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1 box, 0.5 linear feet

Biographical Note

Ethyl Verna Oxley was born on December 7, 1891. She earned her Bachelor's degree in 1918 from the State Teachers College of Iowa. Ethyl Verna Oxley graduated with her Master's degree from Columbia University in 1924.

Before joining the Home Economics Department at Indiana State Teachers College in 1926, Ethyl Verna Oxley taught Home Economics to elementary and high school students in Iowa from 1911-1916. She was a prominent member of the faculty, and taught Home Economics from 1926 until her retirement in 1958. As the instructor of the Home Management Class, Oxley lived on campus in the Richards House and supervised student residents, who were taking her classes.

Scope and Content Note

The Ethyl Oxley papers are housed in one archival box. The collection contains newsletters and publications from the Home Economics Department, photographs of life at Indiana State Teachers College during Ms. Oxley's tenure, and other papers.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was first organized by Phillip J. Zorich in 1983. The collection was re-housed and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on December 13, 2018.

Container List

Box 1 (29 folders)

1. Home Economics Department
 - a. Indiana State Teachers College: Alumni News Bulletin – History, 1950, The Home Economics Department, written by Opal T. Rhodes, Director, URL: <http://libweb1.library.iup.edu/depts/speccol/All%20Finding%20Aids/Finding%20aids/MG%20or%20Col/MG13OxleyAlumniBulletinHomeEconomicsHistory.pdf>
 - b. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1953
2. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1954, URL: <http://libweb1.library.iup.edu/depts/speccol/All%20Finding%20Aids/Finding%20aids/MG%20or%20Col/MG13OxleyHomeEconomicsAlumniNews1954.pdf>
3. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1955

4. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1956
5. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1957
6. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1958
7. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1959
8. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1960
9. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1961
10. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1962
11. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1963
12. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1964
13. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1965
14. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1966
15. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1967
16. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1968
17. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1969
18. Home Economics: Alumni Newsletter, 1970
19. Home Economics: Department Alumni
20. Home Economics: Faculty List
21. History of Home Economics Department
22. Publications: "Teachers College Bulletin" and Teachers Home Making too
23. Home Economics: Alumni Yearly Meeting Minutes, 1958
24. Article of alumni paying tribute to Home Economic Leaders
25. Interview with Ethyl Oxley on history of the Home Economics Department
26. Photographs, 1-9
 1. Home Economics Department class picnic (six)
 2. McElhaney Hall, 1938-1939 (two)
 3. A road on the way to Indiana, Pennsylvania
 4. Vinegar Hill (North 9th Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania)
 5. Fisher Auditorium (built in 1931)
 6. East Campus (houses along Pratt Drive)
 7. A campus view of the Oak Grove
 8. View from the College Lodge (Hilltop Shelter)
 9. Loom purchased by the Home Economics Club, 1932, taken on the third floor of McElhaney Hall (two)
27. Photographs, 10-19
 10. Dining Room, 3rd floor, McElhaney Hall (12)
 11. John Sutton Hall
 12. Horse and buggy during the winter
 13. Helen Merriman, 1926-, Sylvia Wixson, 1937-1941, and Marion Wills, 1937-1944
 14. Mayday breakfast (14)
 15. Mrs. Helen Merriman and Mrs. Ruth Scott, Home Economics Instructors
 16. Miscellaneous photographs
 17. Ruth Scott at McElhaney Hall (arrived 1930, left 1937)
 18. Thomas Sutton Hall (two)
19. Miss Helen Merriman, Home Economics Teacher, URL:
<http://libweb1.library.iup.edu/depts/speccol/All%20Finding%20Aids/Finding%20>

[aids/MG%20or%20Col/MG13OxleyB1F27P18HelenMerrimanHomeEconomicsTeacher.jpg](#)

28. Photographs, 20-26
 20. Home Economics Cafeteria Students
 21. Mining Town near Indiana, Pennsylvania
 22. People in a car at the Hilltop Shelter (near the present day College Lodge)
 23. Hilltop Shelter, forerunner of College Lodge
 - a. Enjoying ice cream at the Hilltop Shelter: Miss Oxley, Miss Merriman, Miss Clements, and Miss Irene Bohren, 1929, URL:
<http://libweb1.library.iup.edu/depts/speccol/All%20Finding%20Aids/Finding%20aids/MG%20or%20Col/MG13OxleyMG13OxleyB1F28P22CollegeLodge1929.jpg>
 24. A horse that carried food from McElhaney to the Hilltop Shelter
 25. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Foster (ISTC College President) on May Day, 1929
29. Photographs, 27 (a-k)-28
 - 27a. Richards House gang; Richards House (2 photographs)
 - 27b. Richards House and Richards House Dining room (7 photographs)
 - 27c. Richards House; Home Economics students in front of Home Management House on S. 11th St.; 911 School St. Indiana PA, where Olive, Pearl, and Holly lived when I left: Richards House in 1932 (3 photographs)
 - 27d. Richard House on S. 11th St.; Richard House, Richards House (3 photographs)
 - 27e. Richards House dining room; Stairway in Richards House, Parlor of Richard House; Instructors' Room (Oxley) Richards House (4 photographs)
 - 27f. "My special group: from left to right: Sara Benson, Mary-Alice Watleys, Irene Bohren ("Ike they call her"), Isabelle Wilkinson. I haven't another like this one for my Kodak book so if you don't mind please send it back;" Richard House, At Richards House; Miss Ethyl Oxley's Room in Richards House; Next to Richards House (5 photographs)
 - 27g. Next door to Richards House on S. 11th Street; Next to Richards House on S. 11th St.; Richard House; Parlor Richard House (4 photographs)
 - 27h. Richard House; Richard House; Richards House (Home Management) on 11th Street; Richards House (4 photographs)
 - 27i. Richards House; Richard House; Richard House (3 photographs)
 - 27j. At Richards House; At Richards House; Home Management House Instructor Miss Ethyl Oxley, first teacher in Richards House; Miss Ethyl Oxley (4 photographs)
 - 27k. Parlor Richard House; unidentified; Richards House; Richards House; Richards House; Instructors' room – Richards House, Miss Ethyl Oxley, instructor, right; Students at Richards House, Miss Ethyl Oxley at right; Richards House Dining Room (8 photographs)
28. Unidentified (5 photographs)