

Inventory of the

**DeKalb Public Speaking and  
Discussion Club**  
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

In the  
Regional History Center

**RC 30**

## INTRODUCTION

The Public Speaking and Discussion Club Collection came to the Regional History Collections of the Northern Illinois University Archives in the late 1960's. University Archivist J. Joseph Bauxar transferred the collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center in August 1978.

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Linear feet of shelf space: .75  
 Number of Containers: 2 boxes  
 Northern Illinois Regional History Center  
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The materials in the collection partially document the activities of the Public Speaking and Discussion Club from 1932 to 1966, with most records falling within the period 1938-1959. There are only scanty financial records. Minutes for the period 1938-1959 are nearly complete.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Public Speaking and Discussion Club of DeKalb, Illinois, was founded in 1932 with its stated purpose being the development of its members as public speakers. The organization had a limited membership and in later years had a waiting list of prospective members. It met once a week during the fall, winter and spring months. The club's first president was Roy L. Highfield. An important post within the organization was that of instructor, a position held by Dr. William O'Connell among others.

## SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb  
 DeKalb, Organizations  
 DeKalb Public Speaking and Discussion Club  
 Public Speaking Club  
 Toastmasters clubs

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1 2-14	Club Constitutions, 1938-1960 Correspondence, minutes, attendance records, arranged chronologically, 1932-1954
2	1-5 6 7	Correspondence, minutes, attendance records, 1954-1966 Guides and Speaking Aids List of presidents, membership roster, blank forms, stationery, certificates