

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Nancy J. Peairs Ramos Scrapbook Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1932 - 1939
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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## Brief History

Nancy Jane Peairs documented her years at Unit 5 in two scrapbooks. They mainly included Junior High and Senior High school. There was some Elementary school news and programs. She also noted many of the activities at University High School where she attended at least one summer school session.

Nancy's selection of newspaper articles, programs, invitations, and memorabilia documented her interests. There were numerous sports articles throughout both scrapbooks, as well as newspaper accounts of plays and concerts along with their programs. Club memberships and holiday dance favors reflected social involvement.

Nancy did not write personal notes or observations in either scrapbook. Her report cards, which always contained high marks, were signed by her father, Ralph P. Peairs, local physician.

## Scope

This collection covers Nancy Jane Peairs school experiences from late elementary through high school in the Unit 5 School District. There are two scrapbooks. Scrapbook 1 is divided into Home Room, Girl Reserves, Boy Scouts, Jr. High News, Our Good Times, Snaps, Signatures, P.T.A., School Board, Sports/Graduation, Cub, Boy, Eagle Scouts Activities, and Commencement.

Scrapbook 2 is not divided into sections. The first pages are numbered through 97 and bundled together according to arbitrary topics. The remaining 25 entries contain related articles.

## Box Inventory

### Scrapbook 1: Contents undated unless noted

#### Home Room

- 1.1 Eagle Home Room: school photo, song, colors, flower, officers, teacher.
- 1.2 Our School: 4 pages grade school newspaper articles and 2 photos
- 1.3 Two PTA Program copies, November 15 and February 14, Open House Notice, November 28, 1932.
- 1.4 Two pages newspaper grade school and junior high articles.
- 1.5 Notice PTA to be held May 8, 1933.
- 1.6 Two pages newspaper school news.
- 1.7 Program: Graduation Exercises, Normal Elementary Schools, June 1, 1933.

#### Girl Reserves

- 1.8 Two pages newspaper articles and photos

1.9 Girl Reserve Thanksgiving Vespers Service, November 20, 1932, 2 newspaper sports photos, 2 Girl Reserves programs.

### **Boy Scouts**

1.10 Seventeen pages newspaper articles and photos of activities, camping trips, awards.

### **Jr. High News**

1.11 Six copies of "The Jr. High News," from October 21, 1932 through April 20, 1933.

### **Our Good Times**

1.12 One paragraph description each of "Our Weiner Roast," and "Our Hallowe'en Party."

### **Snaps**

1.13 Six pages of unidentified snapshot photos, one larger 7" x 9 1/2" sports photo.

### **Signatures**

1.14 Nineteen handwritten names and addresses, seven handwritten careers student wished to pursue.

1.15 5 1/2" x 8" newspaper photo of Normal Jr. High Basketball Team

1.16 4 1/2" x 8" newspaper photo of Grade School Swimming Carnival

1.17 One page w/sports scores and articles

1.18 Two "Normal Junior" newsletter articles.

1.19 8" x 8" newspaper photo of Normal Junior High Championship Track Field Team.

1.20 Newspaper photo of young man fishing at Miller Park.

### **P.T.A.**

1.21 Five pages newspaper articles on Grade School, P.T.A., Garden Club, and Junior Band news, including one 4" x 8" photo.

Additional 5 pages on N.E.A., trophies, lectures, new schools, fire safety, short miscellaneous, as well as program from "Bon Voyage"

1.22 P.T.A. program, Open School Night N.C.H.S. program and schedule, Nov. 16, 1933.

P.T.A. Normal Public Schools dues reminder, December 8, 1933, P.T.A. meeting and play "The Candle in the Window," program December 11, 1933, P.T.A. meeting, January 8, 1934, other P.T.A. notices dated February 12, March 12, and May 7, 1934, and 2 pages newspaper articles and photos.

### **School Board, Sports/Graduation**

1.23 Three pages newspaper articles, 1 football photo.

1.24 Graduation Exercises, Normal Elementary Schools, May 31, 1934

1.25 Newspaper articles, 11 1/2" x 5" photo "Largest Class in History of Normal Central..."

1.26 Congratulatory card and letter.

1.27 Three 4<sup>th</sup> grade snapshots – 1929-30, miscellaneous

1.28 Program First Annual Illinois State Grade School Literary and Music Contest, April 7, 1934, NCHS. Newspaper article on winners.

