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Garner for President Committee

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March 2, 1940.

Mr. Amon G. Carter, Editor
Fort Worth Star Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

We Texans are engaged today in the same patriotic effort in which we were engaged in 1932 -- the effort to nominate our distinguished native son, John Nance Garner, President of the United States. In 1932 Mr. Garner was supported by the 90 delegates from Texas and California, and was a real factor in the Democratic National Convention until he released his followers in order to make possible the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

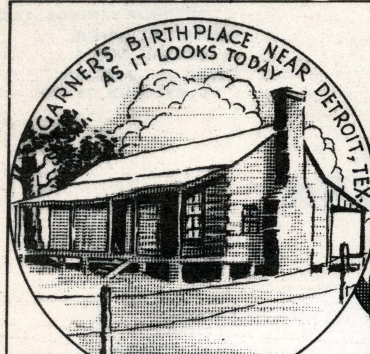
A somewhat different situation prevails today. John Garner is not only Texas' favorite-son candidate. His notable record as Vice President, bringing to that office an influence and prestige it has not possessed since Thomas Jefferson's day, has made him the leading choice of Democrats throughout the nation for the Presidential nomination. Every poll taken on this question has revealed him to be the overwhelming choice of Democrats in every section of the country and in all walks of life.

Texans should take great pride in the fact that one of their neighbors is held in such high esteem by the American people. As I write this letter to you on Texas Independence Day, I am reminded that during the 95 years of Texas' existence as a State in the American Union we have never had the opportunity to place one of our own native Texans in the White House. That great opportunity exists today; and it may not come again in our generation.

John Garner is today the only candidate who has announced unequivocally for the Democratic nomination for President. Other suggested candidates have sidestepped or hedged, largely because of speculation over the third term question, but John Garner's forthright announcement of his willingness to accept the nomination is consistent with his own political honesty and with Democratic and American tradition. No American President, no matter how great or how beloved

NAMES IN THE NEWS

IN THE AGRICULTURAL, AMUSEMENT, EDUCATIONAL, FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, POLITICAL, PROFESSIONAL AND RELIGIOUS FIELDS.



JOHN NANCE GARNER WAS BORN NOV. 22, 1869 - EDUCATED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL. LAW EDUCATION IN PRIVATE OFFICE. ADMITTED BAR 1890. EDITED UVALDE LEADER. PUBLIC LIFE BEGAN 1894 AS COUNTY JUDGE. TWO TERMS TEXAS LEGISLATURE. MARRIED MISS MARIETTE RHEINER, NOV. 25, '95 - ONE SON.



CARRIES OWN DEER TO CAMP 1938; OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST, FEARLESS CHAMPION OF THE RIGHT; ALWAYS ON THE JOB, IN COW CAMP OR CAPITOL, "CACTUS JACK" GARNER CAN BE DEPENDED UPON. ONLY LIVING MAN WHO HAS BEEN PRESIDING OFFICER BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.



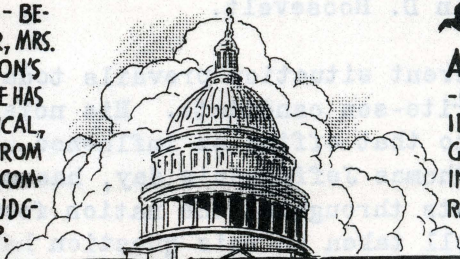
John Nance Garner



ELECTED 58TH CONGRESS 1903 - SERVING TO '35 - BECAME VICE-PRESIDENT. SINCE START OF CAREER, MRS. GARNER HAS BEEN HIS SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON'S MOST REMARKABLE POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP. HE HAS BROAD COMPREHENSION OF NATION'S POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, GAINED FROM SERVICE ON MOST IMPORTANT WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE UNDER WOODROW WILSON. SOUND JUDGMENT AND UNEQUALED LEADERSHIP.



AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1932 - GARNER HELD MORE THAN 90 VOTES FOR PRESIDENT - BUT RELEASED TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA DELEGATIONS TO FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. SHATTERING PRECEDENTS A GARNER TRADITION. TODAY RANKS AS FOREMOST PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY OF THE NATION.



JOHN NANCE GARNER HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSISTENT IN HIS EVERY ATTITUDE TOWARD NATIONAL POLITICS - AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. HIS PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT IS SIMPLE. HE EXPRESSED IT IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH IN 1932:

"THERE ARE JUST TWO THINGS TO THIS GOVERNMENT AS I SEE IT. THE FIRST IS TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF OUR PEOPLE. THE SECOND IS TO INSURE THAT EACH OF US HAS A CHANCE TO WORK OUT HIS DESTINY ACCORDING TO HIS TALENTS. THIS INVOLVES PROTECTING HIM FROM BEING INJURED OR OPPRESSED BY THOSE OF SUPERIOR ACQUISITIVENESS AND PERHAPS LESS CONSCIENCE."

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'GO' with GARNER
THE AMERICAN WAY!

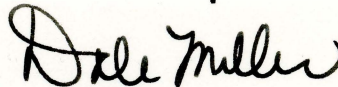
by the people, has ever repudiated the cherished American principle with respect to terms of service in the Presidency, and neither Mr. Garner nor his friends have assumed that the present President would be the first to do so. Consequently, the Garner-for-President movement is grounded firmly on American principles of government -- as any such movement which is thoroughly and characteristically Texan, in its forthrightness and honesty, ought to be.

We realize, of course, that the people of Texas are for Mr. Garner, but we want and need not merely their support but their earnest enthusiasm. As a newspaper editor, you can appreciate the importance of generating a Texanic enthusiasm which can overflow the boundaries of Texas and inundate the entire nation. Consequently, we humbly beseech your help. From time to time I shall send on to you some information about Mr. Garner and the progress of the Presidential campaign which, I think, will be of interest to your readers; and I shall be grateful for your kind reception of it.

I am aware, of course, of my own limitations in undertaking a nation-wide campaign of this kind, and for this reason I must beseech not only your cooperation but your advice and suggestions. I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed card, and if you will be so kind as to send me your personal views on any phase of the campaign, I assure you I will be grateful for your help and will profit by your suggestions. This is too big a task for any few of us to undertake, but with your generous assistance we can do a good job for Texas, and for the American system of government.

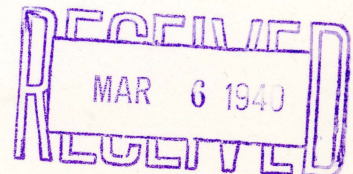
Hoping to hear from you, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Dale Miller
Publicity Director

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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