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Willard Pye Papers

Pye, Willard D.,
Willard D. Pye, Papers, 1947-1957
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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Willard D. Pye was born in 1915 in Merzifon, Turkey. He received his bachelor's degree in geology and mathematics from Oberlin College in 1935, his master's in geophysics and economic geology from California Institute of Technology in 1937, and his doctorate in petroleum and sedimentation from the University of Chicago in 1942. Upon graduation he worked for the National Defense Research Corporation doing classified research the U.S. Chemical Warfare Service. In 1943 he joined the Texas Company as a research geologist in charge of the Idaho-Utah District and in 1946 became the Rocky Mountain Division Research Specialist for the Texas Company. In 1947 he began his association with North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) as Chairman and Professor of the Department of Geology and Geography. He stayed at NDAC until the end of June 1957, when he resigned.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

This is an artificially created record group. Dr. Pye's files were discovered in 2000 in a file cabinet of his successor, Dr. Warren Kress. As to the "what and where" for Dr. Pye after he left North Dakota Agricultural College, an internet search proved to be inconclusive. The papers in essence are subject files that Dr. Pye maintained and they have been broken into four sub-series: Dr. Pye's correspondence (1949-1956); Department of Geology and Geography related, including budgets (1947-1954), curriculum (1947-1953), initial discussion and eventual discontinuance of the geology major (1950-1954), general departmental matters (1947-1954), and Forum articles (1951, 1953); School of Applied Arts and Sciences related, which consists primarily of advisor registration manuals (1949-1950, 1956) and Departmental Chair meetings/memos (1950-1954); and North Dakota Agricultural College related, including committee work (1948-1953), college memos (1947-1954), and college council minutes (1950-1954).

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Correspondence

2 Correspondence -1949-1950
3 Correspondence - 1951
4 Correspondence - 1952
5 Correspondence - Lecture/Presentation by Gladys Babson Hannaford - "Diamonds" 1952 6 Correspondence -1953
7 Correspondence - Dept. of Ed. & Psych - 1953
8 Correspondence - Dean Seth Russell, School of Applied Arts and Sciences - 1953-1954
9 Correspondence - 1954, 1956

Departmental

10 Departmental Budget - 1947-1950
11 Budget/Expenses - 1953-1954
12 Geology/Geography - Curriculum - 1947-1951
13 Requests for geographical/geological films/slides - 1949-1951
14 Petroleum Information - maps - 1953
15 Powder River & Big Horn Basin, Wyoming - Base Maps - 1953
16 Geology 102 - n.d.
17 Developmental Study Report - Department of Geology and Geography - May 1950
18 Departmental Name Change [Earth Sciences] Discussion - 1952
19 Geology Department abolishment controversy - 1954
20 Discontinuation of Geology as a major - 1954
21 Geology/Geography - Enrollment - 1947-1951
22 Departmental Inventories - 1948-1956
23 Scholarships - 1950-1953
24 Geology Students - 1951-1954
25 Departmental Teaching Loads -1951-1954
26 Exhibits at Departmental Open Houses - 1952
27 Cooperative Project - Yellowstone Big Horn Basin Research Association - 1952-1953
28 Departmental Space Problems - 1953
29 Out-of-State Travel - 1953
30 Departmental Stationery - blank
31 Sunday Fargo Forum - 5 articles on fundamentals of geology by Dr. Willard Pye - 1951
32 North Dakota & Oil Forum - Oil Edition - January 4, 1953

School of Applied Arts & Sciences
33 Manual - Arts & Sciences - Registration Advisors - 1949
34 Suggested revisions to the "Manual for Arts and Sciences Advisors" - May 1950
35 Manual - Arts & Sciences ~ Registration Advisors - September 1950
36 Guidebook for Advisors - June 1956
37 Memos and Meeting Minutes, Departmental Chairs, School of Applied Arts & Sciences - 1950-1954
38 Promotion Criteria - School of Applied Arts & Sciences - n.d.

North Dakota Agricultural College
39 Library Committee - 1948-1953
40 NDAC Health Committee - 1950-1952
41 Student Health Committee - 1950-1954
42 Faculty Committees - 1950-1954
43 Curriculum Committee - 1951
44 Committee on Counseling - Progress Report - September 1952
45 NDAC Insurance Committee - 1953
46 Memos -1947-1954
47 College Council Minutes - 1950-1954
48 Retirement information - 1949
49 State Surveys - Income from School Lands Study - 1952-1953
50 Business Office - Communications - 1953
51 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan - n.d.