

## Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

RUSHVILLE, Ind., July 20.—For weeks I've been trying to think of some way to horn in on this Williekie thing.

And then this morning it came to me. It's a bond that can't help but make us inseparable. The bond consists of farm land. It's like this:

Willkie owns farms. I don't own farms. Willie loves farms. I hate farms.

With such a harmony of interest as that, I don't see how I can wind up as anything less than Secretary of Agriculture.

In effort to knit more closely these ties between us, I came over here to tramp around over Mr. Williekie's farms. He owns five big ones here in Rush County, about 40 miles east of Indianapolis.

They're neither a hobby nor a plowthing. You won't find any polo fields or racing stables. They're real farms, run to make money—and they do.

They total 1407 acres, and it's said Rush County is the only place in the world where Williekie owns real estate. He bought the first farm about six years ago and has been buying one a year ever since.

He is doing it for investment, and because he loves to make things grow. The 1407 acres are assessed at \$38,000. However, land is averaging about \$115 an acre here right now. Which means that Williekie is worth about \$160,000 in farm land. Not bad for a clodhopper.

There are six families on the five farms, since one of them is tenanted by two families in partnership—a father and son. The farms are run on a 50-50 basis. Williekie furnishes the land and the buildings.

## Our Town

By Anton Scherrer

ONE OF THE WORST scares Indianapolis ever had occurred on Sept. 23, 1902. On that day Theodore Roosevelt was in town. The Circle was jam-packed with people, word having got around that the President would leave the Columbia Club at 2 p. m. to continue his trip through the West.

At 2:15, the people began getting fidgety. At 2:30, the President was seen. He was in a motor car, and he was being escorted by a detachment of the Indiana National Guard. At 3 o'clock, a rumor spread that he had been shot. Finally at 3:15 there were signs of something stirring. The President accompanied by Senator Fairbanks, Secretary Cortelyou, and Governor Durbine appeared in the doorway of the path was cleared and all four entered a carriage.

A second carriage was filled with Secret Service men. It was followed closely by another carriage containing Secretaries Loeb and Barnes and Drs. Cook and Richardson. Some people, more astute than the rest, wondered about the presence of Dr. George Cook, an Indianapolis physician.

## It's a Small World

The cavalcade swung around the Circle and down S. Meridian St. By this time the procession had the appearance of going to a fire. People along the line of march said it was because the President had to catch a train. Everybody guessed wrong. The parade didn't stop at the depot at all. It kept right on, crossed the tracks, and turned east on South St. It stopped in front of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Drs. Cook and Richardson escorted President Roosevelt to an operating room. When they got there they found Drs. John H. Oliver, Henry Jamison and George A. Lung waiting for them. At 4:15 Dr. Oliver performed an operation. Sister Mary Joseph stood by. After the operation, the President was taken upstairs to a private room where he met Sister Regina. The President recognized her rightaway. The two, it appears, had met at Montauk Point. Sister Regina was one of the nurses who attended the fever stricken

The tenant furnishes the labor and machinery. They split the proceeds even.

Since the farmer has to furnish his own implements, horses, tractors and so on, it takes money to get set up. So Williekie lends him the money at 4 per cent, takes his note, and the farmer pays it back out of proceeds.

All the farms have electricity. All except one have telephones. One has gas for cooking. All the farmers have automobiles. All have lovely farm yards and nice buildings.

The Chamber of Commerce in Rushville wishes now it had "Before and After" pictures of the Williekie farms. But nobody thought to take pictures before he fixed them up. He has spent quite a bit remodeling, cleaning up, and building new buildings. Each year he takes the profits from his other farms to fix up the new one he has just bought.

