

Dayton Power and Light Company
Publications

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Introduction

This collection of Dayton Power and Light Company publications was accessioned into the WSU Department of Archives and Special Collections in June of 1986. It was donated by the archivist at Dayton Power and Light in order to make some of the historical documents of the company more accessible to researchers. The collection is arranged into four (4) series or records groups, as shown below:

- Series I: Forward (1933-1972)
- Series II: DP&L News (1972-1975)
- Series III: DP&L People (1984-1986)
- Series IV: QP Today (1985-1986)

The publications in this collection date from 1933-1986, and fill 5 Hollinger boxes and 41 file folders. There are no restrictions on the use of this material.

Scope and Content

The Dayton Power and Light publications collection is in actuality only a part of the larger publications collections held at the Dayton Power and Light Museum. Since access to the Museum is very limited, it was decided to give a duplicate set of the main body of the collection to Wright State University in order to make the collection more accessible to researchers.

The first company publication for Dayton Power and Light was called Currentales, and was published from July 1922 to July 1925. In 1925, Dayton Power and Light was bought by the Columbia System, and Hail Columbia served as the company magazine for nearly a decade. Issues of these early publications are held at the Archives in the Dayton Power and Light Museum, and can be made by calling the Museum at 227-2241.

In December 1933, Forward (Series 1) was introduced and remained the company publication for nearly forty years. Although first published in newspaper format, Forward switched to the magazine format in the 1940's and continued until 1972, when the name was changed to DP&L News. (Series 2)

DP&L People and QP Today (Series 3 and 4) are the 1980's version of the Dayton Power and Light Company magazine.

This collection contains information about the history of Dayton Power and Light, the utilities industry, and management and marketing trends within the industry.

Container Listing

Series I: Forward (1933-1972)

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. I, No. 1, 7, 9, 12	1933-1934
	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. II, No. 1, 2, 4, 10, 12	1934-1935
	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. III, No. 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12	1935-1936
	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. IV, No. 1, 3, 5-12	1936-1937

(Note: At this point the issue numbers and the calendar year coincide (i.e. January is Number 1), and from now on the issue numbers are filed by month and year. When the issue numbers and month no longer agree, this method of filing is still used to make research easier.)

1	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. V, No. 1-7, 9-12	1938
	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 6, No. 1-12	1939
	7	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 7, No. 1-12	1940
	8	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 8, No. 1-12	1941
	9	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 9, No. 2-8, 10-12	1942
	10	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 9, No. 13, 14, 35, 36, 38 (June), 38 (July), 40-44	1943
	11	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 10, No. 2-12	1944

(Note: In 1944, Forward released two issues in magazine form, the May issue and the November issue. This is repeated with the July 1945 issue. By 1946, all issues are in magazine format.)

1	12	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 11, No. 2-12	1945
	13	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 12, No. 1-12	1946
	14	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. VI, No. 2, 3; Vol. XIV, No. 4; Vol. VI, No. 5; Vol. XIV, No. 6-12	1947
2	1	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 15, No. 1-12	1948
	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XVI, No. 1-6, 8-12	1949
	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XVII, No. 1-12	1950
	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XVIII, No. 1, 3-12	1951
	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XIX, No. 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11	1952
	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XX, No. 1 (December/January)	1953
	7	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXIV, No. 6 (June)	1956
	8	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXVI, No. 5, 9, 12	1959
	9	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXVII, No. 1-12	1960
3	1	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXVIII, No. 1-12	1961
	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXIX, No. 1-12	1962

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(Note: October issue is mismarked on cover as "October 1963")

3	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXX, No. 1-12	1963
	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXXI, No. 1-12	1964
	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXXII, No. 1-12	1965
	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXXIII, No. 1, 3-11; Vol. 34, No.1	1966
4	1	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 34, No. 2-12; Vol. 35, No. 1	1967
	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 35, No. 2, 3, 5-9, 12; Vol. 36, No. 1	1968

(Note: April mismarked as March 1969)

4	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 36, No. 2, 3, 5-9; Vol. 37, No. 1	1969
	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 37, No. 4-12; Vol. 38, No. 1	1970
	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 38, No. 3-5, 7-12; Vol. 39, No. 1	1971
	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 39, No. 4, 5	1972

Series II: DP&L News

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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5	1	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 39, No. 6, 9-12; Vol. 40, No. 1	1972
	2	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 50, No. 2; Vol. 40, No. 3-12; Vol. 41, No. 1	1973
	3	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 41, No. 3-12; Vol. 42, No. 1	1974
	4	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 42, No. 2, 3, 5-10, 12; Vol. 43, No. 1	1975

Series III: DP&L People

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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5	5	<u>DP&L People</u>	1984-1986
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Series IV: QP Today

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5	6	<u>QP Today</u>	1985-1986
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