Guide to the Four Minute Men, Women's Division, Birmingham, Alabama, scrapbook MSS.0539

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### Summary Information

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<td><strong>Date [inclusive]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings and other materials about this organization, whose members gave speeches in support of World War I.</td>
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**Preferred Citation note**

The Four-Minute Men, Women's Division, Birmingham, Alabama, scrapbook, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson established the Committee on Public Information (CPI) to manage news and encourage domestic support for the war. George Creel, the director of the CPI, organized volunteers to give brief speeches (no more than four minutes) wherever they could get an audience. The group of volunteers became known as the "Four-Minute Men." The Women's division of the Birmingham Four-Minute Men spoke at theaters and public gatherings of women. They also formed a chorus, sang at public events, and marched in parades. The group strongly supported patriotic drives and often spoke on the behalf of the Red Cross. They also participated in patriotic drives. The organization disbanded in February 1919.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of one scrapbook containing documents from 1918-1919. The scrapbook contains mostly newspaper clippings discussing conferences and programs of the Four-Minute Men and the Four-Minute Men's Women's Division in Birmingham, Alabama. It also contains programs from banquets and conferences as well as letters pertaining to awards and the honorable discharge of the Four-Minute Men.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama 2003

Revision Description

November 2009; April 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Conditions Governing Use note
None

Provenance

Purchased from Cather & Brown Books, 1989

Processed by

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Scrapbooks

Subject(s)

- Alabama
- Government, Law and Politics
- Organizations
- Women
- Women--Alabama
- World War I
## Collection Inventory

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