



Guide to the A. E. Cahlan Newspaper Columns

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Cahlan, A. E. (Albert Edmunds), 1899-1968
Title:	A.E. Cahlan Newspaper Columns
ID:	MS-00143
Date [inclusive]:	1930-1968
Physical Description:	7.73 Cubic Feet (6 boxes, 1 oversize box)
Physical Description:	7.31 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The A. E. Cahlan Newspaper Columns (1930-1968) consists of scrapbooks containing a complete run of Cahlan's "From Where I Sit" editorial column that he wrote for the <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> and the <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> " from 1930 to 1968.

Preferred Citation

A. E. Cahlan Newspaper Columns, 1930-1968. MS-00143. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Albert Edmunds "A. E." Cahlan (1899-1968) was a newspaper columnist and a prominent civic leader during the mid-20th century in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born in Reno, Nevada in 1899, he earned an electrical engineering degree from the University of Nevada but began working in the newspaper business as an editor and manager in 1922. Starting in 1926, Cahlan ran the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and with the help of his brother John, the paper's managing editor and they transformed it from a weekly to a daily paper. Cahlan promoted community programs and local political candidates through the paper's news columns and most famously through his editorial column "From Where I Sit." Using his newspaper column, Cahlan supported the Democratic Party and worked closely with local candidates and government officials to endorse and promote the Democratic Party's agenda. The *Review-Journal* flourished under the Cahlan brothers until the late 1950s, when readership declined and A. E. Cahlan sold his share of the company. After leaving the

Review-Journal in 1961, he continued to write "From Where I Sit" for the rival publication the *Las Vegas Sun* and stayed involved in politics and civic life until his death in 1968. Cahlan is buried in Palm Desert Memorial in Clark County, Nevada.

Source:

Green, Michael. *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*. "Al Cahlan." 13 October 2009. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/al-cahlan>.

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Scope and Contents

The A. E. Cahlan Newspaper Columns (1930-1968) consists of scrapbooks that contain a complete run of Cahlan's "From Where I Sit" editorial column that he wrote for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and the *Las Vegas Sun* from 1930 to 1968. Cahlan, a prominent journalist and civic leader, used his column "From Where I Sit," to write about local and statewide politics, community problems, and matters of national and international concern. The columns provide insight into the city of Las Vegas during the mid-20th century and how the politics of the time period shaped the city's development.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in rough chronological order.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1969 by Ruth Cahlan; accession number 1969-004.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones reboxed and arranged the materials, wrote the collection description, and entered it into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Florence Lee Jones and John Cahlan Papers, 1929-1983. MS-00200. Special Collections and Archives, Lied Library, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Journalists
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Political activists
- Las Vegas Review-Journal
- Las Vegas Sun