Ozarks Area Amateur Film Collection
(SP0021)

Collection Number: SP0021

Collection Title: Ozarks Area Amateur Film Collection

Dates: 1957-1964

Creator: Unknown

Abstract: The Ozarks Area Amateur Film Collection contains fourteen reels of home movie footage featuring the Ozarks including Springfield, Nixa, Table Rock Dam, and St. John’s School of Nursing.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(14 reels)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield. If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Patrons must view the digital copies of the film. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; reel number] Ozarks Area Amateur Film Collection (SP0021); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

Donor Information: The film reels were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Nan Woodsome on July 20, 2017 (Accession No. SPA0026).

Processed by: Processed by Erin Smither, August 2018
**Biographical Note:**

The film features two women who have been identified. Edythe West was born on July 12, 1913. She was a well-known artist and art professor at Drury University, where she taught for thirty-three years before retiring in the 1970s. Pauline Neagles was one of her students in the 1950s. She never married and died in June 1985 at the age of 71. As of 2018, The Art Department at Drury still offered the Edythe West scholarship to young artists attending Drury, in memory of their distinguished faculty member.

Pauline Neagles was born December 12, 1924, in Illinois, the daughter of Violet Neagles and Clarence Neagles. Her father passed away sometime between 1930 and 1940. She studied nursing at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. On September 14, 1944, Pauline was issued her World War II Cadet Nursing Corps card. She also attended Drury University and relocated to Springfield, Missouri, after the war. By 1960, she is listed as faculty in the St. John’s School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri. In 1962, she is listed as the Assistant Director of Nursing Services at the nursing school. She died on April 25, 2011, at the age of 86.

**Arrangement:**

This collection was digitized in the order in which it was initially viewed. Some cans contained labels while others were unmarked. They were numbered according to the order in which they were digitized.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection consists of fourteen reels of film shot by an unknown family living in Springfield, Missouri, in the 1950s and 1960s. The films contain intimate family scenes, Christmas celebrations, vacations, pets, as well as scenes featuring St. John’s Hospital and the nuns and nurses who worked there.

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