

McLean County Museum of History

**Raymond Stanley Lantz Collection**

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**Collection Information**

Volume of Collection:	One Box
Collection Dates:	1934-2008
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Location:	Archives

**Historical Sketch**

Raymond Stanley Lantz was born December 2, 1917, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a son of Rev. Raymond S. Lantz and Marguerite Cochran Lantz.

While a freshman at Illinois Wesleyan University, in 1935, he began working part time for radio station WJBC in its studio on the Wesleyan campus. He worked for WJBC, eventually becoming

program Director, until entering the Army in 1944. He was sent to the Philippines in 1945 and returned to the United States in 1946. In 1947 he began work as a reporter at the *Pantagraph*. He became Assistant to the Farm Editor in 1954 and was named Farm Editor in 1960. He retired in 1976. He served on the Board of Directors of Brokaw, then BroMenn Hospital from 1971 to 1987.

In 1941 he married Evelyn Cornelius. They had one daughter, Rebekah Christine, born June 26, 1957.

Lantz died April 4, 2004.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection materials consist of Lantz's memorabilia, photographs and booklets from his Army service in the South Pacific, memorabilia from his work at WJBC, and at the *Pantagraph*, and samples of the articles he wrote and topics he covered. Also included are materials he collected about Adlai Stevenson, about Brokaw/BroMenn hospital during Lantz's service on its Board of Directors, 1971- 1987, and about East Bay camp and its founder and early director, Rev. Frank L. Breen.

## **Box and Folder Inventory**

### **Folder 1: Certificates and Awards (Photocopies)**

- 1.1. Asta Professional Writers award to Frank Bill and Stanley Lantz, 1961
- 1.2. Future Farmers of America Honorary Degree of Illinois State Farmer, June 1966
- 1.3. Certificate of Appreciation Forest Industries, October 1966
- 1.4. Bloomington-Normal Ag Club, plaque in appreciation, 1976
- 1.5. Newspaper Farm Editors of America, Merit Award, November 28, 1976
- 1.6. McLean County Livestock Association Outstanding Service plaque, 1976
- 1.7. Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District Certificate of Merit, January 20, 1977
- 1.8. McLean County Service Company & McLean County Farm Bureau appreciation, February 3, 1977.
- 1.9. Davis U. Merwin speech in appreciation, February 4, 1977
- 1.10. *Pantagraph* Founder of 'Salute to Agriculture' plaque, February 16, 1979
- 1.11. Bloomington Exchange Club service plaque, March 20, 1986
- 1.12. McLean County Cooperatives plaque, 1984
- 1.13. Pfizer Annual Agricultural Communications Award (date illegible)
- 1.14. BroMenn Healthcare resolution of appreciation, June 11, 1987
- 1.15. Parklands Foundation Service honor plaque, September 13, 1987
- 1.16. Future Farmers of America, Pontiac Chapter, Certificate of Appreciation, 1973

### **Folder 2: WJBC biographical information**

"Stanley and Radio Station WJBC," covers the history of his time at WJBC and memories of colleagues, 1935-1944.

### **Folder 3: WJBC photographs**

Photographs of Lantz and colleagues at WJBC.

### **Folder 4: WJBC Clippings**

Clippings from the *Pantagraph* about WJBC and a program schedule from [1941?].

### **Folder 5: WJBC Christmas Gift Suggestions**

An advertising booklet with gift suggestions from advertisers and photos of WJBC personalities and local events, probably 1940.

### **Folder 6: WJBC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Booklet published in 1995 with history, photos and advertising.

### **Folder 7: WJBC *Lifestyle* magazine**

Includes *Lifestyle* issues and clippings from 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 2000.

### **Folder 8: WJBC**

Lantz's list of "The Biggest Events of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Central Illinois." Includes separate discussions of each event, letter to recipient of the list and letters of thanks.

### **Folder 9: Army 1945-46, v. 1, I**

Memorabilia and photos from induction and training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

### **Folder 10: Army 1945-46, v.1, II**

Clippings pertaining to tank training at Fort Knox.

### **Folder 11: Army 1945-46, v.1, III**

Memorabilia from his time at Fort Ord, California and from voyage to Manila.

### **Folder 12: Army 1945-46, v.2, I**

Includes photo of staff of Finance Office at San Fabian with Lantz's grandfather, who was in charge of the office, ID cards, event programs, and 3 Japanese maps "found under HQ Building in our compound at San Fabian, Dec. 1945."

### **Folder 13: Army 1945-46, v.2, II**

Newspaper clippings and photos of places Lantz visited in The Philippines and New Guinea.

### **Folder 14: Army 1945-46, v.2, III**

Includes a booklet, maps and photos from a trip to Corregidor; newspaper clippings about sites visited; a Red Cross guidebook for the Manila area; clippings about political developments in the Philippines, and an invitation to a Memorial Convocation at Illinois Wesleyan University.

### **Folder 15: Army 1945-46, v.3, I**

Includes photos, programs, documents and clippings from Lantz's 3 months in New Guinea.

### **Folder 16: Army 1945-46, v.3, II**

Includes photos and souvenirs from Lantz's trip from Manila to San Francisco aboard the USAT Gen. A.W. Greely, in November 1946, his train trip to Chicago, a clipping from the *Chicago Sun*, about the Japanese surrender, and two issues of the *Yank Army Weekly* from July 20, 1945 and November 2, 1945.

### **Folder 17: Army 1945-46, Booklets**

Three booklets: A Pocket Guide to New Guinea, Army Song Book U.S., 1918, and Hunting and Fishing in the Philippines.

### **Folder 18: Army 1945-46, Photographs**

Mixed photos of Lantz's travels and colleagues from 1945 to 1946.

