Bosch Brewing Company Radio Commercials
MS-332
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Summary Information

Repository
Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections

Creator
Clinton E. Frank, Inc..

Title
Bosch Brewing Company Radio Commercials

Date [inclusive]
1959-1964

Extent
0.56 cubic feet 1 manuscript box

Language
English

Language of Material
English

Material Specific Details
The commercials can be accessed on the cassette tape with the cassette player in the archives.

Abstract
Commercials, 1959-1964, for the Bosch Brewing Company, a brewery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Produced by Clinton E. Frank, Inc., includes 33-1/3 rpm recording disks, possibly master copies, of Bosch Brewing Company's radio advertising campaigns.

Preferred Citation
MS-332, Bosch Brewing Company Radio Commercials, Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, Houghton, Michigan.
Historical Note

Clinton E. Frank (1915-1992) attended Yale University and graduated with a degree in economics, after which he went into the advertising business. Frank attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Corps, serving as an aide to General Jimmy Doolittle during World War II. Following the war he resumed his career in advertising. In 1954 Frank established Clinton E. Frank Inc., a Chicago based advertising agency which was sold to Campbell-Ewald Co. of Detroit in 1976. Frank is probably more well-known for his football prowess, becoming the third winner of the Heisman Trophy in 1937 as a two-way back for Yale University. He was elected to the National Football Hall of Fame in 1955 and in 1988 was named recipient of the Gold Medal, the hall's highest award. Joseph Bosch, founder of the Bosch Brewing Company, had always yearned to enter the brewing industry. He had learned much from his father, a brewer in his native country of Germany, who had brought the family to Lake Linden, Michigan in 1867. A desire for more knowledge and experience led the young Bosch to Cleveland, Fort Wayne and finally Milwaukee, where he worked for the Schlitz brewery. He returned to Lake Linden in 1874, erected a small wooden building and began brewing operations as the Torch Lake Brewery, Joseph Bosch & Company. Bosch operated the brewery on his own for the first two years, but in 1876 admitted several men on a partnership basis. The company continued as a partnership until around 1894, when the reorganized firm issued stock under its new name, the Bosch Brewing Company. The company continued in operation for nearly a century, closing the last of its facilities in 1973. In the early years of brewing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, little if any beer was sold in bottles. Bosch saw the potential of this packaging, however, and the company began bottling on a small scale before 1880. By 1883, the original wooden building in Lake Linden had been enlarged and the company was producing 4,000 barrels of beer annually, one quarter of which was bottled. The brewery was completely destroyed in a great fire that swept through Lake Linden in 1887, but the demand for its product fired quick construction of new facilities. By the turn of the century the Bosch Brewing Company had brewing facilities in Lake Linden and Houghton, as well as branches and storehouses in Calumet/Laurium, Hancock, Ishpeming, Eagle Harbor and Ishpeming. Having survived the difficult years of prohibition, the company finally closed the Lake Linden facility in favor of the better-situated facilities in Houghton. Stressing the relationship of its product and the community, the Bosch Brewing Company featured many local themes in its advertising. Promotional phrases such as the "Refreshing as the Sportman's Paradise" kept the small brewery close to the hearts of Copper Country natives and visitors from farther afield. The company found itself increasingly unable to compete locally with the larger breweries of Milwaukee and St. Louis, however, and the last keg of beer was ceremoniously loaded onto a wagon for delivery to a local tavern on Friday, September 28, 1973 (from "The Bosch Brewing Company," http://www.lib.mtu.edu/mtuarchives/bosch/bosch.aspx, accessed March 2010).

Collection Scope and Content Summary
Commercials produced by Clinton E. Frank, Inc., includes 33-1/3 rpm recording disks, possibly master copies, of Bosch Brewing Company's radio advertising campaigns and one cassette tape with a copy of the recordings.

Arrangement

Chronological

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections 3/29/2010

Revision Description

This collection was processed during the NHPRC funded Detailed Processing project. 6/04/2013

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Conditions Governing Use

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

One cubic foot of records consisting of audio recordings of Bosch Brewing Company commercials were donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Dennis Moore on September 3, 1987.
Related Materials

Related Archival Material
Other material in this institution about the Bosch Brewing Company can be found in MS-722, Bosch Brewing Company Delivery Logs.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

• Bosch Brewing Company.

Genre(s)

• Commercials

Geographic Name(s)

• Upper Peninsula (Mich.)

Subject(s)

• Jingles (Advertising songs)
• Radio advertising--Michigan--Upper Peninsula
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