Guide to Edgar White Burrill scrapbooks, 1934-1945 ARC Mss 81

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Contributing Institution: UC Santa Barbara Library, Department of Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 4.7 linear feet (4 flat oversize boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1934-1945
Abstract: Four scrapbooks that consist of newspaper clippings, photographs, pamphlets, correspondence and related material of Minister Edgar White Burrill's activities within the New Thought movement.
Language of Materials: The collection is in English.
Physical Location: Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara
creator: Burrill, Edgar White, 1883-1958
Access Restrictions
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Biographical note
Edgar White Burrill (1883-1958) prior to the 1930s was known for his literary endeavors, which included teaching at Columbia and Northwestern Universities, publishing book reviews and plays, and running the Literary Vesper series of lectures held at New York City's Town Hall. Burrill also gave dramatic readings on radio. By the 1930s, however, Burrill became interested in the principles of Divine Science espoused by Emmet Fox and other New Thought ministers. Attracted to the New Thought beliefs, Burrill traveled to Denver, Colorado to study and eventually become ordained to the ministry.
In 1934, while traveling and lecturing, Burrill became the acting minister of the First Divine Church in Denver. By 1937 Burrill had moved to Buffalo, New York, and became leader of the Buffalo Unity Society. In early 1942, a schism occurred, and Burrill left the Unity Society to found the Buffalo Truth Center/Church of the New Age.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of four scrapbooks, dating from 1934 to 1945, pertaining to Edgar White Burrill's role in the Church of Divine Science as well as the activities and philosophies of the New Thought movement. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, programs, pamphlets, and other ephemera.
Arrangement
The scrapbooks are arranged in chronological order.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Fox, Emmet, 1886-1951
Church records
Divine Science Church (U.S.)
New Thought--Relations--Christianity.
Scrapbooks

Box 1
The First Divine Church scrapbook, 1934-1935
Box 2
Buffalo Unity Society scrapbook, 1937-1938
Box 3
Buffalo Truth Center/ Church of the New Age scrapbook, 1941-1942

Box 4
"45" scrapbook, 1945