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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Getman family (George Arnold Getman, 1899-1978)
Title:	Getman family papers
ID:	UA.17.236
Date [inclusive]:	1923-1969
Physical Description:	0.1 Cubic Feet , 5 folders
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

George Arnold Getman was born September 17, 1899 in Owosso, Michigan. Getman attended Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) from 1918 to 1920 and studied agriculture. In the 1918 college catalog, he was listed as both a freshman and a Student Army Training Corps (SATC) student. From 1920 to 1921, he was a short course instructor for Gas Engines, and from 1921 to 1924 he was field foreman for Farm Crops and instructor in Farm Mechanics. Getman was an instructor in Agricultural Engineering from 1924 to 1927, and a superintendent in Farm Crops during the 1925-1926 academic year. He resigned from the college in October 1927.

After leaving the college, Getman worked for the W. K. Kellogg Consolidated Agricultural School in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Documents in the collection list him as a farm manager, and the President of the Board of Education. As part of his duties at the model school, he oversaw the construction of buildings and the sowing of the first crops. He resigned in 1929. According to the 1930 U.S. census, Getman lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and worked as

a salesperson in mill feeds. By the mid-1930s, he moved to Owosso. He worked for several employers, including the American Box Board Company (purchaser), Michigan Sugar, Shiawassee County (social welfare director), Saginaw Tuberculosis Sanitarium (administrative assistant), and Shiawassee Mutual Fire Insurance (agent)

He married Hilda Mae Bonsor (May 28, 1900 – December 3, 1979) on September 20, 1919 in Owosso. They had two children: George Arnold, Jr. (September 18, 1921 – February 6, 2008), and Allan Pierce (March 20, 1929 – January 16, 2003). Getman died on July 18, 1978.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of an article about the Kellogg Demonstration Farm, a letter accepting George Sr.'s resignation from the Agriculture Experiment Station, an inventory possibly from the Kellogg Demonstration Farm, and a photograph. The photograph possibly is of a banquet for the opening of the Demonstration Farm; Getman is probably the person seated at the first table. The Kellogg School folder contains a program from the dedication of the Kellogg Consolidated Agricultural School and a broadside for a play. The Programs folder contains a short course banquet program and programs for the lecture-concert series, one of which has Allan Getman's name written on it.

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Concert programs
- Letters
- Photographs
- Getman, George A., 1899-1978
- W.K. Kellogg Consolidated Agricultural School.
- W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
- Michigan State University. Lecture-Concert Series

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Kellogg Demonstration Farm article, 1928	box LFD 5	folder 1
Kellogg School, 1929-1930	box LFD 5	folder 2
Letter, 1927	box LFD 5	folder 3
Inventory, undated		

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	box LFD 5	folder 3
Photograph, undated	box LFD 5	folder 4
Programs, 1923, 1954-1969	box LFD 5	folder 5