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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Orval Eugene Faubus was born on January 7, 1910, to John Samuel "Sam" and Addie Joslin Faubus, on the family farm at Greasy Creek, Madison County, Arkansas. Faubus was educated in rural Madison County. Orval's father urged him to attend college. Faubus attended Commonwealth College in 1935 but did not graduate. In 1931, Faubus married Alta Haskins. After his service in World War II, Faubus returned to Madison County, Arkansas, as Postmaster at Huntsville and became owner of the local paper, the Madison County Record. In 1948, Governor Sid McMath appointed Faubus to the State Highway Commission, and then later as an administrative assistant to the governor's office.

Faubus launched his political career in 1954, when he challenged Governor Francis Cherry in the Democrat Primary. He defeated Cherry and in November won a landslide victory over Republican Pratt Rummel in the general election. In 1962 Faubus ran for Governor against five other democratic opponents and republican Willis (Buds) Harvey Ricketts from Fayetteville, Arkansas. His two main democrat challengers were former Governor Sid McMath and segregationist Dale Alford. Faubus won the primary by fifty-two percent, going on to beat Ricketts in the general election. Faubus would go on to serve six consecutive terms as Governor of Arkansas, giving him the distinction of holding the office longer than any other governor.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a fifteen page mimeograph typescript of a campaign speech Governor Orval E. Faubus gave on July 30, 1962, broadcasted by Little Rock Television. This speech reviews his record in public office, budget concerns, and individuals hired under the Faubus' administration.

Administrative Information

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