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CKOV fonds

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Fonds description

CKOV fonds. – February 27, 1979.

1 reel-to-reel tape

Administration History

CKOV Kelowna was established in 1928 by George Dunn, Bobby Johnston, Harry Blakeborough and James William Bromley Browne with the original call sign 10AY. The station broadcasted church services, plays, and performances by the Ogoogo Concert Club and was known as the Kelowna Amateur Radio Club. Significantly, it is recognized as one of British Columbia's first radio stations. By 1931, it received a commercial license and 10AY switched to CKOV with the slogan "The Voice of the Okanagan."¹ The station had a firm grip on media in the Okanagan. It was a CBC Trans-Canada Affiliate by 1946 and it even began CHBC-TV in 1957, alongside CKOK Penticton and CJIB Vernon, although CKOV sold their shares in the late 1970s. Further, CKOV became the first licensed private radio network in Canada through obtaining CKCQ Quesnel in 1957, CKWL Williams Lake in 1960 and CKBX 100 Mile House in 1971.

Okanagan Broadcasters Ltd. (owned by the Browne family for 50 years) sold CKOV to Seacoast Communications Group Inc. in 1988, and by 1998, Jim Pattison Industries Ltd. acquired the assets for CKOV Kelowna from Seacoast. CKOV Kelowna moved to the FM band at 103.1Mhz in 2007 and as a tribute to the Browne family who aided in launching CKOV, the new station continued with the official CKOV call sign but identified on air as "B-103." In 2010, the call letters were changed to CKQQ-FM and by 2017, the station was rebranded as Beach Radio 103.1 which provided Classic hits from the 80's and 90's.

Custodial history

The reel-to-reel was donated to the Okanagan Special Collections by Pattison Media in 2023.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of a single implied series of sound captures relating to broadcasts, which is comprised of one reel-to-reel tape recording. The recording captures W.A.C. Bennett's funeral on February 27, 1979 in Kelowna, B.C. Bennett was the Premier of British Columbia from 1952-1972.

Notes

Availability of other formats

Digitized and available in the BC Regional Digitized History Portal:

<https://bcrdh.ca/islandora/object/ubco%3A2933>

Finding aids

Item list available.

¹ History of Canadian Broadcasting, "CKQQ-FM, Beach Radio, Kelowna." *Canadian Communications Foundation*. Date Accessed October 5, 2023. <https://broadcasting-history.ca/radio/radio-stations/british-columbia/british-columbia-south/ckqq-fm/>



Associated materials

Fonds F-55 - W.A.C. Bennett fonds. Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department. <https://atom.archives.sfu.ca/f-55>

Accruals

Accruals may be expected.

General note

Bennett donated to CKOV to support its operations in its early years.

Place access points

- Kelowna (B.C.)

Name access points

- Bennett, W.A.C. (William Andrew Cecil) (1900-1979)
- CKOV



Item list

SOUND RECORDINGS

Control no. and Title	Location(s)	Series	Extent
OSC ARC 43/SR001 [W.A.C. Bennett's Funeral]. – February 27, 1979.	R2R Box 2	BROADCASTS	1 reel-to-reel tape



Catalogue record

Title: CKOV fonds

Author/Creator: CKOV (Radio station : Kelowna (B.C.))

Published/Created: February 27, 1979

Permalink: <http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=12967546>

Location: OKANAGAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS archives

Call Number: OSC-ARC-43

Status: Available

Description: 1 reel-to-reel tape

Subjects: Bennett, W.A.C. (William Andrew Cecil), 1900-1979

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Indexes and finding aids: Online inventory available.
Item list available.

Notes: Title based on the content of the fonds and on the information supplied by the donor/creator.



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