Western Electric Company photographs

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Western Electric Company photographs
Date (inclusive): late 1920s-1950s
Collection number: 1360
Creator: Western Electric Company
Extent: 15.8 linear feet of photographs.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
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Biography
The Western Electric Company, an American electrical engineering firm, was formed in 1872. In the late 1920s, Western Electric was actively involved in the conversion of theaters from silent to sound films. As the manufacturing arm of ATT, they developed and built a number of adapters and speakers specifically for use in motion picture theaters.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Western Electric Company photographs span the late 1920s-1950s and encompass 15.8 linear feet. The collection consists of nitrate negatives, safety negatives, and photographic prints depicting equipment, both sound-related and projection-related, manufactured by the Western Electric Company.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Subject photographs
Indexing Terms
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