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This is another very large collection of letters, news clippings, newsletters, telegrams, notes, memos & other items. Most of these are filed in descending order from December to January. **examples from December are:** a letter from Lees E. King & Wilson's reply re/ Mr. Lee's successful years as editor of *The Watch* (the monthly newsletter of the D.C. Council of the Navy League); Wilson's letter congratulating Thomas S. Gates, Jr. becoming the Secretary of the Navy; news clipping & letter re/ Wilson's praise for Milton R. Cheverton as president of the CA Assn. of Insurance Agents "since most of my campaign workers are affiliated with the insurance business;" news clipping & letter re/ Wilson's congratulations to Richard Cromwell, Jr. as newly elected president of the Public Relations Society of America. "Most of your officers and board members are close friends of mine;" news clipping & letter re/ S. Falck Nielson as President of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce; letter, telegram and announcement re/ the San Diego Transit System's new fleet of motor coaches; news clipping & letter re/ RAdm. William E. Gentner, Jr.'s new assignment with the Chief of Naval Operations; letters re/ Wilson Administrative Assistant Leon W. Parma congratulates Robert A. Forsythe on his appointment as Assistant Secretary of HEW; letters & announcement re/ the return to a private law firm of former Assistant Secretary of Labor & Assistant to the President Rocco C. Siciliano; news clipping & letter re/ installation of Alvin A. Nelson as Master of Masonic Lodge 626, F&AM & a letter from Wilson congratulating Lees E. King on the "excellent job you did as Editor of the Watch during the past years." **examples from November are:** copies of Wilson's congratulatory letters to Elton W. Duff (President of NTH Products, Inc.), Charles Sexton as the new County Registrar of Voters, L. S. Wright's appointment to the El Cajon Planning Commission, John D. Armstrong's appointment as manager of the Dean Witter Company, Captain L. B. Cook's assignment as Commanding Officer, Naval Training Administrative Command, Naval Training Center & Don Lindbergh's election as President of the Coronado Young Republican Club – Wilson had just returned from a trip to Mexico; news clipping & letter re/ the selection of Fred A. Heibron as Mr. San Diego of 1960; a letter from Arthur V. Toupin (V.P., Bank of America, San Francisco) to Leon W. Parma (Admin. Asst. to Wilson) thanking him for his letter of congratulations. **examples from October & September are:** an announcement from Luce, Forward, Kunzel & Scripps of the retirement of Fred Kunzel, his appointment as Judge of the United States District Court & the announcement that Thomas M. Hamilton had become a member of this law firm; letter from Ford Motor Company to Wilson re/ appointment of Pat Hillings as regional civic and governmental affairs consultant for eight western states; several congratulatory letters from Wilson re/ appointments to Miramar Air Station, EL Cajon Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Immigration & Naturalization & Kearney Mesa Republican Assembly; telegram from Wilson re/ "Congratulations to our Woman of Valor" – Mrs. Alvin Green; excerpt from newsletter & letter re/ County Supervisor David W. Bird's election as Vice President of the National Association of County Officials; letters re/ "Congratulations on your new position with the Civil Service Commission" – Thomas G. Walters, Government Employee's Council of the AFL-CIO; letters re/ Capt. R. L. Eldridge as Commander of the Utility Wing, Pacific Fleet – HQ at

NAAS, Brown Field; personal letter to Harold Cary re/ his change of status from the “annual tuna battle” to the Tuna Association. **examples from August are:** news clipping & letters re/ appointments to Union-Tribune Publishing Co.; letters re/ Capt. J. P. Stevens as commanding officer, U.S. NAAS, Ream Field; announcement & letters re/ 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ruth & Bill Pace; news clipping & letter re/ H. R. Rainwater as Commander of the VFW in California & Wilson’s comment about risking his “life in an old Rainwater glider about twenty years ago;” telegram to Del Mar constituent Gilbert S. Wright re/ 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday; letters & news clipping re/ Edward G. Uhl become Vice President-Technical Administrator for Ryan Aeronautical Co.

**examples from July are:** 11 single page letters from Wilson sending congratulations re/ American Legion, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, VFW, International Toastmistress Clubs, Pacific Beach Rotary, President Bd. of Trustees, Sweetwater Union High School; Downtown Optimist Club; El Cajon’s Man of the Year –William Jackman; Outstanding of the Year Jaycee – Robert Zeller & clerk of the S.D. Municipal Court John H. Petersen; over 23 stapled copies of letters & news clippings re/ WWII vet Thomas S. Merrill as VP for Bank of America; “Capt. McCaffrey Takes Command of Coast Guard Station Tomorrow,” Edwin Gallinger as General Mgr. of S.D. plant for Cudahy Packing Co., Millard W. Smith as chairman of the La Jolla Town Council, other items – Toastmasters Dist. 5, S.D. Society of Accounts, City Service Post 537-American Legion, Mrs. Dorothy Handley as president of San Diego Insurance Women, PR for Stromberg-Carlson, new manufacturing mgr. for Rohr Aircraft Corp., William Vogler, II as Assistant Director of Research for the San Diego City Schools, change of command ceremony for NTC, Dept. of State Fullbright award to Frederick R. Gentles (S.D. Junior College) to teach at the High Pavement School in Nottingham, England in exchange with Guy Richards of the High Pavement School, Fullbright award to Daniel George Lewis to study Conducting at the State Institute for Music at Munich in Germany, appointment of Thomas W. Sefton as president of the San Diego Clearing House Assn., Chula Vista Jaycees, retirement of Manuel Santos & information as to the Men’s Republican League of San Diego County – Santos was the Chairman of Wilson’s campaign group among Filipinos, Fullbright Award for Michael R. Klein of La Jolla, new skipper for the USS *Ranger* & Lynn C. McLean’s installation as president of the State College Alumni Assn., 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ida Adelia Finkle (DAR, etc.).

