

Finding Aid to the North Dakota Farmers Union Papers

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BIOGRAPHY

The North Dakota Farmers Union was established in 1927. It received its national charter at the first convention held in Jamestown, North Dakota. Approximately 500 members were in attendance. Total membership for the state was about 13,000 farmers. North Dakota had the largest membership of the 31 states with chapters. While production costs held steady after World War I, farm prices dropped. Farmers banded together to form cooperatives. Thus, the Farmers Union was born. (North Dakota Farmers Union, <https://ndfu.org/about/history-2/>). It remains active today.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The original collection of MSS 054 consisted of annual reports from 1939 to 1961. In 2021, a folder of biographical and historical information was discovered and added to the collection. This folder consists of materials relating to the conventions, two historiographies of the ND Farmers Union, and newspaper clippings.

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