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**GOVERNOR:
Thye, Edward J.**

An Inventory of His Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Governor (1943-1947 : Thye).
- Series Title:** Records.
- Dates:** 1941-1946 (bulk 1943-1946).
- Abstract:** Records documenting the tenure of Edward J. Thye, who was elected lieutenant governor in 1942, and assumed the governorship in April 1943 upon the resignation of Governor Harold E. Stassen. Thye was reelected in 1944 and served until January 1947.
- Quantity:** 25.4 cu. ft. (26 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The records include subject files; files on state departments, agencies, oversight boards, and regional and special purpose commissions; and correspondence with Minnesota constituents and officials in other states. The files cover all aspects of the operation of the governor's office, including matters relating to the war. Major topics covered include resources, manpower, and policies pertinent to the war effort; civilian defense; state finance; state and national Republican politics; planning and federal funding for flood control; judicial appointments; labor disputes and relations; railroads; plans for post-war assistance to returning veterans; extradition and pardons; postwar reconstruction activities; education, particularly tax support for school districts; licensing of regulated professionals; conservation and land issues; and transportation. There is also a set of the governor's speeches (1940-1945).

Just as some of the early files in these records contain materials created by Thye's predecessor, Harold E. Stassen, files from Thye's term can be found in the records of his successor, Governor Luther Youngdahl. Researchers should consult those files for a full record of Thye's gubernatorial service.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized into several sections, each covering a year or span of years; within each are a variety of alphabetical sequences. There is considerable overlap among the sections, both chronologically and topically.

RELATED MATERIALS

The personal papers of Governor Thye and the gubernatorial records of Harold E. Stassen (each cataloged separately) include additional materials covering his gubernatorial service.

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

- Administrative agencies—Minnesota.
- Conservation of natural resources—Minnesota.
- Education—Minnesota.
- Extradition—Minnesota.
- Finance, Public—Minnesota.
- Flood control—Minnesota.
- Government aid to education—Minnesota.
- Interstate relations—Minnesota.
- Judges—Minnesota—Selection and appointment.
- Labor policy—Minnesota.
- Occupations—Licenses—Minnesota.
- Pardon—Minnesota.
- Railroads—Minnesota.
- Reconstruction (1939-1951)—Minnesota.
- Transportation—Minnesota.
- Veterans—Minnesota.
- World War, 1939-1945—Veterans.
- World War, 1939-1945—Economic aspects—Minnesota.

Places:

- Minnesota—Civil defense.
- Minnesota—Executive departments.
- Minnesota—Politics and government—1918-1945.
- Minnesota—Politics and government—1945-1980.

Persons:

- Stassen, Harold Edward, 1907-.

Thye, Edward John, 1896-.

Organizations:

Minnesota. Governor (1943-1947 : Thye)—Constituent correspondence.
Minnesota. Legislative Advisory Committee.
National Republican Party (U.S.).

Types of Documents:

Speeches.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

1943-1944 Files

Although records of Governor Thye's office, a number of these files contain materials from the office of his predecessor, Harold E. Stassen. They consist of topical files that pertain almost exclusively to wartime administration of the state and its resources and correspondence with officials and citizens of other states. Topics covered include agricultural manpower and production; resources, manpower, and policies pertinent to other aspects of the war effort; civilian defense; price controls and rationing; and plans for postwar reconstruction. Dates of many files either pre- or post-date 1943-1944.

Location

110.E.11.7B

Adjutant General, 1943. 2 items.

Exchange of letters with the U.S. Adjutant General, requesting return of the colors of the 960th Air Base Security Battalion.

Agricultural Award Program, 1942-1943. 2 folders.

Letters, memos, news clippings and releases, and posters pertaining to this program, established to stimulate and reward increased production of vital war products. Awardees received service flags and lapel insignia.

Aid for distressed school districts, 1945.

Applications for aid by school districts that, because of low assessed valuation or high tax delinquency, were in need of assistance.

Location

110.E.11.7B

Air, 1943.

Regarding air and airport defenses.

Alcohol plant, 1943.

Discussing proposed installation of a plant to manufacture alcohol from grain and molasses.

Arbitration Panel, 1942.

Army, 1943-1944.

Army and Navy casualties [lists], 1944.

Civilian Defense: Allan Briggs, 1943-1944. 2 folders.

Correspondence, mimeographed issuances, budget (March 3, 1943), and a Victory Aide program packet. Briggs was chief of staff, Minnesota Office of Civilian Defense.

Civilian Defense: [Lester R.] Badger, Director, Minnesota Division of Civilian Defense, 1944. 3 folders.

[Civilian Defense]: Child Care Program, 1944.

Council of State Governments, 1943-1944. 4 folders.

Defense:

Defense, miscellany, 1944.

State Advisory Defense Council, 1943.

Correspondence regarding appointments.

Defense Bonds, 1943-1944. 2 folders.

Correspondence, largely regarding bond drives and especially suggestions that the opening day of the U.S. bond sale drive be declared a state holiday; and reports of bond sales and receipts.

Minneapolis Defense Council, 1943-1944.

Office of Civilian Transportation, 1943-1946.

Detailing box car shortages.

Fire, 1943.

Regarding statewide allocation of pumpers.

Fuel Administrator, 1944.

Fuel oil, 1942-1943.

Gasoline, 1943.

Governor, 1944-1946.

Glider Program, 1943.

To train high school and college youths in glider building, maintenance, and piloting.

Health, 1943.

Hemp, 1942-1943.

Regarding production and control of manila, sisal, and other cordage fibers.

