

REP. PUBLICANS MUCH AT SEA

They Grope Frantically For Issues To Help Them In Next Election

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—It is interesting to watch O. P. politicians feeling around for an issue to help them in the coming campaign preliminary to next November's congressional elections.

They hope (against what they realize is anything but a strong probability) that they may be able to say their hands on something promising in time to give it a gingery oratorical send-off in the Senate and House of Representatives before the end of the current session on Capitol Hill.

It is difficult to say with any certainty whether the Republicans are weak simply in comparison with the tremendous strength of Democracy's leadership, or if their weakness is inherent in their own utter disorganization.

ATTACKS PUTELE Republican strategists see plenty of spots in the administration's recovery program that they think ought to be mighty vulnerable to attack.

They are NOT, however. That is to say, the attacks are all right; they are delivered effectively and somewhat they make no impression. They make none because the public pays not the slightest attention to them. In fact, there are competent O. P. facticians who argue that they react unfavorably to those who launch them.

And yet, how is the G. O. P. to regain any of the ground which undoubtedly it has lost, unless it does attack?

DANGEROUS MAJORITY Experienced Republican strategists fully expected the Democratic organization to begin to crack up well within a year after the overwhelming 1932 victory.

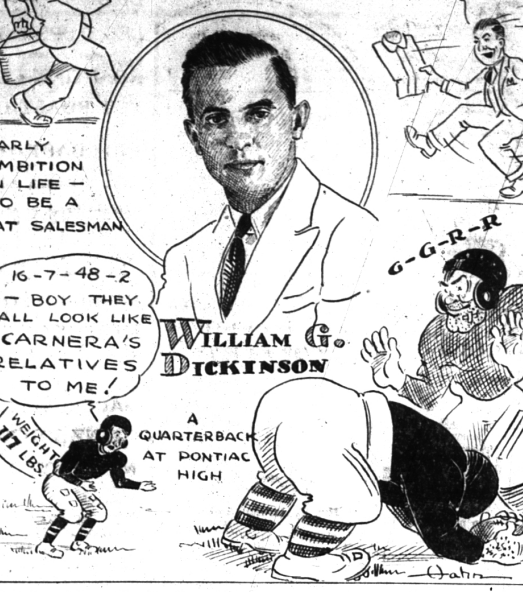
The past has demonstrated that an organization generally is a danger to itself, by very reason of its one-sidedness, which seems to breed internal conflict almost inevitably. This always has been true even of the G. O. P., and the Democrats have had a reputation for quarrelling more bitterly among themselves than the Republican regulars; not counting the progressives, who really have been a third party, now apparently in process of absorption, in large part, by today's Democracy—more or less a different thing, some authorities say, from old-fashioned Jeffersonians.

PAST EXAMPLES Republicanism, for example, disintegrated under President Taft to such an extent that Woodrow Wilson won in 1912. Democracy, as degenerated under President Wilson, that the Republicans had a walkover in 1920. In 1928 the Democrats were so flattened out that many good judges doubted that they ever again would be more of a local party; yet in only two years they gained control of the House of Representatives.

Therefore, Republicans were not so badly frightened (though of course considerably chastened) by the kicking it suffered in 1932. In comparison with Republicanism, rather calculated that it would recover a few congressional seats, in both houses, in 1934 elections. Now it is afraid it will lose a dozen in the Senate and two or

Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 7 THE YOUNGEST BUSINESS MAN IN BIRMINGHAM. YES AND I STILL FEEL YOUNG!



WILLIAM G. DICKINSON A QUARTERBACK AT PONTIAC HIGH

The distinction of being Birmingham's youngest business man belongs to William G. Dickinson, manager of Dickinson's men's shop in the Wakeek Building.

But though he was born in Pontiac only 25 years ago, Bill has found plenty of time and opportunity even in that relatively short period for learning the ins and outs of the men's clothing business.

This is partly due to the fact that his father, Andrew W. Dickinson, has been a leader in the field at the Oakland County seat for 34 years, and partly because Bill's own ambition far back in boyhood was to become a hat salesman.

Starting to work in his father's store after school hours and on Saturday's in the sixth grade, Bill

three times that many in the lower chamber.

NEW SITUATION There is discussion in the Democratic ranks—there are Democrats who are as far apart as Democrats and Republicans (as far apart as the poles; as far apart as radical from conservative Republicans)—

Never has there been anything like it before in political history. When the Democrats were split wide open in 1928 I asked congressman Joseph W. Byrns (now majority leader in the House of Representatives), "Why are Democrats so hard to keep united, in comparison with Republicans?"

"Because," said the Tennesseean, "the Republicans have nothing to agree on but, a division of spoils, which can be adjusted, but the Democrats have honest differences of opinion, on which they won't compromise."

The Roosevelt administration is potent enough to force them to compromise their "honest differences of opinion."

How long such a situation can last is what puzzles Republicanism.

SELDES TO LECTURE ON TOWN HALL SERIES Gilbert Selde, columnist, author and playwright, will speak on "The Vacuum in American Life" before the Detroit Town Hall Series at the Wilson Theater next Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

He will discuss the principal ideas which have been advanced for curing present economic and social conditions, ranging from Five Year Plans to dictatorship as a Mussolini.

Birmingham Dogs In Detroit Show

Four Local Owners Ent Pets In 19th Annual Kennel Club Exhibition

Social Briefs

Mrs. Harold T. Ellerby of Adams road has invited 20 guests for tea next Tuesday in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Ada J. Godfrey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Raymond Woodford of Vinewood avenue will open their home Saturday evening to members of the junior high school Christian Endeavor group of the First Presbyterian Church for an informal party.