## **Cub, Boy, Eagle Scouts**

- 1.29 Nineteen pages of scouting news, parades, camp trips w/photos

## **Activities, Graduation**

- 1.30 Jr. High Newspaper, September, 1933
- 1.31 St. Patrick's Day party invitation, NCHS Student Activities ticket 1933-34, Card Tally, Program May 25.
- 1.32 Three pages music/graduation newspaper articles
- 1.33 Baccalaureate Services, NCHS and Normal Schools, May 7, 1934, school music w/ 6" x 6" group photo in newspaper articles, 2 Christmas cards
- 1.34 Thomas Metcalf commencement program, 6" x 10" newspaper photo, newspaper article on Children's Theatre, Program, 7" x 4" photo, St. Patrick's Day party program. Personal letter, card. "Little Women" program, "Thomas Alva Edison" paper by Nancy Jane Peairs.
- 1.35 Certificate of Promotion to Nancy Jane Peairs to enter Normal Community High School, May 31, 1934.

## **Scrapbook 2: Contents undated unless noted**

- 2.1 Name card and photo of Nancy Peairs.
- 2.2 Table of Contents A – W penciled in, pages numbered to 97.
- 2.3 **Pages 1 – 5** include N.C.H.S football, basketball newspaper clippings w/photos.
- 2.4 **Page 6** - "Burglars Get an Education at N.C.H.S. – Learn Crime Does Not Pay," 8" x 5" newspaper photo with description.
- 2.5 **Page 7**- "Parent-Teacher Association" program.
- 2.6 **Pages 8 – 15** include N.C.H.S. football newspaper clippings w/photos.
- 2.7 **Pages 16 – 17** include Invitation to mother-daughter party, Homecoming Parade info.
- 2.8 **Pages 18 – 21** include N.C.H.S. football newspaper clippings, Family Night photo, 10" x 5" basketball team photo
- 2.8 **Pages 22 – 28** include invitations and programs to Presbyterian Church and school, plays, newspaper photos, intercity competition, glossy 7" x 10" school play cast, pupil daily school health record.
- 2.9 **Pages 29 – 36** N.C.H.S. basketball clippings w/photos, G.A.A. info.
- 2.10 **Pages 37 – 43** include basketball and FFA clippings w/photos.
- 2.11 **Pages 44 – 46** programs and newspaper clipping for plays.
- 2.12 **Pages 47 – 48** Basketball Tournament Schedule, March, 1935
- 2.13 **Pages 49 – 54** miscellaneous newspaper photos and articles for school plays, Family Night, Instructors.
- 2.14 **Pages 55 – 62** include N.C.H.S. track newspaper clippings w/photos, mother-daughter banquet, April 11, 1935.
- 2.15 **Pages 63 – 64** Hi-Tri Invitations, meetings, programs, April 27, 1935.
- 2.16 **Pages 64 – 74** Newspaper articles on intercity track, plays, N.C.H.S. track, senior class play photos, programs, baseball.
- 2.17 **Pages 75 – 79** Newspaper article on N.C.H.S service awards to students, painting w/photo, baseball, lectures, miscellaneous photos, "Junior High School to Receive Diplomas Wednesday," with 3" x 9" photo.

