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SCHAEFER, J. EARL: Papers, 1913-17; 1939-70

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The papers of Julius Earl Schaefer, vice president of the Boeing Aircraft Company, Wichita Division, and personal friend of Eisenhower, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library. In January, 1969, Mr. Schaefer executed an instrument of gift for these papers.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 3.6
Approximate number of pages: 3,180
Approximate number of items: 2,217

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of J. Earl Schaefer span the years 1913 to 1970, but the bulk and most significant parts cover the years 1940 to 1960.

The pre-World War II portion of the file consists of a scrapbook containing various news clippings, menus, football programs, dance cards, notes, telegrams, receipts, announcements, and magazines pertaining to Wichita High School and cadet activities at the U. S. Military Academy.

The largest portion of the file consists of correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, and news clippings with members of the West Point class of 1917, members of the Eisenhower Foundation, Wilton B. Persons, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. During World War II and later Mr. Schaefer circulated letters concerning the various activities and commands of the members of his class at West Point. Several served in the South Pacific, while others were in Europe and the United States. After World War II, Mr. Schaefer continued the correspondence and, in some instances, tried to help his classmates re-adjust to civilian life.

In 1946 Mr. Schaefer became involved with the Eisenhower Foundation and its efforts to preserve the Eisenhower family home and to build the Eisenhower Museum. The correspondence, memoranda, news clippings, and telegrams are with members of the Foundation, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and interested parties in Kansas who were involved in these projects.

The most significant portion of this file is the correspondence with Dwight D. Eisenhower and Wilton B. Persons from 1943 to 1968. The topics included in this correspondence are legislation on behalf of servicemen's widows, creation of new jobs by industry, social security, the Bricker amendment, the candidacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower (1948 and 1952), the Presidential campaigns of 1952 and 1956, socialized medicine, budget allocations for military defense, B-29 airplanes, and Eisenhower's flying career in the Philippines during the 1930's.

There is also a small speech and article file, 1945-1955, which deals mostly with aircraft developed by the Boeing Airplane Company, particularly the B-29 and the B-47. There is some correspondence with William L. Lee and Eisenhower's flying career in the Philippines.

The post-Presidential correspondence, memoranda, and news clippings consist of memorials after Eisenhower's death, birthday greetings, and comments by Omar Bradley and others on the movie Patton.

One book was removed from the collection and turned over to the book collection; one model airplane and three lithographs were turned over to the Museum; and ten photographs were turned over to the photo lab.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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| June 11, 1893 | Born Wichita, Kansas |
| 1914-1917 | Student, U. S. Military Academy |
| 1917-1919 | First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Aviation Section |
| 1928-1929 | Sales Manager, Stearman Aircraft Co. |
| 1938-1940 | President, Stearman Aircraft Division Boeing Airplane Co. |
| 1941-1957 | Vice President, Boeing Airplane Co., Wichita Division |
| 1938-1957 | Vice President, Boeing Airplane Company |
| 1958-1961 | Vice Chairman, Boeing Airplane Company |
| 1949- | Vice President, Eisenhower Foundation |

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

1-6 Correspondence, 1939-1970, 6 containers.

Letters, memoranda, and news clippings with DDE, Wilton B. Persons, members of West Point Class of August 1917, and members of the Eisenhower Foundation, arranged in chronological order.

7-8 Speeches and articles, 1945-1955, 2 containers.

Arranged in chronological order, speeches by Schaefer, printed articles by or about Schaefer, and correspondence with William L. Lee re DDE's flying in the Philippines.

9 Scrapbook, 1913-1917, 1 container.

Programs, magazines, news clippings, chapel notices, announcements, receipts, dance cards, notes, telegrams, menus, map, and cadet chevron arranged in chronological order and pertains to the U. S. Military Academy.

CONTAINER LIST

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Eisenhower Foundation – Correspondence, 1946-1950

Eisenhower Foundation – Extra copies of correspondence and news
clippings, 1950

Eisenhower Foundation – Correspondence, 1951-1954

Eisenhower Foundation – Correspondence, 1955 – 1961

Eisenhower Foundation – Executive Committee Meeting, June 14, 1950

Eisenhower Foundation – Financial Reports, May 31, 1955 to November
30, 1956

Eisenhower Foundation – Financial Reports, May 31, 1957 to November
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West Point-Correspondence, 1939-1944

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West Point-Correspondence, 1954-1955

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West Point-Correspondence, 1958-1960

West Point-Letter to Robert A. Taft re universal military training, July 6, 1945

West Point-Scandal, 1951-1952

West Point-Reunion and vacation, 1952

West Point-Society, 1952

West Point-Items turned over to the photo lab

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Correspondence re the movie Patton and copies of Patton's speech to the Third Army, July, 1944

Speeches and Articles

7
Acc. No. A69-29/1

Talk of Harrison Anderson and clipping on Schaefer at West Point

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Speech- "Facts on Air Power," before the Wichita Rotary Club at Wichita, Kansas- April 7, 1947

Speech-Remarks at El Dorado Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club at El Dorado, Kansas, May 11, 1950

Speech-"Our Air Force-Its Progress and its Needs for Continued Progress," before the Air Force Association at Kansas City, Missouri- November 23, 1954

Speech-"Production in Action," before the Air Command and Staff School (undated)

Article-"Kansans Build the Boeing B-29 and the Boeing Kaydet"-January 12, 1945

Article-"Chief of Staff Inspects XL-15" from Boeing Plane Talk-September 12, 1947

Article-Correspondence re Boeing article on DDE's flying career-May to July 1953

Article-“Continued Growth of Industry and Agriculture in Kansas” –
January 11, 1955

Article- “Story Behind the Great Fighting Machine Built at Boeing
Wichita” (undated)

Miscellaneous-Chart on Boeing Wichita

Miscellaneous-Items turned over to the Museum and the book collection

Scrapbook

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Scrapbook, 1913-1917

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