Location

- 110.E.11.7B Highways (defense plants), 1943.
Home garden, 1943-1944.
Victory Garden program.
Housing, 1942.
Documenting a proposed federal urban redevelopment and housing program.
Insurance, 1942.
Proposed Plan of Group Insurance for Employees of State of Minnesota, Great-West Life Assurance Company (December 29, 1942).
Labor (CIO): Legislative proposals.
Labor volunteers, 1943-1944.
Legislative Advisory Committee, 1945. 3 folders.
Agenda packets, July 19-20, December 19, 1945; minutes, June 20, July 19, 1945.
Legislation, miscellaneous, 1941-1943. 2 folders.
- 110.E.11.8F Manpower, 1942-1946. 14 folders.
Primarily correspondence with citizens who were requesting the deferment or discharge from military service of sons, other relatives, or employees; and the securing of, reinstatement in, or release from both civilian and military-related jobs. Most exchanges consist of the governor's office's copies of reply letters from the Minnesota Emergency Manpower Agency, the War Manpower Commission (Minnesota director), and the Minnesota Farm Manpower Program, accompanied by the citizen's original letter to governor Stassen or Thye. The files are largely in no order.
Also letters and circulars relating to a Minnesota dairy victory program, the impact of war on Minnesota farm labor, organization of the War Manpower Commission in Region VIII, war production and labor supply, the Minnesota Farm Manpower Program, the use of prisoners of war, plans to organize a youth employment camp or corps, and other plans to organize and direct farm labor and agricultural production; Farm Help Coordinating Committee minutes; statistics on agricultural production; executive order, letters, and memoranda regarding the establishment of the War Manpower Commission and the Minnesota Emergency Manpower Agency; and memoranda regarding a mandated 20 per cent reduction of manpower in the state government. The main 1945 file appears to be missing.
Manpower: Releases, 1942.

Location

110.E.11.8F

Moral rearmament, February 1943.

Lengthy memorandum from Willard Hunter, Washington, D.C.

Navy, 1943-1946.

Correspondence urging Stassen not to join the Navy (January 1943); regarding the status of naval servicemen; and against the proposed termination of recruit training at the Great Lakes training center; and a State Summary of War Casualties [Minnesota], U.S. Navy (1946).

Office of Price Administration, November 1942-1944, 1946 (bulk 1943).
3 folders.

Detailing rationing and price controls, local Ration Board members, and the state's rationing program.

Office of Price Administration: Developments, 1946.

Governor's Office memoranda and news releases regarding the continued operation of war emergency powers in Minnesota, especially with regard to rent controls.

Office of Price Administration: Sugar [shortage complaints], 1946.

Ernest L. Olrich, State Defense Coordinator, 1943.

Physical fitness, 1944.

Post-War Advisory Committee, 1943-1944.

Covers planning for postwar reconstruction and development and a proposal for the Minnesota Postwar Council.

Postwar construction, 1943.

Memos regarding plans for public works projects, especially at state institutions.

Minnesota Postwar Council, 1944-1945.

Includes minutes of its first meeting (November 21, 1944) and materials on the proposed Minnesota Industrial Council.

Potato dehydrating plant, 1942.

Documents waste disposal issues caused by discharging waste from a dehydrating plant in East Grand Forks into the Red River via the Grand Forks sewer system.

Private industry, 1942-1944.

Details conferences, ordnance awards, and post-war planning for small war plants.

Location

110.E.11.9B

Progress reports, 1942-1943. 2 folders.

Reports, circulars, and minutes on activities of the State Defense Council/Office of Civilian Defense, Citizens' Service Corps, Labor Volunteers for Victory, Minnesota War Petroleum Program, Private Commercial Trade School Committee, Victory Speakers Bureau, State Nutrition Committee, Physical Fitness and Recreation Program, and War History Committee.

Pulpwood, 1943-1944.

Production and pricing issues; includes a copy of the International Falls Daily Journal, Victory Pulpwood Edition (November 18, 1943) and materials documenting Thye's participation in an International Falls pulpwood drive campaign.

Minnesota Public Relief Advisory Committee minutes, June 20, 1945. Recommendations, 1943-1944. 3 folders.

Requests for letters of recommendation or introduction from governors Stassen and Thye, and the governor's office letters of recommendation written in response.

Reorganization, 1941.

Minnesota State Federation of Labor's intended postwar program.

Rubber, 1943.

Dealing with the demand for vehicle tires and the use of synthetic rubber.

Salvage, 1943-1944.

Covering household and waste paper salvage programs; use of scrap and surpluses.

Selective Service, 1942-1946. 2 folders.

Regarding draft or deferment status of individuals.

Soldier vote, 1944.

Letters and resolutions largely urging passage of legislation to remove all legal barriers to voting by members of the armed forces.

Speakers Bureau, 1942-1943.

Special Session, January-March 1944.

Concerning convening a special legislative session to amend state election laws to allow members of the armed forces to vote.

Speed, 1943.

Executive Order C-11 and correspondence limiting motor vehicle speeds to 35 mph, in conformance with a federal war emergency regulation.

Location

110.E.11.9B

Trade barriers, 1943.

Miscellany regarding removal of barriers to interstate commerce to facilitate wartime distribution of essential foods and supplies.

Unemployment compensation, 1941-1942.

Statistics, for Minnesota and comparative by state; discussion of potential liability against the unemployment compensation fund of ex-servicemen claiming benefits following demobilization; and discussion of proposed changes to the unemployment compensation law.

United Service Organization [USO], 1943-1944, 1946. 2 folders.

USO circulars; and requests to the governor for statements, messages, and other favors, with his responses.

U.S. Corps of Engineers: Reports on Proposed River and Harbor Improvements, 1945-1946. 4 volumes.

Reports sent to Governor Thye, apparently for his approval and/or comment, by the U.S. War Department Office of Chief of Engineers, on proposed improvements to Minnesota rivers and harbors. Each report consists of a detailed narrative and accompanying maps. The reason for their inclusion among the 1943-1944 files is not apparent.

Mississippi River between the Missouri River and Minneapolis:
Harbor Improvements in Lake Pepin, 1945.

Lake Kabetogama, 1946. 1 volume in folder.

Minnesota River, Diversion of Waters of Little Minnesota River. 1 volume.

Lengthy report and numerous maps.

Tofte Harbor, 1946. 1 volume in folder.

Mississippi River between the Missouri River and Minneapolis:
Harbor Improvement at Wabasha, 1945. 1 volume in folder.

Victory Aide, 1943.

Regarding war bond drives.

Vocational rehabilitation (trade schools), December 1942 - February 1943.

