

# MOODY TO RUN FOR OFFICE ON APRIL BALLOT

## Commission Candidate To Champion Economy By Efficiency

A petition, nominating Wilmer E. Moody, of Chestnut road, was filed last Saturday with City Clerk Irene Hanley. Since then Mr. Moody has qualified and his name will appear on the ballot April 6 when Birmingham selects three City Commissioners.

Fifty local citizens have asked Mr. Moody to be a candidate, and he has consented, stated Charles E. Randall, of Dorchester road, who circulated and filed the petition. "We have convinced Mr. Moody that his long business experience and his residence in Birmingham since 1923 fit him for service on the Birmingham City Commission. Mr. Moody is an excellent example of the modern businessman who has risen from the ranks, for in his youth he served an apprenticeship as toolmaker and machinist, and is now assistant factory manager with the General Motors Truck Co. in Pontiac."

### CANDIDATE



Wilmer E. Moody

## WASHINGTON LETTER

### NORRIS PUSHES BILL TO BRING ELECTRICITY TO ALL FARMERS

By Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—A permanent national program to bring electricity to the country's 6,288,612 farms—of which only about 750,000 now have such service—is embodied in Senator George W. Norris' bill, recently passed by the Senate, to make permanent the Rural Electrification Administration.

If the House acts favorably and the president approves the measure, \$400,000,000 will be available over the next 10 years for loans to farm cooperatives, utility districts, and other nonprofit or limited dividend associations of farmers. These groups will build and operate systems of distribution lines in areas not served with electric power.

About one farm in 10 in the United States now has such service. In the west, where electricity is widely used for irrigation, and in the thickly populated north Atlantic states, the proportion is greater—about one farm in three. In the south and middle west, rural electrification is rare and in some states almost nonexistent.

The present REA, created less than a year ago with emergency funds, has found widespread interest in cooperative effort to bring electricity to the farm, especially in states which have well-organized farm organizations.

It has either contracted to loan or earmarked a total of \$5,000,000 for 7500 miles of new distribution lines. More than 27,000 new rural customers will have central station service for the first time as a result of these operations.

The program usually works this way: Farmers in a county or township organize themselves into a cooperative and apply to REA for a loan. A careful technical survey is made to determine the soundness of the project, which may run in size from a line 25 miles long serving 75 families to one as long as 350 miles with 1000 customers.

### Former Resident Here Dies In Ohio

The many local friends of Ora Laughlin, 73, formerly of this city, will regret to learn of his death on March 1st at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio. His wife preceded him in death two years ago. Mr. Laughlin was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Laughlin was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, later moving to Cincinnati. He came to Birmingham about eleven years ago, returning to Cincinnati in 1933. Gay Laughlin, who also resided here about 15 years, but now lives in Detroit, is the only son of the deceased.

It was learned that interment took place March 5th at Cincinnati.

**The Mystery**  
A psychiatric board was testing the mentality of a soldier. "Do you ever hear voices without being able to tell who is speaking or where the sound comes from?" "Yes, sir," answered the soldier. "And when does this occur?" "When I'm talking over the telephone."

## The Rogues' Gallery



Other Methods Include Yawning Eight Times to the Minute, Studying Your Watch, and Emptying a Bottle of Scotch or Rye on the Floor Between You and the Speaker.

### PROTECTING THE HUMAN EAR

By JOHN LARDNER

IF YOU read the newspapers you may have followed the campaign of Dr. H. Fulkus Sney against functional cauliflower ear, also known in medical circles as listers' disease or paralysis of the prostatic gland or just plain listers' suffering.

Doctor Sney has done great work in this field. He was the first to discover that the germ of the disease is carried about and inflicted on innocent victims by certain well-defined carrier types—flight managers, barbers, evangelists, traveling salesmen, authors, actors, congressmen, etiquette experts, etc. Once he managed to isolate the germ, but when he got it isolated he had to know it around the house, where it talked all his family into a state of coma and refused to eat anything but grade A milk and imported cavendish wine-stinger-dead in his tracks.

