

C Applegate, Roberta G., Papers, 1935-1987
3840 2 linear feet, (77 folders), 3 oversize items

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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Roberta Applegate consist of awards, correspondence, miscellaneous material, newspaper clippings, and speeches. Applegate was a student at Michigan State University and reporter for the Associated Press of Michigan from 1935 through 1946, first female press secretary to the governor of Michigan from 1946 through 1949, reporter and editor for the *Miami Herald* from 1950 to 1964, and Associate Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kansas State University in Manhattan from 1964 on.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Applegate on 20 October 1988 (Accession No. 4884). They are part of the National Women and Media Collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Roberta Applegate was one of the first female journalists in Michigan. She received her A.B. degree in German and French from the Michigan State University, East Lansing, in 1940, and her M.A. degree in journalism from Northwestern University in 1942. She then became a reporter for the Associated Press of Michigan. From 1947 to 1949 she was press secretary for Michigan Governor Kim Sigler, the first woman to hold that post. When Governor Sigler was not re-elected, Applegate became a reporter and editor for the *Miami Herald* in 1950. She wrote several newspaper articles about celebrities, handicapped children, nurses and widows. She remained with the *Herald* until 1964 when she became an Associate Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kansas State University. Applegate has received many journalistic awards and held various positions in organizations involved with journalism.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of articles, awards, correspondence, miscellaneous material, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, photographs, and speeches. The papers are divided into six series: **Student and Michigan Reporter, 1935-1946; Michigan Press Secretary, 1947-1950; Miami Herald Reporter and Editor, 1950-1965; Kansas State University Professor, 1968-1987; Miscellaneous, and Oversize.**

The **Student and Michigan Reporter** series is arranged into three sections: correspondence, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous. Within these sections the papers are arranged chronologically. The newspaper clippings are concerned with politics in Michigan.

The **Michigan Press Secretary** series is arranged into articles, correspondence, legislative material, messages, miscellaneous material, newspaper clippings, press releases, proclamations and speeches. Material within these sections is arranged chronologically. The speeches contain rough and finished copies of radio speeches that Applegate wrote for the governor. Most of the rough speeches do not appear as finished speeches.

The ***Miami Herald Reporter and Editor*** series is arranged into awards, certificates, correspondence, newspaper clippings, speeches, and Kansas State University; and then chronologically within these sections. She wrote a series of newspaper articles for the *Herald* about celebrities, handicapped children, nurses and widows.

The fourth series, **Kansas State University Professor** is arranged into awards, biographical articles, book reviews, Kansas Press Women, and professional activities.

The **Miscellaneous** series consists of correspondence to her parents, arranged chronologically.

The **Oversize** series contains her press secretary appointment and miscellaneous items.

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