War Ballot Commission, 1944.

Dealing with administration by the United States War Ballot Commission of the soldiers' voting act (P.L. 277, 78th Congress).

Location

- 110.E.11.9B War Production Board, 1943-1944.
 Covering a variety of topics relating to the Board's work and production of goods and equipment; includes reports from F. Peavey Heffelfinger, Region 12 Director (Montana, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota) and issuances regarding the work of industrial labor-management committees and the victory scrap bank drive.
- War History Committee, 1943.
 Documenting the formation and proposed work of the Minnesota War History Committee.
- [Minnesota] War Service Fund, 1943-1944, 1946. 2 folders.
 Correspondence (1943-1944), report on 1943 campaign, and minutes and circulars regarding a fund-raising drive for support of the national War Service Fund and of state and local patriotic and welfare agencies.
- White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, 1932.
 Workmen's compensation, 1941-1942.
- 110.E.11.10F Out-of-state correspondence, 1943-1944.
 Governor's (Stassen and Thye) and governor's office correspondence with citizens and officials in other states and countries, who wrote requesting, sending, or acknowledging the receipt of information on Minnesota's government and war activities, opinions on legislation, copies of speeches, memorabilia, commentary on politics and/or the war effort, requests for appearances, statements, or assistance in employment and welfare matters, and assorted friendly greetings.
- Alabama – New Mexico.
- 110.E.12.1B New York – West Virginia.
- 110.E.12.2F Wisconsin, Wyoming. 3 folders.
 Canada.
 Foreign.
 Includes Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.
- District of Columbia, 1942-1944. 8 folders.
 Contains copies of Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Power Commission documents relating to Minnesota and the upper Midwest, some concerning provisions of either federal or Minnesota legislation, as well as wartime and prospective postwar policies. The files within each year are in roughly reverse chronological order.
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1944 Files

These files center on non-war aspects of Minnesota government and public policy, with a secondary focus on state and national politics. They consist of miscellaneous subject files and state agencies files, each organized alphabetically by topic or agency name.

The subject files include information on state finance, particularly public relief and distributions from state contingent funds; Thye's 1943 appointment and 1944 election; state and national Republican politics; and resources important to the war effort. These files may contain materials from 1943, carried over from the Stassen administration.

The agency files pertain to aspects of the functions and interests of various state agencies, including planning and federal funding for flood control on the Red Lake and Clearwater rivers; judicial appointments; labor disputes; matters pertaining to Minnesota railroads; 1944 gubernatorial campaign planning and support; the 1944 Presidential campaign; and plans for post-war assistance to returning veterans.

Location

110.E.12.6F

Subject files:

Address to Defense Exec[utives] on Scrap Collection, May 5, 1943.
Agricultural Award Program: Congratulations and comments, 1943.
Ball, Joseph H., 1944.

Regarding Republican Senator Ball's decision to support
Franklin D. Roosevelt and his other Congressional activities
or positions.

Congratulations on becoming Governor, 1943. 3 folders.

Congratulations on reelection, 1944. 2 folders.

Congratulatory letters sent, November 1944.

Crank letters, 1942-1944.

Division of Civilian Defense: Budget.

Employees retirement, 1943-1944.

Executive Council, 1943-1944.

General Contingent Fund, 1943-1944. 2 folders.

Legislative Advisory Committee agendas, June 18, August 12, 1943;
June 9, December 13-14, 1944. 6 folders.

Some include applications for aid for distressed school
districts.

Legislative Advisory Committee, miscellaneous, 1943-1944. 2
folders.

Includes a report on allocations and expenditures of relief
funds and general contingent finds (1941-1942).

Minnesota Institute of Governmental Research.

Reports and correspondence on state fiscal matters.

Location

- 110.E.12.6F Minnesota Public Relief Advisory Committee minutes, June 18, 29, August 12, 1943; December 13-14, 1944. 3 folders.
Minnesota Public Relief Funds, 1943-1944. 2 folders.
Minutes of the Public Relief Advisory Committee regarding allocation of funds and allocation orders.
Minnesota War Service Fund, 1943.
Minneapolis Charter, January-April 1943.
Covering proposed changes in the Minneapolis council-manager charter and a City Planning Commission report on a Program for Post-War Progress for the City of Minneapolis.
Old Age Assistance Program (general comments).
Polls, 1944.
Press, 1943-1944.
- 110.E.12.7B Reply to Governor Stassen at Inaugural, April 27, 1943.
Report on Gamble Stores and Affiliates, June 29, 1944.
By Commissioner of Securities.
Republican [Party], 1943-1944. 3 folders.
Party activities and 1944 political campaigns.
Republican Post War Advisory Council: Hearing before Subcommittee on Agriculture, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 24, 1944. 1 volume.
Thye was a subcommittee member.
Special Manufacturing Census Figures, December 1941.
Summary statistics from the federal 1939 Census of Manufactures.
Speeches [Thye], 1943.
State Debt, [ca. 1941-1943].
State Retirement Association Actuary appointment, 1943.
Vice Cleanup (general comments, etc.), 1943.
WPA, 1943.
Windstorm disaster, 1943.
Correspondence and requests for relief from hailstorm, windstorm, and flood damage.
- Agency files:
Adjutant General, 1944.
Administration, [Department of], 1944.
Agriculture Department, 1944.
Attorney General, 1944.
Attorney General Opinions, 1944.
Auditor, 1944.
Banking, 1944.

Location

110.E.12.7B

Civil Service, 1944.

[Commerce Department]: Insurance Division, 1944.

[Commerce Department]: Securities Division, 1944.

Conservation, 1944:

[General].

Game and Fish.

Forestry.

Lands and Minerals.

Parks.

Tourist Bureau.

Water Resources.

Includes a Report of Investigation of Flood on Red River of the North at Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota (April 1943).

Red Lake Flood Control.

Correspondence regarding planning for, and federal funding for, a proposed Red Lake and Clearwater Rivers (or Red Lake River and Tributaries) Flood Control Project.

Criminal Apprehension, 1944.

