
Guide to the Oneira Women's Club Records MS 174

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Abstract: The collection contains records related to the activities of the Oneira Women's Club of San Diego.

creator: Oneira Women's Club.

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Biographical / Historical Notes

During World War I, a group of women from Normal Heights organized a social club for Red Cross volunteers. When the war ended in November 1918, the women decided to continue on as a formal organization in order to pursue their philanthropic work. The first meeting of the Women's Club of Normal Heights was held in February 1919. Later, the club changed their name to the Oneira Women's Club; 'oneira' being a Greek word meaning "dreams or visions realized or come true," accurately depicting the Club's goal of civic advancement and community service. The word also contained all the letters common to the three names of the districts from which the Club drew its members: Normal Heights, Kensington Park, and Bonnie Brae. A charter of the San Diego Chapter of the Federated Women's Club, Oneira had many active sections, including departments for music, gardening, literary study, and arts and crafts. The Club met for sixty years until interest waned; the organization was officially disbanded in 1980.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into ten series:

Series I: Oneira Club History

Series II: Administration

Series III: Finances

Series IV: Membership

Series V: Correspondence

Series VI: Oneira Club Garden Department

Series VII: Oneira Club Orchestra and Choral Departments

Series VIII: Federated Women's Club

Series IX: Newspaper Articles

Series X: Miscellanea

Items in each series are arranged by subject.

Scope and Content

The collection contains records of the Oneira Women's Club from its inception as a Red Cross volunteer organization in 1915 through the club's disbandment in 1980. The records consist of meeting ledgers, financial materials, membership details, and club correspondence. The meeting minutes include the general Club meetings as well as those of the Club's Executive Board of Directors and the individual Club departments. There are also scrapbooks detailing the history of the Oneira Club. In addition, materials related to the activities of the Club's Gardening Department and the Orchestra and Choral Department are present. For the Gardening Department, this primarily consists of subject files related to specific gardening topics. For the Orchestra and Choral Department, a large selection of sheet music and musical programs are present. There are records regarding chapter meetings and activities of the Federated Women's Club. Additionally, there

are photographs and negatives and newspaper clippings related to Oneira Club events and members.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Mold found on phonographs (Box 15 folder 7); phonographs have been wrapped and sealed until later date when they can be treated properly.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

American Red Cross.
Babcock, May
Federation of Women's Clubs.
Himmelman, Ella P.
Ireland, Hattie
Oneira Women's Club.
Reese, Fannie M.
Worden, Ella
Gardening
Music
Normal Heights (San Diego, Calif.)
Plants
San Diego (Calif.)
Sheet music
Women -- Societies and clubs

Series I: **Oneira Club History**

Box-folder 1:1	History of the Oneira Club, 1919-1927
Box-folder 1:2	History of the Oneira Club, 1928-1936
Box-folder 1:3	History of the Oneira Club, 1937-1943
Box-folder 1:4	History of the Oneira Club, 1943-1951
Box-folder 1:5	History of the Oneira Club, 1951-1954
Box-folder 1:6	History of the Oneira Club, 1954-1955
Box-folder 1:7	History of the Oneira Club, 1956-1958
Box-folder 1:8	History of the Oneira Club, 1958-1959
Box-folder 2:1	History of the Oneira Club, 1959-1961
Box-folder 2:2	History of the Oneira Club, 1961-1962
Box-folder 2:3	History of the Oneira Club, undated
Box-folder 2:4	Oneira Club Departments History, 1920-1926
Box-folder 2:5	Oneira Club Departments History, 1938-1947

Series II: **Administration**

Box-folder 2:6	By-laws, 1927-1928 and undated
Box-folder 2:7	"Early History of the N.H. Women's Club and Finally Oneira Club" meeting minutes ledger, 1919 February 13-1921 June 9
Box-folder 2:8	"General Meeting" minutes (bound), 1921 September 22-1926 June 17
Box-folder 2:9	General meeting minutes, 1928 September 28-1929 May 23
Box-folder 2:10	General meeting minutes, 1929 May 24-1930 May 22
Box-folder 2:11	General meeting minutes, 1931 June 18-1933 November 2
Box-folder 3:1	General meeting minutes, 1934 January 4-1937 April 1
Box-folder 3:2	General meeting and board meeting minutes (bound), 1937 June 3-1939 May 4
Box-folder 3:3	General meeting and board meeting minutes, 1939 June 1-1942 June 4
Box-folder 3:4	General meeting and board meeting minutes, 1942 September 3-1946 June 6
Box-folder 3:5	General meeting and board meeting minutes (bound), 1946 September 5-1950 October 6
Box-folder 3:6	General meeting and board meeting minutes (bound), 1954 May 6-1957 June 6

