago, Wisconsin, Illiana, Rochester, New York, Detroit, and Clifton, New Jersey. The league was also in charge of organizing the annual Village Square, a summer festival located on the Hope College campus. This collection contains records, notes, letters, financial reports, bank statements, maps, village square paraphernalia, a scrapbook, ledgers (minutes and accounting), photographs, and photocopies of articles.

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History

Originated in 1925, a group of women met together in effort to make Voorhees Hall (originally the only dorm on Hope’s campus) more home-like. As the league grew, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids organized chapters, then later chapters opened in Muskegon, Chicago, Wisconsin, Illiana, Rochester, New York, Detroit, and Clifton, New Jersey. The mission of the league is to stimulate interest and upkeep the facilities of Hope College. The league was also in charge of organizing the annual Village Square, a summer festival located on the Hope College campus.

Scope and Content

This collection is composed of two boxes. The first box is strictly file folders containing records (notes, letters, financial reports, bank statements, maps, and Village Square paraphernalia) arranged alphabetically by topic. The second box contains ledgers (minutes and accounting), a scrapbook, Village Square pennants, photographs, and photocopies of articles.

Container List

Box 1

Account Information, bank statements and deposit slips, 1985-1989
Arrangements, Village Square, 1961-1978
Articles/Bulletins, Village Square, 1949-1966
Booths, Village Square (5 folders)
Bookstore, Candy Shop, Checking Booth, Chicken Barbecue & Tickets,
Children’s Entertainment, 1959-1978
Import Booth, Kitchen & Patio, Mousetrap, Nature’s 1/2 Acre, Needlework, Open House, Plants & Posies, Pop Stand, 1961-1978
Potpourri, Six to Sixteen, Small Fry, Surprise Packages, Teen Shop, Vienna
Coffee Shop, Writing Desk, 1961-1976
Chairmen and Chapter Assignments, Women’s League and Village Square, 1957-1987
Committee Reports, Village Square, 1977, 1979, 1980 (3 folders)
Constitution, Women’s league articles and by-laws, 1956-1975
Cookbook, Grand Rapids Chapter, 1965, 1977
Correspondence, letters concerning events/social functions, 1924-1965 (2 folders)
Disbursements, Women’s League, 1971-1983
Financial Reports, Miscellaneous, Women’s League and Village Square, n.d.
Financial Reports, Muskegon, Women’s League, 1952-1987
Financial Reports, Village Square, 1960-1987
History, Women’s League, 1930-1975
Maps, Village Square, n.d.
Miscellaneous, n.d.
Planning Records, Village Square, 1980
Publicity, press releases/advertisements/plan books for Village Square, 1958-1979

Box 2

Clippings
Disbursements, Women’s League, 1958-1970
Financial Record, Muskegon Chapter, 1951-1989
Minute Ledger, 1925-1954, 1954-1967 (2 folders)
Pennants, n.d. (3 items)
Photographs, Village Square, 1958-1960 (41 images)
Scrapbook, Village Square articles, n.d.