Athens County Council for Childhood Education Collection
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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

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Title: Athens County Council for Childhood Education Collection

Date: 1930-1962

Abstract: Notes from executive board meetings, minutes, treasurer’s reports and records, copies of The Branch Exchange, monthly publication of the National Association for Childhood Education, yearbooks, and a scrapbook

Quantity: .6 cu. ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF

At a meeting held in Athens, Ohio May 26, 1931, preliminary steps were taken for forming the Athens County Council for Childhood Education. The organization of the Athens County Council for Childhood Education came from a request of the Executive Secretary of the Ohio Council for Childhood Education which at that time was a relatively new organization.

The purpose of the Ohio Council for Childhood Education is as follows: "The purpose of this organization shall be to gather and disseminate knowledge of the movement for the education of young children and to bring to active cooperation all childhood educational interests of the State, including parent education, to promote the progressive type of education in nursery school, kindergarten, and primary grades, to raise the standard of the professional training for teachers and leaders in this field."

The first officers of the Athens County Council for Childhood Education were Constance T. MacLeod, elected chairman pro tem and Irene Estabrook, elected secretary
pro tem. Helen M. Evans, Annie Gochnauer, and Marie Acomb were appointed to a committee to draw up the council's first constitution. No further action was taken until March 23, 1932, at which time the Ohio Kindergarten Association was being reorganized into "The Ohio Council for Childhood Education." The Athens Council wished to have its constitution conform to the state constitution and therefore waited for the group's reorganization.

At a meeting on March 23, 1932 in Athens, a temporary constitution was adopted and the name "The Athens Council for Childhood Education" was decided upon. Two years later, in 1934, the name changed to "The Athens County Council for Childhood Education," as the membership included kindergarten/primary teachers from the towns and rural districts in the county, teachers from the city of Athens, the kindergarten/primary faculty of Ohio University and any one interested, including some members of the PTA. On April 13, 1932 a permanent constitution was adopted.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection covers a period of 32 years, 1930-1962. Found in the collection are notes from executive board meetings (1940-1952), minutes, treasurer’s reports and records (1932-1962), 27 copies of The Branch Exchange (1948-1961), a monthly publication of the National Association for Childhood Education, and six yearbooks (1944-1955) which contain information on the activities and plans of organizations nationwide.

A scrapbook that contains a thorough history of the organization of the Athens County Council for Childhood Education, its by-laws and constitution can be found in the collection. The scrapbook also holds mementos, party favors, and several newspaper clippings concerning activities of the organization.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

Series I: Printed Matter
Series II: Correspondence
Series III: Ledgers and Journals

Abbreviations with in content list:

ACE - Athens County Council for Childhood Education
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

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Officers, 1961-1962, 1 pg.

3 Group meetings, Ohio ACE, 1961

4 Finance Committee's Report, May 3, 1950, 1 pg.

5 Applications for free medical services sponsored by ACE, 1946-1947, 2 items

6 Miscellaneous Receipts, 1936, 1940-1941

7 *The Branch Exchange*, 1948-1949, 10 items

8 *The Branch Exchange*, 1949, 3 items

9 *The Branch Exchange*, 1950-1951, 10 items

10 *The Branch Exchange*, 1960-1961, 4 items

11 ACE Yearbooks, 1944-1948, 2 items

12 ACE Yearbooks, 1950, 2 items

13 ACE Yearbooks, 1954-1955, 2 items


15 "Are These Our Schools?" 1949, Washington D.C.

16 1956 Study Conference, Aril 1-6, Washington D.C. "Exploring Resources for Work with Children"

**Series II**: Correspondence

17 1939, 1943, 1962, 4 items

**Series III**: Ledgers and Journals

2 1 Treasurer's Book, October 1932-May 1948, 125 pgs.

2 Treasurer's Reports, 1947-1962, 152 pgs.

3 Minutes, by-laws, notes from Executive Board Meetings, member lists, and correspondence
all contained in a 3-ring notebook, 1930-1933, 85 pgs.

4 Scrapbook, 1932-1938, 40 pgs.
   -History of association and other information on typed pages in front of scrapbook
   -Party favors and mementos of meetings, etc.
   -Several newspaper clippings