Title: Mouney Pfefferkorn Papers
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Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection
Language of Material: English
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Date (inclusive): 1904-2003
Abstract: This collection relates to the life of Mouney Pfefferkorn including his service in the Navy and his retirement from the First National Bank, San Diego.
Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English and German.
creator: Pfefferkorn, Mouney
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Processing Information
Collection processed by Amanda Hughes on January 10, 2013.
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Biographical / Historical Notes
Born in Vienna, Austria in 1880, Mouney Pfefferkorn immigrated to the United States in 1902 at the age of 22 and enlisted in the Navy. He served for four years eventually achieving the rank of Chief Yeoman. After being discharged in 1906 he settled in San Diego. He took a job with the First National Bank, which he held for fifty years, retiring in 1956 as the Vice President of their Foreign Investments division. Pfefferkorn was very active in developing the Navy presence in San Diego earning him the nickname “Mr. Navy.” He campaigned for the creation of North Island Navy Base and was very active in the San Diego Council for the U.S. Navy. He was also the football coach at San Diego Unified High School and led the campaign to build Balboa Stadium. He was also active in several other civic organizations. Mouney Pfefferkorn died in 1968 at the age of 88. He was survived by his wife Edith Pfefferkorn (nee Stitts) a daughter, Carol Swann, and a son Eric.
Arrangement
Collection is arranged by subject.
Scope and Content
The collection relates to the life of Mouney Pfefferkorn. There is biographical information, correspondence on navy-related matters, and a collection of newspaper articles and images concerning Mouney’s many honors and on World War II. Documents related to his retirement from First National Bank and appreciation banquets held in his honor are also included. Additionally, there are several documents related to his son, Eric Pfefferkorn’s survival of a kamikaze attack during his Naval service in WWII.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Accession number 2004.9.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Amateur Athletics Union.
Bunker Hill (Aircraft carrier, CV-17).
First National Bank of San Diego.
Navy League of the United States.
Nimitz, Chester W. (Chester William), 1885-1966
Pfefferkorn, Edith
Pfefferkorn, Eric
Pfefferkorn, Mouney
San Diego High School.
Vinson, Carl, 1883-1981
Balboa Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)
Naval Air Station North Island (Calif.)
Retirement
San Diego (Calif.)

Box-folder 1:1
Biography, undated

Box-folder 1:2
Correspondence, 1915 September 10-1960 March 16
   Includes:
   Correspondence with several Naval officers including Karl Vinson and Chester Nimitz

Box-folder 1:3
Retirement from First National Bank, 1957 February 21-March 25 and undated
   Scope and Content
   Speech by Admiral Jackson
   Letter from Vice President Richard Nixon, February 27, 1957
   Letters from leaders of various international banks

Box-folder 1:4
Appreciation banquets, 1957 March 9-1960 January 14
   Includes:
   Program from Naval League of United States mentioning Pfefferkorn
   Address written by Chester Nimitz for the Amateur Athletic Union banquet
   Speech about the construction of Balboa Stadium at San Diego High School

Box-folder 1:5
Magazine and newspaper articles, 1945 June 28-1971 March 30 and undated
   Includes:
   Articles and images concerned with Mouney Pfefferkorn’s retirement and death
   Articles and images concerned with the Pacific theater during the WWII

Box-folder 1:6
Eric Pfefferkorn, 1944 September 29-2003 September 7 and undated
   Includes:
   Documents related to Eric Pfefferkorn, focused mainly on a kamikaze attack on the USS Bunker Hill while Pfefferkorn was serving
   Program from Kamikaze survivors’ conference

Box-folder 1:7
Miscellanea, 1904-1949 and undated
   Includes:
   Trivia sheet from the year Eric Pfefferkorn was born, September 16, 1915
   Photocopied images of family members
   Document in German
   Copy of "Gunnery Trophy won by the Crow of the U.S.S. Paul Jones, March 1904 at Panama"
   Comic illustration of "Armed Forces Unification Program Practice Session," 1949