

The 6th District Nursing Association Collection

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History:

Organized in McLean County in 1914, the 6th District Nurses Association grew rapidly, eventually representing individual nurses from all walks of life across seven counties. By 1966, it boasted a membership roster containing over a third of all the practicing nurses in all of Illinois. Throughout its history, the 6th District has fought for higher wages and better treatment for nurses, as well as an expanded public understanding and acceptance of the needs of the nursing profession. The 6th District was esteemed for its great war-time contributions of personnel to tend to wounded soldiers.

Illinois Wesleyan University and the Bloomington-Normal community have a close connection to the 6th District. An affiliation between Brokaw Training School for Nurses and IWU began in 1905, which led to a combined 5 year degree program offered by the two beginning in 1923. This cooperation was built upon with the founding of the Brokaw Collegiate School of Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan in 1958. By 1959, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree was offered at Illinois Wesleyan by its new independent nursing school.

Scope & Content Note:

This is a collection of records and related material pertaining to the Sixth District Nurses Association. The collection is organized into the following series:

- I. Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence
- II. Events and History
- III. Minutes, Reports, and Surveys
- IV. By-Laws and Membership

I. Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence

Box 1
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| 1 | Newspaper Clippings Aug.1959 – June 1963 |
| 2 | Newspaper Clippings Aug. 1963 – Dec. 1966 |
| 3 | Newspaper Clippings Dec. 1966 – Feb. 1972 |
| 4 | Newspaper Clippings Oct. 1972 – Dec. 1976 |
| 5 | Newspaper Clippings July 1974 – Feb. 1984 |
| 6 | Newspaper Clippings June 1984 – Sept. 1984 |
| 7 | Letters/Memos (1949-1986) |

II. Events and History

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| 8 | Clinton Incident (1953)/ Kewanee Incident (1961) |
| 9 | Student of the Year (1960-1961) |
| 10 | Coffee Hour (1954) |
| 11 | Sixth District and IWU School of Nursing History (1914-1939, n.d.) |
| 12 | Illinois Nurses Week (1960) |
| 13 | Christian Concern for Health: The 60 th Anniversary of the Mennonite Hospital Association (1979) |
| 14 | Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing: The Passing of the Flame (1985) |
| 15 | Brochures/General Information (1950-1960, n.d.) |
| 16 | Scrapbooks (1938-1984 in oversized boxes, Range8, Unit 43) |

Box 2

III. Minutes, Reports, and Surveys

- 1 Sixth District Board Minutes Jan 1940 – Sept 1944
- 2 Sixth District Board Minutes Nov 1944 – 1949
- 3 Sixth District Board Minutes Nov 1949 – Nov 1952
- 4 Sixth District Board Minutes Jan 1953 – Jan 1955
- 5 Sixth District Board Minutes 1956-1958
- 6 Minutes and Budget 1959-1960
- 7 Minutes: Private Duty Section 1954-58, 1962-73
- 8 Committee Reports 1949-1960
- 9 ISNA Reports 1955-1965

Box 3

- 1 Annual INA Reports 1963-1965
- 2 Fiscal Reports, 1965
- 3 Practical Nurse Committee (1957 – 1964, n.d.)
- 4 Secretary's Book: The Administrative Section (Minutes/Letters 1950-1954)
- 5 Education Administrators, Teachers, and Consultants Section (1953-1955)

Box 4

IV. By-Laws and Membership

- 1 List of Presidents, Members, Candidates, etc. (1948-1965)
- 2 Redistricting (1959,1960)
- 3 Officers' By-laws/Duties (1952-1957, n.d.)

