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Athletic Association

Coaches

Robert Zuppke Papers, 1900-13, 1921-22, 1926-57

Correspondence File (1910-1957)- significant correspondents and correspondents with 5 or more exchanges in a given year are noted in folder where their correspondence is located

Box 1:

1910, 1912- from Charles Bruce

1913- Pamphlet from the City Art Museum of St. Louis entitled, *Western Artists: The Seventeenth Annual Exhibition of the Society of Western Artists*, May 4-June 18

1919- Zuppke to Northwestern, alerting them he has signed on with Illinois.

1921- Book, *The Story of the Stadium*, signed for Zuppke by Sampson Raphaelson, October

1926- Notes made by Zuppke

1928- Letters from V.Y. Dallman and F. Mericskay (France), and a Rawlings poster advertising "Zuppke varsity equipment"

1930- Howard L. Royston (including photographs), Champaign County Country Club, Pamphlet (Department of Art and Design) of the Sixth Annual Art Exhibition by Members of Faculty of the University of Illinois March 23

1931- *Alpha Gamma Messenger*, Zuppke article entitled "Intercollegiate Athletics in its Relation to a Program of Health and Physical Education," Pamphlet of the Ninth Annual Exhibition Chicago No-Jury Society of Artists March 7-21, letter from Harvey C. Kendall

1933- A pocket calendar with Zuppke's initials on the front, *The School Arts Magazine* article on Zuppke "Football and the Art of Game" March, letter from Herbert Wilson

1934- Zuppke interview transcription with Prehn, letter from Harvey T. Woodruff, Illinois football promotional pamphlet, letter from the Chicago No-Jury Society of Arts

1935- Photograph from Walter Schneider, Christmas card from George and Martha Huff, Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the American Football Coaches Association, December 28, and correspondence with Baron Long, Walter Okeson, R.E. "Dick" Hanley, W.O Hunter, and Senneff

1936- C.E. Hertz, Bert Roby, Charles A. Williams, L.M. Tobin

1937- A-Z

Multiple Letters with L.M. Tobin

Zuppgrams and Zuppke Maxims

1938- A-B

C-D

E-F

G-H

Multiple Letters with Harold "Red" Grange

I-K

L-M

N-Q

R-S

T-V

W-Y

Z

General, correspondence

“For Old Players,” and “Recreational Interests of College Alumni and Their Evaluation of College Physical Education,” Thesis Abstract by John Newwell, Springfield College

1939- A-E

F-J

K-N

New York World’s Fair, 1939

O-S

T-Z

Zuppke to Richard Trevett, October 26, 1939

Thanks for a special suggested play. Our boys "are bright enough except that they are bright in a slow way" and suffer minor injuries due to clumsiness

Arthur Willard to Zuppke, January 30, 1939

Regarding Zuppke's complaint that the Foundation's Illini News carries unfavorable accounts about him

Congratulatory letters and telegrams from alumni, friends, and fans sent to Zuppke after Illinois’ victory after Michigan, November, 1939

1940- A-H

J-R

Zuppke to Harold Pogue, July 1, 1940

Regarding Cass Clifford, Kenney Williamson, Weenie Wilson, Branch Rickey as athletic director, \$150,000 a year football earnings to meet a budget and Zuppke's objections to athletic policy

S-Z

Speaking Engagement Declinations, 1940

1941- A-B

C-D

Ray Dvorak to Zuppke, November 24, 1941

Regarding naming Chief Illiniwek

E-G

H-K

L-O

Box 2:

