



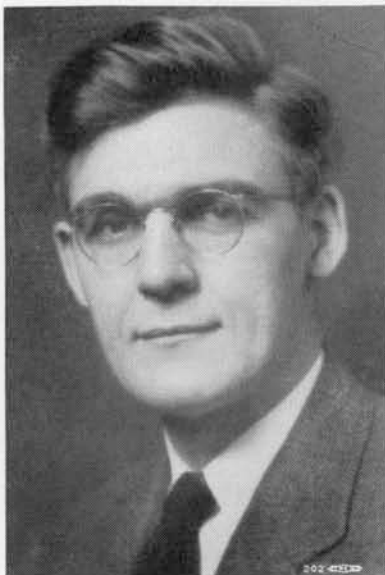
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HAROLD E. STASSEN, Minnesota's former Governor, now receiving such recognition that Minnesota has a real chance, for the first time, to see one of its native sons win the Republican nomination for President.

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# **MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION**

*St. Paul Auditorium, April 1st, 1944*



SENATOR BALL



GOVERNOR THYE

## TWO OF MINNESOTA'S OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN LEADERS . . . . .

On the program for the Republican state convention, among other events, are addresses by two of our outstanding Republican officials:

**JOSEPH H. BALL**, our junior United States Senator, whose courage and forthright approach to the nation's problems have attracted favorable comment throughout the country, here to give the keynote for the convention.

**EDWARD J. THYE**, Minnesota's New Governor, whose sound and sensible administration, forward outlook and consideration for others have made him in scarcely a year one of the most popular governors Minnesota ever had.

## PROGRAM

### MORNING SESSION

Organ Prelude - - - - - "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Convention called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Dr. R. C. Radabaugh,  
*Chairman, State Central Committee*

Advancement of The Colors.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation by the Reverend Joseph Simonson, Pastor of the Christ  
Lutheran Church.

Solo - "The Star Spangled Banner" by Reuben Holmquist, Minneapolis

The official Call of Convention by Mrs. Louis Leech, *Secretary,*  
State Central Committee.

Nomination and Election of Temporary Chairman.

Nomination and Election of Temporary Secretary.

Introduction of Platform Guests.

Address by the Honorable Edward J. Thye, *Governor of Minnesota.*

*Announcements*—Appointment of Secretaries, Sergeant-at-Arms and  
Pages.

Appointment of the following Committees:

- 1—Credentials.
- 2—Rules and Permanent Organization.
- 3—Constitution.
- 4—Platform.
- 5—Resolutions.

*Greetings:* "The Minnesota Delegation" - Honorable August Andresen,  
Member of Congress

National Committeeman - - - - - Roy E. Dunn  
National Committeewoman - - - - - Mrs. Chris Carlson  
Acting State Chairman - - - - - George C. Jones

*Recess.*

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Report of Credentials Committee.

Motion to make temporary organization permanent.

Report of Rules Committee.

Report of Constitution Committee.

Report of Platform Committee.

*Selections*—East Side American Legion Auxiliary Glee Club,  
Mrs. Paul A. Wallgren, Manager,  
Edwin G. Amundson, Director  
Miss Jane Axness, Accompanist.

Keynote Address, 2:30 P.M., by  
Honorable Joseph H. Ball, United States Senator

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Nomination and election of seven (7) delegates to the National Convention.

Nomination and election of seven (7) alternate delegates to the National Convention.

Nomination and election of eleven (11) Republican presidential electors.

*New Business.*

*Retirement of Colors.*

*Adjournment.*

## MINNESOTA'S RECORD OF PROGRESS

Minnesota has made long strides on the path of progress since 1939. Our Republican state administration, first under Governor Stassen and more recently under Governor Thye, has instituted and carried forward improvements which have transformed the whole character of Minnesota's state government. The waste, mismanagement and spoils system that prevailed under the previous administration have been eliminated. Honesty, integrity and efficient administration have taken their place. Men have come from all over the country to see the changes wrought. High lighted here are a few of the improvements made in this memorable period:

State debt has been cut \$39,445,070.

State tax on property has been reduced 45%, from 10 to 5.4 mills.

Expenditures for current costs of the state have been reduced \$13,459,000.

A new labor conciliation plan, enacted in 1939 to promote peaceful settlement of labor disputes, has cut strike losses 70% in Minnesota.

A new financial control plan has been established that adjusts spending to income and averts deficits.

Number of state employees has been reduced one-third.

State purchasing has been centered in one office, with open, competitive bidding that saves millions.

