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Collection Description

The collection consists of a scrapbook containing letters, pamphlets, magazine articles, photographs, clippings, and ephemera, mostly pertaining to Mr. McDaniel's rescue of the child in 1944. In addition, there are some items dealing with his later careers with the Southern Pacific and the State Legislature.

Historical Background

Tugwell ("Tug") McDaniel was born in Kentucky, and in 1926 began his railroad career as a brakeman on the Florida East Coast Railway. During and after the Second World War, he worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad in California, holding the positions of brakeman, conductor, assistant trainmaster, and trainmaster. From 1950 until his retirement from the railroad in 1968, he was in charge of Southern Pacific's San Francisco commuter train operations.

In April 1944, McDaniel rescued a child playing on the tracks from the path of an oncoming cab forward locomotive and train near Dutch Flat, California. For this action he was honored by the railroad and Governor Earl Warren. The incident also

generated much publicity and became the subject of a number of newspaper and magazine articles and radio programs. In later years, McDaniel served as an assistant sergeant-at-arms for the California State Legislature.
