

Inventory of the

**DeKalb County Farm Bureau**  
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 52**

## INTRODUCTION

The DeKalb County Farm Bureau Records were collected by the Northern Illinois Regional History Center in past years with some of the printed materials transferred to the Center by the University Archivist.

Property rights to the collection are held by the Northern Illinois 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 partially document the activities of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau from 1913 to the present. The majority of the collection consists of monthly and annual publications. A history of the organization provides extensive background information on the growth and development of the Bureau. All of the original records of the Farm Bureau remain with the organization.

Researchers may wish to consult the H.H. Parke Collection (RC 43) for information on one of the Bureau's first members of the executive committee. Other related collections held by the Regional History Center included: Kane County Farm Bureau (RC 76); Winnebago Farm Bureau Co-op (RC 79); DuPage County Farm Bureau (RC 87); Carroll County Farm Bureau (RC 96); Kendall County Farm Bureau (RC 103); and Grundy County Farm Bureau (RC 106).

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

DeKalb was the first county in the United States to establish a formal farm organization to carry local responsibility for extension work in agriculture. On January 5, 1912, a group of local farmers, bankers, and newspapermen created the DeKalb County Soil Improvement Association at the Elks Club in the DeKalb Daily Chronicle Building. Those attending this first meeting elected an executive committee: H.H. Parke, D.S. Brown, George Gurler, Fred Townsend, Charles Bradt, George A. Fox, Frank Greenaway, C.D. Shoonmaker, W.F. Leifheit, R.D. Chappell and Samuel Bradt. Henry H. Parke served as acting chairman until May 12, 1912, when Dillon S. Brown was elected president. He served as president until February 12, 1923. On June 19, 1926, the DeKalb County Soil Improvement Association became the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agriculture  
 DeKalb County Farm Bureau  
 DeKalb Soil Improvement Association  
 Farm Bureau  
 Golden, E.E.  
 Parke, Henry H.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	The History of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1913-1973, including some annual reports and special programs
	2	"He Feed the World"
	3	<u>DeKalb County Farmer</u> , 1914-1918, 1922, 1931
	4	<u>DeKalb County Farmer</u> , December 1948, May 1968-December 1970
	5	<u>DeKalb County Farmer</u> , 1971-1972
	6	<u>DeKalb County Farmer</u> , 1973-1980
	7	Annual reports, 1947-1951 (1948 missing)
	8	<u>Farmer's Point of View</u> , 1971-1972
2-4e		<u>Farmer's Point of View</u> , 1972+
5	1 volume	E.E. Golden, "A Review of Three DeKalb County Agricultural Agencies and Some of Their Influence on the Production and Marketing of \$65,000,000 Worth of Products Annually"
	1 volume	E.E. Golden, "Background, Development, and Status of Worth of DeKalb County Illinois Agriculture"
	1 volume	E.E. Golden, "Curriculum Innovations in Agricultural Education at the Secondary Level"
	11 volumes	E.E. Golden, "Annual Report of Ag Extension Agent for DeKalb County," 1953-1964
6	5 volumes	E.E. Golden, "Annual Report of Ag Extension Agent for DeKalb County," 1964-1969
	1 volume	DeKalb County Agricultural Extension Office, 1964-1965
7	1-2	Our Agricultural Heritage: A History of DeKalb County Farm Bureau by Elroy Golden (unpublished manuscript)