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MS 833
VICKERS, ELMER FRANCIS, 1887-1967

DESCRIPTION

This is a collection of three folders relating to the career of Elmer F. Vickers. The first folder is material related to the Memorial Hospital in Phoenix of which Vickers was on the board. The second folder contains a scrapbook (1930s-40s) relating to Vickers' social activities and his career with the Labor Department of the Arizona Industrial Commission. The third folder contains only printed material of labor union publications. The scrapbook contains a couple of photographs.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Elmer Vickers was born in 1887 on a cattle ranch in Texas. In Texas, he was a printer and newspaperman. In 1906, he received his journeyman printer's card in the International Typographical Union in Galveston, Texas. He owned two weekly newspapers in Texas. He came to Arizona in 1917 to work with his brother-in-law, Ernest L. Bryant. He first located in Globe, then moved to Bisbee and finally to Douglas where he worked for 25 years, mostly for the Douglas Dispatch. He served as a state representative for Cochise County in 1933-34. He was elected president of the State Federation of Labor in 1933. In 1934, he moved to Phoenix as manager of the State Labor Department. In 1946, he was elected secretary-treasurer to the State Federation of Labor. In addition to his official duties while in various offices in the labor organization, he edited the *Labor Journal* from 1943-1948. He was known as the "dean of Arizona labor leaders." He was married for many years to Ida; they had one son, E. F. Vickers, Jr. He retired in 1957 and died in 1967.

ACQUISITION

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