

Finding Aid to the Les Sipes Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Les Sipes Collection

Date Range: 1930s-1950s

Collection number: [Accession #86-29](#)

Extent: 4 boxes textual items, plus photo collection

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content: Les Sipes was a reporter and photographer for the *Oakland Tribune* and covered the Contra Costa beat from the 1940s to the 1950s. He and former Contra Costa County Supervisor, Warren Boggess, flew the "Traffic" route daily. Included in the collection donated by Jacquie Laudregon Sipes are photographs, negatives, slides, and news clippings, totaling over 15,000 articles. The news clippings add to the Center's collection in a time period that augments newspapers not already in the collection.

Arrangement of Materials:

Photographs are housed in the Photograph collection [\[not accessible at this time\]](#)

Two boxes of miscellaneous clippings arranged alphabetically by subject:

- Service Award to Les Sipes from Photographic Society of America, 1964
- Acalanes High School (4 folders)
- Alamo (2 folders)
- Auto Deaths (people)
- Barbara Bowen
- Brentwood (2 folders)
- Buchanan Field, Concord
- Canyon
- Central Contra Costa Memorial Hospital (2 folders)
- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

- Clayton
- Coal Mines
- Concord (2 folders)
- Contra Costa General
- County Elections, 1950
- Crockett
- Danville (3 folders)
- Diablo
- Diablo, Mt. Diablo State Park
- Don Salvio Pacheco Adobe
- East Bay MUD
- Engle, Ray F. Shot by son Robert "Bobbie" Engle – 13
- Feature Stories
- Howe's Pigeons
- Junior College Proposal – Contra Costa County
- K-L
- Lafayette (4 folders)
- Lafayette beef over Japanese (Wm Takahashi) buying a house on Boyer Circle, Jan 1942
- Lafayette Freeway map
- Lafayette Horse Show
- Martinez
- Mt. Diablo (2 folders)
- Merged San Ramon Valley-Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Miscellaneous
- Moraga
- Moraga School
- Moraga – St. Mary's College
- Oakley
- Orinda (3 folders)
- Out of Field (Recreation Act)
- Pacheco Adobe (Fernando)
- Pacheco? Airport
- Pittsburg
- Pleasant Hill
- San Ramon
- Sewer District Election (3 folders)
- Shook, Dr. Francis M.
- Sipes Personal Correspondence
- Slot Machines
- Snakes
- Transportation fight
- Tunnel Road
- Tassajara Oil Well – Ed C. Rasmussen Ranch
- U-V
- Walnut Creek (9 folders)
- Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce

- Walnut Creek City Council (2 folders)
- Walnut Festival
- Walnut Creek Lion's Club
- Ygnacio Valley
- World War II – Individuals
- Y-Z

Indexing Terms: clippings, airport, water company,

Names: Ray Engle, Barbara Bowen, Dr. Francis M. Shook, Ed C. Rasmussen, William Takahashi,