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Guide to the Effie L. Wagner Scrapbook of the Women's Debate Tour, 1928

Title

Effie L. Wagner Scrapbook of the Women's Debate Tour (MSS WagnerEffie)

Dates

1928 (inclusive)

Creator

Wagner, Effie L.

Summary

The Effie L. Wagner Scrapbook documents the 1928 Women's Debate Tour of several colleges and universities in the western United States. Three members of the Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) varsity women's debate squad (Effie Wagner, Dorothy E. Williams, and Helen B. Woodward) travelled to five campuses over a three-week period. Effie L. Wagner, graduated from OAC in 1928 with a degree in vocational education; she was manager of the women's debate squad.

Quantity

0.07 cubic foot, including 51 photographs (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Effie Louise Wagner graduated from Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) in 1928 with a BS in vocational education. She attended Oregon Normal School before enrolling at OAC in the fall of 1926. Wagner was born in Wilsonville, Oregon, on November 2, 1902; she died in Hood River, Oregon, in May 1982.

Wagner was manager of the women's debate squad during the 1927-1928 academic year. She was a junior high school teacher in Astoria, Oregon, after graduation. Wagner married George Felix Ackerman, who graduated from OAC in 1929 with a degree in mines.

Content Description

The Effie L. Wagner Scrapbook documents the 1928 Women's Debate Tour by three members of the Oregon Agricultural College varsity women's debate squad. The team visited Whitman College; the Universities of Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming; and the University of California in Los Angeles to uphold the negative side on the question of mass education. The three-week tour in February and March was the longest ever taken by the women's squad at that time.

The scrapbook consists of a narrative journal of the trip, photographs, newspaper clippings, and ephemera. The narrative describes various aspects of the tour including the train ride, interaction with students at the host colleges, impressions of the campuses they visited, sightseeing in California, and a send-off reception in Corvallis at the beginning of the tour. The photographs depict Wagner and her teammates Dorothy E. Williams and Helen B. Woodward on the train, visiting the college campuses, and touring in California.

In addition to numerous articles about the tour, the clippings include articles about the Oregon Agricultural College men's debate and speech contests; articles about other student activities; and news stories about George (Felix) Ackerman, whom Wagner later married. Ephemeral items include postcards, an itinerary, and brochures.

Preferred Citation

Effie L. Wagner Scrapbook of the Women's Debate Tour, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The scrapbook was donated to the Archives by Wagner's granddaughter in 2008.

Related Material

The Archives' collections include a variety of materials pertaining to debate and speech activities at Oregon State, including the Speech Communication Department Records (RG 181) and the Drama, Debate, and Oration Scrapbooks for 1920-1963. The [Memorabilia Collection](#) includes several folders pertaining to debate and forensics activities at Oregon State. The Archives' holdings also include many scrapbooks that document the student experience during this period, including the [C.B. Mitchell University Theater Scrapbooks](#), [Associated Men's Halls Scrapbook](#), [Cauthorn Club Records \(RG 101\)](#), and [Daniel P. and Doris Dow Murphy Papers](#).

Subjects

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Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Topics

Debates and debating--Oregon--Corvallis.

Railroad travel--West (U.S.)

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Women--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.