

Ruth Elgutter Scrapbooks, 1947-1966 Notes and Inventory

Ruth Elgutter was born in Toledo February 22, 1894 to Joseph and Clara Elgutter, the youngest of eight children. Her parents were German immigrants and her father was a cigar maker. By 1900, when Ruth was 6 years old, four of her siblings had died. Ruth graduated from Toledo Central High School in 1911; during high school she submitted stories to The Blade. She graduated from Toledo Normal School, taught school for one year, and worked four years as a secretary to Mayor Cornell Schreiber who served 1918-1921.

She joined the Toledo Times staff in 1922 and worked for both the Times and The Blade until she retired in 1972. She was the first woman in Toledo to cover city hall, the courthouse and police beats. In 1930, she became the club editor at The Blade and later became the amusements editor for the Times in 1948. Two of her columns, "Shifting Scenes" which covered movies and theater and "Fireside Viewing" which covered television programming have been preserved in the scrapbooks in this collection.

Ruth died on April 12, 1994 at the age of 100.

Box 1

Scrapbook 1	July 17, 1947 – September 9, 1949 "Shifting Scenes" column and movie reviews
Scrapbook 2	August 16, 1960 – November 10, 1961 "Shifting Scenes" and "Fireside Viewing" columns
Scrapbook 3	November 14, 1961 – January 2, 1963 "Shifting Scenes" and "Fireside Viewing" columns
Scrapbook 4	February 3, 1965 – January 5, 1966 "Shifting Scenes" and "Fireside Viewing" columns
Scrapbook 5	January 6, 1966 – July 20, 1966 "Shifting Scenes" and "Fireside Viewing" columns