## Mecca for Tourists

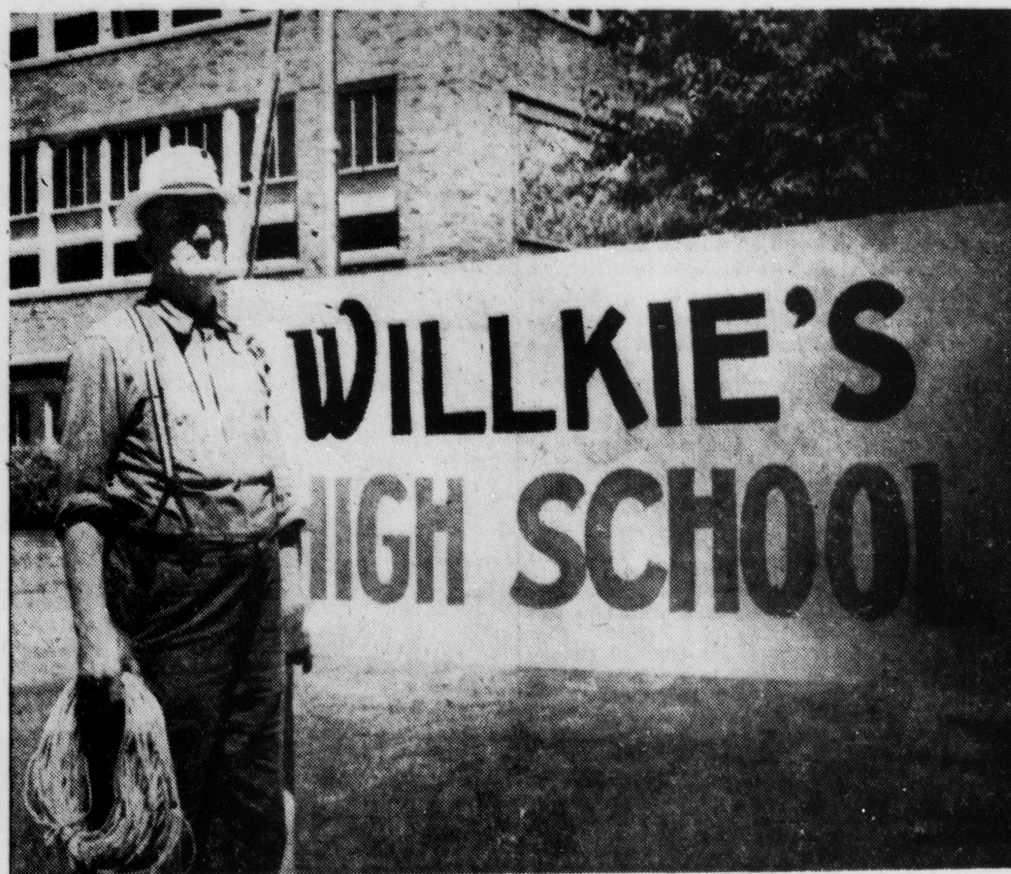
Rushville is rapidly becoming a tourist center on account of the Williekie farms. Every week-end scores of autos drive slowly past each farmhouse, and two or three drivers will get up nerve enough to stop and come in. A family from New Jersey stopped at one of them the other day. You see people out with cameras taking pictures.

The farmers don't mind. In fact, they're sort of enjoying this new left-handed fame. Joe Kramer laughs and says he believes he'll charge a quarter admission at his front gate.

The whole town of Rushville is hot over Williekie. And they think the campaign will do a lot for this section. This county has the reputation of being the biggest corn-and-hog county—for population—in America. Maybe more big people might want to buy land here now.

The Rushville Boosters Club has put up signs outside of town, saying that Williekie owns 1400 acres in Rush County. Also, a sign is being put up along the road in front of each of the five farmhouses, saying that this is a Williekie farm.

Quite a few newspapermen have been here to write up the farms, some from as far as Des Moines and Cleveland. I think it was the Cleveland man the farmers enjoyed most. He's the one who kept referring to something as "hangs." They didn't know what he meant for a long time. What he was trying to say was "haws."



As Elwood spruces up for Willie Day, John Kincaid, high school head janitor, puts the finishing touches on a sign proudly recalling the Republican Presidential nominee's attendance there.

