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INTRODUCTION

The civic, professional, and social organization papers of Doris Crump Bradshaw include: League of Women Voters, Missouri Library Association, Fortnightly Club, Columbia Garden Club, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Active in American Association of University Women, Mrs. Bradshaw served as state legislative chairman, 1945-1949, and state social studies chairman, 1950-1951.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Doris Crump Bradshaw in multiple accessions between 1968 and 1976 (Accession Nos. 3782, 3834, 3848, 3865, 3953A, and 3985).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Doris Crump studied at the Los Angeles Library School and worked in several California public libraries until 1923 when she entered the University of Missouri. She was graduated from the institution with a Bachelor of Journalism Degree in 1925. The following year she married William L. Bradshaw, a political scientist who ultimately became dean of the School for business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri. Their son, William L. Bradshaw, Jr., was born in 1935.

Doris Bradshaw worked as a part-time cataloguer at the Columbia Public Library from 1942-1946. Much of her time, however, was devoted to participation in community and state organizations. She belonged to the Columbia Branch of the Missouri League of Women Voters, the Columbia Public Library Board, the Trustees and Citizens Section of the Missouri Library Association, the Fortnightly Club, the Columbia Garden Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was most active in the American Association of University Women, particularly at the state level. She served as State Legislative Chairman from 1945 to 1949 and as State Social Studies Chairman from 1950 to 1951.

Most of her papers pertain to her work in the Association of University Women, but scattered throughout are items relating to her activities in the other organizations. The papers are arranged chronologically with undated material first.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following four series: **Undated materials**, **Missouri League of Women Voters**, 1930-1940, **Correspondence**, 1941-1962, and **Scrapbooks**, 1931-1943. More information regarding the series can be found in the folder list.

FOLDER LIST

Undated Materials Series

- f. 1-2 Brief history of Columbia Public Library. Correspondence about programs of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women in areas of public health, welfare, education, and housing. Materials relating to Trustees and Citizens Section of Missouri Library Association.
- f. 3-5 Newspaper clippings and pamphlets related to above top

League of Women Voters Series

- f. 6 Meeting programs of Columbia Branch of Missouri League of Women Voters, 1930-1934. Program and briefs of 13th Annual Convention of National League of Women Voters held at Hotel Jefferson in St. Louis in 1938. Photograph of banquet at this convention (in OVERSIZE). 1939 Survey of Negro public schools in Missouri. Pamphlet on national health program.
- f. 7 *Missouri Citizens Handbook* published by Missouri League of Women Voters in 1940.

Correspondence Series

- f. 8-10 1941-1944. Correspondence as Legislative Chairman of Columbia Branch of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women. Major correspondents are various officials in Missouri Division, Missouri Association for Social Welfare and Missouri Council on State Legislation. Major topics are the State Constitutional Convention, taxes, education, public health and welfare, and public libraries. Some material prepared by Missouri League of Women Voters on above topics. Some correspondence with the Citizens Council for Missouri Libraries about the county and regional library movement.
- f. 11-26 1945. Correspondence as State Legislative Chairman of the Missouri Division of the American Association of University Women about the organization and implementation of its state legislative program. Principal correspondents are Laura Nahm and Enterprise Knox, presidents of the Missouri Division, Kathryn Righter and Louise Reals, members of the State Legislative Committee, Ted Johnson, Executive Secretary, and Elizabeth Moore, Secretary of the Missouri Council on State Legislation. Major topics are the state Constitutional Convention, educational reforms, proposed merit system, organization of a state department of public health and welfare, proposed children's code commission and general relief reforms. Some correspondence regarding county and regional library movement.

