Mike Connolly collection compiled by Val Holley

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mike Connolly collection compiled by Val Holley

Date (inclusive): circa 1936-1967

Date (bulk): 1950s-1960s

Collection number: 521

Creator: Holley, Val

Extent: 5 linear feet of papers.

Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Languages: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Val Holley, 2003

Biography

Mike Connolly was an American journalist and Hollywood gossip columnist. Born in Chicago, he got his start as a correspondent for "Variety" in that city. In 1946 he moved to Hollywood where he spent five years as a "Variety" columnist, sometimes writing under the name Alta Durant. From 1951 to 1966 he wrote the "Rambling Reporter" column for the "Hollywood Reporter." He also wrote a syndicated column for the "San Francisco Chronicle." Val Holley is a legislative and reference librarian in Washington D.C. Holley's book, "Mike Connolly and the Manly Art of Hollywood Gossip," was published in 2003. He previously wrote two biographies on James Dean.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

The Mike Connolly collection compiled by Val Holley spans the years circa 1936-1967 (bulk 1950s-1960s) and encompasses 5 linear feet. The collection consists of research material compiled by Holley for his book on Mike Connolly. There are clippings; correspondence, including printouts of email exchanges; annotated photocopies of trade articles and columns written by Connolly; reprints of press articles; interview transcripts; and notes.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series: 1. Subject files, subseries A-B as follows: A. General; B. Gossip columns.

Indexing Terms

columnists