Detective licenses, 1944. 4 folders.

One folder of general licensing correspondence; separate files for detective applicants Edward C. Harding, Lawrence H. Roy, and Sweeney Detective Bureau.

Education:

[General].

110.E.12.8F

Education Advisory Committee, 1941, 1943.

University of Minnesota, 1944.

Teachers' colleges, 1944.

Winona State Teachers College: Report to the Interim Committee on Administration, March 1944.

Employment and Security, 1944.

Waivers of Extradition, 1944.

Governor:

[General], 1944.

Regarding invitations, friendly correspondence, governor's office management and employees, politics, and governor's official activities.

Agricultural Committee, Dewey, 1944.

Referring to appointments to a Statewide Agricultural Committee for Dewey and Bricker for President and Vice President.

Location

110.E.12.8F

Campaign Committee minutes, September-October 1944.
1944 List file.

Political lists, [1944].

Radio, 1944.

Correspondence and contracts for political broadcasts.

Thye political file, 1942, 1944.

Mainly correspondence documenting 1944 gubernatorial campaign matters; including his official notice of nomination as Republican candidate for governor and official canvass of the St. Louis County primary and general elections.

Delegate luncheon, June 10, 1944.

Correspondence regarding invitations to a luncheon given by the governor for members of the Minnesota delegation to the Republican National Convention.

Governor's Conference, 1944.

Health [Department], 1944.

Hotel inspection, 1944.

Highway Department, 1944. 2 folders.

Highway Department: Drivers license, 1944.

Mainly monthly statistics on drivers license revocations and suspensions.

[Highway Department]: Safety, 1944.

Regarding the Minnesota Safety Program of the Minnesota Department of Highways and the Minnesota Safety Council.

Industrial Commission, 1944.

Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on, 1944.

Iron Range Resources [and Rehabilitation], 1944.

Judges:

Covering judicial appointments.

Miscellaneous, 1944-1945.

Clearwater County Probate Judge, 1944.

East Grand Forks Municipal Judge, 1944.

Edina Municipal Judge, 1944.

Glencoe Special Municipal Judge, 1944.

Nashwauk Special Municipal Judge, 1944.

Redwood Falls Special Municipal Judge, 1944.

Richfield Municipal Judge, 1943-1944.

Willmar Municipal Judge, 1944.

Tenth Judicial District Judge, 1944. 2 folders.

Location

110.E.12.8F

Labor:

Labor Conciliator, 1944.

Labor, Notices of Dispute, 1944.

Mainly concerning the governor's appointment of commissions to conduct hearings and report on labor disputes affecting the public interest.

Coca-Cola strike, 1944.

Duluth Labor Dinner, February 4, 1944.

St. Cloud Labor Dinner, March 20, 1944.

Liquor Control, 1944.

Oil inspection, 1944.

110.E.12.9B

Pardon Board, 1944. 2 folders.

Filled-in pardon forms and Pardon Board resolutions.

Parole Board, 1944.

Proclamations, 1944.

Correspondence regarding proclamations, 1944. 2 folders.

Requests for issuance, thanks for issuance, and acknowledgment of receipt of copies.

Public institutions, 1944.

Public properties, 1944.

Purchasing, 1944.

Public Examiner, 1944.

Railroad and Warehouse Commission, 1944. 8 folders.

Interstate Commerce Commission finance dockets documenting the issuance of notes and bonds, mergers, bankruptcies, rights of way and trackage, and related matters involving railroads based in or operating in Minnesota.

Minnesota Resources Commission, 1944.

110.E.12.10F

Rural Credit, 1944.

Social Welfare, 1944. 2 folders.

Supreme Court, 1943-1944.

Taxation, 1944. 2 folders.

Includes a transcript of a hearing regarding failure of the Carver County auditor to implement an increase in personal property taxes as established by the Commissioner of Taxation.

Treasurer, 1944.

Veterans Administration, 1944.

Correspondence with and about the U.S. Veterans Administration and the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, largely regarding plans for post-war benefits for returning veterans.

Location

110.E.12.10F Veterans: Service Plan, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Minnesota, March 1, 1944. 1 volume in folder.
Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1944.

1944-1945 Files

These files consist of two series: agency files, organized alphabetically by agency name; and county (constituent) correspondence, organized alphabetically by county.

Agencies documented include the state's professional examining boards, oversight boards or commissions for state regulatory functions, semi-state agencies, interstate and regional commissions, and special-purpose commissions covering such topics as appointments and membership, meetings, and routine administrative matters.

Location

110.E.12.10F Agency files:
Accountancy Board, 1943-1945.
Aeronautics Commission, 1944-1945.
 Includes discussions and explanations of state and federal aeronautics laws and requests for and correspondence regarding funding for municipal airports from the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund/Metropolitan Airports Fund.
Architects, Engineers, Surveyors [Board], 1944-1945.
Athletic Commission, 1944-1945.
Barbers Board, 1944-1945.
Basic Sciences Board, 1944-1945.
Chiropody Examiners, 1944-1945.
County Welfare Merit System Council, 1944-1945.
Civil Service Board, 1944-1945.
Civilian Defense.
 Consists of a register of appropriations and expenditures (December 1941 – [January 1943?]).
Dental Examiners, 1944-1945.
Draft Classification Panel, 1945.
Education Board, 1944-1945.
Electricity Board, 1944-1945.
Feebleminded School Site Commission, 1945.
 Includes a presentation by the City of Brainerd.
Executive Council, 1945. 2 items.
Grain Appeals Board, 1944-1945.
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Commission, 1944-1945.
Hairdressing and Beauty Culture Examiners Board, 1944-1945.
Health, Board of, December 1943 – 1945.
Historical Society, 1944-1945.

