

# Melvin Hedine Papers, 1930-1972

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Hedine, Melvin, 1913-1982
<b>Title</b>	Melvin Hedine Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1930-1972 (inclusive) 1930 1972
<b>Quantity</b>	0.25 linear feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	Mss 443 (collection)
<b>Summary</b>	Melvin Hedine was a journalist and photographer who graduated from the University of Montana. The collection includes correspondence, clippings, and photographs, 1930-1972.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections</a> Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 <a href="mailto:library.archives@umontana.edu">library.archives@umontana.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Melvin "Dutch" Hedine was born on December 29, 1913, in Montana. His parents were Alfred and Josephine Hedine. Hedine graduated from Missoula County High School and attended the University of Montana. At the university, he was active with the Masquers drama club theatre productions between 1930 and 1935. Hedine graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1935. Hedine went on to receive a P.P.A. from the Los Angeles Art Center School and an Education Credential at Los Angeles State College. During World War II, he served as a U.S. Army combat photographer. In the early 1950s, he remained in the U.S. armed services.

Melvin Hedine went on to work as a technical illustrator at Hoffmann Electronics, Miller Dial, and Lockheed Aircraft Co. He was also involved in producing educational filmstrips and national display photography. Hedine had photography accounts with such companies as Chanel, Sunkist, and Max Factor. He was a senior precision photographer at Northrop Laboratories for a period of time. At Northrop, Hedine worked on electronic circuitry and in the early 1960s, he developed new procedures

to reduce photograph development time. Hedine died on May 7, 1982 and is buried at Riverside National Cemetery in Escondido, CA.

## Content Description

The collection includes correspondence, clippings, and photographs, 1930-1972. The clippings are from Missoula County High School and University of Montana drama productions, 1930 to 1934, including programs, production notes, and *Montana Kaimin* clippings. The collection includes photographs taken of Melvin Hedine and his family and of University of Montana drama productions. There are also photographs presumably taken during Hedine's career in the armed services around the 1940s or 1950s. The collection also includes samples of Hedine's display photography and photographs taken by Hedine during his laboratory career, c. 1960s.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series:

Series I: Correspondence, 4 items, circa 1940-1972

Series II: Clippings, 24 items, 1930-1934

Series III: Photographs, 45 photographs, ca. 1930-1950

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Edna Hedine Grape, 1992 and 1993

### Processing Note

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 2002, the collection was reprocessed. Previously unprocessed materials such as photographs and a scrapbook were combined with processed materials.

# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Series I: Correspondence , circa 1940-1972

4 items

The series contains an illustrated letter from Melvin to his sister, Viola, while he was in the armed services, a letter of recommendation from an art institution, 1952, and two letters pertaining to a patent on an invention by Hedine, 1972.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Correspondence	ca. 1940s-1972

## Series II: Clippings , 1930-1934

24 items

The series contains clippings from Missoula County High School and University of Montana drama productions. The clippings include newspaper articles from the *Montana Kaimin*, production notes and one set diagram. The bulk of the clippings are programs from productions in which Hedine was involved.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/2	Drama Production clippings	1930-1934

## Series III: Photographs , circa 1930-1950

45 photographs

Most of the photographs in the series are from University of Montana Masquers productions in which Hedine was involved. The photographs of stage sets labeled "designed by Dutch," refer to Hedine. There are also two professional photographs of studio films. The armed services photographs were presumably taken by Melvin Hedine during World War II. There are photographs of Bob Hope and other performers taken during U.S.O. performances and of Melvin Hedine in uniform. There are also photographs presumably of display advertising. Some of these are in color.

The photographs are arranged by subject and date. The photographs begin with UM drama productions, followed by armed services, family photographs, and end with various other photographs related to Hedine's career.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	443(III)1: Play, location unknown	undated
1/4	443(III)2: "R.U.R."-a Masquers play	1932
1/5	443(III)3: "Children of the Moon", a Masquers play	1933
1/6	443(III)4: "Children of the Moon," a Masquers play	1933
1/7	443(III)5: "Children of the Moon," a Masquers play	1933
1/8	443(III)6: "The Taming of the Shrew"	1933
1/9	443(III)7: "The Taming of the Shrew"	1933
1/10	443(III)8: "Dr. Knock", a Masquers play	1933
1/11	443(III)9: "Dr. Knock," a Masquers play	1933
1/12	443(III)10: "Dr. Knock" set, a Masquers play	1933
1/13	443(III)11: "Dr. Knock" a Masquers play	1933
1/14	443(III)12: "The Front Page," a Masquers play	1934
1/15	443(III)13: "The Noble Gesture," a Masquers play	1934
1/16	443(III)14: "The Tavern" a Masquers play	1934
1/17	443(III)15: "The Tavern" a Masquers play	1934
1/18	443(III)16: "Twelfth Night," a Masquers play	1934
1/19	443(III)17: "Twelfth Night," a Masquers play	1934
1/20	443(III)18: DeMirjian, New York, NY	undated
1/21	443(III)19: Warner Bros. Productions Corporation Picture, Reinhardt's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"	undated
1/22	443(III)20: Bob Hope and USO performers	undated
1/23	443(III)21: Bob Hope and band	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/24	443(III)22: Bob Hope and performer at USO performance	undated
1/25	443(III)23: Pianist at USO performance	undated
1/26	443(III)24: Buzz Bomb Alley Siege	undated
1/27	443(III)25: Plane on ground, location unknown	undated
1/28	443(III)26: Melvin Hedine in uniform	undated
1/29	443(III)27: Melvin Hedine in uniform with soldier	undated
1/30	443(III)28: Melvin Hedine (reclining) and two men in uniform	undated
1/31	443(III)29: Melvin Hedine in uniform in front of lion statue	undated
1/32	443(III)30: Melvin Hedine in uniform in front of tank	undated
1/33	433(III)31: Melvin, Emma, Edna, and Alfred Hedine	1930
1/34	443(III)32: Melvin Hedine	undated
1/35	443(III)33: Cottage, location unknown	undated
1/36	443(III)34: Partial biography of Melvin Hedine (transparency)	undated
1/37	443(III)35: Pen and ink drawing by Melvin Hedine	undated
1/38	443(III)36: Northrop facility, Palos Verde, CA (color photo)	1963
1/39	443(III)37: Dye transfer (color photo)	undated
1/40	443(III)38: Woman on flexichrome skis (promotional photo) (color)	undated
1/41	443(III)39: Man with scientific instrument	undated
1/42	443(III)40: Merrill's Fine Soap (promotional photo)	undated
1/43	443(III)41: Gas gauge in facility	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/44	443(III)42: Carnation in vase and glass jar with colored dye (color photo)	undated
1/45	443(III)43: Scientist with test tube	undated
OS1/1	443(III)44: Woman asleep and cooling device (?) (promotional photo)	undated
OS1/2	443(III)45: Ciroflex photography camera (promotional photo)	undated

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

College and school drama, American--Montana--Missoula  
 College theater--Montana--Missoula  
 Commercial photography--United States  
 Photography, Military--United States

### Corporate Names :

Missoula County High School  
 University of Montana--Missoula  
 University of Montana--Missoula--Alumni and alumnae

### Geographical Names :

United States--Armed Forces--Photographers

### Form or Genre Terms :

Clippings  
 Photographs

### Occupations :

Photographers--Montana--Missoula  
 Photographers--United States

### Titles within the Collection :

Montana Kaimin

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