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**Orville F. Linck Papers**  
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1936-1952, bulk 1936-1959

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**Accession Number:** WSP000152

**Creator:** Orville F. Linck.

**Acquisition:** Donated to the Reuther Library in 1963 and 2013.

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## **Abstract**

Dr. Orville F. Linck was a professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts at Wayne State University from 1940 to 1969. Born on November 15, 1906 in Detroit, Michigan, he graduated from Southwestern High School in 1922. As an undergraduate, he attended the City College of Detroit, lettered in both football and basketball, and graduated with a B.A. in 1927. He earned an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1929 and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1940.

Dr. Linck first came to Wayne University as an instructor in 1934. He worked as a graduate assistant and special instructor from 1934 to 1935, and as a substitute instructor from 1936 to 1937. In 1940, he was officially hired as an English professor at Wayne University. During his 29-year tenure as a WSU professor, Dr. Linck held positions on several faculty boards and produced an array of professional publications. Between 1943 and 1945, he took a leave of absence from the university to serve as a private in the United States Army during World War II. He was later awarded the rank of staff sergeant. One of the highlights of his professional career was serving as a professor of English literature at several colleges and universities in both Pakistan and India as a recipient of the Fulbright Award from 1956 to 1957. Dr. Linck retired from Wayne State University in 1969.

This collection consists primarily of research material gathered for the book "Kelsey the Commentator," edited by Linck and published in 1963. Also included are other writings by Dr. Linck, including correspondence, creative works, and teaching materials for his classes.

### **Important Names:**

Linck, Orville F. (1906-2006)

Kelsey, William Kline.

**Arrangement**

The collection is grouped by material type. Boxes 1-5 contain research material for "Kelsey the Commentator."

**Box 1**

1-24. Copies of the column "The Commentator", The Detroit News, 1936-1959.

**Box 2**

1-3. Copies of the column "The Commentator", The Detroit News, 1960-1962.  
4-11. Research notes.

**Box 3**

Notes relating to "The Commentator", n.d. (Seventeen legal pads.)

**Box 4-5**

Duplicate copies of the column "The Commentator", The Detroit News, n.d.

**Box 6**

1. Writing projects, n.d.
2. Class materials, writing projects, n.d.
3. Correspondence, writing projects, 1947-1958
4. Writing projects, notes, n.d.
5. Writing projects, research material, n.d.