By Lowell Nussbaum

ELWOOD is a painter's paradise these days.

Its maple-lined streets reek with the odor of fresh paint as the 10,000 or more residents doll up their homes for the homecoming of the town's most famous son, Wendell L. Willkie, the G. O. P. Presidential nominee.

Probably there are quite a few Democrats in the town but you can't tell them from Republicans. They're all excited and enthusiastic because the nominee is going back home probably Aug. 10 to be notified formally of his nomination and make his acceptance speech from the high school steps.

The whole town has entered wholeheartedly into the sprucing up business. Not only are the residents using paint by the barrel, but they're prettying up their lawns, replacing missing pickets in fences, razing unsightly shacks and abandoned buildings, and otherwise remedying the neglect of depression years.

A waiter in a restaurant remarked that "if they postpone this ceremony long enough, Elwood ought to be the best looking town in America."

The enthusiasm of the home owners and business people has inspired even the railroad, churches, the State Highway Department and the big tinplate plant.

THE Highway Department has a maintenance crew repairing chuck holes in the pavement of State routes through the town.

Several streets are being repaved by WPA in preparation for Willie Day and the WPA workers aren't wasting any time.

The Nickel Plate Railroad station was painted last week, and the Pennsylvania Railroad station has been getting a fresh coat of paint. Some of the residents solemnly swear it hasn't been painted in 30 or 40 years. But its brick work also is getting repointed and the stone trim is being buffed.

Incidentally, the work on the Pennsylvania station is the cause of one Elwood resident buying a new car.

For several years, fellow workers have kidded Virgil Smith, who has the Elwood Postoffice's mail hauling contract, about the old car he was driving.

To queries as to why he didn't buy a new one, Mr. Smith invariably replied: "I'll buy one when they paint the Pennsylvania station."

The railroad did and so Mr. Smith did. As soon as the painting was started, he turned up with a brand new coupe.

BUT dolling up homes and business places is only a part of the preparations for entertaining an expected 200,000 to 300,000 visitors—20 to 30 times the town's normal population.

Numerous committees have been named and others are being organized daily to work out the thousand and one other details of the celebration which will focus attention of the nation on the town for a day.

Under the chairmanship of ELWOOD ARRANGES FOR 'PULLMAN CITY'

ELWOOD, Ind., July 20 (U. P.)—Arrangements to provide 700 Pullman cars on special tracks at Elwood for housing of thousands expected to hear the formal speech of Wendell L. Willkie, accepting the Republican Presidential nomination, were announced by heads of the celebration today.

Passengers who could not be accommodated in the special "Pullman city" would be unloaded in Elwood stations and the trains then taken to nearby cities for storage, officials said.

The speech was believed scheduled for about Aug. 10.

DATeline, ST. JOE; POSTMARKED IN OIL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 20 (U. P.)—W. T. Wheeler, a hotel proprietor, said today he intended to let the "rest of the world" know that northwest Missouri is developing into an oil production country.

Mr. Wheeler is part owner of a new oil well near here where free oil was discovered this week. He was so elated he took several quarts of the crude to his hotel and ordered his clerks to put a smear of it on all the outgoing letters.



Willard Gardner, Indianapolis, is one of a telephone crew installing a 100-pair cable back of the high school for the notification ceremonies.

Mayor George O. Bonham, who formerly operated an auto sales agency, the committees are working out such problems as housing, feeding the throngs, adequate police and fire protection and other details.

The town's own fire station is located in the center of town. With a couple of hundred thousand enthusiastic Williekie fans thronging the streets, getting to a fire in the residential district would be like one of those slow motion high jinks.

So they're thinking about borrowing fire apparatus and firemen from nearby cities and establishing temporary stations in the outlying districts.

There isn't room enough in town to park, let alone drive, all the thousands of cars expected to be driven to Elwood on Willie Day, so the committees have arranged with farmers to provide parking space pastures and cut-over hay, oats and wheat fields.