Box-folder 3:7	General meeting and board meeting minutes, 1954 September 5-1958 June 5
Box-folder 3:8	General meeting and board meeting minutes (bound), 1957 June 5-1962 June 7
Box-folder 3:9	General meeting and board meeting minutes (bound), 1970 September 3-1974 August 20
Box-folder 4:1	"Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors" (bound), 1920 December 20-1927 January 27
Box-folder 4:2	Board meeting minutes, 1927 September 28-1928 November 19
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Box-folder 4:4	Board meeting minutes, 1929 October 29-1932 October 27
Box-folder 4:5	Board meeting minutes, 1932 November 17-1935 September 5
Box-folder 4:6	Board meeting minutes, 1936 June 4-1942 September 2
Box-folder 4:7	Board meeting minutes, 1942 October 1-1958 June 5
Box-folder 4:8	Study Department meeting minutes and disbursement ledger, 1922-1934
Box-folder 4:9	Annual reports, 1921-1929
Box-folder 4:10	Annual reports, 1929-1933
Box-folder 4:11	Annual reports, 1933-1935
Box-folder 4:12	Annual reports, 1935-1939
Box-folder 5:1	Annual reports, 1939-1942
Box-folder 5:2	Annual reports, 1942-1946
Box-folder 5:3	Annual reports, 1946-1954 and undated
Box-folder 5:4	Program drafts, 1955-1963
Box-folder 5:5	Officer election ballots, 1936 April 2 and undated
Box-folder 5:6	Summary of officer's installation luncheon, undated

Series III: **Finances**

Box-folder 5:7	Treasurer's statements, 1937 April 7-1946 April 30
Box-folder 5:8	Accounts ledger, 1919 February 6-1929 May 14
Box-folder 5:9	Accounts ledger, 1929 May 29-1942 September 1

Includes:

List of dues paid

Box-folder 5:10	Accounts ledger, 1942 September 1-1956 May 9
Box-folder 5:11	Accounts ledger, 1955 June 1-1975 October 28
Box-folder 6:1	Oneira Hall rental ledgers, 1961 January 2-1971 December 27
Box-folder 6:2	Checkbook with stubs, 1956 July 24-1959 June 16
Box-folder 6:3	Check stubs and cancelled checks, 1935 July 23-1951 March 31
Box-folder 15:1	Income taxes, 1946-1951
Box-folder 6:4	Income taxes, 1952
Box-folder 6:5	Bills and receipts, 1935-1952
Box-folder 6:6	Financial notes, 1952 March 20 and undated

Series IV: **Membership**

Box-folder 6:7	"Names of Members" (bound), 1923-1929
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Includes:

Member name and contact address

Dues paid

Box-folder 6:8	Membership lists, 1937-1948
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Includes:

Member name and contact address

Dues paid

Application for membership card, 1937

Box-folder 6:9	Membership lists, 1948-1955 Includes: Member name and contact address Dues paid
Box-folder 6:10	Membership lists (bound), 1942-1956 Includes: Member name and contact address Dues paid
Box-folder 6:11	Membership lists (spiral bound), 1952-1956 and undated Includes: Member name and contact address Dues paid Loose sheet introducing new members, undated
Box-folder 6:12	Membership lists (spiral bound), 1956-1957 Includes: Member name and contact address Dues paid
Box-folder 6:13	"Oneira Women's Club - Book for Membership" (bound), 1956-1968 Includes: Member name and contact address Dues paid
Box-folder 7:1	"Book of Membership. Oneira Club" (bound), undated Includes: Member name and contact address Dues paid
Box-folder 7:2	Membership dues receipts, 1953 September 19-1957 June 6
Box-folder 15:2	Meetings register for members and guests, 1945 September 6-1950 April 6
Box-folder 15:3	Meetings register for members and guests, 1950 May 4-1954 November 4
Box-folder 15:4	Meetings register for members and guests (bound), 1954 December 2-1958 May 1
Box-folder 15:5	Meetings register for members and guests, 1958 June 5-1963 June 6
Box-folder 15:6	Meetings register for members and guests, 1963 September 5-1969 May 1
Box-folder 7:3	"Sign In Book 1980-1985" for members and guests (bound), 1980 September 4-1985 March 9
Box-folder 7:4	Yearbooks, 1935-1980
	Series V: Correspondence
Box-folder 7:5	Administrative, 1935 March 7-1952 February 11 and undated
Box-folder 7:6	Officers and membership, 1926 October 25-1954 July 7
Box-folder 7:7	Legislation and politics, 1935-1960
Box-folder 7:8	Charity and donations, 1945 March 21-1956 April 7 and undated
Box-folder 7:9	Events and invitations, 1948 January 25-1954 March 20 and undated
Box-folder 7:10	Personal greetings, 1949 May 15-1953 November 21 and undated
Box-folder 7:11	Miscellanea, 1933 May 24-1954 February 20 and undated Includes: Advertisement mailers Questionnaires about the Club Event facilities information at El Cortez Hotel (letter and brochure)

