

OHRAB Interim Report

Submitted by the Shelby Cycle Historical Society

Tuby Talk Digitization Project

This project will digitize approximately 6,250 pages of Tuby.Talk and Outlook newsletters (1947–2002) from the ArcelorMittal collection in Shelby, Ohio. These materials document the development of Ohio's seamless tube industry and its workforce. Digitized files will be created using archival best practices and made publicly accessible through Ohio Memory, improving access to significant historical records while ensuring long-term preservation.

To-date, 18 years of Tuby Talks have been digitized, from 1950 to 1968, representing about 1/3 of the collection. It was discovered that the issues were 16 pages, representing 3,456 pages scanned. Tuby Talks from 1947 to 1949 were already digitized under an Ohio Local History Alliance grant. The project director is currently preparing the files to send to Ohio Memory for upload.

Expenses: Purchased a 2TB external hard drive for \$105.99.

Volunteer time spent: The project director has spent 30 hours on the project to-date.

Although only one third of the collection has been digitized, it represents more than half of the estimated pages in the collection. Twelve pages per issue were estimated in the grant application, but in fact, each issue contains 16 pages. It is anticipated that the project will be finished by Dec. 31.

When the first batch of Tuby Talks is uploaded to Ohio Memory, a press release will be sent to local media. A press release announcing the grant has been postponed until issues with our Ohio Memory account discovered when we were finalizing our previous OHLA grant, were fixed. We will also create Facebook and Instagram posts to generate interest in the publication.