

Bloomington Ill.
April 16 - 1933

Mr Louis Hellmuthing -

Dear Sir -

First of all I want to congratulate you upon your successful campaign for mayor of our city and hope you remain in office for a long long time for we needed a man of your type. Now I want to bother you with my trouble which you can help me with as soon as you take your office. I suppose you know that I lost my gunhouse and everything that I had and have to start all over again. I want to talk to you in regard to the Cave at Forest Park where for the past months I have been making a living for my wife and five little ones. Now I want to tell you my story about a year or so ago I tried to get that cave for the purpose of growing mushrooms and when I went to see Ben Rhoda he had already given it to another young fellow by the name of Edward Gady. He fished around there for about six months and wasent successful at doing anything with it. so I made him a proposition that if he took me into partnership with him I would learn him the business of growing mushrooms and I would get the necessary money to equip it. I got the money and equipped the place

and got it started on a paying basis and I still have the money coming that he owes me and promised to pay out of the fruit returns from the mushrooms we sold. I was good enough to furnish the capital and the brain and he was to repay me. The returns we spend and I didn't get my money. He made a \$1000⁰⁰ on about a \$300⁰⁰ investment and for the present that is all I have now. to buy bread and butter to feed my five little youngsters. I took part of my proceeds bought a box car and fixed it up so we would have a place to stay and keep warm. I am striving my best to get ahead again in this world and get started again. Now this partner of mine that holds the rights of the use of this car which is city property all in his name. and after I got the money to finance and equip the place and put it on a producing basis. He tells me that I have to get out that he is going to keep it for himself. Now we can make a good living for both of us for if we work it right we can derive about \$2000⁰⁰ out of the place in a year.

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selling mushrooms so you see two people could
make a living there. All I want is justice and
a square deal to every one, and live with a clear
conscience and do what is right to every one.
Now Mr. Wellmeling will you please do what you
can for me on this affair when you take your
new office. As I said all I want is what is
fair and square and I am thinking every day
of my family of five little ones and wonder
how much longer I will be able to feed their
hungry little mouths. I thought maybe if
you wanted to help Carl Penzler, you could
let him and I have that care together I
am willing to do all the work and take care of
it. I would ever be willing to pay the city
rent for it and leave it the way it is now the
city dont get nothing out of it. I only get throwed
out for doing a fellow mow a favor and helping
him along I would like to come and see you and
talk this affair over at any time that it is convenient
for you I know that you are besyghed with a lot
of job hunters but all I want is a fair chance
to make my own living and for my family.
If you want to call me by telephone is 5586.
I want to thank you for your past favor when we were
at the Greenhouse I am truly your friend Frank A. Vardar

Waynesville, Ill. Apr. 8. 1933.

Mr. Louis F. Willmeling
Bloomington, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in regards to a job on the police Dept.

you dont know but I spent about a week in Bloomington working for you and your party.

I worked the East side from Clinton st to Fulton st. and the West side from Morris ave over to the sunny side.

I have lived in Bloomington until about 4 months ago for about 10 years and worked for the Daily Pantograph

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about 5 years and worked
for the Hodge master co
or Ray mitte co about
18 months and traveled
for the Cunningham Geo co
about two years and
worked as Private ~~Investigator~~
Detective about 2 years
I can give you the best
of reference I done
some Detective work for
the normal state Bank.
Mr Shepherd had the
work done I am a trained
and Licensed Detective.
And I am willing to
work just as cheap as
you see fit to pay
I would like to have
an interview with you

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I could tell you
thing that I dont care
to write. So please
write and tell me when
you could see me and
try and make the hour
between 10:30^{am} and 1. Pm.

And I will come in and
talk things over. I am
33 years old 5 feet 10 inches
weight 165 lbs. And in
good health. I have all
equipment needed to work
with and can give Bond
at any time. So please
let me hear at once.

Yours Respect.

John W. Brown.

P.S. I moved from Blomington
about 4 months ago.

