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Finding Aid for the
Alex N. Albright, Wilmington Lions Club President's Book,
1954-1955

Collection Overview

Title: Alex N. Albright, Wilmington Lions Club President's Book

Dates: 1954-1955

ID: ANA

Primary Creator: Wilmington Lions Club

Extent: 1.0 linear feet

Arrangement: Scrapbook in original order

Forms of Material: Scrapbook

Language of materials: English

Abstract

The Alex N. Albright, Wilmington Lions Club President's Book documents his tenure as President from June 1954 to June 1955. The scrapbook includes photographs, newspaper clippings, and mementoes of events and activities.

Biographical/Administrative History

Alesander Nicholas Albrecht (aka Alex Albright) was born June 26, 1899 in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana, to parents John N. and Mary B. Albrecht (née Fromholtz). Following graduation from the 8th grade, Alex was employed by a Lawrenceburg carriage manufacturing company where he learned to upholster, paint, and stripe. Two years later, he began working in his father's sheet metal shop. These work experiences led him to employment with the Rex Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of convertible and all-weather tops for early automobiles. From there, he relocated to Ohio where he worked for the Allen Motorcar Company as an inspector, and the Willys Overland Company and Fisher Body Company as an auto body worker.

In 1922, he moved to Southern California and opened a small auto body rebuilding and repair shop, Central Body Works, on Broad Street in Wilmington. Business thrived and two years later, the shop moved to larger quarters at the corner of Avalon and "G" Street. Alex married Abbie Mildred Marsh on June 17, 1925, in Santa Ana, California. The couple settled in Wilmington and had three sons, one of whom eventually took over management of the business.

Alex was active in community groups and fraternal organizations throughout his life. He was a charter member of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Wilmington Exchange Club, and a member of Freemasons, Shriners, the Order of Moose, and the Wilmington Lions Club, serving as President 1954-1955 and chairman of the Boy Scout committee for twenty years. Alex Albright was the honorary mayor of Wilmington from 1962 to 1965. He passed away on October 7, 1974, and is buried in the Historic Wilmington Cemetery.

The Wilmington Lions Club was established on June 25, 1936. Charter members included: Charles W. Gorham, president, James Clark, first vice-president, J. L. "Chuck" Wood, second vice-president, Dwayne Larson, secretary-treasurer, and Leo Bray, Tail Twister. The group held dinner meetings at the California Yacht Club in Wilmington and offered educational lectures on topics such as community development, local government and political issues, history of the area, health and safety, and current events.

Scope and Contents

The Alex N. Albright, Wilmington Lions Club President's Book documents his tenure as President of the Wilmington Lions Club from June 1954 to June 1955. The scrapbook includes photographic prints, announcements, programs, convention materials, rosters, autographs of fellow members, and newspaper clippings describing the philanthropic and social activities of the organization. Most notable are clippings documenting the Lions Associated Drag Strip, a non-profit corporation organized by eleven Harbor District Lions Clubs in an effort to combat juvenile delinquency.

Subjects/Access Terms

Creator

Organization Name:

Wilmington Lions Club

Subject Headings

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Fraternal organizations--California--history

Drag racing--History--20th century

Men--Societies and clubs

Personal name

Albright, Alex Nicholas (aka Albrecht, Alesander Nicholas), 1899-1974

Geographical locations:

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Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Documentary forms: Scrapbook

Administrative Information

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