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The Grace Raymond Hebard Wyoming Collection is a branch of the University of Wyoming Libraries. It is housed in the Owen Wister Western Writers Reading Room in the American Heritage Center. Primarily a research collection, the core of this collection is Miss Hebard’s personal library which was donated to the university libraries. Further donations have been significant in the development of this collection. While it is easy to identify materials about Wyoming published by nationally known publishers, it can be difficult to locate pertinent publications printed in Wyoming. The Hebard collection is considered to be the most comprehensive collection on Wyoming in the state.

Additional Wyoming materials may be found in the circulating collections of the university libraries, Science, Geology, LRC, as well as in the Historic Maps Collection and U.S. Government Documents collections in Coe Library. All materials can be identified through the CARL/UW on-line catalog.

For the premiere of this column, I identified materials related to World War II in Wyoming. I have identified publications in the Government Documents collection, the circulating collection in Coe, and in the Hebard collection. If you have any questions about these materials or the Hebard collection, you can contact me by phone at 307-766-6245; by email, thert@uwyo.edu or you can access the Hebard HomePage at the URL: http://www.uwyo.edu/lib/heb.htm.

General World War II Publications


Pamphlet describing the responsibilities of Extension to "carry forward all phases of agriculture’s wartime program." Discusses areas of interest from livestock to home water systems to 4-H Club work.


A list of those in the service of the country from Albany County. Called the "Roll of Honor" in the publication. Contains advertisements from local merchants. Also includes sections on "How to Address Correspondence to War Prisoners or Civilian Internes," and many other pieces of useful information.


A list of individuals from Wyoming "killed in Action, Died of Wounds, or Lost Lives as Result of Operational Movements in War Zones." Also includes a "Prisoner of War Record.


Wilson Clough served as Secretary of the Faculty, 1939-1946. In the forward he states that "The purpose of this review ... is to preserve in outline the critical years of war as they affected the University, its administration, its student body and faculty, its over-all adjustment to the rapidly shifting panorama of events." Clough concludes with three appendices — War Programs on the Campus; Faculty in Service; and In Memoriam, those killed while serving.

Cooper, Clara Chassell. A Mother’s Quest for Peace: Poems on the Second World War Written During the Spring and Summer of 1940. Washington: Distributed by the National Council for Prevention of War, 1940.

Cooper, Clara Chassell. Thoughts on War and Peace: Poems on the Second World War Written During the Second Year of the War. Washington, DC: Distributed by the National Council for Prevention of War, 1941.

House Notes, November 1944. Laramie, WY: Sigma Nu, 1944.

Mainly a listing of Sigma Nu members in the Service and how to contact them.


A reprint edition of Dr. Larson’s original 1954 publication. Dr. Larson was encouraged by Dr. Laura A. White, head of the University’s history department, to “compile a record of Wyoming’s contributions to the war and of the war’s impact on the state.” The contents of this work move from an introduction about World War II to agriculture, industry, and business to Heart Mountain and, finally, postwar planning. Several appendices are included as well as a substantial bibliography and index.


Published to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of World War II, this is a compilation of biographical information submitted by service personnel. Includes a chronology of the war and lists of those who served. Many photographs.


The commencement speech of Dr. George Norlin, from the University of Colorado, June 10, 1940. In this 13-page text he emphasizes “truth” and Hitler’s rise in Germany. He stresses the
need for the U.S. to pay heed to what is occurring in Europe. A very interesting view based on his own experiences in Germany in the early 1930s.


This publication is composed mainly of biographical sketches and reproductions of newspaper accounts of men and women from the Casper area who served in or were employed by the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

United States. Alien Property Custodian. Annual Report. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1942-1946. The Office of Alien Property Custodian was established March 11, 1942 by Executive Order No. 9095. The powers exercised by this Office were derived from the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended. The office was created to "deal with foreign-owned property problems."


United States. Alien Property Custodian. Terminal Report. Washington, DC: October 1946. Summarizes the types and amounts of property held by the agency. Designed to inform the President and Attorney General with an account of problems and the current state of work in that office at the time it was transferred to the Department of Justice.


The final report of the Director of the War Relocation Authority (WRA). "An attempt at a comprehensive view of the WRA program in its entirety." Includes a chronology of the evacuation and the Program 1942-1946. The appendix provides statistical information.


The 1946 issue of the University of Wyoming Bulletin with special information for veterans.


War Time Family Food Supply Plan for Wyoming People. Laramie: Agricultural Extension Service, University of Wyoming, 1943. A pamphlet listing the average amounts of various foods required by one individual for a year. Also includes information on victory gardens, how to "Keep a Poultry Flock" and dairy and meat production.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home and Hangs His Gun on the Wall, Are We Going to Have a Job For Him Under Our System of Free Enterprise?: It Is Your Problem! Cheyenne: Wyoming Postwar Planning Committee, 1944. An 8-page pamphlet which discusses the needs of Wyoming in the transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy. Includes "A Message from Governor Hunt." Also provides statistics on civilian employment and a list of what needs to be accomplished through postwar planning.

Wyoming In Step With Wartime Needs. Laramie: Agricultural Extension Service, 1944. An 11-page pamphlet which stresses the importance of agriculture in the war effort. Discusses milk, beef, and victory gardens among other wartime concerns.