Jim D. Cherry papers, 1947-1988

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jim D. Cherry papers, 1947-1988
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Abstract: Papers of Jim D. Cherry, an Atlanta, Georgia educator and superintendent of DeKalb County schools.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Jim D. Cherry, nationally known educator, was superintendent of the DeKalb County, Georgia, school system for twenty-five years; led the school system through its period of initial integration; and was instrumental in the development of the Fernbank Science Center in cooperation with the school system. He retired in 1972 and died in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1980.

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Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Jim Cherry from 1947-1988. The papers include correspondence, personal financial records, speeches, writings, printed material, scrapbooks, photographs, clippings, and memorabilia. The papers document Jim Cherry's career as superintendent of schools, his civic activities, his broad interest in education, and honors and awards he received.

Arrangement Note
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