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Ralph Parker Collection

Original, 9 video reels and 13 audio reels , c.1953-1978

Scope and Content: The Ralph Parker Collection consists of both audio and video reels produced for broadcast over the radio and television airwaves and kept by Ralph Parker.

Series A 120/1/1-8: Video Reels, 8 reels, 1953 (originals)

This series contains eight video reels that were produced in Toronto and then lent to television stations in Ontario.

- 1) Uncle Chichimus, October 14, 1953
- 2) Uncle Chichimus, October 15, 1953
- 3) Holiday Ranch, October 29, 1953
- 4) Holiday Ranch, November 5, 1953
- 5) Big Revue Part One, December 4, 1953
- 6) Big Revue Part Two, December 4, 1953
- 7) The Big Review
- 8) The Big Review

Series A 120/2/1-4: Audio news reels, 13 reels, c.1970-1978 (originals)

A collection of radio broadcasting produced in Ontario.

- 1) Safety '77, 5 reels, 1977.
- 2) Elvis, 4 reels, 1978.
2 hours 12 minutes (minus commercials) of tribute,
- 3) Christmas Tinsel, 3 reels, date unknown.
History and stories of Christmas written and voiced by Buck Witney, program with each reel.
- 4) Penetrators, 1 reel, unknown.
Discusses jingles, advertisement produced by St. Clair Productions Ltd.

Series A 120/3/1: Miscellaneous film reel, 1 reel, date unknown (original)

One reel of film showing a little boy walking and sitting.

Biographical Sketch:

Ralph H. Parker became “Canada’s youngest announcer and radio-operator” in the 1930s when he worked as the first official radio broadcaster of the CKPR radio station located in the Royal Edward Hotel in Fort William. He later owned and operated CFPA (CFPR) at the Lakehead. Later in life he supervised the inauguration of television transmission at the Lakehead.

Additional Information:

Conservation Note: Series 1, items 7 and 8 have no reel container.