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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Hancock Servicemen's Center Collection
ID:	MS-467
Date [inclusive]:	1943-1944
Physical Description:	0.07 cubic feet (2 legal folders)
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [sc_box]:	MS 1
[folder]:	47-48
Abstract:	Collection, 1943-1944, of materials related to the Hancock Servicemen's Center during World War II.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Established on November 12, 1942, the Hancock Servicemen's Center, referred to as a United Service Organizations (USO) club, was a recreational center created to provide a "suitable place of entertainment where servicemen stationed in the district or at home on leave may relax and enjoy themselves." Servicemen were treated to Friday night parties and monthly celebrations sponsored by local organizations. The facility was initially open on evenings to accommodate the needs of the men stationed at the Coast Guard base, but was expanded to provide entertainment, activities, parties and celebrations to all visiting servicemen, including troops from Camp Pori.

Local young women in the community served as hostesses for the center and was overseen by a director and committee. In January 1944, Mrs. Thomas A. Coon was elected to serve as the center's director through until its disbanding in July 1944.

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Scope and Contents

Collection, 1943-1944, of materials related to the Hancock Servicemen's Center during World War II. Included in the collection are a guest book with names of visitors to the Center and one scrapbook consisting of newspaper clippings documenting activities and individuals associated with the Center.

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Related Materials

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Related materials providing documentation of the Coon Family include the Coon Family Glass Plate Negatives (MS-072), the David S. Coon Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence (MS-909)m and the Thomas C. Roberts Trust Collection, (MS-994) at the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, Houghton, Michigan.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Cooking for military personnel
- Military history -- 20th century -- Michigan
- United Service Organizations (U.S.)
- World War, 1939-1945
- Hancock (Mich.)
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Scrapbooks
- Visitors' books
- Coon Family

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Guest book, 1944	sc_box MS 1 folder 47
Scrapbook, 1943-1944	sc_box MS 1 folder 48