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## Introduction to the Collection

This scrapbook includes a compilation of newspaper clippings from a variety of sources and covers the mid-1930s. Approximately one-half of these clippings focus on stories related to St. Petersburg or Florida more broadly, while the remainder cover events as broad as English royalty to the Second Italo-Ethiopian War (1935-1936). The compiler of the materials in this scrapbook is unknown, though the name "Billy Dean" appears on this document. It is uncertain as to whether this was an actual proper name, or whether it was a nickname or pseudonym.

Jen Runyon, formerly a student at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, donated this scrapbook and another one that captures the activities for Emil August Nordstrom, a former city engineer, in spring 2013 after acquiring them from a source in the community. There are no access restrictions on this item.

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## Provenance of the "Billy Dean" Scrapbook

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and University Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

## Scope and Contents

The contents occupy a single scrapbook (0.10 linear ft.).

## Contents of Scrapbook—Selected Annotations

Inside front cover features handwritten name “Billy Dean”

Page 1 – Title page, with handwritten title NEWS NOTES

Page 2 – Six unrelated small stories/blurbs:

1. SOUTH FLORIDA STATE URGED BY SARASOTANS (Sarasota, Oct. 1, AP) – regarding the interest in the formation of a new state to be called “South Florida”
2. CLASSES LET OUT IN MONTANA WHILE QUAKES CONTINUE (Helena, Mont., Oct. 15, AP)
3. COAST GUARD AIDS GROUNDED VESSEL – a Cuban schooner grounded in Hudson
4. PLANS FOR CANAL BRIDGE ARE MADE (Ocala, Oct. 16, AP) – plans for various bridges along the trans-Florida waterway; the canal project was never completed
5. REVISED AIRPLANE SERVICE FOR CITY – revision of air travel times for cities between Jacksonville and St. Petersburg
6. MICHIGAN PARTY PLANS SAIL TRIP TO FLORIDA (Reed City, Mich., Oct. 2, AP) – W.D. Jeffcott planning to sail from Michigan to Florida

Page 3 – Three clippings that all relate back to people dying in crashes:

1. MEMORIAL IS UNVEILED TO ROGERS AND POST (Newark, NJ, Oct. 17, AP) – regarding Will Rogers and Wiley Post
2. DEATH OCCURS EARLY TODAY AT BAY PINES - story of Alma Bryson, wife of Col. M. Bryson, who succumbed to injuries from a car accident
3. Large photo caption of Mrs. Bryson, with the headline KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH at top.

Page 4 – Two clippings related to natural disasters in Central America:

1. Photo caption TRAIL OF RUIN LEFT BY CUBAN HURRICANE, featuring a large picture of the damage left by the storm
2. 131 HONDURANS DIE IN FLOOD (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Oct. 30, AP)

Page 5 – Two clippings, which are simply parts one and two of the same story about a daredevil parachutist:

1. Page 1: THOUSANDS SEE AIRMAN NARROWLY CHEAT DEATH IN 5,000-FOOT PLUNGE
2. Page 2, Column 1: PARACHUTIST CHEATS DEATH IN LONG FALL

Page 6 – The word WAR handwritten at top of page, with two stories below it about the Second Italo-Ethiopian War (Oct 1935-May 1936):

1. LION OF JUDAH CALLS FORCES TO HOLY WAR (AP)
2. DUCE RUMORED READY TO TALK OF PEACE PLAN (AP)

Page 7 – Photo caption featuring two large images from the Second Italo-Ethiopian War—one image each of soldiers on each side.

