

# Willkie Doesn't Want The Nomination If He Has To Put On Cowboy Clothes, Kiss Babies And Make Fake Promises

(This is the first of a series of articles discussing outstanding possibilities for the Republican nomination for the Presidency.)

Brawny, two-fisted Wendell Lewis Willkie is perhaps the most colorful figure that America's vast industrial life has produced since the turn of the century. As head of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation he is an important utilities executive, but as a member of the Republican party he is a leading Presidential candidate. "Dark horse" may be the usual name for such a candidate, but this hardly seems adequate for Willkie who in the last two months has risen from comparative inconspicuousness to third place in the Gallup poll of Republican possibilities for the Presidency.

Recent months have seen a boom unprecedented in political history for this Indiana farmer who has made good in the business world. Thousands of letters and telegrams poured in daily to the hastily set-up office of his managers, urging him to throw his hat in the ring. The nomination without any strings attached, he would be delighted to accept, but as Willkie himself says, "I wouldn't spend a dollar or permit any friend of mine to spend a dollar for a delegate to the National Convention, and I refuse to go around making two-way promises, kissing babies or dressing up like a cowboy. I am distinctly not a professional politician. I am a businessman."

Born some forty-eight years ago in Elwood, Indiana, Willkie in all probability owes a debt to heredity for his great ability, for his father was one of Indiana's most successful trial lawyers, his mother the first woman ever admitted to the bar in that state, and his grandmother a well-known preacher. At college he was singled out for his willingness to fight others' battles, and for his outspoken disregard of the "joe-college" attitude. Graduated at the head of his class he went on to law school where again he won all top honors.

With bar exams out of the way he settled down to practice with his father, but America's declaration of war abruptly ended his first law attempts, and he promptly enlisted, seeing action overseas.

Little time elapsed after the Armistice before Willkie had become a leading figure in legal circles in Ohio. Among his clients were several utilities companies, and he was soon known as an outstanding authority on matters pertaining to the creation and sale of electric power. This led in 1933 to the presidency of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation whose deficit of \$1,600,000 he converted into a profit of \$10,000,000 in the short course of three years. During all the years of depression, instead of letting men go, he increased the sales force, and doubled the use of electricity in rural communities by cutting the rate in half.

Though a utilities executive himself, Willkie has long advocated the regulation of holding companies, originally supported President Roosevelt on that score. That regulation, he believes, has gone too far. "Today," he says, "the abuses which corrupted the 1920's seem to have been transferred from Wall Street to Washington. It is no longer Big Business we have to fear. It is Big Government."

Shrewd Republican scouts who have watched Willkie's work are convinced that he would be an able campaigner, and that if the National Convention came to a deadlock, he would be an excellent bet for the nomination.

Foxburg in Clarion County claims the oldest golf course in the United States.

## HIS CAMP GROWING



WENDELL L. WILLKIE

## Healey To Speak Before Grangers

### Pomona Grange To Meet With Jackson Saturday

William B. Healey, warden of Luzerne County prison, will speak at the joint session of Pomona Grange No. 44 and Jackson Grange on Saturday.

The morning session will begin at 10:30 and will include business and the annual Memorial service. Dinner will be served at noon by the Jackson Grange and the afternoon session will begin at 2.

Frank Anderson, physical education director at the Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A., will speak on his recent trip through Germany. Lehman High school band will play and a quartet will sing. The public is invited.

## Dallas Township Seniors Ready For Capitol Trip

The following members of the Senior class of the Dallas Township high school will leave for Washington on Monday morning: Marilyn Colvin, Jane Case, Mildred Sanford, Pauline Kozemchak, Ruth Ross, Ida Schoonover, Elva Knecht, Julia Matukitis, Wilma Estock, Irene Breza, Jeanne Miller, Ruth Kunkle, Martha Kunkle, Ruth Yeust, Marion Hildebrandt, Betty Race, Geraldine Howell, William Snyder, Kenneth Brace, Burton Bonell, William Roberts, John Borton, Arthur Garinger, Harold Hess, Edward Wallace.

The party will be chaperoned by Miss Mary Jackson and John F. Rosser, members of the faculty, and will be registered at the New Colonial Hotel.

## Laketon Alumni Host To Seniors

### Graduates Welcomed At Country Club Fete

The newly-organized Alumni Association of Laketon high school entertained the graduating class at a dinner dance at Irem Country Club on Friday night.

S. Franklin Leinthal, who was in charge of the affair, was assisted by Avis Wesley, Bethia Allen, Ruth Richards, Pauline Davis, Virginia Allen, Catherine Wyant and Mary Garrity.

Calvin McHose was toastmaster. Mrs. Charlotte Payne and Miss Mary Alice Payne entertained with vocal selections and Roannah Shoemaker and Virginia Allen offered a piano duet. Harold Payne, president of the Alumni Association, invited the graduating class into membership and Richard Williams, president of the Seniors, responded. Prof. Walter E. Roberts, supervising principal, spoke.

Velma Whitesell represented the Class of 1916, the first graduating class at Laketon high school. George Smith, Jr., a game warden at Mt. Union, came the longest distance to be present. After the dinner there was dancing.

