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# M'NUTT DRAFTING PLANS FOR 1944

Already Available as Favorite Son Candidate; Seems to Stand in Better With 'Idealists' Since Sacrifice at Chicago.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Whether Wendell L. Willkie wins his way to the White House this year or not, Indiana is practically assured of another native son candidate in 1944.

For Paul V. McNutt is running again—or is it yet?

Back in the days when the slick paper magazines were taking the McNutt in 1940 boom seriously, one of the writers suggested the title, "Paul McNutt, Always Available."

His blackout by the third term blizzards that the fact that he has done since boyhood, according to all accounts, the Federal Security Administrator again is laying the groundwork to take American politics to its apex.

"Idealists" Won Over

Certain New Dealers have been credited with having Paul. But his heroic performance at Chicago, where he publicly erased his name as a Vice Presidential candidate with all the humble obedience of a schoolboy polishing off the blackboard, largely has won over these "idealists."

Only this week he was the principal speaker at the Co-operative Club, where brain-trusters mingle with Congressmen for an "off the record session."

The New Deal columnist, Jay Franklin, presented him and recalled the great Chicago sacrifice in glowing terms. Then Rep. John M. Coffee (D. Wash.) arose with the suggestion that here is their man for 1944. This suggestion received unanimous applause.

Mr. McNutt then made a "liberal" speech and everyone went home satisfied.

Flynn Better Pal Than Farley

But it isn't only in this sort of bluff practice that Mr. McNutt is making hay for that far-off day. Jim Farley's checking out as National Democratic Chairman was a help, since his successor, Eddie Flynn, is far more of a pal. This was proven by the appointment by Chairman Flynn of Oscar R. "Jack" Ewing, New York City, as his first assistant.

A native of Greensburg, Mr. Ewing was the Eastern seaboard manager of the McNutt presidential campaign of 1933-40 and could prove with all his lawyer logic that Mr. McNutt would be "it"—provided President Roosevelt didn't run.

With Roosevelt running, Mr. McNutt has taken the role of "trouble shooter" in the third term campaign. This week-end he is an honor guest and fellow traveler with the President on his TVA area tour. Next week he will go to Maine to address the Democrats there. Last week he keynoted the Connecticut state convention.

There's Still Cabinet Talk

Mr. McNutt declined Mr. Flynn's proposal to take over the Chicago midwestern campaign headquarters because it would be too confining. He prefers the 48 states.

There still is talk of his promotion to the Cabinet, particularly to the Postmaster Generalship. But that may not take place. Meanwhile he is working on plans to tie the Civilian Conservation Corps and National Youth Administration into the defense program and turn out the thousands of mechanics needed for the new war mechanisms.

Other plans of the Federal Security Agency include adapting Social Security benefits to the rapidly changing times.

Indications that the former Indiana Governor intends to remain here for some time were seen this week when he and Mrs. McNutt headed the list of prominent personages sponsoring the effort to bring Grand Opera to the Capital City. The movement is backed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Willkie Note

The Federal Communications Commission issued the following announcement this week:

"Postal Telegraph and Cable Co. of Indiana has been granted extension of temporary authority to operate circuits to Rushville, Ind., for an additional period ending Nov. 6, 1940."

Keynoteur Gillie

Rep. George W. Gillie (R. Ind.) keynoted the national meeting of the veterinarians here this week. He entertained 20 from the Fourth District at dinner at the Capitol. So far as is known, Dr. Gillie of Ft. Wayne is the first veterinarian to sit in Congress.

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## Republican Candidates Lead in Maine As U. S. Waits to See How State Will Go

Willkie Ahead of Roosevelt, 64 to 36, Survey of Voters Shows.

By DR. GEORGE GALLUP  
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., Aug. 31.—Republican candidates are leading in Maine today, as political observers in all parts of the United States await the results of the nation's first official election test, between the G. O. P. and the Democrats, Sept. 3.

That fact is indicated in a state-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican Presidential candidate, is leading President Roosevelt in Maine by a vote of 64 to 36, the Institute survey shows—or substantially more than Governor Landon's majority in Maine in the November elections of 1936.

