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**Louis F. Wellmerling Collection**

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**Historical Sketch**

Louis Wellmerling served as mayor of the City of Bloomington from 1933 to 1937, years which were the most difficult period of the Great Depression. He was born on March 15, 1875, in Bloomington, the son of Louis, J. and Bertha (Laesh) Wellmerling. His father came to Bloomington in 1857. Louis attended Trinity Lutheran School and Browns Business College.

After working in various positions he joined his father in the grocery business in 1891. The store was located at 205 S. Center Street in downtown Bloomington. He became the owner of the business upon his father's death in 1903. Louis married Emma Thoms on May 13, 1903, in Bloomington. He had one daughter, Mildred, who married Harold Raymond. Wellmerling served as alderman of Bloomington's third ward from 1929 to 1931. He lived at 607 S. Lee Street from his time as alderman until his death in 1952.

Wellmerling was defeated in 1932 in the race for circuit clerk of McLean County, but the following year he was elected mayor of Bloomington, running as a Democrat. He defeated incumbent Republican Ben Rhodes by a vote of 7,893 to 5,679. Wellmerling's campaign slogan was "Complete the Change," which referred to Democratic Party electoral gains the previous year, most notably Franklin D. Roosevelt's victory over Herbert Hoover. Wellmerling was reelected in 1935, but two years later lost to Republican Mark Hayes in a race decided by a mere 39 votes.

The accomplishments of Mayor Wellmerling were several and noteworthy because they were accomplished in tough economic times. Modern traffic lights were installed in the central business district, Highland Park Golf Course was expanded to 18 holes, new streets were constructed in Miller Park, streetcars and their tracks were replaced with buses, fares were reduced from 10 to 5 cents, the Bloomington Airport was completed and opened, and natural gas rates were lowered.

Wellmerling then ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1939 and 1941 as well as for county treasurer in 1938. After leaving the mayor's office, he was employed by the Illinois Department of Public Works.

He was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, a member of its school board and sang in the church choir for 50 years. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Association of Commerce, and the Retail Grocers' Association, of which he was president.

Louis F. Wellmerling died on August 10, 1952, survived by his wife and daughter, and was buried in Park Hill Cemetery on Bloomington's west side.

### **Scope Note**

This collection spans from 1927-1941 and contains many photocopied and original newspaper clippings relevant to the activities of Mayor Wellmerling, local, state and national elections, and the opening of Bloomington Airport. There are also speeches by Wellmerling, miscellaneous campaign materials, and congratulatory letters. One particularly interesting folder (17) contains letters from unemployed Bloomington residents asking for jobs.

### **Box and Folder Inventory**

#### **Folder 1: Obituary**

- 1.1 Obituary for Louis F. Wellmerling (2 copies)
- 1.2 1930 Federal Census sheet

#### **Folder 2: Sample Ballots**

- 2.1 Sample Ballot Democratic Primary February 28, 1933 (2 copies)
- 2.2 Democratic Specimen Primary Ballot, First Ward (2 copies)
- 2.3 Democratic Specimen Primary Ballot, Third Ward, 1935
- 2.4 Sample Ballot, Third Ward, 1935
- 2.5 Specimen Official Ballot for All Election Precincts in the County of McLean, Illinois, 1936
- 2.6 Specimen Ballot, First Ward, 1937
- 2.7 Specimen Ballot, Judicial Election, 1939

#### **Folder 3: Original Pantagraph Clippings- Election Results**

- 3.1 February 25, 1931
- 3.2 November 9, 1932
- 3.3 March 1, 1933
- 3.4 April 5, 1933
- 3.5 April 4, 1934
- 3.6 April 11, 1934
- 3.7 November 7, 1934
- 3.8 November 4, 1936
- 3.9 February 10, 1937
- 3.10 February 10, 1937

- 3.11 February 10, 1937
- 3.12 April 7, 1937
- 3.13 November 18, 1938
- 3.14 November 1940
- 3.15 Certificate of Nomination, April 1932
- 3.16 Certificate of Election as Mayor, April 8, 1933

