

BRIEF INVENTORY**MSS. Collection #79****Title:** Metropolitan Council of Negro Women Collection**Dates:** 1946 – 1975**Quantity:** 1 box**Types of Material:** scrapbooks containing photos, corresp. and printed certificates, clippings, programs and brochures**Accession Numbers:** 1986.25.1-2

Brief Description: The Metropolitan Council of Negro Women was organized in Greensboro in 1946 as a branch of the National Council of Negro Women (the national organization was the creation of Mary McLeod Bethune). From its inception, the organization's primary emphasis was upon childcare and, under the directorship of Grace Lewis, it moved immediately to establish a day-care center and nursery in 1947. The Metropolitan Council also became involved in community beautification and assistance to African-American college students. The collection includes photos of the nursery, and histories of both the local and national organizations.

Materials include: programs related to the Mary McLeod Bethune memorial (1962-63); a clipping/photo showing Bethune with members of the Greensboro Council (1946); various brochures and programs related to the National Council (ca. 1949-65), including "This is Our Day", the story of Bethune (nd?); minutes of Greensboro Council meetings (1961); correspondence from the National Council (1961-75); photos of activities at the nursery (ca. 1960); and a program for graduation exercises at the nursery school (1957).

Major Names/Subjects: African-Americans (GSO)
Bethune, Mary McLeod
Eccles, Mattie R.
Lewis, Grace D.
Metropolitan Council of Negro Women (GSO)
National Council of Negro Women (Washington, D.C.)
Schiffman, Ruth

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