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**Prisoners of War Camps Collection**

**Prisoner of War Camps Collection. Papers, 1943–1983. .10 foot.**

Subject collection. Correspondence (1945–1946); publications (1945–1946); and newspaper articles (1943–1983) regarding the German prisoners of war interned in Oklahoma during World War II, and the prisoner of war camps in which they lived. Also included in this collection are the handwritten notes (1945–1946) University of Oklahoma history professor Morris L. Wardell used for his lectures to the prisoners regarding American democracy. Wardell's notes and the correspondence in this collection reflect the University of Oklahoma's efforts to educate the Germans concerning U.S. civics and government.

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**Box P-20**

**Folder:**

1. Correspondence (1945-1946) to and from Drs. Morris L. Wardell and William Anthony Willibrand of the University of Oklahoma, and Executive Officers Cummins E. Speakman, Jr. and William A. Jewett, Jr., as well as Herr Ferdinand Scherer, a German prisoner of war, all regarding the various prisoners of war camps located in Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma's participation in a reeducation program at several of the camps.
2. Publications (1945-46) by the German prisoners of war in Oklahoma:
  - a. "Die Neuwelt" ("The New World"), published by the prisoners of war of Fort Reno, Oklahoma. 24 pages some of which is in English
  - b. "Der Neue Tag" published by the prisoners of war of an unknown camp in Oklahoma, dated March 8, 1946, and entitled, "Professor Wardell's Vortrage"
3. Newspaper articles (1943-1983) regarding the German prisoners of war camps throughout Oklahoma. These have been photocopied onto acid-free bond paper.
4. Handwritten lecture notes (1945-46) used by Dr. Morris L. Wardell of the University of Oklahoma in the deliverance of addresses before the German prisoners of war in Oklahoma.