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## **MSS 29 / P 6 / Newspaper Files**

### **American Legion, Delaware Post 19 Collection, 1918-1978**

12 boxes; 4.6 cu. ft.

#### History

American Legion, Delaware Post 19 is the local branch of a national organization which was first established by a group of twenty American Expeditionary Force officers, led by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., at a 1919 meeting in Paris. Congress granted the group a charter in September of that year. Membership in the organization is limited to those who have served honorably in one of the four 20th century wars in which the United States has played a role.

The local Post 19, formed August 10, 1920, had its first headquarters at 211 1/2 S. Walnut. In 1925, E. Arthur and Frances D. Ball donated land at 418 N. Walnut for use as a meeting place for the group. The donors requested that at the end of sixty years the land and the building thereon would be used as a war memorial or the land would revert back to the city of Muncie for use as a park. The building now has the official title of the Delaware County War Memorial Building.

#### Scope and Content

The collection focuses on the activities of the local Post No. 19 and includes the group's By-Laws and Constitution; its national convention reports, 1932-1969; state conventions, 1928-1974; and conventions of the Forty and Eight, 1932-1955. The collection also includes minutes of meeting, 1922-1939; financial reports, 1924-1967; copies of its newsletters and publications; and an assortment of scrapbooks, 1928-1946.

A separate series, P 6, contains 16 folders of photographs pertaining to the local Post 19 and its members.

Another series entitled Newspapers Files includes selected issues from the *Muncie Evening Press*, the *Muncie Star* and *The X-Ray*.

N. Turner, 27 January 1992

Container ListBox    Folder

1	1	Awards, 1942-1976
	2	By-Laws, 1938-1973 By-Laws and Constitution
	3	Indiana, 1936-1950
	4	National, 1944-1945
	5	Cash Receipts, August 1941-April 1942
	6	Cemetery Arrangements, 1921-1978 Conventions: National
2	1	1932--Portland, Oregon
	2	1933--Chicago, Illinois
	3	1934--Miami, Florida
	4	1935--St. Louis, Missouri
	5	1938--Los Angeles, California
	6	1939--Chicago, Illinois
	7	1940--Boston, Massachusetts
	8	1941--Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	9	1947--New York, New York
	10	1948--Miami, Florida
	11	1949--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	12	1950--Los Angeles, California
	13	1951--Miami, Florida
	14	1953--St. Louis, Missouri
	15	1954--Washington, D.C.
3	1	1955--Miami, Florida
	2	1958--Chicago, Illinois
	3	1966--Washington, D.C.
	4	1967--Boston, Massachusetts
	5	1968--New Orleans, Louisiana
	6	1969--Atlanta, Georgia  Conventions: Indiana
4	7	1928--Lafayette
	8	1929--Richmond
	1	1930--Ft. Wayne
	2	1931--Anderson
	3	1932--Kokomo
	4	1933--Evansville
	5	1934--Gary
	6	1935--Indianapolis
7	1936--Muncie	
8	1938--Indianapolis	

- 5 1 1940--Gary  
 2 1941--South Bend  
 3 1945--Indianapolis  
 4 1946--Indianapolis  
 5 1948--Indianapolis  
 6 1949--Ft. Wayne  
 7 1950--Indianapolis  
 8 1960--Indianapolis  
 9 1962--South Bend  
 10 1964--Evansville  
 11 1970--Ft. Wayne  
 12 1971--Indianapolis  
 6 1 1972--Indianapolis  
 2 1974--Ft. Wayne  
 3 Conventions, Forty and Eight--1932, 1946, 1948-1950, 1955  
 7 1 Correspondence, 1924-1977  
 2 *Delaware County in the World War: 1917-1918*  
 3 District Organization, 1931  
 4 Districts of American Legion--Map  
 5 Drum and Bugle Corps
- Educational Courses  
 6 1 (1947 Edition)  
 7 2 (1947 Edition)  
 8 Elections for American Legion Offices  
 9 Financial Records, 1924-1967
- Gatherings: Banquets, Parade, Memorial Services  
 10 1927-1938  
 11 1942-1958  
 12 1960-1969  
 13 1970-1978, undated  
 8 1 Indiana Legion, 1951-1952  
 2 Junior Baseball  
 3 Legislative Committee, 1967
- Membership  
 4 1919-1931  
 5 1933-1967  
 6 Undated  
 7 Membership Drive Advertisements
- Minutes  
 8 Nov. 1922-July 1923  
 9 1 1924-1933

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|    | 2  | 1933-1935   |
| 10 | 1  | 1935-1938   |
|    | 2  | 1939, undated   |
|    |    | News clippings: Obituaries and Post Activities        |
|    | 3  | 1921-1957   |
|    | 4  | 1958-1961   |
|    | 5  | 1961-1964   |
|    | 6  | 1965-1967   |
|    | 7  | 1968  |
|    | 8  | 1969  |
|    | 9  | 1970-1978   |
|    |    | Newsletters   |
| 11 | 1  | Post 19 News, c.1932-1971, and undated                |
|    | 2  | Miscellany, 1921-1970, and undated                    |
|    | 3  | Officers, undated                                     |
|    | 4  | Post Handbooks, undated                               |
|    | 5  | Post Histories c.1936-1970                            |
|    |    | Scrapbooks  |
|    | 6  | December 1928-October 1929                            |
|    | 7  | July 1945-April 1946                                  |
|    | 8  | April-September 1946                                  |
|    | 9  | July 1945-August 1946                                 |
|    | 10 | Service Committees, undated                           |
|    | 11 | Veteran Lists, c.1966-1974                            |
|    |    | Forty and Eight Voiture Locale No. 955                |
| 12 | 1  | Constitution and By-Laws, c.1934-1964                 |
|    | 2  | Golf Tournament, 1934                                 |
|    | 3  | Rituals, c. 1933-1971                                 |
|    | 4  | Miscellany  |
|    | 5  | Auxiliary--Manuals, Yearbooks, Conventions, 1933-1958 |
|    | 6  | Miscellany, c.1918-1976                               |

#### Newspaper Files

*Daily Worker*, 21 September 1937

*Muncie Evening Press*

10 November 1930

25 August 1934

22 August 1936

*Muncie Morning Star*, 11 November 1930

*The Munsonian*, 9 April 1943

*The X-Ray*

27 April 1940

4 May 1940

21 October 1944

## P6 Photographs

Box Folder

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|---|----|--|
| 1 | 1  | Boy Scout Troop, Heekin Park, 1948                         |
|   | 2  | Delaware Post 19 Drum Corps and Color Guard, 1936-1948     |
|   | 3  | Gray, Finly H., 1936                                       |
|   | 4  | Home of Delaware Post 19, 1974                             |
|   | 5  | Initiation, 1946   |
|   | 6  | Membership Team, 1952                                      |
|   | 7  | Muncie Central Bearcats 1951-52 Basketball Champions       |
|   | 8  | National Conventions, 1939, 1946, 1950                     |
|   | 9  | National Defence Committee, 1943                           |
|   | 10 | National Membership Board, 1931                            |
|   | 11 | Portraits (Thomas Wescott and others, c.1923-1929)         |
|   | 12 | Speaker Homer Chaillaux, 15 March 1939                     |
|   | 13 | Voiture 955, officers, 1959-1960                           |
|   | 14 | Voiture Locale No. 1040, 11 May 1952                       |
|   | 15 | Tom Wescott Presents Scrapbook to Fred Ruble, 24 July 1952 |
|   | 16 | Miscellany, c.1920-1966                                    |

D. Tambo, 22 February 1983