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85 Stover, Oscar (circa 1912-1988) 1942-1947
.4 linear feet

INTRODUCTION

Charles Oscar Stover, best known as Oscar Stover, was the head of the instrumental music and director of the band for the Department of Music, Kansas State Teachers College, now known as Pittsburg State University, for two nonconsecutive years. The items in this collection were gathered during his tenure at KSTC. Included in this collection are correspondence, clippings, photographs, programs, and miscellaneous items.

DONOR INFORMATION

Some of the items were donated by Catherine Stover, Oscar Stover's wife. Other materials have been gathered by the Special Collections staff through the years.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Oscar Stover was born in Coffeyville, Kansas. He attended Coffeyville High School and Coffeyville Junior College, before earning a three-year teaching certificate at Kansas State Teachers College (KSTC). He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Music and Master of Science degree in Education in 1940 and 1946, respectively.

In 1942 he became the instructor of instrumental music and director the band at KSTC. He started the Modern Quintet in the spring of 1946 and they gave a total of 36 performances in three months. He was head of the Pittsburg Municipal Band in the summer of 1947. In August 1947, he accepted a position of head of the Music Department for the Coffeyville Public Schools and remained in that position for several years. From 1953 to 1960 he was the Assistant Director of Bands at Michigan State. He then went on to the position of director of the Music Department at Northwestern Oklahoma State for 16 years.

He was drafted into the armed services in 1943, to serve in the European theater of operations, and returned to KSTC in January of 1946. Stover was band-master of the 13th Airborne Division Band by the time he was discharged and he conducted one of two bands at the grand review to celebrate the end of World War II in New York City on Armistice Day (November 11).

He was a member of the National Education Association, Kansas State Teachers Association, Music Educators National conference and the Kansas Music Educators Association.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Oscar Stover Collection consists of two scrapbooks, presumably made by Stover. Concert Programs, newspapers clippings, photographs, and judges notes are also present in the collection. Each series is arranged chronologically.

FOLDER LIST

Biographical Series

f. 1 Clipping (Undated)

Scrapbook Pages Series

- f. 2 11 scrapbook pages containing: 4 programs; 35 photographs; 6 clippings; 4 miscellaneous items. (1943-1947)

Modern Quintet Series

- f. 3 The Modern Quintet 1946 Concert Season; this book contains a listing of their concerts, 3 letters, 6 clippings, and 2 photos.

Programs Series

- f. 4 Concert programs, Pittsburg Municipal Band, 1947

Judges Notes Series

- f. 5 Judges' notes for Stover's concert by Edmund James Sr., Chetopa, KS (Undated)

Scrapbook Series

- f. 6 List of materials in Scrapbooks 1 and 2. (1942-1947)