

Wilson
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Folder 4
Public Relations: Congratulations
1953 & 1954

A large collection of letters, notes, news clippings, telegrams & card. These are not always filed chronologically. **Selected examples for 1953 are:** A letter (2/14/53) from VAdm. W. M. Callaghan to Wilson re/ "congratulations to you upon your election;" letter (5/27/53) from Wilson to Leo A. Hamecher & news clipping (5/22) re/ "Just a brief note of congratulations on your recent election to the presidency of the North Park Lions Club; letter (6/2/53) re/ Wilson congratulating Hamilton Marston "on your new job as President of San Diego's landmark, the Marston Company . Here's wishing you years of success ahead that will match or even surpass the years that your grandfather and Father contributed to the growth and welfare of the Community;" over a dozen copies of letters in May 1953 from Wilson congratulating the following people: Mr. & Mrs. George A. Scott (first child), Mr. & Mrs. E. Harrison Amos (birth of Sheila), John Fansher (20th Anniversary of Ramona Pharmacy), Congressman Miguel Caliette (election for the new state of Baja California), Fred S. Hage, Jr. (Solar Aircraft Co. in Des Moines, IA), William Sample, Jr. (new Chief Lion for next year), Franklin F. Swan (successful tour as City Councilman), Capt. Donald L. Mills (Commanding Officer, Miramar NAS), RAdm. John W. Roper (Commandant 11th Naval Dist. retirement), Miss Mae Entwisle (Miss San Diego), RAdm. George R. Henderson (appointment as Commandant of 11th Naval Dist.), Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Mussen (55 years of marriage) & Dean C. E. Peterson (help and guidance to Wilson); 2 telegrams to Clair Burgner (his election); Wilson letter (4/21/53) to Mrs. Leslie MacMullin (President, S. D. County Federation of Republican Women re/ "reforms that are needed after twenty years of socialistic government;" letters (4/9 & 4/22/53) re/ Wilson's first official speech before the Central Republican Women's Club in San Diego; letters (4/9 & 4/23/53) re/ similar praise for Wilson's speech to the Rotarians; letters (Mar. & Apr. 1953) re/ L. H. Halcomb, Jr. – La Mesa's first City Manager; copy of letter (2/18/53) re/ Wilson congratulating Mayor John D. Butler on his recent marriage; letters (Jan.-Feb. 1953) re/ retirement after 41 years of military service by Brig. General George W. Fisher (Commanding Officer, 114th AAS Brigade, CA National Guard); other 1953 congratulatory letters include – Miss Maureen Connelly, James Copley, Sherman Platt of Luce, Forward, Kunzel and Scripps, Donald R. Campbell (National Life), Arthur L. Lynds (Chula Vista Rotary & politics), Dr. & Mrs. John Bunyon Smith (50th Wedding Anniversary), George C. Bond (Pacific Airmotive Corp., personal & mention of Armed Services Committee), Herb Hunt (Union Oil Co. & upward mobility), Jack L. Oatman (election as President of the San Diego County Bar Assn.), Saburo Muraoka (President San Diego Buddhist Church & sponsorship of Americanization classes for Japanese); Joe & Sylvia Figueroa (Point Loma Florists & politics) & Charles H. Brown (Town & Country Club & membership for Wilson); telegrams (12/17/53) re/ 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight. **The amount of material for 1954 is even larger than for 1953. Most of these are filed from Dec. back to Jan. Some selected examples are:** copies of letters from Wilson (12/13/54) & attached letters & news clippings re/ Julius J. Fisk (High Twelve Club), C.C. Alley (Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce), Humphrey P. Lane (President Realty Board & reference to "Under God" in Pledge of Allegiance by 83rd Congress), Giffith Hayes (Presidency of S.C.P.C.), marriage of Bernice Kelly Fletcher to Durlin Lowell Flagg, birth of

Stephanie Jean to Mr. & Mrs. Roy L. Knox, Harley E. Knox (his re-election as President of the Navy League) & John W. McGhee's appointment as Mission Bay Park Director; Wilson letter (12/1/54) to D. E. Price (President, Employees Assn. Shop 72, Naval Station) re/ congratulations – "It has always been a pleasure to work with the Association in matters related to the Naval Station;" Wilson telegrams (11/16 & 11/18/54) re/ congratulations to N. M Young (Editor, *The Light House*) in their 15th year & praise to S. D. Jaycees; a large number of letters, Wilson's family photo, postal cards & telegrams (11/54 & 11/52)) congratulating Wilson on his reelection to the 30th Congressional District; telegram (10/9/54) to Kim Fletcher re/ married life ahead; telegrams (10/12/54) re/ Navy Wife Club of America; letters (9/18 & 10/5/54) re/ commentary on USIA report & Wilson's note that "I still feel that Congress treated you in a shoddy fashion from a budget point of view;" letter (9/1754) from George C. Jessop, Jr. re/ pro Wilson viewpoint; telegrams (8/30, 9/3) from Wilson to San Diego American Legion Baseball Team & Chapter 4, National Assn. of Retired Civil Reserve Day congratulations; a dozen copies of letters (Aug.) from Wilson to a number of San Diegans re/ various topics and circumstances; letters (July) re/ topics such as International Boundary, Fleet Reserve Branch 9, S.D. Naval Station, *Washington Star*, District Attorney Don Keller & Republican National Committee; a packet of letters and news clippings (June) that reflect similar themes of congratulations especially re/ the Republican Central Committee & various veterans organizations; letters & telegrams (May) re/ "a good Republican Padre," Aztec Letterman's Reunion, IAM & Jaycees; telegrams, letters & news clippings (March) re/ new command at S.D. Naval Station, Don Shields' (El Cajon) award as outstanding boy of the year, 22 years if Navy service for August Egri, food assistance blockage going to Rosalia, Mexico, American Legion Post 303, Harley Knox President of Navy League & others, Freedoms Foundation & Wilson's negative labor commentary, Col. Ed Fletcher as "Boss of the Year;" letters & telegrams (April) re/ Chris Kastlie as "Boy of the Year," Reverend L. R. Elson (National Presbyterian Church) – 1954 Clergy Award, William G. Sly (Lakeside) re/ his National Science Foundation Award & comments about his being a graduate of Grossmont High & SDSC; telegrams, letters & wedding announcement (Feb.-Jan.) re/ Republican Men's Club, County Bar Assn., letter & telegram celebrating Joseph W. Sefton's Golden Anniversary with the San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, newsletter of Central Republican Women of San Diego & promotion of Will G. Crawford (Superintendent S. D. City Schools) to the Education staff of UCLA and the selection of Dr. Ralph C. Dailard as Crawford's successor.