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Biographical Sketch

1906 - June 6. - Born in Riverside, Illinois.

1926 - Ph.B. (cum laude), University of Chicago.

1928 - A.M., Harvard University.

1927-1929 - Instructor, Ohio Wesleyan University.

1930-1934 - Editorial and feature writer, reporter, copy editor for Toledo Times.

1934-1938 - Assistant professor of English and director of news bureau,
University of Toledo.

1935-1940 - Nightly newscaster, WSPD radio, Toledo.

1940-1953 - Public relations director at Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, Toledo.

1945-1953 - Member, Toledo Board of Education.

1953-1954 - Public relations director at Calumet and Hecla, Inc., Chicago.

1954-1971 - Public relations director at Owens-Illinois, Inc., Toledo.

1957-1972 - Member, State Board of Education representing the 9th Ohio
Congressional District.

1968-1969 - President, State Board of Education.

1973 - L.L.D. (honorary), University of Toledo.

1987, Jan. 1 - Died in Waterville, Ohio.

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Scope and Content Note

All of the material in this collection was generated by Edward C. Ames's activity as a member of the Ohio State Board of Education. He did work concurrently as public relations director for Owens-Illinois, but nothing in the collection reflects that activity. The material in this collection, nevertheless, covers broad ground; virtually every subject which reached the Board's attention between 1957 and 1972 is documented through Board minutes, reports, publications, and news clippings.

In 1955, the 101st General Assembly enacted House Bill #272 which provided for an elected State Board of Education with twenty-three members. Each member was to represent one congressional district and would run for election on a non-partisan ticket. A Superintendent of Public Instruction, appointed by the Board, would act in a full-time administrative capacity. During Ames's tenure on the Board, Edward E. Holt and Martin W. Essex served as superintendents. Ames became the second member from the Ninth Congressional District in 1957, being responsible to his constituents in that Northwest Ohio district. He, thus, took a special interest in affairs there.

Although Ames, as a Board member, studied and voted on matters of statewide interest, researchers will probably find material relating to Northwest Ohio issues of greatest interest. One of the more enduring was that of the Spencer-Sharples School District. A poor, predominantly black district west of Toledo, it was for years barely capable of functioning. Eventually it was added to the Toledo School District, but not without legal problems. During this period, urban areas sprawled rapidly, and the annexation of the Washington Township School District by that of Toledo reflected this trend locally. Another issue was vocational education. One local development, well documented here, was the PENTA-County Technical School and PENTA Skill Center for Vocational Rehabilitation. Certain constituent mail and Toledo newspaper clippings document other issues of local interest.

The largest part of this collection consists of an almost complete run of the minutes of the State Board of Education. Meetings were held eleven times a year. The minutes of each meeting are kept within a folder together with the agenda for the following meeting and with the reports and recommendations of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; each bearing the date of the following meeting. Frequently attached to the minutes and reports are resolutions and reports from local districts and miscellaneous other items. The Superintendent also passed memoranda to Board members, and these are fairly complete for 1968 to 1972. Correspondence includes both incoming and outgoing letters -- the most significant correspondents being Edward E. Holt and Martin W. Essex. Other correspondents are state officials and local school officials. The only major block of constituent mail is that from 1969 dealing with sex education.

The topical files consist mainly of mimeographed and photocopied reports written by the Board and by local school officials. If one can use bulk as a criterion for significance, the most significant topical material deals with the reorganization of school districts,

followed by the budget and then educational standards. Other important topics are vocational education, transportation to school, special education, urban education and minorities, and student rights. Finally, the clippings and publications in the collection, mostly of Toledo origin, document issues of particular concern to Toledo and Northwest Ohio.

