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Title: East Mansfield - Jesse Beer School PTA Records

Inclusive Dates: 1928 to 1984

Description: Fourteen files (.5 ft) containing ledgers, papers, newspaper clippings, and photographs concerning the Parent Teachers Association at the East Mansfield aka Jesse Beer School in Madison Twp., Richland Co., Ohio

Organization:

File 1 – Community Club, Financial

Includes receipt book, 4 Mar 1936 to 16 Dec 1941; an early metal imprint (credit?) card; Bellville Star billing for 27 Oct 1934; account book 28 Mar 1928 to 1941, with original bylaws of the club in the back.

File 2 – East Mansfield PTA, Reports

Includes origin of PTA article, 1970 East Mansfield PTA booklet, structure of a typical PTA unit, 1970 bylaws (from 1948), Richland Co PTA bylaws 1951, East Mansfield PTA bylaws 1961.

File 3 – East Mansfield PTA, Minutes

Handwritten and/or typed minutes are included for 17 Sep 1953 through 27 May 1969. Officer names, member lists, financials, and any actions taken are often incorporated into the minutes.

File 4 – East Mansfield PTA, Financials

This file includes local treasurer booklets for 1955 to 1963, 1963 to 1968, and 1970 to 1979. It is noted that transactions #910-980 (1968-1970) were stolen in a robbery of PTA funds in the summer of 1970. “The money was returned but records were lost forever.” Also included are handwritten and/or typed treasurer’s reports from 21 Oct 1963 to 20 May 1969 and some miscellaneous budgets and financial reports from the 1970s. There is also a check register from 2 Apr 1975 to 2 Aug 1978.

File 5 – Jesse Beer PTA, Membership

Included in the file are a listing of East Mansfield – Jesse Beer PTA Presidents for 1947 to 1984, a sample membership card for Ron Gaumer 1982-83, payment of dues lists for 1980, 1982, and 1991, and a 1984 resignation letter of membership chair Linda Thrush.

File 6 – Jesse Beer PTA, Reports

The file contains bylaws for 1975, undated program booklet, annual reports for 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, Board Briefs newsletter for 19 Nov 1981, undated Jesse Beer School Handbook, and Suggested Local Unit Bylaws 1984.

File 7 – Jesse Beer PTA, Minutes

Includes handwritten minutes, from 1976 to 1982, incomplete.

File 8 – Jesse Beer PTA, Financials

Handwritten and/or typed financial statements for Nov 1978 through Mar 1982

File 9 – Jesse Beer PTA, Certificates

A wide range of certificates and awards, both presented by Jesse Beer School for the winners of various activities, and received by the school from other agencies. These date from 1975 to 1982.

File 10 – Jesse Beer PTA, Literature

Includes letters, memos, flyers, and posters about meetings and activities at the Jesse Beer Elementary School with which the PTA was involved.

File 11 – Jesse Beer School News

This is a newsletter for the Jesse Beer Elementary School that was started after the school's namesake, educator Jesse Beer, turned 100 years old on 18 Dec 1981. Issue 1 is dated Jan 1982 and the set is complete through Issue 22 dated Oct 1984. Activities at the school are mentioned in each issue with the names of many teachers and students.

File 12 – Jesse Beer School, News Clippings

These newspaper clippings about activities at the Jesse Beer School, about PTA functions, about Jesse Beer himself, etc., were photocopied from two magnetic photo album scrapbooks. The original clippings were damaged by the glue in the albums, were high acidic, and were destroyed to prevent further deterioration of adjacent items. They date from 1981 to 1985.

File 13 – Photographs, 40 in number, both regular color and Polaroid, dating primarily from 1980 to 1983, of activities at the Jesse Beer Elementary School during PTA activities. These were removed from two magnetic photo album scrapbooks for preservation purposes. Some of the newspaper clippings in File 12 describe the activities portrayed.

File 14 – Other Ohio PTA Groups

Includes miscellaneous literature and program book examples from the Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers, the District 8 Unit & Council of the PTA, and booklets from Kearsley School PTA 1975/76, Richland County PTA Council 1974, Marion Council of Parent-Teacher Associations 1974/75 and 1976, Montgomery PTA – Ashland City Schools 1975/76, Crawford Elementary School 1975/76, C.E. Budd Middle School in Loudonville 1974/75 and 1975/76, Oakland PTA 1975/76, Wilma Crall Elementary PTA 1975/76, and Mark St. PTA 1975/76.

Scope and Content: The National Congress of Mothers, later to be called the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and finally the Parent Teachers Association, was organized in 1897 by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst. An Ohio State PTA was formed in 1901. The first bylaws of the Parent-Teachers' Community

Club of East Mansfield dates from 1928. Records for this group exist to 1941, the start of World War II. The group was reorganized as the East Mansfield Parent Teachers Association with the first bylaws dated 6 Feb 1948. They fell under the auspices of the Richland County Parent Teachers Association, formed in 1951. Minutes and other records for the East Mansfield PTA exist from 1953 to 1969. In the 1970s, the facility became known as the Jesse Beer Elementary School after a longtime educator of Richland County children. The records for the period 1975 through the school's closing in 1985 have been placed under the heading Jesse Beer PTA.

Access: No restrictions

Provenance: Donated 3 Aug 2004 by Lauren Tope and Boyd Addlesparger at the Sherman Room, Mansfield-Richland County Public Library. The collection was brought in about two weeks ago by Linda Thrush, Mansfield OH, and they thought it more appropriate in our facility. A gavel, metal change box, and several t-shirts were kept by Ms. Tope who planned to give these to Scott Schaut at the Mansfield Memorial Museum. OGS also did not take several national level PTA and education manuals that were not pertinent to Richland County.

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Processed: This collection was processed 4 Aug 2004 by Thomas Stephen Neel, OGS Library Director. There were two magnetic photo albums and these required removal of all contents. The items were intact but damaged. The acidic newspaper clippings were photocopied and then destroyed.