

THE EDWARD PURDY COLLECTION

Papers, 1944-1968
(Predominantly, 1944-1946)

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The papers of Edward Purdy were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in June of 1981 by Mr. Purdy and opened for research in April of 1986.

Edward Purdy was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 3, 1914. He graduated from Highland Park High School, Michigan in 1932 and later attended Highland Park Junior College and Wayne State University. He was employed by the Fruehauf Trailer Co. from 1939 to 1947, where he was active in union affairs, serving a term as president of Local 99. In 1947 he joined the staff of the UAW where he served as Assistant Director of the Citizenship Department until he retired in 1976.

In addition to his work with Local 99 and the UAW Mr. Purdy served on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors from 1958 through 1961 and was a member of the Governor's Regional Planning Commission.

The papers of Mr. Purdy deal primarily with his contract negotiations as an official of Local 99 and to a lesser degree with his duties as a member of the UAW staff.

Contents

1/2 manuscript box

Box 1

1. Fruehauf Trailer Co. - Local 99, UAW-CIO, contract proposals, c.1944-1946
2. Fruehauf Trailer Co. - Local 99, UAW-CIO; grievance regarding promotion of female workers, 1944
3. Fruehauf Trailer Co. - Local 99, UAW-CIO; job description for occupational groups [n.d.]
4. Fruehauf Trailer Co. - Local 99, UAW-CIO; memorandum of supplemental agreement, June, 1944
5. Organization of Truck Trailer industry; clipping, memoranda, 1946
6. Salle, Adele, "The UAW and Politics," May 26, 1959 (term paper)
7. UAW Citizenship Department; correspondence, memoranda, 1962, 1967-1968
8. Wayne Co. Board of Supervisors; clippings, memoranda, 1958, 1961-1962

Non-manuscript Material

Several photographs have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collections and several copies of Local 99 contracts and by-laws have been placed in the Archvies Library.