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Folder List

Box	Folder	Arrangement
		Ohio State Board of Education Minutes, Agenda, Reports, and Recommendations of Superintendent of Public Instruction. (First date = minutes/second date = agenda and report and recommendations)
		1957
1	1	Nov. 11/Dec. 9
	2	Dec. 9/Jan. 13, 1958
		1958
	3	Jan. 13/Feb. 10
	4	Feb. 10/Mar. 10
	5	Mar.10/Apr. 14
	6	Apr. 14/June 9
	7	June 9/July 14
	8	July 14/Aug. 11
	9	Aug. 11/Sept. 8
	10	Sept. 8/Oct. 13
	11	Oct. 13/Nov. 10
	12	Nov. 10/Dec. 8
	13	Dec. 8/Jan. 12, 1959
		1959
	14	Jan. 12/Feb. 4
	15	Feb. 4/Mar. 9
	16	Mar. 9/Apr. 13
	17	Apr. 13/May 11
	18	May 11/June 8
	19	June 8/July 13
	20	July 13/Sept. 14
	21	Sept. 14/Oct. 12
	22	Oct. 12, 13/Nov. 9
	23	Nov. 9/Dec. 14
	24	Dec. 14/Jan. 11, 1960
		1960
	25	Jan. 11/Feb. 8
	26	Feb. 8/Mar. 14
		1960
2	1	Mar. 14/Apr. 11
	2	Apr. 11/May 9
	3	May 9/July 11

	4	July 11/Sept.12
	5	Sept. 12/Oct.10
	6	Oct. 10/Nov. 14
	7	Nov. 14/Dec. 12
	8	Dec. 12/Jan. 9, 1961
		1961
	9	Jan. 9/Feb. 13
	10	Feb. 13/Mar. 13
	11	Mar. 13/Apr. 10
	12	April 10/June 12
	13	June 12/July 10
	14	July 10/Aug. 14
	15	Aug. 14/Oct. 9
	16	Oct. 9/Nov. 13
	17	Dec. 11/Jan. 8,1962
		1962
	18	Jan. 8/Feb. 12
	19	Feb. 12/Mar. 12
	20	Mar. 12/Apr. 9
	21	Apr. 9/June 11
	22	Oct. 8/Nov. 12
3	1	Dec. 10/Jan. 14, 1963
		1963
	2	Jan. 14/Feb. 11
	3	Feb. 11/Mar. 11
	4	Mar. 11/Apr. 8
	5	Apr. 8/June 10
	6	June 10/July 8
	7	July 8/August 12
	8	Aug. 12/Oct. 14
	9	Oct. 14/Nov. 11
	10	Nov. 11/Dec. 9
	11	Dec. 9/Jan. 13, 1964
		1964
	12	Jan. 13/Feb. 10
	13	Feb. 10/Mar. 9
	14	Mar. 9/Apr. 13
	15	Apr. 13/May 11
	16	May 11/June 8
	17	June 8/July 13, 14
	18	July 13, 14/Aug. 10
	19	Aug. 10/Oct. 12
	20	Oct. 12/Nov. 9
	21	Nov. 9/Dec. 14
	22	Dec. 14/Jan. 11, 1965
		1965

	23	Jan. 11/Feb. 8
	24	Feb. 8/Mar. 8
	25	Mar. 8/Apr. 12
4	1	Apr. 12/May 10
	2	May 10/June 14
	3	June 14/July 12
	4	July 12/Aug. 9
	5	Aug. 9/Sept. 13
	6	Sept. 13/Oct. 11
	7	Oct. 11, 12/Ncv. 8
	8	Nov. 8/Dec. 13
	9	Dec. 13/Jan. 10, 1966
		1966
	10	Jan. 10/Feb. 14
	11	Feb. 14/Mar. 14
	12	Mar. 14/Apr. 11
	13	Apr. 11/May 9
	14	May 9/June 13
	15	June 13/July 11
	16	July 11/Aug.8
	17	Aug. 8/Sept. 12
	18	Sept. 12/Oct. 10
	19	Oct. 10/Nov. 14
5	1	Nov. 14/Dec. 12
	2	Dec. 12/Jan. 9, 1967
		1967
	3	Jan. 9/Mar. 13
	4	Mar. 13/Apr. 10
	5	Apr. 10/May 8
	6	May 8/June 12
	7	June 12/July 10
	8	July 10/Sept. 11
	9	Sept. 11/Oct. 9
	10	Oct. 9/Nov. 13
	11	Nov. 13/Dec. 11
	12	Dec. 11/Jan. 3, 1968
		1968
	13	Jan. 3/Feb. 12
	14	Feb. 12/Mar. 11
	15	Mar. 11/Apr. 8
	16	Apr. 8/May 13
	17	May 13/June 10
	18	June 10 July 8
	19	July 8/Sept 9
	20	Sept. 9/Oct. 14
	21	Oct. 14/Nov. 11