Bloomington Ill
Mar 6 1937

Dear Maxwellmerling
as I am one of the republicans
which helped you over the
top I want to congratulate
you on your victory wish
you all the luck in the
world they are just one
favor I would like to
ask of you I would like
for you to keep two
of my old friends on the
pay roll one is Ralph
Henry he reads the matter
Meaters he shure is a
square shooter so please
consider him on your
list for my sake and
the other one is, our

is Mr Becker he has
been there for 35 years
he knows where every
meat is in town and
is a valuable man
hoping you will grant
my wishes as all I
ask your old friend

T. T. Reece
East Grove St
Barber shop
Blainington
Ill

Bloomington Ill 4/11-33

Mr Louis F. Wellermy
City

Dear Sir:

I would like to

file an application for work
in the electrical department
for the city if you are making
any changes in same in
your administration. I have
had 30 years experience in
outside electrical work and
am capable of performing the
duties of lineman or electrical
inspector or meter reading
either water or electric.

I am a veteran of the Spanish
American war and have worked
here both for City and The Ill
Power & Light Co. I am
married and supporting two
grandchildren and have lived

in the city since 1924.

In our conversation on the 7th inst. you told me to see my aldermen in the 6th ward I saw both of them and they promised to do all they could for me.

I was laid off by the city when they curtailed work on the municipal light work about 2 years ago and have had no work since and certainly would appreciate any thing I could receive.

I can give as reference Mr N. J. Butler. Ill Power & Light C. E. Willman Supt Water & Light for the city as for my experience Edw Pitsch, Stern Furniture Co as for credit rating and if you desire others for character ect.

Any thing you can do for me in any way whatever I

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would sure appreciate as
my wife & I support the
democratic ticket on all major
issues.

Hoping you will give this
application your attention and
wishing you a successful
administration I am

Yours Truly
W.E. Thomas

316 W Kelsey St

Bloomington
Ill

Phone 836.R.

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April 5, 1933.

Hon. Louis Mellmering.

Dear Uncle Lou,

I understand that I have the pleasure of addressing the Mayor of Bloomington. Mother called me up before breakfast this morning to tell me the good news. Florence and I want to extend our heartiest congratulations. There is no doubt in my mind that we are going to see a new order in the country as a whole and I know that you will uphold your end of it. No doubt you will have a lot to contend with but we know you can do it.

Don't you think you will need a good man to handle the city's money now? He! He!

Best wishes to all.

As ever, Carl F.

P.S. - I am acting as a trustee for Thompson on the above right now. Probably just temporary.

Ferd A. Flinspach

Funeral Home

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
April 15th, 1933

Mr. L. F. Wellmerling
607 S. Lee St.,
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Louis:

Howard Sprague came to me the day before yesterday and said that he would appreciate very much any good word from me to you in connection with his application for policeman on the city force.

Of course there are many things that may come up concerning his application that would prevent taking him on but personally I believe Howard could handle the work nicely. He has been idle ever since his Dad went out of the grocery business and is very anxious to be doing something again.

Then too, from a rather confidential standpoint I might say that Howard's mother was buried from my place not long ago and the cost of the funeral service is on the books. Until he or his Dad get back to work I can't see how the bill will be paid inasmuch as there was no insurance.

Taking all these things into consideration you will readily see why I am asking you to use your influence in placing him somewhere on the force, and believe me it will be remembered.

Sincerely yours,

Ferd A. Flinspach

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City April 6-33.

Dear Sir.

Mr Wellmerling,

Knowing that you are quite busy,
I would like to let you know that
I have done all I could do for you
in the election, I have went in
different wards and talk to my
brothers of which their are 9 of
them and their wives and children
of which their was 30 votes which
I know was cast for you. Now I am
a poor man with a family of 9
children 4 still going to the
lutharan school and a lutharan
myself, and been confirmed in
1896 - Since 1919 I have had some
verry bad luck, I have been

Operated on five times, since then - I am unable to do any hard work, I have been getting help from the church for the last 3 years, so I can keep my children going to school, I have lost my home, and just about every thing I have, now I ask you as Mayor-elect I would ask you if you have work that I could do, so I would not have to ask the church for help, so I can keep the children going to school. Now there may be something in the park: Say: the park police which of course is only about 6 months but that would help me wonderfull or any thing else that you know of I would be glad to do any thing you give me, maybe you may have

something in the city hall that I could do, thanking you very much hoping you will answer this letter and let me know when I can talk to you in person hoping to hear from you, thanking you again.

