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Guide to the Raymond S. Doerr
Scrapbook, circa 1931-1935

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Raymond S. Doerr Scrapbook
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0476
Date:	circa 1931-1935
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 oversized folder)
Creator:	Jacobus, John L. Transportation, Division of, NMAH, SI. Doerr, Raymond S., 1913- (engineer, craftsman)
Language:	English Collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Doerr scrapbook was given to NMAH by Raymond S. Doerr through John L. Jacobus who furnished a copy of *Automotive Quarterly's* 25th Anniversary Edition in 1987, containing his article on the Fisher Body Craftman's Guild. The material was received by NMAH's Transportation Division and transferred to the Archives Center, January 25, 1993.

Provenance

The scrapbook was kept by Mr. Doerr's mother. In 1985, he sent it to John L. Jacobus of Silver Spring, Maryland who sent it on to the Division of Transportation in 1992. The scrapbook was transferred to the Archives Center on January 25, 1993.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Don Darroch, May 6, 1993

Preferred Citation

Raymond S. Doerr Scrapbook, 1931-1935, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright status on items in collection varies.

Biographical / Historical

Raymond S. Doerr was one of four national winners of the General Motors Corporation's Fisher Body Craftman's Guild competition in 1931. The competition was for boys aged 12 to 18 in model building. As a prize Doerr was awarded a four year scholarship in engineering at the University of Michigan and later was employed by General Motors Corporation.

The Guild was in existence 1930-1968 with annual membership of about half a million boys who were potential entrants in the competition. They worked from Guild-supplied plans for a horse-drawn coach. In the post WWII years, the competition shifted to building model automobiles, designed individually by the contestants.

In 1968, the Guild was terminated by GM because of declining participation and poor model quality and possibly because it no longer served the company's commercial interests.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a scrapbook, circa 1931-1935, compiled by Doerr's mother and composed of news clippings relating to the Fisher Body Craftman's Guild and its competition. In addition, the collection includes an official program and guide for the 1932 competition and a copy of the 25th Anniversary Edition of Automobile Quarterly (1987) containing an article by John L. Jacobus describing the Craftman's Guild.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Automobiles -- Bodies
- Automobiles -- Design and construction
- Carriages and carts -- Design
- Models and modelmaking

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild.
- General Motors Corporation
- Transportation, Division of, NMAH, SI.

Container Listing

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Scrapbook, circa 1931-1935
Compiled by Mrs. Ray A. Doerr, mother of Raymond S. Doerr |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Official Program and Guide, Second Annual Convention, Fisher Body
Craftsman's Guild, 1932 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | <i>Automobile Quarterly</i> , 25th Anniversary Edition, 2nd Quarter, published in 1987,
1987 |