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**Title: Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band Collection**

Overview of the Collection

**Reference Code:** Pittsburgh Music Archive #19

**Creator:** Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band

**Dates:** 1923-1993

**Extent:** 2 scrapbooks

**Language:** English

**Repository:**

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Notes on the Collection

**Historical Note**

Charles L. Babo Sr. started the Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band in 1923. They rehearsed at the (then) main Post Office at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Smithfield St. in downtown Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Letter Carriers Band was a "Big Band" that had anywhere between 15-30 players. They would play at National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Conventions, Pittsburgh parades and festivals, and before Pittsburgh sporting events. The band was named after a Pennsylvania congressman, Clyde Kelly, who supported the NALC, a labor union which originated in 1899, and became an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) in 1917.

**Abstract**

Memoirs of a Pittsburgh band.

## **Scope and Content Note**

2 scrapbooks containing:

- newsletters
- membership list
- photographs
- 1 cassette tape

## Container List

1. **Scrapbook I**
  - a. Newsletters
  - b. membership lists
  - c. photos
2. **Scrapbook II**
  - a. Photographs
  - b. Magazine articles
  - c. one cassette tape

## See Also

- [Maurice Levy Oral History of Music in Pittsburgh Collection](#), interview #203