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➤ **Central Labor Union of Toledo and Vicinity Records, 1915-1971** ◀

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**Size:** 1 linear foot

**Provenance:** Received from Northwest Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council

**Access:** open

**Collection Summary:** Collection of Toledo CLU yearbooks and annual rental statements documenting the finances of Old Central, Inc., which managed the Labor Temple in Downtown Toledo and housed the Central Labor Union and subsidiary trade union offices.

**Subjects:** [Labor](#)

**Related Collections:** Central Labor Union materials also located at Jerome Library, Center for Archival Collections, Bowling Green State University.

**Processing Note:** None

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**Historical Sketch**

The origins of the Central Labor Union can be traced to 1879, when a group of separate trade unions met to form the Trade and Labor Council of Toledo and Vicinity. The council was reorganized as the Central Labor Union in 1881, and became a charter member of the national organization in 1892. The CLU sought to organize all labor; they promoted anti-child labor legislation, an eight-hour workday, fair wages, prison labor reform, compulsory education, and equal pay for equal work for both sexes. In 1955, it merged with the Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Today the CLU remains active as the Toledo AFL-CIO.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists primarily of Toledo CLU yearbooks, (1915-1919, 1945, 1952, 1956-1957) and annual rental statements that document the finances of Old Central, Inc., the management company of Labor Temple located in downtown Toledo that housed the Central Labor Union and subsidiary trade union offices. Some of the material reflects the involvement of the Toledo Building Trades Council, which generated the records, including minutes (1915, 1920) and correspondence. Also in the collection is AFL-CIO Toledo constitution and bylaws and documentation (ca. 1956-58) stemming from the Central Union's merger with that organization and rental statements (1938-1952).

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1	1	Accountant's Reports, 1942-1956
1	2	Attendance Roosters, 1958-1959
1	3	AFL-CIO Merger Materials (inc. correspondence, clippings, minutes, etc.) ca. 1956-58
1	4	AFL-CIO Toledo Constitution and By-laws, 1958
1	5	CLU Official Yearbook, 1915
1	6	CLU Official Yearbook, 1916
1	7	CLU Official Yearbook, 1917
1	8	CLU Official Yearbook, 1918
1	9	CLU Official Yearbook, 1919 (including "Early History of Toledo Labor Movement)
1	10	CLU Official Yearbook, 1945
1	11	CLU Official Yearbook, 1952
1	12	CLU Official Yearbook, 1955-1956
1	13	CLU Official Yearbook, 1957
1	14	Hall Rental Records, 1966
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1	17	Old Central Inc., Rental Statements, 1938-40
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1	25	Old Central Inc., Stock Certificates, 1938-1971
1	26	Toledo Building Trades Council Minutes, June-Sept., 1915
1	27	Toledo Building Trades Council Minutes, March-Sept., 1920