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TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

INTRODUCTION

During World War I the Tippecanoe County Council of Defense acted as the coordinating body for the volunteer war efforts and activities in the county. The council representation extended into the townships with a branch organization in each township. Work of the council included boosting Liberty Loan efforts, sponsoring war savings stamp campaigns, supervising agricultural and gardening efforts, coordinating work of local Red Cross, YMCA, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Relief, etc.; the council also appointed food and fuel administrators for the county.

According to a newspaper article included in the collection, Indiana was considered to have the most organized and most efficient state council of defense in the country and the Tippecanoe County Council was one of the best in the state.

The collection consists of a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, mostly undated; those with dates are ca. 1917 and 1918. The articles refer to the defense council's work and to local wartime activities in general. Included also are bulletins and correspondence from the Indiana State Council of Defense, 1917.

DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 flat storage box (11-1/2" x 16")

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

SCRAPBOOK

Contains newsclippings relating to county activities for World War I effort, ca. 1917, 1918. Also contains bulletins and correspondence from Indiana State Council of Defense. (Loose clippings are copied onto acid-free paper and placed in a file folder inside front cover of scrapbook.)

CLASSIFICATION

Wars/World War I

SUBJECTS

Wars – World War I
Civil Defense
Volunteers

SEARCH TERMS

Tippecanoe County Council of Defense
World War I