Location

- 110.E.12.10F Interim Commission on State Institution Buildings, 1945. 3 items.
Council on Intergovernmental Relations, 1945. 4 items.
Compensation Insurance Board, 1944, 1945. 2 items.
Governor's Interracial Commission, 1944-1945. 2 folders.
Typed draft, published report, correspondence regarding the compiling of data, and requests for copies of its 1945 report, The Negro Worker in Minnesota. Also a proposed statement of principles and procedures for the commission (February 1944) and a report of a Twin Cities delegation trip to Washington to lobby for a permanent fair employment practices commission (March 1945).
- 110.E.13.1B Investment Board, 1944-1945.
Includes reports on the state's investment holdings and investment practices.
Judicial Council, 1944-1945.
Juvenile Delinquency Committee, 1944-1945.
Correspondence arranging for a conference on juvenile delinquency and discussing the need for a statewide commission on children and youth.
Keep Minnesota Green Committee, 1944-1945.
Includes correspondence and materials regarding the creation of a Keep Minnesota Green Committee, specifically focused on forest fire prevention.
Land Exchange Commission, 1943-1945. 2 folders.
Minutes and related documents of this commission, which approved the exchange of lands owned by the United States government and private interests for state-owned lands; particularly the Kabetogama land exchange between the state of Minnesota and the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company.
Livestock Sanitary Board, 1944-1945.
Medical Examiners [Board], 1944-1945.
Metropolitan Airports Commission, 1944-1945.
Minneapolis-Saint Paul Sanitary [District], 1944-1945.
Mississippi River Parkway Planning Committee, 1943-1945.
Missouri Basin [Inter-Agency] Committee, 1945.
Missouri River States Committee, 1945.

Location

110.E.13.1B

Northern Great Lakes Area Council, 1945.

Documenting the organization and proposed program of this group, composed of Ontario, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, formed to collectively publicize the recreational attractions of the Great Lakes area.

Optometry Board, 1944 – January 1946.

Osteopathy Board, 1944-1945.

Pharmacy Board, 1944-1945.

Minnesota Postwar Council, 1944-1945. 2 folders.

Correspondence and proposals regarding plans and programs to manage the transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy.

Postwar Victory Conference, 1945.

Poultry Improvement Association, 1944.

Prevention of Cruelty, Society, 1945.

Small Business Commission, 1945.

Soldiers' Home Board, 1944-1945.

Correspondence concerning budget, services, selection of a commandant, hospital needs of Minnesota veterans, and policies regarding applicants.

Stallion Registration Board, 1944, 1945.

Teachers College Board, 1944-1945.

Traffic Court and Law Enforcement Committee, 1945.

Tri-State Waters Commission, 1945.

Upper Mississippi Valley Water Use Council, 1945. 2 folders.

Upper Mississippi-St. Croix River [Improvement Commission], 1944-1945.

Report reviewing the commission's history, activities, and accomplishments (February 28, 1944) and correspondence regarding current river use and improvement issues.

[State] Veterans Service Building Commission, 1945.

Correspondence and minutes detailing initial planning for expansion of the state capitol grounds and for construction and use of a State Veterans Service Building.

Watchmakers Board, 1944-1945.

Water Pollution Control Commission, 1945.

County correspondence, 1944-1945.

Invitations, with the governor's office's responses and correspondence regarding a variety of constituent concerns, issues, and complaints including a petition from North Shore commercial fishermen to liberalize the laws regarding the taking of lake trout (Cook County), materials discussing the University of Minnesota's practice of charging non-resident tuition fees to veterans attending under the G.I. Bill of Rights (Freeborn County), demands for the removal of the Todd County sheriff for allegedly failing to enforce anti-gambling and liquor laws (Hennepin County), and records covering a Minnesota Supreme Court decision holding unconstitutional Laws 1943, Chapter 15, fixing salaries of county officials, which was framed as a general law but written so as to apply only to Pine County (Pine County).

Location

110.E.13.1B	Aitkin - Clay.
110.E.13.2F	Clearwater - Hennepin (A-S).
110.E.13.3B	Hennepin (T-Z) - Ramsey (A-L).
110.E.13.4F	Ramsey (M-Z) - Yellow Medicine.

1945 Files

Two series of alphabetically arranged materials, agency files which relate primarily to administration of state government; functions and activities of state agencies; and responsibilities of the governor's office, such as extradition, pardons, and appointment of judges and other officials. Other topics include postwar reconstruction activities, particularly job training for veterans and establishment of the state Resources Commission; a strike by University of Minnesota employees; solicitation of the 1952 Olympic games; governor's dinners with labor leaders; a Mayo (Brothers) Memorial Commission; and issuance of mortgage bonds by railroads operating in Minnesota

The second series consists of subject files focused mainly on legislation and related public policy issues, and on defense, homefront, and demobilization matters. There is considerable data on tax support for school districts, daylight saving time, the activities of various state and federal war-related agencies, Republican party politics, the Minnesota Farm Manpower Program, and a secondary boycott bill. Also a compilation of data on the draft status of males in state government, by agency; daily figures (January-October) on Minnesota war casualties; correspondence with officials and citizens in other states and in Washington, D.C.; and a set of Thye's speeches (1940-1945). A small amount of material in each series pre-dates 1945.

Location

110.E.13.5B	Agency files: Adjutant General. Administration [Department].
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Location

110.E.13.5B

[Administration]: Capitol Cafeteria.

Administration: Spellman Fund, New York, 1941-1943.

Correspondence and reports documenting the postwar planning, wartime farm labor surveys, and creation and activities of the Division of Administrative Management and Research, done through the Spellman Fund's 1941 \$35,000 grant to the state of Minnesota to support administrative management research and fiscal planning.

Agriculture.

Apprenticeship Program, [Division of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor and Industry].

Attorney General.

Auditor.

Biennial Budget, 1945/1947.

Civil Service.

[Commerce Department]. 3 folders.

Includes banking, insurance, and securities.

Conservation:

[General]. 3 folders.

Game and Fish.

Forestry.

Lands and Minerals.

Parks.

Tourist Bureau.

Water Resources.

Criminal Apprehension.

Recommendations for Chief of Highway Patrol and Criminal Apprehension Bureau.

Detective licenses.

Education:

[General.]

State Department date.

State teachers colleges.

University of Minnesota.

Minneapolis Schools.

Education Advisory Committee.

Employment and Security.

Extraditions, 1944-1945. 2 folders.