Eliminating needless expenditures, the state has been able to increase state aid for local schools \$1,579,000 yearly.

Contributions of the state for payments to the aged have been increased \$1,850,000 yearly.

A rehabilitation program, set up far in advance, is giving prompt assistance to Minnesota's returning veterans who need help to get started again.

## DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRWOMEN

Following are the district chairmen and chairwomen, selected to serve for the coming two years, except for the third and fifth districts, where district elections had not been held when this list was compiled:

**FIRST DISTRICT**—Dr. W. A. Moore, Rochester; Mrs. P. H. Laivell, Chatfield

**SECOND DISTRICT**—Harry Kluntz, Cleveland; Mrs. R. P. Dodds, Lake Crystal

**THIRD DISTRICT**—R. M. Hadrath, Stillwater; Mrs. F. E. Vrooman, Anoka

**FOURTH DISTRICT**—Lewis L. Drill, St. Paul; Miss Anne Stuart, St. Paul

**FIFTH DISTRICT**—Harlan K. Nygaard, Minneapolis

**SIXTH DISTRICT**—Dr. R. H. Pierce, Wadena; Mrs. W. C. Mannis, Brainerd

**SEVENTH DISTRICT**—Rudolph L. Swore, Alexandria; Mrs. William Ruud, Benson

**EIGHTH DISTRICT**—Hanford Cox, Cloquet; Mrs. George H. Spear, Duluth

**NINTH DISTRICT**—Senator Henry Stiening, Moorhead; Mrs. E. H. Harding, Crookston

## COUNTY CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRWOMEN

Following are the new county chairmen and chairwomen for the coming two years reported to state party headquarters:

**AITKIN**—E. C. Erickson, Aitkin  
Florence Hodgdon, Aitkin

**ANOKA**—William N. King, Anoka  
Mrs. Lillian Vrooman, Anoka

**BECKER**—H. A. Krostue, Detroit Lakes; Mrs. W. A. Nebelung, Detroit Lakes

**BELTRAMI**—L. R. Dickinson  
Bemidji

**BENTON**—Thomas Callahan, Sauk Rapids; Mrs. Catherine Donaldson, Foley

**BIG STONE**—R. R. Buchanan, Graceville; Mrs. H. W. Hewitt, Graceville

**BLUE EARTH**—Frank Koenker, Mankato; Mrs. M. R. Coulter, Mankato

**BROWN**—Frank J. Schugel, New Ulm  
Mrs. E. L. Nippolt, Springfield

**CARLTON**—Harland A. Harper, Carlton; Mrs. Maybelle Hanebeck, Cloquet

**CARVER**—C. H. Klein, Chaska  
Nellie Baxter, Chaska

**CASS**—Walter C. Maeser, Hackensack  
Mrs. Myrtle Parsons, Pillager

**CHIPPEWA**—J. W. Evans, Montevideo; Mrs. M. F. Schaumburg, Montevideo

**CHISAGO**—Carl W. Gustafson, Center City; Mrs. R. C. Andrews, Lindstrom

**CLAY**—George Comstock, Moorhead  
Miss Marjorie Thompson, Baker

**CLEARWATER**—Henry Nasset  
Bagley

**COOK**—J. Henry Eliassen, Grand Marais; Frances Fenstad, Grand Marais

**COTTONWOOD**—C. T. Nelson, Windom; Christine List, Windom

**CROW WING**—D. E. Whitney, Brainerd; Mrs. E. A. Anberg, Crosby

**DAKOTA**—Dr. R. C. Radabaugh, Hastings; Mrs. W. H. Cropsey, So. St. Paul

**DODGE**—W. J. Smith, West Concord  
Mrs. Otto Hubner, West Concord

**DOUGLAS**—Rudolph L. Swore, Alexandria; Mrs. Albert Dahlquist, Alexandria

**FARIBAULT**—Arthur W. Maas, Blue Earth; Frances E. Schneider, Blue Earth

**FILLMORE**—Paul Keith, Chatfield  
Mrs. L. W. Clark, Spring Valley

**FREEBORN**—F. V. Nichols, Albert Lea; Mrs. J. A. Van den Berg, Albert Lea

**GOODHUE**—Merle S. Olson, Cannon Falls; Mrs. Lena Lewis, Pine Island

**GRANT**—William Torstenson, Barrett  
Mrs. Lars Sand, Wendell

**HENNEPIN**—Dana Stone, Minneapolis; Mrs. L. F. Miller, Minneapolis

**HOUSTON**—H. S. Blehrud, Caledonia  
Mrs. Burl Kellogg, Hokah

**HUBBARD**—H. N. Bishop, Park Rapids; Mrs. C. R. Hewitt, Dorset

**ISANTI**—R. E. Parker, Cambridge  
Mrs. Henry Bellin, Stacy

**ITASCA**—Fred A. Meyer, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Kitty Passard, Marble

**JACKSON**—Oren A. Olson, Jackson  
Mrs. C. M. Shearer, Jackson

**KANABEC**—Henry Rines, Mora  
Mrs. Mabel Ravenscraft, Ogilvie

**KANDIYOHI**—F. R. Hier, Raymond  
Mrs. W. O. Rask, Willmar

**KITTSO**—Lyman A. Brink, Hallock  
Mrs. J. N. Lang, Hallock

**KOOCHICING**—L. D. Croswell, Big Falls; Mrs. Leon Frisbie, Littlefork

**LAC QUI PARLE**—Roy Poole  
Madison

**LAKE**—Dr. E. P. Christenson, Two Harbors; Mrs. W. Lorne Fowler, Two Harbors

**LAKE OF THE WOODS**—  
W. B. Sherwood, Baudette

Mrs. C. H. Dodds, Baudette

**LE SUEUR**—Dr. E. J. Gish, Le Center  
Mrs. Al Von Lehe, Le Sueur

**LINCOLN**—Henry Sondergaard, Tyler; Ethel Hermanson, Hendricks

**LYON**—Ted Anderson, Cottonwood  
Mrs. Rachel M. Schutz, Marshall

**MCLEOD**—Warren B. Clay, Hutchinson; Mrs. Emil Nelson, Hutchinson

**MAHNOMEN**—Thomas Rodwell, Mahanomen; Mrs. Patnode, Waubun

**MARSHALL**—Ira H. Burhans, Stephen; Mrs. J. H. Herbranson, Warren

**MARTIN**—W. L. Nicholas, Fairmont  
Mrs. Lydia Thieman, Fairmont

**MEEKER**—Leo L. Baumgartner, Litchfield; Mrs. Irene Esbjornsson, Litchfield

**MILLE LACS**—George E. Anderson, Onamia; Mrs. Roy Lindquist, Onamia

**MORRISON**—Leo M. Thompson, Little Falls; Mrs. E. G. Haymaker, Motley

**MOWER**—P. D. Beaulieu, Austin  
Mrs. M. K. Cole, Austin

**MURRAY**—D. P. Weld, Slayton  
Mrs. Henry Matson, Slayton

**NICOLLET**—Alfred M. Bolstad, St. Peter; Mrs. J. R. Faust, St. Peter

**NOBLES**—H. M. Dee, Worthington  
Mrs. Frank Graven, Worthington

**NORMAN**—Charles O. Herman, Ada  
Mrs. S. J. Skaurud, Ada

**OLMSTED**—Oscar C. Ronken, Rochester; Mrs. Helen M. O'Connor, Douglas

**OTTERTAIL**—Philip R. Monson, Fergus Falls; Mrs. George W. Frankberg, Fergus Falls

**PENNINGTON**—Frank A. Rinkel, Thief River Falls; Mrs. E. C. Karwand, Thief River Falls

**PINE**—Adolph S. Larson, Sandstone  
Mrs. Henrietta Boo, Pine City

**PIPESTONE**—R. L. Palmer, Pipestone; Mrs. Harry Converse, Pipestone

**POLK**—Paul Dudley, Crookston  
Mrs. E. H. Harding, Crookston

