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Ed Thye Becomes State's First Farmer-Governor as Stassen Starts Navy Duty

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High Position Handed On in Simple Rites 'Neighbors' Figure in Ceremony

Farewell Picture on Second Front
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By M. W. HALLORAN
Star Journal Political Writer

Minnesota had a new governor today—the first farmer governor in its history—with 47-year-old Edward J. Thye of Dakota county, Northfield rural route, taking over the reins from Gov. Harold E. Stassen.

The transition came in simple ceremonies under the great dome of the statehouse, with the state supreme court justices in their black gowns, all the state officers and many members of the recently adjourned legislature in official attendance, and the balconies packed with onlookers.

In a parting message to the new



EDWARD J. THYE, HAROLD E. STASSEN
Wishes successor good luck

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STASSEN QUIT; THYE SWORN IN

Governor Reports To Navy Today

Turns Over Executive Duties
To Successor at Simple
Ceremony in Rotunda of Capitol

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Two doors closed in the State Capitol Tuesday afternoon and their closing marked the beginning of two new careers.

Gov. Stassen walked out after resigning his office to Lt. Gov. Ed J. Thye, and the Capitol front door shut behind him. He walked into a career as lieutenant commander in the Navy.

Thye took the oath of office as governor and walked into the office previously occupied by Stassen. When the door closed, he said to Mrs. Thye, who accompanied him:

"I hope to meet in the best way possible the responsibility that has been laid on me. If I do not meet it, it would have been better if I had stayed on the farm at Northfield. I shall do the best I can to meet it."

The simple ceremony that marked the transfer of office from Gov. Stassen to Thye was one marked by tears in the eyes of dozens of men and women in assembly of more than a thousand persons in the Capitol rotunda.

Gov. Stassen read his resignation. He said:

"Lt. Gov. Ed Thye, I herewith sign and present to you as the duly elected lieutenant governor of Minnesota my resignation as Governor of the state. As you know, I leave to enter into active service in the United States Navy.

"I therefore place in your hands the executive authority over the state as provided in the constitution. I present to you the Governor's flag and the keys to the Governor's office.

"You will preside over a great and diversified state of field and of forest, of mines and of industries. It is peopled by a splendid people, sons and daughters of every nation in the world, loyal citizens by birth or adoption of our beloved United States of America.

"I trust you will administer the affairs of the state with the basic integrity that is the strength of your character, with the forthrightness and directness that the people have recognized in you, with confidence in the people, and with faith in God; that you will be fair to all, but dominated by none; that you will pursue the progressive domestic philosophy that is yours; that you will continue to recognize that Minnesota is not only a part of the United States of America, but also a part of the world; that you will be unwavering in your basic principles but tolerant of those who disagree with you; that you will use the full resources of the state to back up the Stars and Stripes until they are victorious in this war; and that you will point the road away from isolationism to an advance in the science of government to win an enduring peace."

Chief Justice Henry Gallagher of the Minnesota Supreme court then administered the oath of office as governor to Thye and the official control of the state passed, as Stassen outlined it in his campaign last Fall, to Thye.

The ex-governor and Mrs.

Gov. Thye Starts With 'Clean Slate'

Determined Not to
Accept Dictation

By ROBERT THOMPSON

Gov. Ed J. Thye has feet big enough to match his large frame and he will need them. Because he will stand on those feet and will, indisputably, be the governor of Minnesota without dictation from anyone.

Memories of the years of hardship in his boyhood and early manhood, when he had to fight his own way through to success, have made him a person who will not accept dictation. And any person who thinks otherwise is doomed to disruption of his plans.

The fact of Thye's independence has been becoming somewhat apparent during his four months as lieutenant governor.

Thye has learned, during his 47 years of life, to confer with others and take the course which joint wisdom dictates. But he also has determined that he will not be swayed by arguments that are purely political or pettifoggery.

In a 90-minute exclusive interview with this reporter two hours after he took his oath of office, Thye indicated that he will not pick up any of the political feuds, obligations, or disputes that may exist.

"A CLEAN SLATE!"

That, he insists, is the way he is starting the administration of his new office. If any persons show by their actions they are his political enemies, then he will erect "adequate barriers" against their activities. The way to show to him that they are his political friends, he thinks, is to show a genuine in-

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THYE MAKES HIS PROMISE TO CARRY ON

Delivers Good Wishes of State to Stassen

Lieutenant Commander Harold E. Stassen left Minnesota for naval service late Tuesday, bearing good wishes of the people of the state, expressed to him by Gov. Ed Thye, Stassen's successor as the state's chief executive.

Replying to remarks with which Stassen surrendered office in ceremonies in the state capitol rotunda, a few hours earlier, Thye declared:

"Lieutenant Commander Harold Stassen, may I simply and humbly respond to the best of my ability. I will carry on. With the help of God and the people of Minnesota, we will not fail, and on behalf of the people of Minnesota, may I say to you our best wishes and our prayers go with you.

"Godspeed to a great governor, a governor for all the people, rich or poor, a real man."

Thus ended the precedent-shaking administration of a man who entered the governor's office at age 31—the nation's youngest governor—devised and brought about enactment of laws which revolutionized state methods of handling dozens of problems, guided a political neophyte to the Republican party's presidential nomination, and put himself in the forefront of those seeking permanent composition of international differences which breed war.

GEARED TO WAR

The ceremony with which Stassen surrendered his office to Thye took place in an atmosphere fitting times of war.

State guardsmen lined capitol corridors as Stassen walked from his office to the building's rotunda.

Major General Ellard A. Walsh, the state's adjutant general, spoke into a microphone as Stassen approached: "His excellency, the governor of Minnesota."

RESIGNATION PRESENTED

To Thye, waiting in the rotunda, Stassen said:

"Lt. Gov. Ed Thye, I herewith sign and present to you, as the duly elected lieutenant governor of Minnesota, my resignation as governor of the state. As you know, I leave to enter into active service in the United States navy.

"I therefore place in your hands the executive authority over the state as provided in the constitution."

It was after he had taken the oath of office, administered by Henry M. Gallagher, chief justice of the state supreme court, in the presence of other members of the supreme bench, that Thye addressed his parting words to Stassen.

NEW 'FIRST LADY' AND GOVERNOR THYE



Minnesota's new "First Lady" was among the first to congratulate her husband after he was sworn in as governor late Tuesday. Here, Gov. Edward J. Thye and Mrs. Thye are shown together in their suite at St. Paul hotel after the swearing in ceremony.

ing the state with a truly great record. I respect him and I love him.

"Whatever he may want in the future, I'll do my best to help him get it."

Stassen, seated a few feet away as Dunn spoke, arose when Dunn finished his remarks, reached over, and shook Dunn's hand. Both he and Dunn obviously were affected by the parting.

HASKINS DRIVES CAR

Waiting to drive Stassen to his home in South St. Paul, where the ex-governor donned his naval uniform, was Earl Haskins, state liquor control commissioner, who as Stassen's aid, drove his official car when he took office in January, 1939.

While Stassen was making this transition from civilian to military life, Thye held a brief press conference, at which he announced his intention to pursue the policies laid down by Stassen, and to retain in office the present personnel of the governor's staff, including Lester R. Badger, Minneapolis, governor's private secretary, and Paul Albrecht, St. Paul, executive secretary and extradition referee.

GATHER AT STATION

A throng of well-wishers, including Thye, gathered at St. Paul Union station to witness Stassen's departure for Great Lakes naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill., where he is under orders to report Thursday.

State Rep. Roy Dunn, Pelican Rapids, the state's Republican national committeeman, a powerful figure sometimes at odds with Stassen, joined in the parting tributes for Stassen when the governor took leave of the party's state central committee at a meeting Tuesday.

PRAISE FROM DUNN

Arising as the meeting drew to a close, Dunn declared:

"Governor Stassen has been very kind to me. He has mentioned me several times in public and has always paid me fine compliments.

"There has been times, as you know, when we have had some differences of opinion, but we have always been able to keep our respect for each other.

"That is as it should be—progress is made when men can express their differences and keep their respect for each other.

