Fite, Gilbert C. Papers, 1912–1967. 6 feet.
Historian. Reports, correspondence, and publications (1926–1952) regarding the Mount Rushmore national monument, including correspondence (1925–1940) from its creator, Gutzon Borglum; photocopies of Borglum’s diary (1925); papers (1912–1948) regarding former governor of South Dakota, Peter Norbeck; a manuscript by Fite regarding consumer cooperatives; official files (1966–1967) of the search committee appointed to recommend a candidate to become the eighth president of the University of Oklahoma; personal files regarding farm relief programs; and a typescript of George Peek’s diary (1932–1933).

Restricted: Boxes 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are restricted. Researchers may not use materials in the boxes. They pertain to candidates for the presidency of the University of Oklahoma, circa 1966. The remainder of the Fite Collection is open for research.

Box 1
Folder:
1. The Consumers Cooperative Association: A History, Chapters I-VII.


Box 2
Folder:
1. Duplicates of Peter Norbeck correspondence re: Mount Rushmore (1924-1936).


7. Newspaper clippings about Mount Rushmore (1940s).

9. Publicity about Stone Mountain (near Atlanta, Georgia), Mount Rushmore, and the proposed Crazy Horse Monument in South Dakota.

Box 3
Folder:

2. Book reviews of *Mount Rushmore* by Gilbert C. Fite (1952). Several copies of this book are available in both the Western History Library and the Main Library (Bizzell) at the call number NB 237.B6F5.

3. Miscellaneous information about Mount Rushmore, including maps and brochures.

4. Photostatic copies of Borglum's diary (1925).

5. Bibliography of materials on Mount Rushmore.

6. Articles about Mount Rushmore (1932, 1940).

7. Miscellaneous material on state and national parks, mostly in South Dakota.


Box 4
Folder:

2. Articles by and about Gutzon Borglum (1920-1940).


5. Miscellaneous Mount Rushmore materials.


7. Fite's monthly reports on the Mount Rushmore history project to the National Park Service (1950-1951).


**Box 5**

Folder:
1. Quotes by and about Gutzon Borglum (1912-1937).
5. Correspondence of John A. Boland (1950-1953).

**Box 6**

Folder:
1. Notes on Governor Peter Norbeck of South Dakota. Norbeck serves as governor from 1917-1921.
3. Notes on Norbeck's early career as an artesian well driller.
5. Publicity, clippings, etc. on Senator Peter Norbeck, R-SD (1930-1936).
8. Material on South Dakota's Rural Credit Board.

**Box 7**

Folder:
2. Letters from relatively prominent people regarding the career of Peter Norbeck, especially while in the Senate; also, copies of Fite's letters requesting information about Norbeck (1944-1945).
3. Notes on Peter Norbeck, covering the period between 1900 through 1920.

5. Texts of the Inaugural Addresses of Governors Tom Berry, Warren Green and George T. Mickelson to the South Dakota State Legislature (1933, 1947); newspaper clippings about governor W.J. Bulow, especially concerning Rural Credits (1929).


7. Miscellaneous duplicate materials (1930s).

8. Material on the Progressive movement in South Dakota (1908-1912). Includes correspondence with the LaFollette Campaign Committee and a letter from Robert M. LaFollette.

Box 8
Folder:

1. Carbon copy of George Peek's diary.


5. Peter Norbeck material (1922-1936). includes Norbeck's correspondence and several newspaper clippings about him.


7. Newspaper interviews of Peter Norbeck; also, some newspaper clippings containing those interviews (1926-1936).


9. Miscellaneous research notes.

10. Material on parks and conservation, much of it legislation sponsored by Peter Norbeck while serving in the U.S. Senate (1927-1934).

Box 9
Folder:

1. Miscellaneous material on George Peek and farms (1919-1950).


4. Research correspondence about George Peek (1949-1952). Items of interest in this folder include a letter signed by George Meaney of the AFL discussing their relations with the National farmers Union (September 28, 1949), and a transcript of a radio show discussing the evils McCarthyism. George Peek is mentioned (September 16, 1951).

5. Photostatic copy of a map showing the distribution of 2,381 firms holding about 50,000 important war contracts. Compiled by the Division of Statistics of the Council of National Defense (January 17, 1918).

6. Statement of George N. Peek before the Committee on Finance, US Senate entitled, "Agriculture: Its Relation to Causes of Present Depression and Possible Legislative Remedies (February 14, 1933)".

7. Copies of press releases made by George Peek while serving as Special Advisor to the President on Foreign Trade (1934). Also includes the Executive Orders which created the office of Special Advisor on Foreign Trade, and Peek's acceptance of his appointment to that office.

8. Copies of press releases made by George Peek while serving as Special Advisor to the President of Foreign Trade (1935-1936). Also includes journal articles by Peek on the subject of foreign trade.

Box 10
Folder:

2. Newspaper clippings and correspondence re: the National Farmers' Union and state and local farmers unions (1929-1930).

3. Official correspondence of the National Farmers' Union and of state and local farmers' unions (1931). Also, newspaper clippings about farmers' unions from 1931.

4. Official correspondence of the National Farmers' Union and of state and local farmers' unions. Also, includes newspaper clippings about farmers' unions from 1932.

5. National Farmers' Union correspondence and newspaper clippings about farmers' unions (1933).

7. "Decision of Governors' Conference on Agricultural Relief" held at Sioux City, Iowa (September 9-10, 1932).

8. Newspaper clippings re: the death of John A. Simpson, president of the National Farmers' Union (March 1934). Also, an article from Harlow's Weekly, discussing the possibility of Simpson being appointed as Secretary of Agriculture (December 31, 1932). Simpson was from Oklahoma City.

