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➤ Mary Boyle Burns Papers, 1935-1977 ◀
(bulk 1935-1940; 1945-1950)
MSS-034

Size: 1 linear ft.

Provenance: Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Snyder of Toledo donated the papers of their aunt Mary Boyle Burns to the Ward M. Canaday Center of the University of Toledo Libraries in 1981.

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Introduction

This collection consists primarily of scrapbooks, dating from 1935 to 1950, containing clippings from Toledo newspapers. Subjects covered include the Democratic Party organization of Lucas County and Ohio; elections; and local political issues. The collection would be useful to persons interested in Lucas County Democratic Party history as well as the political history of Toledo during the Depression and postwar years.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

1892. Born.

Married John P. Burns.

1930-1968. Member, Ohio Democratic Party State Central Committee.

mid-1930s. Secretary to William E. Galvin, clerk of Lucas County Board of Elections.

1938-1968. Vice-chairman, Ohio Democratic Party.

1945-1968. Vice-chairman, Lucas County Democratic Party.

1945-1971. Deputy clerk, Lucas County Board of Elections.

1948, 1952. "Favorite daughter" candidate for vice-president at national Democratic Party conventions.

1950. Clerk, Lucas County Board of Elections.

Life member, state vice-chairman, recorder and treasurer, Federated Democratic Women of Ohio.

1977. Died in Toledo on November 3.

Scope and Content Note

The Mary Boyle Burns Papers consist primarily of five scrapbooks which contain clippings from the Toledo Blade, Times, and News-Bee. Most clippings concern Democratic Party affairs and Toledo elections. In those areas, the clippings are rather comprehensive in their coverage, at least for the years covered, 1935 to 1940 and 1945 to 1950. Political issues also are well documented. These include relief payments and Federal aid to Toledo, from 1935 to 1937; aid to parochial schools, 1935 to 1936; property tax, 1937; payroll income tax, 1946; city government reorganization, 1946; and township incorporation and annexation in the postwar years.

As her job and offices implied, Mrs. Burns's major task was to get the voters to the polls on election days. Clippings consequently reflect this concern. Also significant here are a number of photographs of Toledo Democratic headquarters during elections and a photograph taken with Presidential candidate Harry S. Truman.

The other material in the collection worthy of mention is a guest register and pamphlet relating to a dinner in honor of Mrs. Burns in 1968. The pamphlet describes local women's Democratic organizations, and the guest register lists women locally active in the Party at that time.

Container List

Folder

- 1 National Democratic convention alternate-at-large certificate, 1956 2
 - 2 Testimonial dinner, 1968
 - *Resolution, 1977
 - 3 Photographs
 - 4 Newspaper clippings
- Scrapbooks
- 1935-1936
 - 1936-1938
 - 1938-1940
 - 1939-1940, 1946-47
 - 1949-50