1941- P-R

S-T

U-Z

Willard to Zuppke, July 1, 1941

- Regarding "intercollegiate athletic situation" with Zuppke's penciled reply
and defense attached
- Zuppke to Willard, November 18, 1941
Resignation
- Speaking Engagement Declinations, 1941
- 1945- A-H
J-M
N-Z
- 1946- A-E
F-H
I-M
N-S
T-Z
- Zuppke to Mr. Greenwood, April 22, 1946
Regarding development of the "T" formation
- 1947- A-E
F-J
- Harold Grange to Zuppke, May 2, 1947
Telegram requesting attendance at Scholarship Committee luncheon and
award meeting with Zuppke's annotation "I do not believe in athletic
scholarships."
- K-N
O-S
T-Z
- Zuppke to Mr. Cleveland, September 18, 1947
Regarding Fielding H. Yost
- 1948- A-F
G-L
M-R
S-Z
- Multiple Letters with Carl Voyles
- 1949- A-F
G-L
M-R
S-Z
- Multiple Letters with Arch Ward
- 1950- A-F
G-L
- Zuppke to Ernest Hemingway, October 3, 1950
Regarding painting, controversy and hospitality
- M-R
S-Z
- Multiple Letters with Christy Walsh
- 1951- A-F

G

"The Red Grange Story," Ira Morton screenplay

H-L

M-R

S-Z

1952- A-F

Zuppke to Allison Danzig, May 15, 1952

Regarding 1914, 1923 and 1927 football teams

G-L

M-R

S-Z

Box 3:

1953- A-F

G-L

M-R

Howard Potter to Zuppke, December 10, 1953

Regarding "conferring a B.A, M.A., or some other honorary degree on "Red" Grange"

S-Z

1954- A-F

G-L

M-R

S-Z

1955- A-F

G-L

Box 4:

1955- M-R

Multiple Letters with George Little

S-Z

1956- A-F

G-L

M-R

S-Z

1957- A-F

1965, 1971, 1989- Correspondence

Undated Correspondence

Box 5:

1937- "Among My Letters," unpaginated volumes 1,2,3 Correspondence and Congratulatory

Notes

Index to correspondence for "Among My Letters" as prepared by Maynard Brichford

Clippings File (1913-1970)

For years 1914-1927 articles listed by: Year- Month date, *publication (if known)*, "headline" or description

For years 1928-1970 only the topics of articles in the folders are listed

Box 6:

- 1913, 1922, 1925, 1930, 1934- Newspaper and magazine articles and speeches written by Zuppke, including a *Saturday Evening Post* article
- 1914- November, *The Siren*, Zuppke cartoon
- 1917- Business Men's Big Minstrel Show Advertisement (Boy Scout benefit)
- 1919- December 6, "Zuppke signs new five-year contract"
December 6, "Zuppke to head scout movement"
December 9, *New York Times*, "Scout movement headed by Zuppke"
- 1920- February 7, *News Gazette*, "Brains not brawn gets Zuppke to top"
Spring, *New York Post*
October 31, "Noted coaches emerge from grid oblivion"
May 22, *New York Evening Post*, "West vs. East"
- 1921- February 12, "Zuppke is again named leader of boy scout work"
- 1922- December 10, Unidentified Urbana-Champaign Paper, "Zuppke; football coach, philosopher, human"
- 1923- December 30, Football Coaches Association names Zuppke Vice-President
November, *Illinois Alumni News*, Zuppke photo
- 1924- November, *Illinois Alumni News*, Zuppke photo
December 30, Local C-U Paper, "Zuppke heads coaches body; no big changes"
- 1925- July 8, "Zuppke urges preparedness, in recent talk"
"Teaches football to he-men, but gets own joy by painting"
- 1926- November 28, "Displays artistic work on canvas and gridiron"
November 22, "Zuppke is an artist on and off the field"
February 6, *Kansas City Journal*, "'Red and I still friends' -Zuppke"
October 18, *New York Sun*, "The Little Napoleon"
September 9, *Los Angeles Times*, "Beach club frolic"
November 28, "Zuppke broadcasts Army-Navy game for radio station WLS"
December 4, "Record achievement banquet of Illini"
September 30, *Big Ten Weekly*, "Ten personalities in the football coaching game"
- June 6, Kearney State Teacher College Master Classes Poster
August 25, The Spokesman of Redondo Beach Rotary Club pamphlet
Kearney State Teachers College 5th Annual Summer School for Athletic Coaches
Pamphlet
January 20, *The Outlook*, "De-granging football"

