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Guide to the Elmer G. Larson Papers, 1925-1985

Title

Elmer G. Larson Papers (MSS Larson)

Dates

1925-1985 (inclusive)

Creator

Larson, Elmer G.

Summary

The Elmer G. Larson Papers consist of materials documenting Larson's student years at Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) and his participation in alumni activities after graduation. Larson graduated from OAC in 1930 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Quantity

0.05 cubic foot, including 3 photographs (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Elmer Gustaf (Al) Larson enrolled at Oregon Agricultural College in 1924 and attended through spring 1926; he returned in fall 1927 until June 1930, when he earned a BS degree in mechanical engineering. Larson was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity and was involved in the honor societies for mechanical engineering and forensics. After graduation, Larson settled in Portland, where he established the Blue Bus Company which provided mass transit service to and within the Portland suburbs. In 1970, Tri-Met acquired the company. Larson was born November 24, 1906 in Astoria, Oregon, and graduated from North Bend, Oregon, High School in 1924. Larson died in San Diego, California, in August 1987.

Content Description

The Elmer G. Larson Papers consist of materials documenting Larson's student years at Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) and his participation in alumni activities after graduation. The collection includes a laboratory notebook for a chemistry course taken by Larson in spring of 1925. Materials for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1930 in 1980, including a list of class members, are part of the collection. The photographs include a color group portrait of the Class of 1930 at their 55th reunion in 1985, made by Hise Studio, and group photographs of members of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star organizations of which Larson and his wife, Hilda, were members.

Preferred Citation

Elmer G. Larson Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The materials were donated to the Archives in 2009 on behalf of Larson's family.

Related Material

The OSU Archives' holdings include many collections created and assembled by alumni. The [Alumni Association Records \(RG 035\)](#) include substantial materials documenting alumni activities, including class reunions. The [Alfie Nelson Laboratory Notebook](#) is for a Household Chemistry course taken in 1921-1922.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College. Class of 1930.

Oregon State University--Alumni and alumnae.

Topics

Chemistry--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Other Creators

Hise Studio.