

Not Herself Alone

# Ike's Introducer Feels All Womanhood Honored

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Fort Worth residents who gather at the T&P Depot Wednesday to see General Eisenhower will hear him introduced by a woman who takes her responsibility seriously.

Mrs. Lawrence Tarlton, one of the few women ever to have the opportunity to introduce a presidential candidate, was surprised and honored at her selection.

But she feels that it's an honor to all womanhood—not just to herself.

"There's a great power in womanhood in politics," she said Sunday, "and women are coming to the front more and more."

The Fort Worth woman is a lifelong Democrat but she has no apologies for the fact that she's going to cast a Republican presidential ballot in November.

"I feel that the Democratic Party has left me," she mused, "not the other way around."

Mrs. Tarlton firmly believes it's time for a change in parties.

Furthermore, she's a staunch admirer of the Republican nominee.

"I respect and admire Eisenhower as a person and what he stands for," she declared.

Mrs. Tarlton won't be seeing General and Mrs. Eisenhower for the first time Wednesday. She met them both when they were in Fort Worth in 1947 for the unveiling of the Will Rogers statue.

She has also seen the Democrats' presidential nominee, Governor Stevenson, but he didn't make any impression on her at the time.

It was in 1922 and Mrs. Tarlton was a guest at Princeton University's commencement exercises when Stevenson was graduated.

After she read recently that he had graduated in 1922, Mrs. Tarlton said she contacted several men who went to school with Stevenson at Princeton.

"I don't think they're going to vote for him either," she confided.

The role of a valiant campaigner, whether in politics or in her favorite project—aid to crippled children—is no new one to Mrs. Tarlton.

She was honored by the Altrusa Club last spring as "First Lady of Fort Worth in 1952" for her untiring efforts in behalf of crippled children.

She belongs to the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools and took a large part in the establishment of the state school for palsied children at Galveston.

But Mrs. Tarlton modestly sees no reason why she should have any publicity because of her accomplishments.

"I have really only done what I wanted to do," she told Altrusa Club members and guests when they honored her at a banquet in April.

Sunday she said she wanted no publicity because of her choice to introduce Eisenhower.

Again, Mrs. Tarlton is only helping out on a project she believes in wholeheartedly.



MRS. LAWRENCE TARLTON.

# Garner to Vote Straight Ticket Of Democrats

DALLAS, Oct. 12 (AP).—John Nance Garner of Uvalde, vice president during the first and second administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt, revealed Sunday he will vote for Governor Stevenson for president and Senator John Sparkman for vice president.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn, chairman of the Texas Stevenson-Sparkman committee, made public a letter from Garner.

The letter to Rayburn was written in pencil on a piece of note paper, bearing Garner's name.

The letter said: "Dear Sam,

"Thank you for your interesting letter. You can say that I will vote the Democratic ticket straight from top to bottom. Your friend, John N. Garner."

Rayburn's letter to Garner was not released, but it was believed the speaker appealed to the former vice president to aid the Stevenson campaign in Texas.

Rayburn and Garner were close friends in Congress for many years.

Garner, now 83, broke with the Roosevelt administration in 1940. He opposed Roosevelt's desire for a third term.

Rayburn observed: "Mr. Garner's statement is gratifying but not surprising to those who know him as a Democrat."

Eisenhower leaders quickly commented they were sorry but that's just what they expect of Garner.

"John Garner is a brass-collar Democrat. That's what he always has been and will be," said Alvin H. Lane of Dallas, chairman of the Republican state executive committee.

"When Garner was personally involved and felt Roosevelt was in error, he subserviently felt bound to stick to the party label. This is just what you would expect from him."

At Fort Worth, Ben Guill, state campaign manager for Eisenhower, said:

"I have nothing but respect for Mr. Garner. I'm sorry he feels that way."

# Iran Changes Policy

TEHRAN, Iran, Oct. 12 (AP).—Iran's new foreign minister, former Deputy Premier Hossein Fatemi, announced Sunday he is altering the nation's foreign policy by assigning top diplomats to Asian and neighboring countries rather than to Western nations as formerly. Iran's biggest neighbor is Russia, to the north.

# TRUMAN CONVINCED HIS TOUR HELPED DEMOCRATS' CHANCES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP).—President Truman came home Sunday—to the White House he'll vacate in three months—after a coast-to-coast speaking tour without parallel in American political history.

Never before had a president traveled so far or worked so hard to get the candidate he likes to succeed him.

To describe the president at the end of his 8,500-mile campaign tour you couldn't do better than to fall back on the old expression "tired but happy."

He will start a new three-day trip Wednesday night—through New England and to Brooklyn. And almost as soon as he gets back, he will head Midwestward again to whistle-stop until election day.

The 68-year-old executive, traveling in the role of retiring Democratic Party head, came through the 90-speech grind in better shape than most of the others in his 16-car special train. Still, his voice and his bearing did show a few signs of wear.