"I want to say that he is leav-

Stassen Says Farewell to Legislature

Green Press 4-23-43

Governor and
Solons Exchange
Compliments

By ROBERT THOMPSON

The fifty-third session of the Minnesota state Legislature came to a close Thursday night approximately forty-eight hours after the legal time for its close, and after an exchange of compliments between Gov. Stassen and the members of the two houses.

The governor made a farewell address, first in the House, and then in the Senate, praising the members of both bodies for the work they have done and asserting that by their task they have helped to maintain the orderly processes of democracy.

Immediately after his talk in the House, Representative Vernon Welch of Minneapolis introduced a resolution, highly laudatory of the governor for his work since his first election in 1938. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

A similar resolution passed the Senate, also unanimously.

The House began to finish its job by adjourning at 10:27 p. m. and maintaining the fiction that it actually was adjourning Tuesday night. After hearing Gov. Stassen's address and passing the resolution it then adjourned finally at 12:03 a. m.

The Senate had voted through the first of the governor's compromise tax program laws at 10:35 p. m. The second bill was passed shortly afterwards and the upper house adjourned, ending its "Tuesday session" at 11:10 p. m. It then reconvened for its Wednesday session to hear the state's chief executive.

Gov. Stassen started his talks by telling the legislators that this was his farewell message to them. Then, after citing a number of the more important measures passed at the session, he paid tribute to the members for maintaining a common meet-

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Stassen Says Farewell to Solons

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ing ground where representatives of all groups and classes may be heard and their problems worked out for the best interests of all.

He closed by asserting that the legislative process maintained democratically in the Minnesota Capitol, is essentially the same as the one which must be used to "win the peace after we have won the war". He said that a higher level of government will be necessary for nations in order that anarchy on the one hand and arbitrary ruthlessness on the other may never again jeopardize the peace and the rights of the peoples of the world.

The resolution of commendation and commemoration, which was introduced in the Senate by Senator Charles N. Orr of St. Paul, cited the fact that Gov. Stassen is leaving office to enter the armed forces and then praised, in highest terms, his work as governor.

"His sound, progressive and constructive views," the resolution said, "have been of inestimable value to this body in determining the policies and program of the state. The said Harold E. Stassen has made an invaluable personal and lasting contribution to the State of Minnesota and to its people.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the membership of the Legislature, on behalf of the people of this state, do hereby express our appreciation to the said Harold E. Stassen, governor of the State of Minnesota, for the service he has rendered its people.

"Be it further resolved that the best wishes of the people of this state be extended to the said Harold E. Stassen upon his entrance into the armed forces of the United States.

"God speed Governor Stassen."

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DANGER FROM ENEMY BOMBS IS EXPLAINED

E. C. Ward Gives City Council
Report Of Defense
Meeting

E. C. Ward asked the cooperation of the council on the establishment of auxiliary police under the direction of the city authorities and sheriff for use by the Civil Defense Corps. He explained that he had spent three days last week in Minneapolis attending a school on sabotage and espionage which was conducted by army officers and civil defense directors. Extra police men will be trained when needed and paid by the federal government with no financial responsibility by local governments, he declared. The plan is to create a force for proper policing as a guard against sabotage and espionage.

There have been startling facts, Mr. Ward said, revealed on the amount of sabotage planned in this country. In one case the government has evidence that two million gallons of high octane gasoline have been hidden west of Hudson Bay, deposited there by German submarines to refuel bombing planes when needed. Minnesota iron mines and ore docks at Duluth are only two hours flying time from that point.

In another case four of eight saboteurs captured carried instructions to go to Minnesota and authorities believe they were part of plan to sabotage important industries in the state.

Plans have also been made in the northwest region and elsewhere for the evacuation of civilians in case of bombings to protect lives rather than property. He said that although bombing might appear remote in this territory, officials should not run the risk of not being prepared.

The council hired the following employees for the year: Harry Fowler, custodian and fire truck driver; Eugene Callahan, caretaker of the city dump; and Herman Kratz, street cleaner.

Two more bicycle racks for use on city streets were authorized by the council. The racks are to be stationed wherever the mayor and chief of police decide.

The council authorized the purchase of 20 gallons of wax for use in the city hall and the firemen's hall at the request of Harry Fowler, custodian.

At a hearing held at 8:30 p. m., the council adjourned and opened the meeting as the board of health to consider a complaint on rats in the E. C. Priebe property on Second avenue S. E., just east of State street.

Dr. Lynn, city health officer, told the council of the complaint of Elmer Stephan and asked Mr. Stephan to state his complaint. He explained that rats were so numerous that they could be heard and seen most of the time.

Mr. Priebe, owner of the property, declared that seed corn stored in the building had been there only a short time and a sewer stoppage had been corrected by Mr. Madden, the plumber.

Dr. Lynn pointed out that rats were a threat and nuisance to public health and asked that the sewer
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EX-GOVERNOR STASSEN

WASECA COUNTY WAY OVER THE TOP!

Farmers Lost Half
Their Winter Wheat

The loss of winter wheat in this county has been the heaviest in many years, according to reports received at the County AAA office. A check-up made this month shows that more than half the crop was winter killed. There were less than 3,000 acres sown in the county and some of the farmers carried crop insurance, so the financial loss will not be so heavy. Over in Rice county, the loss of winter wheat is reported to have been the greatest in the county's history. Growers there carrying crop insurance have filed more than 400 claims, for damages involving 7,519 acres of winter wheat.

Father Colbert Leaves St. Mary

Popular Pastor Is Assigned To
Parish At St. Clair
This Week

Rev. William Colbert, who has had charge of St. Mary parish, eight miles southwest of this city, for the past 11 years, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday and left yesterday for St. Clair to take charge of the St. Clair parish. During his residence in St. Mary, Father Colbert won the esteem not only of the members of his congregation, but also of the entire community. He was well and favorably known in this city and also in the southwest part of this county, as he had charge of St. Joseph's church on "South Prairie" near Waldorf. While his departure is regretted, he will have the best wishes of all his friends for success in his new field of labor.

His duties at St. Clair will be confined to that parish and he will be spared the long drives and strenuous work incident to the care of two country parishes, which he has had while at St. Mary. His successor at St. Mary will be Rev. Henry Russell of Winnebago, who will assume his new duties the last of this week.

A number of other changes in the Winona diocese were announced this week by Bishop Leo Binz. Rev. A. R. Dorn has been transferred from St. Clair to Caledonia, Rev. Albinus Quisile goes to Winnebago and Rev. Leonard Clausen has been transferred from Adrian to Wabasha.

Austin Coming To Open Season

First Southern Minnesota Game
Scheduled For Waseca
Sunday

The Southern Minnesota League will operate this year with six teams and the schedule calls for opening games next Sunday, May 2, at Waseca, Albert Lea and Owatonna. These towns with West Concord and Austin are certain to put teams in the field while Mankato and LeRoy are angling for the sixth place, according to information received from President Clarence Dugan of Austin and Secretary Lefty Ringhofer of Owatonna.

Sunday's opener finds the 1942 champions, Austin, coming here and indications point to another strong Hormel team this year in spite of the loss of veterans and youngsters serving in the armed forces. Likewise Managers Don Herbst and "Happy" Lowe are not set on their lineup for the same reasons. A number of younger players will be in uniform after the state college season closes and this will strengthen the local team.

Among the veteran players working out in the practice sessions were the following: Chick and Bob Gray, Herb. Sopnberg and Munson, infielders; Albert Groebner, Billy Severin, Byron and Red Myers, outfielders. Standinger of New Richland will be available for catcher
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County's War Bond Quota Is Passed By More Than \$60,000.

"War Bonds delivered and paid for in Waseca county totaled about \$540,000 when the drive closed last night, with some pledged money still coming." That was the statement made this morning by Lyle Rutledge, chairman of the Waseca County War Finance Committee. The county's quota was \$480,000.

Waseca's quota was \$150,000 and the bond purchases were close to \$200,000 worth, according to C. P. Sommerstad, chairman of the city soliciting committee. The village of New Richland also made a fine showing, he said. Their quota was \$35,000 and last reports showed over \$84,000.

The exact figures for each locality will not be available for several days, as the banks and post offices of the county were taxed to capacity during the past few days in selling bonds and there has not yet been time to get the exact totals from each locality.