Waivers of Extradition.

Governor's Conference.

Health [Department].

Health Department: [Public Relief Advisory Committee agenda packet], June 9, 1944.

Location

110.E.13.5B

Hotel Inspection.
Highway [Department]:
[General.]
[Highway] Patrol.
Driver's license.
Traffic Court Program.
Industrial Commission Medical Panel.

110.E.13.6F

Industrial Commission. 4 folders.
Correspondence concerned with approval of industrial establishments for on-the-job training in apprenticeship trades for veterans.

Judges:

Miscellaneous, 1944.
Recommendations for Appointment as Associate Justice.
Brainerd Special Municipal Judge,
Hennepin County District Judge. 3 folders.
Judge, Fifteenth District. 2 folders.
Minneapolis Municipal Judge.
Rochester Special Municipal Judge.

Letters regarding proclamations.

Labor:

Notices of Dispute.

Mainly letters regarding the governor's appointment of individuals to commissions in resolving labor disputes.

Brewery dispute.

Grain weighers dispute.

Labor Conciliator.

University dispute, 1944-1945. 4 folders.

Correspondence, telegrams, conciliation reports, and memoranda, mainly regarding a strike by Public Building Service Employees Union Local No. 113 against the University of Minnesota over wage rates and practices, and regarding seniority and layoff practices affecting International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 292.

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110.E.13.7B

Olympic Games, Minneapolis.

Documenting solicitation of the 1952 Games, with printed invitation pamphlets in English, French, and Spanish.

Location

110.E.13.7B

Labor dinners:

Labor dinner, January 24, 1945.

Representatives Dinner, February 1, 1945.

For selected members of the House of Representatives, to discuss the general legislative program.

Minneapolis labor dinner, March 24, 1945.

Duluth labor dinner, April 28, 1945.

Winona labor dinner, May 12, 1945.

Hibbing labor dinner, June 9, 1945.

Virginia labor dinner, June 23, 1945.

Dinner meeting, Mankato, July 21, 1945.

Dinner meeting, St. Cloud, August 11, 1945.

Professional Burses Dinner, August 24, 1945.

Dinner meeting, International Falls, September 22, 1945.

Law Library.

Liquor Control.

Mayo Memorial Commission, 1939-1945.

Documenting the appointment and activities of a commission to establish a living memorial to Drs. William J. Mayo and Charles H. Mayo. Includes a brochure on the proposed memorial, a center for medical research.

Pardon Board.

Correspondence with and about inmates, and carbon copies of some Pardon Board orders and commutations of sentence.

Parole Board.

Post War Planning Conference.

Public Examiner.

Public Institutions.

Railroad and Warehouse Commission. 8 folders.

Includes Interstate Commerce Commission finance dockets regarding issuance of mortgage bonds by the CB&Q, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Minneapolis and St. Louis, Chicago Rock Island and Pacific, and other railroads.

Iron Range Resources [and Rehabilitation Commission].

Resources Commission.

Minnesota-North Dakota Resources Development Commission.

Rural Credit [Department].

Mainly regarding rural credit bonds.

Secretary of State.

Social Welfare. 2 folders.

Location

110.E.13.7B

Veterans:
Veterans Affairs - State Department.
Veterans Information Centers.
Camp Savage Project.

110.E.13.8F

Subject files:

Acuna, Jose B., February 1945.
Adjutant General, February 1945.
American Legion, October-December 1945.
Army, 1944-1945.
Ball, Senator Joseph H.: Speeches, [undated], 1944.
Care of the feeble-minded, 1945.
Christmas, Earl, October 1925.
Article on Norwegians Americans, Heirs to the Vikings in
North America, Current History Magazine.
Civilian Defense, 1944-1946.
Columbus Day legislation, 1944-1945.
Council of State Governments, December 1944 - December 1945. 3
folders.
Crank file, 1945.
Davis, Tom, May 25, 1938.
Radio script; The Unmasking of Hjalmer Petersen.
Daylight saving time, January-August 1945. 2 folders.
Defense, miscellaneous, 1945.
Delegate list, Republican National Convention, [1944?].
Draft Status of Males in State Government Aged 30 to 37, 1945. 3
folders.
Organized alphabetically by agency.
Education, 1945.
Election of 1944: Minnesota Survey, October 15, 1944.
Equal Rights Amendment, 1945.
Executive appointments, 1945.
Farm Help Advisory Committee, 1944-1945.
Federal Works Agency, December 1944 - January 1945.
Flour and Bread Enrichment, 1945.
Folk Arts Center and Recreation Area, 1943-1945.
Fuel administrator, 1945.
General Contingent Fund, 1945.
Great Lakes Fisheries Convention, October 1945.
Income Tax School Fund, February-March 1945. 5 folders.
Letters from school boards and the general public protesting
proposed Senate File 497, which would reduce the state
contribution to local school districts.

Location

- 110.E.13.8F Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commission, March-April 1945.
Labor, October 1945.
Legislative Advisory Committee, December 1944-1945.
Legislative comments, November 1944 - April 1945. 5 folders.
- 110.E.13.9B Legislature: Correspondence with the Governor, January-July 1945.
Legislature: Undated bills and miscellaneous, [ca. 1945].
Medical care legislation, 1945.
Message to Legislature: Requests and comments, December 1944 - February 1945.
Minneapolis Defense Council, January-April 1945.
Minnesota Farm Manpower Program, 1945. 4 folders.
Primarily requests from farmers and small businesses asking for help in obtaining early release from the armed forces for family members or key personnel.
Minnesota Public Relief Advisory Committee, December 1944-1945.
Minnesota Safety Council, 1945.
Minnesota State Employees Retirement Fund: Supplementary Report to the November 17, 1944 report, [ca. 1945].
Minnesota War Casualties, January-October 1945. 2 folders.
Daily figures of killed, wounded, missing in action, and released prisoners of war for Minnesota servicemen; issued by the War Department and the Navy. Includes Minnesota address of nearest relative.
Minnesota War Service Fund, 1945.
National Aeronautics Association, Federal Aviation Legislation, 1945.
Navy, 1945.
Old age assistance, 1945.
Office of Price Administration, 1945.
Out-of-state correspondence:
Correspondence from state officials and citizens requesting information, often with the office's response attached. Also a folder from foreign countries.
Alabama - New York, 1945.
- 110.E.13.10F North Carolina - Virginia, Foreign countries, 1945.
Physical fitness, 1945.
Proclamations, 1945.
Republican Party in Minnesota: Republican Clubs Organizational Manual, [ca. 1944].

