

## Preliminary Finding Aid to the Helping Hands Homemakers FCE Club Records

### Helping Hands Homemakers FCE Club (Pierce County, N.D.)

Helping Hands Homemakers FCE Club Records, 1920s-1997

ca. 1 linear ft.

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### OVERVIEW

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### HISTORY

The Helping Hands Homemakers FCE Club was organized in 1922 by Pierce County Agent Howard Danielson, possibly the first homemakers club established in North Dakota. The club members had met as a group since 1918 before it was formally organized. Among its earliest programs was a demonstration on canning asparagus done by an extension employee from the North Dakota Agricultural College. The first meetings were family affairs with husbands and children attending. A meal was served for all in attendance. In the early years club members saved tin cans, silk hosiery, scrap iron and paper 'in support of the soldiers who were serving in World War II.' Sometime likely in the 1990s 'FCE' was added to the

club's name, reflecting the name change of the North Dakota Homemakers Council to North Dakota Association for Family & Community Education. In 1997 the club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Helping Hands Homemakers Club Records document the activities of this Pierce County club primarily through its annual secretary's record books that cover from 1939/1940 to 1996/1997 with several gaps. The Subject Files Series consists of a booklet of recipes compiled likely by club members on the occasion of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1997. The North Dakota Association for Family & Community Education includes a brochure and a copy of its 1997 *Forms Pad*. The National Association for Family & Community Education contains only a copy of its 1997 *Handbook*. The Scrapbook includes a photograph of likely its early members and several newspaper clippings and several snapshots. The loose sheets originally in the scrapbook appear to have been prepared for a historical display of club members and activities from the 1920s to 1980s. Of particular interest are snapshots of members in their gardens, part of a "Garden Project" of the 1930s; members meeting in the 1920s; lefse making (1982); a float in a parade (1986); and a series of snapshots likely from their 75 anniversary party.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Content
1/1	Finding aid, and Historical information
	<b>Secretary's Record Books Series</b>
1/2	1939/1940 – 1948/1949
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	<b>Subject Files Series</b>
1/5	General files, 1986-1997
1/6	Helping Hands Homemakers 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1922-1997
1/7	National Association for Family & community Education 1997 Handbook
1/8	North Dakota Association for Family & Community Education, 1997
1/9	Scrapbook
1/10	Scrapbook (loose pages), 1920s-1997