Motor Wheel Corporation Collection 00242

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Summary Information

Repository: Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Title: Motor Wheel Corporation collection
ID: 00242
Date [inclusive]: 1937-1986
Physical Description: 3 Cubic Feet
Language of the Material: English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Motor Wheel Corporation was formed in 1920 as the result of a merger of the Prudden Wheel Company and Gier Pressed Steel and Auto Wheel. By 1934, Motor Wheel controlled approximately a third of all wheel production in the United States. It was a major manufacturer in Lansing and in Michigan. Motor Wheel was purchased by Goodyear Tire in 1964. The Motor Wheel Plant at 725 E. Saginaw St, Lansing was closed in 1975.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains bi-weekly newspapers printed for the employees of Motor Wheel Corporation. In addition to news about employees and the company, there is information about Lansing, Michigan. Of
particular interest are the papers from the World War II era. The newspaper was named *The Spokesman* when the Motor Wheel Corporation became a subsidiary company of Goodyear Tire.

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Statement**

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**Controlled Access Headings**

- Lansing (Mich.)
- Lansing (Mich.) -- History
- Memorandums
- Photographs
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Automobiles -- Wheels
## Collection Inventory

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