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**INDIANA NUTRITION COUNCIL
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 full-size manuscript box, 1 half-size manuscript box, 2 floppy disks

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt summoned over 900 delegates to the National Nutrition Conference on Defense. The purpose was to discuss problems of nutrition that had developed out of the war, and to formulate strategies of action. At the conference, the country was divided into regions. Indiana was grouped in with Illinois and Wisconsin. Each state within the regions were given a coordinator and chairman. At the time, Dr. Henry L. McCarthy was named coordinator, and Dr. John Ferree, Director of the Indiana State Board of Health, as chairman. The summer following the conference, Dr. Ferree called on those in Indiana interested in health and welfare to create a state nutrition council. Over the decades, the council's committee and members have developed numerous programs and activities to aid in the nutritional needs of Indiana. Initially, programs were centered on the war effort. Priorities then extended to improving school lunch programs and keeping people up-to-date on current nutrition research. The council has also lent support to many other local organizations, as well as other nutritional organizations. The Indiana Nutrition Council continues its same efforts today, holding regular meetings, providing seminars, and assisting with local food banks, among other activities.

Sources:

Information in collection

<https://www.facebook.com/Indiana-Nutrition-Council-349638635145449/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection contains documents of meeting minutes, reports, agendas, programs, and rosters for the Indiana Nutrition Council from 1959-2004. The collection also contains correspondence, information pamphlets, articles and research related to nutrition, 2 floppy disks from 2002-2003, and other miscellaneous documents.

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