

THE CLEMENS FORSEN COLLECTION

Papers, 1947-1964
(Predominantly, 1950-1964)

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Accession Number 611

The papers of Clemens Forsen were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August of 1973 by Mr. Forsen, and are open for researcher use.

Clemens Forsen was born in Minnesota, on January 16, 1905. Mr. Forsen was an active participant in Detroit area labor union activities. A member of UAW Local #155 since 1942, he became an officer of the Local #155 Executive Board in 1949. In July, 1955 he was elected a trustee of the Detroit-Wayne County Tool and Die Council. Mr. Forsen also served as a delegate to the Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council CIO-PAC Biennial Convention, August 3-4, 1951, and was an alternate delegate to the 1964 UAW Convention.

Clemens Forsen was one of twenty-three signatories of the Local #155 Credit Union Charter, written in December, 1949. He served as collector and credit union representative for Deluxe Die Works Plant #2. Mr. Forsen was on the Credit Committee (and was appointed Chairman in 1953) and was elected Vice-President of the Local #155 Credit Union Board of Directors in 1958.

The collection also reflects Mr. Forsen's actions as a member of the Ferndale Democratic Organization, the Royal Oak Democrats, the Oakland County Democratic Party, and the Michigan Democratic Party. As a member of these organizations he served as a Challenger in local elections and also participated in Democratic Party State Conventions.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Labor Education
- UAW Elections, Politics, and Activities, 1948-1962
- Local, State, and National Politics, 1949-1964
- Local #155 Credit Union Development and Activities, 1950-1964

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these letters will be found on the last page of the guide)

American Arbitration Association	Sander M. Levin
Archie Bailey	James McNeely
Al Barbour	Mike Novak
George A. Dondero	John Ruban
Alex Fuller	Walter Ulrich
Eugene Hoffman	Wayne County Tool and Die Association
Russel Leach	

Description of Series

Series I, Boxes 1-3 Union papers

By-Laws, Constitutions; Minutes of Council meetings, Local #155 meetings; papers concerning union elections and politics; education and recreational material; correspondence.

Series II, Boxes 3-4 Credit Union Papers

Union agreement; collection slips; Board of Directors meetings, minutes and expense details; annual reports, general mailings; newsletters.

Series III, Boxes 4-5 Political papers

Election material; Democratic Party campaign material; clippings, general correspondence; bulletins and newsletters.

Non-Manuscript material

Numerous pamphlets and booklets concerned with labor and political education, and several UAW newspapers and journals have been placed in the Archives Library.

Series I
Union Papers
Boxes 1-3

Union By-Laws, Constitutions; Minutes of AFL-CIO Council meetings, Local #155 meetings: convention resolutions and minutes: papers concerning union elections and politics; education and recreational material; correspondence. The papers are arranged according to creating organization or topic. The papers cover the period of March 9, 1947 to July 13, 1964.

Box 1

1. Michigan CIO Council 13th Annual Convention June 3-4, 1951; Convention report, CIO Constitution, proposed Constitutional changes
2. Convention Resolutions
3. Michigan Machinists Council; By-Laws, March 18, 1945, amended March 9, 1947
4. Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council CIO-PAC Constitution, September, 1948 and undated proposed changes
- 5-11. Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council PAC, UAW-CIO, Delegate Body Meeting minutes, Wayne County CIO Council attendance records, October 18, 1949 to November 20, 1951
12. Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council CIO-PAC; Annual Convention, August 5-6, 1949, Rules, Roll Calls, Officers' Report, Committee List
13. Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council CIO-PAC; Biennial Convention, August 3-4, 1951, Roll Calls, Resolutions, Officers' Reports
14. Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council; Auditor's Report, June 30, 1950 and December 31, 1950
15. Detroit and Wayne County Skilled Trades Council, UAW-AFL-CIO, undated proposed by-laws
16. Detroit-Wayne County Tool & Die Council UAW-AFL-CIO, By-Laws, June 19, 1957 and undated proposed changes
17. Wayne County Tool & Die Council, undated notes on finances and undated trustees report
18. Detroit Regional Skilled Trades Council; By-Laws 1960
- 19-24. Oakland County CIO Council Minutes, Roll Calls, Financial Statements, May 3, 1954 to December 1, 1958

Box 2

1. Oakland County Merger Convention AFL-CIO, January 24, 1959; Rules, Proposed Merger Agreement and Constitution, Roll Call List
2. Oakland County Central Labor Council AFL-CIO; Constitution, adopted January 24, 1959, amended September 9, 1959 and December 13, 1961
3. Oakland County AFL-CIO Council Committee on Political Education, proposed By-Laws, February, 1958, By-Laws January, 1964

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- 4-14. Oakland County AFL-CIO Council Minutes, February 11, 1959 to June 24, 1964
15. UAW AFL-CIO Local #155 By-Laws, February 11, 1960
16. Locals #155 and 157, Board Meeting Minutes, December 7, 1949 to 1951
17. International Skilled Trades Conference, March 3-4, 1951; Agenda, Rules, Notes, Minutes, Resolutions
18. Resolutions regarding reorganization of UAW skilled trades structure

Box 3

1. Union Politics, elections; undated materials
2. Union Politics, elections; February, 1948 to 1962
- 3-4. Education Material
5. FDR Labor Center School, August 11-16, 1950, notes and handouts
6. Recreation Material
7. UAW Music Scholarship for National Music Camp, 1964
8. Dinners, programs and guest lists
9. Deluxe Die Shop Materials
- 10-14. Union Correspondence, July 24, 1947 to July 13, 1964

Series II
Credit Union Papers
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Union agreement; collection slips; Board of Directors meetings, minutes, expense details; annual reports; conference and convention notes; general mailings; newsletters. The papers are arranged according to topic and cover the period of September, 1950 to June, 1964.

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15. Agreement between Local #155 Credit Union and Local #42 AFL-CIO May 3, 1956
16. Credit Union Collections; August 14, 1952 to August 28, 1952 and September 20, 1962 to October 1, 1963
- 17-24. Local #155 Credit Union Board of Directors Meetings; minutes and expense details, October 16, 1956 to November 20, 1961

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- 1-4. Local #155 Credit Union Board of Directors Meetings, minutes and expense details, January 15, 1962 to April 20, 1964
5. Local #155 Credit Union Annual Meeting and Report, 1957 to 1963
6. League Life Insurance Company Annual Reports, 1960 and 1961
7. Michigan Credit Union League, 16th Annual Meeting and Convention, April 13, 1951, notes and brochures
8. 3rd Annual Credit Union Conference at Kellogg Center, MSU, March 6-9, 1957, notes and handouts

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- 9-10. Credit Union Mailings, October 9, 1950 to August 6, 1963
11. Credit Union Brochures
12. Michigan Credit Union League News; September, 1950 to December, 1950
13. The Umbrella; June, 1957, December, 1957, December, 1959, August, 1962, June, 1963, July, 1963, June, 1964
14. News, Views and Cues; October, 1961 to November/December, 1963

Series III
Political Papers
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Election material; Democratic Party campaign material; clippings; general correspondence, bulletins and newsletters; concerned with local, county, state, and national political issues and elections. The papers are arranged chronologically and cover the period of January, 1949 to August, 1964.

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