9. Reviews of and letters re: George N. Peek and the Fight for Farm Parity by Gilbert C. Fite (1954-1955). Also, mailing lists of individuals and libraries who were to receive copies of this book. Copies of this book may be found in the Main Library (Bizzell), the Law Library and the Western History Library under the call number HD 1761.F56, and in the Main Library and Western History Library under the Dewey call number 338.1F557g.


11. Miscellaneous speech notes, book reviews, etc. apparently of Gilbert Fite's (c. 1940s).

12. Typescript of George N. Peek's diary (1932-1933).

**Box 11**
Folder:
1. Research notes and correspondence and newspaper clippings re: Frederick E. Murphy (1955).


5. Campaign material, newspaper clippings and correspondence relating to the 1940 Presidential campaign. Much of the material is concerned with the platforms of both parties regarding agriculture and foreign trade.


**Box 12**
Folder:
1. Cartoons about farm relief from the 1920s and 1930s.

3. Resolutions passed by the American bankers Association and its Executive Council re: agriculture and agricultural credits (1920-1929).

4. Resolutions and referenda of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce re: agriculture (1920-1933).

5. George N. Peek material re: agriculture (1928-1940).


7. Newspaper clippings on several subjects from various newspapers (c. 1950s).

8. Research notes and newspaper clippings re: Rural Credit (1921-1926).

9. Clippings and pamphlets on agriculture and farm relief (1919-1933).

10. Peter Norbeck correspondence re: agriculture and the political situation (1921-1935).

11. Farm organization positions in 1954.


13. "References on the Significance of the Frontier in American History" by Everett E. Edwards of the Department of Agriculture (April 1939); "History of Political Thought", a bibliography compiled by time period in history (no date).

14. National Farmers' Union pamphlets, discussing a wide variety of subjects; minutes of one meeting of the Union's Board of directors; the Union's constitution and by-laws; one issue of the National Union Farmer (1931019520.

15. Research notes and correspondence for an article entitled, "The Farm Bloc in the Early Twenties, plus two copies of that article (1943-1944); one copy of an article entitled "The Farm Bloc Today" (no date).


Box 13
An Oversize clippings file containing clipping clippings of Mount Rushmore Memorial publicity:
- January 1-February 1, 1930
- February 1-March 1, 1930 (2 volumes)
Box 14
Presidential Search Files, Restricted until further notice
Folder:
1. Miscellaneous Board of Regents material.
3. Fite's correspondence as Chairman of the Campus Nominating Committee (1966).
5. President's Committee files (1966).
9. Letters written by Fite inviting people to submit names for consideration for University president (1966).
12. Letters and materials distributed to committee members and replies from members (1966).
13. Extra copies of bulletins, articles, etc. (1966).
15. Background information on some of the candidates for President of the University of Oklahoma (1966).
16. Files of pat Spears, Secretary to the Campus Nominating Committee (1966).

Box 15
Presidential Search files, **Restricted** until further notice

Folder:

2. Cullen, Matthew (material is missing from the folder).
33. Pruitt, Raymond Donald material (1966).
34. Robertson, Randal M. (material is missing).
38. Spivey, Herman Everette material (1966).
41. Steere, William Campbell material (c. 1966).
42. Strehler, Allen F. material (1966).
43. Taylor, Peter material (1966).
44. Terrell, Glenn material (1966).
45. Thieme, Frederick P. material (1966).
46. Thompson, LaRoy material (1966).
47. Tippo, Oswald material (1966).
49. Varner, Durward B. (material is missing).
50. Weaver, Fred material (1966).
52. Weiler, Emanuel Thornton material (1966).
53. Wescoe, W. Clarke material (c. 1966).
54. Whaley, Storm material (1966).
56. Willard, John E. (material is missing).
57. Williams, George Howard material (1960-1966).
59. Material on other candidates for University of Oklahoma president, including Raymond L. Bisplinghoff, Louis Benezet, and J. Herbert Holloman (1967).
60. Memorandum from the Campus Nominating Committee to the Board of Regents listing the qualifications they feel are necessary for the presidency of the University of Oklahoma (December 16, 1966).
61. Miscellaneous Campus Nominating Committee materials (1966).
63. From letter used in requesting nominations for president of the University (1966).
65. Newspaper clippings re: the presidential search (1966-1967). Most of the clippings are from Norman and Oklahoma City newspapers.
Boxes 16, 17, and 18 are Presidential search files. They are restricted until further notice. They have not been processed.

Box 19
Agricultural Farm Relief
Folder:
1. Agricultural Farm Relief (1921-1923).
2. Agricultural Farm Relief (1924).
3. Agricultural Adjustment Administration (1932-1934).
4. Farm organizations, resolutions, etc. (1924-1935).
5. Financial farm relief campaign (1926-1927).
6. Agricultural Farm Relief (1925).
7. Agricultural Farm Relief (1926).
8. Agricultural Farm Relief (1927).
9. Agricultural Farm Relief, political and economic aspects (1928).

Box 20
Reprints


"Peter Norbeck and the Defeat of the Non-Partisan League in South Dakota" by G. Fite, Jan., 1950.

"Recent Progress in the Mechanization of Cotton Production in the U.S." by G. Fite, Jan., 1950.

"Voluntary Attempts to Reduce Cotton Acreage in the South, 1914-1933" by G. Fite, Nov., 1948.


"American Agriculture and Farm Policy Since 1900" by G. Fite, 1964.


"Development of the Cotton Industry by Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory" by G. Fite, Aug., 1949.


"The Nonpartisan League in Oklahoma" by G. Fite, Summer, 1946.
