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➤ Charles Chuckovits Collection, 1939 to 1996 ◀  
UM 91

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**Provenance:** Mrs. Charles Chuckovits (via William Jones); Barbara Floyd, 6/11/96;

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**Processing Note:**

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### **Biographical/Historical Sketch**

Charles Chuckovits was born July 10, 1912. He was a native of Akron where he was an All-Star basketball player at St. Vincent's High School for three years. In 1936, he started his basketball career at the University of Toledo where he was the unanimous choice for All-Ohio teams during his entire collegiate career and in 1937-1938, he was chosen for the All-Star America teams.

Mr. Chuckovits scored 41 points to establish a collegiate single-game scoring record in 1937 and still stands as the eight highest scorer in the University's history. He also has the sixth highest career average per game and has the tenth highest single-season point total.

Later, Mr. Chuckovits played professional basketball with teams in Indiana and Ohio and coached at Toledo Waite and Holland, Ohio, high schools before entering the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943.

Active as a basketball official for many years, Mr. Chuckovits officiated in the National Basketball Association and its predecessor, the National Professional Basketball League, for seven years and later in the Big Ten Conference. He also officiated in the Mid-American, Missouri Valley, and Western Conferences.

In 1947, Mr. Chuckovits joined Owens-Illinois as a personal assistant in the Libbey Glass manufacturing in Toledo shortly after receiving a master of Education degree from the University of Michigan. He married, had two daughters, and became the manager of the Industrial Relations Department of the Libbey Glass Company.

Chuckovits is a member of the Akron Hall of Fame and the Greater Toledo Hall of Fame. He also was the recipient of the University of Toledo Outstanding Alumni Award in 1963 and received the Ella P. Stewart Award in 1964 for involvement in educational programs for the inner city.

He was the president of Toledo Amateur Basketball Federation and also chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Recreation Commission. He served with many other civic groups. He retired from Owens-Illinois and died August 12, 1991, at the age of 79.

**Charles Chuckovits  
Papers, 1939-1996**

**Scope and Content Note**

Collection consists of a copy of a scrapbook documenting the professional basketball career of Charles Chuckovits, an inductee into the National Basketball Hall of Fame. Included are the copies of clippings, programs, etc. that detail the history of professional basketball in Toledo in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The scrapbook was assembled by Bill Jones, who played on the UT basketball team with Mr. Chuckovits. Also included is a folder of newspaper clippings and a folder of photographs, acquired from the estate of Mr. Chuckovits. Also included are the miscellaneous ephemera, including a trophy from the Motor City Classis in 1956 and two lapel pins- one from the Big Ten Conference and the other from the Missouri Valley Conference.

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**Folder List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
1	1	Basketball Programs
1	2	Newspaper Clippings
1	3	Photographs
1	4	Scrapbook, 1938-1996 Artifacts