Jack Karr Collection  
(1938-1979)  
Inventory

7 boxes; 3.46 linear metres

Scrapbooks and papers of Toronto columnist and public relations man Jack Kerr, film and drama critic for the Toronto Star (1938-1959), publicity head for the Stratford Festival (1959-1965) and later the O’Keefe Centre (1965-1976).

**Box #1**

Env. #1: Biographical Material – 9 items

Clippings about Jack Karr’s career, and obituaries.

Env. #2: Correspondence and Misc. – 14 items

*Celebrity Parade*, 1942. Program autographed to Jack Karr (who handled publicity) by cast including Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox.

Letter from Herbert Wilcox, 12-7-42, thanking JK for his work for *Celebrity Parade*.

Letter from Anna Neagle, 21-8-42.

Letter from Herbert Wilcox, 4-9-43, announcing his marriage to Anne Neagle.

Press releases (2) for the *Victory Star Show*, May and October 1944, and luggage tag for guest star Joan Fontaine.

Telegram (4 pgs.) from Lutle, 20-11-47.

Telegram from H.C. Hindmarsh (President of the Star), 20-1-49.

Letter from Charles Kurtzman (of Loew’s) with attached story from *Movie Memo* on JK 12-9-49.

Letter from Martin Quigley (*Motion Picture Herald*), 16-1-50.

Letter from Jack Arthur, 14-8-52.

Letter from Tyrone Guthrie, 15-1-61.

Letter from Mary Martin, n.d.

Letter from Anna Neagle, 26-7-67.

Env. #3: Script – 1 item

*Grape Nuts Flakes Program* starring Jack Benny broadcast 2-14-43 from Toronto.

Signed by cast including Jack Benny, Don Wilson and Rochester.

21 pgs and cover sheet.
Env. #4: Photographs, Jack Karr and *Star* promo shots – 5 items

Jack Karr (2)
*Star* promo for “Movie-Go-Round” column (2)
*Star* promo for “Showplace” column (2)

Env. #5: Photographs: The *Star* Years (1938-1959) – 30 items

Group shots of Jack Karr with various personalities:

- Humphrey Bogart*
- Betty Box on set of “Blind Goddess”
- Corinne Calvet, John Bromfield, Win Barron, Stan Helleur
- John Corfield and Harold Huth
- Lou Costello
- Hazel Court
- Hazel Court, Elspet Grey and Andrea Lea
- Anne Crawford and Betty Box and “Blind Goddess” set
- Anne Crawford and Hugh Williams on “Blind Goddess” set
- Betty Hutton
- Danny Kaye
- Gina Lollobrigida, Ken Johnson, Alex Barris et al
- Gina Lollobrigida and Toronto journalists
- Jayne Mansfield
- Anna Neagle and Helena Pickard
- Anna Neagle and Helen Allen
- Patricia Roc (2)
- Barbara Ann Scott (2)
- Rise Stevens
- James Stewart
- Adolph Zukor, Win Barron, Herbert Whittaker, Stan Helleur
- Unidentified (7)

Env. #6: Photographs, The *Star* Years (1938-1959) – 8 items

Photographs of show business personalities, some autographed to Jack Karr (*):

Cass Daly*
Cecil B. DeMille*
Robert and Dorothy Harbin (with certificate stating Karr was “duly sawn in 2 pieces” at the Royal Alexandra during Geo. Formby’s Music Hall Varieties Show).
Bob Hope*
Env. #7: Photographs – 9 items

Farewell luncheon when Jack Karr left the Toronto Star to become head of publicity at the Stratford Festival, May 1959. Together with letter from James Nairn of Famous Players.

Env. #8: Photographs, The Stratford Years (1959-1965) – 1 item

Jack Karr and Brian Jackson

Env. #9: Photographs, The O’Keefe Years (1965-1976) – 9 items

Virginia Capers of Raisin and Jack Karr  
Vickie Carr*  
Petula Clarke and Jack Karr  
Grateful Dead  
Edward Everett Horton and Jack Karr  
Jefferson Airplane (2)*  
Pierre Trudeau, Hugh Walker and Jack Karr  
Pierre Trudeau and Jack Karr

*Autographed to Jack Karr (with the exception of the Jefferson Airplane photos, which are simply autographed by members of the group).

Scrapbooks, consisting of columns written by Jack Karr for the Toronto Star

Scrapbook #1: Sep. 10, 1938 – Feb. 27, 1939  
Scrapbook #2: Mar. 1, 1939 – Jul. 13, 1939

Box #2: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook #3: Jul. 31, 1939 – Jun. 24, 1940  
Scrapbook #4: Jul. 3, 1940 – Jul. 25, 1941  
Scrapbook #5: Jul. 1941 – Dec. 23, 1942  
Scrapbook #6: Dec. 15, 1942 – Jan. 11, 1944
Box #3: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook #7: Jan. 12, 1944 – Dec. 30, 1944
Scrapbook #8: Jan. 2, 1945 – Dec. 31, 1945

Box #4: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook #11: Sep. 6, 1947 – Apr. 12, 1948

Box #5: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook #17: Jul. 3, 1951 – Mar. 31, 1952
Scrapbook #19: Nov. 1, 1952 – Mar. 31, 1952

Box #6: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook #20: Apr. 1, 1953 – Aug. 29, 1953

Box #7: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook #30: Jan. 3, 1956 – Mar. 31, 1956
Scrapbook #32: July 4, 1956 – Sept. 29, 1956
Scrapbook #35: Apr. 1, 1957 – June 29, 1957
Scrapbook #36: July 5, 1957 – Sept. 28, 1957
Scrapbook #40: July 2, 1958 – Sept. 30, 1958

Posters (stored separately in AR-7 Oss)

Advertising posters for Toronto Star delivery trucks and newspaper boxes;

“Showplace” by Jack Karr. The column with the close-ups! Featuring: Latest Hollywood gossip… …newest movie hits. Throughout the week in the Daily Star. Printed black and red on card, with photo of Jack Karr. 550 x 350 mm.

In the Toronto Star, know your screen stars. Read Jack Karr’s “Movie-Go-Round”. Printed black, red and yellow on card, with photos of Deanna Durbin, Jean-Pierre Aumont and Greer Garson. 290 x 478 mm.

Transferred to Photographs Collection, Stratford Festival (AR)

Photo of model for the Festival stage.
Photo of exterior of the Festival Theatre.

Gift of Mrs. Jack Karr, Toronto
Inventory: A. Goluska,
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