Believes He Helped.

But Truman obviously was convinced, whatever his critics might think, that he helped Democratic Presidential Candidate Stevenson by the cross-country swing in which one aim was to cut down General Eisenhower's prestige as GOP nominee.

No one can say for certain whether he is right about that, even after the voters have had their say Nov. 4.

What can be said now is that the crowds he talked to, neighborhood-to-neighbor fashion from the train platform, were generally as large if not larger than those to whom he appealed in 1948 when he himself was seeking re-election.

Leaning over his speaking stand as a Missouri farmer might lean over his backyard fence, Truman appeared more effective, more sure of himself than he did four years ago.

He actually worked harder for Stevenson than he did for himself, in terms of the length of his speeches at every whistle-

stop and the fervor of his appeals.

Even at the points where there was heckling, mostly by teenagers, the crowds cheered Truman and urged him to "give 'em hell" or "pour it on, Harry."

Crowds Were Large. Could it be that the crowds liked Truman because of that peculiar talent for talking a language no one could mistake? Could it be the bristling, earthy Midwestern phrases that made complicated issues seem simple—for the moment, at least?

Whatever the answer, the crowds came to the whistle stops. Ohio reporters, indeed, said that in some cases the turnouts for the mild-looking, gray-haired Missourian exceeded in size and enthusiasm some of the crowds which met Eisenhower at comparable cities in that state.

Why is the president, at 68, driving himself so hard when he can retire in January to a life of ease at Independence, Mo.?

There are many answers.

Truman, as an avid reader of history, wants to assure himself a place in the record book, based on the foreign policies he has pursued and which he feels Stevenson will carry out.

Truman, as the stubborn Midwestern politician, wants to convince his detractors that the plain people, as he calls them, are still on his side.

Feels Debt to Party.

Truman, as a sentimental, dyed-in-the-wool Democratic politician, feels, as he told many

whistle-stop gatherings, that he owes a debt to the party which carried him from precinct worker to White House.

But perhaps the best answer of all is that he just plain likes to "whistle-stop," to call the Republicans hard names and, to use one of his own terms, "watch them squirm."

His speech writers spend hours in research to fill in the background, but it is the simplification of Truman's attack—oversimplification, say some; exaggeration, say others; and the Republicans say much worse—that drives the crowds to urge him to "give 'em hell, Harry."

To Truman, the Republicans never are just misinformed, they are "terrible."

To him, the Republicans never simply are misguided, they have an underlying hatred for the poor and the common man and an affinity for "the lobbying boys," the "special interests," the "rich bankers."

Once he decided that Eisenhower was a menace to the Democratic Party (when the general became the GOP nominee) Truman went after him as relentlessly as a Kentucky mountaineer stalking a feuding cousin.

# Movie Director Dies

PACIFIC PALISADES, Cal., Oct. 12 (AP).—Jack Conway, 65, silent film leading man who became one of Hollywood's top directors, died Saturday night of a pulmonary ailment.

# Letters Urge Men to Attend WTCC Talks

Letters have gone out to 300 Fort Worth business men, urging attendance at the 35th annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Wichita Falls Oct. 19-21.

Fort Worth men will go from here by special train and will be headquartered at the Kemp Hotel in Wichita Falls, G. O. Barney, chairman of the chamber's territory relations committee, points out in his letter.

The convention will be concerned primarily with surface water resources legislation and conservation management programs operating in West Texas.

Speakers will include J. B. Thomas of Fort Worth, chairman of the governor's new statewide water committee; J. S. Bridwell of Wichita Falls, a crusader for soil conservation, and Dr. William W. Fifield of Los Angeles, pastor of First Congregational Church there.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, will deliver the opening sermon at a union church service in First Methodist Church Sunday.

Reservations for the trip may be made with Charles G. Cotten at the Chamber of Commerce, FOrtune 2491.

# New Church Holds Services in School

The new Westcliff Methodist Church held its first services Sunday morning in Westcliff Elementary School, Trail Lake and South Dr.

Charter membership rolls will remain open until the church has its own building. Members will elect board members and commissioners soon.

Rev. Knox O. Scott of 3500 Corto is pastor.

# Ike Harbors No Grudges At Trainmen

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (INS). The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers made public Sunday an exchange of messages with General Eisenhower which expressed a "no hard feelings" view over mishaps to the GOP candidate's campaign train.

The brotherhood disclosed that it had made a full investigation of the incidents, such as the 18-car special pulling out while the presidential aspirant was in the midst of a speech.

James P. Shields, the union's grand chief engineer, told Eisenhower that "any interpretation of these incidents as implying opposition to your candidacy is based wholly on misinformation or slander."

Eisenhower replied: "Whatever rumor may have reached you from enthusiastic supporters of mine, I personally have always had confidence in the railway engineers. I know them to be fair and capable. Nothing has changed that feeling of reliance on my part."

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