

# "They Say"

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Kid gloves are off and political campaigns have advanced to the hammer and tongs stage. Diatribes make the air blue. "Messenger Boy" Steele, alias "Jurist John," is likened to the "old codger who spent a lifetime amid the fleshpots and then made a deathbed confession." Charges fly that Richard Lyons, sometimes called the fair-haired child of Lake county, sometimes a fisher of votes and political trimmer, can't pose as a home rule champion and as a "bleeding heart" for the firemen and policemen as well. . . . Meantime "Democratic whoopee" worries William R. McCauley of Olney, Republican candidate for auditor; he wants to know who signed the check (the taxpayers?) for the wining and dining for the slate-makers in the back room. And Richard Yates Rowe voices this wish, "If only Gilbert and Sullivan were here today!" To garner inspiration for a side-splitting take-off on American primaries. "They could have called it 'The Boodelers'—or Who Gets the Spoils'."

Rowe, who aspires to be secretary of state, conveniently has a family which can boast two governors in the state mansion. When Abraham Lincoln became the first Republican president, Richard Yates, Sr., was elected on the same ticket as chief executive of Illinois. Forty years later Richard Yates, Jr., became governor. Again forty years later, Rowe is in the political wars. Born in Jacksonville, Ill., he is an insurance man, a "joiner," and hopes history will repeat itself so he can put "business in government."

"The wonderland of little Alice, created by Lewis Carroll in his classic book, is hardly any stronger than this wonderland of federal bureaucracy, created by the New Deal in these last seven years," are the recent words of Congressman Ralph E. Church, publicized as "America's hardest-working congressman." Church says the new dealers suffer from Messiah complexes. He also has gone on record to state that when the New Deal recognized Russia on Nov. 16, 1933, "it committed an unforgivable sin." He fought too the fortification of Guam as "unnecessary and dangerous."

One of his election talking points is harping on an inland aviation industry. "There is nothing profound about it. When annoyed by mosquitoes, little is gained simply by killing one or two as they attack. One deals with them by pouring oil on the pond or swamp from which they came. We may be certain that in the event of attack from foreign aggressors, our airplane factories will undoubtedly be the first objective." Hence, Illinois is the site for an engine research lab, in his estimate.

Drennan J. Slater of Evanston, for eight years in the Illinois general assembly, wants Church's present job. The Tenth congressional district is one of the largest of the United States, extending fifty miles and embracing 619 precincts.

A writer who owns his own publishing business is Frank J. Mackey, who is on the ballot as Republican candidate for representative in Congress, state-at-large.

He authored "Forward-March!", a two-volume record of American in the World war, is directing editor of "The Classroom Teacher" (13

volumes), a Columbia university project, and a more ambitious work, "Progress of Nations," a history of the world.

Allan Healy, running for the job Mackey wants too on the Republican ticket, is a practicing lawyer in Chicago. Former assistant United States attorney under George E. Q. Johnson, serving with Dwight H. Green and a Unitarian, he has served for the past three years as civil service commissioner for Evanston. John J. Healy, former state's attorney of Cook county, is his father.

Judge John Gutknecht is running for state's attorney against Thomas J. Courtney. The judge, elected to the traffic court in 1933 following service on the bench in Boys' court for a year, inaugurated the "fixless" court after finding that 95 percent of all traffic violations were fixed. Nationally known as a traffic expert, he sent violators to the county morgue and the county hospital to view victims.

Benjamin A. Day, Republican running for congressman-at-large, nationally known constitutional authority, also has an illustrious family. He is the son of Justice William R. Day, secretary of state in the cabinet of President McKinley and a member of the United States supreme court for twenty years.

A bachelor, Willis A. Overholser, a resident of Mundelein, stumps for the Republican nomination for state representative from the eighth district. He practices law in Libertyville, was born at Winamac, Ind., is a musician by hobby. He wants to see a revision of the most important Illinois laws and a codification of the maze of school laws.

A former Chicago postmaster and central accounting postmaster for Illinois (for twelve years), Arthur C. Lueder pleads his case. Republican candidate for auditor of public accounts, he is an Elmhurst native, has been in the real estate business for 38 years. His postmastership lasted from 1921 to 1933, during which time the new postoffice, the largest in the world, was built. In 1923 he was a nominee for mayor of Chicago.

Opposing Lueder is Charles W. Vail, who was clerk of the superior court of Cook county for eighteen years.