Yours,

Rudolph Wirth
507 W. Miller St.
City

THE MEADOWS MANUFACTURING COMPANY

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

April 13, 1933

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Melvin Evelsizer has worked with me in the Advertising and Sales Departments of the Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corporation and The Meadows Manufacturing Company almost continuously for a period of eight years.

In this time, I have found him to be an honest, reliable and exceedingly conscientious worker.

Mr. Evelsizer became one of the victims of the policy of retrenchment and force reduction, otherwise, we would still make use of his valuable services.

Cordially yours,

THE MEADOWS MANUFACTURING CO.

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Assistant Sales Manager

Bloomington, Illinois
April, 5, 1933

My dear Wellmerling:

I am not asking for a job just because I want one, I need it. My husband passed away last summer, leaving me with four small children, from one year to twelve years, to care for. He did carry an insurance with his company, I. P. + L., but because he had been laid-off at the time of his death, I could not collect a cent. What little Mothers pension I get, \$25-a month, will not buy what my youngsters need.

I am a Trinity High School graduate and also from Brown Business College.

I have always been a Democrat and have served as Democrat Clerk in precinct 30 for almost seven years.

I have an application filed with the State, but can get no action on it as yet.

On that applications I have the names of Martin Brennan, Ed Fahey, Guy Haley, Mr. Carmody and Dr. Condon as references. Mr. Brennan will personally vouch for my family. Edward Mc Kern, was my father.

I do hope you will find it possible to give me something to do, such as the collection of water and light bills altho I will be glad to do anything.

Sincerely

Stella M. Jenkins
515 S. M. Clun St.

Phone 3264 J.

Bloomington, Ill.

1102 N. Lee

April 10-1933

Mayor L. T. Wellmerling:
607. S. Lee.

Dear Sir:

I wish to submit
for your consideration my application
for a position at Miller Park.

I feel that I am qualified for
the work as I have been on as extra
Police duty at the Park for the past
two years; Sundays and Thursdays.

I have helped handle large crowds
without any trouble.

For references I will refer you to
Mr. Chas. Hill - Park Custodian
Thomas Gooder - Alderman 5th Ward
Oscar Muhl - 205 E. Mulberry.
Rev. F. L. Breen - 1319 W Mulberry.

Your consideration of my application shall be gratefully appreciated as I have been out of employment for some time.

I shall be pleased to furnish further information and references if desired.

Respectfully yours,
C. C. Leigh.

108 - W. Locust,
April 13th 33.

Mr Welmerling:

Dear Sir: - I am very glad to congratulate you, as Mayor. As I have always been Democratic. I formerly traded at your store, some ten years ago, at that time we had rooms with - a Mrs Hartson, in your block.

I suppose you are deluged with pleas for positions; Well, I am another one.

I was left a widow five years ago and have had one pull, of it since I have lived within four walls, being unable to dress, as I was used to.

I would be so glad if you could place me some where. I am capable of Police matron or in that line; I would appreciate any thing you may offer. I have mothered a lot of boys and girls, besides rearing four of our own. I have worked five years of leading stores in town, and if you want reference's Mr Ben Sumner has known me all of my married life, and can speak of my past to my credit. I am a practical Nurse. and in many lines of work, am capable. have a fair Education; have traveled as Ladies

Companion, which is in it self an
Education

Hoping you may be
able to place me somewhere.
I would be glad to get application
blank.

Thanking you for your
time in reading this.

I am.

Respt.

Mrs Florence Turkey.
108. W. Locust.

"London Apts."

opposite.

Trinity Grade Sch.

