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BETTY PEEBLES COLLECTION

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Betty Peebles Collection

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Abstract
A collection of magazines, scorecards, scorebooks and articles related to Betty Peebles.

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Access
By appointment during regular business hours, email research@baseballhall.org.

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Provenance
This collection was donated by Peebles’ niece, Lynne Robinson in 2013.

Biography
Betty Peebles, born Brookhouser in 1913, worked for Erie Printing, and then served as an account executive with Yount Co. and Mitchell-Knepper advertising agencies starting in the 1940s. Soon she became Erie's first female baseball reporter, penning a column "The Women's Angle on the Erie Sailors" in the Erie Dispatch Herald, creating a radio program "The Woman's Angle on Baseball" for WJOC radio in Jamestown, NY and writing a monthly column for Baseball Magazine of Washington. This was in addition to writing frequent articles for regional and national baseball publications.
In 1950, she married Ray Peebles, who was a business manager for the Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh farm teams and a former sports editor. Their wedding invitation was shaped like a baseball. They spent several years living in the South, Midwest and New York working for various professional baseball teams before returning to Erie.

In 1967, she was named women's editor of the Erie Times, where she covered women's news until her retirement in 1983. Her civic work to baseball was as a founding member of Team Erie, the group of volunteers that led the drive to build what became Jerry Uht Park. Her work as organizer, publicist and advocate for the project was tireless. Betty would become a familiar figure at the ballpark as a longtime season ticket holder for the Erie Seawolves.

Among her many honors, Betty was most proud of her 2005 induction into the Metropolitan Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame alongside her late husband, and also being named the first female "Baseball Person of the Year" by the Erie County Umpires Association and Dr. Gertrude Barber Center.

Source: http://www.obitsforlife.com/obituary/718830/Peebles-Betty.php

**Scope and Content**
This collection of material gives an insight into Betty Peebles’ life as a woman in baseball in the 1950s. Her articles, “The Woman’s Angle” published in *Baseball Magazine* are insightful and a great read. At that time, she was known as “The Hot Stove Hostess”. Her three scorebooks are primarily Erie Sailor games between 1944 – 1946 and 1997 - 1999. She has also scored two 1945 World Series games and a 1955 World Series game. An item of interest are her four scorebook covers, she designed in 1947 while working for Lou Jacobs, Sportservice, Inc.

**Separated**
Photographs are separated to the Photo Archives.

**Controlled Access Terms**
These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog.

**Corporate Names**
Baseball Magazine
Erie Dispatch-Herald
Erie Baseball Club, Pennsylvania
Erie Sailors Baseball Club
Erie Seawolves Baseball Club
Mid-Atlantic League
PONY League (PA-Ontario-NY)
NY-Pennsylvania League
Ainsworth Field, Pennsylvania

Personal Names
  Peebles, Betty 1913 – 2013
  Peebles, Ray
  Laughlin, Jim

Subject Headings
  Baseball history – Erie, PA
  Scorecards
  Scorebooks
  Statistics
  Financial statements

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