Page 8 – Two photo captions related to the Second Italo-Ethiopian War:

1. ITALIAN WAR CHIEF AND FAMOUS BOMBER
2. U.S. RED CROSS AIDS ETHIOPIANS

Page 9 – Two photo captions related to disaster/accident stories outside of Florida in which people died:

1. FOUR LIVES LOST IN MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION (Detroit)
2. FLOOD WRECKS RAILROAD BRIDGE (Johnstown, PA)

Page 10 – Four unrelated clippings:

1. WHEELING SWEEPED BY FLOODS; SIX BELIEVED DEAD (Wheeling, W. Va., March 18, AP) – story about the flooding of the Ohio River
2. UNCLE SAM LENDS A HAND – photo caption about federal assistance to farmers
3. LOCAL GERMANS MUST REGISTER FOR NAZI ARMY – small story about young Germans living in Pinellas County being called to serve in the Third Reich
4. NEW TRAIN PLACED IN USE – photo caption about the new Green Diamond train

Page 11 – Photo caption SCENE AT FATAL GEORGIA BUS CRASH, featuring a large photo of people inspecting the wreckage of a train/bus collision in Byron, Ga.

Page 12 – Photo caption POLICE AND MILL GIRLS FIGHT WITH TEAR BOMBS, featuring two photos of a skirmish between police and hosiery mill workers on strike in Rockwood, Tenn.

Page 13 – Three unrelated clippings:

1. CUBS WALLOP DIZZY INTO SPIN – Photo caption about Cardinals pitcher Dizzy Dean
2. FLYER FAILS (Fort Lauderdale, April 30, AP) – small story about airplane pilot Annette Gipson failing to break an altitude record
3. REDS BATTLE POLICE IN MADRID – photo caption of police and civilians being shot at by Communists at a funeral in Spain

Page 14 – Two photo captions, both related to military aircraft:

1. CRASH OF BIG ARMY PLANE KILLS 1, INJURES 4 – a Boeing army bomber crashed in Dayton, Ohio
2. U.S. NAVY PATROL PLANE STOPS HERE – picture of a navy seaplane on a beach shore

Page 15 – Photo caption PRESIDENT HONORS NATION'S WAR DEAD, featuring Franklin Roosevelt standing at a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Page 16 – Two unrelated clippings:

1. EIGHT-MONTH SCHOOL TERM FORECAST HERE – small blurb about Pinellas County

2. AIRSHIP ARRIVES FOR WINTER SEASON HERE – photo caption about the Goodyear blimp *Reliance* docking in Miami

Page 17 – Two unrelated clippings:

1. NORTHEAST FLORIDA QUAKE SHAKES BEDS AROUSING CITIZENS (St. Augustine, Nov. 13, AP)
2. ARREST OF PEDESTRIANS WHO IGNORE STOP LIGHTS ORDERED TODAY BY CHIEF

Page 18-21 – Clippings related to the death of Capt. George M. Lynch, superintendent of Pinellas County schools:

- Page 18:
  - Large headline CAPT. GEORGE M. LYNCH IS DEAD, cut and pasted in three separate lines
  - Small blurb GREAT LOSS TO STATE, DEAN REED DECLARES
- Page 19:
  - SCHOOL HEAD STRICKEN ILL AT HIS OFFICE – story announcing his death the previous day, along with a brief bio
  - DIES SUDDENLY – small photo caption of Lynch, with a brief summary of the above story
- Page 20: FINAL TRIBUTE VOICED BY CITY TO CAPT. LYNCH – lengthy story about Lynch’s funeral
- Page 21: Photo caption CAPT. LYNCH GOES TO FINAL RESTING PLACE, showing pallbearers carrying Lynch’s coffin

Page 22 – Three unrelated clippings:

1. KEYS PLAN DISTANCE FLIGHT – photo caption of brothers Al and Fred Key of Meridian, Miss., who were attempting to set a world record for flight endurance
2. 33 MOTORISTS DRAW TICKETS – small story about traffic infractions and the reception to recently-installed parking meters
3. BOY FOUND IN DESERT AFTER TWO-DAY HUNT (Indio, Cal., Jan. 9, AP)

Page 23 – Two unrelated photo captions:

1. “WATCH YOUR STEP!” PEDESTRIANS WARNED – photo of police officer and three women (*text of this story is obscured by the pasting over of the clipping listed directly below*)
2. TO MAKE COMMEMORATIVE FLIGHT HERE FEB. 1 – photo of a replica Curtiss pusher-type plane, set to make a commemorative flight over Tampa Bay