Bloomington

4-6-83

Dear Sir

I want to Cong. you on your
Victory. As I done all I could
last Fall and this spring for
you. But knew you were
very busy and take this
away instead of calling on you
& would be very glad if
you could give me a job
of some kind I was with
Fred Taylor for 7½ years and
would be there now but he had
to cut down on his force, and
so I am laid off. He can tell
you all about me. And I will
not bother you unless you
think I have a show then
would be glad to talk with
you.

And see what we could do
This thing of trying to get a job
Is awful for me
Will be very thankful if you can
do me any good.

And Obliged

F. J. Munson

1216 2 Oakland
city

St. Joseph Hospital
Bloomington Ill.
April 6th, 1933

Mr L. Kellnerling
Dear Friend:

Congratulations
to you on your success in
the past elections!
I feel the people have made a

good choice, and that you will give us one of the best
administrations we have ever had in Bloomington.
I would appreciate it very much if you see fit to
appoint me to some office where I could get on my
feet again, as sickness has sure put me down and
out. I know you are swamped with such requests,
and will have to disappoint some, and if I am one of them
I want you to feel, we are just as good friends as ever.
P.S. could explain things better if I could see you, but it is
impossible at present.

I remain your friend
Carl Fischer

Bloomington, Ill.
April 7, 1933.

The Honorable Louis F. Wellmerling,
Mayor - elect of the City of Bloomington,

My Dear Mr. Wellmerling:

Needless for me to say it gives me great pleasure to address you so and my heartiest congratulations and best wishes go with you in your new endeavor. My only regret is that I cannot be there to help carry out your ideas.. I know, however, that you will receive full cooperation and help from capable men and your administration will doubtless be a credit to the city, yourself and the party you represent.

If I have had any part in your election it is reward enough for me to know that. However, if, in making your appointments, you can favor me I will appreciate any consideration of the following men who have helped me during this campaign.

My father, Mr. Fred W. Russell, 1411 N. Main St. was a big help in telephoning, mailing and personally contacting a large acquaintance and voting list. You know him personally and I do not submit his name for any special position. I would like very much to have you keep him in mind and should an opportunity present itself I ask that you get in touch with him about it.

Mr. Bernard Smith, 1122 E. Grove St. worked hard during the entire campaign. He is energetic, resourceful and really accomplished a great deal of work in the fourth ward. Fred Reidell will no doubt give you a favorable report on his activities too.

Mr. Homer L. Burke has demonstrated his willingness and ability throughout the campaign likewise. He is interested in a motorcycle job on the police force. However any consideration in another capacity will be appreciated, I know.

Mr. Russell Smith, 1215 East Grove St. is another deserving helper who has ability and personality. He was a willing helper to me and energetically "sold" the entire ticket from house to house as did Bernard (No relation) ~~and his brother~~. He has a nice family and needs work.

Will Van Huss, 1006 E. Olive volunteered his car and help election day but not having him in my previously planned precinct organization, I couldnt make much use of his offer.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

J. Howard Russell
1120 East Grove St.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 22, 1933

Hon. Louis F. Wellmerling
Mayor-Elect
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wellmerling:

It has been called to my attention that Mr. J. N. Bishop, who is at the present time employed as a plain-clothes-man on the local police force, has only two more years to serve to enable him to secure his pension.

I hesitate to annoy you with any recommendations of any kind because I thoroughly understand how busy you are, especially with the matter of appointments. However, I know that Mr. Bishop has made a splendid officer and he has a great many friends who would appreciate his being kept on the force at this time. May I ask that you give this matter your very serious consideration.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Martin A. Brennan

MAB:C

1209 N. Livingston St.
Bloomington, Illinois
April 19, 1933

L. F. Wellmerling, Mayor-elect
607 South Lee Street
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wellmerling:

I would like to call your attention to a young Democrat by the name of Mr. Louis W. Butler, who has made application for Meter Reader. Mr. Butler has a High School education. He is honest and ambitious. He resides with his parents at 1212 North Oak Street and is unmarried.

Any favors shown this young Democrat will be greatly appreciated by me.

Respectfully yours,

Edward Ryan

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