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Descriptive Summary

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Collection number: 206
Creator: McDill, George W., b. 1874
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Abstract: George McDill (1874- ) was a prominent Los Angeles attorney, judge, and president of the Los Angeles School Board. The collection consists of McDill’s working papers and files, and relate primarily to his activities on the School Board during 1933-37.
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Biography
McDill was born in Illinois in 1874; AB, University of California at Berkeley, 1899; attended University of Southern California Law School; admitted to California Bar, 1904; engaged in private law practice until 1927; became a judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court, in 1927; member and president of Los Angeles School Board of Education, 1933-37.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of the working papers and files of George McDill, a prominent Los Angeles attorney, judge, and president of the Los Angeles School Board. The materials relate primarily to his activities on the School Board during 1933-37, and include McDill's plans for the first All Year School in Los Angeles.

Expanded Scope and Content
This collection consists of the working papers and files of George McDill, prominent Los Angeles attorney, judge, and president of the Los Angeles School Board, and relate primarily to his activities as member and president of the Los Angeles School Board of Education during the years between 1933 and 1937. In addition to the many official papers are McDill's plans for an All Year School, the first in Los Angeles. The collection is organized alphabetically by subject headings; most of these headings were established by McDill for his filing system, and have been retained here for ease of arrangement. It should be noted, however, that all materials are inter-related, so that information on any given aspect or incident of these papers may be found in several different places. This collection is only one received by the library concerning the Board of Education during this period. The papers of John R. Kelley overlap those here described, both in time and coverage, and could therefore be profitably used simultaneously.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
McDill, George W. b. 1874--Archives.
Los Angeles (Calif.)--Board of Education.
School board presidents--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.

Related Material
John R. Kelley Collection of Material About the Los Angeles Board of Education, 1933-1945 (Collection 207) Available at Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

| Box 1, Folder 1 | All Year School Plan--Correspondence, July-May 1937. |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | All Year School Plan--School Board material. |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | All Year School Plan--Other miscellaneous material. |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | All Year School Plan--Radio Talks 1-20. |
Container List

Box 1, Folders 5-7  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--Miscellaneous material 1-3.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Clippings, miscellaneous notes, etc.

Box 2, Folder 1  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1933 Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Correspondence.

Box 2, Folder 2  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1933 Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Campaign material, clippings, affidavits of expenditure, electioneering material.

Box 2, Folder 3  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1934 Recall Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Correspondence--letters of support, letters concerning the firing of recall workers, letters of congratulations, etc.

Box 2, Folder 4  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1934 Recall Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Bills, statements of condition, Business Department matters, materials on the firing of recall workers, clippings, 3 radio speeches.

Box 2, Folder 5  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1935 Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Electioneering material, notes, financial statements, radio talks, etc.

Box 2, Folder 6  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1937 Election. Correspondence. January-June 1937.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letters of support, letters of endorsement, campaign suggestions, etc.

Box 2, Folder 7  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1937 Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Slander post-cards and school board notes, lists of teachers and their political attitudes, candidates' questions, miscellaneous statements by McDill, open letters to teachers by McDill, biographical sketch of McDill, affidavits and notes on campaign spending, miscellaneous administrative notes, etc.

Box 2, Folder 8  
**Board of Education (Los Angeles School Board)--1937 Election.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Campaign material, clippings, flyers, miscellaneous campaign publications and pamphlets.

Box 2, Folder 9  
**Civil Service--Correspondence, school and law related.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Important correspondents are: Assemblymen Pelletier, Olsen, and Geyer, City Attorney John O'Toole, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Kersey.

Box 2, Folder 10  
**Civil Service--Miscellaneous material.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Drafts of Civil Service law, committee reports, minutes of board meetings, bulletins, reports, discussions, resolutions, evaluations by John Steven, Civil Service examination packet, etc.

Box 2, Folder 11  
**Court Actions, legal forms, legal opinions, etc.**
Box 2, Folder 12  **Efficiency--Miscellaneous material.**

Scope and Content Note
Reports and letters from R.W. Lohman concerning school efficiency.

Box 3, Folder 1  **Insurance--Correspondence (Materials in this and the following box deals with a proposed form of school insurance proposed by McDill).**

Scope and Content Note
Important correspondents include Assemblemen Pelletier and Olsen, and the Insurance Committee of the Los Angeles Grand Jury.

Box 3, Folder 2  **Insurance--Official material.**

Scope and Content Note
Summary of Fire Risks, Communications to Insurance Committees, Statements of Insurance Risks and Refunds, Proposed Amendments to the School Code, other miscellaneous material.

Box 3, Folder 3  **Maps--School locations, topographical locations, school maps, etc.**

Box 3, Folder 4  **Newspaper Clippings, 1933-1935, arranged by month.**

Box 3, Folder 5  **Newspaper Clippings, 1936-1937, arranged by month.**

Box 3, Folder 6  **Personel reports--mimeo lists and reports.**

Box 4, Folder 1  **PTA Milk Controversy, 1934 (Material in this folder deals with alleged misuse of milk funds for political purposes).**

Scope and Content Note
Mimeo notes and summaries of Board meetings, typed resolutions, clippings, transcripts of letters from local PTA Boards, etc.

Box 4, Folder 2  **Radio Speeches, n.d. (Between 1933 and 1937).**

Physical Description: 31 speeches.
Scope and Content Note
McDill gave weekly radio talks on the activities of the Los Angeles School Board.

Box 4, Folder 3  **Radio Speeches, dated 1935-1937.**

Box 4, Folder 4  **School Rebuilding--(earthquake damage repairs).**

Scope and Content Note
Notes from board meetings, reposts on damages, reports on temporary school tents, other relevant board publications.

Box 4, Folder 5  **Miscellaneous correspondence, ca. 1933-1939.**

Box 4, Folder 6  **Miscellaneous materials--pamphlets, ephemera, fragments, etc.**