

# Kansas City Convention Programs Collection

This collection contains a variety of programs for conventions that were held in Kansas City during the first half of the 20th century.

## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Artificial collection/Missouri Valley Special Collections

**Title:** Kansas City Convention Programs collection

**Dates:** 1903-1961

**Size:** 3 boxes

**Location:** SC64

## Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access:** Unrestricted access.

**Acquisition information:** Partial, Brookings Montgomery Purchase, 1960s; mostly unknown.

**Citation note:** Kansas City Convention Programs collection (SC64), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Collection Description

### **Biographical/Historical note**

Found within the Special Collections department in the 1990s were a group of pamphlet type materials which were convention programs for groups who were meeting in Kansas City. The earliest date found was 1903 and the latest in this grouping was 1950. These items had been grouped together apparently by a librarian and were classed (q099.9 P26). These were taken out of the classed collection in 1996 and partially processed as a special collection. There were over 20 programs of national conventions of associations from throughout the United States. Time restraints prevented this collection from being fully processed at the time.

At some point later, while rearranging and moving the unprocessed special collections, another grouping of convention programs was found. It appears that these were originally a part of the items found with the no image materials in the Brookings Montgomery photograph collection. Besides photographs in this collection there were various correspondence files (P3) and other items including these convention programs which he probably used in conjunction with his photography business. Some of these also include conventions held in Kansas City, Kansas. These programs dating from 1948 to 1961 have been incorporated with the existing partially processed convention programs mentioned above and were totally processed in the fall of 2001. This addition brought the collection to approximately 100 programs.

### **Scope and content note**

The programs cover a wide range of organizations including agricultural, labor related, sports, home and retail, medical, educational, women's groups, legal, religious, professional organizations, etc. Included are some basketball

tournament programs and some relate to shows held by organizations rather than conventions as such. A chronological arrangement has been chosen in filing the collection starting with the earliest to the latest. An alphabetical list of convention associations has also been done and is included with this finding aid. The programs vary in size and content. Some of the larger ones often times include photographs of Kansas City and information about the city. There is also one box of miscellaneous items found with the Montgomery items and this material is listed out in the inventory. This collection has been designed to be added to if the department obtains other convention programs.

### **Collection Inventory**

#### **Chronological Listing of Convention Programs**

- 1903, November 6-7 - Missouri Conference of Charities and Correction
- 1916, August 28-September 1 – Grand Army of the Republic
- ca1916, December 5-7 – Missouri State Horticultural Society
- 1924, January 28-30 – Missouri Valley Tent and Awning Manufacturers Association
- 1925, March 21-29 – National Flower Show
- 1925-26, December 28-January 2 – American Association for the Advancement of Science and Associated Societies
- 1928, June 10-15 – Woman’s National Committee for Law Enforcement
- 1929, July 3-8 - Christian Endeavor Convention
- 1930, October 28-30 - National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Missouri Branch
- 1935, April 26-28 – Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs
- 1936, May 12 – American Medical Association
- 1937, June 20-25 – American Home Economics Association
- 1937, September 27-October 1 – American Bar Association
- 1938, April 24-29 – National Biennial Nursing Convention
- 1938, May 10-17 – General Federation of Women’s Clubs
- 1938, June 13-18 – Catholic Library Association
- 1938, June 13-18 – American Library Association
- 1938, October 10-14 – Girl Scouts
- 1939, April 28 – World Mission of the Methodist Church
- 1940, May 9-11 – National Music Competition Festival
- 1940, October – General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church
- 1940, November 6-9 – Missouri State Teachers Association
- 1943, April 8-9 – Inter-American Days in Kansas City
- 1948, June 1-2 - Holstein-Friesian Association of America
- 1949, January – Western Retail Implement and Hardware Association
- 1949, March 2-6 – Exposition of Electrical Progress
- 1949, July 24-28 – Toilet Goods Show
- 1949, August 11 - Miss America Pageant, Missouri-Kansas State Finals
- 1949, November 6-8 - American Institute of Laundering
- 1950, June 3-11 – Centennial Industrial Exposition
- 1950, September 17-21 – Show of Hospitality and Fine Foods, Restaurant Industry of Kansas City and Missouri
- 1950, September 25-26 – Grain and Feed Dealers National Association
- 1950, November – Mo-Kan Club, All American Cat Show
- 1951, March 12-17 – National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship Tournament
- 1951, March 30-April 5 – Greater Kansas City Home Show (Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City)