**Folder 4: Photocopied Pantagraph Clippings- Politics & Government**

- 4.1 May 7, 1929. Picture of Wellmerling and City Council
- 4.2 April 5, 1933. Picture of Mayor Wellmerling and City Council
- 4.3 May 1933. "Council Bloc Defends Self- Republican Alderman Safe-guarding City's Interests, They Say."
- 4.4 April 14, 1933. "...really, a very capable man"
- 4.5 June 1933. "What do you think about it? All Things Must End"
- 4.6 1933. Advert for Ben S. Rhodes
- 4.7 January 1936. "Jackson Day Speaker Lashes New Deal Critics"
- 4.8 1933. "Lives of Candidates Reviewed"
- 4.9 1933. "Mr. Wellmerling is Now Bloomington's New Mayor Took Office On Monday"
- 4.10 1933. "Why Not Give New Mayor a Chance?"
- 4.11 1933. "With Wellmerling Our Leader, We'll Keep On Keeping On"
- 4.12 1933. "Mayor Replies to Opponents"
- 4.13 Ad for Wellmerling
- 4.14 1933. Work Relief Jobs Become Civil Works Projects
- 4.15 September 16, 1934. Analyzing Bids on Locust Street Paving
- 4.16 1934. "Back Sounds G.O.P Keynote
- 4.17 1934. "Auditor Files Financial Report of City Light, Power Department"
- 4.18 1934. "Fire Tower Construction Nears Completion"
- 4.19 February 26, 1935. "Democratic City Township Caucus Attended by 100
- 4.20 March 24, 1935. "The Republican Ticket is a Good Ticket"
- 4.21 March 10, 1935. "County Chairmen Drop Battle..." Republican and Democrat leaders in McLean County joined forces to attend the picture show the County Chairman with Will Rogers.
- 4.22 April 1, 1935. "Wellmerling Favors Municipal Light"
- 4.23 April 14, 1935. "Details View on Light Plant" (2pgs)
- 4.24 May 8, 1935. "I.C.C. Suggest 6 ¼ % Gas Reduction Here"
- 4.25 October 1934. "Greenwood Avenue Highway Link Discussed"
- 4.26 September 22, 1935. "Wellmerling New 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of 'Mun'y' League"
- 4.27 October 15, 1936. Articles and Photographs documenting F.D.R. train through Bloomington
- 4.28 November 10, 1935.
- 4.29 October 15, 1936. "Horner Talks here Tonight"
- 4.30 November 16, 1932. "Mayor and Conciliator Discuss Labor"
- 4.31 January 15, 1936. "Issues Edict: 'No Gambling'"
- 4.32 January 15, 1936. "State Orders Amber Signal"
- 4.33 April 24, 1936. "Municipal League Officials Assemble here"
- 4.34 November 22, 1934. "Many Besides Those on Relief Seek Work"
- 4.35 January 21, 1935. Police, Mayor Inspect Armored Radio Cruiser on Display here
- 4.36 April 10, 1935. "Fish and Game Asked By City"
- 4.37 November 6, 1935. "120,000 Fish Put in Lakes"
- 4.38 November 14, 1935. "Consulting on Installation of New Main Street Traffic Lights"
- 4.39 October 1936. "Who Shall be State's Attorney?"
- 4.40 December 13, 1936. "City's Street Marking Plan Started"
- 4.41 October 27, 1936. "City Hall Offices Become Ultra Modern"

- 4.42 December 16, 1936. "They Rode the Last Trolley Car"
- 4.43 January 23, 1937. "City Council Votes for 10 Percent Cut in Rates for Water
- 4.44 February 5, 1937. "Bloomington Street Labeling Begins"
- 4.45 1937. Advert for Republican Mayoral Candidate, Mark B. Hayes
- 4.46 Battering snowdrifts in Bloomington
- 4.47 April 6, 1939. Republican Mayoral Aspirant and Wife Vote
- 4.48 City Administration Changes
- 4.49 April 30, 1937. "Mayor Expresses Wish for Success to His Opponent"
- 4.50 May 4, 1937. "Mayor Hayes Receives Gavel of Authority" (2 pages)
- 4.51 "\$1900 Saved on City Notes"
- 4.52 March 1939. "Public Registers Its Will on City Affairs"
- 4.53 April, 1940. "Lives of Candidates Reviewed For County Treasurer"
- 4.54 " "
- 4.55 September 1940. "Democratic County Slate Has Two Gaps"
- 4.56 November, 1940. "The County Treasurership"
- 4.57 1940. "Cote for L.F. Wellmerling for County Treasurer
- 4.58 December 8, 1940. "Hayes to Seek another Term"
- 4.59 December 9, 1940. "Hemmele Enters Race for Mayor"
- 4.60 February 1940. "Lawrence J. Nordine for Mayor Of Bloomington"
- 4.61 February 9, 1941. "Here's What Candidates Have to Say About Some Major Issues"
- 4.62 March 16, 1941. "Candidates for Mayor Eye to Eye on Issues (2pgs)
- 4.63 March 29, 1941. "Vote on Mayor Heads City Election Tests"
- 4.64 March 31, 1941. Advert- Wellmerling for Mayer
- 4.65 April 1, 1941. Wellmerling casting vote
- 4.66 Multiple original clippings.

