

**Betty Bridgman Collection on the
West High School Class of 1932
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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Bridgman, Elizabeth Klein, 1915-1999
Title	Betty Bridgman Collection on the West High School Class of 1932
Date	1932-2000
Extent	2.0 boxes
Language	English

Biography

Elizabeth "Betty" Bridgman was a local poet, playwright, teacher, and speaker. Born Elizabeth Klein, she graduated from West High School in Minneapolis in 1932 and received her bachelor's degree in English literature from Hamline University in St. Paul. She married Donald Elliot Bridgman and they had 5 children. Bridgman published poems in national magazines and was the author of the books "This is Minnesota" and "Pioneers in Progress: Chorus for American Women."

She received many awards for her community service work, including the Rotary Club of Edina Outstanding Woman award in 1976, the WCCO Radio Good Neighbor Award in 1984 for her volunteer work in the Women in Service to Education program, and the Hamline Distinguished Service Alumni Award 1990.

This collection documents her involvement in the planning process of West High Class of 1932 Reunions.

Description of Collection

Documents West High Class of 1932 reunions, with bulk of collection focusing on the 55th Reunion which occurred in 1987 and the 60th Reunion which occurred in 1992.

The collection consists of the working papers of the reunion planning committee which also included Clarence Adams and David Dole. It includes intermingled personal notes, committee correspondence, official class correspondence, class member contact information and short biographies, and drafts and final copies of reunion registration forms, programs, and speeches. Also includes biographical information on speakers, presenters, and class members of note.

Notable graduates include Lester Breslow and Curtis L. Carlson. Lester Breslow, a West High Class of 1932 alumnus and nationally renowned public health expert, addressed the class at the 1987 Reunion. Curtis L. Carlson, founder of the Carlson companies and the namesake of the Carlson School of Management, provided the venue for the 1987 reunion at his newly rebuilt Radisson hotel in downtown Minneapolis.

With the exception of the 55th Reunion at the Radisson Hotel, all of the class reunions, beginning with the 50th reunion in 1982, were held at the Minikhada Club, where the class had held their senior prom in 1932.

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- West High School. (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Personal Name(s)

- Breslow, Lester
- Carlson, Curtis L.

Subject(s)

- Class reunions -- Planning.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
55th and 60th Reunion materials 1987-1999	1	1
55th Reunion materials 1987-1992	1	2
Letters - correspondence from classmates to reunion organizers 1983-1987	1	3
55th Reunion - program drafts and information about speaker Lester Breslow 1987	1	4
60th Reunion - mailing, speeches, notes 1991-1992	1	5
David Dole letters - correspondence promoting 55th Reunion 1985-1987	1	6
Radisson - venue information for 55th Reunion 1987	1	7
Clarence Adams letters - correspondence regarding 55th Reunion 1986-1987	1	8
Curtis L. Carlson biographical information 1987	1	9
'32 lists - class member contact information 1986-1992	1	10

West 2000 - 68th Reunion materials, notes on Bridgman's death 1999-2000	2	1
1999 West High Alumni - 67th Reunion materials 1999	2	2
1998 West - 66th Reunion materials 1998	2	3
1997 - 65th Reunion materials 1996-1997	2	4
Artwork - reunion program designs 1991-1992	2	5
Class lists 1983-1999	2	6
Luncheons - 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 1992-1996	2	7
55th Reunion materials 1982-1987	2	8
60th Reunion materials 1990-1992	2	9
Luncheons - 1989, 1999	2	10