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Homer Duffy Collection

Duffy, Homer. Records, 1943–1968. 2 feet.

Collector. Correspondence, tax records, audits, and financial statements (1943–1968) of the Oklahoma Farmers Union and of its subsidiary organizations, the Oklahoma Farmers Union Supply Association (1950–1957) and the Union Mutual Insurance Company (1947–1968); financial statements (1954–1955) of the Oklahoma Farmers Union Service Corporation and the Oklahoma Farmers Union Cooperative (1956–1960); financial reports (1961–1964) of the Mid-Continent Farmers Cooperative; and correspondence and financial reports (1949–1955) of the National Farmers Union.

Biography:

Homer Duffy was a resident of Lexington, Oklahoma most of his life and as a resident of a rural community became interested in the affairs of the Oklahoma Farmers Union. He served as an officer and president during the period 1948 to 1958. He collected the materials found in this collection during the years he was connected with the Oklahoma Farmers Union. Also, Duffy and a group of others formed the Mid-Continent Farmers Union in 1960 after he was ousted as President of Oklahoma Farmers Union in 1958. He remained with the Mid-Continent Farmers Co-op until his death in 1968.

About the Collection:

This collection contains materials surrounding Homer Duffy's affiliation with the Oklahoma Farmers Union. Most of material concerns the time that Duffy was an officer or president of the Oklahoma Farmers Union, from 1948 to 1958. Certain papers are related to subsidiaries of the O.F.U., that is, Producers Co-op Oil Mill, Union Mutual Insurance Company, O.F.U. Service Corporation, and O.F.U. Supply Association. In addition, a number of letters and financial reports are included for the Mid-Continent Farmers Co-op, a splinter group formed by Duffy and others in 1960.

Materials relating to the Oklahoma Farmers Union are of a varied nature. Financial reports and financial statements of the period 1948 to 1958, with letters, memoranda, business correspondence, and printed material comprise the bulk of this collection. Also, the National Farmers Union is well represented in terms of quantity of material. Various printed and organizational materials are included that pertain directly to the National Farmers Union. These include convention agenda, board meetings, policy statements, etc., and the N.F.U. Washington Newsletter of assorted dates.

Box 1

1. Personal correspondence on business-to Duffy. 1954-1959.
2. Miscellaneous statements and bills; 3 spiral notebooks on political campaign. 1956-1960.
3. Personal correspondence on insurance-to Duffy. 1955-1960.
4. General material on Oklahoma Farmers Union. 1950-1959.
5. Tax reports of Oklahoma Farmers Union for 1958.
6. Printed material and news releases. 1956-1960
7. General material on insurance. 1954-1967.

Box 2

1. Minutes, agenda, board meetings of Oklahoma Farmers Union. 1950-58.
2. Convention material. 1952-1960.
3. Oklahoma Farmers Union Supply Association audits. 1950-1957.
4. Producers CO-OP Oil Mill operating statement. 1951-1955.
5. Oklahoma Farmers Union audits. 1955.
6. Oklahoma Farmers Union audits. 1954.
7. Oklahoma Farmers Union audits. 1953.
8. Oklahoma Farmers Union audits. 1952.
9. Oklahoma Farmers Union audits. 1947-1951.
10. Union Mutual Insurance Company statements. 1947-1968.
11. American Farmers Union Financial statement for 1946.
12. Oklahoma Farmers Union Service Corporation statements. 1954-55.

Box 3

1. News items relating to Oklahoma Farmers Union and National Farmers Union. 1955.
2. Personal correspondence of Homer Duffy. 1955.
3. Convention materials of the Oklahoma Farmers Union. 1954-1959.
4. Farmers Union Lobby on political Issues: Internal correspondence. 1952-1955.
5. National Farmers Union Washington Newsletter. 1954-1957.
6. Transcript of 51st Annual Convention of Oklahoma Farmers Union. 1956.
7. Booklet entitled *ONCE UPON A CO-OP TIME* by Harry Stephens.
8. Agenda for National Farmers Union Board Meeting. 1955.
9. National Farmers Union Financial report for 1949.
10. National Farmers Union and related businesses financial reports for 1949 and 1955.

Box 4

1. Junior or Award Insurance Program materials.
2. Insurance Agents instructions - Hail Crop Insurance. 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1962.
3. Insurance Agents instructions - General Insurance.
4. Farmers Union Insurance - Rate Schedules for 1950-1966.
5. Blank and partially filled out Insurance Applications.
6. Miscellaneous Insurance papers, receipts, etc.
7. Homer's Duffy personal Insurance policy.
8. Minutes, agenda, etc of Oklahoma Farmers Union. 1953-1962.
9. Agenda of board meetings - Oklahoma Farmers Union. 1954-1962.

Box 5

1. News releases and news statements relating to Farmers Union. 1952-1956

2. Miscellaneous papers of Oklahoma Farmers Union business transactions. 1943-1964.
3. Miscellaneous financial statements and reports of Farmers Union and affiliates. 1955-1966.
4. Agricultural Research for Oklahoma Farmers Union of 1954 (800 pages) in red rope folder.

Box 6

1. Annual reports of Homer Duffy: 1955 & 1956.
2. Oklahoma Farmers Union Cooperative financial reports. 1956-1960
Spiral bound:
 - March 3, 1956
 - May 31, 1956
 - Sept. 8, 1956
 - Dec. 1, 1956
 - March 2, 1957
 - April 30, 1957
 - Nov. 2, 1957
 - Feb. 1, 1958
 - April 26, 1958
 - April 30, 1960
3. List of County Agents - Oklahoma Farmers Union.
4. List of County Secretaries - Oklahoma Farmers Union.
5. Mid-Continent Farmers Cooperative financial reports. 1961-1964
Spiral bound:
 - October 28, 1961
 - October 27, 1962
 - April 27, 1963
 - October 31, 1964