#### **Folder 5: Pantagraph Clippings- Bloomington Airport**

Photocopies unless otherwise noted

- 5.0 December 16, 1933. "Airport Lease is Authorized"
- 5.1 Undated article regarding placement of runways
- 5.2 December 24, 1933. "Map Shows Situation of new Municipal Airport East of City"
- 5.3 January 16, 1934. "Scoop, Carrying City Officials, First Plane to Land on New Municipal Airport"
- 5.4 May 18, 1934. "Municipal Airport Requirements Shown in Inspection-Conference"
- 5.5 October 10, 1934. "Federal, State, Private Airlines Officials Look at Port"
- 5.6 October 26, 1934. "Aerial View Shows Port Dedication Arrangements"
- 5.7 January 22, 1934. "Arrangements of New Municipal Airport Are Shown in Detailed Plan"
- 5.8 October 23, 1934. Letter from U.S Department of Commerce Aeronautics Branch waiver of regulations. (Original and photocopy)
- 5.9 October 26, 1934. Rules & duties for executive personnel
- 5.10 October 28, 1934. "First Pilots arrive for Big Port Dedication Program Today, Ready With Thrills" (4 pages)
- 5.11 October 28, 1934. Photographs of airport financiers
- 5.12 Flier- Revised Program for Central Illinois Air Derby
- 5.13 Photocopy of airport dedication envelope
- 5.14 November 4, 1935. "State and Federal Aviation Officials Here"
- 5.15 July 5, 1935. "Colonel and Mrs. Chamberlin Greeted at Municipal Airport"
- 5.16 Originals corresponding with some of the photocopies above

