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INTRODUCTION

The papers contain correspondence, transcriptions of speeches, and pamphlets about newspaper libraries; correspondence and news coverage about publication of *The President's Words*; reports; copies of *Subject Classification for Clipping and Picture Files* by Shoemaker; and World War II photographs.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Ralph J. Shoemaker through the University of Missouri Library on 16 January 1973 (Accession No. 3909).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ralph J. Shoemaker, author and librarian, was born July 13, 1906, to Harriet M and Judge Frank W. Shoemaker in East Landsdowne, Pennsylvania. He began his career as an associate librarian for the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*. During World War II, he was with the Still Picture Library, Army Pictorial Service and after his discharge, he became the librarian for the Louisville *Times* and *Courier-Journal*. He retired in 1963 but continued his interest in newspaper libraries both as an author and lecturer.

FOLDER LIST

f. 1-43	Correspondence about procedures in newspaper libraries including the use of microfilm techniques; correspondence about publication of <i>The President's Words</i> ; retirement letter, 1963.
f. 44-57	World War II photographs of battlegrounds such as Anzio, of war victims, of American soldiers; includes photographs of Eisenhower and Clark.
f. 58-61	Carbon copies of lists of "Happenings," that is, events of human and/or historical interest that can be attributed to a specific calendar day. Compiled and used by Shoemaker
f. 62-64	Material relevant to Shoemaker's "As a Matter of Fact" column in the Louisville Courier-Journal Sunday Magazine.
f. 65-69	Miscellaneous papers such as newspaper library report, descriptions of employee duties, and financial statements.
f. 70-73	Transcription of speeches and copies of reports presented by Shoemaker; two reports by Joseph F. Kwapil. Primary topics are newspaper libraries, functions, procedures, techniques.
f. 74-79	Includes reprints of the <i>Pennsylvania Inquirer</i> , 1 June 1829; the <i>Philadelphia Public Ledger</i> , 25 March 1836; and advertising section of the <i>Louisville Daily Journal</i> , 28 November 1844.
f. 80-87	Thank-you letters, 1954-1958, from Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ann

	Whitman for personal copies of <i>The President's Words</i> ; autographed photograph of Eisenhower. Also, newspaper and journal releases and reviews; invoices; and purchase orders
f. 88-89	Pamphlets: <i>The Story of Your Newspaper</i> and <i>Memorial to Joseph Francis Kwapil</i> by Shoemaker; Booklet: <i>Newspaper Library Filing Systems</i> by Shoemaker.
f. 90-99	Loose leaf paperback edition of <i>Subject Classification for Clipping and Picture: Files</i> , by Ralph J. Shoemaker, September, 1958. Bound carbon copy of <i>Subject Classifications for Clipping and Picture Files</i> , September, 1958. Bound copy of <i>Subject Classification for Clipping and Picture Files</i> , September, 1958. Shoemaker's personal copy of R. C. Riebel's <i>Louisville Panorama: A Visual History of Louisville</i> , 3rd edition, 1960.
f. 100-106	Office photographs from the <i>Ledger</i> and the <i>Louisville Courier-Journal</i> ; subjects include office staff, conference members, office equipment, and visitors to the newspaper library.
Box 1	Card index of questions and answers for Shoemaker's "As A Matter of Fact" column; contains both used and unused questions and answers. Arranged alphabetically by surname and topic. See also folders 62-64 for material about the column; Volume 2: scrapbook of column, June 10, 1962, to July 14, 1963.

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