**POPE**—T. O. Ofsthun, Glenwood  
Mrs. S. N. Witts, Glenwood

**RAMSEY**—Lewis L. Drill, St. Paul  
Miss Anne Stuart, St. Paul

**RED LAKE**—Horace W. Cutten, Red Lake Falls; Miss Bernice Orr, Red Lake Falls

**REDWOOD**—W. R. Werring, Morgan  
Mrs. R. A. Peterson, Vesta

**RENVILLE**—Eric Anderson, Hector  
Miss Evelyn Nordstrom, Sacred Heart

**RICE**—A. O. Lee, Northfield  
Miss Helen Grant, Faribault

**ROCK**—R. C. Engan, Luverne  
Mrs. Norman Steine, Luverne

**ROSEAU**—C. E. Peterson, Roosevelt  
Mrs. Grant Hauger, Greenbush

**ST. LOUIS**—R. B. Reavill, Duluth  
Mrs. John I. Anderson, Buhl

**SCOTT**—Dr. H. H. Pierre, Jordan  
Mrs. Ellen Boppel, Shakopee

**SHERBURNE**—Melvin C. Enger, Big Lake; Mrs. Scott Mitchell, Big Lake

**SIBLEY**—O. S. Vesta, Arlington  
Mrs. F. A. Torrey, Arlington

**STEARNS**—Hugh Morris, St. Cloud  
Mrs. G. Robert Herberger, St. Cloud

**STEELE**—Dr. R. W. Myers, Owatonna  
Ellen Holmberg, Owatonna

**STEVENS**—George Davidson, Morris  
Mrs. Max C. Harris, Morris

**SWIFT**—Paul Waldon, Appleton  
Mrs. Wm. Ruud, Benson

**TODD**—Fred J. Otis, Hewitt  
Mrs. George Tronsrue, Long Prairie

**TRAVERSE**—F. F. Moore, Wheaton  
Mrs. Watzke, Browns Valley

**WABASHA**—Donald Duerre, Wabasha; Mrs. L. C. Honer, Kellogg

**WADENA**—Dr. C. H. Pierce, Wadena  
Mrs. J. B. Connely, Verndale

**WASECA**—Donald C. Brown, Waseca  
Mrs. C. W. Spaulding, Jr., Waseca

**WASHINGTON**—R. M. Hadrath, Stillwater; Mrs. John Eder, Lake Elmo

**WATONWAN**—George S. Hage, Madelia; Miss Marnie Hennis, Madelia

**WILKIN**—Robert R. Waite, Breckenridge; Jennie Rimer, Breckenridge

**WINONA**—Harold J. Doerer, Winona  
Mrs. L. B. Campbell, Winona

**WRIGHT**—Robert F. Lee, Annandale  
Mrs. Clara Love, Kokato

**YELLOW MEDICINE**—  
Dr. R. H. Ehrenberg, Granite Falls

Mrs. Abbie Paulson, Canby

**NOTE**—Selection of the new district chairmen, district chairwomen, district representatives on the executive committee and extra and special members of the central committee has not been completed.



## PRESENT STATE PARTY OFFICERS

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH, *Chairman* - - - - - Hastings  
 MRS. M. L. SPENCER, *Chairwoman* - - - - - Winona  
 GEORGE C. JONES, *Vice Chairman and Acting Chairman*, Minneapolis  
 MISS MARJORIE THOMPSON, *Vice Chairwoman* - - - - - Baker  
 MRS. LOUIS LEECH, *Secretary* - - - - - St. Paul  
 E. C. DUNCANSON, *Treasurer* - - - - - Spring Valley

ROY E. DUNN, *National Committeeman* - - - - - Pelican Rapids  
 MRS. CHRIS CARLSON, *National Committeewoman* - - - Blue Earth

## GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION

Mrs. M. L. Spencer, *Chairman* - - - - - Winona  
 Mrs. Lawrence Carver - - - - - Wykoff  
 Merle S. Olson - - - - - Cannon Falls  
 Helen Grant - - - - - Faribault  
 Buren Watland - - - - - Jackson  
 George S. Hage - - - - - Madelia  
 Mrs. F. W. Franchere - - - - - Lake Crystal  
 Enoch Anderson - - - - - Minneapolis  
 R. M. Hadrath - - - - - Stillwater  
 Mrs. R. C. Andrews - - - - - Lindstrom  
 Senator Charles N. Orr - - - - - St. Paul  
 Ann Stuart - - - - - St. Paul  
 Lillian Jargo - - - - - St. Paul  
 Henry Gaspard - - - - - Minneapolis  
 Larry Erskine - - - - - Minneapolis  
 Mrs. E. E. Sperry - - - - - Minneapolis  
 Mrs. Florence Hodgson - - - - - Aitkin  
 H. N. Bishop - - - - - Park Rapids  
 Mrs. Gus Parsons - - - - - Pillager  
 Mrs. W. O. Rask - - - - - Willmar  
 R. C. Engan - - - - - Luverne  
 Mrs. S. N. Witts - - - - - Glenwood  
 Mrs. Kitty Passard - - - - - Marble  
 Hanford Cox - - - - - Cloquet  
 Mrs. J. I. Anderson - - - - - Buhl  
 Marjorie Thompson - - - - - Baker  
 Senator A. O. Sletvold - - - - - Detroit Lakes  
 Mrs. Joe Herbranson - - - - - Warren

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Proceedings of the State Convention of the Republican Party, held Saturday, April 1, 1944, at the Auditorium, St. Paul, Minnesota.

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH: The convention will please come to order. William Mitchell, of Redwood County, a World War Veteran will give the pledge to the flag.

