

# INDIANA SCHOOLMEN'S CLUB RECORDS, 1922-1980

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| VOLUME OF<br>COLLECTION: | 3 manuscript boxes, 2 card file boxes  |
| COLLECTION DATES:        | 1922-1980  |
| PROVENANCE:              | Indiana Schoolmen's Club, Brownsburg, Indiana, 1982  |
| RESTRICTIONS:            | None   |
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| ALTERNATE FORMATS:       | None   |
| OTHER FINDING AIDS:      | None   |
| ACCESSION NUMBER:        | 1982.0224  |
| NOTES:                   |  |

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Schoolmen's Club was an organization of public school administrators and teachers and of college professors of education. It began informally in 1918 as an ad hoc group to talk to Indiana legislators about the impact on the public schools of a proposed new method of assessing taxes. It slowly became more formal; minutes of meeting were first taken in 1921, and a formal constitution was adopted in 1924. The stated purpose of the organization was "to promote a high standard of fellowship and professional ethics and efficiency and to promote the educational welfare of the youth of the state". Membership grew from about 18 in the beginning to 124 in 1924. Though there was stated limits on membership, they were constantly increased, and by 1945 there were nearly 600 members.

The group does not seem to have worked for any particular causes or lobbied for any particular bills. The principal activity was to have four meetings a year, usually in April, May, October, and December. The original format of meetings was an all-day working session. There would be morning and afternoon working sessions, and a luncheon with speaker, all directed toward nuts-and-bolts educational topics. By 1940 the club had changed to a general policy of using half its meetings for more general topics in national or foreign affairs; these more general meetings usually convened at 6:30, with dinner and a single speaker. Over the years, the educational topics also became more general, such as 'Education for Tomorrow's World'.

Fellowship was enhanced by dining together and by group singing. Sometimes there was a musical offering by a group from a college or high school Beginning about 1970, there was a joint meeting each year with the Indiana Schoolwomen's Club.

During the 1970's membership and attendance dwindled, and in 1980 the Club was disbanded and its records given to the Indiana Historical Society.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers are the typical working papers of an organization of this kind. There are four books of minutes, both of general meetings and of the executive committee, covering the years 1922-1973. There is a small amount of general correspondence, usually about organizational matters. There follows material about meetings during the last thirty years of the club's existence: correspondence with speakers, panelists, and honored guests; programs and menus. A separate folder of biographies of speakers gives some idea of the organization's tone and taste in its latter years. This is followed by the treasurer's records, which largely deal with dues, and with the expense of printing newsletters and programs. The collection also contains membership and dues records of the Club; dues ran from \$2 to \$5 a year. New members were proposed before each meeting and voted on at the meeting. Members of 25 years' standing were given honorary status.

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## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

### BOX 1: Minutes, 1921-1973; General Correspondence, 1947-1965; Meetings

| FOLDER | CONTENTS   |
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| 1      | Minutes 1921-1928                                |
| 2      | Minutes 1929-1952                                |
| 3      | Minutes 1952-1971                                |
| 4      | Minutes 1972-1943, Treasurer's Reports 1973-1996 |
| 5      | General Correspondence 1947-1961                 |

- 6 General Correspondence 1973
- 7 Meetings--Arrangements and Correspondence 1956-1958
- 8 Meetings--Arrangements and Correspondence 1959-1961
- 9 Meetings--Arrangements and Correspondence 1962-1965

**BOX 2: Meetings, Financial Records, Membership**

| FOLDER | CONTENTS  |
|--------|---|
| 1      | Meetings--Arrangements and Correspondence 1974-1978 |
| 2      | Biographies of Speakers 1957-1974                   |
| 3      | Recognition of Treasurer, O. H. Greist, 1927-1945   |
| 4      | Treasurer's Book 1945-1972                          |
| 5      | Treasurer's Reports 1955-1966                       |
| 6      | Bonds at ISTA                                       |
| 7      | Financial Reports 1973-1977                         |
| 8      | Treasurer's Reports 1973-1980                       |
| 9      | Treasurer's Audit Reports 1955-1961                 |
| 10     | Liability Insurance 1974-1979                       |
| 11     | Tax Exemption                                       |
| 12     | Yearbook 1972                                       |
| 13     | Newsletters 1974-1978                               |
| 14     | Newsletters 1978, 1979                              |
| 15     | Lists of Officers 1922-1961                         |
| 16     | Handbook 1946                                       |
| 17     | Obituaries of Members                               |
| 18     | Membership proposals and correspondence 1955-1966   |
| 19     | Old Member's Survey 1973                            |
| 20     | New Members 1973                                    |
| 21     | New Members 1974                                    |
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| 24 | New Members 1977                |
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**BOX 3: Members and Dues Paid**

**BOX 4: Members and Dues Paid**

**BOX 5: Membership and Meetings**

| FOLDER | CONTENTS   |
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| 3      | Printed membership lists 1957, 1964                                |
| 4      | Notebook lists of members 1970, 1972                               |
| 5      | (Printed) membership list 1975                                     |
| 6      | Reservations for meetings (meals) 1975-1978                        |
| 7      | Stationery Samples   |

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