

Inventory of the

Afton Community Club
Elva, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 95

INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Erlene Hulmes donated the Afton Community Club Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on January 23, 1981.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear Feet of Shelf Space: .25
Number of containers: 1
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Afton Community Club Records consist of minute books dating 1934 to 1980. Included in the minutes are treasurer's reports, committee lists, and membership information. A small amount of correspondence and newspaper clippings containing background information complete the collection.

Researchers interested in community organization might consult other similar collections held by the Regional History Center: Prairie View Grange (RC 14); DeKalb Kiwanis (RC 18); Rockford Harmony Singing Society (RC 40); South Grove Grange (RC 61); Etna Grange (RC 63); Hanover Scenic Grange (RC 64); Round Grove Grange (RC 68); Willow Dale Grange (RC 80); Westfield Grange (RC 88); Milledgeville Grange (RC 101); Genesee Grange (RC 102); Harmony Grange (RC 108), and the Jolly Neighbors Club (RC 112).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Around 1932, Farm Advisor Ward Cross organized the Afton Community Club. Lee Mosher served as the first president until 1935 when the group began to hold annual elections. The club met for social, educational, and entertainment programs designed to benefit the whole family. Meetings began with a potluck supper, followed by a business meeting, and concluded with a special program or recreation. In 1935, the club organized girls and boys 4-H clubs in the community which still provide recreational and educational programs to children.

By the 1970's interest in the club declined and on January 3, 1980 the club turned its treasury money over to the Elva Hall for repairs, thereby dissolving the Afton Community Club.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Afton Township
Elva
Farm Life
Afton Community Club

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Historical Background Information
	2-9	Minutes, 1934-1980
	10	Correspondence, n.d.