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Descriptive Summary

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Series I: Speeches, 1961-1976

The speeches in this collection date from February 10, 1961, shortly after George Beadle's election to the Chancellorship on January 5th of that year, to November 8th, 1976, just before Edward H. Levi was inaugurated as the new President November 14th. In October of 1961 the title of the head of the University was changed from Chancellor to President. The collection thus covers George Beadle's entire formal leadership career at the University.

The speeches pertain both to Mr. Beadle's presidency - to the functioning of the University and its educational aims and processes - and to his work in biology, focussing on genetics and heredity.

The addresses are listed chronologically, with the title (if there was a formal title), and the audience. The list was prepared by Mr. Beadle's secretaries initially, and only checked and updated by the Special Collections staff.

The actual forms of the speeches vary; in some cases only notes have been preserved, although most speeches are represented by typed, final copies. Occasionally some correspondence is present concerning the meetings for which the speeches were presented.

The collection is open for scholarly research, not subject to the 25 year restrictions of the "Regulations Governing Access to Records of the Central Administration in the University Archives" because Mr. Beadle's speeches were public at the time of their delivery.

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George and Muriel Beadle, publication materials, newspaper clippings, correspondence, mailing lists

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"Civic Dinner to Honor Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Beadle, July 9, 1968, Pick-Congress Hotel," letters of thank, clippings, invitations, seating plan, program/menu, news release and partial guest list

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"Civic Dinner to Honor Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Beadle, July 9, 1968, Pick-Congress Hotel," invitations, correspondence, press releases, seating plan, guest lists

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"Civic Dinner to Honor Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Beadle, July 9, 1968, Pick-Congress Hotel," text of speech by Robert E. Brooker

- "Civic Dinner to Honor Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Beadle, July 9, 1968, Pick-Congress Hotel," text of speech by Mary Ward
- "Civic Dinner to Honor Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Beadle, July 9, 1968, Pick-Congress Hotel," text of remarks by Muriel Beadle
- "Civic Dinner to Honor Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Beadle, July 9, 1968, Pick-Congress Hotel," text of remarks by George W. Beadle

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Muriel Beadle, University business correspondence, 1960-1965

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Telegrams, March 16, 1966 (Beadle's 5th anniversary as president)

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Photograph of George and Muriel Beadle, March 1966, for bookjacket of *The Language of Life* (original in Archival Photofiles)

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Photograph of George Wells Beadle with hotel clerk, n.d. (original in Archival Photofiles)

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Fillmore High School Science Club, Fillmore, California, Honorary Membership, letter and certificate, June 20, 1961

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Eleven calendar books, 1962-1969

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The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, "D. F. Jones Medal" to George Wells Beadle, September 14, 1972

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Medal with King Olaf V of Norway on one side, cross on reverse, on red ribbon striped with blue and white

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Dickinson College Award For Distinguished Contributions through Biology, 1967

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Honorary doctorate from Syracuse University, 1968

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Photo album of George Wells Beadle's trip to Dickinson College to accept his award, 1967

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Plaque, "Distinguished Lecturer," 1981

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Photographs of George Wells Beadle and Muriel Beadle, 1966-1968 (originals in Archival Photofiles)

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George Wells Beadle retirement materials, including lectures, functions, etc.

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Edward Levi inauguration mementos

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Amateur theatricals at the University of Chicago, notes and clippings

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Edward Levi as Attorney General, clippings

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Clippings related to the Beadles' arrival in Chicago

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George Wells Beadle administration materials, 1962-1965

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George Wells Beadle biographical information, pre-1961

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Materials produced by the Beadles concerning Hyde Park and the university of Chicago

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George Wells Beadle, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, University of Chicago, 1969

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George Wells Beadle, miscellaneous notes and correspondence, on college and graduate funding at the University of Chicago; John Wilson's "Temples on the River Nile Project"; University of Chicago Alumni and Faculty working in Washington, D. C. for federal government; South East Chicago Commission, 1961; "Questions" concerning the College at the University of Chicago

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University of Chicago bulletins related to George Wells Beadle appearances

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- Miscellaneous George Wells Beadle speeches, notes, etc.
- George Wells Beadle, thesis, University of Nebraska, 1927
- F. D. Keim and George Wells Beadle, "Prairie Hay in Nebraska," 1926
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