
Guide to the California Retired Teachers Association Records MS 190

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Abstract: This collection contains items pertaining to the California Retired Teachers Association and its San Diego-Imperial Counties Division, which lobbied to protect the incomes of retired teachers. Highlights include administrative information, meeting minutes, and letters to political figures.

creator: California Retired Teachers' Association.

Biographical / Historical Notes

The California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA) was founded in Los Angeles in 1929 by a group of retired school teachers. Its first president was Laura Settle, who traveled throughout the state organizing local divisions. The San Diego-Imperial County Division was formed in 1933 with 67 members, and quickly grew to 500 members by 1958. According to its constitution, the objective of CRTA and its San Diego-Imperial chapter was "to promote the welfare and social relationships of its members, to work at all times to safeguard the public schoolteachers' retirement salary, and promote the interests of public school teachers." Members of the San Diego division met on a regular basis, during which they discussed recent legislature and drafted correspondence to state and federal officials in attempts to stop cuts to teachers' retirement incomes. They attended CRTA Annual Conventions and were active in political activities for the purpose of safeguarding retired teachers' salaries. The Association also helped to locate affordable housing and other services that would support retired teachers.

Scope and Content

The items in the collection pertain to the California Retired Teachers Association and its San Diego-Imperial Counties Division. Included are history, by-laws and articles of incorporation, legislative reports, meeting minutes, financial and committee reports, and correspondence with government and political officials.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series:

Series I: California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA)

Series II: CRTA San Diego-Imperial Counties Division

Series III: Miscellanea

Items in each series are arranged by subject.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Alward, Vere

Andrus, Ethel Percy

California Retired Teachers' Association.

Hawley, Olive

Settle, Laura

Vaughn, Adah

Imperial County (Calif.)

Pensions

Retired teachers
San Diego (Calif.)
Teachers

Series I: **California Retired Teachers Association (CTRA)**

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Box-folder 1:14	<p>Meeting minutes and agendas, 1965 July 20-1967 June 17</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Luncheon meetingsBoard of Directors meetingsProposed budgetsSpecial Convention Board meetingWritings on leadership, membership, New Year's Resolution, maturity in leadership, Vera AlwardCRTA/NRTA Membership applicationCommittee reportsOfficers and Chairman list
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Box-folder 2:6	<p>Scrapbook: "History - San Diego - Imperial Division California Retired Teachers Association 1959-1969," 1959-1969</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Historical background written by membersNewspaper clippingsPhotographs

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Bequest from Frances M. Robb, 1969 December 31-1970 February 1

Includes:

Correspondence
Court documents

Series III: **Miscellanea**

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Housing, 1954 November 14 and undated

Includes:

Information about available housing and communities for retired teachers
Poster for Park La Jolla Apartments (in Oversize Collections D3)

Box-folder 2:9

Miscellanea, 1952 September-1974 January and undated

Includes:

Correspondence between California Teachers Association and National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)
NRTA Regional Conference program
Pioneer Teacher Report documents
Medical record summary
Teacher Aid and Retirement Services newsletter
Funeral program for Dr. E. Andrus, founder of NRTA