- 1927- March, "The Sculpted Mr. Zupkke" Photo
 January 20, "Zupkke is to leave"
 December 25, "College athletics to be Ad Club topic on Wednesday noon"
 December 25, Ad Club books Zupkke as speaker at Wednesday luncheon"
 Glaspalast, 1927
 October, *Getting On Magazine*, "Bob Zupkke—football coach who started Red Grange towards fame and fortune"
 December 25, "Zupkke to speak at Ad Club"
 March, "Bob Zupkke now familiar with the South"
 December 12, Chicago Tribune, "Bob Zupkke smiles, jokes, but wins another grid title"
 November 5, Detroit Saturday Night, "Illinois' victory was no fluke"
 December 2, Bumblebee (Rochester Ad Club) "Bob Zupkke, dynamic coach of the Illini, here Wednesday noon"
- 1928- Zupkke's paintings in annual campus showing; Zupkke's sixteenth season coaching; Zupkke's speech at the Fellowship Dinner at the Y Gym.
- 1929- Zupkke's relationship with Red Grange; a trip to Denver; explanation of forward pass; Zupkke's devotion to Big 10 football.
- 1930- The Dixie Classic; Zupkke's Picks; a Ripley's Believe It or Not; the Progress of College Football; Zupkke's paintings and coaching philosophies.
- 1931- Zupkke's trip to Cuba; Contemplations on various coaching offers; Zupkke's defense of college sports; the No Jury Society exhibit of Zupkke's paintings; death of Knute Rockne; prospective players for 1931; Big 10 coaches; several columns written by Zupkke about football history and plays; the longevity and mortality of football players; Zupkke's predictions for winning teams; and a story on Mrs. Zupkke.
- 1932- Zupkke's painting habits; several of Zupkke's columns detailing football plays; Zupkke's Rotary speeches; and Zupkke cartoons about his golf scores.
- 1933- Benefits of pampered youth; Bob Zupkke's career (R.C. Zupkke's nephew); the professional versus college game in Chicago; the Michigan rivalry; and an article about Red Grange.
- 1934- Zupkke's speech at the Brotherhood Dinner; the All-American Football Team; Zupkke's work in the No-Jury Art Show; Voting for the All-American Football Team coach; Illinois versus Army football; Zupkke's article in the *Saturday Evening Post*; and an Illinois' win over Ohio State.
- 1935-Zupkke's vacation in Arizona; the 'Sidewinder' football play; football and philosophy; the fourth threat; Illini versus Southern California (1939,1940); Annual Chicago Alumni Banquet; and Zupkke the wise-cracker.
- 1936- The Interscholastic 'pow-wow;' Kiwanis Club banquet (Danville); Zupkke's speech to the Illini Club of Peoria; the death of Mrs. R.C. Zupkke; Zupkke's article in *Esquire* entitled "Portraits in Pigskin;" Zupkke lauded for his coaching job; Illinois versus Michigan match-up; and the death of George Huff.
- 1937- FOLDER 1: Zupkke's paintings in Arizona, Zupkke's 25th Anniversary season and celebration as coach; Zupkke's speech at Pekin High's testimonial banquet; Zupkke's speech for the "S" Club; Oak Park's champion high school football team of 1912; a