Lyle Rutledge, the chairman, and his two assistants, Chas. W. Spaulding and C. P. Sommerstad, of county's War Finance Committee, are deeply appreciative of the work done by solicitors throughout the county. In this connection, Mr. Rutledge said:

"I cannot fully express my appreciation of the fine work done by the solicitors who gave their valuable time and efforts to put this drive across. I also wish to thank the newspapers of the county who gave so generously of their valuable space in promoting the drive. And our thanks are certainly due to the people who bought bonds. We have proved to the world that the people of Waseca county are 100 per cent patriotic and that they will make any sacrifice required to aid in ridding the world of the tyrants who threaten to enslave us."

The committee has asked that those who pledged to buy War Bonds and have not yet bought the quota should do so immediately. Although April 28 was the date advertised when credit could be given for purchases under this War Bond drive, the committee can enter purchases until Friday.

A full report of the sale of War Bonds will be given by the committee next week when purchases have been tabulated.

Both Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Sommerstad received congratulatory telegrams from J. N. Peyton of Minneapolis, chairman of the Ninth District War Finance Committee. In addition to this, Mr. Rutledge received the following letter this morning from K. T. Martin of Minneapolis, assistant director of sales:

"Dear Mr. Rutledge:
"Your county is reported to us as over the top in the Second War Loan Drive. Our heartiest congratulations to you and your fellow citizens who have accomplished this great task in the traditional American way."

"The honor roll of counties is rapidly expanding as reports pour in from all over the Ninth Federal Reserve District. The citizens of Waseca county can now rejoice in the knowledge that they have attained an honored position with these other Northwest counties."

"We appreciate your assistance. Your committees have done an outstanding job. On behalf of the United States Treasury and the Ninth District War Finance Committee, please convey our thanks to them all for the splendid work they have done in the interests of their country."

"THEY GIVE THEIR
LIVES—YOU LEND
YOUR MONEY"
Buy an Additional
Bond Now



Mankato Contractor To Build Hemp Plant

Twin City papers announced that the contract for building the hemp plant at New Richland had been let Tuesday to George E. Carlstrom, of Mankato, the man who built the Waseca post office. His bid was \$106,400. He also secured the Wells plant on a bid of \$99,740. Contracts for six other plants were awarded at the same time. Contracts have been let for sowing 45,744 acres of hemp. Seed for the acreage of three of the plants is reported to have been shipped from Chile, South America and the rest of the seed was raised in Kentucky. Some of the seed is expected to be sown this week.

Daylight Alert Held On Monday

Alert Held In Preparation Of
Blackout Scheduled
For May 7

The first daylight alert in preparation of a blackout scheduled for May 7 caught people unawares in Waseca when the air raid signal blew at 6:45 p. m. Monday evening. The alert lasted until 7 p. m.

Air raid officials consider the alert fairly successful but are placing the accent for future alerts and the blackout May 7 on quick cooperation of residents and the Civilian Defense Corps.

People are warned to stay inside and off the streets, and particularly not to call the telephone office for information. During the alert of Monday night the office was flooded with telephone calls which hampered the work of the operators, officials declared.

Although most air raid wardens recognized the alert immediately, there was some difficulty in recognizing wardens in cars which will be corrected with insignias from state headquarters.

Other alerts can be expected, Mr. Brozik, head of the county organization, has declared. Air raid wardens are asked to be prepared and to start immediately on the signal to stop traffic, make people on the streets find shelter and patrol their districts.

The signal for the May 7 blackout will be the siren and fire whistle combined and will come between the
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William Spooner Out On Bail Bond

Waterville Youth Was Released
From County Jail Last
Saturday

William Spooner, Waterville youth, who was arrested in connection with the death of Miss Irene Grobe, Waterville high school student, in auto accident on April 10, was released from the custody of Sheriff Lowe last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Grobe was a member of a party of six young people from Waterville, who spent the evening of April 10 at the King Melody club on the north shore of Clear Lake. The party was riding in Spooner's car and when a short distance from the club on the way home, he side-swiped another car, his car was upset and Miss Grobe suffered a broken neck. A coroner's jury decided that Spooner had been drinking and was guilty of negligence in operating the car.

He had a hearing in municipal court, waived examination, and Judge Sexton set his bond at \$1,000 to appear at the October term of the district court. He was released from jail last Saturday, when he furnished a bond signed by two neighboring farmers, Fred. and Elmer Lamont.

He had enlisted in the army before the accident, but it is expected that he will remain at home until
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DIRT FARMER IS GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

Historic Events Take Place At
The State Capitol On
Tuesday

(Special Correspondence)

In an historic day, filled with swift-moving events, Governor Harold E. Stassen gave up his position as Minnesota's chief executive Tuesday—first man in the history of Minnesota to resign from the governorship to go into the armed forces—participated in the elevation of Lieutenant Governor Ed. Thye to Governor and departed for Great Lakes Naval Training station to begin his active service in the Navy. Standing in the rotunda, beneath the great dome of Minnesota's capitol, Stassen handed his resignation to the Lieutenant Governor in the simplest of ceremonies, and Thye was sworn in, the first farmer ever to become Governor of Minnesota.

"I trust you will administer the affairs of the state, with confidence in the people and with faith in God," Stassen said, "that you will be fair to all, but dominated by none."

"With the help of God and the people, we will do the best job we can," Thye said.

The brief ceremony over, Stassen walked out of the capitol, to which he had been sent three times as chief executive by vote of the people and before the afternoon was over was on his way to Great Lakes. In that final 24 hours, he had spoken as well at a meeting of the Republican state central committee and at a recognition dinner, held in his honor at the University of Minnesota by 45 different statewide organizations.

Giving these final messages, Governor Stassen thanked the people for the cooperation which he said had made possible the accomplishments of the past four and one-half years and went out of his way to pay tribute to Senator Charles N. Orr, Representative Roy E. Dunn, Speaker Lawrence Hall and members of the legislature and other public officials. Rising at the close of the central committee meeting, Dunn, majority leader in the house, said:

"There have been times, as you know, when Governor Stassen and I have had differences of opinion, but we have always kept our respect for each other. I want to say that Governor Stassen is leaving the state with a truly great record. I respect him and I love him. Whatever he may want in the future, I'll do my best to help him get it."

Governor Stassen got up and shook Dunn's hand warmly, while all present applauded.

The speech which he gave before 1,200 men and women packed in the dining hall at Coffman Memorial Union was Governor Stassen's chief farewell to the people of Minnesota. President W. C. Coffey of the University paid tribute to his understanding and his vision, and the 45 groups arranging the dinner presented him with a plaque in recognition of his services. Responding, Stassen said:

"I should like to interpret this as convincing evidence that a public official does not need to mortgage
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GOVERNOR ED. THYE



Thye

Hail and Farewell



Stassen

Newspapers of the state bade farewell to Governor Stassen last week as he entered active navy service, and welcomed incoming Governor Thye.

Some did not suppress a critical tone as they commented on the Stassen years as governor and his political prospects for the future, but a prevalent view was expressed by the *Virginia Daily Enterprise*, of which Burt D. Pierson is editor:

"Broad of vision, commanding in his grasp and understanding of these things which are moot problems of a harried day, and in all endeavors well motivated and sincerely solicitous for the common good, Harold E. Stassen has given a service to the people as the state's chief executive which can be described as good. Whatever he does, wherever he goes, and whatever his aspirations, as these may involve future and destiny, he will most certainly take with him the best wishes of the citizenry of Minnesota. He has been frank and aboveboard with the citizens whose goodwill he sought at the polls, and the electors returned it in kind."

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"Nice and Quiet"

In the *Brainerd Journal-Press*, Ralph E. Lindbergh welcomes the outlook for "a nice, quiet, administration" under Ed Thye, for "having a celebrity for a chief executive is at times a bit trying." "Harold Stassen has made a good governor," this paper continues, "and he will undoubtedly go far toward achieving his greater political ambitions; but his present buildup has been marred by far too much ballyhoo and bombast. It will be a relief to have a governor who attends to his affairs with less whoop-de-doodle than that which has characterized the Stassen and Benson regimes."

