

Hoosiers in Washington—

EVEN McNARY OUT
IN COLD ON TALK

Speech Wholly Willkie's, Though Halleck and Martin Heard Part Over Phone; Capital's Ears to Radio.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—When Wendell L. Willkie makes his acceptance speech this afternoon, Republicans who remain here, as well as Democrats and ordinary citizens, will have both ears glued to the radio.

For the speech will be all-Willkie and nation-wide!

Nobody here knew exactly what was to be in it up to the time the G. O. P. Presidential candidate took off for Indiana from Colorado Springs.

In fact their not knowing anything about it became a sort of standing joke on Capitol Hill.

Whenever that expert old-time ribber, Senator Pat Harrison (D. Miss.) would meet Willkie's running-mate, Senator Charles L. McNary (R. Ore.) he would inquire in a solemn Mississippi drawl:

"Say, Charley, can't you tell us a little something about what your man Willkie is a-goin' to say Saturday?"

As minority leader in the Senate, Senator McNary has a well-earned reputation for Chesterfieldian manners. He would bow and say something like this:

"Sorry, but I really don't know myself."

After the gag got to be a daily performance, even the well-poised Mr. McNary became a bit exasperated.

Although Mr. Willkie listed him as one of the "advisers" on the speech, Senator McNary told colleagues that he had but one long-distance phone conversation with the nominee in Colorado Springs.

He met him briefly for the first time on the day Mr. Willkie left for Washington en route to Colorado from New York City.

Senator John G. Townsend Jr. (R. Del.), chairman of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, confessed that he had not been consulted at all.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R. Mass.), Republican National Chairman and Willkie campaign manager, and Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R. Ind.), who nominated Willkie at Philadelphia, are reported to have had excerpts from the speech read to them over the phone.

So, win or lose, this will be a one-man show and a 100 per cent Willkie performance.

That this also is the way the campaign will be conducted is indicated by comments already received here from various regular Republican organizations regarding what is termed the "amateurs." The latter are the independent Willkie organizations which deal directly with Oren Root Jr. and Russell Davenport, non-political lieutenants of the nominee.

Mr. Willkie is reported to have rejected a plan to blanket the "amateurs" under the regular G. O. P. setup.

A Willkie booster here explains why this is smart politics as follows:

"Mr. Willkie is sure to get the 17,000,000 votes cast for Governor Alfred M. Landon in 1936, so why play around with these people who are already sold on the Republican Party? What he needs to win are Democrats who will not swallow a third term for President Roosevelt and the so-called independent vote which is the determining factor in a national election."

If it is the "independent vote" Mr. Willkie is after, he thus far has set a good example. He is by far the most independent candidate the Republicans ever nominated and he has some of them here singing the blues.

Lands for Perkins?

The Townsend Plan flash, a yellow dodger delivered to all Congressmen from Townsend Plan headquarters here, this week contained the following item:

"Flash: Lands of Indiana stir meeting; Congressman Gerald Landis of Indiana, rumored to be considered for Secretary of Labor in the event Willkie captures the presidency, had an interesting suggestion that provoked considerable comment."

Rep. Landis is the Seventh District Republican Congressman from Linton.

Halleck Aids ICC Bill

Much credit for the House accepting the conference report on the Transportation Bill, by a vote of 256 to 74, is being given Rep. Halleck, a House conferee and member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Rep. Halleck took the floor and delivered the most able address of the afternoon. The controversial point was putting inland waterways under Interstate Commerce Commission control.

The dean of the Hoosier Republican delegation in the House began with the following comment on modern governmental practice:

"I have not been overly enthusiastic in my sessions in the Congress about some of the extensions of governmental regulation, but I believe I can say that when it is evident, as it is evident in respect to transportation, that the country is committed to a policy of governmental regulation, then it is only fair to say that competing systems of transportation should also be brought under regulation."

Stern Transferred

Captain Ben Stern of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve had his encampment orders changed from Quantico, Va., to Lakehurst, N. J. He left today for two weeks training on both land and sea. As a civilian, Captain Stern is Senator Frederick VanNess' secretary.

