

Finding Aid for the Aurey Strohpaul negatives Collection 159

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department |
| Creator - Photographer | Strohpaal, Aurey, 1904-1978 |
| Title | Aurey Strohpaal negatives |
| Date [inclusive] | 1938-1948, n.d. |
| Extent | 1.25 Linear feet Three boxes |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | Contains negatives taken by Aurey Strohpaal (1904-1978) of events and people in Grand Rapids, Michigan as well as sport and outdoor topics from Upper Michigan. The chronologically arranged negatives date from 1938 through 1948, with a gap from 1942 through November 1946 during which time Strohpaal was a member of the United States Navy. Of note are his images of Harry S Truman's visit to Grand Rapids in 1946, the Interlochen National Music Camp, the Michigan National Guard 126th Infantry and Native Americans from Michigan. |

Biographical/Historical note

Born in Sturgis, Michigan in 1904, Aurey Strohpaal moved to Grand Rapids in 1911. He began working for the Battle Creek Moon Journal in 1923 as a reporter. The next year he began his twenty-five years with The Grand Rapids Press as a photographer. During World War II he was a U.S. Navy photographer assigned to document five combat operations in the Pacific Theater.

In 1948 Strohpaal accepted the position of Publicity Director of the West Michigan Tourist Association (WMTA). He was named the WMTA Secretary-Manager in 1956. He held that position until 1966, when he semi-retired. He continued in this semi-retired position until 1977. During these latter years, he was honored by the state's tourist directors with the distinguished CORTE Award.

Strohpaal married Harriet; they had two daughters: Nancy Bockheim and Beverly Blackall. Strohpaal died 30 September 1978.

Scope and Contents note

Dating from June 1938 through October 1948, the collection is arranged chronologically. It depicts people, places, and events in Grand Rapids and northern Michigan. No images exist from late 1942 through November 1946 when Strohpaal served as a photographer in the U.S. Navy.

Of note are his images of President Harry S. Truman's visit to Grand Rapids in September 1948, the Interlochen National Music Camp, the Michigan National Guard 126th Infantry (from Grand Rapids), the State Democratic Convention, outdoor events, wild animals, hunting and fishing and Native Americans.

Among the places depicted are: Lake Charlevoix, Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes, Grand Marias Sand Dunes, Grand Haven beach, Macatawa beach, Grand Sable Falls, the Kitchitiki Springs, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs, Sault Ste. Marie, Leland, Zeeland and the Ionia Reformatory. Some of the other people depicted include Jim Pontiac, Charles Potter, Kim Sigler, Senator Ferguson, Joseph Maddy and Frank Sparks.

Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Interlochen Arts Academy (Interlochen, Mich.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (Mich.) -- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Indians of North America -- Michigan
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