

Inventory of the

Carroll County Farm Bureau
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 96

INTRODUCTION

Eugene Milisap, Manager, donated the records of the Carroll County Farm Bureau on April 18, 1980.

Property rights to the records belong to the Regional History Center. Literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the materials in the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

These records document a major portion of the Carroll County Farm Bureau's history from its first annual meeting in 1921 through 1965. A complete run of meeting minutes (1921-1965) relate information on the various services promoted and supported by the Farm Bureau. Membership records, agreements, and accounts provide data on every person involved in the Carroll County Farm Bureau since its inception. Finally, financial ledgers and the audit reports (1952-1969) relate valuable data on the business and economic concerns of the organization.

Included in the collection are records from the Carroll County Producers Supplies. This cooperative, formed in 1939, provided hybrid seed to Farm Bureau members. The meeting minutes (1939-1965), audit reports (1952-1969), seed purchase accounts (1952-1973), and financial journals (1940-1945, 1956-1967) provide sufficient information for a complete history of this affiliate. Another affiliate, the Carroll and JoDaviess Dairy Herd Improvement Association can be partially documented through financial records (1937-1946). Any other records from this association were not included in the collection, and as yet, have not been located by the Regional History Center.

Researchers should note that only a few pieces of correspondence are contained in the collection and very little supplementary materials (i.e. pamphlets and programs) have been provided. All current materials (1965 to the present) remain in the Carroll County Farm Bureau offices in Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

Related collections held by the Regional History Center include the DeKalb County Farm Bureau (RC 52), the Kane County Farm Bureau (RC 76), the DuPage County Farm Bureau (RC 87), and the North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Incorporated (RC 90). Researchers also should refer to Farm Bureau in Illinois: History of Illinois Farm Bureau by John J. Lacy (Illinois Agricultural Association: Bloomington, 1965).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

On June 28, 1919, a group of Carroll County farmers established the Carroll County Farm Bureau in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. The organization's objectives were to promote business services and educational programs. The first officers elected were George Lamp, President; Carl Daehler, Vice-President; Charles Gordon, Secretary; and Will Werner, Treasurer. On recommendation of the University of Illinois agricultural extension service, George R. Bliss became the first county farm advisor.

The first annual meeting was held on January 4, 1921. In the years to come, the Carroll County Farm Bureau was to organize several cooperative affiliates and support various social activities and programs. The Mt. Carroll Cooperative Creamery opened in 1922 followed by the Carroll Service Company (1930), the Carroll Feed Company (1937), and the Carroll Cooperative Producers Supplies (1939). All four affiliates primarily were developed to minimize price fluctuations as well as provide needed supplies to members. By the 1950's the Farm Bureau sponsored softball teams, chorus groups, 4-H clubs, Rural Youth (an organization of young Farm Bureau people), Home Bureau, picnics, tours, and river boat excursions. The Carroll County Farm Bureau continues to provide many benefits and services.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agriculture
Carroll County
Carroll and JoDaviess Dairy Herd Improvement Association
Carroll County Farm Bureau
Carroll Cooperative Producers Supplies
Farm Bureau
Farm Supply Industries

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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1	1	50th Anniversary Booklet, 1919-1969
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	7	Executive Session Resolutions, 1940
	8	Unidentified Minutes, n.d.
	9	Building Committee Recommendations, Agreements, 1940
	10	Membership Account Record, (1920-1923)
	11	General and Personal Account Ledger, (1927-1933)
	12	General Account Ledger, 1933-1944
	13	Unidentified Financial Ledger Sheet, n.d.
	14-17	Audit Reports, 1952-1969
	2	1 volume
3	1	Member and Committee Lists, (1920-1923)
	2	Membership List Taken from 1932-1936 Records
	3	Associate Membership Agreements, 1939
	4-11	Membership Agreements, A-Z, 1930-1974
	12	Membership Agreements, A-Z, n.d.
4	1	Record Keeping Instructions, n.d.
	2	Membership Records, A-Z, 1920-1923
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	7	Payroll Records, 1937-1938
	8	Account Ledger-Trial Balances, 1933-1943
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	15-17	Producer's Supplies Cash Receipt Journal, 1940-1942
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	21	Producers Supplies-Monthly Account Ledger, 1940-1945
	22	Carroll and JoDaviess Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Financial Ledger, 1937-1946
		1 volume
5	1	<u>Carroll County Farm Bureau Newspaper</u> , May 20, 1925
	2	General Correspondence, (1939-1940)
	3	Producers Supplies-Meeting Minutes, 1939-1965
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	5	Producers Supplies-Seed Purchase Accounts, "Miscellaneous", (1970-1973)	
	6	Boone County Farm Bureau Political Opinions on Canada Thistle Law and Food Stuffs Act	
	7	Judge's Scoring Sheet for Cattle, 1932	
	8	Country Life Insurance, 25th Anniversary Program, 1953	
	9	Pamphlet, Country Life and the Farmer, n.d.	
Oversize	1 volume	Payroll and Financial Account Ledger, 1956-1964	
Oversize	1 volume	Producer's Supplies-Financial Report Ledger, 1956-1967	