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Tribute From Rival

Hjalmar Petersen, who as Farmer-Labor nominee opposed Governor Stassen in the last two elections, gives him a friendly sendoff in the *Askov American*. "Citizens now all join in wishing him well in the armed forces, the *American* says. "If Mr. Stassen and the senator he selected, Joseph H. Ball, with other leaders and the support of the people, can be successful in the accomplishment of peaceful negotiations between nations along with enhancing greatly improved standards of living for many even in this country, while at the same time preventing the development and extension of Anglo-American imperialism, they will have the ever-lasting thanks of millions."

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May Go Higher

Henry Rines, house member and former speaker, says in the *Mora Times*: "No one can predict the future public career of Governor Stassen, but it is not probable that his resignation has terminated his public service. The prominence he has gained as this state's chief executive and as a national leader should bring him even higher honors than the voters of this state have bestowed upon him."

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Real Farmer Governor

Retirement of Governor Stassen, says John A. Tischler in the *Delano Eagle*, means that "for the first time in history Minnesota will get a real genuine farmer as governor when Lieutenant Governor Ed. Thye of Northfield succeeds to the position. Studying state affairs at every opportunity, and with his wide experience in the state agriculture department, he promises to be another outstanding leader."

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What of the Future?

The *Tri-County Forum*, Farmer-Labor weekly at Thief River Falls, is worried about Stassen's political future. "If the war continues for another year or more," the *Forum* thinks, "Stassen's popularity among the GOP will have taken a serious decline. Undoubtedly Mr. Stassen had it figured out when he announced his intention to retire a year ago that the war would be over by the end of 1943. With the chances that the war will continue one more year and with politics banned for military men for the duration, it can be predicted that many Minnesotans and the GOP elsewhere in the country will have forgotten about Stassen."

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Look Out, Admirals

Ludwig I. Roe, a former governor's secretary in the Theodore Christianson era, says in his *Montevideo News* that it is "a matter of pride to Minnesotans that their governor measured up to the opportunity that was given him to become an actor, and in no small

role, on the national stage," whether or not one agree with his views. The *News* editorial continues: "What strikes an observer about the Stassen career is that he gets what he wants. He goes into the service at a time of his own choosing. He is resourceful, plenty; has poise, lots of it; is persistent, and plans ahead. So sure-footed and confident is he, and so richly flavored with success is his career to date that it seems hardly necessary to speculate on what lies ahead for him. Instead of wondering how he will get along with the admirals, Minnesotans who have watched him bowl over all obstacles are more disposed to wonder how the admirals will get along with him. Or does the navy have its own answer to that?"

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Millions More

"Harold E. Stassen says adieu to the governorship to enter the combat service of his country in the U. S. navy," John E. Casey says in the *Jordan Independent*. "Harold 'wants to be with them,' and will be. Good luck, son, to you and all the others you'll be with. There are millions of such Americans, Harold, offering their all that their homeland may live in liberty and righteousness."

Why Ridicule Rickenbacker

To the Editor: We are talking a good deal today about how, after the war, we will try to unite the nations of the world to have happy trade relations and peace and harmony. We are fighting to win a peace that will not permit aggression. We are talking about freedom to live and act as we would like, providing we do not injure our neighbors; freedom of speech, of the press and of religion; free enterprise.

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Some say, and most of us believe, that this war was caused by economic greed, hate and selfishness. We think we are fighting this war to stamp such things out forever. That is what most of us thought we were fighting the last war for. We must succeed this time.

This war we will surely win, and that must be done first, but the peace is more of a problem. Must we not first win the peace in our own country?

In the United States many of our people are organized into groups or blocs for their own economic betterment. This is laudable to a certain degree, but when any group seeks to govern at the expense of another group or the unorganized masses, someone must suffer. And when any group seeks to gain its end at the expense of the war effort, it comes close to anarchy unless that end is for the good of the government.

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Until we have understanding and equity between groups at home, we will find it difficult to help work out a durable peace in the world. As an example let us look at the efforts of Eddie Rickenbacker. He started on a mission for Guadalcanal, was lost in the Pacific, after many days afloat was rescued from a rubber raft.

He observed the boys in the jungles, in the fox-



Rickenbacker

holes. He came back and told us we were going through and what they said if those boys were transferred to war plants and the war work, holes we would produce and manufacture, guns, supplies and equipment. He told us at home were too complacent.

Rickenbacker was trying desperately to get America win this war. However, his caused some of our people to hold up in horror—some people and groups were ing more money today than our soldiers and marines, and time and a half for.

WHY DO THESE PEOPLE RIDICULE CHASTISE RICKENBACKER? IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANYONE FOR POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC REASONS WOULD WANT THIS WAR TO CONTINUE SECOND LONGER THAN NECESSARY.

It seems to me that all Rickenbacker to do is to stimulate our activity to the war. I think his critics misunderstand his attitude and appreciate his service to the government of us.

Grand Rapids, Minn.

Americans All

No race or group or class monopoly of those elemental virtues made America great and are today a luster to the American name.

It is one of the glories of our country regardless of our ancestral origin. Americans, imbued with the same ideals, attached to the same ideals. Do not and religious intolerance, we lose generous rivalry as we vie with each other to promote the welfare of our common country.

—James McGurran, Pro American-Irish Heritage

Colleagues Back Humphrey

To the Editor: As former teachers of Hubert H. Humphrey, who has filed for mayor, or as members of the teaching profession who know of his abilities, we feel that the citizens of Minneapolis should be acquainted with his educational background and administrative experience. Mr. Humphrey is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has a master's degree in political science. In addition he has had research and teaching experience in this field. As an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota he was awarded many scholastic honors, including election to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary academic society; the forensic medal for excellence in debate; and the William Jennings Bryan prize for the best paper on governmental problems.

Upon this sound training he has built a record of administrative experience which includes such important war-time services as state director of war production training and re-employment, WPA; and assistant director of the war manpower commission in the Twin Cities area. In these positions Mr. Humphrey has had a great deal of experience in handling cases affecting the relationship between management and labor so vital to the successful prosecution of the war.

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In view of these achievements we feel that Hubert H. Humphrey should be able to provide real leadership for Minneapolis in handling the important problems of education, juvenile delinquency, post-war planning, and the like with which Minneapolis is confronted.

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Abundant Isn't Real

To the Editor: The efforts of man to find an adequate pattern for life. The Greek philosopher found the one thing—a mind-steady order amid the chaos of the world. Said Heraclitus in the sixth century B. C. learning does not come from the real world—that idea which governs everything.

Heraclitus did not have an idea or pattern; later Jesus did. The pattern grew given by the literate and given added nobility of other men. We have this pattern by Jesus in the *Gospel of Matthew*, xxII 37: "Love the Lord thy heart, with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

What more can we do to develop international peace according to the teachings of the Bible? Making for unity with neighbor.
—A. L. St. Peter, Minn.

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Godspeed!

TODAY Harold E. Stassen steps out of the governorship to enter active service in the United States navy. The people of Minnesota wish him success, and a safe return to civilian and public life when the war has been won.

No executive in Minnesota history has been more truly or ably the governor of all the people. The central factor in his distinguished service to this state can be stated very simply: he has shown us and the nation what men and women of many minds and interests can accomplish when they work together, toward underlying objectives in which they all believe, under the leadership of a good, devoted and able administrator.

The catholicity of the groups which joined to do honor to the governor last night at the University, when 1,200 leaders of Minnesota life crowded ear to ear into Coffman Memorial Union to bid him farewell, is a unique testimonial to the success of an administration. Organized labor, the farmers, banking and industry and the professions, the women's clubs, the sportsmen, the war veterans—all these and many more joined eagerly in tribute.

He has governed Minnesota with such rightness and firmness of purpose, such confident humility, such thoroughgoing attention to the details of sound politics in the highest sense of that word, that he has been thought of less often as a YOUNG governor—although he was the youngest in the nation from the time he entered the office in 1939 until he left it today—than as a GOOD governor.

He has shown that good government is a thing that comes not just from honesty and right purpose but from good administration—that high ideals and talk of what government MAY do are turned into the reality of great accomplishment only when they are implemented by able, painstaking management.

Now he belongs to the nation.

He belongs to it first in the arena of war—and as he said last night, he now becomes silent on public issues and as a public figure until the big job in which he has chosen to have a part is done, successfully and conclusively.

Because he is dedicated to that job, and goes into it with the same wholeheartedness with which he has always applied himself to everything he undertook, he has taken himself out of the political scene until the war is won.

