

EX-BRIDGEPORTER PILOTED PACELLI

Emil J. Smith, Jr., a former resident of this city, now residing in New York city, was the pilot who flew Pope Pius XII, then Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, on his first tour of the U. S. in 1938.

Mr. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil J. Smith, of Huntington, received a medal from Cardinal Pacelli after the tour in appreciation of his services. On one side of the medal was a likeness of Pope Pius XI and the Vatican was depicted on the reverse side. Mr. Smith is a Presbyterian by faith.

At that time the Pope was described as a man of "great composure and simplicity of manner combined with a piercing and penetrating glance when his attention was attracted." He was said to be very regular in routine matters during the trip. While flying over Manhattan he typed on a portable typewriter the first speech he gave in this country. The speech, given in English, was made at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

Mr. Smith, now a captain and flight engineer with United Air Lines, received his first position with the company in 1933 when he became pilot and served in western U. S. He is a graduate of Harding high school, class of 1928, and studied two years at Alabama before completing a course in flying at the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, Calif.

He is married to the former Ann Rader, of this city, and they have three children.

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