Page 24-top half of Page 33 – Clippings related to the last days and death of King George V, and Edward VIII’s ascension to the throne:

- Page 24:
  - AT ROYAL FATHER’S SIDE - photo caption of Edward
  - Random, incomplete blurb of text that appears to have been cut from the middle of a story about Edward’s ascension: “He need not use his first name, ‘Edward’

since he is entitled to adopt any name, even if it is not included among the seven with which he was christened—‘Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David.’ The new king makes his first de--”

- Page 25:
  - Photo caption “KING GEORGE V, WEARING THE ROYAL ROBES at the time of his coronation, in 1910, when he succeeded his father, King Edward VII, to the throne of England”
  - Photo caption “KING GEORGE AND THE PRINCE OF WALES walking from Buckingham Palace in London in November, 1922”
- Page 26: Photo caption HANDSOME NEW RULER OF A MIGHTY BRITISH EMPIRE, featuring three different photos of Edward VIII
- Page 27: Photo caption GREAT BRITAIN’S NEW KING IS REAL RULER LIKE FATHER, showing Edward VIII dressed in a pilot’s uniform, preparing to fly to London
- Page 28: Photo caption DEATH CALLS KING GEORGE V, featuring large close-up of George
- Page 29:
  - Photo caption “KING GEORGE when he was the Prince of Wales is seen with his father, the late King Edward VII”
  - Photo caption WHEN THE KING TOOK THE HELM, showing George piloting a yacht at sea
- Page 30: Photo caption EVERY INCH A KING, depicting George in military uniform atop a horse in 1928
- Page 31:
  - Photo caption AT THE TENNIS MATCHES, featuring a close-up of George and Queen Mary at Wimbledon
  - Photo caption BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN AUTOMOBILES WERE NEW, showing George and others riding in an antiquated automobile
- Page 32:
  - Photo caption (*with no headline above it*) showing two pictures of George V. (*The text below them describes two additional pictures that aren’t pasted in the scrapbook.*)
  - Photo caption WHERE GEORGE DIED, an exterior shot of Sandringham House
  - Small photo caption MOURNED, with a head shot of George
- Page 33 (top): Photo caption THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE HOUSE OF WINDSOR, a family portrait of King George V, Queen Mary, and their five grown children

Page 33 (bottom) – Two unrelated clippings

1. Small photo caption SPEAKER, with a headshot of Pinellas County Superintendent of Schools George M. Hoffman, 1935-1936
2. STRANGE DERELICT SIGHTED IN ARCTIC (Barrow, Alaska, March 3, AP), small story about a derelict ship locked in the Arctic ice near Point Barrow

Page 34 – Two unrelated clippings:

1. UNCLE SAM'S POLICEMEN HERE FOR INSPECTION – Photo caption depicting the yacht *All Alone*
2. GARNERS DINE ROOSEVELTS – Photo caption of President Roosevelt, Vice-President Garner and their wives, all in formal evening dress

Page 35 – Three unrelated clippings:

1. ELEPHANTS KEPT WALKING AS COLD INVADES CIRCUS (Rochester, Ind., Jan 23, AP) – small story
2. LINDBERGH CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY QUIETLY (Llandaff, Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 5, AP) – 10-line blurb
3. 3. 18-INCH SNOW FALLS ON CAROLINA "TROPICS" – Photo caption showing snow on tropical plants in Beaufort, N.C.

Page 36 – Three unrelated clippings:

1. SCOUTS ENDORSE CHEST DRIVE – Photo caption about Boy Scouts of St. Petersburg pledging support to Community Chest
2. NEW MANAGER – Small photo caption about Samuel W. Magill becoming manager of Albert Whitted Airport
3. OLDEST LOG CABIN TO BE DEDICATED – Photo caption of a log cabin at Coachman, built in 1850, said to be the oldest such cabin in Pinellas or Hillsborough Counties.

Inside back cover (top) features the following handwritten notation:

- 1 Nov. 1, 1935 – S
- 2 Jan. 17, 1936 – C

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