Boone County Extension Homemakers

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Provenance

Series VI: Washington Township Home Economics Club donated to the Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center, Lebanon Public Library, by Pat Clark on June 22, 2009; Series VIII: Perry Township Home Economics Club, donated by Judy Walburn on June 18, 2018; the provenance of the other series is unknown

Scope and Content

This collection contains minute books, scrapbooks, programs, and papers from the Boone County Extension Homemakers and affiliated groups.

Series I.B contains annual programs from 1945-1982, 1984-1986, 1988-1999. These programs were distributed to the various extension homemaker organizations around the county and included sections for each club to list local officers and members. Some of the programs in this series belonged to the Home Boosters, the Homemakers Union, Smile-A-While, and the Washington Township Home Economics Club.

Series I.H includes programs for Achievement Day and the Open Show.

Series I.I includes the club’s constitution, meeting agendas from 1984-1985, and information on the duties of club officers

Series III.B contains annual programs from 1937-1940, 1942-1944.

Series IV contains a minute book, scrapbook, and photographs from the Harrison Township Home Economics Club. The minute book and scrapbook include newspaper clippings. IV.C includes programs from 1938 and 1941. All photographs in IV.D are items that became detached from the 1941 scrapbook.

Series V contains a scrapbook and papers from the Smile-A-While Extension Homemakers Club. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, programs, photographs, correspondence, and ephemera. Due to deterioration, two scrapbooks (covering 1960-1963 and 1977-1980) were scanned; access to the originals is restricted but copies are in Series V.A.2. One scrapbook covering 1984 was so deteriorated that it was disassembled; a photocopy of the book prior to its disassembly is in V.A.2. V.C includes a history of the club, the club’s constitution, prize ribbons, and newspaper clippings.
Series VI contains minute books, a cash book, and papers from the Washington Township Home Economics Club. Series VI.D includes a 4-H fair ribbon, the script for an installation service, award certificates, and some meeting minutes. Series VI.E contains the club’s gavel and Henry M. Robert, *Robert’s Rules of Order Revised* (1915) purchased by the club in 1939.

Series VII contains publications and papers from the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association.

For all photographs series, see Photographs-Boone County Extension Homemakers.

**Series**

I. Boone County Extension Homemakers
   B. Programs
   C. History
   D. Membership
   E. Reports
   F. Newsletters
   G. Correspondence
   H. Activities, 2 folders
   I. Miscellaneous
   J. Photographs

II. Advance Homemakers
    A. Minute Book, 1 vol., 1972-1985
    B. Correspondence

III. Center Township Home Economics Club
     A. Scrapbook, 1 vol., 1938-1939
     B. Programs
     C. Miscellaneous

IV. Harrison Township Home Economics Club
    A. Minute Book, 1 vol., 1936-1937
    B. Scrapbook, 1 vol., 1941
    C. Miscellaneous
    D. Photographs

V. Smile-A-While Extension Homemakers Club
   A. Scrapbooks, 8 vols., 1960-1972, 1974-1986
      1. Original Scrapbooks
      2. Copies
   B. Correspondence
   C. Miscellaneous
   D. Photographs

VI. Washington Township Home Economics Club
C. Correspondence
D. Miscellaneous
E. Artifacts

VII. Indiana Extension Homemakers Association
   A. State Constitution
   B. State Publications
   C. State Brochures
   D. State Activities

VIII. Perry Township Home Economics Club (1 scrapbook, 1940)

Background

The Indiana Extension Homemakers Association was founded in 1913 in response to the development of rural Home Economics Clubs around the state. In the 1950s, these organizations changed their names to Home Demonstration Clubs, and in 1966 they adopted the name Extension Homemakers. These clubs were organized to educate women in improved methods of homemaking, which covered a range of activities including sewing, cooking, food preservation, and childrearing. The clubs also served as social outlets for their members.

The Boone County Extension Homemakers club was organized in 1937 to provide guidance to Boone County’s Home Economics clubs.

The Center Township, Harrison Township, Perry Township, and Washington Township Home Economics Clubs were organized in December 1936.

The Smile-A-While Extension Homemakers Club was organized in December 1959.

Sources


“Center Club Organized.” Lebanon Reporter, December 30, 1936.


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