Location

110.E.13.10F

Salvage, 1945.

Secondary Boycott Bill, February-August 1945. 4 folders.

Correspondence, mainly from constituents, opposing or supporting the legislation.

Smaller War Plants Corporation: Commercial Canning of Carp, 1944.

Smaller War Plants Corporation: Woolen Mill Operation in Minnesota, 1945.

Social Welfare Division, Budget Request, FY 1945-1946, FY 1946-1947.

Speeches of Edward Thye, 1940, 1942-1945. 10 folders.

Includes campaign speeches for lieutenant governor (1942), 1945 inaugural address and budget message, and a number dealing the Conservation Department (1945).

Taxation, November 1944 - April 1945. 3 folders.

United Service Organizations, 1945.

United States Department of Commerce: Weather Bureau: Severe Storm Warning Service Report, February 1945.

Veterans Memorial correspondence and petitions, February-April 1945.

War Bond Department, 1944-1945.

War Contracts Subcommittee, Committee on Military Affairs: War Plants Disposal, Iron and Steel Plants Report, June 14, 1945.

War Mobilization and Reconversion Office Report, April 1, 1945.

War Production Board, 1945.

Washington, D.C. correspondence, 1945. 9 folders.

Between the governor's office and federal agencies or organizations based in the nation's capital. Arranged chronologically.

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1946 Files

Three alphabetically arranged series: state agencies, general subject files, and boards and commissions. Topics covered include state government administration; agency functions and activities; veterans training, employment, and benefits; transition from wartime regulations and controls to civilian authority; disposition of surplus property; labor disputes; disruptions and shortages in the supply of such essentials as coal, butter, flour, building materials, and housing; licensing of regulated professionals; establishment of a civilian blood donor program in Minnesota; conservation and land issue; highway construction; expansion of Wold-Chamberlain Field (Twin Cities Metropolitan Airport); and state aid to schools.

Location

110.E.14.1B

Agency files:

Adjutant General.

Administration.

Primarily regarding assorted fiscal, purchasing, public property, and travel matters; also the Hatch Act, which governed political activities of government employees.

Agriculture.

Auditor [Stafford King].

Attorney General.

Includes opinions requested by the governor.

Civil Service.

Includes a list of state employees reinstated from military leave of absence, and correspondence regarding resultant classification and salary issues.

[Commerce Department]. 3 folders.

Includes banking, insurance, and securities.

Conservation:

[General]. 3 folders.

Correspondence concerning game wardens, commercial fishing regulations, deer hunting regulations, protection of waters and wilderness areas, and state boundaries in lakes Superior and Michigan.

Forestry.

Flood control and storm damage.

Game and Fish. 2 folders.

Documenting deer hunting and commercial fishing regulations, rough fish removal, and complaints against game wardens.

Land and Minerals.

Minnesota Emergency Conservation Committee.

Covering wildlife, wilderness, water management issues, and the Kabetogama Land Exchange.

Location

110.E.14.1B

Parks.
Tourist Bureau.
Water Resources.
Criminal Apprehension Bureau.
Education:
[General]. 2 folders.
Advisory Committee on Surplus Property, December 1945 -
February 1946.
 Regarding claiming and making disposition of surplus
 property released by the federal government for
 educational purposes.
On-the-farm training.
 Detailing Veterans Administration subsistence payments
 to veterans engaged in on-the-job training in agriculture.
State teachers colleges.
Teachers Retirement Fund.
University of Minnesota.
University of Minnesota: Board of Regents [Recommendations
for]. 2 folders.

110.E.14.5B

Employees Retirement.
Employment and Security [Department]. 2 folders.
 Correspondence and circulars regarding employment offices,
 benefit claims (especially unemployment compensation),
 administrative matters occasioned by the release of state
 employment services from federal control, and job openings
 and placements.
[Employment and Security]: Letters regarding unemployment
 compensation for veterans on strike.
Extraditions.
Waivers of Extradition.
[Governor's Office]:
 [National] Governor's Conference.
 Governor's Traffic Safety Conference, Duluth, August 23,
 1946.
Proclamations. 3 folders.
 Proclamations and correspondence regarding the
 issuance and distribution of them.
Recommendations.
Speeches and statements. 2 folders.
 Mainly requests for the governor to speak or appear.

Location

110.E.14.5B

[Health Department]: Blood Bank Committee.

Correspondence and reports documenting the development of recommendations for a civilian blood donor program in Minnesota.

Highway Department:

[General]. 2 folders.

Covering routes; conveyances of land for rights-of-way; road construction and funding; condition and upgrading of roads, bridges, intersections, and road ditches; the condition of Trunk Highway 11 in St. Louis County, with allegations by U.S. Representative William A. Pittinger that his opponent (John A. Blatnik) received substantial support from communists; and the Minneapolis Postwar [Highway] Construction Program.

Drivers license.

Patrol.

Industrial Commission, September 1945 - September 1946. 8 folders.

Mainly form letters certifying the approval of designated companies as qualified under Public Law 346 to train veterans for specified occupations (January-March 1946), other aspects of veterans training and placement, worker's compensation and accident prevention, and appointment of boiler inspectors (apparently a patronage position).

Judges [judicial appointments]:

[General].

Bemidji Municipal Judge.

Brainerd Municipal Judge.

Keewatin Municipal Judge.

St. Paul Municipal Judge.

Virginia Municipal Judge.

Judge of Probate, Jackson County.

Judge of Probate, Koochiching County.

Judge of Probate, LeSueur County.

Judge of Probate, Mahnomen County.

110.E.14.6F

Special Municipal Judge, Hibbing.

Special Municipal Judge, Redwood Falls.

Special Municipal Judge, Winona.

District Court Judge, Ramsey County.

District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District.

Location

110.E.14.6F

Labor:

Notices of Dispute [Division of Conciliation]. 2 folders.
Miscellaneous.

Mainly detailing labor disputes and strikes.

Labor Conciliator.

Correspondence regarding labor issues, conciliator's office functions, and travels to meetings and conferences.

Millwork Strike [Twin Cities].

Northern States Power Company Dispute.

St. Paul Teachers Strike.

Truck Strike.

Correspondence regarding a strike of Midwest over-the-road motor freight companies, its impact on customers, and settlement efforts.

Iron Ore Strike.

Documents a strike between United Steelworkers and mining companies.

West Central Coop[eratives] Strike.

National Guard.

Includes a statewide postwar reorganization plan map.

Public Institutions [Division of]. 2 folders.

Correspondence regarding patients and inmates, facilities, and care of residents.

[Public Institutions]: Faribault School charges.

Railroad and Warehouse Commission.

Iron Range Resources [and Rehabilitation Commission].

Minnesota-North Dakota Resources Development Commission.

Resources Commission.

Rural Credit [Department].

Secretary of State.

Social Welfare. 2 folders.

[Social Welfare]: Old Age Assistance.

Supreme Court.

Taxation.

Minnesota Taxpayers Association.

Treasurer.

Veterans Administration.

Regarding training, employment, and rehabilitation issues.

Location

110.E.14.6F

Subject files:

American Legion.

Richard Ira Bong Memorial Foundation.

Bring Back Daddy Club.

Butter.

Documenting shortage and postwar dairy industry regulation, prices, and production issues, especially alleged discrimination against those using cream for the production of butter.

Coal.

Concerning coal supply emergency occasioned by a nationwide United Mine Workers strikes.

110.E.14.7B

Communist Party: Petitions from, October-November 1946. 2 folders.

Requesting an immediate special session of the state legislature to enact an emergency statewide veterans housing program, re-establish price ceilings on necessities, enforce rent controls, give a monthly allowance to veterans studying under the GI Bill, and raise old age pension payments.

Community Chest.

Council of State Governments.

Department Heads: Offices held in national organizations.

Equal Rights Amendment.

Fort Snelling.

Correspondence regarding possible use for expansion of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airport and/or of Veterans Administration facilities.

GAR [Grand Army of the Republic].

Housing, October 1945 - 1946. 3 folders.

Concerning postwar housing and building supplies shortages, evictions, controls on the construction industry, emergency veterans housing programs, and requests for a special legislative session to enact emergency housing and rent control legislation.

Interracial Council/Governor's Interracial Commission.

Jeeps for Veterans.

Legislature:

Bills, etc.

Suggestions and recommendations for next session.

Location

110.E.14.7B

Boys Legislative Advisory Committee.

Documenting a 1946 boys' model legislative session and selection of a youth to serve on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Youth.

Legislative Advisory Committee, December 1945 - 1946.

Letters regarding servicemen's problems.

Minnesota PR [Public Relief] Funds.

Miscellaneous polls.

Mainly the Minneapolis Tribune's Minnesota Poll.

Press, 1945-1946. 2 folders.

Press releases, Editor's Exchange.

Red Cross.

Rent control: Special Session.

Safety.

Documenting programs and proposals for traffic safety and for general public safety.

Stassen, Harold E.

President's Traffic Conference.

United Nations.

Veterans:

Apprenticeship.

Bonus.

Mainly petitions by veterans for a special session to enact a veterans' bonus and medical benefits.

Miscellaneous.

On-the-job training.

Retraining and employment.

Wheat.

Concerning flour shortages, especially caused by wheat being exported to Europe for famine relief.

World Food Campaign.

110.E.14.8F

Boards and commissions:

Accountancy Board.

Aeronautics Commission. 3 folders.

Particularly regarding development, upkeep, and improvements to various municipal airports. Agricultural Society.

Architects, Engineers, [Land] Surveyors.

Athletic Commission.

Barbers Board.

Basic Sciences Board.

Location

110.E.14.8F

Chiropody Examiners.

Chiropractic Examiners.

Compensation Insurance Board.

County Welfare Merit System Council.

Dental Examiners.

Education Committee (School Aid). 2 folders.

Correspondence, statements, and related materials of a special committee appointed by the governor to develop a plan to simplify and reorganize state aid to schools.

Electricity Board.

Feebleminded School Site Commission.

Correspondence with the public regarding proposed sites and a presentation packet from Thief River Falls.

Grain Appeals Board.

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater [Commission].

Hairdressing and Beauty Culture [Examiners].

Board of Health.

Historical Society.

Interstate Cooperation Commission.

Investment Board.

Judicial Council.

Keep Minnesota Green Committee.

Land Exchange Commission.

Livestock Sanitary Board.

Medical Examiners [Board].

Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Most of the file consists of correspondence, reports, and related materials regarding the impact on air traffic and ground use of the proposed expansion of Wold-Chamberlain Field into a major air terminal.

Missouri Basin [Inter-Agency] Committee.

Missouri River States Committee.

Northern Great Lakes Area Council.

Nurses Examiners Board, 1944-1946.

Optometry Board.

Osteopathy Board.

Pharmacy Board.

Minnesota Postwar Council, 1945-1946.

Correspondence regarding veterans' benefits, disposition of surplus property, community planning, availability of raw materials for manufactures and construction, and housing shortages.

Location

110.E.14.8F

Poultry Improvement Association.

Prevention of Cruelty Society.

Mainly regarding vivisection at the University of Minnesota
Laboratories.

Small Business Commission.

Soldiers' Home Board.

Teachers' College Board.

Upper Mississippi-St. Croix River Board.

Upper Mississippi Valley Water Use Council.

Watchmakers Board.

Governor's [Advisory] Committee on Youth, 1945-1946.

Youth Committee and Recreation.

Veterans Service Building Commission.

Minutes, correspondence, a prospectus for the building
design competition, and site plans.