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John B. Cloke, 1897-1985. Papers, 1921-1972

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Biographical Note:

John B. Cloke was born in 1897 in Hoosick, New York. He received a Ph.G degree from Albany College of Pharmacy in 1917 and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1917-1919. In 1925 he was awarded a B.S. from Syracuse University. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1931. In 1919 he was appointed Instructor in Chemistry at Rensselaer and became an Assistant Professor in 1926. In 1931 he was appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry. He served as the Department Head of Chemistry from 1949, when Chemistry was separated from Chemical Engineering, until his retirement in 1963. His research interest was centered in general synthetic organic chemistry and in physico-chemistry study of the rates of reaction of imines and immonium compounds. He died in Brockport, New York in 1985.

Content Note:

The Cloke Papers are organized in three sections: **Correspondence** (1921-58), **Chemistry Department Reports and Memorandum** (1939-72) and **Writings and Publications** (1931-65). Professor Cloke's correspondence and department planning records reflect his efforts as head of the newly created Chemistry Department to develop undergraduate and graduate curriculum, sponsored research, and expand laboratory facilities.

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