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**Frank Landt Dennis Collection**

**Dennis, Frank Landt, Sr. (b. 1907). Papers, 1928–1988. .75 foot.**

Journalist and attorney. Correspondence (1933–1988); certificates (1933–1941); ribbons and patches (1929–1947); cartoons (n.d.); publications (1928–1988); newspaper clippings (1928–1939); and a scrapbook (1928–1935) chronicling the life of Frank Dennis as a student at the University of Oklahoma and as an editor. Also included in the collection are teletype printouts (1962) from an unidentified wire service detailing news of the United States' first human orbital space flight by John Glenn in the space capsule *Friendship*.

**Box 1**

**Folder:**

1. Correspondence (1939-1988) from Dennis to his wife, and to Dennis from his son, Landt, and from colleagues in the newspaper world. Includes some poetry (undated and unsigned). Also some correspondence from Ms. Carol Burr, editor of "The Sooner Magazine" published by the University of Oklahoma Foundation, regarding a story published by same in 1988 regarding a scrapbook (see folder 10 of this inventory) of Dennis'. 1939-1988.
2. Correspondence (1933-1941) in the format of telegrams, sent by Dennis to his wife and son while away on business, regarding his overpowering wish to be with them and not away; and also one telegram to Dennis advising him of the death of his mother. 1933-1941.
3. Certificates (1947-1949) issued to Landt Dennis by the National Rifle Association, American Red Cross and the Camp Idlewild Archery Association for achievements in marksmanship and swimming.
4. Ribbons and patches (1929-1947) commemorating the first flight of Universal Air Lines from Omaha to St. Louis in 1929; and awarded to Landt Dennis by the St. Albans School of Washington, D.C. and by the National Rifle Association for achievements. 1929-1947.
5. Caricatures and cartoons (undated) drawn by Landt Dennis, obviously at a young age, for his father. n.d.
6. Print-outs from a news teletype machine. Scattered throughout are news flashes/items received by the machine as news became available regarding the United States' first manned orbital flight, featuring pilot John H. Glenn, Jr. aboard the "Friendship 7" on February 20, 1962.

7. Publications (1929-1988) in the format of magazines, booklets and programs, including the following:
  - (1) "The Sooner Magazine" published by the University of Oklahoma Foundation, issue dates June 1929 and spring 1988. The former contains an article authored by Dennis, and the latter, a story regarding a scrapbook of his University days (see folder 10 in this inventory).
  - (2) Program, "Seventh Annual Meeting--Associated Press Managing Editors," undated, circa 1940.
  - (3) Government document number 148 of the Senate, U.S. 77<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> session, containing the declarations of war speeches of President Roosevelt before that congress in connection with hostilities to commence against the Axis Powers of World War Two.
  - (4) "University of Oklahoma Bulletin," issue entitled, "Third Annual News Photography Short Course" of the School of Journalism, 1939.
  - (5) Menu, "Le Diner des Amis d' Escoffier," of 'The Mayflower' of Washington, D.C.
  - (6) "Sooner State Press," published by the School of Journalism here, issue dates April 22, March 18 and November 4, 1939. 1929-1988.
8. Publications (1928-1969) in the format of newspapers, including the following:
  - (1) "The Record" of Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland, issue dates March 11, 1944 (two copies).
  - (2) "Bethesda-Chevy Chase Tribune" of Bethesda and Chevy Chase, Maryland, issue date March 10, 1944.
  - (3) "The Oklahoma Daily" of The University of Oklahoma, Norman, issue date May 27, 1928.
  - (4) "The Washington Post" of Washington, D.C., issue date August 15, 1945, bearing banner headline, "History's Worst War is Over!"
  - (5) "The Evening Star," Apollo Edition, of Washington, D.C., issue date July 21, 1969, bearing full front page banner headline with massive photo, "Man Walks on Moon." 1928-1969.
9. Newspaper clippings (1927-1939) regarding Dennis, as well as one front page from the "Daily Oklahoman" of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, issue date September 3, 1939, bearing the banner headline(s), "Britain, France at War--Germany Ignores Demand for Truce--Raid Sirens Alarm London." 1927-1939.

## **Box 2**

Box 2 of the Frank Landt Dennis Collection contains 7 folders which hold correspondence from son Landt and including one letter from William Bennett Bizzell and one letter from John F. Kennedy; telegrams, including a copy of one sent by Dennis' wife to him at Griffith Stadium, announcing war with Japan; Newspaper and magazine clips; teletype machine printouts; and family mementos, including Mrs. Dennis' hospital bill from the birth of their son Landt, and drawings and letters written by Landt.

### **Folder:**

1. Correspondence: Letters, papers. Letter from Kennedy re. most interesting campaign incident, July 9, 1958. 1942-1990.
2. Correspondence: Telegrams. 1941-1958.
3. Teletype machine printouts and news releases.
4. Publications--magazine clips, newsletters, pamphlets, lecture.
5. Publications: newspapers.
6. Newspaper clippings.
7. Family mementos--cartoons, hospital bill, commencement program.