- f. 27-40 1946. Correspondence as State Legislative Chairman of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women concerning state legislative program. Major correspondents are Enterprise Knox, Missouri Division President, Kathryn Righter, state legislative committee member, Mary Brooks, Executive Secretary of Missouri Association for Social Welfare and Everett Keith, Executive Secretary of Missouri Teachers Association. Major topics are general relief, public education, public health, and minimum wage legislation. Some correspondence, principally with Kathryn P. Mier, State Librarian about the conversion of the Citizens Council for Missouri Libraries into the Citizens and Trustees Division of the Missouri Library Association.
- f. 41-54 1947. Correspondence as State Legislative Chairman of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women concerning the state legislative program. Major correspondents are Enterprise Knox and Hildred Blake, presidents of Missouri Division; Kathryn Righter, Rowena Conley, and Suzanne Campbell, members of the state legislative committee; Mary Brooks, Executive Secretary of Missouri Association for Social Welfare; and Everett Keith, Executive Secretary of Missouri State Teachers Association. Major topics are public education, general relief, child care, minimum wage, and displaced persons.
- f. 55-71 1948. Correspondence as State Legislative Chairman of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women concerning the state legislative program. Principal correspondents are Hildred Blake, president of Missouri Division; Rowena Conley and Suzanne Campbell, members of the state legislative committee; and Mary Brooks, Executive Secretary of Missouri Association for Social Welfare.
- f. 72-84 1949. Correspondence as State Legislative Chairman and State Social Studies Chairman of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women. Major correspondents are Hildred Blake and Alice Parker, presidents of the Missouri Division; Jeannette Gruener and Mrs. Leland Becraft, Members of the State Social Studies Committee; and Mary E. Brooks, Executive Secretary of Missouri Association for Social Welfare. Major topics are public education, minimum wage, displaced persons, and juvenile delinquency.
- f. 85-93 1950. Correspondence as State Social Studies Chairman of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women concerning state social studies program. Principal correspondents are Alice Parker, president of Missouri Division; Jeannette Gruener and Mrs. Leland Becraft, members of state Social Studies Committee; and Zelma Kirst, social studies chairman of St. Louis Branch. Major topics are education, juvenile delinquency, child welfare, and mental health. Also some correspondence pertaining to Missouri public libraries in general

- and the Columbia Public Library in particular.
- f. 94-105 1951. Correspondence as State Social Studies Chairman and member of Education Committee of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women. Principal correspondents are Alice Parker and Willie Whitson, presidents of Missouri Division; Margaret McAninch, State Education Chairman; and Zelma Kirst, new State Social Studies Chairman. Major topics are mental health, education, and public libraries.
Also some correspondence as member of the Trustees and Citizens Section and the Legislative Committee of the Missouri Library Association and the Columbia Public Library Board of Trustees
- f. 106-142 1952
- f. 106-111 Correspondence as member of State Education Committee and chairman of Special Committee on Segregation in the Public Schools of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women. Major correspondents are Willie Whitson, president of Missouri Division; Margaret McAninch, State Education Chairman; and Zelma Kirst, State Social Studies Chairman. Major topics are public education, mental health, public libraries, child welfare, and negro schools. Also some correspondence as member of Columbia Library Board.
- f. 112-129 White House Conference on Children and Youth Questionnaires on negroes' social conditions sent to social studies chairmen of Missouri Division branches.
- f. 130-140 White House Conference on Children and Youth Questionnaires on Negro education sent to education chairmen of Missouri Division branches.
- f. 141-142 Similar in content to folders 106-111.
- f. 143-153 1953. Correspondence as chairman of Smaller Cities and Counties Committee of White House Conference on Children and Youth Questionnaires Project of Missouri Division of American Association of University Women concerning tabulation and report of the findings of project. Numerous correspondents at both division and branch level. Occasional correspondence about public education, public libraries, and child welfare.
- f. 154-162 1954-1962. Reports, form letters, and pamphlets received from American Association of University Women, Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Missouri State Teachers Association, Missouri Library Association, etc. Some records as treasurer of Fortnightly Club at University of Missouri and a handwritten copy of portions of the early records of club.

Scrapbook Series

- v. 1-2 1931-1943. Scrapbooks kept by Mrs. Bradshaw as publicity chairman

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