#### **Folder 6: Pantagraph Clippings- Non- Political Activities**

Photocopies unless otherwise noted

- 6.1 June 6, 1933. Photo "700 Wesleyan Alumni and Community Guests..."
- 6.2 Undated. Photos of Bloomington air marker dedication
- 6.3 November 26, 1933. City's Permanent Guide to Flyers
- 6.4 November 30, 1933. Photo of airmarker from sky
- 6.5 February 23, 1934. Photo of Bloomington Ministerial association
- 6.6 April 4, 1934. "Rainey's Letter Gives Version of Gillespie Votes"
- 6.7 May 26, 1934. Comic
- 6.8 November 2, 1934. Photo of Boy Scout handing out circular
- 6.9 May 14, 1935. Photo of presentation about war
- 6.10 May 14, 1935. Photo of C. Wayland Brooks, lieutenant in Marine corps in WWI, Mayor Louis F. Wellmerling, and Col. Eben Swift.
- 6.11 November 21, 1935. "Second Presbyterian Church is Filled at FitzHenry Rites" photos, 3 pages
- 6.12 January 20, 1936. Photo- Association of Commerce speakers table
- 6.13 January 23, 1936. Photo- J.C. Becker Again First to Get Fishing Permit"
- 6.14 February 2, 1936. "Safety First on Highways Urged by Alton Railroad Group" photo
- 6.15 February 15, 1936. "New Train as Well as Auto Models Capture the Eye" photo
- 6.16 September 10, 1936. "German Army Veterans Convene Here" photo
- 6.17 October 1, 1936. "Relatives Present at Unveiling of Tablet to Late William Craig"
- 6.18 October 17, 1936. Photo of people outside commemorative bronze tablet
- 6.19 October 20, 1936. Photo of Mickey Mouse and Mayor Wellmerling
- 6.20 October 21, 1936. Photo "Admiral Byrd Greeted at Station on Arrival"
- 6.21 December 16, 1936. Photo "They Rode the Last Trolley Car"
- 6.22 January 26, 1937. Photo "City Truck Takes Boats..."
- 6.23 March 9, 1937. Photo "Safe Drivers Clinic Opens A. of C.
- 6.24 March 10, 1937. Photo "National Guard Committee Confers at Springfield"
- 6.25 April 25, 1937. Photo "St. Louis Business Men Stop here on Central Illinois Tour"
- 6.26 June 10, 1937. Photo "10,000 Persons Attend Tavern Dedication..."
- 6.27 Undated. Flowers Omitted
- 6.28 Undated. "City Hall Staff Resplendent With Christmas Clothes"
- 6.29 Undated. "Recreation Budget Set"
- 6.30 Undated. Photo of men discussing the unit rule plan
- 6.31 Undated. "Six Pastors and a Mayor Assist in this Wedding"
- 6.32 Undated. "Weekly Patriotic Calendar"
- 6.33 Undated. "Open Covenants Openly Arrived At"
- 6.34 Undated. "The Mayor Leaves His Fingerprints"
- 6.35 Undated. "Fifty Years of Salvation Army"
- 6.36 Undated. "Ability wasted?"
- 6.37 Undated. "Gov. Horner to Come Here"
- 6.38 Undated. "Aunt Mandy on Contentment"
- 6.39 November 1937. Photo "Will Represent Central Illinois in History Tower"
- 6.40 February 19, 1934. Photo "P.-T.A. Members Gather for First Annual Founders Day Banquet"
- 6.41 December 1, 1935. Photo "Gift Certificates Ready for Christmas Auction Customers"
- 6.42 December 3, 1935. Photo "Christmas Seal Sale Begins"
- 6.43 May 19, 1936. Photo "Opens Season" photo of Mayor Wellmerling opening hat season with 'straw hat day'
- 6.44 Undated. Photo. Photo of Gen. Dawes, Wayne C. Townley, and Dr. J. Norman Elliott
- 6.45 July 27, 1934. photo "Friends present Rev. Frank Breen with Gift"
- 6.46 May 6, 1935. Photo "Closing Banquet of B. P. W. State Convention Presents Gala Scene
- 6.47 October 6, 1935. Photo. "Amateur Musical Club Directors Launch Their Annual Campaign"
- 6.48 February 20, 1936. Photo. "President Merchele Calls Improvements of the Last year Gratifying"

- 6.49 October 11, 1936. Photo. "His Honor, the Mayor--"
- 6.50 October 11, 1936. Photo of school safety patrollers
- 6.51 June 10, 1935. Full-page advert for railroad shops
- 6.52 February 9, 1937. Boy Scouts photos
- 6.53 November 2, 1934. Photo of Boy Scout passing out circulars
- 6.54 September 1, 1935. Photo of Mayor Wellmerling's rock garden
- 6.55 Original clippings corresponding to above photocopies

**Folder 7: Wellmerling Speeches**

- 7.1 Wellmerling speech re-election campaign
- 7.2 1935 speech about Mayor Wellmerling and what a good job he has done in office in the past 2 years
- 7.3 Speech given to people of Bloomington by Mayor Wellmerling hoping to be re-elected
- 7.4 Welcome speech given to Governor Horner, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of Central Illinois
- 7.5 Small speech about running for county treasurer, 1940
- 7.6 Small speech about Girl Scouts
- 7.7 Small speech urging people to vote for Chas. P. Kane, and introducing Hon. Dan D. Tuohy

**Folder 8: City Government Material**

- 8.1 Annual Report of the Secretary of the Illinois Municipal League, October 1933-1934
- 8.2 Statement of Policy with Respect to Traffic Control Signals on State Highways, February 1934
- 8.3 Program for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention for Illinois Municipal League, 1934, Springfield, Illinois.
- 8.4 Note to all municipal officials regarding the use of public funds for the support of private code authorities
- 8.5 1933 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations in Illinois Cities, Villages, and Incorporated Towns. 1934.
- 8.6 A Suggested Constitutional Home Rule Program for Illinois Municipalities.
- 8.7 Advertisement for Dowflake road (2 poster-sized)
- 8.8 Card from The American Legion thanking for the services rendered during the 1937 Flood Disaster.
- 8.9 Invitation to view and inspect the New Streamline Train "The Abraham Lincoln" May 1935