Preaching economy, Arnold L. Lund, Republican candidate for lieutenant-governor, says, "Yes, believe it or not, they (Democratic primary candidates) come out into the open for a minute, let out a peep about 'harmony' and then dart back under the coattails (of Monsieur Roosevelt) . . . None of these candidates will come out without the 'harmony cloak' and talk economy to the voters, because they know they have created the most costly state government in this country." Add tech.

Biographical sketches of the Horner-Kelly-Nash slate follow:

Harry B. Hershey, candidate for governor: Born on a farm in Mifflin county, Ohio, March 8, 1885, Harry B. Hershey was brought after fifteen years in Kansas to Christian county, Illinois, when a small boy, by his parents. His father was a grocer at Taylorville. Hershey was graduated from the University of Illinois, and went on to study law at the University of Chicago. Admitted to the Illinois bar, he established a law practice in Taylorville. He became a candidate for state's attorney of Christian county, and was elected. He was mayor of Taylorville, and was chosen as chairman of the state control committee. He is married, and the father of two sons.

Louie E. Lewis, candidate for lieutenant governor: A school teacher for ten years in his native Franklin county, his first public office was as a member of the Franklin County Board of supervisors, of which he became chairman. In 1932 Lewis was elected to the Illinois house of representatives. He was re-elected in 1934 and again in 1936, when he was chosen speaker of the house. Lewis was born on a farm on July 20, 1893. Following his early experience as a teacher, he became a business man, associated with his brothers in publishing two weekly newspapers at Sesser and Christopher. In 1938 he was elected state treasurer.

Edward J. Hughes, candidate for secretary of state: For the last seven years the office of Secretary of State has been Edward J. Hughes'. Hughes was born in Chicago July 26, 1888. He attended public schools and then was graduated from law school. Later he engaged in the engineering business. In 1914, at the age of 26, he was elected to the Illinois state senate. He was re-elected to the senate in 1918, again in 1922 and 1926. In 1930 he was elected to the Cook county board of review. When that body was abolished he became a deputy commissioner of public works for the city of Chicago. Soon after his election to the office of secretary of state in 1932, he instituted the daily payment to the state treasury of fees paid into his office instead

of monthly payments which had been the custom. He sponsored the Uniform Motor Vehicle Anti-Theft Act and the Drivers' License Law.

John C. Martin, candidate for state auditor: John C. Martin is a native of Salem, Ill., where he was born 59 years ago. After graduation from the Illinois College at Jacksonville, he went to work in the Salem bank founded by his grandfather. From 1922 to 1932 Mr. Martin was director of the federal reserve bank of St. Louis. In 1932 he won the Democratic nomination for state treasurer and was elected. Re-elected in 1936, he was continued in office until elected congressman at large from Illinois in 1938, which office he now holds. Mr. Martin is married and resides at Salem, where he has lived all his life.

Homer Mat Adams, candidate for state treasurer: A native of Galesburg, Ill., Homer Mat Adams, at 27 was appointed assistant director of finance of the state for two years. Since 1936 he has served as a trustee of the University of Illinois, in which office he will serve until 1943. Adams is president of the Young Democratic organization for a term of two years. While a student at the University of Illinois he organized the first Young Democratic club in the state. In 1936 he was state chairman of the "Horner for Governor" clubs which played a part in winning the nomination for Henry Horner. Adams' early schooling was in Pontiac, Ill. Following his graduation from the University of Illinois he studied at the Lincoln College of Law. He is married and resides in Springfield.

Harold G. Ward, candidate for attorney general: Harold G. Ward is

a member of an Illinois family which settled in Chicago in 1841. Graduated from DePaul university in 1916, later he was graduated from the Northwestern University law school and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1913. He was elected to the state senate in 1934 and 1938, where he was chosen majority floor leader. The Legislative Voters' League bulletin said: "He is studious, level-headed and hard working. He has given effective and exceptionally valuable services." In the senate Mr. Ward was chairman of the judiciary committee in four general assemblies, serving also as vice-chairman of the legislative council. During the war he served overseas with the 33rd division. Mr. Ward is married and has two children.

Walter J. Oriikoski, candidate for congress at large: Walter J. Oriikoski, born in Chicago, began his political career at the age of 17 as precinct captain. He was special agent for the department of internal revenue, and chief clerk of the recorder's office of Cook county. Nine years ago he was elected to the

post of alderman, an office which he still holds.

T. V. Smith, candidate for congress at large: T. V. Smith is at present congressman at large from Illinois. Prior to 1938 he served in the state senate. He sponsored the Illinois legislative council. Since 1922 he has been professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago. He first began to teach at the University of Texas, from which school he was graduated in 1915. During the war Professor Smith served overseas as a private. He is married and has two children.

