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**Biographical/Historical Note:** Edgar Allen Diddle was born near Gradyville in Adair County, Kentucky on March 12, 1895 to John Haskins and Mary Elizabeth (Hughes) Diddle. He attended Centre College in Danville from 1915 to 1917, entered the U.S. Army, then returned to Centre for a time. After coaching briefly at the high school level, Diddle arrived at Western Kentucky in 1922. He was initially athletic director and coach of all sports. As the Hilltoppers' men's basketball coach from 1922 to 1964, he compiled a career record of 759 victories and 302 defeats and took his teams to ten OVC championships, eight National Invitational Tournaments and three National Collegiate Athletic Association tournaments. WKU's Diddle arena was dedicated November 7, 1963 in his honor. E.A. Diddle married his former women's basketball player Margaret Louise Monin in 1923. He died January 2, 1970. He was inducted into Western's newly created Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991, and into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1992. [excerpts from Encyclopedia of Kentucky]

**Description:** Audiotape of comments made by E.A. Diddle at unidentified event.

**Dates:** April 8, 1977

**Allied Materials:**

MSS Montell, B91A, F29 recording 31

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**Audiotape Recording List**

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<b>Media ID</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
000-012	1		<i>Blank</i>
013-023	1		<i>Introduction of E.A. Diddle</i>
024-025	1		<i>Basketball team not living up to potential Expectations of next season</i>
026-044	1		<i>WKU firsts First teacher college admitted to SIAA, SACS and gain conference recognition. Best in US - stadium and coaches</i>
045-048	1		<i>Buck ? Johnny ? Tim ?</i>
049-056	1		<i>Expects WKU to win NCAA</i>
057-062	1		<i>Walter Banks Jeb ?</i>
063-069	1		<i>Expectations of sophomores next year.</i>