All States Picnic Collection

1948-1963
Descriptive Summary

Title: All States Picnic Collection
Dates: 1948-1963
Collection Number: Consult library
Creator/Collector: All States Picnic, Inc.
Extent: 3 linear feet
Repository: Ontario City Library, Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room

Abstract: This collection consists of 8 scrapbooks documenting the Ontario All States Picnic and Parade, held annually in Ontario each July. The scrapbooks were created by the All States Picnic, Inc., which was responsible for planning the event. The scrapbooks consist of newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera from each annual event.

Language of Material: English

Access
The collection is available during the regular operating hours of the Model Colony History Room or by appointment.

Publication Rights
Collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation
All States Picnic Collection. Ontario City Library, Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room

Acquisition Information
The All States Picnic, Inc. donated the scrapbooks to the Model Colony History Room in the 1960s.

Biography/Administrative History
The idea for an All-States Picnic was taken from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce annual chamber dinner when diners were seated in state groups. From 1916-1939 the Federation of All States held a picnic in John Galvin Park during the summer. In 1939 the picnic was moved to Euclid Avenue’s parkway. The All States Picnic was incorporated in 1949 and by 1951 was a permanent community event held on the 4th of July. Attendance peaked in 1948 and again in 1961 at 120,000. Interest waned until the event was discontinued in 1981. It was revived in 1991 for Ontario’s Centennial and continues to this day on a much smaller scale.

Scope and Content of Collection

Indexing Terms
All-States Picnic (Ontario, Calif.)
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Scrapbooks