	22	Nov. 11/Dec. 9
	23	Dec. 9/Jan. 13, 1969
		1969
	24	Jan. 13/Mar. 10
	25	Mar. 10/Apr. 14
6	1	Apr. 14/May 12
	2	May 12/June 9
	3	June 9/July 14
	4	July 14/Sept. 8
	5	Sept. 8/Oct. 13
	6	Oct. 13/Nov. 10
	7	Nov. 10/Dec. 8
	8	Dec. 8/Jan. 12, 1970
		1970
	9	Jan. 12/Feb. 9
	10	Feb. 9/Apr. 13
	11	Apr. 13/May 11
	12	May 11/June 8
	13	June 8/July 13
	14	July 13/Sept. 14
	15	Sept. 14/Oct. 12
	16	Oct. 12/Nov. 9
	17	Nov. 9/Dec. 14
	18	Dec. 14/Jan. 11, 1971
		1971
	19	Jan. 11/Mar. 8
	20	Mar. 8/Apr. 12
	21	Apr. 12/May 10
	22	May 10/June 14
	23	June 14/July 12
	24	July 12/Sept. 13
7	1	Sept. 13/Oct. 11
	2	Oct. 11/Nov. 8
	3	Nov. 8/Dec. 13
	4	Dec. 13/Jan. 10, 1972
		1972
	5	June 12/July 10
	6	Sept. 11/Oct. 9
	7	Oct. 9/Nov. 13
	8	Nov. 13/Dec. 11
	9	Dec. 11 (minutes only)
	10	Policy Manual
		Memoranda from Superintendent of Public Instruction
	11	1961-1967
	12	1968-1969

	13	1970-1972
		Correspondence
	14	1957-1964
	15	1965-1967
	16	1968-1972
	17	Sex Education, 1969
	18	Legislative Recommendations
	19	Division of Special Education
	20	Division of Vocational Education
		Topical
8	1	General
	2	Athletic Programs
	3	Bicentennial Goals
	4	Board of Regents
	5	Budget
	6	Court Cases
	7	Data Processing
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	9	Driver Education
	10	Drug Education
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	12	Elections
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	14	Minorities
	15	Non-public Schools
	16	School Audits
		School District Reorganization
		General
	17	(Folder 1)
	18	(Folder 2)
	19	Columbus School District
		Spencer-Sharples School District
	20	(Folder 1)
	21	(Folder 2)
	22	Washington Township School District
	23	Sex Education
	24	Special Education
	25	Standards
	26	Teacher Certification
	27	Transportation
	28	Vocational Education
		Committees
	29	Environmental Education
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	31	Legislative Relationships
	32	Organization and Transfer of Districts
	33	Report Forms
	34	Student Rights and Responsibilities
	35	Urban Education Development
		Commissions
	36	Public School Personnel Policies
	37	Right to Read
	38	School Survey
9	1	Press Releases
	2	Photographs
		Clippings
	3	1957-1962
	4	1963-1965
	5	1966-1968
	6	1969-1972
		Publications
		Department of Education
	7	<u>Newsletter/Report</u>
	8	Miscellaneous
	9	Toledo Organizations
	10	Miscellaneous