Dorothy Cox collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12724

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	11-2012
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1878-1970
Physical Description:	17 cm textual records 4 color photographs
Physical Condition:	Cover of Young School minute book is moderately damaged, but pages are in good condition with only minor water damage and a few ripped pages.

History / Biographical:

Dorothy Cox (nee Frost) moved from Elm Creek to Justice in 1946 to work as a schoolteacher. In 1948, she married Laval Cox and together they had four children: Larry, Herd, Rosalie and Heather.

In 1949, Dorothy and Laval purchased Gibb Gillespie's PSV business and began hauling grain, cattle and agricultural equipment. Dorothy went back to teaching in 1959, first at Justice and then Elton Collegiate. After retiring from teaching in 1978, Dorothy started a greenhouse, which operated for 21 years.

All six members of the Cox family were active in community events and organizations. Dorothy was involved in establishing the baby band in 1951; her sons Larry and Herb were members. Along with Laval, Dorothy was a leader of the Cubs in 1955-1956 and again in 1958-1959. Laval was the leader of the local hockey club in 1958, and of a bible study group in 1960. Larry, Herb and Rosalie were avid skaters in 1960-64. Heather and Rosalie were enrolled in senior grades of Sunday school in 1970.

Custodial History:

Records were collected by Dorothy Cox, a resident of Justice, over a number of years. She donated them to the McKee Archives on April 4, 2012.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records related to the history of the Justice district. It includes a history of the Justice Church (1910-1970); minute and expense books for the Justice Hockey Club (1949-1966); a minute and expense book for Young Protestant School (1884-1898); a copy of the Justice 100th Anniversary community history (2009); and four color photographs of Justice Church.

Notes:	History/Bio information taken from the content of the collection. Description by James Heaman (2012).

Name Access:	Justice, MB
Subject Access:	churches
	local histories
	Hockey
Repro Restriction:	Church photos taken in 1970 are subject to Canadian copyright restrictions, which researchers are required to comply with.
Related Material:	Lawrence Stuckey fonds 1-2002 (photographs of Justice school, church, elevator and houses)



Robert Troy Blair fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13300

Part Of:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Accession Number:	18-2013
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	September 1950 - June 1954
Physical Description:	2 scrapbooks (7.5 cm)
Physical Condition:	Excellent

History /
Biographical:

Robert (Bob) Troy Blair was born on March 11, 1930 in Brandon, MB. His first six years were spent in Alexander, MB, where his father and uncle operated a grocery store. In 1936, his family moved to Souris, MB, where his father ran a grocery store. Blair received his primary and high school education, with the exception of Grade 12, in Souris.

Blair remembers his school years in Souris as mainly happy years. He was involved with both piano and organ music lessons. he was never interested in physical sports with the exception of golf. World War II broke out in September of 1939. Souris became the site of #17 SFTS and home base for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Many of the service men came from England, Australia and New Zealand. Blair's mother always entertained at least two for dinner every Sunday. Rationing of sugar, tea and coffee, butter and meat became a way of life. Blair had the job every Saturday of pasting the ration coupons into booklets. It was also when he was in Grade 6, that Blair realized he was more attracted to boys than to girls. Perhaps it was because so many attractive airmen surrounded him!

In November of 1947, the Blair family relocated to Alexander where Bob Blair finished his Grade 11. This was not a good year due to bullying. In September of 1948, Blair moved to Winnipeg to attend United College for his Grade 12. Upon completion of Grade 12, Blair remained in Winnipeg until June 1950. he worked at a number of businesses - Gestetner, Eaton's Mail Order shoe department, Maple Leaf Milling, and the drug store in the Medical Arts Building. In September 1950, he entered Brandon College. Blair was very active in extra-curricular affairs while at Brandon College; particularly drama. Following his B.A. he enrolled in the Education Faculty, having decided to become a teacher.

Blair's teaching career spanned 34 years. All but one year was spent in the Brandon School Division. On his first day of teaching in the Division he met the man with whom he would spend the next 46 years. He was primarily a teacher of English and Music. A highlight of his career was exchange teaching in Sacramento, California in 1961. Orientation for exchange took place in August in Washington, D.C., where Blair had the opportunity to meet President J.F. Kennedy. He vividly recals the morning that JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963. In September 1965, Blair assumed the principalship of Park School and in September of 1969, the same position at George Fitton School where re remained until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Brandon Picnipals' Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and servedas President of the Brandon Teachers' Association. Among his major accomplishments during his time as principal were the introduction of a centralized school library in both Park and George Fitton Schools and the integration of special needs students into regular classroom situations wherever possible. He was made a Life Member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (Brandon) in June 1990. Following his retirement Blair worked as a Library Automation Consultant (1989-1993).

Blair also had numerous community involvements during his time in Brandon. he was active in the Brandon Little Theatre (Best Actor Award, Manitoba Drama Festival for One Act Plays in 1963), the Brandon Festival of the Arts, the Eckhardt-Gramatte National Music Competition, and Arm Industries to name a few.

Following the death of his partner in 2001, Blair moved to Saskatoon to live with a younger gay couple. He has been active in volunteerism: as an Ambassador for the Saskatoon Airport Authority, assistant with the Saskatoon Health Region's Immunization Clinics, information clerk for the Festival of Trees, data entry clerk for the Saskatoon Music Festival, on the Board of the Saskatoon Jazz Society, and Hospitality Coordinator for the Saskatoon Jazz Festival.