THE auto passengers will be transported to the ceremony site in special busses.

Mayor Bonham's committee has the promise of 100 state policemen to direct traffic and handle the crowd, and expects to borrow 200 or 300 other policemen from neighboring towns, including an estimated 75 from Indianapolis.

As for housing, there'll be plenty, Mayor Bonham said.

"We'll be able to find rooms for all those who want to stay overnight," he said. "We are getting lists of available rooms not only in Elwood's private homes and one hotel, but also in hotels and homes in such cities as Anderson, Tipton, Alexandria, Muncie, Noblesville and Kokomo."

Huge tented restaurants will be provided to feed the crowd.

If you're looking for Mayor Bon-

ham, don't bother going to his City Hall office. He won't be there. He's spending most of his time now at an old mansion on Anderson St., which is decorated with a huge sign: "Willkie Headquarters."

The house, largest and finest in the town, was rented temporarily from the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. which built it many years ago as a home for its various tin plate managers.

In the headquarters is a huge old table, reputed to have been stood upon by William McKinley, then Governor of Ohio, when he gave the dedication speech for the tin plate plant in 1892, the year Mr. Willkie was born.

SIGNS galore greet visitors. Neat signs reading, "Willkie Road," are being installed to guide visitors past the High School, where Mr. Willkie is to make his acceptance speech; his birthplace and the home where he spent his youth.

Each of the three points of interest is properly labeled with large signs in red, white and blue paint.

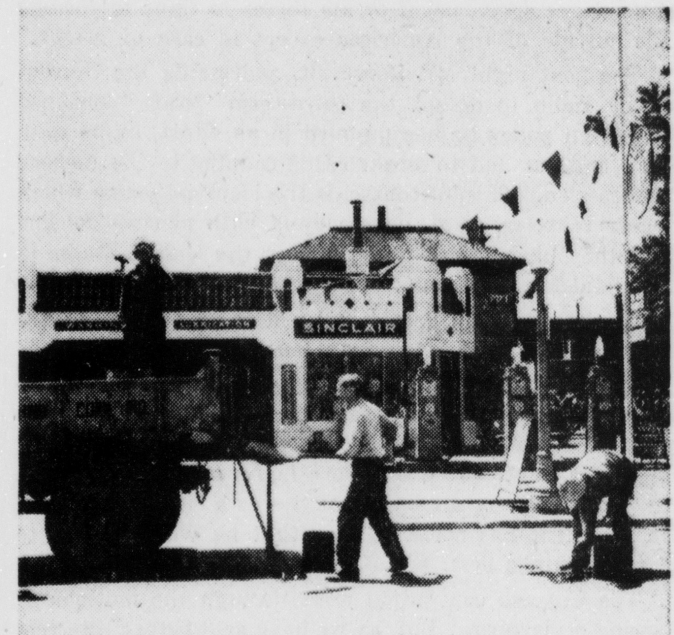
The High School has a sign reading, "Willkie's High School." Schools Superintendent W. F. Smith said, "explaining he just wanted to walk down the same steps used by a future President."

"One man walked up the school steps and then down," Mr. Smith said, "explaining he just wanted to walk down the same steps used by a future President."

The Rev. S. L. Yoder, pastor of the First Methodist Church, told me a man got out of a car with an out-of-state license last week, walked up and touched the



Barrels of paint are being spread as the residents of Willkietown get ready to entertain an expected 200,000 to 300,000 visitors.



Even the Democratic State Highway Department joins in the Williekie preparations by patching long neglected chuck holes in the streets.



Virgil Smith always promised his friends he'd buy a new car when the "Pennsy" painted its station. Well, here it is.

school building, and then drove away. Mr. Willkie's family used to go to that church."

Under Superintendent Smith's direction, floodlights have been installed on the high school grounds for the benefit of out-of-town visitors at night.

