

**Akron Beacon Journal Spelling Bee News Clippings  
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VOLUME: 1 box, .5 LF

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Ralph Lula, who compiled these clippings, was the promotion director for the *Akron Beacon Journal* for over 40 years and taught journalism at the University of Akron. He served as director of the annual regional spelling bee sponsored by the *Beacon Journal* and was also director of the All-American Soap Box Derby. His obituary appeared November 23, 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of newspaper clippings about the annual regional spelling bee for the years 1953-55, 1957, and 1964-65. The clippings are primarily from the *Akron Beacon Journal*, but some are from other local area newspapers such as the *Canton Repository* and the *Medina Daily Leader Post*, and a few are from Washington D.C. area newspapers with coverage of the national bee.

ARRANGEMENT: 1 box with 12 folders arranged chronologically

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**Box 1:**

- Folder 1: 1953 bee, October 12, 1952 to April 22, 1953
- Folder 2: 1953 bee, April 22, 1953 to June 12, 1953
- Folder 3: 1954 bee, October 25, 1953 to May 3, 1954
- Folder 4: 1954 bee, May 3, 1954 to May 24, 1954
- Folder 5: 1955 bee, January 3, 1955 to April 13, 1955
- Folder 6: 1955 bee, April 15, 1955 to August 31, 1955
- Folder 7: 1957 bee, September 28, 1956 to April 13, 1957
- Folder 8: 1957 bee, April 13, 1957 to June 8, 1957
- Folder 9: 1964 bee, December 13, 1963 to April 9, 1964
- Folder 10: 1964 bee, April 9, 1964 to June 28, 1964
- Folder 11: 1965 bee, January 17, 1965 to April 6, 1965
- Folder 12: 1965 bee, April 6, 1965 to July 3, 1965