

Washington Digest

GOP to Inject Vigor of Youth in 1944 Campaign

Dewey Leader Indicates Republicans Will Hit at Machine Politics and Left Wing Elements During Race.



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In a week or so the political campaigns will be warming up and already the main lines of attack and counter-attack have begun to form. The bombs will explode far from the banks of the Potomac—Republican headquarters and regional offices are already springing up and their activities are far removed from Washington's daily life. But nowhere is the interest in politics and the garnering of votes as great as in this vales city.

Before Candidate Dewey started westward with Pittsburgh and St. Louis station stops, Herbert Brownell, the new chairman of national committee, visited Republican headquarters here on Connecticut avenue to get acquainted. He did and made a very good impression. As one reporter remarked, "What a change in the genus chairman."

Brownell is quite a contrast to his predecessor, Harrison Spangler, and the accent is on youth. Brownell is 40, looks younger, although his dusty blonde hair is sparse. He reminded me of a fraternity brother (the happens to be one, I discovered) who was assistant professor of something—not too highbrow—the non-academic type. He is a Nebraskan and a Mayflower descendant who won a scholarship at his state university which took him to Yale where he edited the Yale Law Journal, no insignificant distinction.

Brings Dewey Closer to General Public

He made an excellent law connection in New York, was elected to the state legislature and developed a keen nose for politics which brought him to the position of counsel for the state Republican committee. He was one of the inner circle of the Dewey group and liked Dewey as those who are closest to him do and unlike those in the middle distances, who don't. A part of Brownell's job will be to bridge that gap. He or somebody else has already been giving lessons to the governor in the Albany school as was evident at his press conference in Chicago after the nomination where he revealed the training. The cynical Albany press gang were a little taken aback by the governor's showing at that time.

Dewey is naturally an introvert, with a tendency toward egocentricity. But he is one of the lucky ones who knows it and from school days he has struggled against the aloofness which often grows up around the man who is always the head of his class as Dewey was.

He is ready to help the Republicans put the accent on youth and underline it heavily. Brownell fits that picture naturally and Dewey can be counted upon to match his own conduct with his years as far as vigor and energy go and he will probably be able to acquire the "half-fellow" flavor for public relations.

It is clear when you talk to Brownell that he is all for the "wim-and-wigger" type of electioneering. The Democrats know what to expect. They started a defensive-offensive on the need and wisdom and experience in their convention speeches. They are going to try to prove that when the contestants weigh in, Democratic gray-matter will out-balance the red corpuscles and vitamins which their opponents display and of which they will boast.

As we waited to interview Brownell on that muggy Washington afternoon, a figure emerged who may have been exhibit A of the Republican's immortal pep. He was the man who nominated Taft for President so you can date him. He was younger Sen. Jim Watson of Indiana (born 1863), not juvenile, but he hadn't lost his up-and-at-'em. "As Joe Cannon always used to advise me," Senator Jim allowed to me, "give 'em hell, boys!"

I asked Brownell later if the Republicans intended to campaign in an unusual way, "since the President had said he wouldn't campaign in the usual way. Brownell smiled and replied with a sentence the burden of which was "energetic."

However, a pean to youth will not be the only song in the Dewey-Bricker repertoire. Mr. Bricker's

Stripes in Versatile Mood Come To Enliven Midsummer Scene

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



HERE IT is well-nigh midseason, that time betwixt and between when fall clothes look too advanced and summer clothes somehow do not seem to be quite in tune with the shifting scene. What to do?

Here's where fashion steps right to the front with a wardrobe rejuvenator that animates the style picture like magic. Told in a single word, it's stripes! It's a wonderful-way-of-their-own that striped fabrics have of "stealing the show" when it comes to striking effects. They have a refreshing sprightliness about them that looks just right, in season and out of season. The big news about stripes is that they bid fair to hold their popularity and importance in the mode right through the coming fall and winter season.

You may expect to see stripes wherever you go during the months ahead, for not only do fashions for immediate wear exploit them in simple casual frocks, skirts and blouses, but stripes are playing a stellar role in way of luxury blouses and versatile accessories that will dramatize gala costumes, such as midday will be wearing during the forthcoming social season.

