Title: Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band Collection

Overview of the Collection

Reference Code: Pittsburgh Music Archive #19

Creator: Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band

Dates: 1923-1993

Extent: 2 scrapbooks

Language: English

Repository:

Music Department, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Main, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Notes on the Collection

Historical Note

Charles L. Babo Sr. started the Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band in 1923. They rehearsed at the (then) main Post Office at 4th Ave. and Smithfield St. in downtown Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band was a “Big Band” that had anywhere between 15-30 players. They would play at National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Conventions, Pittsburgh parades and festivals, and before Pittsburgh sporting events. The band was named after a Pennsylvania congressman, Clyde Kelly, who supported the NALC, a labor union which originated in 1899, and became an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) in 1917.

Abstract

Memoirs of a Pittsburgh band.
Scope and Content Note

2 scrapbooks containing:
- newsletters
- membership list
- photographs
- 1 cassette tape

Container List

1. *Scrapbook I*
   a. Newsletters
   b. membership lists
   c. photos
2. *Scrapbook II*
   a. Photographs
   b. Magazine articles
   c. one cassette tape

See Also

- [Maurice Levy Oral History of Music in Pittsburgh Collection](https://example.com), interview #203