### **Folder 19: World War II**

*Honolulu Star Bulletin*, souvenir edition, V-J Day, September 2, 1945-1995.

### **Folder 20: History of *Pantagraph***

Booklet by H. Clay Tate titled “The *Pantagraph* of Bloomington, 1837-1987, a condensed history of a 150 year old community newspaper,” and a clipping from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, June 11, 1953, titled “Stern Guardian of Republican Conscience, colorful background of Bloomington, (Ill.) *Pantagraph* which refused to support part-owner Adlai Stevenson.”

### **Folder 21: *Pantagraph*, Lantz’s personal information**

Headshots of Lantz, biographical information about Lantz and his wife, and clippings from the *Pantagraph* about Lantz and his family.

### **Folder 22: *Pantagraph* Days I**

Includes photos of Lantz and colleagues at work and socializing.

### **Folder 23: *Pantagraph* Days II**

Further photos of Lantz and colleagues.

### **Folder 24: *Pantagraph* Days III**

Includes photos of Lantz published in the *Pantagraph* and articles about him, and the February 28, 1953, Quartet Parade concert sponsored by the Bloomington Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., of which Lantz was a member.

### **Folder 25: *Pantagraph* Days IV**

Articles about Lantz and his work

### **Folder 26: *Pantagraph* Brucellosis.**

Series of articles on local cases of Brucellosis, 1948-49.

### **Folder 27: *Pantagraph* Sample topics and stories**

Articles selected by Lantz as representative of the topics he covered and stories that he wrote.

### **Folder 28: *Pantagraph* photos “faked” by Lantz in his home darkroom**

Photographs of world-wide locations with a darkroom addition of persons carrying a copy of the *Pantagraph*. Made in about 1970 for a promotional campaign.

### **Folder 29: Adlai Stevenson - Career**

Includes *Pantagraph* clippings about Stevenson's work, before and after his death, *Time Magazine* issue from July 23, 1965, and *Christianity and Crisis* issue from August 9, 1965.

### **Folder 30: Adlai Stevenson – Death and Funerals**

Clippings of articles from the *Pantagraph* with details and many local photographs of memorial activities and funerals. Includes programs from memorial services at Illinois State University and the Unitarian Church.

### **Folder 31: Adlai Stevenson – Bloomington/Normal Connections**

Clippings of articles from the *Pantagraph* about Stevenson's family, life, and activities in Bloomington, Normal and McLean County. Includes the August 1, 1965 issue of *The Family Circle*, issued for and by members of the *Daily Pantagraph*.

### **Folder 32: Adlai Stevenson – Memorials**

Includes articles and other materials about the Stevenson stamp, his Cabinet Chair, reproductions of a woodcut of Stevenson offered to Illinois public schools, a living memorial proposed by Lyndon Johnson, the Stevenson Expressway, Illinois State University's Stevenson Hall, and a bronze bust of Stevenson by W. Douglas Hartley.

### **Folder 33: Adlai Stevenson – Stevenson Memorial Lecture**

Includes articles about the founding of the lecture series, programs, texts of some speeches, articles about speakers and some programs.

### **Folder 34: Brokaw/BroMenn Hospital**

Materials about Brokaw Hospital, including brief history, patient information, and a newspaper supplement about hospital services and Annual Reports for 1978-79 and 1983-84, the final year as Brokaw Hospital.

### **Folder 35: Brokaw/BroMenn Hospital**

Includes clippings from the *Pantagraph* about the Hospital from 1962 to 1982.

### **Folder 36: Brokaw/BroMenn Hospital**

Includes a booklet on the merger with Mennonite Hospital, a list of the Board of Directors, information on hospice services, and the Annual Report for 1987.

### **Folder 37: Brokaw/BroMenn Hospital**

Includes booklets about the Chemical Dependence Unit, Employee Assistance Program, Pastoral Counseling, a 1986 staff directory, and a 2008 *Pantagraph* clipping announcing a possible merger with Advocate Health Care.

### **Folder 38: Brokaw/BroMenn Hospital**

Booklet about a project to expand and modernize Eureka Hospital (ca 1984).

### **Folder 39: East Bay Camp**

Includes a camp walking tour booklet, *A Modern Walden in the Heart of Illinois*, a booklet titled, *A Walk with Mr. Breen*, by Tom Gumbrell, about Rev. Frank Breen's association with East Bay, and *Pantagraph* clippings about Rev. Breen and East Bay Camp, a map of the camp and some chapel programs.

### **Folder 40: Black History in McLean County**

A paper from the McLean County Cooperative Extension Service titled *Black History and Culture, April 1987*. The paper consists of 7 pages, including 2 pages of recipes.

### **Folder 41: Bloomington, Normal and McLean County Places**

Includes an article from the January 1984 issue of *Illinois Issues*, by Robert Bray, titled *Harold Sinclair's Bloomington: Ever(y)to(w)n*, a leaflet about Duncan Manor, near Towanda, and *Pantagraph* clippings about the gardens at Ewing

Manor, native Americans in the County, the McLean County Bicentennial Arts Festival, and Funks Grove.

## **Books**

1. The Pacific World, it's vast distances, its lands and the life upon them, and its peoples, edited by Fairfield Osborn, first edition in the Fighting Forces Series, 1944.
2. Bible, New Testament and Psalms, presented to the Armed Forces by the Gideons. 1941. Includes words for 8 hymns, the National Anthem and America.
3. What To Do Aboard the Transport, "Science from Shipboard," a simple manual of information and instruction for those who cross the seas in ships to fight for freedom, prepared by a group of scientific writers and artists, 1943.