

THE E. RAY SKINNER COLLECTION

Papers, 1932-1957

(Predominantly 1937-1946)

.25 linear feet

Accession Number 162

The papers of E. Ray Skinner were donated to Wayne State University Archives by Mrs. E. Ray Skinner in August, 1967 and were open to researchers in September, 1969. Additional material was donated by Mrs. Skinner in January, 1974.

E. Ray Skinner, professor of Speech, became a member of the faculty of the College of the City of Detroit, forerunner of Wayne State University, in September, 1928. Born in Perkins, Oklahoma, he earned a B.S. degree at Oklahoma State University in 1919 and a Ph.D. in Speech at the University of Wisconsin in 1935. At the College of the City of Detroit he taught interpretive reading, voice and diction for thirty-eight years before retiring in 1966. During this time, Skinner was a popular campus figure and was instrumental in forming a men's faculty club, the Wayne University Club, and in developing various extra curricular activities within the Speech Department. He died in September, 1966.

The papers of E. Ray Skinner reflect his activities in the organization of the Wayne University Club, and various programs in interpretive reading and speech at Wayne State University.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Interpretive Reading Contests
Reader's Bureau Wayne
University Club

Contents

1 manuscript box

By-laws, articles of incorporation, organizational notes, minutes and correspondence of the Wayne University Club precede the papers pertaining to activities within the Speech Department. The University Club files are arranged in chronological order. The remaining material is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1

1. Wayne Faculty Men's Club - By-Law Proposals, 1936-1937
2. Wayne University Club - Organizational Notes, 1937
3. Wayne University Club - By-Laws, House Regulations, 1937
4. Wayne University Club - Articles of Incorporation, Lease, Blueprint, Concession Licenses, 1937
5. Wayne University Club - Insurance Policies, 1937
6. Wayne University Club - Regulations, Membership, Budget Reports, Correspondence, 1937
7. Wayne University Club - Minutes, 1937
8. Wayne University Club - Minutes, Correspondence, 1938
9. Wayne University Club - Minutes, Correspondence, Membership List, 1939-1940
10. Interpretive Reading Contests - Programs, Clippings, 1940-1944
11. Liberal Arts College - Constitution, 1945-1946
12. Liberal Arts College - Election Reports, Curriculum Reports, Miscellaneous, 1946-1949
13. Mock Democratic National Convention - Programs, Clipping, 1932
14. Readers' Bureau - Programs, Pamphlets, Clippings, 1944-1954
15. Readings, Miscellaneous - Programs, 1940-1944, Undated
16. Schoolmen's Club - Schoolmen's News, Programs, 1952
17. Verse Speaking Choir - Programs, Announcements, Invitation, Clippings, 1933-1957
18. Wayne University Campus Development - Pamphlet, Clipping, 1940
19. Wayne University - Miscellaneous, 1933, 1939, 1949