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BEULAH MITCHELL PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, 1927

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Beulah Alberta Mitchell (1895-1985) was born to Nettie G. Appeuzeller and David A. House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Beulah graduated from Shortridge High School in 1913 and went on to study at Smith College, where she graduated in 1917. Upon graduation, Beulah returned to Indianapolis, and she was involved with the YWCA, the Shortridge Alumni Association, the Dispensary Aid Association, and eventually the American Legion. On July 18, 1923, Beulah married Edward L. Mitchell (1880-1964), who worked in the field of orthodontia and was active in the Indiana State Dental Association. The couple had two children, Sarah Catherine "Sally" and John David.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Class Books of Smith College, 1917 via archive.org

Indianapolis Star and *Shortridge Echo* via newspaperarchive.com

Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This album contains photographs and printed mementos from Beulah Mitchell, an American Legion employee, and other Indiana members of the Legion's trip to Paris, France for the 9th Annual American Legion Convention in September 1927. The American Legion had received a special invitation from the French government to have their conference in Paris as a show of gratitude for their service in World War I. About 20,000 men and women attended. The first few pages of photographs in the album document the trip overseas on the S.S. *Arabic*, including a memorial service for sailors lost at sea and the toasts, socializing, and hijinks that happened on deck. Memento items include a poem written by "Bob" Hitchcock of Bloomington, Indiana for the Indiana Farewell Party on the ship and clippings showing the interiors of the lounge, dining saloon, and stateroom onboard. The next pages of the album feature tourist stops around the city of London, a flight to Germany and associated sightseeing, before finally arriving in Paris by way of Cherbourg on September 11, 1927. Mementos from Paris include a handbill for the hotel Mitchell stayed at, the Hotel Terminus-Est, and postcards she received from Legionnaires addressed to "Mitchie" care of the American Legion Headquarters. The photographs from Paris are a mixture of stock souvenir photos of the major sights and snapshots probably taken by Mitchell showing group members at a café, outside the Opera, at the Eiffel Tower, and at an airfield seeing a friend off back to Ireland.

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