

Charles O. Johnson Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Johnson, Charles O., 1898-1984
Title	Charles O. Johnson Collection
Date	1956-1984
Extent	0.21 Linear feet
Language	English

Biography

Charles O. Johnson was born in Minneapolis in January 29, 1898 and was a 1916 graduate of North High School. His first job in the newspaper business was as a copy boy at ten years old. He began his long career as a sports reporter while still in high school, covering high school sports as a cub reporter. He covered the 1916 National Open golf tournament at Minikahda for several out of town newspapers. After graduating from high school, he was hired by the Minneapolis Daily News as telegraph editor. He returned to the Tribune in 1919 as assistant night sports editor. At 22 he was hired by the Minneapolis Star as sports editor. When the Star and the Tribune combined in 1941, he became the sports editor of both papers, a job he held until his retirement in 1968. He covered many events of national and international importance, including World Series, heavyweight championship fights, even the 1932 and 1960 Olympics. His great love, though, was the local sports scene. He rarely missed a Minneapolis Millers game and played a leading role in bringing professional sports to Minneapolis. He retired in 1968, but continued to be a booster of Minnesota sports until his death from a heart attack in 1984.

Description of Collection

Collection consists of three Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame programs, tribue booklet for the Centennial Sports Champions Banquet, held May 5, 1958, a copy of a deposition of Johnson in a lawsuit between the American Football League and the National Football League, program for a tribute dinner in Johnson's honor, an official program for the 1965 Baseball All Star game held at Metropolitan stadium, various newspaper clippings by and about Johnson, and a program for the 1970 U.S. Open golf championship held at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Baseball -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Golf -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Newspaper editors -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Newspapers -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Sports -- Minnesota.
- Sportswriters

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Clippings, programs from Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame dinners, deposition from 1961 suit between the AFL and NFL, tribute booklet, program for 1965 baseball All Star Game 1956-1984	1	1
	Box	Object
Program from 1970 U.S. Open Golf Championship held at Hazeltine National Golf club 1970	1	2