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Records, 1935-1977
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Marian Weir, past president of the St. Louis Consumer Federation, donated the papers of the Consumer Federation (SLCF) to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection - University of Missouri-St. Louis in April 1978. (A-2020)

The collection contains the organization's subject files, bulletins, correspondence, minutes, constitution and bylaws.

SLCF was formed as one of over 200 Consumer Councils throughout the nation under NRA to act as communication links between consumers and the government. When NRA was abolished, it expanded into a federation to include representatives of churches, social services, labor and civic organizations. Over the years, SLCF has campaigned for such laws as the Standard Milk Ordinance, the Clean Restaurant Ordinance, Food Stamps, the Poultry Inspection Law and has favored strengthening the FDA. During World War II SLCF became an integral part of the Civil Defense Program as the Consumer Interest Division and collaborated closely with the Office of Price Administration. During the 1960's and early 1970's the SLCF was active in educational and legislative activities to protect consumer interests. By the late 1970s the SLCF membership had declined and the organization ceased to operate.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

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10. Conference, President's Committee on Consumer Interests and SLCF regional consumer Conference 1964, program and speech by Paul Dixon, Chair of the FTC.
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47. International Organization of Consumer Unions, 1966, meeting notes.
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