Guide to the Diane Jane Honodel papers

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Abstract: The Diane Jane Honodel papers span the years 1904 to 1982 and document elements of Honodel's personal and professional life, from her time as a Sacramento-area resident to her extensive involvement in theater. Her papers are comprised of a variety of materials, including scrapbooks, handwritten notes and sketches, newspapers, theatrical and musical performance programs, and other personal and printed materials.

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Access
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Biography
Diane Jane Honodel was born in Chico, California on May 21, 1930 to Thelma Honodel. After graduating from Sacramento's C.K. McClatchy High School in 1947, Honodel attended Sacramento State College and earned both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in English and speech. She continued on to complete post-graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, eventually earning elementary and secondary teaching credentials before spending four years teaching second grade, high school, and junior college.

Outside of public school teaching, Diane Honodel participated regularly in theater, music, and television. Involved in theatrical productions while attending C.K. McClatchy High School, Sacramento State College, and the University of California, Berkeley, Honodel went on to work as an actress-singer in Sacramento and Los Angeles, performing in hundreds of professional and non-professional shows in theater, radio, and television. In the Sacramento area, Honodel performed with such groups as the Sacramento Music Circus and the California State Fair Orchestra. Diane's other theater and television work included teaching, directing, and choreographing for the Sacramento Civic Repertory Theater; writing and
producing for KCRA-TV, Sacramento; and writing television scripts.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Diane Jane Honodel papers span the years 1904 to 1982 and document elements of Honodel's personal and professional life through a variety of materials, including scrapbooks, handwritten notes and sketches, newspapers, theatrical and musical programs, and other personal and printed materials.

The collection is organized into two series:

- **Series 1. Personal papers (1904-1974)**
- **Series 2. Printed materials (1944-1982)**

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Honodel, Diane Jane

Actors -- California -- Sacramento

Singers -- California -- Sacramento

**Series 1. Personal papers 1904-1974**

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series, spanning from 1904 to 1974, consists of papers and scrapbooks that document various stages of Diane Honodel's personal and professional life. It contains personal and biographical materials, including Honodel's baby book (1930) and her resume (1966); correspondence, a sparse diary, handwritten collection of poems, and book of bird sketches from Honodel's youth; and a card file of science facts and activities for students that Honodel compiled as a teaching tool. In addition, this series contains three scrapbooks that are comprised of such items as correspondence, notecards, newspaper clippings, sketches, and photographs. The scrapbook from circa 1904 to 1945 notably contains photographs of Diane Honodel's extended family and newspaper clippings likely collected by Diane's mother, Thelma.

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**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains printed materials that date from 1944 to 1982. Such materials include two California Junior High yearbooks; a collection of programs and fliers from musical and theatrical performances mounted in Sacramento, Berkeley, and Davis, California; and entire issues of C.K. McClatchy High School's *The Prospector* (May 21, 1954), the University of California, Berkeley's *The Daily Californian* (November-December 1955), *Daily Variety* (June 8, 1981), and *The Sacramento Union* (August 10, 1982), as well as a number of newspaper clippings. Other materials include a Sacramento State College summer session announcements booklet (1953); *Plaza Suite: A Comedy in Three Acts*, by Neil Simon (1969); a "Diners' Club" application card; a calorie chart; a United Air Lines menu; a Shell Street Guide of Los Angeles and Vicinity; and "The Family Circle Dictionary of Antique Metals: Silver, Pewter, Brass, Copper and Iron," clipped from *Family Circle* (1974).

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