

## Ike's Home Town Waits Signal Before Booming Him for 1948

Neighbors Sure He's a Republican; Note He  
Has Not Flatly Disclaimed Ambitions

By CHARLES T. LUCEY, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
ABILENE, Kas., Sept. 11.—Gen. Eisenhower's hometown, where once the old Texas cattle trail met the Union Pacific, is a town of grain elevators, of rambling white houses and Victorian parlors for the well-to-do and story-and-a-half bungalows for most people. It looks like any other plains town from Minnesota to Texas.

But it has Gen. Eisenhower for a son and that's the difference. Thousands drive through here to see the small frame house that was his boyhood home and which soon is to become a Kansas shrine. They talk with people who knew the general when they wander through the Eisenhower home and stop at Callahan's confectionery that Ike frequented with schoolboy cronies.

In more recent weeks, the visitors have brought word to Abilene that they hear talk the general would make a mighty good President, and that the Republicans ought to nominate him.

Wait for Word From Ike  
But here, as in Topeka, the folks tell you there's no move for an Eisenhower boom. They talk of their famous son a bit possessively and say they're for whatever he wants. But they say it would be presumptuous to start hollering about the Presidency—nobody has talked to the general about it and they're not even sure he'd want it.

Autos coming in from Texas, where the Eisenhowers lived for a couple years at the time of Ike's birth, have been carrying "Draft Ike" stickers. Nonsense, say the Kansans.

"Why, those Texans wouldn't vote the Republican ticket if the Angel Gabriel was on it," snorts Charlie Harger, editor of the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle.

Acres of People  
Charlie's daughter was graduated from high school in the same class with Dwight, and probably no one would like to see the general in the White House more than Charlie—let them know how he was getting proudly of the huge throng thaton. Don't you think, though, that gathered here when Gen. Eisenhower returned to Abilene for the public opening of the old home, and by now?

how the general shook hands with hundreds of old friends.

"Never before," he says, "had I seen acres of people."

Sam Heller, who played football against Ike in high school, thinks that if the general wants it, the Kansas delegation will go to the 1948 Republican convention for him, and that "no delegate could run in this state otherwise."

W. M. Sterl, clothing store man who recalls when Dwight came in to buy pants as a boy, nods agreement.

Proudly the general's old friends show you through his home where already, as at Monticello and Mount Vernon, velvet ropes have been stretched to keep the too-curious from souvenir-hunting.

Family Pictures on Wall  
Visitors see all the little marks of warm, friendly family life of an earlier day—rigidly formal wall pictures of Mother and Father Eisenhower and their six boys in high, stiff collars and dark suits; the pained Mother Eisenhower had saved to buy even before she married; the family Bible in German; hooked rugs made by the general's father; home-made patch quilts and pillow shams; the style of another day.

Over at Callahan's confectionery is something called "Ike's corner," and young girls in rolled-up dungarees and boys in T-shirts stand about and play the pinball machine or drink cokes. At the soda fountain a former crony of the general's says:

"When he comes to town he seems just like any of us. Even when he was running the war in Europe he'd write letters to old friends here to let them know how he was getting proudly of the huge throng thaton. Don't you think, though, that gathered here when Gen. Eisenhower returned to Abilene for the public opening of the old home, and by now?"

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**HANDICAPPED DRIVERS**—Mack Cloyd, 1137 S. Tremont st., who lost a leg in the war, shows his new car, equipped with hand controls, to Mrs. Margaret Delaplaine (left), Red Cross instructor who taught him to drive, and Mrs. Goldie Lee, Mrs. Lee, 501 Laclede st., who is a victim of leg paralysis, is the first civilian to be given training by the Red Cross.

## Free Driving Lessons Offered to Handicapped

Red Cross Offers Disabled Civilians Same  
Training as Given War Veterans

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## Col. Goyette Joins I. U. Staff

Directs ROTC  
At Medical Center

Appointment of Col. Edwin M. Goyette, U. S. army medical corps, as assistant professor of military science and tactics at the Indiana university medical school, has been announced by Dean John D. VanNuys.