Delegates arose and recited the pledge to the flag.

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH: We will now have the invocation by the Reverend Joseph Simonson, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of St. Paul, and Chaplain of the Minnesota State Senate.

Invocation by Reverend Simonson.

Solo: "Star Spangled Banner" by Ruben Holmquist of Minneapolis.

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH: We are opening our convention here today, while our people are under the heavy burden of war. Millions of our young men are away fighting on many fronts for the preservation of the liberties we enjoy in this country. Now, more than at any time within our memory we must approach the work of our convention with serious and earnest purpose. The leaders we choose this year will face the toughest job in history.

Our people in Minnesota have a special interest in this convention and in the conventions and primaries in the other states, for our former Governor Harold Stassen is one of the men who is being prominently mentioned for Republican nomination for President. (applause) The splendid work he did during his three terms as Gover-

nor of Minnesota has attracted attention throughout the nation and I am glad to report to you he is one of the three or four men listed every where as men likely to get the Republican nomination. (applause) We, for the have the first real chance in Minnesota history to get the nomination for a fellow Minnesotan. All of us I think, can unite on this purpose. It has been a pleasure in recent months to travel to many parts of the country in behalf of this effort. We have been carrying on this campaign to obtain the nomination for Harold Stassen and I have been amazed at the number of people who have been interested in helping us. They are working for his nomination in Wisconsin, Nebraska, South Dakota and many other states.

District conventions in Minnesota have already elected eighteen delegates committed to the support of our former Governor, and I am sure todays convention will complete the solid front sending out encouragement to Harold Stassen's friends all over the country that Minnesota is united behind him. (applause)

Minnesota has made a great advance since the dark days of '37 and '38. I can well remember the conditions existing when a group of Harold Stassen's friends and neighbors met at the school house at Hastings and started his first campaign as governor. At that time Minnesota had only two elected Republican officials in the capitol and three among its congressional delegation. We have seen our Party grow in power since that time until it swept through the last election with a solid Republican ticket, a Republican in all seats but one in Congress. We have seen our Republican state admin-



istration, first under Harold Stassen and more recently under Governor Thye introduce movements which have changed the whole character of our state government (applause) The waste, mismanagement and corruption that prevailed under the previous administrations have been swept out and Minnesota has been set upon a new course.

I want to thank you and all our other Party workers for an opportunity to have a part in this movement and for the support you have given me through the three campaigns in which I have served. It has not always been easy to serve as your State Chairman. A State Chairman enjoys no immunity- game laws have provided for him no closed season, active energetic Party workers with deep interest in their Party and strong views are bound to differ often and a State Chairman becomes a kind of shock absorber. I have absorbed shocks in silence as much as I could and tried to keep our ship on an even keel. I have had no interest outside of loyalty to our state administration and Harold Stassen as duly elected head of it. I feel I should repeat a statement I made recently, despite reports made to the contrary, I have not been and do not desire to be considered as a candidate either for National Committeeman or State Chairman. I would like to be an alternate delegate to the National Convention, if this should prove acceptable because I feel because of my acquaintance with state chairmen of the other states during the last six years, and with many contacts I have made with Party workers in other states in recent months, I can be of help on the convention floor when the vote for Harold Stassen's nomination is under way. (applause) I shall have no other request to make. All my attention in recent



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months has been devoted to an effort in other states for Harold Stassen. With the increased interest being expressed since Harold's announcement he would be willing to accept the nomination if tendered the activity outside of the state will be intensely increased. Our state organization I feel is in good shape. While I have been engaged almost entirely on work outside the state in recent months George Jones and Rose Spencer have been carrying on a very effective program of organization work in the state. I feel under their direction aided by other Party officers, we can look forward to a very successful campaign. I hope all the differences which have existed can be erased and we can go forward with a united program. The opportunities which face us are too great to have any personal feeling or individual desire stand in the way. All of us must submerge our personal feelings and place the common good first, ahead of selfish personal aspirations. I feel that will be done. Ed Thye must return to capitol hill as Governor in January 1945 together with a complete Republican ticket. (applause) The national administration must also be taken over from by our Republican President in the White House in January. (applause)

The next order of business will be the reading of the official call by Mrs. Louis Leech, Secretary.

MR. ED. HATCH, St. Louis County: I move the reading of the call be dispensed with.

MR. HAROLD DOERER, Winona: I second the motion.

Motion carried.

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH: First order of business is the

election of a temporary chairman.

