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Scope and Contents

Personal correspondence, manuscripts, and miscellany; clippings, correspondence regarding the National States' Rights Party, 1948-1950, and its Washington Bureau headed by Mayerhoff, a former newsman; photographs; newspapers; scrapbook; tapes of meetings and speeches. Also included is a tape of a campaign speech made by Theodore Bilbo during his last Senate campaign in 1946.

Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

Charles Francis Mayerhoff

Date and place of birth:

Nov. 12, 1910 Lauderdale County, Meridian, Mississippi.

Date and place of death:

Oct. 13, 1978 Jackson, Mississippi.

Names of parents, wife or husband, children, or other family relationships:

Parents: Charles Wesley and Ada Adkins Mayerhoff

Wife: Neita Lockard Mayerhoff, b. Oct. 2, 1910

Children: None

Sisters: Marilyn Mayerhoff Cates and Edith Mayerhoff Campbell

His occupation, activities, and place or places where he flourished:

Journalist, editor, public relations editor

- Born in Meridian, Ms.; lived on farm near Mayerhoff Springs, Clarke County, Mississippi.
- Reporter for the Meridian *Star*; edited his own weekly paper, *The City News*.
- Handled publicity for the campaigns of Ross Collins (1936), Paul B. Johnson, Sr. (1939), Theodore Bilbo (1940, 1946), and James Eastland (1942).
- Director of publications and editor of Market Bulletin, Mississippi Department of Agriculture (1939)
- Director of public relations, Mississippi State tax Commission (1940), Educational Department, Mississippi State Forest Service (1942-1943)
- World War II veteran, Army Air Force
- Bureau chief, International News service, Jackson, Mississippi.
- News editor, Radio Station WRBC, Jackson, Mississippi (1947-1949)
- Executive assistant and Washington bureau head, National States' Rights Committee (1949-1950)
- Director (temporary), Economic stabilization Agency Mississippi bureau (1951)
- Director of public relations and field operations, Mississippi Safety Commission
- Reporter, Jackson *State Times*, Columbus *Commercial Dispatch*, Memphis *Commercial Appeal*, Vicksburg *Evening Post* (retired 1973)
- Lived in Jackson, Mississippi, 1938-1978

Memberships: Jackson Press Club, National Press Club, Forestry Commission, Board of Citizens' Councils, First Baptist Church

Titles of books or other sources where further information can be found:

Mayerhoff collection, Folder 9; see also Godwin Advertising Agency collection

Name and address of person supplying data (and relation to biographee):

Neita (Mrs. Charles F.) Mayerhoff

Date: May 14, 1979

Inventory

Series 1. Folders.

1. Correspondence, 1938-1946
2. Correspondence, 1948-1950
3. Correspondence, 1951-1952
4. Correspondence, 1954-1971, n.d.
5. Correspondence, Neita Mayerhoff to Frank Mayerhoff, 1944-1951
6. Photographs. Among items are a photograph of Paul B. Johnson, Jr., and a photograph of James Eastland, R. M. Newton, and Walter Sillers at the Democratic Convention of 1956.
7. Manuscripts, including poetry
8. Personal. Includes appointment book for 1948, clippings, and miscellany.
9. Clippings by and about Mayerhoff
10. Certificates, programs, nametags, and membership cards. Among items are program of dedication of Bilbo statue in 1954, program for Spiro Agnew fund-raising dinner in 1969, and Mississippi Press Association nametag and ribbon.
11. National States' Rights Committee. Includes telegram, letter, membership information (1950), Thurmond-Wright campaign buttons, and letter (1971) from Mayerhoff to Erle Johnson summarizing the work he did for the Washington office of the States' Rights Party, under Governor Wright.
12. Fielding Wright. Schedule for October 1948 and letter, 1954.
13. Clippings concerning the National States' Rights Party, the Truman administration, the FEPC, and related topics, 1949-1950.
14. Clippings concerning Ohio elections, particularly the Taft reelection campaign, labor unions, and related topics, 1949-1950. Also includes five issues of the Hamilton County Republican Executive Committee publication, The American Worker, 1949-1950.
15. Clippings concerning Leander Perez of Louisiana. Includes article written by Hodding Carter.

16. Miscellaneous Mississippiana. Among items are campaign literature for Paul B. Johnson, Sr., Paul B. Johnson, Jr., and Cliff Finch; The Meridian Press, Jan. 1937, and U.S. Senate Report, "Federal Job Selling and Other Irregularities in Mississippi", 1951.

17. Miscellaneous clippings.

Series 2. Scrapbook.

Contains clippings, 1949-1950, concerning the Truman administration, the FEPC, and the National States' Rights Party.

Series 3. Newspapers.

New York Journal-American, July 12, 1948

(Democratic National
Convention and walk-out
of States' Righters)

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, July 12, 1948

Philadelphia Inquirer, July 13, 14, 1948

Chattanooga News-Free Press, July 15, 1948

Chattanooga Daily Times, July 15, 1948

The New York Times, July 15, 1948

Jackson Daily News, July 16, 1948

Birmingham Post, July 17, 1948

Birmingham News, July 17, 1948

Atlanta Journal, July 25, 1948

The States' Righter, May 1 (2 copies), 15, 1950

Vicksburg Evening Post, September 14, 28, 1962 (Integration of University of Mississippi)

OS 2 Tearsheet: "Vigilance is the Safeguard of Freedom", undated.

Series 4. Tapes.

Tapes are listed chronologically, with description followed by number of tape in parentheses. All tapes are reel-to-reel.

Senator Theodore G. Bilbo. Campaign speech for reelection, 1946. (#4)

Governor Fielding Wright. Inaugural address, Jackson, Mississippi, January 17, 1948. (#8-9)

Mississippi Democratic Meeting, called by Governor Wright, Jackson, Mississippi, February 12, 1948. (#6-7)

"Speeches preliminary to Governor Fielding Wright [s speech], February 25, 1948." (#12)

President Harry S. Truman. "Talk on Civil Rights March", March 17, 1948. (#13)

Governor Fielding Wright. May 9, 1948. (#5)

Interviews with Governors Fielding Wright, Strom Thurmond, and Ben Laney, and Mrs. Thurmond. Following States' Rights Meeting, Jackson City Auditorium, [May 10, 1948] (#14)

Governors Strom Thurmond and Fielding Wright. Acceptance speeches, States' Rights Meeting, August 11, 1948. (Houston, Texas) (#2) (brittle – can't be used)

Governor Fielding Wright. Neshoba County Fair, Philadelphia, Mississippi, August 18, 1949. (#1)

Governor Fielding Wright. Neshoba County Fair, Philadelphia, Mississippi, August 2, 1951. (#10-11)

Dedication of Memorial Statue of Theodore G. Bilbo, Jackson, Mississippi, April 12, 1954(#3)

Separation Sheet

Oversize Manuscripts Box 2

The following item has been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

Broadside: "Vigilance is the safeguard of freedom", undated.