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Friday Tea Club  
Records, 1941-1959

Collection #359

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Kati Haskins, February 2023

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Friday Tea Club

**Inclusive Dates:** 1935-1959, bulk 1941-1959

**Physical Description:** 1 box, (1.42 linear ft.)

**Provenance:**

The Friday Tea Club records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

These records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

**Historical Note:**

The Friday Tea Club was a social club for women living on and around Race Street in Urbana, IL. The first meeting was held on March 2, 1923 at the home of Mrs. Kansas Ann Green of 501 South Race Street, and held every two weeks thereafter (changed later to monthly). Members took turns hosting mainly in their homes with another member acting as "assistant hostess." Club activities typically began in September with the annual chicken fry, held most often at Hessel Park, and ended in May with the annual luncheon, held at the Hi-Hat Tea Room on the University of Illinois campus and later at the Urbana Country Club.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains two notebooks of meeting minutes and a scrapbook with photographs, newspaper clippings, and ephemera.

**Separated Material:**

"Friday Tea Club" photographs envelope

**Subject Terms:**

Clubs

Women – Societies and clubs

**Name Terms:**

Atkinson, Lena M.

Barth, Mayme

Bowditch, Helen L.

Bruffett, Mary L.

Chamberlain, Ethel

Corbin, Frances

Conaway, Myrtle Elizabeth



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Holmes, Eva  
Kirkpatrick, Ombra  
Little, Marjorie  
MacKenzie, Louise O.  
Martin, Edith  
Nyberg, Mary  
Pettibon, Mildred  
Price, Eva  
White, Myrtle

**Container List**

**Box 1**

Item 1: Scrapbook, 1935-1959  
Item 2: Meeting Minutes, 1941-1951  
Item 3: Meeting Minutes, 1952-1959