Col. Goyette will direct the school's ROTC activities and serve as resident physician in cardiology in the university's hospitals at the medical center.

A native of Vermont, Col. Goyette received his B. S. and M. D. degrees from the University of Vermont and served his internship in Fanny Allen hospital at Winooski, Vt.

He entered the army as a first lieutenant and served overseas with medical detachments in Algeria, Oran and Marseilles. He also was commanding officer of the 235th general hospital.

**Add 4 Staff Members  
To I. U. Dental School**

Dean Maynard K. Hine of the Indiana university school of dentistry has announced the appointment of four members of the 1947 graduating class to the teaching staff.

Dr. Hudson G. Kelley, Raleigh, N. C., was named as graduate assistant, and Drs. Harold J. Compton, Frankfort, Ind.; Roland W. Dykema, Raymond, Minn.; and William J. Lawrence, Kingston, Mass., were named junior instructors of interns.

**Medical Lecture  
Set at Earlham**

Dr. Wendell Stanley will present a medical lecture on "Studies of Purified Influenza Virus" as a feature of the Earlham college centennial anniversary celebration at Richmond, Friday, Sept. 19.

Dr. Stanley will be introduced by Dr. Willis D. Gatch, retired dean of the Indiana university school of medicine.

## Too Many Highballs Blamed For Childless Marriages

Excessive Use of Liquor and Tobacco  
Cited as Possible Cause for Sterility

By ROBERT G. FIEDLER, United Press Staff Correspondent  
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.—Too many highballs may be keeping the father of baby feet from ringing through many American homes, according to a student of the causes of sterility.

Dr. Lewis Michelson, San Francisco, told the third American Congress of Obstetrics that childless couples would have a better chance for offspring if their general health and a well-being was improved.

"They should regulate their working hours, dietary habits, exercise and recreation," he said.

"Alcoholic beverages and smoking in moderation probably are not harmful, but the patient should be warned against excesses in their use."

Husband and wife share responsibility for barren marriages in a large percentage of cases, Dr. Michelson said.

"Male deficiency is a factor, but not always the sole one, in 40 to 50 per cent of such marriages," he reported. "However, each partner may have several factors that contribute to the infecundity."

Among the causes he listed were fever-producing illnesses, improper function of endocrine glands, blockage of ducts in the body, tuberculosis, venereal and other diseases and malnutrition.

Dr. Michelson suggested further study in the use of vitamins, particularly fraction of vitamin B, but declared that "the much-touted vitamin E has proved valueless in the human."

**Two Out of Three Drink**  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 11 (U. P.).—Approximately two out of three adults in the post-war United States admit they drank some kind of alcoholic beverage.

So say two Rutgers university sociologists.

Their findings are given in an article, "The Social Pattern of Alcoholic Drinking." It appears in the September issue of Yale's quarterly journal of studies on alcohol.

Drs. John W. Riley and Charles F. Marden, say in the article that only 35 per cent of the population were non-drinkers.

Of the remaining 65 per cent, they said, 48 per cent were occasional drinkers, while 17 per cent said they drank some type of alcoholic beverage at least three times a week.

They said their survey "exploded rather completely the myth that Americans are exclusive drinkers of hard liquor." Nearly two-fifths of the drinking population report using no distilled spirits at all.

Also, they said, 75 per cent of the male population are drinkers, as against 56 per cent of women. Only 8 per cent of women were reported to be regular drinkers.

**Local Woman New  
D. of A. Official**

Mrs. Opal Sears of Indianapolis will serve as the 1947-48 state treasurer of the Daughters of America.

Mrs. Sears was elected at the recent state session of the organization in the Hotel Lincoln. She is a national representative from district 5, a former state councilor and a one-time district deputy.

**O. E. S. MEETING SET**  
Brightwood chapter 399, O. E. S., will observe homecoming Sept. 15, in the Veritas Masonic lodge. A pitch-in dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. and the general meeting will follow at 8 p. m.

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