The following attended: Frank Dennis, Avis Wesley, Dean Koehler, Mary Alice Payne, Tom Rowland, Jeanne Williams, James Wyant, Elsie Aicher, Virginia Allen, Katherine Wyant, Eleanore Whitesell, Wrighter Bencoter, Fred Swanson, Charlotte Payne, Harold Payne, Madge McHose, Calvin McHose, Mr. and Mrs. William Richards, Velma Whitesell, Viola Boothe, Leona Oberst, Jean Ballantine, Peggy Davis, Florence Hausch, Genevieve Wolfe, Cecelia Kupstas, Bethia Allen, Hilda Allen, Wally Leinthal, Mary Garrity, S. Franklin Leinthal, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Roberts, Ruth Rogers, Dick Williams, George B. Smith, Jr., Mildred Devens, Mr. and Mrs. Kline, Elsie Garinger, Joe Rauch, William Watlock, Jim Payne, Joe Garrity, Louise C. Miller, Margaret M. Dunn, Otis Allen, Jr., Ethel Harris, Charles Kern, Roannah Shoemaker, Kenneth Davis, Eugene Gordon, Leo Johnson, Marion McNeil, Florence Melusky, June Oney, Elizabeth Sorber, Josephine Hummel, Olga Brin, Faith Koehler, Isem Pennington, Kay Parkinson, George Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Armitage, Adirene and Edgar Nulton.

## No 'Fifth Column'

To impress the danger of un-Americanism upon its subscribers, the Reading Eagle-Times began eliminating its fifth column on Monday, leaving the other seven columns filled with news.

## Noxen's Population Up

The population of Noxen has increased a little more than 100 in the last 10 years. The population in 1930 was 1,032. Today it is 1,150, according to the 1940 U. S. Census.

Lake Wallenpaupack, near Hawley in Wayne County, is the largest artificial lake wholly within the state, covering 5,760 acres. It was created in 1926 by the damming of Wallenpaupack Creek for hydraulic power.

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## Drive For New Recruits Has Quota Of 2600 Men

The drive for new recruits in the Third Corps Area is progressing in a satisfactory manner, according to officers at the Headquarters. Already 585 men have enlisted, of the quota of 2600 expected by July 1st.

Many young men are taking the opportunity now open to join the Army, feeling that by coming into the service at this time they will be the first to be promoted to higher and better paying grades in the program for expanding the Army.

In discussing the circumstances surrounding the joining of the service with many of the new recruits, in nearly every case they were surprised at the wide number of opportunities offered to young men by the Army now.

For example, one young man was astounded to learn that the cavalry not only needs horsemen, but could use many specialists, including motor mechanics, radio mechanics, and operators, ignition experts, chauffeurs, truck drivers, musicians, clerks and cooks. What is true of the cavalry in the variety of opportunity is also true of the other branches of the service.

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## Memorial Day Pictures

"Bingo" Cicero, who recently blossomed out as pictorial newshound, has on exhibition at his place of business on Main Street, Swoyerville, many clear and interesting views of the Swoyerville Memorial Parade. "Bingo", who is president of the Swoyerville Mine Workers, studied advanced photography during his leisure time while waiting for the Harry E. to open up.

## Sutton Will Preach At Noxen On Sunday

"Bob" Sutton, a Junior at Baptist Bible Seminary, will speak at the Noxen Gospel Tabernacle on Sunday night at 7:30. The subject will be "Life Can Be Beautiful". Young People especially are invited. Other services will be at 10 and 11 a. m.

## Grandfather Was Pioneer At Lake

### Joseph Worthington, 79, Laid To Rest Tuesday

Descendant of one of Harvey's Lake's first families, Joseph Worthington, who died last Saturday afternoon at the age of 79, was laid to rest in Idetown Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, following funeral services attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends.

His grandfather, Joseph, settled in the lake section in 1806. Mr. Worthington was prominent in civic and church affairs. An active member of Idetown Methodist Church, he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and was on the official board of the church for many years.

The funeral was held from his home at the Lake on Tuesday afternoon at 2 with services by Rev. Frank Abbott, pastor of Lehman Methodist Church, and Rev. C. Duane Butler, former pastor of that church.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Ruth Worthington at home and Mrs. Eugene Fisk of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Edith Ide, Idetown, and two brothers, Louis Worthington, Harvey's Lake, and Edward B. Worthington, Forty Fort.

## 'Cease' Wilson Joins With Brother In Business

Walter "Cease" Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Franklin Street, who has been associated with Oliver's Garage for the past seven and one-half years, has joined his brother, John, in the electrical appliance business in Kingston.

"Cease" will have charge of sales in the Back Mountain Region. The firm handles a complete line of household appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, cleaners, etc. John Wilson was for many years associated with Lazarus Department Store in Wilkes-Barre. Both boys have a host of friends in this region who wish them well in their new venture.

## Goeringer Buys Guernsey

The American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of a registered Guernsey cow by V. L. Elliott to C. F. Goeringer of Dallas. The club also reports the sale of a registered Guernsey bull by Col. Dorrance Reynolds of Dallas to George B. Markle, Jr., of Hazleton.

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