MR. JOHN EVANS, Chippewa County: Ladies and gentlemen of the convention. I move you that Senator Charles N. Orr of Ramsey County, be named temporary chairman of this convention.

MRS. MAYBELLE HANABECK, Carlton County: I <sup>am happy to</sup> second the nomination of Senator Orr as temporary chairman of this convention.

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH: It has been moved and seconded that Senator Orr be temporary chairman of this convention. Any further nominations, etc. Motion carried.

I will now appoint Mrs. H. A. Johnson and Mrs. Mildred Nelson to escort the temporary chairman to the platform.

Senator Orr is escorted to the platform. (applause)

DR. R. C. RADABAUGH: Senator Orr, it is a pleasure to hand you the gavel. (applause)

SENATOR C. N. ORR: Ladies and gentlemen of this Convention: I find it difficult to find words with which to implement my feelings over the unanimous choice of this convention to preside over it. I want you to feel at the outset that fairness will be my watch word. I would notnwhen entrusted with so important a procedure, under any circumstances give you anything but my very best judgment of the votes that it will ~~re~~ probably be my duty to decide, and if there is any doubt you will always have a chance to make a more accurate test and I want you to feel from the beginning that there will be nothing slipped over on you. There will be no quick or hasty decisions made.

I want you to know I am not a key noter. We have plenty of those. We have heard from one already and there are a dozen high caliber guns sitting back here who will entertain you a little later. In the briefest possible manner I will make a short statement to you and I say short, advisedly, and I hope others will keep that idea of shortness in mind, because, as I said at the County Convention over which I had the honor to preside, a speech does not have to be eternal in order to be immortal. (applause)

Our Republican Party is winding up six years of progress in charge of Minnesota's state government. We can all take pride in the forward strides made and look forward to future gains if we keep our eyes on the public good. I am happy to preside over this convention for another reason, the man who led us to victory in the last three campaigns and who contributed so much to reestablishing the Republican Party in Minnesota is being recognized throughout the country as one of the three or four most considered for Republican nomination for President.

The Ninth District Convention has already elected delegates pledged or committed to his support and the rest of our Minnesota delegates who will be picked here today, will be dedicated I have no doubt, to the same high purpose. What we do here easily may become a historic spot on the path leading to the White House for our fellow Minnesotan Harold E. Stassen. (applause)

We have had differences in our party from time to time. That is to be expected. What is important, is that we still have the right to have differences - (applause) but when the issue has been



determined that they unite in support of policies and programs decided upon. In no other way can democracy work, in no other way can the party survive. I hope we can approach the decisions of this convention with the spirit of union. Our people here in Minnesota are impressed with the opportunity we have to do something here that will be helpful to Harold Stassen's nomination, and they want assurance that the efficient administration under Governor Thye is going to be continued. I hope we can keep our eyes on these objectives and let nothing detract from them. This is not the time to let personal matters or individual differences divide us. The interests of all of our people will be best served by cooperation and unity, and that is the one message I propose to bring to you, ladies and gentlemen, as I preside over this convention.

Now, the first order of business is election of a temporary secretary.

MRS. LAWRENCE CARVER, Fillmore County: I wish to place the name of Mrs. Louis Leech in nomination as our temporary chairman. Mrs. Leech is able and efficient.

MRS. F. E. VROOMAN, Anoka County: I would like to second the nomination of Mrs. Louis Leech.

CHAIRMAN ORR: Mrs. Leech has been nominated, any further nominations? \*\* Mrs. Leech is elected Secretary. Mrs. Leech will you stand so they may all see you? (applause)

CHAIRMAN ORR: As Mr. Fadiman on Information says, it is comparatively easy when you have it on the record before you, but I don't seem to have some of the record.



Now, I have a selected list of those who will not talk unless they over ride me. You are going to be probably glad to have them stand and make their bow, they are all people who have rendered distinguished services to the Republican Party during a great many years in different capacities.

The first gentleman I will ask to rise is one I have been very close to personally and I feel sure he would be glad to have this convention tell him whether he is, or whether he is not. I introduce to you, Lieutenant Governor Archie Miller, at this time. (Applause).

