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Sherman Paxton Lawton Collection

Lawton, Sherman Paxton (1908–1971). Papers, 1927–1968. 2 feet.

Professor. Television scripts and publicity (1951–1959) for “The Open Window”; radio scripts (1953) for “Labor’s Side of the News” and “Wake Up to Yesterday”; correspondence (1945–1961); manuscripts (ca. 1935–1960) of articles and short stories; curriculum material (1934–1960); and printed material (1927–1968) accumulated by Lawton while a professor of communication at the University of Oklahoma.

Box 1

Folder:

1. Correspondence, 1944-1947; contains many personal letters often from or about former students.
2. Correspondence, 1942-1952; contains many letters from television broadcast companies (many national) commenting on Lawton's work.
3. Correspondence, 1957-1959; letters are very general; includes "thank you" notes from Lawton to those who participated in conferences; also includes material on those who could or could not attend a conference.
4. Resume of Sherman P. Lawton (3 copies).
5. Program Types.
6. Open Window articles.
7. Conference; includes letters, flyers, and other miscellaneous materials; special emphasis on radio conference.
8. Book Reviews, Adoption of Text, and Royalty Agreements.
9. Yukon Commencement -- Address given May 22, 1962.
10. Ptah-Hotep -- regarding Egyptian rhetoric.
11. Micro-card publications on Oklahoma archaeology.
12. Educational Television -- includes various written and published materials.
13. "KELP" (Labor Unions) -- includes "The Missing Leader" by Bill Leigh; letter to the editor of *Labor's Daily*, April 15, 1953; and other typewritten material.

14. "Value"
15. "Report: Stephens College Visual Aids Program 1935-36" by Sherman P. Lawton.
16. "The Schools of Speech in Universities" by Sherman P. Lawton.
17. "Training for Television with Film" by Sherman P. Lawton.
18. "Test Trench" by Sherman P. Lawton.
19. "Sherman P. Lawton 1908-1971" -- a pamphlet by Alpha Epsilon Rho at the time of Lawton's death.
20. "A Burial in McCurtain County, Oklahoma" by Sherman P. Lawton (2 copies).
21. "OU Radio-TV Newsletter" -- vol. 1, no. 2 (January 1959) and vol. 2, no. 2.
22. "Broadcasting Is Paradoxical".
23. "An Immediate Program for Radio in Education" by Sherman P. Lawton, address given at the Third Annual Radio and Audio-Visual Education Forum, The University of Texas, August 15-16, 1946.
24. "Parents and Teachers as Partners" by Sherman P. Lawton.
25. Proposal "Pilot Program for the Training of Museum Personnel in Educational Television Production" by Sherman P. Lawton.
26. "Changes in U.S. Radio Programming, 1960-61" by Sherman P. Lawton (2 copies).
27. "The Corpse in the Mud" by Sherman P. Lawton.
28. "Wake Up to Yesterday" -- various broadcasts given in 1953.
29. *Beta Omicronian* -- 2 copies of the 1927 edition as well as 1 copy of the 1927 homecoming edition; published annually by the Albion Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.
30. *Hyde Park*; 2 copies of issue number 2 and one copy of issue number 5; undated.
31. "The Max Thomas Site" by Sherman P. Lawton (reprinted from the *Bulletin of the Anthropological Society*, vol. 6, March 1958 -- 2 copies).

32. "Test Excavations at the George Smith-1 Site Choctaw County, Oklahoma" by Sherman P. Lawton (2 copies).
33. "The Ambiguous Mirror: The Reflective-Projective Theory of Broadcasting and Mass Communications" by Lee Loevinger, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission; prepared for presentation to the NAB Regional Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia on October 17, 1967.
34. "Attitudes".
35. One copy of the *NAB Journal* (July-August 1962) and one copy of the *Plains Anthropologist* (August 1962).
36. Certificates and Citations.
37. Miscellaneous; includes various newspaper clippings and other printed materials.

Notebook for Radio Conference, 1946-47.

Scrapbook -- "The Open Window"

Radio-TV Scrapbook -- 1965.

Scrapbook -- KUVY: Promotion and Publicity and Souvenirs (beginning 1st semester 1954).

Projects for Radio Speech: A Manual for the Student -- by Henry L. Ewbank and Sherman P. Lawton.

The Basic Course in Radio

Theories Related to Oral Composition in England in the Eighteenth Century -- by Sherman P. Lawton.

Box 2

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1958-1958 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1954-1955 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1956-1957 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1958-1959 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1959-1960 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", Spring 1956 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1953, 1954, 1955 Seasons.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1951-1952 Season.

Binder: Outlines for "The Open Window", 1952-1953 Season.