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**The Records of the Workingmen's Education and Social Club of St. Michael
Manuscript Group 34**

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3 boxes; 3 linear feet**

Biographical Note

The Workingmen's Education and Social Club was organized in August 1937 in St. Michael, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. The club provided an arena for informal socializing among the members of the community. St. Michael was predominately Russian and most club members were coal miners. Card games, pool, and dances were popular forms of entertainment at the club, with music provided by local bands. A library was assembled by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the club, and WPA citizenship classes and United States naturalization classes were also held at the club. The Workingmen's Education and Social Club met at the Thomas Lloyd Building in St. Michael, which the club membership shared with UMWA Local #3648. Although it flourished through the 1960s, waning membership forced the club to disband in 1986.

Scope and Content

The collection contains various papers from the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Local Union #3648, including check stubs, checkweighmen wage statements, the Berwind-White Coal Company employee list and dues information. The Club's meeting minutes and various publications about socialism, including *American Family Almanac* and the *Fight for Socialism*, are also part of the collection.

Provenance

Unknown.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Records rearranged and inventory rewritten by Special Collections in 2014.

Container List

Box 1 (24 folders)

1. The Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, Windber, Pennsylvania, Employee List, Dues, and Club Initiation fees
2. UMWA Local 3648: Applications for Membership, September 1933-September 1934
3. UMWA Local 3648: Ballots, 1936-1947
4. UMWA Local 3648: Checkweighman Wages Statements, September 1943-June 1945
5. UMWA Local 3648: Checkweighman Wages Statements, July, 1945-December 1946
6. UMWA Local 3648 Correspondence September 19, 1935-January 31, 1946
7. UMWA Correspondence to Districts and Locals in general
8. UMWA Local 3648 Employee Statements on initiation fees, December 15, 1933-September 1935
9. UMWA Employee transfer card numbers, 1945-1947
10. UMWA Local 3648 Finances "Bluewinner" Cover, 1940

11. UMWA International Secretary-Treasurer receipts, June 1936-December 1947
12. UMWA Local 3648 Office of Secretary-Treasurer receipts/expenditures, April 22, 1935-June 24, 1948
13. UMWA Local Union 3648 receipts for dues
14. UMWA Local 3648 Secretary-Treasurer reports for Exoneration (with application), May 1934-May 1946
15. UMWA Local 3648 statements from Louis Blanchetti to James Patterson (re: war bonds), September 1943-June, 1945
16. UMWA transfer cards, January 1947-March 1948
17. UMWA transfer cards, April 1930-November 1946
18. UMWA Local 3648 union member statements repayment to District No.2, October 1935-September 1936
19. Miscellaneous tax information
20. Miscellaneous correspondence/documents
21. Miscellaneous
22. UMWA Local 3648 list of employee dues, initiation fees, and assessments, July 1947-October 1947
23. UMWA Local 3648 lists of employee dues, initiation fees and assessments, November 1947-May 1948
24. UMWA Local 3648 Check stubs, 1936-1947
25. UMWA Local 3648 membership cards

Box 2 (4 folders and 9 publications)

1. UMWA Local 3648 Union Membership cards
2. Cancelled checks-Workingman's Educational and Social Club, 1943
3. Library Loan Book, Constitution and By-Laws, and miscellaneous
4. Request Forms-Change of Beneficiary and Interest Due forms-South Slavonic Catholic Union of America

Publications

1. Solomon, Charles. *The Albany Trail*
2. Svetovna Vojna In Odgovornost Socializma
3. Neverov, Alexander. *Taskent: Kruha Bogato Mesto*
4. Beg Iz Teme, 1926 (3 copies)
5. Malek, Ivan. (1934). *Velike Mravljisce.*
6. Loncar, Dragatin. (1930). *Kako Je Nastalo Danasnji Delavstvo In Njegovo Gebanje.*
7. Shachtman, Max. (1946). *The Fight For Socialism.*
8. Malek, Ivan. *Socialni Ideali*
9. Keracher, John. *Kako Si Ji Clavek Ustaril Boga*

Box 3 Publications and Club Meeting Minutes (11 publications)

1. Proletarec (periodical), April 29, 1926
2. Ameriski Druzenski Kolidar (American Family Almanac), 1934
3. Pionier Volkskalendar, 1933
4. Papezeva Enciklika Raztrgana, 1931
5. Price Evelucije In Adami Pred Adamon (3 copies)

6. Malek, Ivan. *Elementi Moderne Izobrazbe*
7. Club Meeting Minutes, 1932-1945 (in Russian)
8. Club Meeting Minutes, 1937-1947 (in Russian)
9. Club Meeting Minutes, 1966-1973 (in Russian)