Next, the old white pine from Roseau County, who has been in every convention I can remember, the Honorable Mike Holm. (applause)

Here before the Hudson Bay Company had chopped its name on all the ~~xxxx~~ trees was Julius Schmahl, our efficient state treasurer. (applause) These names are not all in order. I could almost turn around and introduce them personally better, but if not in the order in which they belong, let's not make comparisons if they are all striving to live honest Christian lives. I present next -

Frank Mattson, Railroad and Warehouse Commission. (applause)

John Meader, who is so successfully taking the place of that sturdy old Republican Staff King, now in the service of his country. (applause)

Then we have a representative among the state officials, representing that splendid part of the Republican Party - the women - who do such a splendid service. I sometimes feel if I could have the

women with me the opposition could have the men - that is not quite true however. I take pleasure in presenting Grace Kaercher Davis, Clerk of the Supreme Court. (applause)

I want to make one more introduction, on my own behalf, sitting on the platform is one who for a great many years, years that are behind us, rendered sterling services to the Republican Party that is not and never will be forgotten. I present to you this person, Mrs. Manley Fosseen. (applause)

You see, I am omitting part of the top and working down. I don't know but what I am now introducing the top - but you wont regard it as official because I am soon to call upon the Governor of this state, but before I do so, I want to present to you the charming and accomplished lady who bears his name and represents the finest culture on our state, Mrs. Thye (applause)

I may have missed some others, I will get to some others you may think are being left out temporarily - you will get plenty of talk. You will remember at the close of the last session of the legislature when one who had piloted this state during a very considerable number of years, who took it when it was down at the heels, when it hung by a very narrow thread and that thread was the State Senate of Minnesota of which I am proud to be a member. Governor Stassen brought the state up to the end of that session then he resigned to enter service and now - we are naturally proud of the picture - you will remember as Harold Stassen laid down the chair of authority, that our present great Governor stepped forward and the first words that fell from his lips were these - I will follow in the

foot steps of Harold Stassen. That inspired the people and immediately gave assurance of stable and sound government. It has been my privilege to be very close to ~~our~~ Governor Thye, and no man one would know about is more sincere in his desire to do the right thing to give the people the best possible government he can, and I think he is doing a good job. I have delight ladies and gentlemen in presenting the Governor of Minnesota, the Honorable Ed Thye.

(applause)

GOVERNOR THYE: Thank you. Senator Orr, Dr. Radabaugh, Reverend Simonson, all the honored guests, members of this convention, ladies and gentlemen: It is indeed an honor for one to stand before the Republican Convention of the State of Minnesota, and I feel that honor. I feel it most sincerely. Again we have the privilege to represent in convention, as delegates, the people back in the home communities. They have delegated that responsibility to us here today to represent them in this convention, to lay the foundation for the Republican Party for the coming two years in the State of Minnesota and its coming four years nationally. With that responsibility goes a certain amount of pleasure and satisfaction. That you have been selected, that we have been selected, by the people in our home communities to represent them.

Many of our sons and daughters are not with us today, they are ~~re~~ representing you in another manner - some where - where the surroundings are not nearly as pleasant as they are here today. We must remember them in the coming years. We must remember them in the coming weeks of our campaign and remember them well.



As the people of the state have selected you and I to represent them here today, we must assume the responsibility to represent them well, we must look forward to the future with a determination first upon harmony - that is what they expect of us. You and I can not be retarded in any sense or have the feeling of being retarded by placing brakes on ourselves, by disunity in this convention or any convention, as a Party. Second, with unity we can go forward, we can go forward with strength. That unity has been displayed in the State Republican Party in these past three campaigns and in the three past terms. You as a Republican Party can be proud of the achievements of the Minnesota Republican Party in the past six years. Indeed you can be proud of the record.

The record of the state is such that today Minnesota is looked to as an outstanding state in the Union. Go where you may, whether it be one state or another and they will ask you questions about the legislative program that has been the state's in the past three sessions. Go where you may and they speak well of the State of Minnesota, and you are the people who have ~~had~~ brought back that recognition for the state in the nation.

With the popularity we have enjoyed as a Party goes the great responsibility of carrying on, carrying on in such a manner that we will continue to build Minnesota a better place for its people. With this popularity goes our responsibility to each and every economic group in the state, be it agriculture, be it business or be it labor and, as your Governor, for almost a year I can frankly report to you we have had the utmost cooperation from all three



of the groups I have mentioned, and I have had the splendid cooperation of all the people, if they were identified with other than the three groups I have mentioned. I have enjoyed that, I have enjoyed it a great deal. I have seen the state progressing, going forward, going forward with its plans for the pace we are going forward in, laying the foundation so we can properly take care of he or she who must make a living with their two hands. Going forward with programs to take care of our returning members of the armed forces in such a manner they can have comforts when they return to their homes, to their home communities, rather than insecurity or constant worry, in the search for employment. That is our work and we must assume it.

