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Dewey, Frances L. (died 1976), Papers, 1926-1932

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

A longtime resident of Webster Groves, Missouri, Frances L. Dewey worked as a clerk and secretary for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company from the late 1920s to the 1950s. She died October 27, 1976.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 117 issues of *The Broadcaster* (December 1, 1927–April 19, 1932), a newsletter published in St. Louis by the Arkansas-Missouri Plant Department, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. It began as a weekly publication, but later changed to bi-weekly, then tri-weekly. The issues contain articles relating to employee and company news. The collection also contains typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey, an employee of the Webster Groves District office of Southwestern Bell located at 5 West Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri. These stories, dated October 25, 1927, to June 15, 1931, relate to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District office, and were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*. The collection also contains correspondence and other papers of the Eastern Division, mostly related to the publication of *The Broadcaster*; and issues of a typescript newsletter titled “The Microphone” (“The ‘Hook-Up’ Between the Editors of ‘The Broadcaster’”), dated 1928-1930.

Box 1 Issues of “The Broadcaster,” Volume I, Number 1 (December 1, 1927), to Volume II, Number 39 (August 31, 1929).

Box 2 Volume II, Number 40 (September 7, 1929), to Volume IV, Number 23 (April 19, 1932)

Photocopy of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat Magazine*, September 1, 1929, which includes lengthy articles on the following: parachutist Elbert V. Brooks (or “Birdie” Brooks); Charles Breitweiser, investigator for the Hospital Department of St. Louis; Father Mecislaus A. Szamotulski, pastor of St. Adalbert’s Church and a painter; Miss Amelia Overall; D. Berry Anderson of Signal Hill, Illinois, and his dog Lady Patsy; J.J. Hayes, plant superintendent of the Southwestern Bell Company; Phil Stremmel, general superintendent of the Granite City Steel Company; veteran St. Louis soccer stars Harry Ratican and Harry Marre; and the Caddy Bogle Club of the Westwood Country Club.

Photocopy of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat Magazine*, January 19, 1930, which includes lengthy articles on the following: H.D. Benedict of Fredericktown, Missouri, who once outwitted Billy the Kid in a holdup; internationally known consulting engineer Arthur T. Kattner, son of Mrs. Selma Kattner, originally from Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Miss Mary Cassilly, who operates a travel bureau; and the Society of St. Louis Authors.

Photocopy of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat Sunday Magazine*, May 4, 1958, which includes an article on Sam Amitin’s book store.

Box 3

Folder 1 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, October 25, 1927–February 27, 1928. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.

Folder 2 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, March 5–May 28, 1928. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.

Folder 3 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, June 11–September 17, 1928. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.

Folder 4 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, October 1, 1928–January 7, 1929. These stories were

submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.

- Folder 5 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, January 14–May 29, 1929. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.
- Folder 6 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, June 3–September 30, 1929. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.
- Folder 7 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, October 7, 1929–February 3, 1930. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.
- Folder 8 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, February 10–August 4, 1930. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.
- Folder 9 Typescript news stories compiled by Frances Dewey relating to employees and affairs of the Webster Groves District Office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, August 11, 1930–June 15, 1931. These stories were submitted for inclusion in *The Broadcaster*.
- Folder 10 Correspondence and other papers of the Eastern Division, mostly related to the publication of *The Broadcaster*, July 22, 1926–April 8, 1930
- Folder 11 Correspondence and other papers of the Eastern Division, mostly related to the publication of *The Broadcaster*, April 15, 1930–May 15, 1931, and undated items
- Folder 12 Issues of “The Microphone” (“The ‘Hook-Up’ Between the Editors of ‘The Broadcaster’”), Volume I, Number 1 (August 29, 1928), to Volume I, Number 17 (October 28, 1930), and several undated issues.
- Folder 13 “Things Worth Knowing,” published for the information of St. Louis telephone employees, Room 2103, Telephone Building, February 20, 1929.
- Brochure titled “Southwestern Bell Telephone Company General Library Book List,” July 1929.
- Issue of *Southern Telephone News* (Volume 16, Number 12; December 1928; published in Atlanta, Georgia)

Folder 14 Typescript poem titled "Broken Bits," signed Frances L. Dewey.