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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

M 147

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/repositories/5/resources/65

Unit Date

1915-1994

Language

English .

Creator

De Beck, Billy, 1890-1942

Extent

10 Items

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open without restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

The collection was given to the Department by Mr. DeBeck's Richmond secretary, Mrs. Addison C. Armstrong Jr.

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Biographical / Historical

William Morgan DeBeck was born in Chicago on 15 April 1890. He briefly attended the Academy of Fine Arts before working as a staff artist and cartoonist for several mid-western newspapers. He joined the staff of the Chicago Herald in 1916. Debeck was moved to New York in 1919 when William Hearst bought the Herald. In New York, DeBeck created the character of Barney Google and achieved immediate fame and fortune. After he married in 1927, DeBeck lived in Paris for two years before settling in alternating residences in Great Neck (Long Island), New York and Palm Beach, Florida. His assistant, Fred Laswell, took over the strip ("Barney Google and Snuffy Smith" and today just "Snuffy Smith") after DeBeck's death in 1942.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of Mr. DeBeck's library of 121 books, many with notes and sketches by the artist were transferred to book collection. A green door that has artwork by DeBeck depicting Barney Google and his racehorse, Spark Plug is part of the collection. A first day cover U.S. postage stamp of Barney Google was added in 2003. A second first day U.S. postage stamp was added in 2006.

Keywords

Cartoonists -- United States

De Beck, Billy, 1890-1942 -- Archives

Arrangement

Materials arranged in alphabetical order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith Cartoons (Photographs)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53917

Unit Date n.d.

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith: 75 Years of an American Legend, OSU Exhibition

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53918

Unit Date 1994

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53919

Unit Date n. d., 1937, 1939

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

DeBeck Cartoon Hints (Photocopy)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53920

Unit Date 1915

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Drawing of DeBeck by Ben Cohen

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53921

Unit Date n. d.

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Drawing of Leon Trotsky by Fred Lasswell

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53922

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Hazard of Hills Cartoon (Photograph)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53923

Unit Date n. d.

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Miscellaneous DeBeck Cartoons (Photocopies)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53924

Unit Date n. d., 1926, 1930-1933, 1935

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Miscellaneous DeBeck Drawings (Photographs)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53925

Unit Date n. d.

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Negatives of Barney Google Door

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/53926

Unit Date n. d.

Mixed Materials [A11423640903] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Photograph of Billy DeBeck**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/53927**Unit Date** n. d.**Mixed Materials [A11423640903]** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Photographs of Barney Google Door (painted in 1931)****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/53928**Unit Date** n. d.**Mixed Materials [A11423640903]** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Snuffy Smith Sketch (Photograph)****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/53929**Unit Date** n. d.**Mixed Materials [A11423640903]** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**U.S. Postage Stamp First Day Cover - Barney Google****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/53930**Unit Date** 1995**Mixed Materials [A11423640903]** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Drawings of Billy DeBeck****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/53931**Physical Location** Oversize Drawer 12**DeBeck's office door, featuring a painting of Barney Google and Spark Plug****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/53932**Unit Date** 1931**Physical Location** On Display in SCA Lobby