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**ODES E. ROBINSON
COLLECTION, CA. 1936; 1983**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 photograph folder and 1 oversize manuscript folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1936; 1983

PROVENANCE: Donated by Odes E. Robinson Jr.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: WKBF radio station, *Radio Log: January 1927*, TK6555.R33 1927

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The WKBF radio broadcasting station was first opened in Indianapolis in 1926 by Noble Butler Watson and his brother Carl Watson. It was one of the first Indianapolis radio stations to join a major network broadcast after airing the Dempsey-Tunney fight in 1927 over NBC. The call letters were changed to WIRE in November, 1935.

Odes E. Robinson was born in Whiteville, Tennessee on October 3rd, 1911. He moved to Indianapolis in 1933 and began working as the chief engineer for WKFB where he became the youngest chief engineer of a metropolitan broadcasting studio in the United States. He made a name for himself within the broadcasting field for his work in building transmitting equipment. Odes died in Broward, Florida on March 29th, 1985.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

Bodenhamer, David J., Robert G. Barrows, and David Gordon Vanderstel. *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one reproduction photograph and three photocopied newspaper articles relating to Odes E. Robinson. The photograph was taken ca. 1930s and shows Robinson at work at the WIRE broadcasting station as the chief engineer. The newspaper articles date 1936 and 1983 describe Robinson and his work with the radio station as well as his volunteer accomplishments.

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Odes E. Robinson WIRE photograph, ca. 1930s

Odes E. Robinson newspaper photocopies, 1936 and
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