

## GENERAL EISENHOWER

During the National campaign for the Presidency, General Eisenhower was scheduled into Tacoma. We invited him to come to the Field House which he did. However, as the plans developed, it was really taken over by the Republican Party so the University did not get to have the kind of normal relationship which it would with a visiting dignitary. It was also taken over by Edgar Eisenhower, who was the brother of the candidate "Ike." It was interesting that the secret service came in to talk to us about the facility and also the use of which would be made of it. I was to meet the candidate and his wife at the side door of the Field House, which I did, and while waiting I heard the Chief of the Secret Service saying to himself, "Mr. President, I am happy to present to you, Dr. Thompson, President of the College of Puget Sound." He rehearsed it and rehearsed it and did it with absolute perfection when it was ultimately time to introduce us.

However, because it was under the auspices of the National Republican Party, we were not allowed to have the pictures taken which we normally would have had because Eisenhower was very anxious that all the press associations be equally represented and if one was allowed to take pictures others should be allowed at the same time. Because the local committee did not cooperate with the secret service and did not really believe the kind of precise timing which takes place in a situation like that (the secret service

said they would land at such and such a time and it would take them so many minutes and seconds to get from one place to another) the children were let out of school ten minutes late after all of the procession had passed and it was one of those unfortunate situations because the children were anxious to see General Eisenhower.

It was a very successful day. We did not confer an honorary degree on him because of the fact that it was under the auspices of the National Republican Party and also we felt it would lend somewhat of a partisan emphasis to the entire program.

Very much in evidence at the appearance of General Eisenhower and his brother, Edgar were two of our alumni, William Causin, who was Eisenhower's son-in-law and Janice Eisenhower Causin, who Ike referred to as "Bubbins". Evidently, "Bubbins" was the pet name in the Eisenhower family for Mrs. Causin. Mrs. Causin received both her BA and Master's Degrees in Art and Ceramics. William Causin received his degree in Business.