- 2.18 **Pages 80 – 83** “Graduation Exercises Normal Elementary Schools,” May 25, 1935. 12 name cards, 3 photos.  
**Page 84** is blank
- 2.19 **Pages 85 – 90** Newspaper articles on graduation, 93 newspaper photos of N.C.H.S graduates, 2 Student Activities Tickets, program/Bloomington High School Annual Style Show, June 6, 1935, article and style show photos, I.S.N.U. Pageant.
- 2.20 **Pages 91 – 97** “Senior Class Night,” University High School, June 10, 1935 program, “Thomas Metcalf Commencement,” June 11, 1935, address by Richard F. Dunn/photo, Millikin University brochure, postcard picture of Millikin w/half page Limerick by Fred Oxtory, Normal School news, 6 snapshots.  
**Page numbering stops**
- 2.21 Football news, scores, Homecoming, October 11, 1936, local football schedules, Assembly Committee Program – 16 pages w/photos.
- 2.22 “Placing Normal School Cornerstone,” photo/Eugene Field School, football articles w/photos – 3 pages.
- 2.23 Hi-Tri Club news, school awards, meetings – 3 pages.
- 2.24 “Little Women,” play at U-High program, photos 2-pages
- 2.25 Sports articles w/photos – 7 pages
- 2.26 Presbyterian Young People’s Rally, articles, program, photos, 1935 – 3 pages.
- 2.27 Basketball articles w/photos, Honor Society invitation, 4” x 6” photo teacher Ray Benbow’s new wife, Christmas party, program – 10 pages.  
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- 2.28 Nancy Peairs 1934-35 N.C.H.S. Report Card.
- 2.29 Basketball articles – 5 pages.
- 2.30 Program for 1935-1936 N.S.C.A.R. meeting (D.A.R.), basketball scores, opera to be performed w/photo, movie tickets, Nancy’s class schedule – 4 pages.
- 2.31 Basketball, Gamma Phi program, articles, and photos, Hi-Tri article and photo, ISNU play program, article, 1936 – 7 pages.
- 2.32 “We Are Here to Dedicate This Building to Service,” newspaper photo of new Normal post office 6” x 7 ½”
- 2.33 Basketball, Schedule for Normal Regional Tournament, 1936, photos, party invitation, snapshot – 7 pages.
- 2.34 “The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra,” program, March 13, 1936, N.C.H.S Family Night Band article, U-Hi circus, queen, plays, Illinois High School Speech League, Play Casts, tickets, invitations, photos – 10 pages
- 2.35 Newspaper articles about high school music ratings – 3 pages.
- 2.36 High School Track Meet newspaper articles w/photos’ “Normal Seniors Have Outing” photo – 7 pages
- 2.37 “Baccalaureate Services,” Normal Elementary Schools and N.C.H.S., May 24, xxxx program, “Smilin’ Through” N.C.H.S. Senior Class Play program, “The Youngest,” University High Senior Class play program, photos, newspaper articles include graduations, end of school year, awards, photos, valedictorian – 7 pages.
- 2.38 “Commencement Exercises,” N.C.H.S., May 29, 1936, program, Newspaper photos/NCHS senior class, 25 name cards, “Graduation Exercises of the Normal Elementary Schools,” program, newspaper photo/Normal Central Jr. High graduates – 7 pages.

- 2.39 Newspaper article for N.C.H.S. lettermen announcement, N.C.H.S. Guest card.
- 2.40 Commencement Exercises, University High, June 9, 1936, magazine/brochure photos, newspaper 4" x 6" photo of "Romeo and Juliet" characters at ISNU's Capen Auditorium, program for play, June 4,5,6, 1936. Arbogast –Morgan wedding party newspaper 7" x 6" photo, invitation to wedding, newspaper notice of wedding. Society news w/photos, Nancy Peairs N.C.H.S. Special Activities Ticket, Willard – Oakes wedding party newspaper 6' x 6" photo, newspaper notice of wedding, Summer Concert of ISNU, August 4, 1936 program. – 10 pages
- 2.41 Decatur Conference, Presbyterian, brochure, name tags, postcard, program. Newspaper football pictures, wedding announcement, Cleveland, Ohio postcard, Tridet invite, Nancy Peairs 1935-36 NCHS report card, 6 newspaper photos, "Young's Yarns" article, "Den of Sweets" menu – 8 pages
- 2.42 Newspaper articles/photos new teachers, 1936 N.C.H.S. football schedule, school news, football photos, Homecoming plans w/photo – 7 pages
- 2.43 Program for "Seventeen" play for Jr. class at University High, Nancy Peairs N.C.H.S. Activities Ticket, football schedules, newspaper photos, party invitations, 1936 High School Press Convention program, Honor Society invitation, newspaper article, official notice of induction into National Honor Society, National Honor Society of Secondary Schools Membership Card, party favors – 8 pages.
- 2.44 "Nancy Peairs Named President of Tuxis," 4" x 5 ½" photo/brass horn group, Music program, National Honor Society Annual Banquet program, table seating. Fifth Annual P.T.A. Founders' Day Dinner program, Hi-Tri Mother-Daughter program, Illinois State Orchestra Association, State Contest Festival program, April 30, May 1, 1937, I.H.S.A.A. Regional Basketball Tournament, March, 1937, N.C.H.S. play "Tiger House" and "Love Pirates of Hawaii" play programs. One empty envelope, 2 notes to Nancy praising school paper, N.C.H.S. Junior-Senior Prom invitation and dance card. - 9 pages
- 2.45 Newspaper article, "Seniors Give Play Before Big Crowd," letter protesting music director dismissal, newspaper photos of N.C.H.S. graduates. "N.C.H.S Will Graduate 90" w/photo Richard F. Dunn, speaker. 9 name cards, 8 photos/snapshots on page labeled "Maplewood," "Emperor Jones," play program at Capen July 22 & 23, 1937. Nancy Peairs University High School Summer Schedule, Agreement of instrument rental, Sept. 1, 1936, 3 ½ x 5 ½ photo of Percy Grainger, N.C.H.S. News card. – 9 pages.