Comparison of major-party Presidential sentiment in Maine today with the Presidential vote four years ago reveals a seven-point drop in Roosevelt's strength.

Per Cent Favoring G. O. P. Democrat

Candidate	1936	Today's survey
Willkie	57%	64%
Roosevelt	43%	36%

Approximately one voter in every eight (12%) said he was undecided about his Presidential choice at this time.

Like the rest of the 48 states, Maine will cast its Presidential ballots Nov. 5. What makes Maine particularly interesting to political observers is the fact that its general elections for Congressmen, a United States Senator and a Governor will occur nearly two months earlier.

Preliminary returns from a special Institute survey on the Maine senatorial and gubernatorial races indicate that the Republican candidates for these offices are also well out in front of their Democratic opponents at the present time.

Summer Sewall, G. O. P. candidate for the governorship, is leading Fulton Redman by more than 2 to 1 in these first returns, while Ralph Brewster, the Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, is leading the popular Maine Democrat, Louis J. Brann, by not quite 2 to 1.

Surveys on both races show: GOVERNORSHIP

Candidate	1936	Today's survey
Sewall (Rep.)	72%	72%
Redman (Dem.)	28%	28%

SENATORSHIP

Candidate	1936	Today's survey
Brewster (Rep.)	66%	66%
Brann (Dem.)	34%	34%

A further report on Maine sentiment will be published on the eve of the election, a little more than a week hence.

At the present time, the survey shows, 16 per cent of the voters are undecided about their choice in the race for the Maine governorship, while 11 per cent are without definite choices in the senatorial contest.

Republican victories in Maine in past years have been the signal for G. O. P. supporters to dust off the old political axiom, "As goes Maine, so goes the nation." The Republicans are likely to be a little more cautious about the results of the Maine election this year, since despite a G. O. P. victory in the Maine elections of September, 1936, the Republican Party carried only two states in November.

The fact is, of course, that like other political axioms, the old slogan, "As goes Maine," is only partly true, and partly false. It is true with an if.

Visitors Keep Wickard From Fields With Congratulations

CAMDEN, Ind., Aug. 31.—Claude R. Wickard was unable to do any work at his Carroll County farm yesterday.

Farmers, State officials and educators kept him busy shaking hands all day as they congratulated him on his appointment as Secretary of Agriculture.

Clad in work shoes, khaki trousers and a white button-down shirt, he greeted more than 150 persons during the day.

He got up at 5 a. m. to shoot five squirrels in the back woods on the farm for the family dinner.

Mr. Wickard returned to his Hoosier farm for a rest Wednesday. After dedicating the Coliseum at the State Fair Grounds tomorrow, he'll go back to Washington.

PASTORS NAMED TO 9 LOCAL CHURCHES

Pastors were assigned to nine Indianapolis Churches of the Nazarene as the denomination closed its annual three-day meeting at the Roberts Park Methodist Church.

They are: The Rev. Ora Schisco, Braden River Church; the Rev. J. H. Fowler, Friendly Church; the Rev. Herman Myrick, Madison Avenue Church; the Rev. T. Stoffer, North Side Church; the Rev. Floyd Cole, Ray Street Church; the Rev. H. J. Rahner, South Side Church; the Rev. Harry Carter, Westbrook Church; the Rev. Everett and Mrs. Atkinson, and the Rev. Charles Carmony, Winter Avenue Church.

An Indianapolis man, the Rev. Jesse Towns, district superintendent, was named one of the trustees of the new Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee, Ill.

