

Guide to the Four–Minute Men, Women’s Division Scrapbook, 1918 - 1919

Title: Four–Minute Men, Women’s Division Scrapbook, 1918-1919

Creator: Four–Minute Men, Women’s Division, Birmingham

Extent: 1 scrapbook

Inclusive Dates: 1918-1919

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ABSTRACT

One scrapbook containing newspaper clippings and other materials about this organization, whose members gave speeches in support of World War I.

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY:

During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson established the Committee on Public Information (CPI) to manage news and encourage widespread support for the war at home. George Creel, the director of the CPI, organized volunteers to give brief speeches (no more than four minutes) in support of the war wherever they could get an audience. The group of volunteers became known as the “Four-Minute Men.” The Women’s

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division of the Birmingham Four-Minute Men spoke at theaters and public gatherings of women. The Women's Division formed a chorus and sang at public events. They also participated in all patriotic drives. They marched in parades and spoke at theaters and moving picture shows. The group strongly supported patriotic drives and often spoke on the behalf of the Red Cross. In February 1919, the Four-Minute Men were disbanded nationally.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

The collection is comprised of one scrapbook containing documents from 1918-1919. The scrapbook contains mostly newspaper clippings discussing the conferences and programs of the Four-Minute Men and the Four-Minute Men's Women's Division. The scrapbook also contains programs from banquets and conferences, as well as letters pertaining to awards and the honorable discharge of the Four-Minute Men. The group strongly supported patriotic drives and often spoke on the behalf of the Red Cross.

CONTAINER LIST:

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