Senator Joe Ball and I returned to the state this morning. We left the state in your hands to shape it politically for one reason - first we have the utmost confidence in all of you, consequently I followed the urge and call to go into our sister state on behalf of a man who can not speak for himself, a man whose record is so outstanding we need make no apologies for him in any sense politically, socially or as an individual. We <sup>covered</sup> ~~survived~~ the state of Nebraska in the last few days. We took a few physical chances, at least I did in order to try and reach certain meetings. People were searching, searching for information of that young man who is serving his country in the manner he told you, and I remember during the last political convention in the state - he was a young man and he felt his responsibility was with other young men on the battle field, fighting for the safety of this great nation. He is there, he is not

asking for any soft jobs, he is not asking for any consideration, he is just praying to God his luck may hold, that he may do the job where ever he is.

You and I have that responsibility on the home front to do the job for him that he could so ably do was he here to do it, and we would not have to speak for him either in convention or in the other states were he here to speak for himself. As people from the state of Nebraska asked about his mother and father, about his family, about his record in the state, how can he get along with the legislative bodies, how does he represent the Republican Party in the state of Minnesota, does he stand in with them, does he speak with them and for them, I could answer all those questions in the affirmative and I did.

There is no question in my mind but what he will poll well in the coming primary in Nebraska and likewise in Wisconsin and if he polls well there you can see a great change in the nation towards and in favor of Harold Stassen. (applause)

You and I who have had the right to represent the people of Minnesota in selecting who is going to go to the National Convention, have done our utmost in order that he may be well represented in that National Convention. We still have delegates to elect this afternoon. We must remember this, for the first time in the history of Minnesota, the people of Minnesota have the opportunity and even a gambler's chance to go to a convention and nominate one of their own. We have that opportunity this year and that is our responsibility.

As we close this convention we go into the campaign. Let's remember this that the campaign is ours to carry, it is ours to represent the people of the state, but for no moment should those people ever become so selfish <sup>that</sup> they are trying to build for themselves or on to themselves, rather than to build for the state and its people, and as long as I have the opportunity to represent you in conventions I shall always have the feeling the state is first, its people are second and as far as my personal desires, they shall come last. Thank you. (applause)

CHAIRMAN ORR: Thank you Governor Thye for those words calculated to carry out the idea of unity.

I don't suppose we will be able to transact very much business except to get the machinery of the convention set up. We have five committees provided for by the constitution of the State Central Committee. Those committees have all been agreed on and if it be your will they might at this time be announced. They are not the choice of any one except the Congressional Districts. Two from each congressional district on each committee, with a chairman added to it, and I would like to have a motion that the chair announce these committees because they are not the appointments of the Chair, but rather of yourselves.

MRS. R. C. ANDREWS, Chisago County: I move that the temporary chairman appoint the following committees: Credentials and Permanent Organization, Rules and Order of Business, Constitution, Platform and Resolutions, the membership of which committees shall consist of one man and one woman selected from each of the nine



Congressional Districts, and a chairman appointed by the temporary chairman of the convention.

MRS. S. N. WITTS, Pope County: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN ORR: I thank the lady from Chisago for outlining the motion so clearly. I don't know that I need restate it, or that I can restate it as well as she did, but the motion is \*\*\*

Are you ready for the question? Motion carried.

The Secretary, Mrs. Leech, will announce the appointments.

MRS. LOUIS LEECH: The District Convention Committee appointed the following members for State Convention Committees:

Platform Committee: Chairman, Senator A. O. Sletvold, Detroit Lakes.

First District: Mr. A. O. Lee, Northfield,  
Mrs. Lena Lewis, Pine Island.  
Senator

Second District: Mr. Oscar A. Swenson, Nicollet  
Mrs. W. H. Cropsey, 1105 17th Ave. N., So. St. Paul.

Third District: Mr. Kenneth Dawson, 3111 NE Cleveland, Mpls.  
Mrs. L. B. Pease, 626 16th Ave. SE., Mpls.

Fourth District: Mr. Joseph W. Finley, St. Paul  
Mrs. David Bartlett, St. Paul.

Fifth District: Mr. Arthur Jensen, Mpls  
Miss Rebekah Kenney, 2106 Garfield Ave., So. Mpls.

Sixth District: Mrs. Scott Mitchell, Elk River

Seventh District: Senator J. V. Weber, Slayton,  
Mrs. H. L. Matson, Avoca

Eighth District: Mrs. R. T. Hart, Moose Lake  
Mrs. Vera Anderson, Buhl

Ninth District: Miss Marjorie Thompson, Baker  
Senator A. O. Sletvold, Detroit Lakes





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