The 91-foot flagpole on the school grounds has been given two coats of aluminum paint. Back of the school, a crew of telephone linemen from Indianapolis is installing a 100-pair cable in order to provide direct service for newspapermen, wire services and radio chains during the notification ceremony.

MEANWHILE, with scores of out-of-state cars in the town, the streets are being cleaned up by a thriving business in souvenirs.

Banana split signs on drug store windows have been replaced by signs reading, "Willkie Souvenirs."

One pharmacy spelled it "souvenir."

The souvenirs include postcards showing Mr. Willkie's birthplace or his childhood home; Philadelphia convention Willie badges, Willie tags for autos, and numerous wooden toys, including a miniature two-holer outhouse with Mr. Willkie's name on the side.

The Postoffice employees report their outboard mail is growing by leaps and bounds, largely as the result of tourists mailing souvenirs home. One woman bought an expensive piece of jewelry and had the jeweler engrave the word, "Elwood," on it.

Almost, but not quite, forgotten in the excitement of preparing for Willie Day is Elwood's annual tomato festival, scheduled for next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

If it weren't for the possibility that some other town might grab it up and keep it in the future, Elwood probably would gladly call off this year's tomato festival.

## Washington

By Raymond Clapper

CHICAGO, July 20.—At this early date it is impossible to foresee how large the third-term question will become in the campaign. Never before has the issue directly reached the voters.

There is this to be said. This question involves the issue of overreaching for power, which has been the point that has brought to Mr. Roosevelt his major defeats. He has suffered no major defeats when championing social and economic reforms. Only when a case has been made on the ground that he was seeking undue power has he gone down. Three major instances come to mind—the rejection of the Supreme Court and reorganization bills and the failure of the purge campaign.

The same line of attack which was so effective against Mr. Roosevelt in those instances will be dominant in the attack on the third term. I never thought there was much merit in the attack on the reorganization-bill campaign. There were extenuating circumstances tending to justify Mr. Roosevelt in his attempt to reform the Supreme Court and to rid the Senate of some of the worst saboteurs of the New Deal. Yet, notwithstanding these extenuating circumstances, the cry of dictatorship was overwhelmingly effective. And public opinion ultimately defeated Mr. Roosevelt.

A Clear Cut Issue

With regard to a third term the issue is much more clear cut. It is more easily comprehended by the average citizen. The tradition is sharply defined in the utterances of several Presidents, in the Democratic platform of 1896, and in the Springer resolution

tion adopted by the House of Representatives in 1875, in which it was stated that a departure from the two-term practice "would be unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with peril to our free institutions."

In his radio acceptance speech to the Chicago convention, Mr. Roosevelt said that even as late as last September, when the war began, it was still his intention to announce "clearly and simply at an early date that under no circumstances would I accept re-election."

But Mr. Roosevelt said it soon became evident that it would be unwise to issue such a statement in view of the dangerous world situation.

## An Involved Story

The announcement Mr. Roosevelt had been thinking of making earlier is not at all the one that he actually made to the convention through Senator Barkley.

The announcement Mr. Roosevelt says he had intended to make last September was that "under no circumstances would I accept re-election."

What he authorized Senator Barkley to say to the convention was something entirely different. He merely said he had no desire or purpose to continue in office and that delegates were free to vote for whom they pleased.

Mr. Roosevelt told the convention in his acceptance address that he had struggled with himself and had decided that after having drafted others to go to Washington to help with the defense, he too must submit to a draft.

But when he drafted Republican Frank Knox to go into the Cabinet, Mr. Roosevelt said he was not going to run for re-election, or at least that is what Col. Knox understood the President to say—so many people have been told.

The story grows more involved the more we hear about it.

## My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Friday.—Since I wrote my column yesterday, I have traveled a good many miles. I cannot say that I was sorry to see my little cottage this morning.