When it has been won, it is the hope of his fellow citizens that he may find on the national and world scene a role befitting his talent, temperament and experience.

William H. Bovey

THE death of William H. Bovey takes away another of the native sons who grew up with Minneapolis and Minnesota and helped build them to greatness.

This was a community of 13,000 people w/ Will Bovey was born here. Just to recite associations is to indicate the part he played in erecting institutions which have become marks of the community's life. J

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HAROLD E. STASSEN

Four years ago last January, Harold E. Stassen assumed the governorship. Then not quite 32 years old, he attracted some national interest as the country's youngest governor and, altogether, "quite a promising young man."

Today Mr. Stassen leaves the state's highest office for active duty in the United States navy. And today he is a national figure, not merely as "quite a promising young man," but as a young man with a record of achievement which has been marked by imagination and by the recognition of the fact that the people appreciate forthrightness instead of the double-talk and ambiguities which too many public officeholders and aspirants for public office seem to think is demanded by their ambitions.

At the dinner given in his honor last night at Coffman Memorial union, Mr. Stassen urged his audience to be "impatient with glittering generalities," and to "brush aside double-meaning eloquence."

Mr. Stassen is entitled to make those supplications because he, himself, has shunned them in a manner which elevates his stature in the eyes of his fellow Minnesotans and Americans.

To Mr. Stassen, as governor of Minnesota and as an earnest contender for world organization promising a better chance for maintenance of peace than the courses we have followed to date, the idea and its honest expression has been the important thing.

That honesty of thought and purpose and execution has characterized Mr. Stassen's public life. That is what has commanded respectful attention to his words; at home and abroad.

The pity is that such frankness is still rare enough in public office to make it news when someone like Harold Stassen puts it into daily practice.

The Stassen administration has been so permeated with this policy, however, that as he leaves for the navy there is reason for confidence in continued good government for Minnesota.

Minnesota has lost, for the time being, an official of whom it is proud. The navy, we are sure, has gained an officer of whom it can be equally proud.

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Clues: These articles likely appeared in some Twin Cities paper, but here's how they looked in the Post.
Greetings! John.

THE WASHINGTON POST: TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1943



Hope Ridings Miller

He May Be Tall Presidential Timber, but Navy's Best Known New Lieutenant Commander Refuses to Talk About That Now; "I'm Out of Politics For the Duration," He Says, in Final Interview in Governor's Office at St. Paul

Final Plans
Made for

(On a trip to Minnesota last week, this columnist stopped off in St. Paul for an interview with Harold E. Stassen on the last day he served as Governor. The following is the first of three stories about the new Navy officer and Mrs. Stassen—who may be a First Lady-in-waiting.)

He is now Lieut. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, but when I talked to him in his office the other day, he still had fifteen hours to go as Minnesota's 25th Governor, youngest in its history.

"Of course, I'll miss all this," he said, with an airy gesture toward the vast suite where since 1939 he has carried on affairs of state in a manner that has made the entire country sit up and take notice. "But I just couldn't see my way clear to taking the easy way out; staying on here and deluding myself I could do more in a Governor's chair than in uniform."

Hardest part of the whole thing was making the final decision, he went on. "And then, all at once a little over a year ago, I knew I couldn't say out any longer; realized I had to have a more active part in helping to preserve the kind of freedom, and opportunity, we have in America."

He pointed out that his own background, the chain of experiences linking a modest farm birthplace to the Governor's office, had a lot to do with his decision. "You see there's not a country in the world besides America where a poor farm boy such as I was ever had a chance to come up, be educated and be elected Governor of his State. That's the kind of opportunity that must be kept alive."

"Then, too, just about everybody in my generation is either in uniform now, or getting ready to go. Former classmates of mine, business associates, and other friends are fighting all over the globe. I had four years of military training and I feel I owe it back to my country now. I couldn't have made any other choice."

Casual callers bobbed into the office a number of times during the interview. A man who has



St. Paul Pioneer Press Photo.

Off to war goes new Lieut. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, shown above with Mrs. Stassen and their son, Glen, just before the former Governor left St. Paul for the Great Lakes Naval Training School. The latter part of this month he will go to Fort Schuyler, N. Y., to take an indoctrination course. After that? "Haven't any idea; but wherever they send me is all right," said Stassen in the last interview he gave before going into United States service

averaged seeing over 200 persons in his office every week since he has been Governor, naturally had visitors in droves on the last day.

'The Gov'nor Sent for Me'

"I'm here to see the Gov'nor—he sent for me," affirmed an octogenarian, his cane beating an impatient tattoo on the floor of the reception room. The Governor was busy, he was told; but he would soo nbe through. If the gentleman cared to wait—

But waiting wasn't necessary. Through the half-opened door, the governor heard the tapping of that cane, and the voice that cracked with age. With a hasty "Excuse-me-please" he was out of the door, graciously greeting the caller; telling him he was sorry there had been a slight delay; asking about his relatives and the state of his health.

"My call's not important, Son," said the old man with a smile. "I just wanted you to let me come over to wish you good luck, and to tell you we'll be waiting for you to come back. Best Gov'nor we ever had." A few minutes later he was happily on

Back at his desk once more, Stassen dropped his 6-foot-3 frame into his desk chair. Where were we? he asked. Oh, yes. I had wanted to know which of his accomplishments as Governor he remembered with the strongest glow of pride. He thought about it a few seconds, his eyes turned toward the broad window that commands a view of downtown St. Paul. Thirteen years before—just one year after he received his law degree from the University of Minnesota—he had surveyed that same sweep from the other direction, and had made up his mind to file as candidate for Dakota county attorney.

Since then, as the Boy Wonder of Minnesota, he has written into American history an amazing chapter of achievement; had won national fame as a wise and practical executive, and had been tagged tall presidential timber, even while he was still under the constitutional age limit. His astounding list of accomplishments from the time he first took over the Governor's

chair and began proving that campaign promises can be more than merely that have cut a streamlined pattern of progress any State government would do well to emulate. So, I wanted to know on the eve of his exit from the Governor's office, which of his many achievements were the ones of which he was most proud.

He seemed to be considering each, weighing it in the balance of his memory. "Well," he said finally, "I think I take greatest pride in a kind of overall picture. Not, you understand, in which I have accomplished—that isn't the idea at all—but in what has been accomplished since I have been in office. A number of young men have come into the picture; disintegrated factors have been welded together, smoothed out; the State government has been reorganized and simplified."

A Labor Law That Works

"Must I be more specific? Then, I suppose I'm proudest of our labor law; the work of our State Commissioner of Administration (high-sounding name for State business manager; and the whittling down, generally, of State costs."

The labor law, incidentally, curtailed strikes and industrial strife in a section where picket lines, cracked skulls, the threat to life and the destruction of property had too long been a matter of course. Keynote of the law is that neither strike nor lockout can be instituted in Minnesota until both disputants have waited out a ten-day "cooling-off period." "Just a matter of requiring both employers and unions to count 10 and take one day for each count," is the way Stassen explained it.

So successful has been the type of executive organization inaugurated by Stassen that affairs in the Minnesota State Capitol have moved on the same smoothly greased wheels, even when he has been away. And the past six months he has been away much of the time . . . traveling over the country, preaching the postwar estab-

lishment of a world association of free people composed of all united and neutral nations.

Mention of some of his speeches in that connection evoked brief references to a number of his beliefs about the war; what America is fighting for, and what it must fight for, even on the home front, if freedom is to be more than a glittering generality after the war.

'The People Can Stand the Truth'

He decries the current threat to freedom of the press. As would be expected, the college boy who took a firm stand against the University of Minnesota faculty when it wanted to muzzle The Minnesota Daily, student newspaper, has become the man who insists on maintaining freedom of the press in an even more significant sense.

"The people of America can take the truth, the whole truth," he said. "They should have it, grim and discouraging though it often may be. Reporters should have access to news available to any other source . . . and the people should be fully informed from start to finish. Only in that way can we know exactly what we've got to face."

His own experience with the labor problem has borne out his belief that a friendly but firm hand indicates the only solution there. Experience has also convinced him that most government organization can be improved through simplification, with civil service on merit as the cornerstone of selection. He believes that any executive must holdout for fairness to all economic groups, but be dominated by none, and he is convinced that undue stress on unity at a time like this is a matter of looking through a spy-glass from the small end. "If the individual is made to feel that his rights are being considered, and that his own welfare is at stake in the conflict, you don't have to worry so much about unity. It takes care of itself."

