

CURRENT DISCUSSION CLUB RECORDS, 1920-1986

Collection #
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes (0.7 linear feet)
COLLECTION DATES:	1920-1986
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. Jessie Gifford, Indianapolis IN, 30 July 1993
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society
ALTERNATE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	None
ACCESSION NUMBER:	1993.0524

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Current Discussion Club was formed in 1920 by a group of Northside Indianapolis women, many with ties to Shortridge High School. Its purpose was "the discussion of current and literary topics." Membership was limited to twenty-five, and election was by secret ballot. Dues were minimal. Members were expected to present a paper once every two years.

Meetings were held mainly in members' homes, and usually included "a delicious luncheon." The first meeting of the year often included a bridge game, and the last was often a picnic including husbands and other guests. Among the club's members at different times were author Jeannette C. Nolan and the wives of Mayor John W. Kern, Methodist Bishop Frederick D. Leete, city planner Lawrence V. Sheridan, and insurance executive Weber D. Donaldson.

In addition to papers by members, programs through the years included visiting speakers such as the president of the League of Women Voters and the secretary of the YWCA. One year the club attended a session of the General Assembly. As the membership aged and changed, the club held its last formal meeting in 1986.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling two manuscript boxes, contains minutes of the club 1920-1986 complete except for 1974-1980, and a nearly complete set of yearbooks for the years 1934-1986. There are also retrospective accounts written for the twenty-fifth and fiftieth anniversaries of the club, and several versions of the constitution and bylaws.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1: Minutes 1920-1947

Folder Contents

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| 1 | Constitution and bylaws |
| 2 | 25th anniversary poem |
| 3 | 50th anniversary account |
| 4 | Minutes-- 1920-1925 |
| 5 | Minutes -- 1925-1929 |
| 6 | Minutes -- 1929-1933 |
| 7 | Minutes -- 1933-1936 |
| 8 | Minutes -- 1936-1940 |
| 9 | Minutes -- 1940-1942 |
| 10 | Minutes -- 1942-1945 |
| 11 | Minutes -- 1945-1947 |

Box 2: Minutes 1947-1986

Folder Contents

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| 1 | Minutes-- 1947-1950 |
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2	Minutes -- 1950-1955
3	Minutes -- 1955-1959
4	Minutes -- 1959-1962
5	Minutes -- 1962-1965
6	Minutes -- 1965-1968
7	Minutes -- 1968-1971
8	Minutes -- 1971-1974
9	Minutes -- 1980-1983
10	Minutes -- 1983-1986
11	Yearbooks-- 1934-1946
12	Yearbooks -- 1946-1960
13	Yearbooks -- 1960-1986

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2. Click on the "Local Catalog" icon.
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4. When you find the collection, go to the "Holdings" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.

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