UNITED AUTO WORKERS, LOCAL 602

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This local is located in Lansing, Michigan and services the Fisher Body Division of General Motors. The papers represent routine items in the life of the local which celebrated its "thirty year" anniversary early in 1969. The collection documents Local 602's contribution to the development of the UAW plus its own unique aid to the advancement of labor, its members, families and the community of Lansing.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

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Among the correspondents are:

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- Robert Carter
- Arthur Case
- Everett Francis
- Don Hayworth
- William Ingram
- Clayton Johnson
- Thomas A. Johnstone
- J.L. Livingston
- Patrick McNamara
- Emil Mazey
- Helen Moore
- E.J. Moran
- E.S. Patterson
- Joseph Piconke
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Office Files

Correspondence, broadsides, bulletins, clippings, financial audit forms, grievances, minutes of meetings, negotiations, roster of members and officers, and notes. Directives and telegrams from the UAW International are also included. This series is arranged chronologically, covers the earliest years of the union's establishment (late 1939 to 1961). The material dates as early as 1937 but the bulk of material dates from the late forties into more recent times.

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