

Review of Primary Candidates

Following the custom established by THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS a few years ago, a resume of County Candidates who are seeking nomination at the Primaries on April 9th will appear weekly. Party affiliation will have no bearing on publication. It is merely the object of this paper to give Highland Park citizens first hand information on the qualifications of the candidates seeking office. The views expressed in these articles are not necessarily those of the editor, but of contributing friends of the candidates.

In this issue we present the Republican candidates for States Attorney: Harry Hall, Charles E. Mason and George S. McGaughey.

Harry A. Hall

Harry A. Hall, who is a Republican candidate for States Attorney, was born in North Chicago, Ill. He is a graduate of Waukegan Township High school and the University of Illinois.

While at the University of Illinois he played quarterback on the famous Red Grange teams during the years 1923, 1924 and 1925.

During the past 13 years he has been associated with the law firm of Hall and Hulce at Waukegan. At the present time he is president of the Lake County Bar association, vice president of the Illinois Tuberculosis association, president of the Illinois University "I" Men's association and treasurer of the Lake County Tuberculosis association.

Mr. Hall is married and lives in Waukegan, where he has spent his entire life. He has three sons, Tom, Dick and Harry.

Charles E. Mason

Mr. Charles E. Mason, Candidate for States Attorney, who is 50 years of age, was raised and has spent his entire life in Lake county, Illinois. As a boy without a home and parents, he was declared a dependent by the Lake county court and placed in the Glenwood school. Later he was taken from that school by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. White, of Round Lake, Illinois, placed in their home and sent to grammar school at Hainesville. There he remained until he was married, in 1913. He worked on the farm, drove a delivery wagon and later mastered the barbers trade. He has raised two sons; one has been admitted to the practice of law, the other is still attending law school. He held the office of Justice of the Peace in Waukegan for years. He completed his high school and college work by attending the John Marshall Law school in Chicago, where he graduated with honors in 1926. He was Probation Officer under Claire C. Edwards, was president of the Musicians' union, and has been very active in fraternal and civic organiza-

tions. He has been State's Attorney since December, 1932, and the policy of his office has been to prosecute all bona fide complaints of citizens; to cooperate with the county and local law enforcing officers; to maintain a constitutional office, and not attempt to usurp the duties and responsibilities of the police, sheriff and other law enforcing agents; to carefully prepare his cases (many pleas of guilty); to deal with offenders fairly without regard to race, religion or political affiliation; most important — to give an offender's case careful consideration from the standpoint of society and community welfare — will probation reform him? — what penalty will fit the crime and the offender? not to consider an offender as an opportunity to build a imposing personal record by harsh and unusual punishments; to bring order in the chaotic tax situation.

Since taking office there have been many difficult and trying problems caused by the depression and the backwash of the prohibition era which have been difficult to solve and have thrown on the State's Attorney's office an unusual burden of work and responsibility. The reflection of these problems have been serious reflections in the number of domestic relation, dependency and juvenile delinquency cases dealt with. Lack of employment has created a situation that has brought many of the younger people in difficulty with the law.

An unusual number of poor people felt they had to discuss their problems with the county attorney for lack of funds to hire other counsel. One of the difficult problems the office of the State's Attorney has had to deal with is the chaotic condition of taxes caused by the depression. A great deal of time and work shows a very marked improvement in the general tax setup and the tax situation. Mr. Mason has organized his office so that the resulting coordination brings efficient service to the citizens of the community. He feels that he has one of the best organized and operating offices in the state. Mr. Mason says that he has spent all the money he has earned to the citizens of the county and at the present time lives at Gurnee and has his home half paid for.

George S. McGaughey

Lake county wants safety and security above everything else. In a world racked with chaos people look about for the best means of preserving themselves and their personal interests. But they sometimes overlook things nearest to them in favor of some situation far away.

Take this job of electing a state's attorney, for instance. There's one office vital to safety and security which is often neglected by thinking

people as just one of those political playthings. Seldom do voters think about hiring an individual on any other basis than on the ability to do the job. There's no difference when it comes to hiring your attorney. So why not, just this time, hire your next state's attorney on the same basis at the polls!

George S. McGaughey has offered his candidacy for your state's attorney on this basis. He is familiar with work as the people's attorney in Lake county because McGaughey was that young first assistant under Colonel A. V. Smith, prosecuting such outstanding cases as the Dela Cruz murder, the North Chicago bank robbery and the Oscar Nelson conspiracy. These were the more colorful cases McGaughey handled to protect the people of Lake county although there were many others which were highly important but not so spectacular.

