

# Indiana University South Bend Archives

## Guide to Mishawaka Woolen and Rubber Company Film Collection:

### **Summary Information**

#### **Repository:**

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**Abstract:** This is a collection of 16 millimeter films produced by the Mishawaka-based operations of the Uniroyal Company – and its predecessors. The Uniroyal Company and its predecessors had a plant complex in Mishawaka, Indiana from the nineteenth century into the first decade of the 2000s. Originally Mishawaka Woolen and Rubber Company, the Ball Band Company (later bought by U.S. Rubber and then Uniroyal and then Michelin) was created in 1838. It eventually grew to employ more than 5,000 workers and manufacture twelve different product lines by 1937. The old 29 was sold to United States Rubber Company in 1922 and was later in turn sold to the Uniroyal Corporation in 1961. At its height in 1933, Ball Band employed over two hundred sales representatives that sold products to over 60,000 retailers worldwide. The former Ball Band plant ceased operations in 1997. In June of 2000 the empty buildings that buildings that previously housed the plants were demolished and in 2005 the Robert Buetter Riverfront Park was established on the site.

#### **Scope and Content Note:**

The collection is organized alphabetically and then chronologically. All materials included in the collection are 16mm reel-to-reel films.

### **Administrative Information:**

#### **Access Restrictions:**

This collection is open for research.  
Advanced notice is required.

#### **Usage Restrictions:**

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#### **Preferred Citation:**

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#### **Processing Information:**

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All items included in collection are 16mm films

1. "25 Gallon Aerial Delivery: Free Drop of Fuel Container Test for Durability".  
Produced by: U.S. Rubber. n.d.
2. "A-3 Polaris Operations Movie". Produced by: Uniroyal. June 1965.
3. "Ball Band Foreman's Club Picnic". Christian's Tavern, South Bend. June 1935.
4. "Ball Band Foreman's Club Picnic". Location: Berrien Springs Country Club.  
June 1936 (also contains 1937 picnic).
5. "Ball Band Foreman's Club Picnic." 1938 and 1939.
6. "Chinook CH-47A". Produced by: Boeing Company. 1966.
7. "Containment for Cement: Scenes from Vietnam". Produced by: Uniroyal.  
1965.
8. "Filament Winding Facilities: Film illustrates the major fabrication of the  
Polaris missile". Produced by: U.S. Rubber Company. July 1963.
9. "Head Restraint Sled Test". Produced by: AC Electronics Division. Milford,  
Michigan. September 1969.

10. "Portable Rubber Containers: A New System For Moving Cement Around the World". Produced by: U.S. Rubber Company. 1970.

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11. "Radio Plane: Impact Bag Crash Tests". Sept 1959.
12. "Recreation and Sports: Boating". Produced by: U.S. Rubber/Sports Afield. 1950s.
13. "Recreation and Sports: Camping". Produced by: U.S. Rubber/Sports Afield. 1950s.
14. "Recreation Sports: Game Fishes of the World "the Tarpon"". Produced by: U.S. Rubber/Sports Afield. 1950s.
15. "Sealed Tank Collapsible Container". Produced by: U.S. Rubber Company: Transportation Products Department. Providence, Rhode Island. Late 1950s to early 1960s.
16. "U.S. Rubber Insulation and Case Fabrication (for Polaris Missile)"  
Produced by: Hercules Powder Company.
17. "Uniroyal Capabilities". Produced by: Uniroyal.