

Saturday Lunch Club Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Saturday Lunch Club. (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Title	Saturday Lunch Club Collection
Date	1927-1952
Extent	2.25 Linear feet
Language	English

History

Original purpose of the club was as a non-partisan open forum and disinterested service for free discussion of social, economic and political issues. Founder of the club was Stiles P. Jones (1862-1920), who worked for various newspapers including having the St Paul Pioneer Press and the Minneapolis Journal. Stiles founded the club in 1906 as a place where political, social, and economic issues could be threshed out in free debate. Meeting places included Dayton's Tea Room, the Dyckman Grill Room, Y.M.C.A, Andrews Hotel, and Donaldson's Tea Rooms. The club met weekly with scheduled speakers for the months of January through the middle of June and then from middle of September to end of December. Membership included men and women; dues were required. Topics for programs included civil rights, immigration act, foreign affairs, political activities and events. The first members were also members of The Voters League, of which Stiles P. Jones was the secretary.

Many community leaders were active in the club and the speakers were local, national as well as international figures, including: Victor Berger, Thomas Schall, William Jennings Bryan, Louis D. Brandeis, John Haynes Holmes, Jean Longuet, Francis Neilson, Jane Addams, Jeannette Rankin, Alice Paul, Keir Hardie, A.E. Russell, Salvamini, W.E.B. DuBois, Sen. George Norris, Sen. Claude Pepper, Clarence Darrow, Hubert H. Humphrey, Harold Stassen.

Membership included: Frank Melloy Anderson, professor of History, Dartmouth; Judge William A. Anderson; John W. Bennett, Tribune reporter; Governor Elmer Benson; John Berg, attorney; Major B.F. Bowler, State Dairy Commissioner; B.H. Bowler (son of B.F. Bowler); Dr. E. J. Brown; Carl J. Buell; Sampson R. Child; Judge Paul Guilford; Senator Hubert Humphrey; Luther Jaeger, member of the Board of Education; Waldron Jerome; Stiles P. Jones; Judge Louis I. Larson; Judge William Larson; Governor John Lind; Judge Gustavus Loevinger; George S. Loftus (leader, Non-Partisan League; co-founder, Equity Co-operative Exchange); Rep. James Manahan; Homer Morris; Dr. Minor Morris; Governor Floyd B. Olson; Hon. Sidney M. Owen, University Regent; A.W. Rankin, professor of Pedagogy, State Inspector of High Schools; Representative Henry Reigan; Dr. Henrik Shipstead (dentist; U.S. senator; S.A. Stockwell, State Senator; David S. Swenson professor, U. of Minnesota; Board of Education member; E.M. Tousley; Willis M. West, professor of History, University of Minnesota.

Description of Collection

Five boxes of materials which include written histories of the club, articles of incorporation, correspondence, finances for the club, membership material, programs for the club covering the years 1932-1952, and political resolutions as approved by the club. The bulk of the detailed material on the club covers the years 1938-1948.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

Added to Archivists' Toolkit September 16, 2008

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Minnesota -- Politics and government.

Subject(s)

- Clubs -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Saturday Lunch Club of Minneapolis: a brief history (20 copies) 1927	1	1
Inventory	1	2
Articles of Incorporation	1	3
Common Law of the Saturday Lunch Club	1	4
Executive Committee 1940-1942	1	5
Clippings 1939-1952	1	6
History	1	7
Scrapbook 1931-1947	1	8
Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence 1948, 1952	2	1
Correspondence 1947-1948	2	2

Programs

Correspondence 1945-1946	2	3
Correspondence 1944	2	4
Correspondence 1942-1943	2	5
Correspondence 1941	2	6
Correspondence 1941	2	7
Correspondence 1941	2	8
Correspondence 1941	2	9
Correspondence 1940	2	10
Correspondence 1940	2	11
Correspondence 1939	2	12
Correspondence 1935-1938	2	13
	Box	Folder
Memorials	2	14
Programs		
	Box	Folder

Topics and Issues

Programs 1949-1952	2	15
Programs attendance cards 1941	2	16
Programs 1940-1941	2	17
Programs 1939	2	18
		Box
Program Notices 1932-1952		5
Topics and Issues		
	Box	Folder
Topics and issues: civil rights	2	19
Topics and issues: miscellaneous	2	20
Topics and issues: West Hotel	2	21
Financial Information		
	Box	Folder
Finances 1945	3	1
Finances 1944	3	2

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Finances 1942-1943	3	3
Finances 1940	3	4
Finances 1940	3	5
Finances 1939	3	6
Finances 1938	3	7
		Box
Financial Receipt Books 1939-1944		4
Membership		
	Box	Folder
Membership 1947-1948	3	8
Membership 1946	3	9
Membership 1945	3	10
Membership 1937-1938, 1944	3	11
Membership	3	12
	Box	Folder

Membership

Photos	3	13
Painting Fundraiser: Stockwell by Cameron Booth	3	14
Resolutions, political and social	3	15
Resolutions, political and social	3	16