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**BROAD RIPPLE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MINUTES AND RECORDS
1936-1991**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Broad Ripple Unit 312 of the American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1936. Its first and current post home, a remodeled historical interurban terminal building, is at 6379 College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. The first president was Marion J. Vance. Further upon establishment, the unit formed a committee that contained a vice-president, 2nd vice-president, recording and corresponding secretaries, chaplain, historian, and sgt. at arms. By 1944, they had chairmen for over 20 different committees including Americanism, child welfare, legislative, poppy, membership, and national defense. They hold monthly regular and executive board meetings. Meetings open in ritualistic form and typically cover committee updates, discussing the treasurer report, officer updates, upcoming events, and reading of minutes from other meetings. Over the years, they have facilitated many programs within the community like the Hoosier Girls State, which has worked to educate juniors in high school on government. They have been involved with Broad Ripple High School and Chatard High School, offering scholarships for students. The Auxiliary has also cared for disabled veterans of war, as well as families, and volunteered in various activities at the Veteran's Hospital.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains 8 bound volumes of meeting minutes and records for the Broad Ripple American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 312, and 1 bound volume of past presidents parley meeting documents. Minutes are from monthly regular and executive meetings ranging from the years 1936-1991. Other documents within the volumes are certificates, black and white photos of past presidents and events, calendars, article clippings, tax documents, regular treasurer reports, lists of officers and chairmen for each year, addresses, member lists, and budget sheets. The volumes also contain yearly history reports from elected historians for the years 1976-1979, 1981-1984, and 1987-1988.

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