- Zuppke art exhibit in New York; the Illinois-Michigan feud; Zuppke's speech at the *Herald-American* Quarterback Club Luncheon (Chicago); the rising prices of Zuppke's paintings; and Zuppke gets his "W" sweater from Wisconsin.
- 1937- FOLDER 2: Honoring Zuppke's 25th year of coaching; Michigan beats Illinois; Illini third in Big Ten all-time standings under Zuppke; Major Coaches under Zuppke; Program of the Zuppke Testimonial Dinner; stories about Zuppke's correspondence with Red Grange; college players becoming "soft."
- 1938- FOLDER 1: All-American Football Feature Service, Zuppke stories #1-14
- 1938- FOLDER 2: Zuppke's art show at the Palmer House; First Annual Lettermen's Get-together; and Rumors of Zuppke's resignation as coach.
- 1938- FOLDER 3 (NOV. 29): Board of Trustee's refusal to accept Zuppke's resignation.
- 1938- FOLDER 4 (NOV. 30): Rejection of Zuppke's resignation; the support of his players and fans; fight with Wendell Wilson, athletic director; Alumni criticize Board of Trustees; Zuppke's Rotary Club Visit in Oak Park; Illini football players approval of resignation; and the power struggle between the board of trustees and the athletic association board.
- 1938- FOLDER 5 (DEC. 1): Zuppke/Wilson meeting to determine 1942 conference schedules; Zuppke's appearance at an Chicago Illini alumni banquet; the rumor of Fred Russell's resignation; Zuppke meets with the All-American board of football; Wilson and Zuppke "make-up"; and law students' petition to oust Zuppke.
- 1938- FOLDER 6 (DEC. 2): Illini coaches arranging schedules; Zuppke honors and cooperates with Athletic Board; Wilson prepares to call athletic board meeting; Russell and Wilson to keep present posts; Zuppke at peace with Wilson; and the law students' petition gains signatures.
- 1938- FOLDER 7 (DEC. 3-31): Zuppke's speech at the LaSalle-Peru Township High School; Board of Trustees placed University's interests first; students want representation in Athletic Board; the ten hour Board of Trustees meeting; sources claim Zuppke initiated retirement move; Wilson's opposition to a student trustee on the Athletic Board; and President Willard meets with Athletic Directors.
- 1939- Zuppke's old West Division High School; McLean County Illini Club claims firing Zuppke not a solution; an ad for Grange's book (*Zuppke of Illinois*); Zuppke's victory over the Athletic Association; Zuppke's refusal to buy football players; the *Commercial Appeals's* Mayors' luncheon; Illinois victory over Michigan silences Zuppke's critics; Zuppke in favor again; and Zuppke resigns after 29 years as head football coach at Illinois.
- 1940- Zuppke's retirement; homages to Zuppke; Zuppke exhibits his paintings in Chicago at the Palmer House; Zuppke's Michigan vacation; and Zuppke plays in Waukegan golf tournament.
- 1941- FOLDER 1: Zuppke as Chanute Field Art Exhibit Judge; Grange as the greatest back; Illinois' victory over Miami; coverage of the Minnesota-Illini game; speculation over the new Illini head coach; and Zuppke's official resignation after 29 years as head coach.
- 1941- FOLDER 2: Illini practice in preparation for the Minnesota game; coverage of Zuppke's last game against Michigan; Zuppke speaks at *Herald-American* Quarterback Club; and Zuppke as more than a grid coach.
- 1941- FOLDER 3: (Chicago, November 19-24) Zuppke's retirement from coaching; cartoons

- about his retirement; coverage of the Northwestern game; and replacements named for Zuppke's job.
- 1941- FOLDER 4: (Illinois towns' daily papers from Alton-Kewanee, November 18-27) Speculation over Zuppke's successor; and Zuppke's resignation from coaching.
- 1941- FOLDER 5: (Illinois towns' daily papers from Moline-Waukegan, November 18-22) The "Little Dutchmen" legend, Zuppke's retirement; Zuppke purchases farm; Zuppke honored by Northwestern; and alumni praise Zuppke.
- 1941- FOLDER 6: (Clippings from several states, including California and Wisconsin, November 14-20) Zuppke's retirement; what Zuppke's retirement means for college football; Illinois may hire Peyden; Illinois' loss to Northwestern in Zuppke's final game; and how Zuppke's personality will be missed in college football.
- 1942- FOLDER 1: Zuppke biography; Zuppke's retired life on his farm; Zuppke coaching the College All-Stars game; and rumor of Zuppke coaching at the Great Lakes naval training station.
- 1942- FOLDER 2: Zuppke's new search for a job; Zuppke's speech at the Hotel Book Cadillac; Illini Big 10 campaign; and Ray Eliot named new Illini head coach.
- 1943- Zuppke's painting of Red Grange; celebration of Zuppke's 64th birthday; Eliot's coaching strategies; Zuppke turns down Camp Grant's coaching offer; and Zuppke's annual appearance at the *Herald-American* Monday Quarterback Club.
- 1944- FOLDER 1: Zuppke's new puppy named "Grange;" Zuppke meets with former Illinois stars from 1914 and 1919; and a pictorial section of the *Chicago Daily News* shows Zuppke at his farm and coaching youngsters.
- 1944- FOLDER 2: Zuppke's continued admiration for Grange; Grange calls Zuppke best coach ever; Zuppke in suggested Hall of Fame for mentors; and changes in Zuppke's painting styles.
- 1945- Zuppke's mention in *Who's Who in Illinois*; Memphis lettermen reflect on Zuppke; Zuppke helps coach Auburn; Zuppke's greatest Illini thrill; Zuppke to coach University of Havana football team; and Zuppke's 66th birthday celebration.