According to schedule, Franklin Jr. and I met at La Guardia field yesterday afternoon. Mr. C. R. Smith, president of the American Airlines, had very kindly sent a small airplane to take me from New Hackensack, N. Y., to New York City, and I must record the thrilling, exciting little trip being allowed to fly the little ship for part of the trip down while in the air. It was so smooth that there was no difficulty in keeping it on an even keel. I watched the river below to keep it on the right course. I have always wanted to learn to fly a plane and even this small

Our trip to Chicago was smooth and uneventful. The Postmaster General, Mr. Farley, was kind enough to meet me at the airport. Before I left it, I had an interview with some of the newspaper people. We couldn't induce Mr. Smith to go to the convention

with us, so Mr. Farley, Franklin Jr. and I were the only ones who drove to the Stevens Hotel.

We spent a short time there and many photographs were taken. Then we went directly to the convention hall.

There is something very contagious about the friendly atmosphere brought about by meeting old friends. I was so glad to see them from all parts of the country.

I was delighted when Mrs. Henry Wallace arrived to sit beside me. We watched the balloting which put the Secretary over as Vice Presidential candidate. Secretary Wallace is a very fine person and I am sure will strengthen the ticket. I have always felt in him a certain shyness and that has kept him aloof from some Democrats, but now that he will be in close touch with so many of them, I am sure they will soon find in him much to admire and love.

Somehow I cannot feel this campaign is going to be in any way the type of campaign we connect with the routine of choosing a President every four years. Whatever the people decide in November, I hope it will be done with the realization of the critical times we are living in. Above everything else, that any candidate, or any President, in these times, is powerless without the active participation of every citizen in working out the internal problems of this nation and their relationship to world problems.

## Son of Famed German Plane Maker Studies U. S. Plants

NEW YORK, July 20 (U. P.)—Claude Dornier Jr., son of Germany's outstanding builder and designer of long-range flying boats and bombers, has been in the United States a year, working without salary in Detroit automobile plants and will enter an American university this fall, it was learned today.

Dornier, an airplane pilot, came here last July after graduating with honors from a German technical institution and went immediately to Detroit. There he worked several months, studying assembly line production and technical phases of the automotive industry.

He now lives here at the home of F. W. Von Meister, vice president of the Ozark Co. and former representative in the United States of the German Zeppelin interests.

Dornier said he was a student and out of touch with foreign affairs. He said he knew few details of a new Dornier flying boat built at his father's works in Friedrichshafen, Germany, reportedly for trans-Atlantic service. The craft has been credited with a flying range of 6000 miles.

The Dornier DO-X, a 12-motored transport, flew from Germany to New York in 1931. Squadrons of the

## HALLECK TO CONSULT WILLKIE IN COLORADO

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 20 (U. P.)—Wendell L. Willkie may complete arrangements this week-end for his speech at Elwood, Ind., formally accepting the Republican Presidential nomination.

He plans several days of complete rest broken only by the visit of Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana, one of his top political advisers and the man who placed his name before the Republican convention at Philadelphia.

Rep. Halleck, who was to come here from Washington, visited Elwood—Mr. Willkie's "home town"—this week and conferred with local officials in charge of the homecoming celebration.

It was believed Mr. Halleck's visit here was for the purpose of concluding the Elwood plans, including setting the date for the acceptance speech, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 10.

8 MEXICAN REBELS KILLED

MEXICO CITY, July 20 (U. P.)—The newspaper Universal in Maravato, Michoacan State, reported today that Federal soldiers clashed with a band of 20 rebels, killing eight, including the chief. One soldier was killed.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1—Which American colony was founded by James Edward Oglethorpe?

2—On what island of the Philippines is Manila located?

3—Does the longest day in the Southern Hemisphere occur in June or December?

4—The name of the island on which the Statue of Liberty stands is Bedloe or Bedloe's Island?

5—How many women are members of the U. S. House of Representatives?

6—Name the Dutch Princess who has sought refuge in Canada.

Answers  
1—Georgia.  
2—Luzon.  
3—December.  
4—Bedloe's Island.  
5—Seven.  
6—Princess Juliana.

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