

MS-484, Miami Valley Atomic Energy Show Collection

Collection Number: MS-484

Title: Miami Valley Atomic Energy Show Collection

Dates: 1948

Creator: Miamisburg Community Civic Association

Summary/Abstract:

This collection contains papers and photographs regarding the Atomic Energy Show “Living with Atomic Energy” that was held April 29-May 1, 1948, in the auditorium and gymnasium of Miamisburg High School, Miamisburg, Ohio. The event was free and open to the public. This three-day event strove to inform the public of the development, tools and use of atomic energy. With the help of Monsanto Chemical Company and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, exhibits were developed and lectures given to make atomic energy easily understandable to the public.

Quantity/Physical Description: .25 linear feet

Language: English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The Miami Valley Atomic Energy Show Collection was part of the materials in the *Dayton Daily News* Archives Collection and was transferred to the Wright State Special Collections and Archives by The *Dayton Daily News* on October 8, 2009.

Related Material:

MS-458, *Dayton Daily News* Archives

Processing Information: Materials located in a three-ring binder were removed to folders.

Processed by: Adam Becker, February 2014

Arrangement:

The Miami Valley Atomic Energy Show Collection was kept in its original order to demonstrate the use of the documents. It is organized in alphabetical order by subject.

Historical Note

The Miami Valley Atomic Energy Show titled “Living with Atomic Energy”, was the work of Miamisburg Community Civic Association who approached both the Monsanto Chemical Company and U.S. Atomic Energy Commission to create exhibits to explain the development, tools, and use of atomic energy. The local Mound Laboratory Division, which was the Central Research Department for the Monsanto Chemical Company, used its resources and scientists to design and staff the exhibits. This show, the first of its kind, was geared towards the public and was developed to make atomic energy easily understood by all. Those involved in the project had no previous experience in designing exhibits or making atomic energy clear to the general public, but with only 5-weeks of preparation the show was successfully presented to the public.

The event was held in the Miamisburg High School auditorium and gymnasium from April 29-May 1, 1948. Through the use of specially designed exhibits and lectures the public received an education on atomic energy from those practicing in the field. Included in the collection are biographical sketches of some of the influential men working on the show: Malcom M. Haring, Carroll A. Hochwalt, Harold P. Knauss, Phillip E. Ohmart, R. G. Olt, J. H. Payne and Robert Arthur Staniforth.

Scope and Content

The collection contains papers and photographs about Atomic Energy Show. Advertising material, programs and pamphlets, expenses and show procedure are all contained within the collection. Photographs of the event are also included. Biographical sketches of Malcom M. Haring, Carroll A. Hochwalt, Harold P. Knauss, Phillip E. Ohmart, R. G. Olt, J. H. Payne and Robert Arthur Staniforth are contained within the collection.

Subject Terms:

Persons/Families

- Haring, Malcom M.
- Hochwalt, Carroll A., 1900-1987
- Knauss, Harold P. (Harold Paul), 1900-1963
- Ohmart, Phillip E.
- Olt, R. G.
- Payne, J. H.
- Staniforth, Robert Arthur

Organizations/Corporate Names

- Miamisburg Community Civic Association

Monsanto Chemical Company
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission

Places

Miamisburg (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Nuclear energy
Nuclear facilities
Nuclear engineering
Nuclear Industry

Material Types

Pamphlets
Newspapers
Photographs
Programs (documents)

Occupations

Atomic energy scientist

Collection Inventory

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	5	Historical Data	1948
	6	Miscellaneous Information	1948
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	8	Photographs	1948
	9	Photographs	1948
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	11	Programs	1948
	12	Radio Releases	March 27, 1948