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TITLE: Anchorage All-America City 1956 Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1962.x.011

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1953, 1956-1957

Extent: 13 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Ward W. Wells, City of Anchorage

Administrative/Biographical History:
Anchorage was first recognized with an All-America City Award by the National Civic League in
1956. The city subsequently received the award in 1965, 1984-85, and 2002.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of 13 images used during the presentation of the city's bid to the All-
America City Award judging panel. All photographs were taken by Ward Wells. Excerpts from
the presentation speech, made by Joan Walker, are included with the collection. For more
information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated anonymously to Cook Inlet Historical Society in 1962. Transferred to Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note
Accompanying placards discarded at time of donation.
Guide created from card catalog data and accession file inventory; photographs not physically consulted at time of writing.
One item missing as of 1973.
Image .7a damaged with red ink in 1980. Copy neg created.
Items .2-.5 missing as of 2003.

Separated Materials
Excerpts from presentation speech housed in accession file.

RELATED MATERIALS
Ward Wells Collection, B1983.091

SUBJECTS
All-America City Award
Community development, Urban
Anchorage (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [aerial view of Anchorage, 1956]
.2 – [poster. missing]
.3 – [poster. missing]

.4 – [map, City of Anchorage street improvements. missing]
.5 – [poster. missing]
.6 – [Z.J. Loussac Public Library, F Street and 5th Avenue, 1956]
.7a – To improve their area and bring about better living accommodations, people of three blighted areas have petitioned the city government to initiate urban renewal programs. Initial approval has been given, plans are on the drawing board, and people will start to construct their homes next. [Anchorage, 1956. Quonset huts. 2 copies]
.7b – [Church of Christ, in Quonset hut, 1956]
.8a – [Anchorage elementary school, 1956]
.8b – [Anchorage school at 6th Avenue and F Street, seen from G Street between 6th and 7th Avenues, 1956]
.9a – [West Anchorage High School, 1953]
.9b – Anchorage 1956, West Anchorage High School auditorium. Photographer's number: 2510-2
.10 – [Anchorage Chorus and Symphony Orchestra, 1957. Photographer's number: 1553-1]
.11 – [architectural rendering, Alaska Methodist University. Missing]
.12 – [Anchorage International Airport, 1957?]
.13 – [artist's rendering, Port of Anchorage, by William J. Jenson]
.14 – [Lions Club advertisements for Memphis Coach, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and Seldovia Air Days, 1956?]

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