

Finding Aid for the Alice Loomis Papers Collection 447

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Alice Loomis Papers
Date [inclusive]	1890 to 1950s
Extent	0.5 Linear feet 1 Box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Alice L. (Pat) Loomis (1908-1990) was a prominent woman in mid-20th century Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. Loomis was active in the Kent County Republican Committee and the National Young Republicans. She was also an employee of the Grand Rapids Herald and seems to have been involved in the printing department. Within this collection are many small publications regarding the printing industry of West Michigan at the time; the American Newspaper Guild; and various banquets and Republican conventions.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Alice L. (Pat) Loomis lived from 1908 to 1990 and was married to Mr. A. Hubble Loomis. At various points in her life she was an employee of the Grand Rapids Herald, a member of the American Newspaper Guild, Secretary of the Kent County Republican Committee, Chairman of the Kent County Republican Committee, a National Committeewoman for the Michigan Young Republicans Federation, and she was a Publicity Director for the National Young Republicans organization.

An article about Pat was featured in the Grand Rapids Herald on April 19, 1954. She went to Washington to attend the 100th anniversary conference of the National Federation of Republican Women and the article covers an impromptu meeting she had with President Eisenhower. Mrs. Loomis worked on Eisenhower's campaign train as a hostess and receptionist and he was an acquaintance.

Scope and Contents note

The materials within this collection contain much on the local newspaper and printing industry in the 50s. Banquet programs, an Airforce Souvenir Handybook, and publications for Young Republican Conventions and Union Directories can also be found. The organization of these materials have not been changed and reflect the curatorial decision of Mrs. Loomis at the time they were donated.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department September 2015

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift from Alice L. (Pat) Loomis, accession number 1952.001

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Collection 54: Grand Rapids Public Library Photo Collection (Photo of Mrs. Loomis)

Collection 173: United States Army Weather School Collection (Mention of Mrs. Loomis)

Collection 297: Grand Rapids Press Collection

Collection 282: William Alden Smith Collection

Collection 329: Wayne T. Vandercook family records, including Senator Henry B. Vandercook (Mention of Mrs. Loomis)

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Politics and government

Personal Name(s)

- Loomis, Mrs. A. Hubble (Alice L. nee Lichty)

Subject(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.)--Newspapers.
- Labor unions -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Printing industry -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Tourism -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Women -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
The Forecaster, v. 1, no. 22, June 26, 1943. Folder marked "Forecaster Head's Pat Loomis"	1	1
American Newspaper Guild. Summaries of 1945 Herald Guild Unit Conferences. Agreement between Federated Publications Inc and Grand Rapids Newspaper Guild.	1	2
American Newspaper Guild membership cards, Alice Loomis honorable withdrawal card, minutes from July 22, 1945, Anti-labor Case Bill, Recommendation for the Organization and Establishment of the District Council Plan.	1	3
Ten Grand Rapids Press advertising newsletter 1956, 1957. Some months missing.	1	4
The Right Hand, newsletter publication for businesses "to remind the busy executive that Printing is THE RIGHT HAND OF INDUSTRY." Four booklets: November 1956, January 1957, March 1957, and July 1957.	1	5
Hudson Newsletter Supplement from downtown Hudson car company at 101 Weston St. 3 newsletters from 1953.	1	6
On The Beam: a new musical Revue, presented by The Weather School, GR. Ramona Theater June, 1943.	1	7

Air Force Souvenir Handybook. New York, Martin J. Pollak Inc. 1942.	1	8
Good Citizen: the rights and duties of an American. An official Freedom Train publication. Am. Heritage Foundation, 1948.	1	9
Annual Lincoln Day Banquet programs. 61st, 63rd, 64th, 67th.	1	10
Facsimile of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Small envelop from Lincoln Bay Banquet, Feb 10, 1954	1	11
Michigan Federation of Young Republicans, First State Convention Banquet Program. Sept. 17, 1941.	1	12
Mid-West Council of Young Republicans, First Annual Convention Banquet Program. March 8-9, 1946. Cover by Joe Korff.	1	13
Official Union Labor Directory C.I.O. 1945. Sponsored by The West Michigan C.I.O. News	1	14
Michigan CIO Council. Seventh annual convention, July 12-15, 1944. Grand Rapids, Michigan.	1	15
First Annual Educational Convention. Briggs Aircraft. Local 742 UAW-CIO. Nov. 20-21, 1943.	1	16
Aoelian Choral Series #1067 'Michigan, My Michigan, Sheet music from H.T. FitzSimons Co, Chicago c1911. This is Our Michigan by Willard Baird. Drawings by Claire L. Oliver. Battle Creek, MI 1954.	1	17

National Geographic So. Certificate for H.E. Loomis, Personnel List
General Supplies Division 1918, History of General Supplies Division

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