

**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- .

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.

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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\*

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Hildegarde Neff\*

Gail Russell\*

Fay \*

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

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**Box #3: Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook #7: Jan. 12, 1944 – Dec. 30, 1944  
Scrapbook #8: Jan. 2, 1945 – Dec. 31, 1945  
Scrapbook #9: Jan. 2, 1946 – Dec. 6, 1946

**Box #4: Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook #10: Dec. 7, 1946 – Sep. 5, 1947  
Scrapbook #11: Sep. 6, 1947 – Apr. 12, 1948  
Scrapbook #12: Apr. 13, 1948 – Oct. 27, 1948  
Scrapbook #13: Nov. 1, 1948 – Oct. 31, 1949

**Box #5: Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook #14: Nov. 1, 1949 – Jun. 28, 1950  
Scrapbook #15: Jul. 3, 1950 – Sep. 30, 1950  
Scrapbook #16: Oct. 2, 1950 – Jun. 25, 1951  
Scrapbook #17: Jul. 3, 1951 – Mar. 31, 1952  
Scrapbook #18: Apr. 1, 1952 – Oct. 30, 1952  
Scrapbook #19: Nov. 1, 1952 – Mar. 31, 1952

**Box #6: Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook #20: Apr. 1, 1953 – Aug. 29, 1953  
Scrapbook #21: Sep. 2, 1953 – Dec. 30, 1953  
Scrapbook #22: Jan. 2, 1954 – Mar. 31, 1954  
Scrapbook #23: Apr. 1, 1954 – Jun. 30, 1954  
Scrapbook #24: Jul. 2, 1954 – Sep. 28, 1954  
Scrapbook #25: Oct. 1, 1954 – Dec. 30, 1954  
Scrapbook #26: Jan. 1, 1955 – Mar. 31, 1955  
Scrapbook #27: Apr. 1, 1955 – Jun. 29, 1955  
Scrapbook #28: Jul. 2, 1955 – Sep. 30, 1955  
Scrapbook #29: Oct. 1, 1955 – Dec. 31, 1955

**Box #7: Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook #30: Jan. 3, 1956 – Mar. 31, 1956  
Scrapbook #31: Apr. 2, 1956 – June 30, 1956  
Scrapbook #32: July 4, 1956 – Sept. 29, 1956  
Scrapbook #33: Oct. 1, 1956 – Dec. 31, 1956

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Scrapbook #34:	Jan. 2, 1957 – Mar. 30, 1957
Scrapbook #35:	Apr. 1, 1957 – June 29, 1957
Scrapbook #36:	July 5, 1957 – Sept. 28, 1957
Scrapbook #37:	Oct. 1, 1957 – Dec. 31, 1957
Scrapbook #38:	Jan. 2, 1958 – Mar. 29, 1958
Scrapbook #39:	Apr. 1, 1958 – June 30, 1958
Scrapbook #40:	July 2, 1958 – Sept. 30, 1958
Scrapbook #41:	Oct. 1, 1958 – Jan. 3, 1959

**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  
Nov. 1981 & Mar. 1982  
Inventory: A. Goluska,  
June 18, 1982