As of October 2013, Bob Blair continues to live in Saskatoon, SK.

Custodial History:

Records were in Blair's possession until he donated them to the Mckee Archives on Homecoming weekend October 2013.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of two scrapbooks containing 145 photographs and ephemera (play and graduation programs, tickets, pins, newspaper clippings) documenting Bob Blair's days at Brandon College. Social events and extra-curricular activities are heavily featured in the two scrapbooks. Also included are graduation portraits for the Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953. Of the 145 photographs all are black and white except for two photos of the Class of '53 reconvocation (May 1993), and one from the Class of '53 reunion (2003).

Notes: History/Bio provided by Bob Blair (October 2013).

Name Access:

Brandon College
Angus Jackson
Pat Magnacca
Freshie Week
Senior Stick
Lady Stick
Harvest Cabaret
Sigma Mu
Glee Club
Bob Blair
Jack Yeomans
Walter Dinsdale
Don Cronk
Bob McPherson
Lorne Watson
Marg Sanderson
Hazel Turnbull
Claudia Dickey
Gordon Bradley
Terry Prysiazniuk
Diane Lissaman
Joan Garnett
Doris Penstock
Dianne Macdonald
Ivey Graham
Joyce Pickard
Cathy Crawford
Roberta Wilkie
Marie Kullberg
Isabel Lyon
Shirley Pryce
J.R.C. Evans
Marjorie Kyles
Jo Thordarson
Ross George

Edward Perry

Ernest Birkinshaw

Barney Thordarson

Fall Formal

Variety Night

Installation Night

Paul McKinnon

The Saga of Brandon

Bill White

Ron Bell

Jerry Jerret

Rosa Ziolkowski

Murray Smith

Class of 1951

Harold Moffat

Bill Sutherland

Murray Coulthard

Frank Adamski

John McLean

Jack Medd

Jack Muir

Bill Fraser

Ken Morrison

Clifford Kitson

Ray Brown

Mike Doig

Ernie Shaw

Jack Scott

Doreen Dennison

Lois Kennedy

Lorna Prokaska

Ferne Henderson

Doreen Fedoruk

Marg Leckie

Freshie Parade

Helen Batho

Fred Calverly

Jim Crawford

Verda Peden

Olga Evasko

Betty Finch

Fred Schwarok

Jim Struthers

Muriel Bedford

John Brown

Freshie Royalty

Booster Night

Mary Jane Sexton

Marilyn Rust

Mildred McMurray

Mary-Jane MacLachlan

George Leask

George Jakubowski

Jack Purvis

My Sister Eileen

Edith Laycock

Ivey Robbins

Ken Campbell

Mac Andrews

Marion Simmons

Arnold Minish

Madeline Irving

Ernie Criddle

Don Dillistone

Gordon Hunter

Cathy Nelson

Jim Kelleher

Anne Kelleher

Neil McKellar

Ron Doupe

Bruce Watson

Neil MacKay

Peter Prokaska

Roger Ramsden

Bill Bridgett

Graham Hunt

John Muirhead

David Brodie

Murray MacDonald

Dr. Kidd

Cam Finlay

Blair MacRae

Donna McPhail

Louise Hoey

Agnes Nicholson

Jean Allan

Joan Urie

Royce Richardson

Don Rousell

Bill Black

Ken McNeeley

Rosalie Prokopchuk

Jean Morrison

Jacice Forrest

Fuzz Fedoruk

Brian Davison

Joan MacLachlan

First International Relations Club Conference

Minot Teachers' College

International Peace Gardens

Bruce McIlroy

Jean Shingfield

Campaign Week

Sigma Mu Dance

Arnold Wawruch

Jack Meyers

Jack Hilton

Bev Francis

Bert Gogol

Dick McDonald

Frank McKinnon

Stuart Craig

John Blackwood

Norman Hedison

Bob Hilton

John Minions

Kay Oliver

Mary Jane MacLachlan

Ben Ward

Ken Gunning

Trevor McNeely

Hilton Stewart

Jerry Graham

Bette Mitchell

Joan Curlock

Faye Myers

Jean Hannah

Mary Babuick

Mr. College Spirit

John Augustus McGee

Don Dillstone

Flora Johnson

Del Gusdal

Color Night

Don Burrows

Jim Casey Trophy

Marj Kyles

Prince Edward Hotel

Class Day

Dahl Harvey

Shirley Mitchell

Al Burton

Irving Bateman

Joyce Marie Thordarson

Eileen McFadden

Patricia Pope

Louise Astle

Ariel Genik

Western Canada Student Teacher Conference

Brandon College Glee Club

Be Your Age

Ike Prokaska

Joan Hilton

Fred Lynch

Garth Kidd

Ivy Robbins

Joyce Dunham

Shirley Popple

Grand March

Westley Wong

Stewart Perdue

H.V. Kidd

J.E.M. Young

Adelene Bailey

Mrs. Evans

Dennis Anderson

Stanley Knowles

Edward Schreyer

Lou Visentin

Subject Access:	Student government
	initiations
	student activities
	dances
	basketball
	talent shows
	drama productions
	major productions
	Hockey
	graduations
	programs
	parades
	dorm rooms
	student housing
	literary "B's"
	college letters
	class flags
	banquets
Storage Location:	2013 accessions