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Guide to the Extension Bulletin Illustrations Photograph Collection, 1915-1963

Title

Extension Bulletin Illustrations Photograph Collection (P 020)

Dates

1915-1963 (inclusive)
1920-1946 (bulk)

Creator

Oregon State College. Federal Cooperative Extension Service.

Summary

The Extension Bulletin Illustrations Photograph Collection consists of images that were created and assembled for use in Oregon State College Extension Service publications and county reports. They document extension activities in agriculture, home economics, and youth programs.

Quantity

1.2 cubic feet, including 2200 photographs (8 boxes)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Historical Note

On July 24, 1911, Oregon Agricultural College's Board of Regents organized the Oregon Extension Service in response to requests from citizens of Oregon for assistance (particularly in agriculture) from the college. In May of 1914, nearly three years after Oregon had established its Extension Service, President Woodrow Wilson signed the federal Smith-Lever law, which provided federal money for the establishment of extension services in all states for developing off-campus programs, primarily in agriculture and home economics. The first home extension agents were hired in August 1917 to do wartime emergency work; several of the agents were retained by counties after World War I. By 1937, all counties had at least one county extension agent. During the Extension Service's first forty years, it concentrated on three traditional programmatic areas -- agriculture, home economics, and 4-H.

Arrangement

Most of the images are individually numbered, beginning with item number 379. The preliminary container list presents the images in numerical order with descriptions transcribed from the photographic prints.

Content Description

The Extension Bulletin Illustrations Photograph Collection consists of images (primarily black-and-white photographic prints) that were created and assembled for use in Oregon State College Extension Service publications and county reports. They document extension activities in agriculture, home economics, and youth programs. Of particular note are images of the World War II period including Bracero and other farm workers in the Emergency Farm Labor Service; other wartime extension activities; and the relocation of Japanese-Americans residing in Oregon.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Additional Reference Guides

[Preliminary item-level container list](#) available online.

Related Material

Photographs of the Bracero workers are also available online in the [Braceros in Oregon Photograph Collection](#). The [Extension Service Records](#) document the administration and programmatic activities of the OSU Extension Service. The OSU Archives' includes many collections of photographs documenting agriculture in Oregon as well as Extension Services activities in the state. Two collections of note are the Extension Service Photographs (P 62) and the Extension and Experiment Station Communications Photographs (P 120).

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

Topics

4-H clubs--Oregon.
Agricultural laborers--Oregon.
Agricultural machinery--Oregon.
Agricultural extension work--Oregon.
Agriculture--Oregon.
Crops--Oregon.

Home economics extension work--Oregon.
Livestock--Oregon.
World War, 1939-1945--War work--Oregon--Schools.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Glass negatives.
Nitrate negatives.
Photographic prints.

Other Creators

Oregon Agricultural College. Extension Service.
Oregon State University. Extension Service.