**Folder 9: Campaign Material**

- 9.1 A New Deal for Bloomington brochure
- 9.2 Campaign cards
- 9.3 Campaign cards for Wellmerling
- 9.4 Campaign poster- Wellmerling for Circuit Court
- 9.5 Ben S. Rhodes for Mayor Brochure
- 9.6 The way to win the democratic election comic
- 9.10 A List of Democratic Candidates, 3 pages
- 9.11 Fifth Ward Democratic Rally, April 1933
- 9.12 Seven Years of Mr. Willkie booklet, 2
- 9.13 Delegate fliers
- 9.14 Tabulation of results of 1937 election for Mayor
- 9.15 Campaign poster

**Folder 10: Gov. Horner Material**

- 10.1 Governor Henry Horner brochure
- 10.2 Guest Car sticker
- 10.3 Governor Horner Day ad

- 10.4 Horner for Governor sticker
- 10.5 Donkeys advertising for democrats
- 10.6 Vote Democrat ad
- 10.7 News clipping "Governor Horner and Guests Attend Wesleyan-McKendree Game
- 10.8 Official Program for Inaugural Ceremonies 1933
- 10.9 December 5, 1934 Thank-you letter from Henry Horner to Mayor L. F. Wellmerling

**Folder 11: President Roosevelt Material**

- 11.1 President Roosevelt's Birthday Ball January 30, 1934
- 11.2 January 31, 1934 Presidents birthday articles (10 pages)
- 11.3 January 22, 1935 "Chief Cuts Big Birthday Cake"
- 11.4 January 12, 1936 "Committee on Birthday Ball Reviews Need to Aid Crippled Children"
- 11.5 13 fliers from the Democratic National Campaign Committee to reelect Roosevelt
- 11.6 Originals of the above listed clippings
- 11.7 Program for the President's Birthday Ball

**Folder 12: Kiwanis Club Material**

- 12.1 Activities and Accomplishments of the Bloomington Kiwanis Club for 1934
- 12.2 Kiwanis Club of Bloomington 1935 list of Committee members
- 12.3 The Daily Pantagraph April 8, 1935 "Quartet from Limberlost Committee Visit Camp"
- 12.4 The Daily Pantagraph June 20, 1935 "Limerlost Card Party Committee"
- 12.5 The Daily Pantagraph January 8, 1936 "1936 Kiwanis Officers and Directors Installed"
- 12.6 February 12, 1937 Thank-you from Kiwanis to Mayor Wellmerling for helping Iowa flood victims
- 12.7 The Daily Pantagraph January 21, 1937 "Kiwanis Committee to Hear Judge Talk
- 12.8 envelope to Mayor Wellmerling from Kirkpatrick, inside is a list of questions and answers and a list of an evening's events
- 12.9 American Beauty Birthday Class Ladies' Night 1936
- 12.10 Bloomington Kiwanis Club Limberlost meeting informational handout
- 12.11 Bloomington Kiwanis Club informational handout for meeting
- 12.12 Two name cards for Mr. and Mrs. Wellmerling
- 12.13 Original clippings of the Pantagraph listed above

**Folder 13: Miscellaneous Mayoral Material**

- 13.1 Name card for Mayor Wellmerling
- 13.2 Protect Children from Tuberculosis brochure
- 13.4 United States Senate Chamber & House of Representatives admit Mr. L. F. Wellmerling to visitors gallery, 1934
- 13.5 3 cards with sayings by Douglas Malloch
- 13.6 Louis F. Wellmerling caterpillar memorabilia
- 13.7 Ticket- State Arsenal Inaugural Ceremonies State Officers Elect
- 13.8 Ticket Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting and Dinner, Bloomington Association of Commerce January 1935
- 13.9 Table name cards for Mayor Wellmerling and Mrs L. F. Wellmerling
- 13.10 Card granting Louis Wellmerling all park privileges for year ending 1931, signed by Mayor Ben S. Rhodes
- 13.11 Business cards: Wenk-Reynolds, Inc., Bloomington Press, Shell Petroleum, United Photo Shop, a congratulations card, and a note for a hat
- 13.12 Advertisement for Ben S. Rhodes for Mayor
- 13.13 Bloomington Turn-Verein Eightieth Anniversary event program (2)
- 13.14 2 Place name cards

- 13.15 Song book
- 13.16 Resident Hook and Line Fishing License
- 13.17 Envelope for the Dedication of Bloomington Municipal Airport
- 13.18 Guest pass for Hiram Walker & Sons
- 13.19 Place card for Mrs. Wellmerling
- 13.20 Rotary Club Luncheon Guest card, 1934
- 13.21 Place card
- 13.22 Card for ground hog celebration dinner at Bloomington Club, 1935

