Guide to The Hoosier Farm Wife Says (Rachel Peden) Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Title: The Hoosier Farm Wife Says (Rachel Peden) Collection

Dates: 1946-1954

Quantity: 1 Box, 10 folders

Abstract: The Hoosier Farm Wife Says (Rachel Peden) Collection contains "The Hoosier Farm Wife Says" columns from the period 1946-1954 clipped from *The Indianapolis Star*. The column was a popular feature by Peden, an Indiana University graduate and Monroe County resident. (Photocopies of these columns are held in the Monroe County History Center Vertical Files: "Hoosier Farm Wife Says.")

Identification:

Languages: English

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PREFERRED CITATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Rachel Peden (1901-1975) was an Indiana University alumna and Delta Zeta (BA Sociology, 1923), a Monroe County native (born Rachel Mason on an orchard farm) and married Richard Peden. Richard and Rachel moved to a Johnson County farm after marriage, and Rachel wrote a column called "The Almanac of Poor Richard's Wife" for a Muncie newspaper, playing off of the title of Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanac.* Rachel and Richard eventually moved to a farm in Maple Grove, Monroe County where they advocated for

country life, environmental concerns, and children's education. The Peden Farm Festival, still active today, was one of the products of the couple's efforts to educate children about country life. Rachel also wrote three books: *The Land, the People* (1966), *Rural Free* (1961), and *Speak to the Earth* (1974)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

ARRANGEMENT

The Hoosier Farm Wife Says (Rachel Peden) Collection is arranged into 1 series by historical subject, as follows:

OUTLINE OF SERIES ARRANGEMENT

SERIES 1: THE HOOSIER FARM WIFE SAYS COLUMNS – 10 FOLDERS (BOX 1)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1 – The Hoosier Farm Wife Says Columns. The first and only series in this collection contains 1946-1954 clippings of "The Hoosier Farm Wife Says" by Rachel Peden, published in *The Indianapolis Star.*

ALTERNATE FORMS AVAILABLE

View selections from the collection in digital format at:

Contents of this collection are not available in this format at this time.

ACQUISITION INFO

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PROCESSING INFO

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RELATED MATERIAL

For additional publications about The Hoosier Farm Wife column and Rachel Peden/books by Rachel Peden, please search the Monroe County History Center's catalog at:

http://monroehistory.pastperfect-online.com/30572cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks

Copies of Peden's books are also available for purchase in the Gift Store at the Monroe County History Center.

Or, search the index to the Monroe County History Center Research Library's indexes and resources:

Vertical files:

See Hoosier Farm Wife Says
Peden, Rachel
http://monroehistory.org/sg_userfiles/Vertical_File_Index_1.pdf

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INVENTORY

BOX 1 – 10 folders

SUBJECT TERMS

PERSONAL NAMES: Peden, Rachel, 1901 – 1975

ORGANIZATIONS: Maple Grove Community; Indiana University

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: Bloomington (Ind.); Indianapolis (Ind.); Maple Grove, Monroe County (Ind.); Monroe County (Ind.); Indianapolis (Ind.); Muncie (Ind.)

SUBJECTS: Agriculture; Baking; Bloomington (Ind.); Domestic education; Education; Environmentalism; Farm women; Housekeeping; Indianapolis (Ind.); Local history; Manners and customs; Muncie (Ind.); Newspapers; Writing

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BOX / FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

SERIES 1: THE HOOSIER FARM WIFE SAYS

FOLDER 1: 1946
FOLDER 2: 1947
FOLDER 3: 1948
FOLDER 4:1949
FOLDER 5: 1950

FOLDER 6: 1951
FOLDER 7: 1952
FOLDER 8: 1953
FOLDER 9: 1954
FOLDER 10: DATE UNKNOWN