Mrs. Floyd R. Doherty of Ford Wayne, Ind., who has been spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Kate B. Cook of Lincoln avenue, returned to her home Saturday.

C. A. Laur of Oak St. Mo., is making an extended visit with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown of Bloomfield Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hildebrand of Oak street had as their guests at dinner Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Zerle, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dett and Mr. and Mrs. P. Deham. Mrs. Hildebrand will be hostess again at an informal tea next Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Perry Holman of Detroit, who are sojourning at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., are expected to return about Mar. 10.

Mrs. A. J. Packard of Tisbury road will be hostess at a dessert bridge for six tables for the women golfers of Orchard Lake Country Club at her home Monday.

Young C. Smith of Pierce street left Friday for Middleton, Conn., to attend the initiation of his son, Frank, a student at Wesleyan University, into Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Mr. W. Clarence Wright of West Maple avenue was hostess at a tea for 25 guests Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mr. Wright's mother, Mrs. Edward D. Wright of Los Angeles, who has been their guest for a few days. The guests included members of Section A of the Missionary Department of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. E. S. Clark presided at the tea table, which was lovely with yellow springflowers, pink willows, and yellow tapers.

Mrs. Wright will return to her home today.

Dr. and Mrs. William O. Stevens of Cranbrook will have as their house-guest this week-end, Dr. and Mrs. Joel Hayden. Dr. Hayden is headmaster of Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, O., and with Mrs. Hayden will accompany the School Golf Club to Cranbrook where it will be heard in concert Saturday evening. Prior to the concert, Dr. and Mrs. Stevens have invited a few friends to dine with them in honor of their guests. At the dinner will be Charles Frederic Morse, Genon Kelleff, C. E. Crewell, director of

U. S. Receives Full Value For Secretarial Service Of Mesdames Garner and Rainey

Although Practice Is Often Abused In Washington, Nepotism Is Justified In Cases Of Vice-President's And Speaker's Wives

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WASHINGTON—Congress was its way on into 1934, with Mrs. John N. Garner still on the job as secretary-in-chief to the vice-president of the United States and with Mrs. Henry T. Rainey still secretary-in-chief to the speaker of the House.

Disputably, yet it by no means follows that a relative or an in-law, who, for one reason or another, is given a secretarial position under some senator or representative, is otherwise than an excellent investment.

Rare Secretary Illustratively, John P. Robertson expecting to be simply a legislator. If he soon discovers that in reality, he is no more than a messenger-boy for a host of his individual constituents, if he balks, he is not re-elected; so he lapses into a mere messenger-boy.

There are a few exceptions. An occasional congressman is able to stand as a buffer between himself and the multiplicity of small demands upon him, and who, thus, attains genuine importance.

In their wives, vice-president Garner and Speaker Rainey were sufficiently lucky to have such assistants.

The result speaks for itself—Congressman Garner rose to the

House of Representatives. If this be nepotism, let the country make the most of it. There has been a certain amount of complaint, in fact, that nepotism is what is ailing the country.

But if Uncle Sam received the full value, for all the money he spends, that he receives from Mrs. Etta Riney, Garner and Mrs. Ella McBride Rainey (E. R. Garner and Mrs. M. Rainey, as they sign for their respective pay checks) the federal treasury would not have so big a deficit to account for.

It is undeniable that various senators and representatives do abuse their influence, in getting wives, sons, daughters and miscellaneous relatives and in-laws into the government service.

One of the capital's brightest newspapermen, Raymond Clapper, devoted a deal of attention to the subject in a book called "Racketeering in Washington," which he recently published. Several earlier "Mirrors" and "Merry-Go-rounds" have done it similarly.

In their statements of actual fact, in these works all have been exact as any dictionary. Nevertheless their tendency has been to give many false impressions.

Not a few instances have occurred of the payment of secretarial salaries to beneficiaries who did little or any work. There have been numerous cases of real congressional secretaries who have been required to turn over large shares of their salaries, honestly earned by them, to dummies.

Such practices are petty graft.

The Glee Club, Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. White, and Mrs. Hugo Osterhaus, who is also a house-guest of the hosts. An informal reception in the school assembly hall will follow the concert.

Mrs. Thomas S. Doughty of Ridgewood, N. L., is the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mills of Lone Pine court.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Charlton of Abbey road will attend the Army and Navy Ball at Detroit Friday evening as the guests of Col. Robert E. Cumming of Detroit. Mrs. Charlton will be hostess at a bridge luncheon for eight guests from Detroit on the same day.

Mrs. F. J. Edly of Fourteen Mile road will have as her guests for luncheon and sewing today, Mrs. Douglas H. Edly, Mrs. Karol C. Melges and Mrs. Rufus Brown.

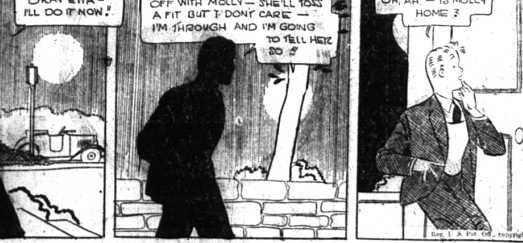
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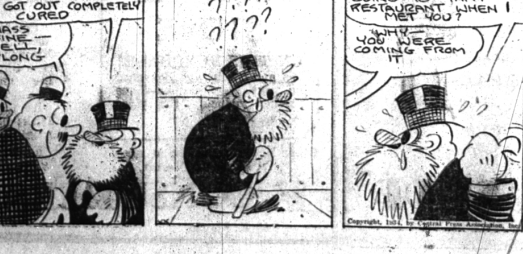
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