Politics Out—For Duration

Stassen talks easily, and well, on almost any subject connected with the National scene, but he balks at discussing any possibility that he will ever have a prominent role in it. For example, I asked him if the tag, "presidential possibility" had been a handicap for him; if, in handling affairs in his own State, he had ever been accused of manipulating startling changes in order to increase his own political stature.

"I can't say the presidential possibility tag has been a handicap at all," he replied, a smile dropping dimples into his round cheeks. "Fact is, I haven't heard it often, nor very strong, at any time. And now, of course, since I'm going into the Navy, politics will be out for the duration."

All of which wouldn't necessarily preclude the possibility that his own party might draft him as its candidate, I reminded him.

"That hardly seems probable," he answered, "since Mr. Willkie and Mr. Bricker seem pretty well up front even now. And besides, don't forget I'll be out of politics until the war's over."

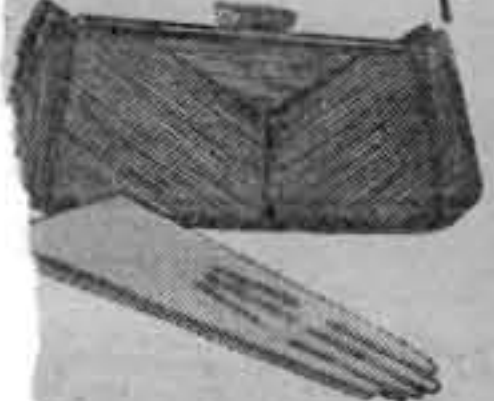
Even so, the possibility that the pride of Minnesota may one day be at home in the White House is not one to be lightly dismissed. Young though he is, he has chalked up an enviable record as a Governor and has basked in the National spotlight ever since he was Republican keynoter in 1940.

Furthermore, no matter whether he is in the Navy or out of it, he has plenty of backers who won't let anybody forget he has a cut-to-order pre-Presidential background, complete with little red school house.

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Background of Minnesota's Former Governor Already Complete Set Of Pre-Presidential Americana; Laying Political Groundwork in College, He Defied Old Guard; Put Over His 'New-Fangled Ideas'

(This is the second of three stories based on interviews with Harold E. Stassen and his wife on the last day he served as Governor of Minnesota. The third, a column about Mrs. Stassen, possible First Lady-in-waiting, will appear tomorrow.)

"Our kind of world, with its freedom and its opportunity, must be preserved," repeated Harold E. Stassen, when I talked to him in the Governor's office in St. Paul a few hours before he went into Navy uniform. "I want America to continue to be the kind of country where any boy—even a poor farm boy such as I was—can be educated, and become Governor of his State, or anything else he wants to be. That's worth fighting for... and that's why I decided to go into service."

Stassen talks in maxims much of the time. What he frequently says boils down to the every-good-boy-does-fine effect. His enemies make a lot of that; pass up no chance to point out that his "answers" are too pat, too copy-bookish. His friends affirm his principles, and the way he expresses them are exactly what might be expected from a man whose background—the day he started that first 2-mile walk to the little red schoolhouse down the road from his father's farm until he left the Governor's office for the Navy—is a complete set of pre-presidential Americana.

Has Heritage of Three Good Stocks

Stemming from ancestry that is a melange of some of the finest stocks that have made this country, he is three-fourths German, one-eighth Czech, and one-eighth Norwegian. His grandfather, August Stassen, went into Minnesota Territory as a pioneer only a few years after the country west and south of the Mississippi had been reclaimed from Indian ownership. Son of William A. and Elsie (Mueller) Stassen, the boy who was to become Governor began life on the farm still owned by his parents. As he grew up, he helped with farm chores before and after school hours; and when he finished his studies at the little red schoolhouse, he entered Humboldt High School in St. Paul, got a newspaper route to help support himself, and was graduated at 15.

That same spring his career hit a sizable snag. His father fell ill, and young Stassen took over farm management for a year. With the help of only one hired man he planted and harvested the crops, and managed to make and save enough money to pay his matriculation fees at the University of Minnesota. From then on, he helped to defray expenses by a variety of odd jobs. He was a grocery clerk, an adding machine operator, grease boy in a bakery shop and sleeping car conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee St. Paul Railway. Yet he also found time to take an active part in university activities.

"Everybody on the campus knew him by the time he was a sophomore," one of Stassen's former classmates told me. "He plunged into politics the minute he hit the place." In his six-year arts-law course, he held just about every elective office at the university. Even then, "Red" Stassen was a wonder."

Insisted Early on Freedom of Press

Not one to sit back calmly and leave the running of college affairs either to the faculty or to fate, Stassen gave some of his hoary professors cause for deep concern on numerous occasions. Once, as all-university class president, he stood before a group of irate legislators and advised them not to raise tuition fees. "You must not think of students on the basis of what they can pay, but on the basis of what they can repay," was the way he put it.

Tuition fees were not raised.

Later, Stassen pitted his campus prestige against the faculty when the latter wanted to muzzle The Minnesota Daily, student newspaper. "Where are we supposed to cherish freedom of the press, if not in college?" was the question he posed, point blank, to the late Lotus D. Coffman, university president.

There was no further talk of censorship for The Daily; hasn't been, since.

"State-wide achievements since I have been Governor have depended not on me alone but rather on a whole group of young men, representing a



Into the Stassen family album has gone this picture, made back in the days when the Navy's new lieutenant commander was Governor of Minnesota. With him is Mrs. Stassen and their son, Glen. There's a daughter in the family, too—14-month-old Kathleen, who poses for pictures only on the rarest occasions.

movement of which I was privileged to be the head," Stassen told me.

That movement started in his college days when he gathered around him a small group of friends to found the Young Republican League. The organization wasted no time in getting down to business. A month after it was formed, a workable program was ready for presentation.

It called for, first of all, a new party constitution for Minnesota, one which would revert to the old-fashioned county convention plan where every registered Republican could ballot on every county chairman who would comprise the State committee. That was where the Old Guard first began fighting "that radical young Stassen crowd and their new-fangled notions." Determined to preserve the system of allowing party nominees to pick their own State committee, the Old Guard vetoed the proposed program. In 1936, the Farmer-Laborites swept the State, however, and by the time the next G. O. P. convention rolled around, its leaders were ready to listen to reason. The new constitution was accepted.

Program of Action Full Speed Ahead

His first State-wide political nounced for Governor in the autumn of 1937. The Old Guard gasped, but decided, reluctantly, to back him. And while the Farmer-Laborites took out after his scalp, Stassen took to the road, visited every city, town and village in the State; managed to present his platform in 20-minute speeches, and ended up by urging everybody within sound of his voice to come up and shake hands with him.

Voters, inured to campaign promises, may have doubted he could carry out his ambitious program, but they were willing to give him a chance. The plurality of 291,000 votes that swept him into office was one of the largest ever accorded a Governor in Minnesota.

Within 10 months, his pro-

gram of action was full speed ahead. He had cut operating costs five million dollars without curtailing relief payments; had put through his labor bill, his antioan shark bill, and his civil service bill, and he had placed the State on a business-like basis by appointing a commissioner of administration. Just a plain business manager, in other words.

Best of all, he had managed to make Minnesotans feel they had a highly important part in bringing about each change. In a novel series of radio chats called "Capitol Conferences," he urged listeners to send in views on every pending improvement. "I like to get your views on the labor bill," he would say. "Please write me what you think; or, if you have time, drop by my office and see me."

They did. An average of 1200 letters a week poured into his office during the entire period he served as Governor; and he received around 200 just-dropped-in-to-see-you callers a week.

Acclaimed 'State's Greatest Governor'

His office was jammed on the last day he served as Governor, and that evening more than a thousand persons gathered at the dinner honoring him in Coffman Memorial Union on the University of Minnesota campus; lauded him as "Minnesota's greatest governor." Over 2000 others, who had sought to purchase tickets and were turned down, filled the back part of the dining hall, and stood during the entire program. The event was sponsored by 45 State-wide organizations, joining under the leadership of the Minnesota Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"There have been so many times that I have said 'no' to something one or more of these organizations wanted, or when

I have said 'yes' and they wanted 'no' that I am deeply touched by the significance of their joining together for this dinner," Stassen told me a few hours before it began. "Such a gesture proves all over again that a public official in a democracy does not need to mortgage his judgment to any special unit in order to obtain its support."

