



## Farmers' Institutes Records UA.22.6

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## Summary Information

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## Historical Note

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Farmers' institutes began in 1876 with professors from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) holding four-day seminars in six locations across Michigan. By 1895, 70 institutes were being held. In 1896, women's sections were started under Mrs. Mary A. Mayo. In 1904, 73 two-day institutes were held and 219 one-day institutes. Institutes involved active support of local farmers. After 1908, institutes were absorbed into the growing cooperative extension program, with county agents filling the educational role. Some of the subjects taught at the institutes were growing fruit, pest control, breeding livestock, increasing fertility of soil, and ways to improve efficiency and profitability.

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## Scope and Contents

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Farmers' Institutes records contain correspondence about the institutes and educational outreach programs held around the state. Correspondence is arranged by county

Also included is a notebook given to attendees so that they could take notes on the techniques and information given during the meetings. Drawings of campus buildings and information encouraging people to enroll in college are featured on the pages of the notebook. The notebook is blank except for a few notes that appear to be unrelated to the Farmers' Institutes.

Annual reports are also included in this collection.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Adult education
- Agricultural colleges
- Agricultural education
- Agricultural extension work
- Farmers' institutes
- Agriculture -- Michigan
- Home economics, Rural
- Annual reports
- Letters (correspondence)

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## Collection Inventory

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## Annual Reports

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