**Folder 14: The Plain Speaker Publication**

- 14.1 Volume 1, No. 28
- 14.2 Volume 1, No. 29
- 14.3 Volume 1, No. 30

**Folder 15: Programs**

- 15.1 Commemoration of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln, 4 programs
- 15.2 Shell Petroleum Corporation Chow Club Night, February 1934
- 15.3 Founders' Day Bloomington Normal P.T.A. Council
- 15.4 Thirteenth Annual Convention, Illinois State Department Reserve Officers Association, May 1935
- 15.5 Program from the Public Relations Dinner, National Business and Professional Women's Week, March 1934
- 15.4 Girl Scouts Need Leaders informational booklet
- 15.5 Stand Rock and the Upper Dells postcards
- 15.6 Girl Scout dinner program and menu
- 15.7 Bloomington Association of Commerce Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting
- 15.8 Flier for concert by Mohammed's Units May 1933

**Folder 16: Letters to Mayor Wellmerling**

- 16.1 January 27, 1927 Letter from Spencer Ewing
- 16.2 June 1, 1931 Invitation to dedication of A. Lincoln Tomb
- 16.3 March 4, 1933 Letter from Martin Wieland written on La Corona Apartments, Miami Beach stationary
- 16.4 March 23, 1933 Letter from Martin Brennan with enclosed statement of political policies
- 16.5 March 30, 1933 Letter from Frank Gillespie
- 16.6 March 31, 1933 Telegraph from Frank Gillespie
- 16.7 April 5, 1933 Letter from Chas and Dora
- 16.8 April 5, 1933 Letter from Albert W. Peterson
- 16.9 April 5, 1933 Letter from Geo E. Dooley
- 16.10 April 5, 1933 Congratulatory telegraph from Martin A. Brennan
- 16.11 April 5, 1933 Congratulatory telegraph from Frank Gillespie
- 16.12 April 6, 1933 Congratulatory letter from Egbert B. Hawk
- 16.13 April 6, 1933 Congratulatory note from (illegible)
- 16.14 April 6, 1933 Congratulatory letter from Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly
- 16.15 April 6, 1933 letter from "a taxpayer"
- 16.16 April 7, 1933 Congratulatory letter from Trinity Lutheran Choir
- 16.17 April 7, 1933 Congratulatory letter from relatives Nora & Teddy
- 16.18 April 7, 1933 Congratulatory letter from Charles Kirkpatrick of Kirkpatrick House Furnishing Co.
- 16.19 April 9, 1933 Congratulatory letter from E. Buzirus of Hastings, Nebraska



- 16.20 April 16, 1933 Congratulatory letter from cousins Agnes & illegible
- 16.21 April 19, 1933 Letter from Pacific States Life Insurance Company
- 16.22 April 21, 1933 card from cousins Carl, Lillie & Jay
- 16.23 April 24, 1933 Letter from the Happy Hour Store
- 16.24 January 16, 1934 Postcard from Dad
- 16.25 January 17, 1934 Postcard from Lou
- 16.26 March 27, 1934 Thank you card from family of Mayor Frank Novanty of Berwyn, IL
- 16.27 December 22, 1934 from Clarence Jacobssen w/business cards enclosed
- 16.28 January 4, 1935 from Otto Beich
- 16.29 February 4, 1935 from Arthur Smith
- 16.30 February 6, 1935 from James M. Swofford of Boy Scouts of America
- 16.31 February 5, 1935 from the Mid-Day Luncheon Club
- 16.32 February 5, 1935 from Boy Scouts of America
- 16.33 April 3, 1935 Congratulatory from Frank Gillespie
- 16.34 April 3, 1935 Congratulatory from R. W. Fairchild
- 16.35 April 3, 1935 Congratulatory from Egbert B. Hawk
- 16.36 April 3, 1935 Congratulatory from Jess Stone
- 16.37 May 12, 1935 Thank-you from Helen McMackin, President of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.
- 16.38 May 15 1935 Thank-you from Happy Hour Stores
- 16.39 May 23, 1935 Thank-you from Illinois Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- 16.40 May 25, 1935 Letter from the Mayor of Chicago, Edward J. Kelly
- 16.41 November 23, 1935 letter from Amateur Musical Club
- 16.42 November 7, 1935 Letter from The Daily Pantagraph regarding laying corner stone
- 16.43 November 13, 1935 letter from The Daily Pantagraph thanks in regards to cooperation with corner stone laying ceremony
- 16.44 November 27, 1935 Letter from James Armour Lindsay, regarding new elementary schools
- 16.45 December 22, 1936 Holiday greeting from Edward Kelly, mayor of Chicago
- 16.46 January 6, 1937 invitation to inauguration of state officers
- 16.47 March 3, 1937 from Rotary Club
- 16.48 March 4, 1937 from Leslie M. Ernst
- 16.49 March 20, 1937 from IL Congress PTA
- 16.50 March 28, 1937 from Easy Bay Camp
- 16.51 April 7, 1938 from C.Kries
- 16.52 April 8, 1935, Letter from Mayor Wellmerling to Edward J. Kelly congratulating him for his reelection