SIX SONS IN UNIFORM

MAXLAND, Australia, Aug. 17 (U. P.).—The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hopson of the Anglican Rectory have six sons in uniform. Two are lieutenants in the Australian Expeditionary Force, one in the air force, two in militia training for home defense and one a college cadet. A seventh son, the youngest, is a boy scout.

Elwood's Biggest Day Begins—'No Parking'

Big Town Stuff



Early morning in Elwood, sidewalks crowded with strollers. The streets were cleared of automobiles at 10 o'clock last night and all parked cars impounded by the police "for the duration." Only cars allowed in downtown Elwood were authorized press cars and service vehicles.



"Get your Willkie souvenirs!" barks Jack Berman, Brooklyn, N. Y., hawker at the Pennsylvania Station.

TRAFFIC POURS
INTO ELWOOD

40,000 Cars Expected to Jam City; Fill Roads Bumper to Bumper.

Times Special

ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 17.—Elwood absorbed autos like a blotter absorbs ink today.

Over every road, from every point of the compass, auto after auto drove toward this city of 10,000. By time of the notification ceremonies, there are expected to be four autos for every man, woman and child of Elwood, all parked within walking distance of Callaway Park.

Bumper to bumper, they already fill the highways leading into the city. And they all are closely shepherded by State Police from 20 miles out of the city. In the city limits, where they are turned over to the augmented Elwood police department. The supervision then is tightened.

It's All Planned

You drive a certain way on certain streets. You enter the parking area at a certain place. You park in a certain prearranged spot.

Today—right now—a problem that has for weeks been blueprinted came to life. How big it will get and how satisfactorily it will be solved, nobody knows. Estimates of the crowd which will have assembled here before the sun sets vary by 100,000 people.

The reception committee, headed by Homer Capehart, leased 250 acres of fields adjoining Callaway Park and marked them off in lanes in which cars park. Two abreast—space for 40,000 cars, a figure arbitrarily taken. There may not be that many and there may be more.

No one knows, either, how many busses were Elwood-bound today. They are parked in side streets, blocked off for that purpose. Will there be room enough? Nobody knows yet.

63 Special Trains

The committee does know that there finally will be 63 special trains parked on main lines and sidings before ceremony time. These trains will bear an estimated 63,000 persons.

When you asked railroad men how they will shepherd the passengers back onto their proper trains after the ceremony, they didn't answer—they just shuddered.

No through passenger trains and no freight trains at all have been allowed through Elwood since 6 p. m. yesterday. None will go through until the special trains are safely gone.

To police, the railway and airplane problem was nothing. They were concentrating on the auto traffic, armed with little blue prints of rules and regulations and street areas.

Plain Sight Trouble Areas

Overhead a plane was droning, in it sharp-eyed State Police officers looking for traffic snarls. When they find one, they communicate with ground headquarters by two-way radio and special trouble-shooters are sent to the spot to straighten things out. Naturally, the police believe that an even bigger job awaits them after the ceremony.

Then all the cars that have been pouring in for hours and will want to get out, all at once. More and more complicated snarls will result.

Police urged all drivers to take their time and to keep their sense of humor. It's going to take a few hours and there will be tiresome delays.

That's the way things now shape up. Any minute it may change, and nobody will know how efficiently this much traffic can be handled until sometime tomorrow.

And by that time it won't matter much.

PLANES SWARM ON AIRPORT AT HOBBS

Times Special

HOBBS, Ind., Aug. 17.—Airplanes, ranging from huge transport liners to single-seaters, swarmed over the 60-acre airport here like bees today, bringing visitors to the Elwood notification ceremonies.

Planes started "popping" out of the sky soon after sunup and continued to arrive throughout the morning.

Airport Manager Robert Heron, who usually has just a part-time job at the airport, was ready for the rush, however, and had 15 helpers to handle the incoming flights.

The airport, five and one-half miles west of Elwood on the Tipton road, serves as the landing field for the entire community in the area.

Eastern Air Lines maintained passenger service from the field connecting with regularly scheduled air lines for points throughout the country. A number of metropolitan newspapers stationed their planes at the field.

The Indiana State Police plane, which directed traffic from the air by two-way radio, was quartered at the airport, and six planes kept busy during the morning taking passengers over Elwood.

Manager Heron estimated that more than 200 planes would use the field during the day.