"My husband never makes compromises... just to promote his political popularity," Mrs. Stassen assured me in an interview later. "Courage of his convictions is one of his strongest assets."

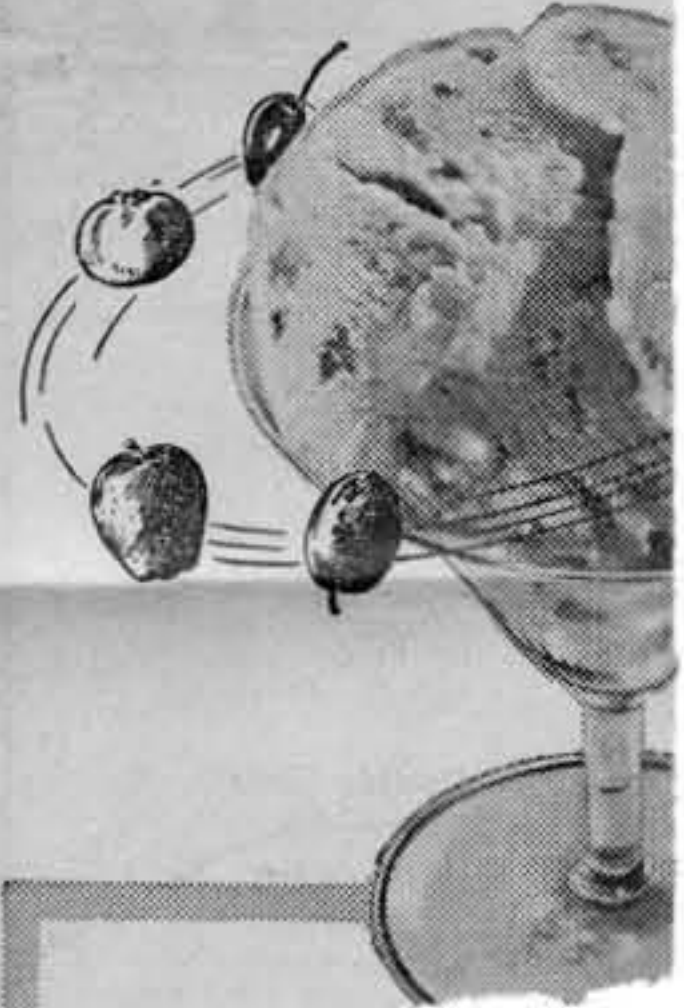
(Tomorrow: Mrs. Stassen.)

Mrs. Clarke to Have Art Exhibition

Mrs. Humphrey Clarke, wife of the Third Secretary of the British Embassy, will hold her sixth "one-man" art show at the Whyte Gallery, opening on Sunday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock with a preview.

The exhibitions of paintings will go from Washington to the Santa Barbara Museum for exhibition and from there to the Darvel Hatfield Galleries in Los Angeles.

Representative Joseph C. Baldwin is one of the latest purchasers of Mrs. Clarke's work. He is now the owner of "The Big Top," which was exhibited in New York and also at the Phillips Memorial Gallery here.



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Wife of One Presidential Possibility Has No Yen to Be White House Hostess; "Besides, Chance Now Is Too Remote To Think About at All," Says Minnesota's Former First Lady

(This is the last of three stories on the Navy's new Lieut. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and Mrs. Stassen.)

"I'll tell you one thing—she's a mighty good soldier."

At his desk in the Minnesota State Capitol, Harold E. Stassen was speaking . . . about his wife, as you may have guessed. She was coming in to have luncheon with him on the last day he served as Governor. She was not a habitual interview-giver, but if I cared to talk with her it might be arranged.

I cared, and I did; and when I left the office later, I took with me the very definite impression that in the case of Mrs. Stassen, at least, the time-worn tag "good soldier" has a new and significant meaning.

Modest, self-effacing, her sphere of interests revolving around her husband, children and home, she declined to bid for sympathy even though that world was to crack at its foundation the following day.

"I don't think any of us should think of ourselves in a time like this," she said. "Since my husband feels he should go into uniform, I know my part is to stay here and look after the house and the children. My mother and sister will live with me. His mother and father are only a 5-minute drive away. I'll be all right."

"It's All Out of Our Hands Now"

Although the Great Lakes Navy Training School is not far from St. Paul, she was making no definite plans to visit her husband there. "If he has any time off, I may take the children down for a brief stay," she said. "But we aren't counting on that. When he leaves St. Paul tomorrow, we may not see him again until the war's over."

The latter part of this month will find Lieutenant Commander Stassen on his way to Fort Schuyler, N. Y., where he will take his indoctrination course. After that? Nobody knows. Like every other devoted wife, Esther Glewwe Stassen is probably keeping her fingers crossed, hoping her own special hero won't be sent too far away. But she won't talk about that. Not even for a minute. "It's all entirely out of our hands now," she said in a tone of resignation that dismissed the subject.

Of her husband's many accomplishments in public office, she never tires of talking. She has followed his career step by step since high school days, and at one time took quite an active part in helping to promote it.

The Stassen and Glewwe families were friends of long-standing, even before Esther and Harold started keeping company. Everybody concerned seemed to take it as a matter of course that when young Stassen made up his mind to be a lawyer, Esther signed up for legal secretarial studies as soon as she finished high school. When he set up law offices in Dakota County, she took over as secretary; but she bowed out of that part of the picture as soon as he became Governor.

A self-confessed "homebody," she frankly admits she is happy her office-working days are over. "With two children and a house to look after, I don't have much time for anything else," she said. "You see, I'm not one of those clever women who can successfully manage both a household and a career."

She is proud of her English-style dwelling, overlooking the Mississippi, located in the stockyards town of South St. Paul. She has a maid, but does most of the cooking herself. She has no secretary, but tries to answer every letter addressed to her. Friday is her day "at home." She does little entertaining otherwise.

Among her many experiences as Minnesota's First Lady, one of the most amusing—well, amusing in retrospect, anyway—was back in May, 1939, when she and the Governor were asked to meet King George and Queen Elizabeth of England in Winnipeg, Canada. An invitation to the reception for Their Majesties was issued by Mayor of Winnipeg John Queen. The Stassens accepted;



MRS. HAROLD E. STASSEN

the Governor packed his best suit; Mrs. Stassen bought a natty new outfit, and the two took off to Canada.

Received with suitable fanfare by the mayor, they were among those present at the mammoth reception at which several hundred guests formed in line, according to instructions, to curtsy to His Britannic Majesty and the Queen. But not the Stassens. They didn't have the chance. As the queue moved slowly toward the King and Queen, an equerry approached the Governor and his wife, curtly demanded their credentials, examined same, and then requested them to step out of line. A note was hastily dispatched to Premier Bracken in the front of the chamber, but one of his aides laid it aside with an air of finality.

A Governor of less wisdom and more hankering for sensational headlines than Stassen would have made an international incident out of that.

"Forget it," was what he said when he and wife returned home. "We have no comment, and we hope nothing further will be made of the incident."

Both realized that the slight was not as intentional as it seemed on the surface; that they were victims of petty political rivalries and jealousies among Canadian officials, complicated diplomatic red tape and the jittery bungling of provincial brass hats.

Like her husband, Mrs. Stassen declined to dilate on the possibility that they might ever live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. "The chance is so remote," she said. "More remote now than ever," she added.

Even so, did the thought that she might one day be First Lady appeal to her at all? "I can't say it does," she replied with a smile. "But of course that doesn't make any difference. You see, I'm not the one to be considered in connection with the White House."

If she should become First Lady, however, she would be about as much a contrast to Eleanor Roosevelt as anyone you can imagine. Quite definitely, she is the stay-at-home type. She makes speeches only on the rarest occasions. Her writing for publication has been limited to a single newspaper story, "My Week," appearing in the St. Paul Pioneer Press a couple of years ago. She is reserved; leaves most of the talking to her husband. But when she does express an opinion, it bears weight; is wise, to the point, and neatly pared of all extraneous detail.

