

UAW Local 879 Collection
Records, 1940-1968
(Predominantly, 1942-1958)

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The records of UAW Local 879 were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in October of 1974 and were opened for research in July of 1986.

UAW Local 879 represents workers at the Twin City Ford Motor Company plant in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was chartered in 1941 following the recognition of the UAW by the Ford Motor Company. During the late 1940's and the 1950's, Local 879 participated in the Minnesota State CIO Farm Labor Relations Program. To demonstrate the relationship between farmers and labor, Local 879 and other CIO-affiliated unions set up booths and other displays at various Minnesota county fairs.

The papers of Local 879 reflect the daily functioning of the local, including its negotiations with Ford Motor Company. Also represented in the collection is Local 879's participation in state and local CIO and AFL-CIO industrial union councils and political action committees.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

AFL-CIO merger
Contract negotiations
Farm-labor relations
Ford Motor Company
Health and safety
Health security
Minnesota State CIO Council
Minnesota State Industrial Union Council
Overtime pay
Pensions
Veterans benefits
Women's auxiliary

Among the important correspondents are:

Ken Bannon
Carl Boye

Hubert H. Humphrey
R. C. Jacobson
Richard T. Leonard
Emil Mazey
Frank Widerski

Box 1

- 1-4. Contract negotiations; correspondence, 1944-53
5. Contract negotiations; leaflets, 1955
6. Contract negotiations; proposed contract, c.1944-45
7. Contract proposals; 1945-47, 1952, 1958, 1961
8. Fair Employment Practices Committee; 1949-52, 1955
9. Fair Labor Standards Act; 1940, 47
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12. Health and safety; 1953, 1960
- 13-15. Health security program; 1949
16. Hennepin County Industrial Union Council; constitution, n.d.
17. Hennepin County Industrial Union Council; corres., 1949-60
18. Local agreements; corres. and agreements, n.d., 1942, 1947, 1955
19. Local agreements; occupational groups, Ford Chicago plant, 1945
20. Local agreements; occupational groups, Ford Kansas City plant, 1945
21. Local agreements; occupational groups, Ford Somerville plant, 1945
22. Local agreements; occupational groups, Twin City Branch, n.d., 1947
23. Minnesota Central Labor Union Council; constitution, 1958
24. Minnesota Central Labor Union Council; merger agreement, c. 1958
25. Minnesota Federation of Labor; c.1956-68
- 26-27. Minnesota State CIO Council; 1954-56
- 28-30. Minnesota State Industrial Union Council; 1940-42, 1948-53
31. Overtime and premium pay, 1942-43, 1945
32. Period of no contract, 1958
- 33-36. Political Action Committees; correspondence, 1947-48

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1. Political Action Committees; correspondence, 1949-55
2. Reuther, Walter P.; 1946-49
3. St. Paul AFL-CIO Trades and Labor Assembly; constitution, n.d.
- 4-6. St. Paul CIO Council; correspondence, 1945-59, 1961, 1968
7. St. Paul Industrial Union Council; constitution, n.d.
8. UAW Local 879; clippings, n.d., c. 1941
9. UAW Local 879; organizing, 1941
10. UAW Ford Motor Company strike; clippings, n.d., 1941
- 11-13. Vacations; 1942-46, 1950-53, 1963
14. Veterans Committee; 1945-60
15. Women's Auxiliary; 1945-49, 1965
16. Work standards; 1946