HOOSIER FANDANGO

There's Place for 50,000 Cars at Elwood; My Poll Shows Willkie, Says Montanan

By HARRY MORRISON
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ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 17.—The time was midnight. Homer Capehart was at Callaway Park, perched on top of his white official auto, seeing that every last detail was working out the way he'd planned it.

Over each horizon could be seen the flashing lights of never-ending streams of cars. From four points of the compass autos were coming slowly into the fields that had been alfalfa and corn stubble a few days ago.

"Sure, I'm tired," said Mr. Capehart, "but boy, isn't this fandango going over!"

It was. As the cars advanced down the rows of white stables waiting for them, Elwood boys with flashlights and canes directed them to pre-assigned places. There was room for 50,000 automobiles.

Most of them were from Indiana. Many were from Illinois. Fewer were from Ohio. There were a smattering of Easterners, mostly from Pennsylvania and New York.

A NEW BLUE coupe swung into place from Montana. "Welcome to Elwood and Indiana," someone in the car next to them shouted.

The Montana man was from Glasgow. His name was Ben Olson and he had his wife with him. They started a week ago today from home.

"Well, now, I'm sure glad I came," explained Mr. Olson. "This man Willkie's a man who came up from the bottom. And he's going to win."

Mr. Olson had taken a poll all the way across the country. According to his talks with garage-men, WPA workers, hotel keepers and tradesmen, Willkie was ahead in the states he'd covered.

He was ahead 65 to 35 in South Dakota and 3 to 1 in the Black Hills country. He had a harder time in Iowa and Mr. Olson figured he would lead 55 to 45.

"He'll give the Kelly-Nash machine quite a brush-up in Chicago and I guess everyone knows how he'll win in Indiana," said Mr. Olson.

IN OTHER cars the talk was of conspiracy. Almost everyone said they hoped he'd offer some kind of solution to national defense that wouldn't mean a draft for everyone.

The farmers were there en masse. One of them put it this way: "We came here to show Roosevelt we're not satisfied with the farm program. In one way this

newspaper correspondents in the back seat."

"But it is the biggest thing that's ever happened to us in Rushville."

Her escort, the driver, nodded his head in agreement. Later on, in that mad procession—and it was a completely delirious cavalcade like a snake dance after a big football game through the streets of Indianapolis, down the main road

afterward where brakes screamed out of line, through suburban settlements and central Indiana towns and past filling stations where Hoosiers were gathered. Later on, a car pulled alongside and a man shouted:

"Hurrah for Roosevelt!"

Our young woman from Indiana switched about to scorn him, and challenged.

"Do you want to fight?" She was mad. This was no joking matter.

"Roosevelt—on a night like this?"

"Here, wait a minute," said the man at the wheel.

And finally, we came closer toward Rushville, and the moon was rising high, and the corn marched past along the road, and there was that vague mistiness, seen and yet unseen, hovering over the countryside, and something so Hoosier, and because Hoosier so natively American, overpowered you, took your breath for a moment, and we didn't talk much in the car, but watched it unfold like a benediction.

And then, after a few hours

YOU'RE IT, 54
TELL WILLKIE

All States and Districts Are Represented at Notification.

Times Special

ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 17.—Everybody's been talking about the big "notification ceremonies" but nobody's been saying who's going to do the "notifying."

Well, it's scheduled to be the job of 54 people. Fifty-three of them represent the 48 states and the five districts and the one extra is National Chairman Joe Martin, who will act as spokesman.

Here's the full list:

Alabama.....Dr. J. C. Swann
Arizona.....Clarence B. Kelland
Arkansas.....Gordon H. Campbell
California.....Frank F. Merriam
Colorado.....Geo. G. Birdsell
Connecticut.....E. Lea Marsh
Delaware.....Harold S. Schult
Florida.....J. L. Replogle
Georgia.....Harry Sommers
Idaho.....Thomas Heath
Illinois.....Wm. V. Pacelli
Indiana.....Homer Capehart
Iowa.....Mrs. C. S. Hartje
Kansas.....Dallas W. Knapp
Kentucky.....B. O. Becker
Louisiana.....Warren Kearny
Maine.....Harold N. Skelton
Maryland.....J. Cookman Boyd
Massachusetts.....Mrs. M. G. Torrey
Michigan.....Frank Heath
Minnesota.....T. P. Hoffelinger
Mississippi.....S. D. Redmond
Missouri.....Wm. F. Phares
Montana.....Harry Bennett
Nebraska.....Gould Dietz
Nevada.....S. L. Williams
New Hampshire.....George Moses
New Jersey.....Lester H. Clee
New Mexico.....Mrs. L. E. Moulton
New York.....Mrs. J. McC. Weis
North Carolina.....Crawford James
North Dakota.....J. E. Galehouse
Ohio.....A. Thompson
Oklahoma.....Alva McDonald
Oregon.....R. N. Stanfield
Pennsylvania.....James J. Davis
Rhode Island.....Austin T. Levy
South Carolina.....W. B. Daugherty
South Dakota.....G. Lester Hill
Tennessee.....Marrs McLean
Texas.....Mrs. J. A. Hogle
Vermont.....Warren Austin
Virginia.....Jos. E. Proffit
Washington.....Kenneth Kieffer
West Virginia.....McG. Hatfield
Wisconsin.....A. J. O'Melia
Wyoming.....Mrs. Mary Muir
Alaska.....Albert White
D. of Columbia.....Robert V. Fleming
Hawaii.....S. W. King
Philippine Islands.....L. D. Lockwood
Puerto Rico.....E. G. Geigel

President Roosevelt picked up a couple of votes at the Park early today.

Two elderly women were grieved no end when ushers, enforcing

members things long ago says.

The man grins, his eyes twinkle, he knows what tradition requires of the man who would seek high office.

Now he is in Indiana—a long way from fine offices in a big city. Once, long ago, he knew it all. Dinner in the middle of the day. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and chicken gravy, cherry pie. That was the menu.

And pleasant talk about little things. And an occasional remark to the little boy who licks his finger noisily and wants to know why it couldn't have been ice cream instead of cherry pie.

And, long ago, there was a young man who came a-courting along this street—to the simple frame house just a few steps away. He came over from Elwood 70 miles away. He recalls still the day when he was delayed and, in the hurry to change from one interurban car to another, he left his box of candy on the rack.

Suddenly, after he was seated in the other car, he remembered, and dashed back and recovered it. But the second car, meanwhile, had pulled away with his coat and hat.

He is back in Indiana, where the little things are the real things in life.

But not for long. Today, at Elwood, before thousands and thousands of Indiana folks he is accepting the nomination of the Republican Party as candidate for President of the United States, and then in a few days he will be off again.

EYE-OPENERS!

Clevelanders Sleep on as Train Pulls in, so Cheer Dies A-Borning.

By JOE COLLIER
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ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 17.—Notes from the railroad station: The first special train was due at 7:05 a. m.—a Pullman from Cleveland. . . . Between 500 and 1000 were on hand to welcome it. . . . It chugged into sight, the crowd cleared its throat and the train stopped—on the edge of town. . . . Those on the train weren't up yet. The arrival board at the station looked something like this—

FROM.....AT

Cleveland.....7:05
Pittsburgh.....7:25
Philadelphia.....8:05
South Bend.....9:15
Piqua, O.....9:40
Indianapolis.....10:00
The arrival board at the station looked something like this—

The rule that no one was to be allowed in the seating area before a certain time, ordered them to leave.

"I am thoroughly disgusted with this whole thing," one lady declared. "I wish I had stayed home."

They walked off muttering something about "the Democrats wouldn't do anything like this."

The most popular place at Callaway Park at 8 a. m. was the main ladies' rest room where some 75 to 100 women stood in line.

The first musical activity was by the girls' band from Buffalo at 7:30 a. m.

Homer Capehart of Buffalo, Washington, Ind., and Elwood's No. 2 citizen for the day (who hadn't been to bed all night) was on the curb.

Chant of a good hawker but a poor poet—
"Get a Willkie badge,
"Get a Willkie hat,
"Don't be a fraidy cat."

Automobile signs—
"Wake Up! Wake Up!
"Whither shall we wander without Willkie."

As the sun came out, one sidewalk salesman tore the sleeves off of his shirt.

One of the concessions in front of the Elwood City Hall had a sign tacked onto a tree there. It read: "Willkie Road," a suggestion for changing the name of Main St.