So Doctor Sney gave up the isolation idea and began to take down case histories of the various victims. The following history is typical of one phase of the disease (inability to hang up the telephone receiver):

"Patient complained of splitting pains in the occipital region, trembling of the hands, nervousness at the sound of bells. Slight fever, normal pulse, blue eyes, blond hair, 32 waist (clinical note—quite a dial). Patient reported telephone conversation with aggressive carrier type (welfare worker) as follows:

Carrier: Hello?  
Patient: Is that you, Mrs. Z?  
This is Mrs. van Gans-Oway speaking, how are you, dear, I want to ask a favor of you, which I know you can't refuse, because you've done so much already, so very much, I can't tell you how grateful we were for your little donation to the Fund of Homeless Stots. I wish you could see the work we've done with that fund you'd be proud of having helped, why one little fellow, a ferret, he was real lively, but he comes under the jurisdiction of our work with stots, we found him the loveliest home with Mr. Squameyer, you know, they're so happy to have him they say that he's bitten off the heads of fifteen rats already and the toe of one of the little Squameyers, yes, so cute, and we wondered if you—

P: I'm afraid—  
C: I know you'll love to do this, you have so much talent, it's for the patient; you know the relief of the patient; we have a Persecuted Opossum, a lovely part in mind for you, a lovely part with a costume, well, just something you could make yourself, you know, but you'd look so lovely in anything it's a historical project, you know the history of the village, we want you to be the spirit of the Railroad Tracks. You see the idea, it's just—

P: Really, Mrs. van Ans-Gorwe, I really don't believe I could, we could talk about it some other time? I'm expecting—  
C: We have a part for Mr. Z, too, I know he won't refuse, it's an Indian yes for the battle, the Indians are all killed by the aviators of Mr. Schless and Mr. Fulton. I really don't believe Mr. Schless' people were in this country at the time but we must make the best of it though Mr. Fulton says he won't consider it. If Mr. Schless—

"At this point," according to Doctor Sney, "patient reported severing his foot and suspension of consciousness. Revived five or six minutes later to find receiver still in hand and opponent talking strongly. Apologized for reuseness and listened four minutes more. Symptoms—brises and contusions about ear, paralysis of anyone on his feet. In a case like this Doctor Sney recommends that the patient say, three times, at intervals of fifteen seconds: 'I am anxious to hang up the receiver.' If the third warning is disregarded, the patient should proceed to make good his head as advertised. Extreme cases require extreme remedies. That's what Doctor Sney says, and no one has a better right to talk than this gifted scientist and horse player.

Many people regard face-to-face conversations as harder to interrupt than phone conversations. It's difficult to interrupt anyone on his feet. But Doctor Sney laughs and calls this a weakness. He has listed half a dozen so-called "ramblers" for cutting the enthusiastic wine-stinger-dead in his tracks.

One of these is the "impartial gambler," which should be thrown into the conversation every half minute to confuse the speaker. It goes like this:

Speaker: So Edith was on horseback that morning, you know she can ride anything on four legs, and she was riding past the reservoir, the south end, when we met her. Well, you know how it is. When you haven't seen a girl for—  
Victim: Some say one, some say the other.  
Speaker: I beg pardon?  
Victim: Some say one, some say the other.  
Speaker: Well, Edith was on horseback—  
Victim: Some say one, some say the other—

You will find that this device breaks up the monologue in a nice way and leaves no feeling in the speaker's mind except a suspicion that you would be better off in a sanitarium, which is probably correct.

According to Doctor Sney, this system always leaves hard feelings, which may be all for the best.

Then there is the case of a top of my acquaintance, who has perfected the waterworks system of interrupting conversation.

Other methods include yawning eight times to the minute, studying your watch, and emptying a bottle of scotch or rye on the floor between you and the speaker. This latter device is bound to fascinate him and check his flow of thought through sheer horror.

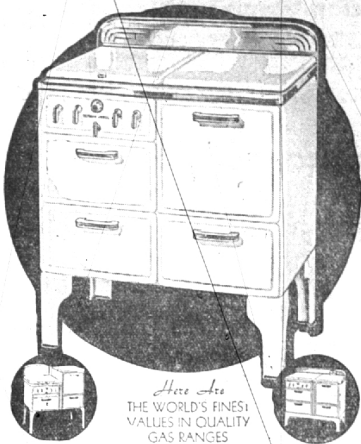
But these little anecdotes, though they brighten up the story, have nothing to do with the average man. The average man must fight his own battle against listers' disease and cauliflower ear. In this battle he has no greater friend than Dr. H. Fulkus Sney. Doctor Sney admits it.

"Though I say so myself," he told your correspondent the other day, "I have done more to help the monologues than any man living. It's a gift, a natural talent. As a child I was highly sensitive to sound. I was a beautiful child, they say, with large blue eyes, blond curls, and a warm, trusting expression that must have been irresistible. People used to stop me on the street just to pat my head. I won six contests for beauty and charm, and I can show you the trophies. I—"

"Where were you on the night of February 7, 1912?" I asked and he, being the horror of my predicament, but the doctor's tip did no good. He is still talking to me as I write this.

—John Lardner—WNU Service

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