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**1 box; 0.5 linear feet**

**Biographical Note**

Ralph E. Heiges (April 20, 1905-January 1987) was raised in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. He earned a Normal School Certificate from Shippensburg in 1923 and a Bachelor's degree from Ursinus College in 1925. He received his MA and PhD in Social Studies from Columbia University. Dr. Heiges taught history at Royersford High School, Royersford, Pennsylvania, and government at Findlay, Ohio. At Clarion State Teachers College, he taught Social Studies from 1934 to 1936. Dr. Heiges came to teach at Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC – later IUP) in 1936 as a Professor of Social Studies. In 1940, he was appointed head of the department. On June 1, 1942, Dr. Heiges was appointed Dean of Instruction at ISTC.

Following the death of Indiana State Teachers College President Dr. Joseph Michael Uhler, Ralph E. Heiges served as acting President from August 25, 1947 until July 1, 1948 when Dr. Willis E. Pratt was appointed President of ISTC. In 1955, Dr. Heiges served as Dean of Instruction at Shippensburg State Teachers College, and was President of Shippensburg from 1956 until his retirement in 1970. Dr. Heiges also studied at Harvard in the summer of 1959, and he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor Laws by Ursinus College at the school's annual Founders Day Convocation in October 1960.

Ralph E. Heiges had memberships in the following: Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, Tau Kappa Alpha, the Masons, Kiwanis, and the Indiana Hospital Board. He belonged to the Community Chest, the Shakespeare Club, and he was a founding member and later President of the Indiana County Historical Society.

Dr. Heiges published many articles about educational reform, and he was well known for his administrative role at Indiana State Teachers College and Shippensburg State Teachers College. He died in January 1987 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

**Scope and Content**

The Ralph E. Heiges Papers is housed in one archival box and deal with his years at Indiana State Teachers College, and are limited to correspondence, speeches, publications he wrote, and source materials for presentations.

**Provenance**

The collection was donated by Ralph E. Heiges in 1985.

**Restrictions**

None.

**Processor**

Records rearranged and inventory rewritten by Special Collections in 2001 and 2014.

## Container List

### Box 1 (12 folders)

1. Correspondence, 1954-1960
  - a. Between Heiges and President of Ursinus College
  - b. To Drew Pearson in Washington, DC
  - c. From the Pennsylvania State Education Association President Norman C. Brillhart
2. Ephemera
  - a. Indiana County Historical Society Program of events from February to December, 1946
  - b. Yearbook of the Historical Society and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, 1950
  - c. Certificate of Membership of PSEA, 1950-1951
  - d. Work Conference on Integrating High School and College Education Program, November 16-17, 1951
  - e. Third Annual Conference of the Association for Student Teaching, Pennsylvania Unit, Program for Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 1956
  - f. List of Subversive Organizations designated by Attorney General printed in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 17, 1961
  - g. Catalog of Student Personnel Work
  - h. Conference Reports from the American Council on Education Studies Page about Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education
  - i. The Pennsylvania Quiz prepared by The Women's Advisory Committee
3. Publications, 1947-1956
  - a. NEA, *Annual Report of the Profession to the Public*, 1947
  - b. Bulletin, Austin Peay State College, Clarksville, TN, *The Teacher Who Serves Democracy* by Charles S. Pendleton, March 1948
  - c. Education Bulletin, PSEA, December 1948
  - d. Education Policies Commission, *Point Four and Education*, June 1950
  - e. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, *Pennsylvania's Religious Tradition*, issued by the Pennsylvania Dept. of Commerce, revised 1951
  - f. Willis E. Pratt, President of Indiana State Teachers College, *Democracy and the College Administration*, September 8, 1951
  - g. Semi-Monthly Publication of the Federal Security Agency-Higher Education, Washington, D.C., November 15, 1952
  - h. NEA News, Volume 7, No. 3, February 1953
  - i. Bulletin of the Bureau of School Service, *After High School-COLLEGE*, December 1954
  - j. *Considerations on Personality Development in College In College Students*, May 1955
  - k. *Summary of Cal Higher Ed. Obstacles to Planning in Higher Education*, April 1956
  - l. *The School Bell*, Teachers College, University of Cincinnati, May 1956. (Faculty Speech September 1956)

- m. Council for Financial Aid to Education Inc., Information Bulletin, July 1956
- n. The Readers Digest, *Why I Chose A Small College*, by D. Elton Trueblood, September 1956
- o. Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, *All in Pennsylvania*. Compilation of Reports prepared in celebration of Pennsylvania Week, all student work
- 4. Source Materials for Speeches, n.d.
- 5. Speech Outlines, n.d.
- 6. Speeches, 1950-1969
  - a. *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*, Indiana State Teachers College, April 18, 1950
  - b. *The Climate for Learning*, September 8, 1959
  - c. *The State Colleges of Pennsylvania and the Great Race*, September 3, 1965
  - d. *Challenges that Bridge Gaps*, May 28, 1969
  - e. *Are You Using the 1939 Edition?*
  - f. *Carl Sandburg*, n.d.
  - g. *Democracy Today and Tomorrow*, n.d.
  - h. *Improving the Quality of Our Product*, n.d.
  - i. *Next Steps in Strengthening the Professional Standards of Teacher Education Institutions*, n.d.
  - j. *Random Notes on the First Century of Pennsylvania*, n.d.
  - k. *Recent Developments in Constitutional Law*, n.d.
  - l. *The GI Joe in College*, n.d.
  - m. *These Are the Times*, n.d.
  - n. Miscellaneous untitled speeches, n.d.
- 7. Writings by Ralph E. Heiges
  - a. *Observations on High School Rank and College Graduation* for partial fulfillment of the initiation requirements for Phi Delta Kappa, March 21, 1942
  - b. *Overview of a Sabbatical Leave*, second semester 1953-1954
  - c. *Functioning Department Heads in Colleges of Medium Size*, July 15, 1955
  - d. *Thoughts on Admission of Prospective Teachers to College*, n.d.
  - e. *Bibliographies on Selected Topics*, n.d.
- 8. Autobiography: *Born in Old Main*
- 9. Biographical Information
- 10. Scrapbook of Programs and Newspaper clippings about Ralph E. Heiges), 1936-1955
- 11. Sabbatical Leave Journal, 1953-1954
- 12. Address delivered by Dr. Ralph E. Heiges to the Association of Pennsylvania State College Faculty (this later became APSCUF), December 27, 1963