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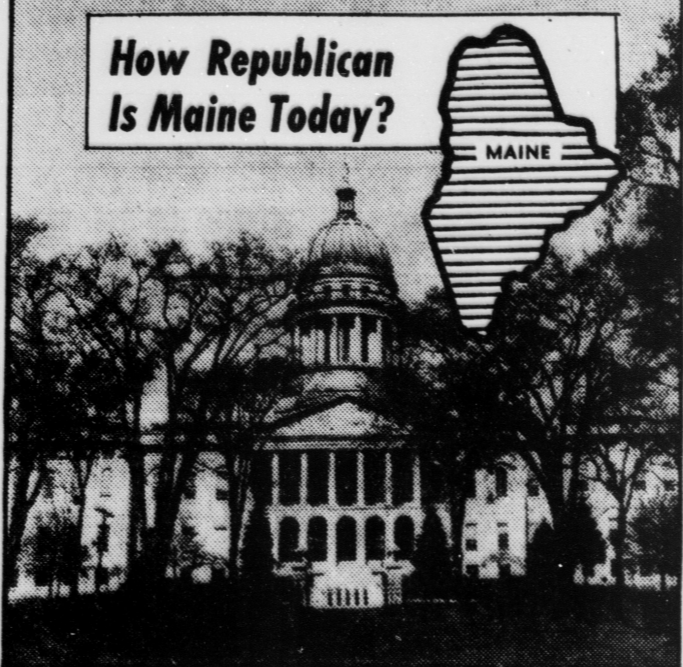
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## Trend of Maine Sentiment

Following is a picture of political sentiment in Maine as revealed in surveys of the American Institute of Public Opinion and in the Presidential election of 1936. The percentage in each case represents Presidential sentiment:

	Favoring Republican	Favoring Democrat
1936 ELECTION	57%	43%
APRIL, 1940, INSTITUTE SURVEY	64	36
JUNE INSTITUTE SURVEY	59	41
AUGUST 4 SURVEY	65	35
LATEST SURVEY	64	36

A more accurate rendering would be something like this:

When the Republicans win the September election in Maine by a tremendous majority, the nation has, in the past, tended to elect a Republican President the following November. But when the Republicans have carried Maine by smaller majorities—or when the Democrats have carried the state in September—a Democratic President has been elected.

Political analysts have estimated that over the past 40 years the Maine vote in September elections has averaged about 18 percentage points more Republican than the vote of the nation two months later.

Interestingly enough, President Roosevelt's present strength in Maine (36%) is 15 percentage points less than his popular vote for the country at large (51%) as measured in the latest Institute survey of the 48 states.

Monday and take the formal oath of office Tuesday.

Among visitors to congratulate the "No. 1 Farmer of the Nation" were Purse United, President Edward C. Elliott; Harry J. Reid, dean of the school's Agricultural School; J. H. Skinner, dean emeritus; Governor M. Clifford Townsend and Larry Brandon, secretary of the Indiana Farm Bureau.

The reception was arranged by Dewey Zinn, Carroll County Agricultural Conservation Committee, and officials of Carroll County and the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Helping greet the visitors were Mr. Wickard's wife and daughter, Anne; his mother, Mrs. Andrew J. Wickard; and Mr. Wickard's sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl W. Justice, and her husband and daughter.

CHARLES W. COLE IS DEAD AT 62

Charles W. Cole, 1812 E. 59th St., died last night. He was 62.

Survivors are his wife, Bertha; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth B. Saunders and Mrs. Dorothy Mae Walker of Indianapolis and Mrs. Mildred Gaddis, Dayton, O.; a son, Albert H. Cole, Tipton, Ind.; a brother, William E. Cole, Merced, Cal., and a sister, Mrs. Lena P. Teal, Redland, Cal.

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## BALLOT RULING SEEN AS BLOW TO SEN. MINTON

Willkie Straight Ticket Vote Will Be Big Aid to Willis, Analysts Believe.

By NOBLE REED

Placing of the names of Senatorial candidates on the same ballot with Presidential candidates was regarded today by many political analysts as a setback for U. S. Senator Sherman Minton in the Nov. 5 election.

The same analysts also reasoned that the State Election Board's decision yesterday, by a two-to-one vote, to separate the national ticket candidates from the state ballot may lose some votes for the Republican state candidates.

The speculation, of course, is based on the assumption prevailing now that Wendell Willkie will carry Indiana, and that any candidate hooked onto his ballot will go over with him.

Help for Willis

Four years ago, Senatorial candidates headed the state ballots, but under a 1937 ballot law, Democratic members of the Election Board conceded yesterday that Senatorial candidates will have to go on the same ballot with candidates for President and Vice President. This is regarded as a big advantage for Raymond E. Willis, G. O. P. Senatorial candidate over Senator Minton.

