

# UA Receives Bartlett Papers for Archives

COLLEGE—The University of Alaska's expanding collection of historical documents soon will include the files of the late Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett, D-Alaska.

The Bartlett files are being organized and shipped from Washington D.C. by the late senator's staff. Mary Lee Council, who served Bartlett from the time he went to Washington in 1945, is reviewing the material and forwarding it to the university.

The staff estimates that when collected the material will amount to about 500 to 600 cubic feet. Six boxes have been received by university Archivist Paul McCarthy and the remainder is expected during February.

McCarthy said the material will be stored until he receives all of it. Then he will begin organizing the papers in sequence as they were developed by the senator.

McCarthy estimates there will be thousands of papers to organize. They date back to 1945 when Bartlett first went to Washington as a territorial delegate. He served as senator from 1959 until his death last month at the age of 64.

McCarthy said Bartlett served at a time when important problems such as statehood and the transition from territory to state were solved. He said researchers would be aided by the papers dealing with these problems.

It will take about two years to organize the materials. McCarthy said this was about the same amount of time it took him to prepare the Anthony Dimond papers.

McCarthy plans to interview Bartlett's staff members to help him in correlating the papers

with the senator's office procedures and the office responsibilities of the staff.

The archives of the university were begun about four years ago and include 10 large collections of historical papers which describe the history of men, industry and events important to the development of the state, McCarthy said.