Even in the White House, her interests probably would revolve around her husband; their son, Glen, and their small daughter, Kathleen. She is decidedly domestic; by her own admission, "just a homebody." But don't get the wrong impression from that; for the "just" doesn't belong there. She is a lot more than just that.

Bolivian President Arrives; Has Busy Program Ahead

Gen. Enrique Penaranda Is Guest At White House on First Day Here

The sun shone on a perfect May day yesterday to welcome President Enrique Penaranda of Bolivia, who arrived in Washington for his first visit to the National Capital.

The head of the South American Republic was greeted by President Roosevelt and a host of dignitaries as he and his entourage drew up to the White House door in the motor which had brought the party from Richmond, Va., where they stopped briefly after landing by plane from Miami.

President Penaranda, an overnight guest at the White House, was guest of honor at a dinner given by President Roosevelt last night and today will move to Blair House, where he will be for the remainder of his visit. He will leave on Sunday for Detroit and a tour of the Midwest defense plants, following a tea in his honor at which Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller will be hosts.

Accompanying the Bolivian President to Washington are Tomas M. Elio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia; Enrique Finot, Bolivian Ambassador to Mexico; Gabriel Gosalvez, Ambassador on Special Mission; Gen. Felipe M. Rivera, Aide to President Penaranda; Jorge del Castillo, secretary to President Penaranda; Jorge de la Barra, Chief of Protocol of Bolivia, and Alfonso Crespo, Assistant Secretary to the Bolivian President.

State Dinner At White House

Members of President Penaranda's official party were in the company entertained by President Roosevelt at dinner.

Other guests were the Ambassador of Bolivia, Dr. Luis Fernando Guachalla; Gen. David Torro, former President of Bolivia; Vice President Henry Wallace; the Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn; the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull; the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau; the Secretary of the Navy, Col. Frank Knox; the Secretary of Commerce, Jesse Jones; the Secretary of Agriculture, Claude Wickard; Senator Tom Connally, Senator Warren R. Austin, Representative Sol Bloom, Representative Charles A. Eaton, Marvin McIntyre, and Undersecretary of State, Sumner Welles; the Undersecretary of War, Robert P. Patterson; Admiral William D. Leahy, Admiral Ernest J. King, Lieut. Gen. Thomas Holcomb.

Also, James F. Byrnes, Paul V. McNutt, Harold D. Smith, Pierre Boal, American Ambassador to Bolivia; George T. Summerlin, Laurence Duggan, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Rear Admiral Wilson Brown, Dr. L. S. Rowe, Prentiss M. Brown, Chester Davis, Byron Price, Philip Bonsal, Stanley Woodward, Brig. Gen. James H. Walker, Military Aide to President Penaranda; Capt. Albert E. Schrader, Naval Aide to the visiting President, and Lieut. Col. Chester Hammond.

Luncheon and Dinner Today

The program of entertainment arranged in honor of the distinguished visitor includes a dinner this evening to be given by Secretary of State Cordell Hull at the Carlton Hotel; a

luncheon today at the Pan American Union following a special meeting of the board of governors; a dinner tomorrow evening when Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, jr. will be host, and a large reception on Saturday afternoon at the Pan American Union to be given by the Bolivian Ambassador and Senora de Guachalla.

At the luncheon at the Pan American Union today the red, green and gold of Bolivia's flag will be fashioned of flowers for the table centerpiece.

Bolivia's flag and coat of arms were adopted when the country won its independence in 1825 through the famous liberators, Gen. Simon Bolivar and General Sucre. Uniquely, the colors woven into the national banner represent the country's resources, the upper red stripe denoting the animal kingdom, of which the alpaca is the symbol; the middle gold stripe, the traditional mineral wealth of Bolivia; and the lower green stripe, the vegetable kingdom, represented by wheat and breadfruit.

In the high country of La Paz, the presidential home of General Penaranda, the queer-looking alpacas, with long strands of black or white wool hanging almost to the ground, signify not only one of the most valuable resources of the country, but its ancient Incan culture as well, a proud heritage of Bolivians.

Tin Comes From Potosi

Fabulous "old Potosi," whose once enormously rich silver mines are now chiefly turning out humble tin substance for vital war supplies, is signified in the gold stripe of Bolivia's flag. Because the towering mountain crest of Potosi once lured in Spanish colonial days great streams of Spanish and Indian adventurers and explorers up its narrow trails, and silver dust was cheaper in the markets of the little dobe towns than eggs and flour, Potosi will perhaps forever be a monument to the legendary wealth of Bolivia's minerals.

More substantial, but nonetheless romantic, is the significance of the vegetable kingdom of Bolivia in the green stripe of its flag, because of the unusual conditions surrounding the growing of agricultural products in that country.

Around Lake Titicaca, the highest steam-navigated lake in the world, wheat is being grown in thousands of acres under government subsidy, and the primitive production which existed at the time Bolivia's flag was adopted lends even greater romance to the fact that it should have been symbolized in the nation's colors.

Time

Dr. Wellington Koo, Ambassador to Great Britain, is visiting in Washington.

Ensign and Mrs. Acheson, who were in New York last Saturday spending their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. The Miss Patricia J. Castles, U. S. Mrs. Castles of New York, N. J. Her husband is the son of the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Acheson.

Mrs. J. Breckinridge and Mrs. Scott Macfarlane are spending several days in New York at the Weylin.

At another in the series of feature films at the United Nations Club, the feature film "The Sign of the Cross" will be shown at 2400, the honor will be Rear Admiral Davis, Representative Bloom, the Delegate from Hawaii, Joseph R. Farrington.

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NEW GOVERNOR TAKES OATH *Minneapolis Star 4-28-43*

AS STASSEN SURRENDERED OFFICE TO THYE



Before Gov. Harold E. Stassen left Minnesota yesterday for naval service he watched his successor, Lt. Gov. Ed Thye, take the oath of office as the state's chief executive. The oath was administered by Henry

M. Gallagher, chief justice of the state supreme court. Just previous, Stassen had presented to Thye his resignation as governor, the office he entered at age 31.



In his naval uniform, Lt. Comm. Harold E. Stassen arrived at St. Paul Union station, accompanied by his wife and son. A throng of well-wishers witnessed his departure for Great Lakes, Ill., naval training station.

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Minnesota Voters Laud Gov. Stassen's Record as He Leaves Office to Join Navy

Majority Consider Him Rating High as Governor, Special Survey Indicates

By **GEORGE GALLUP**

Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., April 30.—Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota left the governor's chair this week to join the navy carrying with him the political good-will of the great majority of Minnesota voters.

Often mentioned as a Republican presidential candidate for 1944, Gov. Stassen was considered an outstanding or better-than-average governor by nearly six out of every ten Minnesotans as he donned his naval uniform on Wednesday.



An even larger number of his fellow Minnesotans looked upon him favorably as a Republican candidate for the presidency.

Throughout Minnesota interviews for the Institute asked voters recently:

"What kind of job would you say Governor Stassen is doing?"

The results were:

Outstanding . . .	45%
Better than average	12
	34

Poor	5
No Opinion	4

From time to time in recent months the Institute has also sounded the opinions of the people of Minnesota as well as the rest of the country to determine how many look favorably or unfavorably upon Gov. Stassen as presidential material for 1944.

Ballots gathered from Minnesota show the following attitude among voters in all parties combined:

Favorable	62%
Unfavorable . . .	29
No Opinion	9

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Surveys have indicated, however, that outside of Minnesota and surrounding states, Gov. Stassen is not well-known with the rank and file of voters.

Among Republicans polled throughout the country, for example, the Institute found in



Governor Stassen of Minnesota

March that more than half were not familiar enough with Gov. Stassen to give an opinion one way or the other about him as a presidential candidate.

His stepping out of the public eye will, from a strictly political point of view, lessen his chances to overcome the handicap of being relatively unknown to the mass of voters.

However, among those Republican voters who are familiar enough with him at this time to offer an opinion, the ratio of favorable to unfavorable is 3 to 1, as the following table shows:

REPUBLICANS ONLY THROUGHOUT U. S.

Favorable	31%
Unfavorable . . .	10
Unfamiliar or No Opinion	59



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