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Barbara J. Lewellin Whalen  
Collection, 1949-1951

Collection 347

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Shalini Smith, May 2022

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Barbara J. Lewellin Whalen

**Inclusive Dates:** 1949-1951

**Physical Description:** 1 box, (1 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Barbara J. Lewellin Whalen collection materials were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Paul L. Whalen in May 2022.

**Access:**

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**Biographical Note:**

Barbara J. Lewellin Whalen was born January 8, 1928 in Macomb, Illinois and died on February 3, 2022 in Lexington, Kentucky. Early in her childhood, her family relocated to Monmouth, Illinois. As a child, she was involved with various organizations and activities including Girl Scouts and penmanship competitions. She graduated salutatorian from Monmouth High School as part of the class of 1945. Further educational pursuits include receiving degrees from both Cumberland College and Union College. Later, she graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Masters in Library Science. Following her education, Barbara worked as a children's librarian at the Deer Park Branch of the Cincinnati Public Library and later as a librarian at the University of Kentucky. On July 16, 1954, she married Boz Whalen.

Her ties to the Champaign County area are through the First Methodist Church of Urbana where she served as the director of religious education from 1949 through 1951.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains three scrapbooks featuring newspaper clippings, photos, and ephemera regarding First Methodist Church, engagement announcements in the area, and various Champaign Urbana social gatherings. There are also photographs and ephemera from other locations, including Wisconsin, Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee.

**Subject Terms:**

First Methodist Church of Urbana (Urbana, Ill.)

Methodist

Scrapbooks

Urbana High School (Urbana, Ill.)

Urbana (Ill.)



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Wesleyan Service Guild  
Women's Society of Christian Service

**Name Terms:**

Lewellin, Barbara J.  
Lewellin, Lawrence  
Lewellin, Sarah  
Whalen, Barbara J. L.

**Container List**

**Box 1:**

3 scrapbooks, 1949-1951