

MS-168: Dayton Power and Light Company Records

Collection Number: MS-168

Title: Dayton Power and Light Company Records

Dates: 1933-1986

Creator: Dayton Power and Light Company

Summary/Abstract:

The collection consists of a scattered collection of Dayton Power and Light publications including the Forward (1933-1972), the DP&L News (1972-1975), DP&L People (1984-1986), and QP Today (1985-1986). Publications contain information about the history of DP&L, the utilities industry, and management and marketing trends within the industry.

Quantity/Physical Description: 2.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

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 It was donated by the archivist at Dayton Power and Light in order to make some of the historical documents of the company more accessible to researchers.

Existence and Location of Copies:

This collection of Dayton Power and Light publications is in actuality only a part of the larger publications collection 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.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms168.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

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. No issues of these publications are present in MS-168; they are held at the Archives in the Dayton Power and Light Museum (phone 937-227-2241).

Revisions:

The finding aid was revised according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, March 2020.

Processed by:

The original collection processing and finding aid were completed by Nancy G. Leggett, Summer 1987.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into four series:

- 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

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) was incorporated in 1911, with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio. For many years beginning in 1925, it was a full-service gas, electric, steam and water utility. In 2011, DP&L became a subsidiary of AES. DP&L is the major electric provider for much of west central Ohio.

Scope and Content Note:

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

The DP&L newsletter Forward (Series I) was introduced in December 1933 and remained the company publication for nearly forty years. Although first published in newspaper format, Forward switched to the magazine format in the 1940s and continued until 1972. This collection includes issues dated 1933 to 1972.

(Notes on Forward formats and arrangement: In 1938, 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. 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. The October 1962 issue is mismarked on cover as “October 1963,” and April 1968 mismarked as “March 1969.”)

In 1972, the title of the DP&L newsletter changed to DP&L News (Series II), and issues of this title are available in this collection for the years 1972-1975.

There is a gap in newsletters from 1975 to the mid-1980s, when DP&L People and QP Today were the company publications. DP&L People (Series III) includes issues from 1984-1986, and QP Today (Series IV) includes issues from 1985-1986.

Subject Terms

Organizations/Corporate Names

110 20 Dayton Power and Light Company -- History

Subjects (General)

Electric Utilities – Ohio – History

Material Types

Newsletters

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: <u>Forward</u>			1933-1972
1	1	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. I, No. 1, 7, 9, 12	1933-1934
1	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. II, No. 1, 2, 4, 10, 12	1934-1935
1	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. III, No. 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12	1935-1936
1	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. IV, No. 1, 3, 5-12	1936-1937
1	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. V, No. 1-7, 9-12	1938
1	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 6, No. 1-12	1939
1	7	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 7, No. 1-12	1940
1	8	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 8, No. 1-12	1941
1	9	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 9, No. 2-8, 10-12	1942
1	10	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 9, No. 13, 14, 35, 36, 38 (June), 38 (July), 40-44	1943
1	11	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 10, No. 2-12	1944
1	12	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 11, No. 2-12	1945
1	13	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 12, No. 1-12	1946
1	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	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XVI, No. 1-6, 8-12	1949
2	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XVII, No. 1-12	1950
2	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XVIII, No. 1, 3-12	1951
2	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XIX, No. 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11	1952
2	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XX, No. 1 (December/January)	1953
2	7	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXIV, No. 6 (June)	1956
2	8	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXVI, No. 5, 9, 12	1959
2	9	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXVII, No. 1-12	1960
3	1	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXVIII, No. 1-12	1961
3	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXIX, No. 1-12	1962
3	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXX, No. 1-12	1963
3	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXXI, No. 1-12	1964
3	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. XXXII, No. 1-12	1965
3	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
4	2	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 35, No. 2, 3, 5-9, 12; Vol. 36, No. 1	1968
4	3	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 36, No. 2, 3, 5-9; Vol. 37, No. 1	1969
4	4	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 37, No. 4-12; Vol. 38, No. 1	1970
4	5	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 38, No. 3-5, 7-12; Vol. 39, No. 1	1971
4	6	<u>Forward</u> – Vol. 39, No. 4, 5	1972

Box	File	Description	Date
Series II: <u>DP&L News</u>			1972-1975
5	1	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 39, No. 6, 9-12; Vol. 40, No. 1	1972
5	2	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 50, No. 2; Vol. 40, No. 3-12; Vol. 41, No. 1	1973
5	3	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 41, No. 3-12; Vol. 42, No. 1	1974
5	4	<u>DP&L News</u> – Vol. 42, No. 2, 3, 5-10, 12; Vol. 43, No. 1	1975
Series III: <u>DP&L People</u>			1984-1986
5	5	<u>DP&L People</u>	1984-1986
Series IV: <u>QP Today</u>			1985-1986
5	6	<u>QP Today</u>	1985-1986