Democratic leaders have fought for separation of the national and state ballots on the theory that many Willkie voters will "scratch" their votes in favor of Democratic state candidates.

The Board's decision that the ballot separation order will not affect counties having voting machines brings up another angle for speculation.

8 Counties Use Machines

Voters using machines are more inclined to vote straight party ballots because the mechanical operation is much simpler in straight party voting. Eight of the largest counties in the state, including Marion County, have voting machines.

The Willkie popularity psychology on the voters, then, would tend to help the Marion County Republican candidates, observers believe.

Raps Textbook Laws

Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schriener, Democratic Governor nominee, has announced that, if elected, he will appoint a non-partisan textbook commission to draft new laws for the adoption of schoolbooks.

"The basic textbook laws of Indiana, in my opinion, are obsolete," he said. "Some of them were written 50 years ago when there was little competition for adoptions. The present law, which compels adoption of books for schools every five years should be removed."

Mr. Schriener reiterated his stand for eventual free textbooks in schools.

Several years may be required to complete this program but I think it should be launched in the coming session of the Legislature," he said.

GEN. KILNER DIES AT 52

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (U. P.).—Brig. Gen. Walter G. Kilner, retired Army officer, was found dead yesterday in the apartment of a friend here. Circumstances of his death were not known immediately. He was 52.

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Ace Queen



Folks down in St. Augustine, Fla., think comely Catherine Canova, above, is ace-high as a queen. She was the original queen of the Ponce de Leon pageant in 1924, and they have just chosen her to reign over the city's 375th birthday celebration, Sept. 7 to 9.

THREE AGENCIES TO CONSOLIDATE

Juvenile Court and Home to Be Moved to Guardians' Institution Soon.

Three county juvenile agencies will be consolidated within a few weeks to provide a more pleasing atmosphere for delinquents—and save the county approximately \$6000 annually.

The Juvenile Court, now at the Court House, and the County Juvenile Home, at 538 W. New York St., will be moved to the Board of Children's Guardians' Home, 5751 University Ave.

County Commissioners William A. Brown and John S. Newhouse; Juvenile Court Judge Wilfred Bradshaw; Thomas L. Neal, director of the County Welfare Department, and Carl Seet, County Attorney, decided the move yesterday.

A lease which doesn't expire until 1942 kept the County Welfare Department from also moving.

The Juvenile Home lease has been on a year-to-year basis, and Mr. Brown said plans to purchase the building, which houses 25 children, now will be abandoned.

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## WILLKIE DRAFTS TALKS FOR TOUR

Plans 6 or 7 Major Speeches; Welcomes Support of Senator Shipstead.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Aug. 31 (U. P.).—Republican Presidential Nominee Wendell L. Willkie worked today on a series of speeches which he will deliver in his first extensive stump-swinging tour. He leaves Rushville Sept. 14 and completes the tour at Detroit Sept. 30, after visits to the Midwest, Southwest, Pacific Coast, Northwest and East.

Today, Willkie, discussed his drive for votes among war veterans and organized workers.

He conferred with Edward A. Hayes, Decatur, Ill., and Harry W. Colmery, Topeka, Kas., former American Legion commanders.

Then he met William L. Hutcheson, of Indianapolis, president of the A. F. of L.'s United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and first vice president of the A. F. of L.

He plans six or seven major speeches but has not announced the subject of any of them, although it is likely that the formal campaign opener at Coffeyville, Kas., Sept. 16, will concern New Deal attitudes toward business.

Mr. Willkie yesterday welcomed the support of George R. Thorpe, St. Louis Democrat and chancellor of Washington University, of Senator Henrik Shipstead (R-L, Minn.) and Dewitt Emery, Akron, Republican, who quit as president of the National Small Businessmen's Association to campaign actively for Mr. Willkie.

Mr. Emery said that a poll in which approximately 3500 of his small business members participated showed that 97.8 per cent favored the Republican nominee.

He also released a telegram of praise from Roger W. Straus, New