

UAW Local 12 Collection

Records, 1949-1985

2 linear feet

2 storage boxes

Oversize scrapbook

Accession #1432

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The records of UAW Local 12 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April of 1990 by President Danny Wilson and opened for research in November of 2004.

UAW Local 12 evolved out of Federal Labor Union 18384, chartered in 1933 to represent workers at Willys-Overland, Auto-Lite and other auto suppliers in the Toledo area. Richard Gosser, who rose from the ranks at Willys-Overland to become the amalgamated local's president in 1938, founded its summer camp in Onsted, Michigan in 1947. In 1950 the local established an area-wide pension plan covering small shops, which set a national pattern. In 1954 the Jeep Unit of Local 12 opened a diagnostic clinic for its members, which expanded into the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, offering a variety of services to union members throughout the Toledo area. Gosser, who was elected UAW Region 2B director in 1942 and international vice president in 1947, stepped down from the union's executive board in 1964 after his conviction for conspiring to fraudulently obtain documents related to the federal government's investigation of his income tax status.

The UAW Local 12 Collection consists primarily of clippings scrapbooks from the 1950's and early 1960's and printed material documenting the Summer Camp Women's Guild's fundraising dances and the local's Health and Retiree Center. The bulk of the local's records remain at the its headquarters in Toledo.

Important subjects in the collection:

Richard Gosser
Labor movement--Ohio--Toledo
Toledo Health and Retiree Center

Related collections:

UAW Region 2B
UAW Vice-President Richard Gosser

Box 1

- 1949
1. "C.I.O. Yearbook and Local Union Directory for Toledo and Vicinity,"
 2. "Dick Gosser Day" in Toledo, 13 Dec 1960
 3. Gosser, Richard, testimonial, Jun 1964
 4. Newspaper clippings from different papers, 1954 [scrapbook]
 5. Newspaper clippings from different papers, 1962-63
 6. Newspaper clippings about the skilled trades from local union papers, 1951-60 [scrapbook]
 7. Pension plan, 1950
 8. Summer Camp brochures
 - 9-14. Summer Camp Women's Guild Dance programs, 1956-85
 15. Toledo Health and Retiree Center annual reports, 1963, 1965-73, 1975
 16. Toledo Health and Retiree Center brochures

Box 2 [scrapbooks]

- 1-2. Newspaper clippings from local union newspapers, 1951-62
3. Newspaper clippings from the Toledo Times, 1951-58
- 4-6. Newspaper clippings from the Toledo Blade, 1952-60

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- Federal Labor Union No. 18384 charter, 1933
Newspaper clippings about the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, 1961-83