

Tad Shaw Collection 408

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Tad Shaw collection
Date [inclusive]	1875-1959
Extent	4.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Tad Shaw was a wholesaler and magazine distributor in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1922-1959. He owned a book shop located in the Gilbert Building from 1922-1931. Tad was involved in many clubs and organizations in Grand Rapids throughout his life and eventually became president of the Peninsular Club from 1948-1949.

Biographical/Historical note

Tad M. Shaw (1891–1959) was a wholesaler and magazine distributor in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He owned a bookshop at 41 Monroe Avenue in the Gilbert Building from 1922-1931, closing it to devote his full attention to wholesaling and distribution of newspapers and magazines as owner of the Shaw News Company. He was involved in various clubs and organizations, to include President of the Exchange Club, a member of the Grand Rapids Advertising Club, member of the Cascade Country Club, and President of the Peninsular Club from 1948-1949. He was married to Ruth Asman in 1913 and had three children, Priscilla, Betty and Jane. His daughter Priscilla died at the age of 15 in February of 1938. The collection includes various articles cut from magazines and newspapers, newsletters from the organizations he was involved with, a collection of Christmas cards he was known for sending, personal letters, newspapers, scrapbook, 16mm film home movies and a collection of photographs.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of a variety of materials that pertain to the life of Tad Shaw, a newspaper wholesaler and distributor of Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1922-1959. The collection contains newspaper clippings of Tad Shaw throughout his life, illustrations by Ray Barnes of Tad Shaw for *Razzing the Rapids*, newsletters from organizations Tad Shaw was involved with, home movie reels from the 1920's and 30's, a scrapbook of article clippings pertaining to boats and boat racing during the 1920's and 30's, and a small collection of personal letters. Also included are portrait photographs of Tad Shaw throughout his life, photos of his book shop in the early 1920's located in the Gilbert Building, a collection of costume party photos from the Cascade Country Club, and collection of Lowell Band members from the late 1800's. There are also early Grand Rapids newspapers that Tad Shaw collected of certain historical moments: an 1898 Evening Press edition featuring the Homecoming of the 32nd Regiment, a Grand Rapids Press 1916 edition featuring the end of WWI, and a 1934 Grand Rapids Herald featuring Grand Rapids' 1884-1934 Golden Anniversary Jubilee edition.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Accession No. 1986-129 & 1986-222; Received as gift from Mrs. Arthur Shaw

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- 20th Century

Subject(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.)--Newspapers.
- Shaw, Tad, 1891-1959.

Series I: Newspapers & Magazines

Collection Inventory

Series I: Newspapers & Magazines 1920-1959		
	Box	Folder
Biographical Articles 1943-1959	1	1
Illustrations of T. Shaw by Ray Barnes	1	2
The Grand Rapids Press	6	2
The Grand Rapids Chronicle	6	1
The Evening Press	6	2
The Grand Rapids Herald	6	2
The Sunday Herald	6	1
Series II: Newsletters		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Exchangeite 1923-1924	1	3
Spokes O' The Wheel 1928-1931	1	4

Misc.

Misc. 1923-1943		
	Box	Folder
The Ottawa News	1	5
The Wholesalers' Guide	1	5
The MacFadden Wholesaler	1	5
The Cascade Golfer	1	5
The Frost Bite	1	5
Rotary Club District Conference	1	5
Leelanan Enterprise	1	5
The Bootlegger's Gazette	1	5
The Headache	1	5
Razzing the Ad Club	3	2
Sun Guide	6	1
Series III: Letters 1924-1955		
	Box	Folder

Series IV: Peninsular Club

Letter from Allen Miller	1	6
Itinerary Letter from Allen Miller	1	6
Letter from Billy Clark	1	6
Invitation Letter	1	6
Tad Shaw Testimonial Dinner Program for dinner	1	6
Reference Letter	1	6

Series IV: Peninsular Club 1948-1951

	Box	Folder
The Peninsular Club Magazine	1	7
70th Anniversary Peninsular Club	1	7

Series V: Photographs 1922-1959

	Box	Folder
T. Shaw Photographs 1920-1955	2	1
Book Shop Photos	2	2
Tad with Wife Photos	2	3

Miscellaneous Photos

Costume Party Photos	2	4
Lowell Band Late 1800's	2	5
Saladin Club Members	2	6
Club Banquet Photograph	3	1
Miscellaneous Photos		
	Box	Folder
Banquet Hall	2	7
16mm Film Small Reels		
	Box	Reel
Plymouth	4	1 of 6
Bay City & Ann Arbor	4	2 of 6
Beach Party	4	3 of 6
Muskegon Boat Races	4	4 of 6
Spring Lake Girls & Boys Party	4	5 of 6
Cascade Country Club Costume Party	4	6 of 6

Series VI: Film Reels

Boat Pictures	2	7
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Souvenir Photo	2	7
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Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg	2	7
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Men in Suits	2	7
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Series VI: Film Reels**16mm Film Large Reels 1920-1930**

	Box	Reel
Film 1	5	1
Film 2	5	2
Film 3	5	3
Film 4	5	4

Series VII: Scrapbook

	Box
Boat Scrapbook 1917-1930	3

Series VIII: Christmas Cards

Series VIII: Christmas Cards		
	Box	Folder
Christmas Cards 1930-1950	1	8
Series IX: Blue Bird Guild 1922-1947		
		Box
Constitution and By-Laws of Blue Bird Guild 1922-1942		3
Revised Copy of By-laws for Blue Bird Guild 1939-1947		3
Series X: Misc. Items		
	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous items	1	9