Two men who attracted lots of attention were the tall spare gentleman dressed as Abraham Lincoln and the man who had WENDELL WILLKIE spelled out over the back of his blue suit in Willkie buttons.

Two Roosevelt signs showed up on visitor's cars. They were received in silence. They were the sign that said: ROOSEVELT FOR EX-PRESIDENT.

Amidst all the hullabaloo at Elwood, a load of hogs was being driven calmly into Indianapolis for the day's market. It's a pretty sure bet the owner was thinking the same thing half the visitors at Elwood were thinking: "I wonder how much these hogs would bring next year at this time—if Willkie's elected."

An unidentified lad, not more than 10 years old, solved the sidewalk traffic problem in Elwood which grew to important proportions as the day wore on. He had a little siren whistle which he blew and immediately the crowds would part, assuming an official courier of some kind wanted to get through. People were very good-natured about it.

This has been a mournful day for Road 13 chickens, and possibly for others in the path of Elwood. They ran into the road and a good many of them were killed.

One man from northern Wisconsin stood on the curb in the sun and wiped his brow. He looked pained.

"Brother," he said, with real emotion in his voice, "it's hot. I drove in last night and the nearer I got to Indiana the hotter it got. Those pavements just threw the heat at me till I thought I would smother. Where I come from we sleep under blankets."

Shortly before noon the telephone company ruled that all long-distance calls out of Elwood had to be made with charges reversed. The phone coin boxes were so full there was no more room for cash calls.

DR. TOWNSEND
IN BID TO G. O. P.

Claims McNary Backing, Hopes for Willkie Indorsement.

Times Special

ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 17.—Dr. Francis H. Townsend, head of the pension plan, flew here today from Chicago with a bitter condemnation of the New Deal and a hope that Wendell Willkie will support his movement.

He declared that if the G. O. P. nominee in his acceptance speech offers any support to the Townsend Plan he will seek an interview with him before he leaves here.

Claiming the support of Charles L. McNary, the Vice Presidential nominee, for his plan, Dr. Townsend said:

"On the Republican side, we have half the team. I hope to find out soon that we will have the other half."

Doesn't Want Roosevelt

Dr. Townsend refused to declare himself for Mr. Willkie, but said "I favor a Chinaman in preference to Mr. Roosevelt."

"We want someone who can capture the imagination of the voting public," he said. "The New Deal in eight years has done nothing for us. I think we ought to make a change. We've got to have a man with business sense, and Mr. Roosevelt who was born with a golden spoon in his mouth certainly doesn't have it."

Predicts G. O. P. Landslide

"I predict that there will be a revolution as a result of the fall election. It will be a clean sweep for the Republican party comparable in magnitude to the Democratic landslide of 1936."

What if neither major party supports the Townsend movement?

"It's simple. We've already got a third party in the Townsend movement itself. We haven't been christened, but if the major parties will not follow our plan to distribute the wealth on an equitable basis we will take steps to become a major political party."

CITY POLICE POSTED ON ELWOOD ROUTES

Indianapolis' motorcycle officers today chose to make themselves both seen and heard.

Twenty-five of them were stationed at the most important intersections of the city past which cars must travel to Elwood. These will help direct traffic and answer questions of motorists.

Dangerous took up posts near dangerous preferential routes to have a "slowing effect" on both visitors and local residents.

A total of 75 police officers, including Inspector Jesse McMurry, two lieutenants, five sergeants and three detectives, boarded two busses and four automobiles for Elwood where they will help handle the crowds there.

'If at First You Don't Succeed—'

FRANK MCKAY, Republican national committeeman from Michigan, started to Elwood twice this morning.

The first time he got as far as 16th and Meridian Sts. where his chauffeur ran a red light and hit another car.

A policeman saw the accident and the chauffeur was arrested. Mr. McKay and the chauffeur were brought into Municipal Court where the committeeman said he would pay all damages.

The chauffeur was fined \$1 and costs. The judgment was suspended and Mr. McKay started for Elwood again.

KILLED IN NEW ALBANY

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 17 (U. P.).—John Missi, 58, was killed here yesterday when he walked against the side of a moving truck. He died of a fractured skull in the St. Edward's hospital here a short time after the accident.