- 1951, March 30-31 – American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers
- 1951, September 10 – United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada
- 1952, January 23-25 – Southwestern Lumbermen's Association
- 1952, March 10-15 – National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship Tournament
- 1952, April 7-8 – Missouri Automobile Dealer's Association
- 1952, April 20-22 – Missouri Real Estate Association
- 1952, May 8-10 – Optimist International (held in Kansas City, Kansas)
- 1952, Aug. 17-20 – Heart of America Glass, China and Gift Show
- 1952, August 25-28 – Pi Kappa Alpha
- 1952, September 25-27 – Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Grand International Auxiliary
- 1952, October 18-21 – Antique Dealers Association of Kansas City (Antiques Show)
- 1952, December 26-30 – Big 7 Conference Pre-Season Tournament
- 1953, January 3-4 – Mo-Kan Cat Club (Cat Show)
- 1953, March 23-26 – Congress of Civil Aviation Conferences
- 1953, April 20-22 – American Petroleum Institute (Products Pipe Line Conference)
- 1953, May 6-9 – National Association of Master Plumbers of the United States
- 1953, June 23-26 – American Home Economics Association
- 1953, August 16-19 – Kansas City Gift Show
- 1953, October 25-27 – Missouri Music Teachers Association
- 1954, March 15-19 – National Association of Corrosion Engineers
- 1954, April 1-3 – American Athletic Association of the Deaf Basketball Tournament (Held in Kansas City, Kansas)
- 1954, May 1-2 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 124 (Bowling Tournament)
- 1954, May 26 – National Association of Manufacturers, Distribution and Sales Clinic
- 1954, July 16-17 – PBX (Telephone related)
- 1955, May 11-14 – Associated Telephone Exchanges
- 1955, June 1-3 – Association of Independent Optical Wholesalers
- 1955, June 10-11 – Missouri Federation of Post Office Clerks and Auxiliary
- 1955, August 5-7 – Cosmopolitan International Club of Kansas City, Kansas (Home Show)
- 1955, November 3-4 – Institute of Radio Engineers, Kansas City section
- 1956, April 22-24 – National League of Postmasters
- 1956, September 7-9 – Missouri Newspaper Mechanical Conference and Kansas Newspaper Mechanical Conference
- 1956, September 11-12 – Missouri Municipal League
- 1956, December 2-4 – Missouri Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages
- 1956, December 3-5 – National Aeronautic Association (Sponsored by Aero Club of Greater Kansas City)
- 1957, May 3-4 – National Association of Letter Carriers and Auxiliary, Kansas State Association
- 1957, June 5-7 – Midwest Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners
- 1957, June 23-26 – Southwestern Photoengravers Association
- 1957, October 14-17 – Future Farmers of America
- 1958, January 6-8 – Western Association of Nurserymen
- 1958, March 27 – Missouri Consumer Finance Association
- 1958, April 25-27 – Cosmopolitan International, Missouri-Kansas Federation
- 1958, June 20-22 – Paper Handlers Conference

- 1958, June 26-28 – Hotel Greeters of America
- 1958, November 30-December 2 – Missouri Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages
- 1959, March 11-12 – Farmers Union Jobbing Association
- 1959, May 1-3 – American Business Women's Association
- 1959, June 28-29 – Select Brands Exposition and Sales Forum
- 1959, September 27-30 – National Independent Union Council
- 1959, October 6-9 – National Council on Schoolhouse Construction
- 1959, November 18-21 – National Association of Photo-Lithographers
- 1959, November 11-12 – National Council of Catholic Youth, Diocesan Section
- 1959, December 12-13 – National Association of Livestock Auction Markets
- 1960, January 4-6 – Western Association of Nurserymen
- 1960, March 8 – Milk Producers Marketing Company
- 1960, March 9-10 – Farmer's Union Jobbing Association
- 1960, May 5-7 – Bar Association of the State of Kansas (Kansas City, Kansas)
- 1960, June 12 – American Seed Trade Association
- 1960, September 25-28 – National Independent Union Council
- 1960, October 3-5 – International Association of Electrical Inspectors, Western Section
- 1961, August 11-13 – International Precancel Exhibition, Kansas Precancel Society (Kansas City, Kansas)
- 1961, October 9-15 – Merchants Association of Kansas City, Mo., International Exposition of Home Furnishings
- 1961, October 20-25 – United Pentecostal Church
- 1961, November 6-8 – Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association

### **Alphabetical Listing of Associations**

- American Association For the Advancement of Science and Associated Societies – 1925-26
- American Athletic Association of the Deaf Basketball Tournament (Held in Kansas City, Kansas) - 1954
- American Bar Association – 1937
- American Business Women's Association - 1959
- American Home Economics Association – 1937, 1953
- American Institute of Laundering – 1949
- American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers - 1951
- American Library Association – 1938
- American Medical Association – 1936
- American Petroleum Institute (Products Pipe Line Conference) 1953
- American Seed Trade Association - 1960
- Antique Dealers Association of Kansas City (Antiques Show) – 1952
- Associated Telephone Exchanges – 1955
- Association of Independent Optical Wholesalers – 1955
- Bar Association of the State of Kansas (Kansas City, Kansas) - 1960
- Big 7 Conference Pre-Season Tournament - 1952
- Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Grand International Auxiliary - 1952
- Catholic Library Association – 1938
- Centennial Industrial Exposition – 1950
- Christian Endeavor Convention - 1929
- Congress of Civil Aviation Conferences – 1953
- Cosmopolitan International Club of Kansas City, Kansas (Home Show) – 1955