For the last five years, McGaughey has continued to serve the general public—principally as Corporation Counsel of the City of Waukegan. Back of the scenes he has revised and recodified the city ordinances, publishing them in book form—a revision that had not been done for thirty-five years.

A tribute to McGaughey's ability was recently shown in action by the state and the appellate court upholding his contention in revoking two Waukegan tavern licenses on charges of selling liquor to minors, some of whom were girls of 14 years. The state liquor commission sustained the revocation on McGaughey's plea while three Appellate court justices accepted his contention to dissolve an injunction restraining the city from interfering with these taverns which was granted by Circuit Judge William L. Pierce of Belvidere.

In Western Lake county McGaughey has handled rural situations as Village Attorney of Antioch where he is now engaged in revising that municipality's ordinances. He was Corporation Counsel for the Village of Deerfield for six years under three mayors.

Since early youth on a farm down in Madison county where he was born, McGaughey always had ambitions to serve as the people's attorney. He was the oldest of seven children to attend the one-room country school in the neighborhood. Madison county natives recall McGaughey as the county's champion speller and the lad who rode eight miles a day for four years to attend high school where he was a scholastic and social leader of his class.

Just before starting to high school, McGaughey's father called the seven children together. He told them there was not enough money to send all of them to the university but told them they could have what money they made during their days in high school and use it for college, taking whatever course they wished.

Young McGaughey chose law —

but about this time there was a world war going on in Europe which beckoned him. He envisioned tales of his grandfather's march with General Sherman to the sea. The stories of the war caused a great urge to serve his country. It became stronger after high school graduation at the age of 18 and ended in enlistment after the spring farm work was done.

With the end of the war on November 11, 1918, McGaughey's thoughts turned again to law and the university. For finances, he obtained a job at the Nash Motors factory in Kenosha, worked until the following September and enrolled at the University of Illinois. Summers were spent on road construction, mostly in Wisconsin, where he became a pavement finisher and finally operated a crew for the Iron River Construction Co.

Still determined to be a lawyer, McGaughey saved his summer vacation earnings and paid his way through the university with the additional funds earned from dish washing, taxi driving, operating a Student Transfer Co., he and a buddy started, and any odd jobs that would pay.

Between studying for law and earning his way, McGaughey still found time to captain the Illinois debating team for three years and battle his way to heavyweight boxing championship of the university.

McGaughey started his law practice in Champaign after his graduation where he remained for three years before setting foot on Lake county in the summer of 1928 as a delegate to the Lion's club convention. It didn't matter that he was established in the university city as a lawyer and a past commander of the Champaign Post No. 24 of the American Legion, he liked Lake county and resolved to remain. He became associated with the law firm of Runyard and Behanna, gaining recognition and an enviable reputation as first assistant state's attorney.

Outside the law office, McGaughey served as Chef de Gare of Voiture

604, Forty and Eight, is a past exalted ruler of the Waukegan Elks and has numerous fraternal affiliations.

In the last campaign Lawrence Doolittle successfully made for Lake county sheriff, McGaughey was known as the one who did the talking and Larry did the shaking. Friends of the former sheriff recall how Doolittle lost his voice in the midst of the campaign and how McGaughey carried on.

He was campaigned for all Republican officeholders in Lake county, actively making speeches in their behalf throughout the county, often traveling with the candidates on their entire tour for general election. He has been a familiar speaker at many women's clubs, parent-teacher associations and patriotic gatherings on a subject always of prime interest to him — that of Americanism and proper teaching of youth of America.

His home at 614 N. Genesee street in Waukegan reflects a typical American household where Mrs. McGaughey watches over a son and two daughters. The couple were married in Waukegan on November 11, 1928.

Such is the foundation upon which McGaughey has become a candidate for your state's attorney. It is the first time he has placed his name before the people of Lake county. His many friends believe that a man with such an outstanding record in public and private life assures competent and impartial service as the people's attorney. Many strong political leaders of the county have asked him to be a candidate.

George McGaughey has only one pledge to the people of Lake county — to give them a term of office that

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will be worthy of their vote and support. He refers the people to any judge or lawyer in Lake county as to his ability to be a good State's Attorney.

\$3,000 Fire Damages Truman Metzger Home

Spontaneous combustion was believed the cause of a fire which did damage amounting to about \$3,000 to the Truman E. Metzger home at 99 Sycamore place, Saturday morning.

The blaze started near a cabinet in the gameroom in the basement, according to Fire Chief E. C. Hoskins. Lathing had to be removed to attack the flames. Also the fire was confined to the basement, considerable damage to the first floor was caused by smoke.

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