OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: N/A
Title: League of Women Voters Collection
Date: 1949-1975
Abstract: Research papers, correspondence, newspaper articles, state and national League bulletins, and record books
Quantity: 5.6 cu ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF

The Athens Chapter of the League of Women Voters was formed in April of 1949. Following a visit from Mrs. Frank Shaw, at the time President of the League of Women Voters of Ohio, several Athens women formed a “provisional” League of Women Voters in Athens. (See Box 2, Folder 2, Record book) The League became active in many social and political activities where their main goal was to increase citizen awareness and involvement in local, state, and national affairs. The promotion of education and active involvement in community affairs, national and state issues, and political elections were the primary objectives of the Athens Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

Although the League is still active today, their involvement and strength in the Athens area appears to have decreased over the last thirty years. As evidenced by the materials contained in the collection, the period from 1960 to approximately 1973 was very active for the League. They were involved with many local campaigns (elections, environment, housing, legal) and participated in providing research for the environmental impact studies of the 1970s. Researchers are advised to review the record and minute books kept by the League for the most accurate historical information regarding the League of Women Voters in Athens.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The Athens Chapter of the League of Women Voters collection contains materials covering a period of 26 years (1949-1975). The material contained in the collection begins with the formation of the League in 1949 and continues with research papers, correspondence, newspaper articles, state and national League bulletins, and record books with regard to the League’s activities. This collection contains several research studies undertaken by the League concerning local and state development. Approximately 150 publications of the League of Women Voters (state and national chapters) are contained in this collection. Because of the varied types of information found in this collection, it is best to refer to the collection inventory to locate specific pieces of information with regard to any one subject.

RELATED MATERIALS

Website
- www.lwvohio.org

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Accession Number: #72-51, 75-22, 76-82

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- The Member and the League  
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- Local Legal Handbook  
- How to Spend Money for the League of Women Voters |
| 2   | Minutes Book | includes descriptions of the origin of the Athens Chapter of the League of Women Voters (when established) and activities of the League from 1949-1956, 149 pgs. |
| 3   | Minutes book, September 1956-April 1963, 146 pgs., activities, members, and discussion topics |
| 4   | Minutes and Agendas of Athens Chapters of the League of Women Voters, 1950-1961, Unbound, typed notes |
| 5   | Receipt Books, 1956-1958, 2 items, includes receipts of paid membership dues |
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9 Treasurer’s Book, 1940-1950, 76 pgs. includes membership dues, payments of and cash received from finance drives

4 / 1 Public Utilities Commission (Ohio) Correspondence, 1959, 4 items

2 Athens Ohio (publication) 1962 and 1966, 7 items -The Negro in Athens

3 “Action” 1950-1951, publication of the National Chapter of the League of Women Voters, 6 items, also includes “Trends in Government” published by the News Service, Washington Staff of the League of Women Voters, 14 items (1951)

4 Treasurer’s Reports, 1949-1958, includes income, expenditures and budget figures

5 “Candidates Bulletin” 1950-1968, 1977, publications of Candidates for Municipal and State offices (Ohio), also includes background information on each candidate, 20 items

6 Publications of the League of Women Voters of the United States, 2 items
   -Facts and Attitudes on World Trade, 36 pgs.
   -Economic Diplomacy at Home and Abroad, 1960-1962, 47 pgs.

7 Community Volunteer Center – Campaign 1967, includes 2 form letters that were sent to Athens residents for the proposal of a Community Volunteer Center

5 / 1 “Freedom Agenda” 1951, 1954-1955, 12 items, Publication established for the education and
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2 Publications of the League of Women Voters (National) 2 items
   - "Know Your Town's Future" October 1945, 34 pgs.
   - "Know Your Country" October 1946, 57 pgs.

3 "Manual for Action in the Community" August 1, 1952, published by the League of Women Voters of Ohio

4 Tax Pamphlets 1957, 3 items, information concerning state, local, and federal taxes

5 Civil Rights Study 1963-1967
   - The Negro in Athens
   - Amendment to Senate Bill No. 189, October 30, 1965, "to prohibit discrimination in housing because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry"
   - The Athens Human Relations ordinance, Spring 1969

6 Community Information about the League of Women Voters and Newspaper Articles, 1961-1974, 30 items

7 County Home Rule election 1957, Campaign for Passage

8 Air Pollution Control Campaign 1970-1971, includes information on air pollution in Ohio and nationally and the drive to set air pollution control standards by the League of Women Voters

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11 Script for "Your Vote is the Key" (possible short film)

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5 History of the League of Women Voters (National)
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   -A list of members of the Athens County League of Women Voters, October 1, 1925, Original and Only Copy

6 Information on the Federal Loyalty-Security Programs 1956

7 National Board Reports, Guide for Local and State Board Planning
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9 / 1 Information on the League's (Athens) position concerning national issues 1950-1957

3 "The National Voter"
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   -Constitution of State of Ohio, not annotated 1951, Issues by Ted Brown Secretary of State (Ohio)

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10 / 1 Information on State and Local Elections

2 Model State Constitution Revised 1948, prepared by the Committee on State Government

3 "The Ohio Voter"
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6 Revenue Resources of Local Government in Ohio 1962

7 Ohio Tax Primer 1965

8 Ohio House of Representatives Bipartisan select Committee on tax revision
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9 Jail Study and Information about Jail Conditions 1969-1970 (Athens)

10 Study on Legal Rights for Students 1971

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15 “Planning in the 70’s” Published by the League of Women Voters

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2 Athens City Charter Commission Correspondence 1970
   - Proposed charter for the city of Athens May 1970, 50 pgs.

3 Research on Athens County Finance 1969-1970

4 Newspaper articles concerning League of Women Voter issues 1969-1970, 50 items
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6 Research Report, Local Government Tax Revision in Ohio to the state of Ohio, Battelle Memorial Institute 1968

7 Financial Report, Ohio Townships 1967

8 Local Government Fund in Ohio, Ohio Legislative Commission 1957

9 Miscellaneous

10 Information on Education in Ohio 1968

14 / 1 Research on an Evaluation of the U.S. Congress 1970-1971

2 Newspaper articles on Richard Nixon 1971, 25 items


4 A natural resources study for Athens County, July 1969, 69 pgs.

5 Proposed Subdivision Regulations for Athens County, October 1969, 35 pgs.

15 / 1 Three ring notebooks containing newspaper clippings with regard to the Children’s Home and Athens County Children’s Services, July 23, 1967-May 20, 1971, all clippings from the Athens Messenger, 160 items
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