Series VI: **Oneira Club Garden Department**

Box-folder 7:12	Meeting minutes, 1941 September 19-1944 August 18
Box-folder 7:13	Gardening notebooks (bound), undated Includes: "Species and Breeding" notebook "Iris Book"
Box-folder 7:14	Flowers, articles (A), undated
Box-folder 7:15	Flowers, articles (B), undated
Box-folder 8:1	Camelias, articles, 1944-1961 and undated
Box-folder 8:2	Daylilies, articles, 1955-1957 and undated
Box-folder 8:3	Fuchsias, articles, 1952 and undated
Box-folder 8:4	Perennials, articles, undated
Box-folder 8:5	Perennials, articles, undated
Box-folder 8:6	Bulbs, articles, 1955 and undated
Box-folder 8:7	Ferns and shade plants, articles, undated
Box-folder 8:8	Lath house plants, articles, undated
Box-folder 9:1	Orchards and trees, articles, 1947-1958
Box-folder 9:2	Orchards and trees, articles, 1956-1959
Box-folder 9:3	Shurbs, articles, undated
Box-folder 9:4	Succulents and cacti, articles, 1962 and undated
Box-folder 9:5	Tropical plants, articles, 1955 and undated
Box-folder 9:6	Vines, articles, undated
Box-folder 9:7	Potted plants, articles, 1955 and undated
Box-folder 9:8	Pest control, articles, undated
Box-folder 9:9	"Germination Ideas, Seed Sowing, Soils, and Sprayers" notes,
Box-folder 9:10	Miscellanea, articles, undated
Box-folder 10:1	Gardening pamphlets and newsletters, 1932-1955 and undated
Box-folder 10:2	Gardening guides by month, articles, 1944-1956
Box-folder 10:3	Flower show awards, 1954

Series VII: **Oneira Club Orchestra and Choral Departments**

Box-folder 10:4	"Poinsettia Choral Club" meeting (bound), 1920 May 29-1930 April 2
Box-folder 10:5	Orchestra Department meeting minutes, 1936 September 14-1940 April 15
Box-folder 10:6	Orchestra Department meeting minutes, 1941 September 8-1944 March 9
Box-folder 10:7	Orchestra Department meeting minutes, 1944 September 11-1946 June 10
Box-folder 10:8	Department dues and finances, 1925 September-1945 May
Box-folder 10:9	Programs and notes, 1936 March 10-1944 April 6 and undated
Box-folder 10:10	Oneira Club songs and sheet music, undated
Box-folder 10:11	Federated Women's Club songs and sheet music, 1954 May 25 and undated
Box-folder 10:12	Song lyrics, undated
Box-folder 10:13	Sheet music (A), undated Includes: "Absent" "Allah's Holiday" "April Showers" "Around the World" "An Autumn Lullaby" "Ave Maria" "Away in a Manger"

Box-folder 10:14

Sheet music (B), undated

Includes:

"Banjo Player, The"
"A Bed-Time Song"
"Bicycle Built For Two"
"The Big Brown Bear"
"By the Beautiful Sea"

Box-folder 11:1

Sheet music (C), undated

Includes:

"Christ Arose"
"Christmas Carols"
"Clouds"

Box-folder 11:2

Sheet music (D), undated

Includes:

"The Dancing Doll"
"De Bogie Man"
"Dear California"
"Director's Song"
"Dream-boats"

