

MS-650: Tecumseh High School Class of 1955 Collection

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Dates: 1950-2014

Creator: Wallace, Donald K.

Summary/Abstract:

The Tecumseh High School Class of 1955 Collection contains primarily clippings, programs, photographs, scrapbooks, and mementos from class members' time in high school, as well as later alumni and reunion activities. The basketball team, which was quite good at the time, is strongly represented in the collection. The scrapbook of German exchange student Gudrun Klotz from the class's senior year is also particularly noteworthy.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.84 linear feet

Language(s):

English and German. The majority of the collection is in English. Some items in the Gudrun Klotz scrapbook are in German.

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The immediate source of acquisition for this collection was Donald K. Wallace, an alumnus of the Tecumseh High School Class of 1955, who facilitated the donation of his and his classmates' materials. The first accession for this collection was received by Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, in October 2014. Additional materials from Gudrun (Klotz) Meyer (via Don Wallace) were received in September 2015.

Sponsor:

Processed with the generous support of Donald K. and Ellen Wallace.

Separated Material:

Newspaper clippings concerning 1959 flooding in Clark County and the 1974 Xenia tornado have been removed to two separate small collections (SC-328 and SC-329).

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/ms650.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

This collection includes original analog audio recordings (33rpm LPs) which require special equipment for digitization and playback. The original audio must be digitized prior to access/use.

Related Material:

[MS-92: Wallace Family Papers.](#)

Processing Information:

Loose items found in the scrapbooks have been removed to archival file folders within the collection. Page numbers from which the items originated have been identified if known.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, May 2019.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged in two series:

Series I: School Days, 1950-1955

Series II: Alumni Activities, 1955-2014

Biographical/Historical Note:

The late 1940s to early 1950s were a notable time in the history of what is now called Tecumseh Local School District in New Carlisle, Ohio. In the summer of 1948, the New Carlisle School District and the Bethel Township School District formally merged, forming the New Carlisle Bethel Local School District, with overwhelming support from voters in both of the original districts. (The district was later renamed Tecumseh in 1989.) The new Tecumseh High School opened in the spring of 1952, until which time students attended Olive Branch High School.

Therefore, the Tecumseh Class of 1955 attended both Olive Branch and Tecumseh as part of their high school experience.

Also notable during this time period was the impressive win-loss record of the high school basketball team, coached by Frank Shannon, who served as a teacher and coach at Olive Branch and Tecumseh from 1948 to 1955. The team played well in multiple tournaments, and evidence of their status as a basketball powerhouse is demonstrated strongly in this collection.

Scope and Content Note:

The Tecumseh High School Class of 1955 Collection contains primarily clippings, programs, photographs, scrapbooks, and mementos from class members' time in high school, as well as later alumni and reunion activities. Materials date from 1950 to 2014.

Series I, School Days, includes clippings, programs, photographs, scrapbooks, mementos, and a few audio recordings (33rpm LPs) from class members' time at Olive Branch School and the new Tecumseh High School, dating from 1950 to 1955. Materials in this series are organized chronologically by school year (if known) and then by type. A large amount of the clippings in this series focus on the basketball team, which was quite good during this time period. There are three scrapbooks in this series: one concerning basketball at Olive Branch and Tecumseh, 1950-1952; one created by Merrilyn Rinehart which includes various activities, 1951-1954; and one created by German exchange student Gudrun Klotz, which details many aspects of the exchange process, her senior year (1954-1955) at Tecumseh, and various travels throughout Ohio and the east coast while visiting the United States.

Series II, Alumni Activities, includes primarily materials pertaining to class reunions, such as planning documents as well as records of the events themselves, as well as alumni-related clippings, directories, photographs, and correspondence. Materials in this series date from 1955 to 2014.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Meyer, Gudrun (Klotz)
Rees, William
Rinehart, Merrilyn
Shannon, Frank
Wallace, Donald K.

Organizations/Corporate Names

Medway School (Medway, Ohio)
Olive Branch School (Medway, Ohio)
Tecumseh High School (New Carlisle, Ohio) -- Alumni and alumnae
Tecumseh Local School District (New Carlisle, Ohio)

Places

New Carlisle (Ohio) -- Public Schools -- Alumni and Alumnae

Subjects (General)

Basketball

Class reunions

Public Schools -- Ohio -- New Carlisle

Students, Foreign

Material Types

Clippings (information artifacts)

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Newspapers

Photographs 20th century

Programs

Scrapbooks

Sound recordings

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: School Days			1950-1955
1	1	Early Years: Programs and Documents	1950-1952
1	2	Early Years: Clippings	Undated
3	1	Early Years: Basketball Scrapbook (Olive Branch and Tecumseh)	1950-1952
1	3	Early Years: Basketball Tournament Programs (loose items removed from the Basketball scrapbook)	1951
3	2	Early Years: Merrilyn Rinehart Scrapbook	1951-1954
1	4	Early Years: Merrilyn Rinehart Scrapbook (loose items removed from scrapbook)	1951-1954
1	5	Photographs: High School Activities	Circa 1950-1955
3	3	Clippings: High School Activities	Circa 1950-1955
1	6	Sophomore Year: Programs and Documents	1952-1953
1	7	Sophomore Year: Clippings	1952-1953
1	8	Junior Year: Programs and Documents	1953-1954
1	9	Junior Year: Clippings	1953-1954
1	10	Senior Year: <i>Pow-Wow</i> Newspaper	1954-1955
1	11	Senior Year: Programs and Documents	1954-1955
1	12	Senior Year: Clippings, Sports	1954-1955
1	13	Senior Year: Clippings, Other Activities	1954-1955
4		Senior Year: Gudrun Klotz Scrapbook (some items in German)	1954-1955
1	14-23	Senior Year: Gudrun Klotz Scrapbook (loose items removed from scrapbook)	1954-1955
5	1	Senior Year: Gudrun Klotz, "Voice of Democracy" audio recording (33rpm LP)	1954 Dec.
5	2	Senior Year: Gudrun Klotz, "Springfield, Ohio, Jaycees" audio recording (33rpm LP)	1954-1955
1	24	Class Portrait Collage Photos, 1950-1955 (copies)	Undated
Series II: Alumni Activities			1955-2014
1	25	Clippings: Alumni	Circa 1955-1963, 2003-2004, undated
1	26	Clippings: Wayne Embry, Basketball Hall of Fame	2000
1	27	Sign: "Tecumseh History"	Circa 2005?
1	28	Photographs: Medway School	Circa 2006
3	4	Drawing (copy) "Medway Elementary, 1928-2006," by Kathryn Heilman	2005
2	1	Alumni Directory Lists	1995-2014
2	2	20-Year Reunion, 1975	1974-1976
2	3	25-Year Reunion, 1980	1980

Box	File	Description	Date
2	4	40-Year Reunion, 1995	1995
2	5	40-Year Reunion, 1995, Photographs	1995
2	6	45-Year Reunion, 2000	2000
2	7	50-Year Reunion, 2005	2003-2005
2	8	50-Year Reunion, 2005, Photographs	2005
2	9	52-Year Reunion, 2007	2006-2007
2	10	55-Year Reunion, 2010	2009-2010
3	5	Reunion materials: Oversize	Undated
2	11	Correspondence and Photographs from Ruth (Taynor) Restifo	2004, 2014
2	12	Medway/ Tecumseh Local Schools General Information	1997-2006