

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Finding Aid for the M. Carl Andrews Papers**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

Accession Number: n/a

Title: M. Carl Andrews Personal Papers

Physical Characteristics: 1 Hollinger box containing 17 file folders

Donated by: M. Carl Andrews

Arrangement: documents are arranged by subject

Creator: M. Carl Andrews

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Biographical Note:

M. Carl Andrews (Oct. 24, 1904 – June 9, 1994), a native of Logan County, Oklahoma, grew up in Newport News and came to Roanoke in 1929 to join the staff of *The Roanoke Times*. He was a news editor from 1929 until 1935, at which point he was assigned to cover the Franklin County liquor conspiracy trial. He was made city editor of the *Times* in 1937 and held that post until he left for service in World War II in 1943. Upon his return in 1946, he was named editorial page editor of *The World-News*, a position he held until his retirement November 1, 1969. Andrews was actively involved in numerous civic and professional organizations, serving as Chairman of the Mill Mountain Development Committee, co-Chair of the committee organizing America's Bicentennial Celebration, and a founding member of the National Conference of Editorial Writers.

Scope and Content:

The Andrews Papers collection consists of seventeen file folders including typescripts, clippings and photocopies of newspaper articles and columns, letters, invitations, event programs, committee reports, and both personal and professional correspondence.

The collection includes typed manuscripts of Mr. Andrews' editorial page columns from the *World-News* and scripts for "Over the Editor's Desk" and "M. Carl Andrews Views the News," two series of news editorials broadcast on WDBJ radio (later WFIR). These scripts span from July 7, 1946 through Mr. Andrews' final broadcast on December 27, 1970.

A significant number of the documents included in the collection relate to the planning, implementation, and media coverage of America's Bicentennial celebration in 1976 and the City of Roanoke's Centennial in 1982.

Container List:

Box 1 of 1

- **Folder 1:** Columns on Roanoke 1975-1976 (*World-News* “Roanoke Landmarks” series)
 - Memorial Bridge
 - Hunter Memorial Bridge
 - Boundary Markers
 - Indian Trail Marker
 - First Presbyterian Church
 - Elmwood Park Flagpole
 - Melrose
 - Carolina Avenue Oak
 - Rockledge Inn (Mill Mountain Playhouse)
 - Fairacres
 - Our Street Names: First in a Series
 - Our Street Names: Second in a Series
 - Our Street Names: Third in a Series
 - Our Street Names: Fourth in a Series
 - Our Street Names: Fifth in a Series
 - Cherry Hill
 - The N&W Station
 - Hotel Roanoke
 - The Patrick Henry
 - Jefferson High School
 - Our Old Bridges
 - First Baptist Church
 - Ponce de Leon
 - St. Mark’s Lutheran
 - The Elmwood Magnolia
 - National Business College
 - Temple Emanuel
 - Beth Israel
 - Animal Fountains
 - First Church of the Brethren
 - First Christian Church
 - Hammond Printing
 - Monterey
 - Closing of Old Schools (1)
 - Closing of Old Schools (2)
 - Closing of Old Schools
 - Roanoke Gas Company
 - City Water Department
 - Electric Power in Valley
 - Telephones in Roanoke
 - John M. Oakley, Inc.
 - Heironimus

- Brotherhood Mercantile
- Marsteller Corp.
- Hobbie Brothers
- Old City Home and VWCC
- Caldwell-Sites Co.
- Chas. Lunsford Sons & Assoc.
- Stone Printing Co.
- Nelson-Roanoke Corp.
- Kennard-Pace Co.
- Boswell Realty Co., Inc.
- Pitzer Transfer & Storage
- First National Exchange Bank
- Western Union
- Bicentennial Series
 - Liberty Bell's Visit
 - Chiswell Lead Mine
 - William Carvin
 - Col. William Preston
 - Lewis and Dunmore
- Bicentennial Feature
 - Virginia Signers
 - General William Russell
- Bicentennial Revolution
 - Issac [sic] Christian—William Christian
 - Crystal Spring (The Great Spring)
- **Folder 2:** Radio scripts (WDBJ/WFIR “Over the Editor’s Desk” and “Andrews Views the News”)
- **Folder 3:** Steve Brody-Roanoke’s Great Patriot (items related to Mr. Brody, 1889-1978)
- **Folder 4:** Sir Winston Churchill (Andrews’ columns)
- **Folder 5:** William Pierce Hunter (Roanoke’s First City Manager)
- **Folder 6:** Arthur S. Owens (documents relating to civic salute of Arthur S. Owens who served as Roanoke City Manager from 1948-1965)
- **Folder 7:** Civic Center
- **Folder 8:** *Common Glory* (materials related to premiere of Paul Green’s outdoor drama; file also includes a program from the 1965 William and Mary graduation ceremony)
- **Folder 9:** Conservation Series (editorials, columns, addresses)\
- **Folder 10:** Europe and Mediterranean (copies of newspaper columns, 1967)
- **Folder 11:** Fincastle County (essays, articles, and pamphlets related to Revolutionary War history of Fincastle County and Col. William Fleming.)
- **Folder 12:** First National Exchange Bank (event program, includes items related to the 1928 opening of the “American,” the movie theatre originally occupying the site of the FNEB)
- **Folder 13:** Bicentennial (1976-1981)
- **Folder 14:** Bicentennial Committee (1972-1975)

- **Folder 15:** Bicentennial News (1776-1976)
- **Folder 16:** Diamond Jubilee (Roanoke city 1882-1957)
- **Folder 17:** Roanoke Centennial Committee