COACH HOUSE THEATER COLLECTION

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ACQUISITION: The collection was donated by Mary Craddock, 1997.

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile; access by request at Main Library archives only; material does not circulate.

VOLUME: 1 storage box, plus 3 boxed scrapbooks. 2 linear ft.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection chiefly consists of theater programs for the Little Theater of the Akron Woman’s City Club from 1936 – 1947 and the Coach House Theater from 1948 – 1958. The collection of programs is not complete. Also included are Woman’s City Club Bulletins, miscellaneous correspondence, some photographs, scrapbooks and a few related items from other theaters ranging from 1929 to the 1950s.

INVENTORY:

FOLDER 1: Billie Lahrmer presents: “Another Language” undated.

FOLDER 2: Billie Lahrmer presents: “Candle – Light” undated.


FOLDER 4: Bulletin: Woman’s City Club, 1929.

FOLDER 5: Bulletin: Woman’s City Club, 1930.

FOLDER 6: Clippings – miscellaneous.

FOLDER 7: Correspondence: Woman’s City Club, Little Theater Section.

FOLDER 8: (2 items) Gridiron: invitation, March 29, 1940.

FOLDER 9: (2 items) Gridiron: program, March 29, 1940.

FOLDER 10: Notes written by Mrs. Harriet B. Wilson on the history of the theater, Akron Woman’s City Club.

FOLDER 11: Cain Park Theater program for “Kiss Me Kate”, Cleveland, 1953.

FOLDER 12: (4 items) Coach House Theater photographs.
FOLDER 13: Coach House Theater, 1948 – 49 programs for;
   “First Lady”
   “Glamour Preferred”
   “Out of the Frying Pan”
   “Portrait in Black”

FOLDER 14: Coach House Theater, 1949 – 50 programs for;
   “January Thaw”
   “Burlesque”
   “Chicken Every Sunday”
   “Laura”

FOLDER 15: Coach House Theater, 1951 – 52 program for “Torch Bearers”.

FOLDER 16: Coach House Theater, 1952 – 53 programs for;
   “Vinegar Tree”
   “Love Me Long”
   “Summer and Smoke”
   “Home at Seven”

FOLDER 17: Coach House Theater, 1953 – 54 programs for;
   “Smilin’ Through”
   “Affairs of State”
   “As Husbands Go”
   “Be Your Age”

FOLDER 18: Coach House Theater, 1954 – 55 programs for;
   “Time Out for Ginger”
   “Death of a Salesman”
   “Ladies and Gentleman of the Jury”
   “His and Hers”

FOLDER 19: Coach House Theater, 1955 – 56 programs for;
   “Bernadine”
   “Night Must Fall”
   “Sabrina Fair”
   “Solid Gold Cadillac”

FOLDER 20: Coach House Theater, 1957 – 58 program for “The Drunkard”.

FOLDER 21: Hallowe’en Hilarities, A Woman’s Home Companion Booklet.

FOLDER 22: (2 items) Little Theater, undated program for “Marriage for King Paulinus”.  

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FOLDER 23: (3 copies) Little Theater, undated programs for “Room Service”.
FOLDER 24: Little Theater Players, undated program for “Hay Fever”.
FOLDER 25: Little Theater Players, 1936 program for “No More Ladies”.
FOLDER 26: Little Theater Players, 1938 program for the 11th season, 1st production
  “Three Men on a Horse”.
FOLDER 27: Little Theater Players, 1939 program for the 11th season, 2nd production
  “Her Master’s Voice”.
FOLDER 28: Little Theater Players, 1939 program for the 11th season, 3rd production
  “The Ninth Guest”.
FOLDER 29: (3 copies) Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 12th season, 2nd production
  “The Spider”.
FOLDER 30: Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 12th season, 3rd production
  “Personal Appearance”.
FOLDER 31: Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 13th season, 1st production “First Lady”.
FOLDER 32: Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 13th season, 2nd production
  “The Donovan Affair”.
FOLDER 33: Little Theater Players, 1941 program for the 13th season, 4th production
  “When Ladies Meet”.
FOLDER 34: Little Theater Section, 1943 program for “Mr. and Mrs. Smith”.
FOLDER 35: Little Theater Section, 1947 program for “The Late George Apley”.
FOLDER 37: Playhouse, Cleveland, program for the 14th season, 7th production “Escape”. 
FOLDER 38: Portage Players, 1948 program for “Springtime for Henry”.

FOLDER 39: Scrapbook #1, Little Theater Players, Akron Woman’s City Club, 1936-1938.
Note: This folder contains photocopies of the original contents in Scrapbook #1, which are listed below with further details.

FOLDER 40: Scrapbook #2, Little Theater, Akron Woman’s City Club, 1944-46.
Note: This folder contains photocopies of the original contents of Scrapbook #2, which are listed below with further details.

FOLDER 41 A, B, C, D, = 4 folders: Scrapbook #3, Coach House Theater, 1940s-50s.
Note: These folders contain photocopies of the original contents of Scrapbook #3, which are listed below with further details.

FOLDER 42: Spotlight Theater, undated program for “The Barker”.

FOLDER 43: Spotlight Theater, undated program for “Criminal at Large”.

FOLDER 44: Spotlight Theater, 1948 program for “Three’s a Family”.


FOLDER 46: University Theater presentation, 1929 program for “Dulcy”, which played at the Goodyear Theater.

FOLDER 47: Weathervane brochure, “Fundraising is Fun…”

SCRAPBOOK #1: Contains various clippings about Akron Woman’s City Club and Little Theater Players c. 1936-38. See Also FOLDER 39.

SCRAPBOOK #2: Contains various clippings about Akron Woman’s City Club, Little Theater Players, programs, and miscellaneous flyers and invitations to other related events c. 1944-46. See also FOLDER 40.

SCRAPBOOK #3: Contains various clippings about Coach House Theater c.1940s-50s.
(See also: FOLDER 41.) This Scrapbook also contains the following photographs:

- Clean-up gang, 3 photographs
- Bazaar-Carnival, 13 photographs
- Election Party (for Eisenhower), 6 photographs
- From the play “Glamour Preferred”, 3 photographs
- From the play “Portrait in Black”, 6 photographs
- From the play “First Lady”, 3 photographs
- From the play “Claudia”, 3 photographs