

# McLean County Museum of History

## Vera Pearl Kemp Scrapbooks Collection

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### Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1933-1943
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Past Perfect #2020.0012, 3 other scrapbooks from 1933, 39, 40 separate from this collection.2011.02.01-03

## Brief History

Vera Pearl Kemp was born December 19, 1895 at London, Kentucky, daughter of James and Cora Pearl. She attended Nazareth Music College in Louisville, and the Arthur Foote Music School in Boston. Vera moved to Bloomington in 1927, and taught organ and musical theory at Illinois Wesleyan University before organizing the Vera Pearl Kemp Ensemble. The ensemble was a chamber orchestra with singers. They gave concerts all over the central United States. She was also musical director and organist for the American Passion Play for 35 years and organist for the annual barbershop show for 42 years, as well as organist for Flinspach-Kurth and Kibler-Smith memorial homes for more than 40 years.

She died on December 16, 1989 at the age of 93.

## Scope

This collection includes Vera Pearl Kemp's obituary and newspaper clippings relating to her life and career. There are scrapbooks from 1935-1936, 1937, 1938, 1941, and thank you notes, 1933-1943.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### **Folder 1: Vera Pearl Kemp, newspaper clippings, *Pantagraph* unless noted**

- 1.1 Vera Pearl Kemp obit w/photo, December 17, 1989.
- 1.2 "Ensemble to Play for Women's Club," w/photo, December 7, 1941.
- 1.3 "Musicians," photo, December 7, 1941.

### **Folder 2: 1935 – 1936**

- 1.2 Scrapbook, 3-hole punch w/out cover, 28 pages both sides, ads for appearances, programs, newspaper clippings, photos.

### **Folder 3: 1937**

- 1.3 Scrapbook, 3-hole punch w/out cover, 21 pages both sides, ads for appearances, programs, newspaper clippings, photos.

### **Folder 4: 1938**

Scrapbook, 3-hole punch w/out cover, 21 pages both sides, ads for appearances, programs, newspaper clippings, photos, 6 loose sheets.

### **Folder 5: 1941**

Scrapbook, 3-hole punch w/out cover, 17 pages both sides, ads for appearances, programs, newspaper clippings, photos, and loose programs.

**Folder 6: Thank-you Notes 1933 – 1943**

Over eighty-five notes thanking the Vera Pearl Kemp group.