

McLean County Museum of History

Laurence (Larry) J. Yeast Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1934-1998
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NOTES:	None

Historical Sketch

(Adapted from item 1.1)

Laurence (Larry) Yeast was born in McLean County June 11, 1915. Yeast was a Bloomington High School graduate and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934. Yeast served his community through participation in civic programs and committees. He had an avid interest in history, especially Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. He was a well known Bloomington-Normal resident, best known for his labor union activities which spanned a 52-year period. His leadership on behalf of securing optimum wages and working conditions for factory workers earned him the respect of both the union members and company officials.

Yeast was employed by Funk Seed Brothers in 1934 and Beatrice Creamery Company in 1935. He worked at Normal Sanitary Dairy from 1935-1941, Eureka-Williams Corporation (as a machinist) from 1941-1956. Yeast was instrumental in organizing the Dairy for the Teamsters Union in 1937. He became a member of the International Association of the Machinists and was a member for over 58 years. After retiring in 1978 Yeast continued to be active, participating in legislative affairs at the local, state, and national levels. Laurence passed away June 4, 2007.

Most of this collection was found in the curbside trash in Bloomington, Illinois by Shirley English.

Scope Note

This collection contains tax records, financial records, ration books, personal correspondence, and draft cards.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: History & Family Chart

- 1.1 Senior Sentinel Newsletter Summer 1998, photocopied page about Larry Yeast, Senior of the Season.
- 1.2 Document with lists of Yeast family members
- 1.3 1920 Federal Census sheet from Ancestry
- 1.4 Social security death index from Ancestry

Folder 2: Financial Records

- 2.1 February 28, 1952. Letter from President of Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan Association to Mr. and Mrs. Yeast regarding enclosed Release of Mortgage
- 2.2 Release of Mortgage mentioned above
- 2.3 April 4, 1969. Uniform Commercial Code Security Agreement-Motor Vehicle for Lawrence Yeast's Oldsmobile
- 2.4 April 4, 1969. Promissory note from Corn Belt Bank for Lawrence Yeast for \$2,600.
- 2.5 August 28, 1951. Promissory note First National Bank of Normal
- 2.6 February 5, 1954. Promissory note First National Bank of Normal
- 2.7 December 5, 1955. Promissory note First National Bank of Normal
- 2.8 October 2, 1945. Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yeast regarding enclosed deed for recently acquired property (2 copies)

Folder 3: International Certificates of Vaccination

- 3.1 International Certificates of Vaccination as approved by the World Health Organization for Anita Jeanine Yeast,
- 3.2 Laurence J. Yeast, and
- 3.3 Bernice La Verne Yeast.

Folder 4: Property Tax Receipts

- 4.1 Information regarding tax bill
- 4.2 Personal Property Tax Receipts 1945-1954, except for 1948

Folder 5: Documents from the Depression and WWII, Lawrence Yeast

- 5.1 8 draft cards for Lawrence Yeast
- 5.2 Selective service Certificate of Fitness & envelope
- 5.3 Certificate of Discharge from Civilian Conservation Corps April 19, 1934
- 5.4 Selective Service Order to Report for Physical Examination
- 5.5 Application for War ration book
- 5.6 6 war ration books

Folder 6: Miscellaneous Receipts

- 6.1 Notice of Transfer (dismissal) from First Baptist Church February 11, 1955.
- 6.2 2 Baptist Church Manuals
- 6.3 East Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery Purchase Agreement for L. J. Yeast
- 6.4 St. Joseph's Hospital receipt for Lawrence Yeast
- 6.5 Stearn's Complete Home Furnishers statement
- 6.6 Beck Memorial Home bill for Mr. Marion Lettner, \$467.43

- 6.7 Temporary receipt for Stearn's
- 6.8 Brokaw Hospital receipts
- 6.9 Hildebrand Agency receipt
- 6.10 Chadband's statement book
- 6.11 American Automobile Association
- 6.12 Williams Oil-O-Matic Tool Room Clearance Voucher

Folder 7: International Association of Machinists

- 7.1 Laverne Yeast's Constitution of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the International Association of Machinists
- 7.2 Certificate of Beneficiary
- 7.3 Twenty-Fourth Convention Grand Lodge International Association of Machinists, September 4, 1956 in San Francisco, California.
- 7.4 Letter from International Association of Machinists secretary-treasurer Eric Peterson to Lawrence Yeast and brother with credentials enclosed.

Folder 8: Personal Correspondence

- 8.1 Home-made memorandum containing lists of people and death dates
- 8.2 Invitation to the marriage of Lucile Audrey Yeast to Mr. Robert Eugene Miller
- 8.3 Letter from LaVerne to "Dearest Honey" and "Baby Boy"
- 8.4 Valentine "To Daddy" from Dawn and LaVerne
- 8.5 February 19, 1942. Letter from Dawn to her mother and father
- 8.6 September 29, 1946. Love letter from Dawn
- 8.7 Christmas card from Dawn
- 8.8 Birthday card to "Daddy" from "Dawnie"
- 8.9 Note reading "To the best guy in the world. Wish I could have done more honey. LaVerne"
- 8.10 Birthday card to Dawnie from Grandma Yeast, 1942.
- 8.11 Letter from LaVerne to her husband
- 8.12 Birthday letter from LaVerne to her husband
- 8.13 2 Letters to Lawrence Yeast from Wade Barney Lodge No. 512, A.F. & A.M
- 8.14 Gailey Eye Clinic regarding Lawrence Yeast's chronic irritation and inflammation of the meibomian glands
- 8.15 Normal Sanitary Dairy, Incorporated. Employment recommendation for Lawrence Yeast
- 8.16 Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corporation Examination of Employees
- 8.17 Notice that "Lawrence Yeast has shamefully and disgracefully resigned membership in the Society of Bearded Beauties. Payment of violation or resignation acknowledged by..."

Folder 9: Rental Contracts

- 9.1 Contract for 1/1/45-1/1/46 at 909 W. Front Street
- 9.2 Certificate Relating to Eviction for Lawrence Yeast
- 9.3 Contract for 1/1/45-1/1/46 at 1017 E. Jackson

Folder 10: Income Tax Statements

- 10.1 Annual Statements from 1942-1955