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BIOGRAPHY

Frank L. Eversull was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 19, 1892. He attended McCormick Theological Seminary and Washington University, and was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1917. He received his bachelor's (1920) and master's (1927) from the University of Chicago and his doctorate in school administration from Yale (1934). In 1937 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Marietta College. He was the principal and instructor at Columbia High School in Columbia, IL (1913-1916) and Troy High School, Troy IL (1916-1921). For 1921-1922, he was an instructor in psychology and Bible at Presbyterian Training School, Chicago, IL. From 1922-1928, he was the principal at the Woodward School in St. Louis, MO and then principal at East St. Louis High School in East St. Louis,

IL, from 1928-1933. While working on his doctorate at Yale, he served as an instructor in education for 1933-1934. In 1934 he became President of Huron College, Huron, SD, which he held until assuming the presidency of North Dakota Agricultural College in August 1938.

Eversull's presidency at NDAC followed in the wake of the Purge of 1937¹. His first major task was to regain accreditation for the college. He was successful, and NDAC was re-accredited on March 23, 1939. Other dilemmas that Eversull also had to deal with were shortages and other problems during World War II, and then the return of veterans, resulting in overcrowding on campus. Eversull also aided in establishing several programs at NDAC: Officer Candidate School, the Air Corp Administration School, and the Army special training program. He resigned in May of 1946, and went to Seoul, Korea, where he was Chief of Colleges for the 24th US Corp Command for eight months. Eversull returned to the United States and to the ministry, where he served in a pastorate in Belleville, Illinois, for nine years before his retirement in 1957. Frank Eversull passed away in September of 1964.

Eversull was a member of several organizations. He was a Mason and a Shriner, a member of the National Education Association, Phi Gamma Mu, and the American Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities. He was also vice president of the North Central Association for several years.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of Frank Eversull include presidential correspondence; correspondence with A. F. Arnason, Commissioner of the State Board of Higher Education; articles from the NDAC Bulletin; correspondence with the Board of Administration; an application to the North Central Association regarding the re-accreditation of NDAC; budget reports; annual reports; biennial reports; correspondence regarding the Purge of 1937; financial reports; minutes of meetings of the Presidents' Council; correspondence, reports, and contracts regarding military affairs at NDAC; and correspondence, reports, statements, pamphlets, brochures, and other publications regarding agriculture and NDAC affairs. Primarily, the papers are arranged chronologically.

¹ Because of differences between then NDAC President Shepperd and the Board of Administration, Shepperd resigned in 1937 and was made president emeritus in July of that year. This precipitated the Purge of 1937, when, in an attempt to gain administrative control over the college, the Board of Administration discharged seven of the senior staff at NDAC in July, giving them 4 hours to vacate their offices. In turn, the Purge resulted in the loss of the college's academic accreditation

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Finding Aid

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