James M. Slattery, candidate for United States senator from Illinois, who seeks to succeed himself, was born in Chicago, July 29, 1878.

Graduated from the Illinois college of law, he was admitted to the bar in 1908. Senator Slattery has served as superintendent of public service for the Cook county board of commissioners, and as attorney for the Chicago park board. In 1936 he was appointed by Governor Horner to the chairmanship of the Illinois Commerce Commission. Following the death of United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Governor Horner appointed Slattery to fill the unexpired term. Senator Slattery is married and resides in Chicago.

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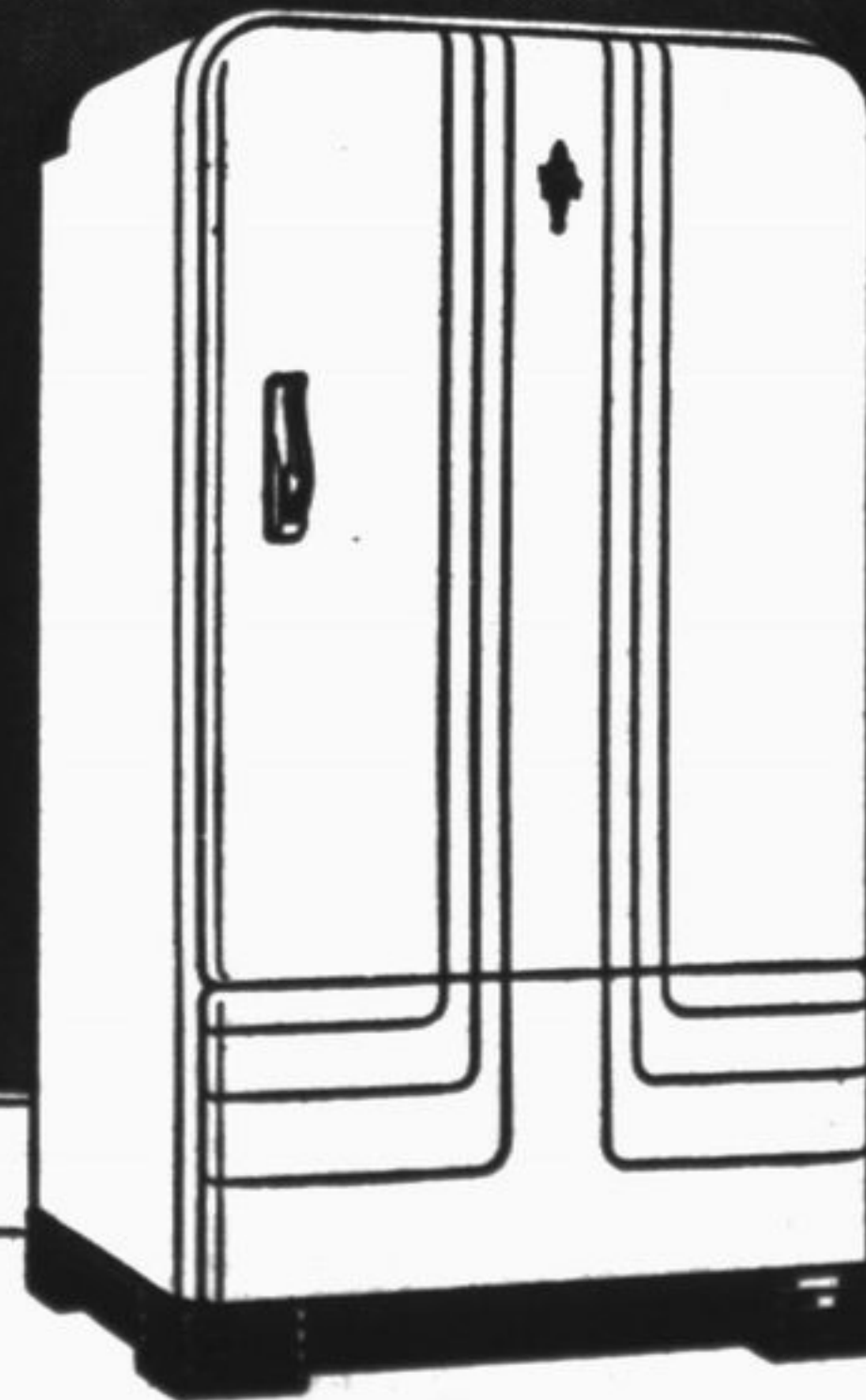
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