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**COOPERATIVE COMSUMERS OF NEW HAVEN, INC.
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Introduction

The Cooperative Consumers of New Haven, Inc. was an outgrowth of the New Haven Consumers Club formed in 1935 by a group of people interested in joint buying locally and through mail orders to save money during the Depression years. Interest in this project grew rapidly and the Club became an incorporated entity in 1937. Although the original Club was involved in the purchase of general merchandise, groceries became the major area of buying and eventually led to the establishment of a food store which was located on Elm Street in downtown New Haven. Operations were expanded over the years to include branches in Hamden, Montowese, Morris Clove, Fair Haven, and East Haven. In the 1950's a consolidation was made into three super-markets located in New Haven, Hamden, and East Haven. The Cooperative operated these stores unto 1983.

The papers of the Cooperative Consumers of New Haven were given to the New Haven Museum and Historical Society by George D. Conquest in 1992.

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