

# Radio and Television in North Dakota

This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the introduction of radio, televisions, and television stations in North Dakota.

## Archival Collections

### 10351 WDAY-TV Records

Collection consists of television news broadcast scripts, broadcast schedules, correspondence and approximately 1.5 million feet of WDAY-TV and WDAZ-TV news film, 1953-1978.

### 10711 John W. and Constance (Blackstead) Boler Papers

Consists of scrapbooks containing correspondence, permits, by-laws, incorporation certificates, affiliation agreements, board minutes, federal and state legislative material, reports, speeches, press releases, scripts, pamphlets, brochures, marketing publications, photographs, memorabilia, publications relating to broadcasting outlets owned by Mr. Boler, and his other business and political activities. North Dakota radio and television stations include KCJB radio, Minot (N.D.); KFGO radio, Fargo (N.D.); KSJB radio, Jamestown (N.D.); KXGO-TV, Fargo (N.D.); KXJB-TV, Fargo (N.D.); KXMB-TV, Bismarck (N.D.); and KXMC-TV, Minot (N.D.).

### 10684 Roy H. "Andy" Andersen Collection

Collections includes audiotapes, film, and corresponding papers created by Roy H. "Andy" Andersen. The audiotapes consist of radio interviews by Andersen with Governor William Guy, President Lyndon B. Johnson, US Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy, and businessman Robert McCarney. There is an oral history with Andy Andersen about his life and the changes in the radio broadcasting business.

### 11246 KMHA Radio (New Town, N.D.) Collection

Reel-to-reel audio recordings of interviews, live broadcasts, presentations, celebrations, and events recorded and/or used by Fort Berthold Communications Enterprises radio station KMHA.

### 11409 WDAY Radio (Fargo, N.D.) Collection

Recording of the ceremonies for the presentation of the bust of the late L. L. Twitchell to the state of North Dakota (2 parts on 2 78 rpm discs).

## Useful Search Guidance

### Subjects

- WDAY-TV
- KFYZ-TV
- WDAY-TV
- WDAZ-TV
- Radio broadcasting—North Dakota
- Television broadcasting—North Dakota
- KFYZ broadcasting
- KFYZ Radio

### People

- John W. Boler
- Philip J. Meyer
- Etta Hoskins Meyer
- Roy H. "Andy" Anderson, 1897-1994

### Locations

- North Dakota

## Journal Articles

*North Dakota Television Newsfilm Archives*

Gerald G. Newborg – *North Dakota History*

Vol. 53 Issue 2

*"Adding Picture to Sound:" Early Television in North Dakota*

Bill Snyder – *North Dakota History* Vol. 60 Issue 3

*Historical Tracings: North Dakota Television Newsfilm Collection*

Gerald G. Newborg – *North Dakota History*

Vol. 60 Issue 3

*Radio Communications Division (Office of Management and Budget)*

*North Dakota Blue Book 1997-1999*

*North Dakota Broadcast Media*

*North Dakota Blue Book 1995*

### **10553 Frank E. Vyzralek Collection**

The collection includes the research files, personal papers, photographs and audiovisual materials of lifelong researcher and former North Dakota State Archivist Frank Edward Vyzralek. The research files include original work and information compiled about agriculture, arts and entertainment, business and industry, city and town life, education, ethnicity, Indians of North America, history, military, people, places, politics and government, religion and transportation. These broad areas of research are organized further by topic. Notable areas of research include North Dakota photographers, baseball, beer and bottling, mills and elevators, crime, the North Dakota Teachers Insurance and Retirement Fund, North Dakota "Centennial Moments," biographies, place names, Bismarck (N.D.), railroads and steamboats.

### **11444 Inauguration of United Press News Service for North Dakota State Capitol Records**

First story ever dispatched over a teletype from the North Dakota State Capitol to a radio station. Collection includes the record, the tape used in the transmission, and a teletype copy.

### **11509 KFVR Radio and Television Advertising Collection**

Consists of 26 33rpm lp records of advertisements for the First National Bank of Mandan, Dakota National Bank, Gate City Savings, jingles for meat and ice cream, Romper Room, Corwin Churchill wrestling, Red Owl, Mehus Conservatory, tires, skip rope jingle, Mandan United Fund, Super Value jingle, McLaughlin Livestock, and Midway Furniture.

### **20506 KBOM Radio Records (Bismarck, North Dakota)**

Records consist of advertisement and news scripts, program logs, and workmen's compensation certificates.

### **30431 Radio Broadcasting System. Subject Files.**

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, staff meeting minutes, monthly activity reports, and subject files concerning administration of the agency, emergency broadcasting, regulation, and conferences.

### **32182 Radio Communications, State. Records**

Series consists of the early records of State Radio (includes station logs, annual and biennial reports and permits) 1950-1980s, 911 Advisory Committee Meeting Records 1987-1996, and County Operational Plans for the 911 system 1985-1999.

### **30648 Educational Broadcasting Council. Subject Files.**

Educational Broadcasting Council. Subject Files, 1962-1979. Series consists of correspondence, reports, memoranda, state plans, contracts, notes, budgets, promotional materials and records of the North Dakota Educational Television Commission (minutes, correspondence, memoranda, proposals, and surveys). Series relates to administration of the Council, legislation affecting public broadcasting, research, and the North Dakota Educational Television Association, Inc.

## Books

*Television in North Dakota: A Non-Technical Survey of the Television Service Available and Planned for North Dakota Citizens*

1954 - Robert N. Faiman

Call Number: 384.55 F161t 1954

*WDAY-TV: A Half Century Ago*

1995 – Bill Snyder

Call Number: 384.5506578413 S675w

*KFYR-TV: Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 223-0900*

1974 – KFYR-TV

Call Number: 384.55065784 K449 1974

*KFYR TV Celebrating 50 years: 1953-2003*

2003—KFYR TV

Call Number: 384.55065784 K449 2003

*Color TV, Black and White TV, Stereophonic High Fidelity, Phonographs, Radio: The Quality Goes in Before the Name Goes On*

1968 – Zenith Radio Corporation

Call Number: 621.388 Z54c 1968

*Basic Television, Principles and Servicing*

1949 – McGraw-Hill Book Co

Call Number: 621.388 G89b

*Essential Characteristics: Receiving Tubes, Television Picture Tubes, Special Purpose Tubes*

1955 — Tube Sales Section, Electric Components Division, General Electric Company

Call Number: 621.38832 Es74e

*Shoot TV and Radio Trouble Fast*

1967—Harry G. Cisin

Call Number: 621.38887 C579s 1967

*The People Look at Radio: Report on a Survey Conducted by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver, Harry Field, director; Analyzed and Interpreted by the Bureau of Applied Social Research, Columbia University, Paul F. Lazarsfeld, Director*

1946 - National Opinion Research Center

Call Number: 384.5 C723

*Why America Leads in Radio*

1924 – Radio Corporation of America

Call Number: 384.5 W622

*Sponsor: 40-year Album of Pioneer Radio Stations*

1962

Call Number: 384.5453 S763 1962

## Online Resources

### [Modernization on North Dakota Farms](#)

Historical Society of North Dakota website

### [SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

### [Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

### [WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

## External Resources

### [Who Are We?](#)

About page on the KFYR-TV website

### [WDAY](#)

Current website for WDAY-TV and WDAZ-TV

### [Prairie Public Radio](#)

Current website for Prairie Public Radio Broadcasting

## State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email [archives@nd.gov](mailto:archives@nd.gov) or call (701) 328-2668.



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