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SAMUEL S. STUDEBAKER PAPERS

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## INTRODUCTION

The papers of Samuel S. Studebaker, nationally known conservationist and local dairy and grain farmer were given to the Wright State University Archives by his widow, Mrs. Marie Studebaker. They were accessioned February 1, 1979 and given accession number 79-8.

This material is divided into five (5) series and is contained in five (5) Hollinger Boxes containing 35 separate file folders.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Samuel S. Studebaker was born in Tipp City, Ohio in 1897. The son of a farmer, Mr. Studebaker continued the family tradition on a 600-acre dairy and grain farm in Bethel Township. He was educated in Bethel Local Schools and graduated from Ohio State University in 1920 with a B.S. degree in agriculture.

Mr. Studebaker was a high school principal and superintendent of Bethel Local School from 1921 to 1932. He served on the local school board from 1934-1948. Mr. Studebaker was elected to the Miami County School Board in 1932 and served as vice-chairman and chairman through 1960.

A nationally recognized leader of the soil, water, and land conservation movement, Mr. Studebaker served as national president of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts from 1966 until 1970. A supervisor of the Miami County Soil and Water Conservation District for more than 30 years, Mr. Studebaker was the only Ohioan to be inducted into both the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame (1970) and the Ohio Conservation Hall of Fame (1977).

Mr. Studebaker died in 1977 at Tipp City, Ohio in the same house in which he was born.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection of Samuel S. Studebaker consists of booklets, pamphlets, speeches and official published correspondence concerning the problems relating to soil, water, forest, mining, and general conservation efforts on both the local and national scene.

The emphasis in Studebaker's papers is on his activities as president of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation District, a nationwide organization dedicated to the improvement of conservation problems affecting not only farmers, but all citizens everywhere.

Also included in this collection are soil surveys, farm credit information and minutes of committees appointed to deal with specific conservation problems and various laws affecting the course of conservation efforts.

The collection contains very little personal correspondence, but a large portion of the contents deal with speeches given by Mr. Studebaker and reflect his intense interest in and devotion to the cause of conservation and environmental protection.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

- I     NACD 1963-1970
  - Sub Series A.  Convention Materials  (Box 1)
  - B.  Additional NACD Materials Including Tuesday Letters  (Box 2)
  
- II    Speeches and Other Writings Re: Conservation 1958-1978
  - Sub Series A.  By Studebaker  (Box 3)
  - B.  Miscellaneous Authors
  
- III   Misc. correspondence including awards and citations to Studebaker and including obituary and letters of sympathy on Studebaker's death.  (Box 3)
  
- IV    Books and Pamphlets.  Re: Soil, Water, and Land Conservation, plus general conservation subjects.  (Box 4)
  
- V     Soil Surveys
  - Sub Series A.     Ohio and Georgia Soil Conservation Districts
  - B.  Farm Credit Information  (Box 5)

CONTAINER LISTING

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		Kit Books of NACD Conventions:	
1	1	17th Annual Convention	1963
	2	20th Annual Convention	1966
	3	22nd Annual Convention	1968
	4	23rd Annual Convention	1969
	5	24th Annual Convention	1970
	6	1966 Conservation District Quota Book and Directory	
		NACD Information:	
2	1	NACD Reports	
	2	Tuesday Letters	
	3	Publicity re Studebaker as President of NACD	
	4	NACD Minutes of Various Area Meetings and Conventions	
	5	NACD Board of Director's Manual	
		Speeches by Studebaker and Others - Laws - Correspondence and Letters of Sympathy and Obituaries. Also Awards and Citations to Studebaker:	
3	1	Speeches - General	1964-1975
	2	Speeches by Studebaker	Undated
	3	Speeches by Studebaker	1967-1969 and Undated
	4	Speeches by Studebaker	
	5	Poems and Other Writings re: Conservation	
	6	Laws re: Conservation	
	7	Correspondence	
	8	Soil Conservation District Library	
	9	Awards and Citations to Studebaker	
	10	Letters of Sympathy and Obituaries	
		Books and pamphlets on soil, water, land and general conservation topics	
4	1	Forest Conservation Booklets and Pamphlets	
	2	Agriculture Conservation Booklets and Pamphlets	
	3	Soil Conservation Booklets and Pamphlets	
	4	Mining Conservation Information	
	5	Water Conservation Booklets and Pamphlets	
	6	Outdoor Recreation Booklets and Pamphlets	
	7	General Conservation Booklets and Pamphlets	

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		Soil Surveys and Farm Credit Information – Ohio and Georgia Soil Conservation District Reports.	
5	1	Soil Survey - Allen County, Ohio	
	2	Appraisal Study and Soil Survey – Misc Data Miami County, Ohio	
	3	Farm Credit Information	
	4	1939 Credit Manual for Production Credit Assoc.	
	5	Ohio Federation of Soil Conservation Districts	
	6	Soil Conservation Awards Tour	
	7	Proceedings: Annual Meetings - Georgia Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors	