
Barber School of Speech scrapbook 0270

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Date (inclusive): 1901-1980

Abstract: The Barber School of Speech scrapbook contains clippings, announcements, programs, notes, cards, and other types of printed ephemera, 1901-1980 (bulk 1922-1940), collected by Julia Barber, founder and director of the school. The scrapbook documents the activities of Mrs. Barber, a dramatic reader and speech coach, and her colleagues and pupils--their performances, recitals, debates, commencements, and public speaking appearances, both in Los Angeles and elsewhere in the United States.

creator: Barber, Julia, d. 1940

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Historical note

The Barber School of Speech was founded in Los Angeles in 1922 by Julia Barber, dramatic reader and speech coach. Originally housed in the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music, the school relocated to 1500 South Figueroa Street shortly after its founding, and then to various locations throughout Los Angeles including two locations on Western Avenue.

Scope and Content

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Barber School of Speech (Los Angeles, Calif.). -- Archives

Barber, Julia, d. 1940 -- Archives

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