

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Greenvale School Collection**

Collection Description:

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Title: Greenvale School Collection

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Creator: Greenvale School

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Historical Note:

Greenvale Nursery School was a non-profit school established in February 1934 by early childhood specialist Bertie Clinevell with the help of the Junior League of the Roanoke Valley. The school opened to provide quality, developmentally appropriate childcare services for children of working parents. It was one of the first childcare centers in Virginia. Care was provided based on a sliding-fee scale based upon income. Some of the support services offered included a resident pediatrician, speech therapy, sick childcare, and special education.

It was initially housed in three rooms located in the old railroad YMCA building on Shenandoah Avenue and 12th Street, NW. The rooms' heat and water were secured by the Salvation Army while Norfolk & Western, which owned the building, provided the electricity. Because of its early affiliation, the school was first known as the Salvation Army Nursery School, with the name changing to Greenvale after a move to the old Andrews home on West Campbell Avenue known as "Greenvale." The school immediately began to grow and moved several times to increase its ability to meet the demand for service. In 1947 the school was accepted as an agency of the United Fund (United Way of Roanoke Valley). In 1957, land was purchased and construction began on the school's building on Westwood Boulevard, NW. In 2019, Greenvale was acquired by Total Action for Progress (TAP) and now serves as one of TAP's Head Start Program.

Scope and Content:

The Greenvale School collection consists of materials kept by administration regarding school initiatives, activities, and fundraising. The bulk of the collection was housed in two oversized scrapbooks containing photographs, news clippings, and ephemera. For

preservation purposes, items were removed from the scrapbooks and rehoused in appropriate containers. Additionally, several loose materials are included. A small amount of material is administrative in nature.

Container List:

Box 1

- Folder 1: Administrative – Annual Reports, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999
- Folder 2: Administrative – By-Laws, January 1993
- Folder 3: Administrative – Contract and correspondence regarding new building, 1957
- Folder 4: Administrative – Documents related to Emergency Building Fund Campaign, 1956
- Folder 5: Administrative – Financial Reports, 1945, 1946, 1953, 1954, 1968
- Folder 6: Administrative – “Parents’ Manual”, 1967
- Folder 7: Administrative – Survey: Nursery Kindergarten, 1934-1946
- Folder 8: Booklet – “Gift Giving Guide”
- Folder 9: Ephemera, loose
- Folder 10: Ephemera, removed from 1943-1989 scrapbook
- Folder 11: Ephemera, removed from 1991-2004 scrapbook
- Folder 12: Photographs, miscellaneous, loose (folder 1 of 2)
- Folder 13: Photographs, miscellaneous, loose (folder 2 of 2)
- Folder 14: Photographs, loose; 1990-1994, 2000-2003
- Folder 15: Photographs, removed from 1943-1989 scrapbook (folder 1 of 3)
- Folder 16: Photographs, removed from 1943-1989 scrapbook (folder 2 of 3)
- Folder 17: Photographs, removed from 1943-1989 scrapbook (folder 3 of 3)
- Folder 18: News clippings – Emergency Building Fund Campaign, 1956
- Folder 19: News clippings – miscellaneous, loose
- Folder 20: News clippings – removed from 1940-1954 scrapbook
- Folder 21: News clippings – removed from 1943-1989 scrapbook
- Folder 22: News clippings – removed from 1991-2004 scrapbook
- Folder 23: Newsletters – Greenvale School, November 1991-Winter 1997, incomplete
- Folder 24: Newsletters – miscellaneous organizations mentioning Greenvale School

Box 2

- Folder 1: Sketch of original school, pen and ink by R. Woodford, no date.
- Folder 2: Ephemera – miscellaneous posters
- Item: Large, felt banner, “Greenvale Nursery School – We Care for Our Children”