



MS030

Russell E. Edlefsen Papers

Donors/Creators: Edlefsen family

Inclusive Dates: 1951-1982

Bulk Dates: 1951-1959

Extent: .5 LF and 1 oversize illustration

Biographical History:

Russell Elmer Edlefsen (1906-1986) served four consecutive terms as the mayor of Boise, Idaho between 1951-1959. He was born September 30, 1906, in Preston, Idaho. Russell's father James L. Edlefsen, earlier served as mayor of Boise from 1936 to 1939. Russell Edlefsen worked for the Morrison-Knudsen Construction Company and the Idaho Department of Highways, the latter of which granted him a leave of absence when he was elected to serve his first term as mayor in 1951. In 1959 Edlefsen returned to his post at the Idaho Department of Highways after he completed his final term as mayor. He died in 1986.

Scope/Content Description:

This collection contains a brief biography of Russell E. Edlefsen, a 1953 speech Edlefsen gave at Bishop Kelly's Episcopal Silver Jubilee, correspondence, photographs, awards, newspaper/magazine clippings, and five copies of *Look* magazine (January 24, 1967- April 4, 1967). There is also an oversize illustration drawn by John G. Collias in 1951 of Edlefsen and his family in honor of Edlefsen's 45th birthday.

Conditions Governing Access: Collection is open for research.

Languages: Materials are in English.

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Box List/Inventory:

Box 1

Folder 1: Russell Edlefsen Biography

Folder 2: Leave of absence for Edlefsen from the Bureau of Highways for this period as Mayor, May 3, 1951

Folder 3: Happy Birthday Greeting from John G. Collias, 1951

Folder 4: Speech for Bishop Kelly's Episcopal Silver Jubilee, April 9, 1953

Folder 5: Awards, 1953-1959

Folder 6: Christmas card to Edlefsen from the Boise City Sewage Department, 1958

Folder 7: Photographs

Folder 8: Newspaper & Magazine Clippings, 1958-1982

Folder 9: *Look* magazine, January 24, 1967-February 21, 1967

Folder 10: *Look* magazine, March 7, 1967-April 4, 1967

Box 2 (Oversize)

Happy Birthday Greeting from John G. Collias, 1951

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