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Comment:

As a member of the reference staff at the Minnesota Historical Society, a large special library that tries to collect everything, including ephemera and privately produced publications, about the history of Minnesota, I have worked with academic and independent scholars who have wanted to make use of those materials.

The Society has done a good job of cataloging these items, which are often unique to our collection, so scholars have been able to locate them to use in their research and writing. It has on occasion become a problem to locate the copyright holder of a particular work, and as a result that work may not be used and cited, or seen and viewed in the case of films. The scholarship on that topic is poorer as a result.