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## INVENTORY TO THE PURDUE CLUB OF CHICAGO RECORDS 1921-1955

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Purdue Club of Chicago
<b>Title</b>	Purdue Club of Chicago records
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 46
<b>Date Span</b>	1921-1955
<b>Abstract</b>	Records, including attendees of meetings and events, officers and committee members for the Purdue Club of Chicago from 1922-1955. Also includes photographs, letters, postcards and miscellaneous material.
<b>Extent</b>	1 cubic foot (1 c.f. box)
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Mary A. Sego, 2010
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Organizations**

Purdue Club of Chicago

### **Topics**

Purdue--Alumni

### **Form and Genre Types**

Letters

Photographs

Postcards

Records

## History of Purdue Club of Chicago

The Purdue Club of Chicago is the oldest and largest of Purdue University's Alumni Clubs. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Purdue presence in the Chicago metropolitan area. Many of their efforts focus on promoting Purdue University and supporting the 21,000 alumni that live in the Chicago area.

The Purdue Club of Chicago is rich in history and service to Purdue alumni. The organization started in the late 1800s. The Purdue Club of Chicago and Indiana Chicago Club created the tradition of the Old Oaken Bucket. This bucket continues to serve as a trophy in the annual rival football game between Purdue University and Indiana University.

Events are planned throughout the year to bring Chicago-area alumni together. Popular annual events include bus trips to football games, summer picnics, game-watching parties at local bars, an annual Freshmen Send-Off Picnic, the Big Ten Night at US Cellular Field, and group trips to concerts. The Purdue Club of Chicago also competes with the Indiana Alumni Club in Chicago in an annual blood drive competition.

Each year, The Purdue Club of Chicago awards a scholarship to a selected incoming freshman. Efforts are made throughout the year to raise money to help fund the annual scholarship. The club strives to increase both the dollar amount and number of scholarships that it awards each year.

For more information on the Purdue Club of Chicago:  
<http://www.puchicago.org/home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

*Source(s):*

Retrieved April 5, 2010 from:  
<http://www.puchicago.org/aboutus/thepurdueclubofchicago/tabid/102/Default.aspx>

## Collection Description

### Scope

The Purdue Club of Chicago records consist of three guest registers (1921-1955) that include handwritten names, addresses, graduation years, and phone numbers for members attending various events. Includes occasional notes about Purdue football games and lists of officers for some years (1945-1948) in addition to a few documents on general plans for meetings and committee members. Includes a letter from Purdue President Edward C. Elliott thanking the Club for an event he attended (April 1945). Some pages in the volumes are identified as the Merchants and Manufacturers Club. A small number of photographs, postcards, and letters were interleaved throughout the volumes and have been separated into a folder for preservation purposes. The volumes are organized chronologically. The folder contains material circa 1920-1950.

### Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

### Processing Information

All materials have been housed in polyester sleeves, acid-free folders, and acid-free boxes. All newsprint has been photocopied. A clipping containing images of people has been preserved for display purposes, with a photocopy made available for research.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

### **Purdue Association of Chicago, 1921-1936**

(Volume 1)

#### **1 Box Contents**

Member register for events; lists name, graduation year, business address and telephone number and residence address. Some of the events noted are annual "George Ade Outing" Hazelden Farm, Brook, Indiana; meeting attendees; luncheons and other events. Notations about bets on Purdue football and other teams, dated June 20, 1925

### **Purdue Association of Chicago, 1936-1946**

(Volume 2)

#### **1 Box Contents**

Member log and guest register for events, officers elected, minutes of annual spring dinner meeting, the Merchants and Manufacturers Club, 1945 and officers 1945-46, among other events. Letter addressed to Mr. H.B. Storm from President Elliott thanking members for an alumni event, dated April 27, 1945.

### **Purdue Association of Chicago, 1946-1955**

(Volume 3)

#### **1 Box Contents**

Member log and guest register for events, 1946-1955; list of officers and directors for 1946-1947 and 1947-1948, along with general plans for meetings and committee members. [This register had a column for remarks by members.]

### **Purdue Club of Chicago - Letters, Photographs and Miscellaneous, circa 1920-1950**

(Folder 1)

#### **1 Box Contents**

##### Item

1. Newspaper clipping [Fern Eggen, "Miss Fashion Rhapsody of 1946" with Howard B. Storm, president of the Purdue Club of Chicago, holding the Ward Lambert

1. Trophy, as A.M. Burch, vice-president of the Purdue Club of Chicago looks on, 1946. [The trophy was sponsored by the club in honor of Lambert and awarded to the winners of the Daily News' Chicago Relays.]
2. Membership form for the Purdue Club of Chicago, 1952 [explanation of what the club does on one side]
3. Christmas card from Joe McKinsey (?) telling of adventures on "Brigantine Yankee", 1955
4. Thank you note from Anne H. DeWolfe, undated
5. Postcard from Mac Bradbury (?), circa 1945
6. Postcard from Sam Fleager, 1936
7. Thank you note from Ida Carothers Merriam (sister of Charles G. Carothers), 1936
8. Brochure for 8<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre, undated
9. Twenty-eight photographs, black and white, found in the registers, circa 1923-1946 [names noted on the back of the photos include; Sam Fleager, Jack Armstrong, Bradbury, E.C., Alexander, J.B. Nathelffer, Jack Long, F.J. Gross, F. Masou (as Santa), C.U. Morey and Jack Plaster]