

Finding Aid to the North Central Educational Television Association Records

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HISTORY

On August 17, 1959 the North Central Educational Television Association was incorporated. It was begun by a group of Fargo-Moorhead citizens exploring the possibility of educational television for the area. A final drive was held in 1962 and in 1963 Clair R. Tettermer was employed as the first general manager. Also in 1963, WDAY television made its former tower and studio available to channel 13. KFME received several grants and on January 19, 1964 broadcast its first program. It broadcast an instructional series to twenty- three school systems within its fifty-five mile coverage area. In 1965 KFME began production of its own first program, a sixty-hour course in English literature for Concordia College. By September 1965 its staff had grown to eleven persons and the station issued its first "Program Guide".

Early members of the association's board of directors included Fred Hultz, Hamilton G. Vasey, William Stern, John S. Whittlesey, Lee A. Christoferson, Philip B. Vogel, and T.L. Donat.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The North Central Educational Television Associates records consist of historical material, articles of incorporation, and the following series: board of directors meeting minutes and agendas, correspondence, financial records and subject files. All files are arranged chronologically.

The historical material includes a KFME chronology, bylaws, and background material on North Central Educational Television Association.

The [Board of Directors Series](#) includes a listing of members, officers and directors, meeting minutes and agendas, and fund drive standings. The inclusive dates for the meeting minutes are September 27, 1963 to December 17, 1966.

The [Correspondence Series](#) is arranged chronologically and consists of both incoming and outgoing letters. They deal with general station management, the procurement of equipment, funding, and letters of thanks to donors. Much of the correspondence is to or from Dr. Clair R. Tettermer, the general station manager and Dr. G. Wilson Hunter, board president.

The [Financial Records Series](#) includes balance sheets, KFME fund drive information and lists of contributors, budget analysis, costs, income, equipment leasing, HEW analysis, and a report on the KFME development program. The inclusive dates are October 10, 1963 to June 2, 1966.

The [Subject Files Series](#) contains KFME program guides, Monday/Tuesday morning memos, National Educational Television fact sheets, news releases, and program announcements and descriptions. Also contained are program policies, a report on the proposed Fargo-Moorhead ETV station, and weekly/daily schedules and descriptions.

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