Finding aid for the Philena Bohlen scrapbook 7083

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Title: Philena Bohlen scrapbook
creator: Bohlen, Philena, 1884-1963
Identifier/Call Number: 7083
Physical Description: 0.21 Linear Feet1 box
Date (inclusive): 1923-1941
Abstract: Philena Bohlen was a California bowling pioneer and one of the best women bowlers in the world during the time of her career. The Philena Bohlen scrapbook consists of 28 photographic prints, 21 pieces of ephemera, four letters, one periodical, and various newspaper clippings -- all created between 1923 and 1941 and assembled in a black binder.
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Biographical / Historical
Philena Bohlen was a California bowling pioneer and one of the best women bowlers in the world during the time of her career. Bohlen was a founding member of the Los Angeles Women's Bowling Association and the California Women's Bowling Association, as well as the fifth vice president of the Women's International Bowling Conference (WIBC) -- serving from 1944 through 1949. Prior to her term as WIBC vice president, Bohlen designed the WIBC's flag and proposed the design to the delegates at the 1940 annual meeting. In 1927, Bohlen was known as one of the best female bowlers in the world, bowling a 276 score in a single game, which set a new record for women bowlers at the time.
Content Description
The Philena Bohlen scrapbook consists of 14 photographic prints measuring 8 x 10 inches, 14 photographic prints of smaller sizes, 21 pieces of ephemera, four letters (three handwritten and one typed), one periodical, and many newspaper clippings -- all created between 1923 and 1941 and assembled in a black binder. The title affixed to the front cover of the binder reads: "Records of Championship Tournaments As Bowled And Won by Philena Bohlen in Collection With Auxiliary--P.C.B.C. [Pacific Coast Bowling Conference] / California Woman's B.A. [Bowling Association] / Los Angeles Woman's B.A. [Bowling Association] / 1923-1939."
The ephemera and photographs are arranged next to clippings documenting Philena Bohlen's career. The photographs document the championships and games won by Bohlen and her teams in California and includes many 8 x 10" photographs of the teams accompanied by typed captions. Examples of ephemera in the collection include notes and cards of congratulations, Bohlen's 1927 Southern California Ladies' Elks Bowling Association membership card, a 1926 Pacific Coast Bowling League entry form for Ladies' events filled out by hand, an 8 x 10" certificate from the Women's International Bowling Congress, and a 1920s issue of the Pacific Coast Bowling League Newsletter. The three handwritten letters contain congratulatory sentiments, while the fourth typed letter is a circular promoting an upcoming Los Angeles Women's Bowling Association event.
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