Box 7:

- 1946- FOLDER 1 (Havana, Cuba; May 6 - July 29): All of these clippings are from the Cuban newspaper, *America Deportiva: periodico internacional de deportes*, and are not in English.
- 1946- FOLDER 2: Zuppke's job as special assistant to George Halas; Zuppke named as the all-time coach for the all-time All-American team; Zuppke's speech to the Chicago Quarterback's Club; Zuppke's contemplates book-writing; and Zuppke's six month trip to Cuba, including his attendance at Ernest Hemingway's wedding.
- 1947- Zuppke's assistance to Halas; and Zuppke recovers from a brief illness.
- 1949- FOLDER 1 (October 27-29): Illinois' "Zuppke Day;" Mohr boys establish Zuppke scholarship; the testimonial dinner for Zuppke; and a cataloging of "Zuppkeisms."
- 1949- FOLDER 2: Zuppke's celebration weekend at Illinois; honorary dinner for Zuppke; Zuppke's summer vacation plans; and Zuppke's greatest game.
- 1950- Zuppke's recent golf outings; the passing of Zuppke's friend, L.W. St. John; Zuppke

Box 8:

Zuppke Biographical Materials, Zuppke's University of Illinois early contracts 1912-1925,
Folder #1
Zuppke Biographical Materials, Folder #2
Biographical Manuscript, by Fred Young, 1956
Zuppke Photographs
Zuppke Speeches
Rules, Regulations and Opinions of the Intercollegiate Conference, 1937
Zuppke Homecoming Program, Illinois versus Michigan, October 30, 1937
University of Illinois Football Schedule, 1940
Zuppke Radio Interviews and Transcripts, 1934, 1937
Ned Brant- A Story of College Athletics, reproductions of Zuppke's cartoons
Zuppke's Syndicated Newspaper Columns, 1930-1941
Press Releases from L.M. Tobin Honoring Zuppke's 25th Season of Coaching
Zuppke of Illinois, book by Harold E. (Red) Grange, 1937. Autographed by Zuppke.
The Red Grange Story, book 'as told to' Ira Morton, 1953. Autographed by Zuppke.
Grange of Illinois, book by James A. Peterson, 1956

Box 9: (Oversize 31" x 24.5")

These 3 legal size magazine and newspaper articles are stored within this box:

"Football" by Robert Zuppke for the National Newspaper Service, John Dille, President. Articles ran Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, September 19, 1932 - January 14, 1933

"Zuppke's Guesses and Football" by Robert Zuppke for the National Newspaper Service, John Dille, President. Articles ran Saturdays, October 1 - November 19, 1932

Zuppke featured in *Liberty* magazine, "All-America Football Coaches" February, 1927

Portrait sketch of Zuppke by R. Vail, 1931

Untitled #1, Oil Painting, (vertical painting, small house in a valley of hills with another house in the background with trees, blue sky with two clouds) framed
Dimensions: 29.5" x 23"

Box 10: (Oversize 39" x 31")

Untitled #2, Oil Painting, (evergreen trees on a steep hillside with rocks, a green sky and orange center in forest) framed
Dimensions: 37" x 29"

"Cuba, March 1946," Watercolor, matted, Donated January 2005 by Robert Lundquist

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Dimensions: 28" x 22"

Box 11: (Oversize 42.5" x 37")

“Mexico-Pacific Shores,” 1940, Oil Painting, framed, paint peeling, minor damage

Dimensions: 41" x 35"