

Gilbert M. Orr Scrapbooks, ca. 1939-ca. 1949

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Scope and content: A collection of two scrapbook volumes and thirty-six folders of newspaper articles and ephemera compiled by Gilbert "Gillie" M. Orr, a nationally prominent authority on the Tennessee Walking Horse, comprised chiefly of his "Speaking of Horses" articles, a weekly newspaper column published in the Nashville Banner during the 1940s. Includes a few photographs, ephemera, and additional publications pertaining to horse shows, horse races, equestrian riders, equine breeds, and various Tennessee stables such as the Haynes Haven Stock Farm in Spring Hill, Tennessee and the Milky Way Farms in Pulaski, Tennessee. Additional sources provide information about Shelbyville's Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and Maury County Mule Day, as well as some articles about horse racing, show horses, equestrians, and horse breeding in the United States. The scrapbooks contain a few Christmas cards, as well as a Nashville Banner editorial article "Monstrous Blasphemy," an anti-Hitler article written by George Armistead, Sr. (June 25, 1940).

Container List

SCRAPBOOKS (2 volumes)

Box 1

Scrapbook, May 28, 1940-May 10, 1941

Scrapbook, May 16, 1941-Oct. 17, 1941

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND EPHEMERA

Box 2 (folders 1-7)

- f.1 Article by Gilbert M. Orr: "A few facts about a few homes in Maury County, Tennessee," n.d.
- f.2 Articles by Gilbert M. Orr: "Haynes Peacock is dead;" "Mystery Man."
- f.3 Article by Gilbert M. Orr: "The Tennessee Walking Horse," n.d.
- f.4 Ephemera, ca. 1946 (15 items)
- f.5 Gilbert M. Orr metal photograph
- f.6 Obituary of William Mack Orr
- f.7 "The Quarter Horse;" "The Palamino;" "The Hackney" (typescript), n.d.
- f.8 "Winners Pulaski," ca. May 24, 1944

Box 3 (folders 1-22)

- f.1 *Banner* newspaper pages, ca. 1941-ca. 1942
- f.2 *Banner* newspaper pages, May 7, 1945
- f.3 *Banner* newspaper pages, 1945-1946
- f.4 *Banner* newspaper pages, ca. 1946
- f.5 *Banner* newspaper, June 20, 1947. Note: Includes a feature article about Cassandra Jackson, a 5-year old girl who won a Blue Ribbon in the Maury Horse Show.
- f.6 *Banner* newspaper pages, 1949
- f.7 *Banner* tribute to Gilbert M. Orr, May 11, 1949; May 13, 1949
- f.8 Miscellaneous clippings, ca. 1940-ca. 1942. Includes some newspaper pages.
- f.9 Miscellaneous clippings, 1943. Includes some newspaper pages.
- f.10 Miscellaneous clippings, 1944
- f.11 Miscellaneous clippings, 1945
- f.12 Miscellaneous clippings, 1946
- f.13 Miscellaneous clippings, 1947

- f.14 Miscellaneous clippings, 1948-1949
- f.15 Miscellaneous clippings, n.d.
- f.16 "Speaking of Horses" newspaper column, 1940-1942
- f.17 "Speaking of Horses" newspaper column, 1943
- f.18 "Speaking of Horses" newspaper column, 1944
- f.19 "Speaking of Horses" newspaper column, 1945
- f.20 "Speaking of Horses" newspaper column, 1946-ca. 1949
- f.21 "Speaking of Horses" newspaper column, n.d.
- f.22 "The Tennessee Plantation Walking Horse Comes to Madison Square Garden," *New York Times*, Nov. 8, 1939. Note: badly deteriorated condition.

Box 4 (folders 1-6)

- f.1 "Blue Ribbon" magazine memorial tribute article about the life of Gilbert MacWilliams Orr, ca. 1949 (photocopy)
- f.2 Lynne Brannen material, ca. 1940s
- f.3 Scrapbook sheets, Dec. 7, 1939 (2 sheets)
- f.4 Scrapbook sheets, 1941 (6 sheets)
- f.5 Scrapbook sheets, 1942 (5 sheets)
- f.6 Scrapbook sheets, 1942 (4 sheets)