**examples from June are:** memo, telegram & letter re/ welcoming the USS *Oriskany* to its new home port in San Diego, a new law firm is formed & campaign for 1960 is mentioned, Mrs. Robert Bailey as President of the Clairemont Women’s Club, Nelson Fuller elected president of the S. D. County Council of the Rotary Club, new Regent for the Oliver Wetherbee Chapter of the DAR – Wilson said he was surrounded by members.

**examples from May are:** Thomas S. Gates, Jr. becomes Deputy Secretary of Defense, National Science Foundation graduate fellowship awards to Dr. Alan T. Waterman & Carl B. Moyer & press release of state by state listing of 1630 science and engineering awards, retirement from County of Court clerk Al Fern; William Hartley elected to City Council; Brig. General Osmond J. Ritland, “who attended high school and college in San Diego before becoming a flying cadet in 1932, has been named commander of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division,” change in command positions at General Dynamics, Navy information re/ RAdm. A. G. Mumma & his retirement, Fred Miles campaign to run for the School Board and references to Wilson’s campaign in 58, tribute to VAdm. Alfred M. Pride (Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific Fleet), Richard A. Grihalva – newly elected president of the S.D. School Board.

**examples from April are:** letter & news clipping re/ Earl Cantos’ election to the County Republican Central

Committee; Wilson letters re/ Elliott Cushman's election to the Advisory Bd. of the Salvation Army, Alan Hayashi receiving the Eagle Award, Darrel Hauer as the official student to represent your school at the State Conference League & Adolph Wionowsky's election as President of the Walker Scott Toastmasters Club; "Congratulations . . . to the students and faculty of Berkeley High on the occasion of your receipt of the Bellamy Award; Wilson congratulatory letters re/ RAdm. J. W. Cooperan, Miss Valerie Popp, Chula Vista Mayor Standlee McMains, Convair V.P & Controller Roy R. Brewton, Outstanding Boy of the Year Plyn Perrott; letters re/ Fullbright grant to Dr. Abraham P. Nasatir (SDSC) to lecture on U.S. History at the University of Chile in Santiago; Dr. Martin W. Johnson (Professor, Scripps Inst. of Oceanography) wins the Alexander Agassiz Medal; Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tyson; assignment of Frank L. Price as Special Agent in charge of the San Diego Office of the FBI; election of the Reverend Russell Wilson, Ph.D. as President of the University of San Diego College for Men; telegram from Wilson to Earl Roberts re/ "Just returned from Berlin. Our sincerest condolences on your mother's passing. **examples from March are:** reference to Navy Carrier Division 5; a Fullbright Scholarship to study in Lima, Peru; the County Council for the Bd. of Supervisors; S.D. Mayor's chauffeur Fred Fulkerson's retirement; position in the Republican County Central Committee and a number of single pages containing Wilson congratulations to Mrs. Marge Wallace, Mrs. Theodore L. Marshall, Mrs. Eugene M. Hoffman, Ralph L. Bayless, William Fox, Dick Read, Richard B. Anderson, Robert Cooney & Mrs. Luther J. Mason (S.D. County Young Republicans), Paul Allen & Orville Lusk as assistant City Fire Chief. **examples from February are:** election of Gordon E. McNary as president of the San Diego Wholesale Credit Men's Assn.; Mrs. John Edgar of Ramona elected as president of the Inter-Mountain Republican Women's Club; Dr. Joseph W. Telford as president of the San Diego County Medical Society; Leon M. Schweikhard as president of the Harbor Kiwanis Club; Mrs. Philip du Lores as president of the Coronado Republican Woman's Club; Stewart Wicklin as president of the Apartment and Rental Owners' Assn. & Wilson's "happy memories [of] our own association through the years, including the days at Hage's; 30 year anniversary of Ross Messner's association with the San Diego Hotel Barber Shop; Mrs. Essie Lee Smart is selected as the Woman of the Year by the Urban League of San Diego; Waldemar Hagan is selected as the Urban League's Man of the Year; Clyde A. Wheeler, Jr. appointed staff assistant to the President; Dr. Frank Lowe is congratulated for his second annual Washington-Lincoln Joint Birthday Luncheon at the U.S. Grant Hotel. **examples from January are:** newsletter & letter re/ "The Mail Box" and note that the Acme Mailing Service was named winner of the Rosine Perpetual Trophy;" Wilson telegram to: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kraft (Ocean Beach Rexall Drug Store) re/ "best wishes for a lifetime of happiness" & to Lt. Cmdr. & Mrs. John C. O'Donnel re/ "All of us here in the office and Jean and Barbara at home join in extending best wishes to you both on your Sixth Anniversary; letters & telegrams re/ Harry D. Hall's election and installation as president of the Southeast Chamber of Commerce, commentary about Republicans getting back in office & Democrats like Hall supporting Wilson; letters & news clippings re/ Lynn D. Richardson (Solar Aircraft Co.) as V.P. of Sales, Lew Lipton (Savoy Restaurant) as president of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural Dist. & Earl Barker as president of the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce; Wilson's letter to Mr. Richardson also referenced Leon Parma's presence on Wilson's staff as a Solar alumnus, we "feel very close to your organization in many ways."