Box-folder 11:3

Sheet music (F-G), undated

Includes:

"Forever and Ever"
"Glorious California"
"Glory to San Diego"
"Great is Thy love"
"The Green Cathedral"

Box-folder 11:4

Sheet music (H), undated

Includes:

"Hail, the King"
"Hark! Hark the Lark"
"The Harp of Delight"
"Hymn of the Pilgrims"

Box-folder 11:5

Sheet music (I), undated

Includes:

"I Believe"
"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"
"If I Were a Moonbeam"
"In Autumn"
"In San Diego"
"In the Garden of To-Morrow"
"In the Time of Roses"
"I've Done My Work"

Box-folder 11:6	Sheet music (J), undated Includes: "Jeanette in Her Garden" "Just a Prayer Away"
Box-folder 12:1	Sheet music (L), undated Includes: "Land of Hope and Glory" "Like Birds at Eve" "Love in the Spring-Time" "Love is a Rose" "Lullaby"
Box-folder 12:2	Sheet music (Ma-Mir), undated Includes: "March on America" "May-Day Song" "The Message of the Violet" "Military March (Hail to the Chief)" "A Miracle"
Box-folder 12:3	Sheet music (Mis-Moo), undated Includes: "Mistress Margarita" "Moonlight and Roses" "Moonlight Bay" "Moon-Marketing"
Box-folder 12:4	Sheet music (Mor-N), undated Includes: "Morning Invocation" "My Garden" "My Old Kentucky Home" "My Sun (O Sole Mio)" "Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen" "Now Hush A-Bye, My Dear"
Box-folder 12:5	Sheet music (O-P), undated Includes: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" "O Tannenbaum!" "O, No, John" "Oh Peter Go Ring-a dem Bells" "One Memory" "A Prayer"

Box-folder 12:6

Sheet music (S), undated

Includes:

"The Savior is Born"
"Song of a Shepherd"
"A Song of the Southern District"
"The Springtime of the Year"
"Standin' In the Need of a Prayer"
"St. Francis' Prayer"
"Star Go By"
"The Star-Spangled Banner"
"Sweet and Low"

Box-folder 12:7

Sheet music (T-W), undated

Includes:

"Thanks Be to God"
"That Naughty Waltz"
"Three Blind Mice"
"Welcome Mighty Chief, Once More"
"When You're Smiling"
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Box-folder 12:8

"America Sings, Community Song Book," 1935

Box-folder 13:1

"America Sings, Community Song Book," 1935

Box-folder 13:2

"Twice 55, Community Songs," undated

Box-folder 13:3

Miscellaneous song booklets, 1915-1945 and undated

Includes:

"Christmas Carols"
"The Girls' Glee Club"
"Songs for Lions"

Box-folder 15:7

Phonographs, undated

Includes:

"Chorus Ng"
"Chorus Surray"
"Oneira Chorus"
"Chorus Beautiful Day"

Series VIII: **Federated Women's Club**

Box-folder 13:4

Procedure Book, 1957-1958

Box-folder 13:5

General meeting minutes (bound), 1958 February 10-1964 June 7

Box-folder 14:1

San Diego (District 25) Executive Committee meeting minutes (bound), 1962 June-1964 January

Box-folder 14:2

"California Federation of Women's Clubs, Year book," 1958-1959

Box-folder 14:3

"General Federation of Women's Clubs Administration Program," 1958-1960

Box-folder 14:4

Correspondence and notifications, 1950 October-1961 July and undated

Box-folder 14:5

Annual Conventions and events, 1930 April 16-1959 April 20 and undated

Box-folder 14:6

Certificates of achievement, undated

Box-folder 14:7

"California Clubwomen" magazines, 1960 September-December

Series IX: **Newspaper Articles**

Box-folder 14:8

Newspaper articles, 1924 October 17-1935 September 20

Box-folder 14:9

Newspaper articles, 1936 September-1951 September

Series X: **Miscellanea**

Box-folder 14:10
Box-folder 14:11

Photo album, undated
Miscellanea, undated

Includes:

Oneira Club poem

Program for dedication of the Harvey L. Lewis, Jr. Junior High School, May 11, 1960

Abbey Rents, Sales Rentals (pamphlet)

"Eugenics Pamphlets No. 88," undated

"The Truth About Floridation" by Citizens Committee for Children's Dental Health,
undated