- Cosmopolitan International, Missouri-Kansas Federation - 1958
- Exposition of Electrical Progress – 1949
- Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association – 1961
- Farmers Union Jobbing Association – 1959, 1960
- Future Farmers of America - 1957
- General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church – 1940
- General Federation of Women's Clubs – 1938
- Girl Scouts – 1938
- Grain and Feed Dealers National Association – 1950
- Grand Army of the Republic – 1916
- Greater Kansas City Home Show – 1951
- Heart of America Glass, China and Gift Show - 1952
- Holstein-Friesian Association of America – 1948
- Hotel Greeters of America - 1958
- Institute of Radio Engineers, Kansas City section - 1955
- Inter-American Days in Kansas City – 1943
- International Association of Electrical Inspectors - 1960
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 124 (Bowling Tournament) – 1954
- International Precancel Exhibition - 1961
- Kansas City Gift Show – 1953
- Kansas Newspaper Mechanical Conference – 1956
- Merchants Association of Kansas City, Mo., International Exposition of Home Furnishings - 1961
- Midwest Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners – 1957
- Milk Producers Marketing Company - 1960
- Miss America Pageant, Missouri-Kansas State Finals – 1949
- Missouri Automobile Dealer's Association – 1952
- Missouri Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages – 1956, 1958
- Missouri Conference of Charities and Correction – 1903
- Missouri Consumer Finance Association - 1958
- Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs – 1935
- Missouri Federation of Post Office Clerks and Auxiliary – 1955
- Missouri Municipal League - 1956
- Missouri Music Teachers Association – 1953
- Missouri Newspaper Mechanical Conference - 1956
- Missouri Real Estate Association - 1952
- Missouri State Horticultural Society – ca1916
- Missouri State Teachers Association – 1940
- Missouri Valley Tent and Awning Manufacturers Association – 1924
- Mo-Kan Club, All American Cat Show – 1950, 1953
- National Aeronautic Association - 1956
- National Association of Corrosion Engineers – 1954
- National Association of Letter Carriers and Auxiliary, Kansas State Association – 1957
- National Association of Livestock Auction Markets - 1959
- National Association of Manufacturers - 1954
- National Association of Master Plumbers of the United States – 1953
- National Association of Photo-Lithographers - 1959
- National Biennial Nursing Convention – 1938
- National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Missouri Branch - 1930
- National Council of Catholic Youth, Diocesan Section - 1959
- National Council on Schoolhouse Construction - 1959
- National Flower Show – 1925
- National Independent Union Council – 1959, 1960
- National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship Tournament – 1951, 1952

- National League of Postmasters - 1956
- National Music Competition Festival – 1940
- Optimist International – 1952 (Held in Kansas City, Kansas)
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- United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada – 1951
- United Pentecostal Church - 1961
- Western Association of Nurserymen – 1958, 1960
- Western Retail Implement and Hardware Association - 1949
- Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement – 1928
- World Mission of the Methodist Church – 1939

### **Contents of Miscellaneous Items Box**

#### **Folder 1**

- Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City brochure, ca1951
- Red ribbon badge, 9th annual convention, National Independent Union Council, 1959
- "Harmonotes" newsletter, 1952
- "Review," Federal Employees Magazine, February 1958
- Typed list of scheduled activities at Municipal Auditorium, 1960-61

#### **Folder 2**

- American Royal Items – 1956-60
- Brochure – 1960
- Organization and Events Pamphlet – 1957
- Newspaper clipping – "Women Plan American Royal Events" July 17, 1957
- Printed lists of sponsors – 1959-1960
- Coronation Ball program – 1957
- 2 letters addressed to Montgomery Foto Service, 1969, 1960
- "American Royal News," July 1959, July 1960
- List of American Royal Queen candidates – 1956
- List of Royalties, n.d., 1957
- American Royal Parade information – 1957

#### **Folder 3**

- Kansas City, Kansas related items
- Advanced convention listings – 1958, 1959, 1960 – Prepared by Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce

**Folder 4**

- "Conventions and Events" – published by Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. August 1955 to December 1960 (incomp.)

**Folder 5**

- "Conventions and Events" - cont. January 1961 to January 1963

**Folder 6**

- National Association of Livestock Auction Markets – State listings, 1959-60
- Graham School of Scientific Breeding – Name lists, 1949, 1952, 1954, 1956

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