**Folder 17: Letter Soliciting Jobs and Recommendations for Jobs**

- 17.1 March 6, 1933. Letter from T. T. Reece of East Grove Street Barber Shop (republican, voted democratic, requesting to keep two of his old friends, Ralph Henry and Mr. Becker, on the pay roll)
- 17.2 April 5, 1933. Letter from Will F. Costigan, Attorney at Law (writing for a position on behalf of Celia Hutson, who was almost elected as Justice of the Peace)
- 17.3 April 5, 1933. Letter from Carl of Automobile Club of Illinois (congratulations)
- 17.4 April 5, 1933. Letter from Stella M. Jenkins (husband died, was laid off and could not collect insurance, 4 small children, served as Democratic Clerk in precinct 30 for 7 years)
- 17.5 April 6, 1933. Letter from J. E. Shaffer (soliciting appointment as water meter reader)
- 17.6 April 7, 1933. Letter from Rudolph Worth of 507 W. Miller St. (Helped get Wellmerling 30 votes, unemployed, down on luck, willing to do anything)
- 17.7 April 6, 1933. Letter from F. Munson of 1216 Oakland
- 17.8 April 6, 1933. Letter from James A. Flynn, 332 Greisheim Building

- 17.9 April 5, 1933. Letter from James J. Quinn
- 17.10 April 6, 1933. Letter from Carl Fischer (soliciting a job)
- 17.11 April 7, 1933. Letter from J. Howard Russell of 1120 East Grove Street. (Congratulations, lists 5 people who assisted with the election of Wellmerling, soliciting jobs for them)
- 17.12 April 8, 1933. Letter from Carl M. Lawrence 704 Bell St. (soliciting position of Sanitary Inspector)
- 17.13 April 8, 1933. Letter from John W. Brown writing from Waynesville, Ill. (Soliciting job in police department)
- 17.14 April 11, 1933. Letter from W.E. Thomas of 316 Kelsey St. (electrician, laid off by city 2 years ago, unemployed since)
- 17.15 April 10, 1933. Letter from C. C. Leigh (soliciting position at Miller Park)
- 17.16 April 13, 1933. Letter from Florence Purkey (?) at 108 W. Locust, London Apartments opposite Trinity Grade School. (Widow, asking for a job, police matron, nursing, or anything)
- 17.17 April 13, 1933. Letter from K. A. Muller, Assistant Sales Manager at The Meadows Manufacturing Company (recommendation letter for Melvin Evelsizer)
- 17.18 April 13, 1933. Letter from Tom (Recommending Fred Klein for a job)
- 17.19 April 15, 1933. Letter from Ferd A. Flinspach, of Ferd A. Flinspach Funeral Home (Howard Sprague application for policeman, owe money for funeral)
- 17.20 April 16, 1933. Letter from Frank A. Hardin (congratulations, growing mushrooms)
- 17.21 April 19, 1933. Letter from Edward Ryan (recommendation letter for Louis W. Butler for meter reader)
- 17.22 April 20, 1933. Letter from Congressman Martin Brennan (recommendation for Miss Nellie Mahoney)
- 17.23 April 22, 1933. Letter from Congressman Martin Brennan (recommendation for J. N. Bishop)
- 17.24 April 26, 1933. Letter from Arthur J. Ross, president of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (recommendation for T. Maloney and J. D. Sheridan for Electrical Inspector of Bloomington)

**Folder 18: Newspapers**

- 18.1 April 5, 1933
- 18.2 March 30, 1941
- 18.3 April 8, 1936
- 18.4 August 28, 1930