



Burt and Ila Wermuth Papers UA.10.3.430

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
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Biographical Note

Burt Wermuth (August 20, 1879-February 23, 1956) graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (M.A.C., now Michigan State University) in 1902. He helped found the Sigma Mu Beta Literary Society at M.A.C. On June 23, 1909, he married Katherine A. Stevenson. Together they had one daughter, Rosetta (Rosa) Jane Wermuth (August 21, 1917-January 10, 1993). Katherine died on March 20, 1934 after a brief illness. Wermuth married Ila Amelia Leonard on September 7, 1935 in Holly, Oakland County, Michigan. Together they had two children, Arthur Burt and Mary Louella. Wermuth was an editor of the Michigan Farmer and was a farmer. He died in 1956 and was buried in Highland Cemetery, Oakland County, Michigan.

Ila Amelia Cole was born February 23, 1899 to Myron E. Cole (1866-1939) and Louella Damode Cole (1877-1958). She attended college for two years. On September 14, 1921, she

married Jonathan Clark Leonard (born December 9, 1896). On December 24, 1921, Leonard died of lobar pneumonia. In 1922, she became the women's editor of Michigan Farmer, a position she held until 1940. On September 7, 1935, she married fellow editor Burt Wermuth. She also worked as a lecturer for the Michigan State Grange, and was owner of the Old Indian Campground (Rose Township, Michigan) from 1941 to 1981. Ila Wermuth was involved in numerous organizations including Women's National Farm and Garden Association (past president of the Detroit branch), Women's Advertising Association of Detroit (past president), Michigan Nutrition Council (chair), Order of the Eastern Star, Michigan Centennial Farm Association Board of Directors (vice president), and the Fenton United Methodist Church (secretary). Wermuth died June 4, 1981 in Flint, Michigan.

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Scope and Contents

The Burt and Ila Wermuth papers consist of materials related to the Wermuths' time in the Grange. Included are lectures given by the Wermuths and others, Grange bulletins, a copy of the October 1944 Michigan Patron, information on pageants, lectures and essays by various state of Michigan professors, an October 1950 Grange Master Address, radio talks, the Master Farmers of Michigan member list and history, as well as activity, games, and music suggestions. Also included is material related to their daughter Mary's time in 4-H clubs including certificates, club member reports, and enrollment forms. The collection also contains a Moral Rearmament brochure for a national assembly and the publication "New World News Presents a World Force a World Idea."

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Processing Information

The material came in folders in binders containing material that was similar in nature and overlapped (talks, bulletins, activity material). The archivist chose to leave the material grouped together and refolder it as it was originally donated rather than disassemble the folders and rearrange the contents of the folder. Thus, some of the material overlaps between folders.

Processing Information

Record group changed from 00263 to UA 10.3.430 to reflect Wermuth's connection to Michigan State University. M. Badgley-Malone, January 2023

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Controlled Access Headings

- Agriculture -- Michigan -- Societies, etc.
- Farmers -- Michigan
- Moral re-armament
- Michigan farmer
- Letters (correspondence)
- Newsletters
- Programs (Publications)
- Radio speeches
- Speeches, addresses, etc.
- Wermuth, Mary L., 1943-

- Michigan 4-H Youth Programs
- Michigan Master Farmers
- Michigan State Grange
- Michigan State University. Alumni and alumnae
- Moral Re-armament (Organization)
- Wermuth, Mary L., 1943-

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
A Brief History of the Michigan Farmer [newspaper], circa 1932	box 6549	folder 1
[Burt Wermuth's] Radio Talks , 1942-1943	box 6549	folder 2
Correspondence, Radio Talks, Homemaking Advice, State Baking Contest , 1934-1938	box 6549	folder 3
Grange Centennial , 1967, 1973	box 6549	folder 4
Grange games, songs, annual meeting programs, ribbon, and schedule, 1940-1953	box 6549	folder 5
[Grange Lecturer materials], 1943-1953	box 6549	folder 6-7
Grange Master Address , October 1950	box 6549	folder 8
Lectures or Essays by professors from Michigan institutions , undated	box 6549	folder 9
Grange Lecturer's Bulletin , 1945-1947	box 6550	folder 1
Lecturer's Bulletin , 1947-1951	box 6550	folder 2
Mary Wermuth 4-H Club , 1954-1960	box 6550	folder 3
The Master Farmers of Michigan lists for 1926-1929 and 1926-1940, 1926-1940	box 6550	folder 4
Michigan Master Farmers Class of 1930 Presentation Banquet program, 1930	box 6550	folder 5
Michigan Patron newsletter, October 1944	box 6550	folder 6
New World News Presents a World Force a World Idea publication on Moral Re-Armament and brochure for Moral Re-Armament National Assembly, 1950, 1952	box 6550	folder 7
Pageants , 1934	box 6550	folder 8
Talks and Misc., 1934, 1937-1938, 1951-1955, undated	box 6550	folder 9
Talks etc. , 1939, 1942-1943, 1947-1951, undated	box 6550	folder 10