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STATE ASSEMBLY WOMAN'S CLUB MATERIALS ADDITION, 1921-2001

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Mrs. Russell K. Bedgood, wife of an Indiana General Assembly member from Lafayette, organized a club in 1921 to provide social activities for the wives of state legislators during their two-month stay in the city of Indianapolis. Many of the wives had never been to the city before and knew no one who lived there. The State Assembly Women's Club (SAWC) was designed to allow these women to come together to make acquaintance with each other and with the city. Businesses, schools and charitable organizations hosted teas, luncheons, and tours for the women while their husbands attended to state business.

In 1925, Mrs. Charles J. Buchanan organized an ancillary group, the Indianapolis Branch of the SAWC. This smaller group worked toward keeping the larger group intact during the two-year periods between legislative meetings (this was changed to annual sessions during the 1970s).

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains State Assembly Woman's Club meeting minutes from the larger organization as well as the smaller, local Indianapolis group, from the years 1921-1979. There are Constitution drafts, by-laws, and edits from 1939-1979, correspondence regarding events, and sales, 1953-1979, a written history of the club, and program booklets from 1953-2001. The collection also contains numerous other documents regarding special events and dinners, event chairman's reports, member lists, lists of elected government officials, miscellaneous programs, a group member photograph, and two photographs at a dinner event in 1959.

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