There's certainly high-fashion news in stripes, but if perchance you happen to be one who "has to be shown" the group illustration will bring you proof positive of their importance on the current style program. That attractive little frock to the left, which makes sophisticated simplicity its theme is a "darling" one-piece, made of white crepe striped in the newly featured wine shade, a color you will hear more about when the fall season sets in. With its clean-looking stripes and the cool look and the feel of its modish lowcut, squared and banded neck, this dainty practical frock is just "it" for immediate wear. A self belt ties in a bow over the full length fly front, closing with another bow at the front of the neck.

The cool-looking green and white

two-piece frock centered above in the group achieves a striped effect in green and white for the skirt. The matching green crepe jacket, fastened only at the waist, is embroidered with a white scroll motif.

For immediate wear clinging, cooling striped jersey is considered a fabric ideal. See this beloved jersey made up in a stunning dress, posed in the foreground to the left. Be assured that there's high style news told in this distinctively smart jersey spectator sports dress, which comes from Chicago Fashion Industries. The fact that both broad and narrow stripes contrasting navy and white are used in the styling of this gown adds greatly to its interest. The high round neck, the unique contrast of the yoke-like treatment and the brief sleeves, achieve a most intriguing effect.

Advance style collections stress important-looking restaurant suits and regal dinner gowns that tell the news of luxury-striped materials such as handsome rayon satin done in striking color contrast, used for bodice tops and the very new peplum blouses, worn either with street-length skirts or long slim formal types. The new deluxe stripes that occur in satins and crepes boldly contrast black with white or black with shocking pink or with aqua, blue or lime and many equally lovely color duets. There are also some exquisite stripes done in white and pastel colorings. The vogue for stripes has inspired the striking evening gown shown in the oval inset. Here you see a bodice top of aqua and black regency striped rayon satin with skirt of mossy rayon crepe, the smoothly fitted midrib section accented with a cummerbund of jet black rayon satin.

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ELMER ON SUMMER RESORT CEILINGS

OPA is investigating overcharging at summer amusement resorts, following complaints of exorbitant prices for hotdogs, soda pop, salami sandwiches, etc. This column is not in sympathy. Pleasure seekers at amusement resorts eat too much. Nothing they stuff themselves with is necessary.

We think the dollar hotdog would be a good thing, with an extra twobits for mustard. It is responsible for much of the irritability found at summer resorts.

But Elmer Twitchell is for ceilings on many other items at the summer playgrounds of America. He wants the OPA to put a limit on what can be charged for picture gallery photographs, bathing houses, sidshow freaks and fortune tellers.

"I demand OPA protection at the picture galleries," he snapped today. "They are getting twice as much for a snapshot of me leaning against a fake cabin cruiser as in prewar days and I'm using the same face. When I squawk to the photographer what does he say? He says photography has gone to war! He tells me camera parts are hard to get, that all the best assistants are in Normandy and that the artist who painted the backdrop gets 50 per cent more than last year for the same waves, whitecaps and rocks."

Elmer was in a temper. "And take the bathhouses. They sock me more than ever for a locker, suit and towel, and when I kick all they say is, 'Don't you know there's a war on?'"

"There should be ceilings on fortune tellers, too. I paid 50 cents more for my fortune this summer than last summer. I insist that the shortage of tea leaves is bogus and that gypsies have to pay more for earrings and hair grease."

"They've upped the admission price to see the Two-Headed Boy. Why? Well, they claim there is a shortage of two-headed boys due to the war, but I am yet to see one in the army or in a war plant."

"The Fat Lady is getting more money, and I can see some justice in that. It must cost her more to keep fat, but there is one amusement resort feature that should be punished by OPA at once."

"Who is that?" we asked. "The lady sword swallower," said Mr. Twitchell.

"I paid 10 per cent more to get into the tent to see her and a flame eater. About the flame eater I'm not sure. Maybe flames are harder to get. But I denounce the alibi of the sword swallower as wholly without foundation."

"What alibi is that?" we asked. "He had the nerve to tell me that swords are being rationed," concluded Elmer.

DIFFICULT
If voters take to rhyming, it will not be so hot: There is no rhyme for Roosevelt, But Dewey's on the spot. —Eta Beta

A powerful plane is said to be waiting at all times to take Hitler out of the country, but he doesn't know where he can go. Plenty of people can tell him.

Thumbnail Description
He was the kind of man who could make one pat of butter cover three waffles.

The Russians are moving so fast they must have a motorcycle escort.

Imaginary plea of the Nazi military chiefs to the Russians. "Could we see that again, in slow motion?"

The Pullman company says the present sleeping car is to be a thing of the past before many years. No more will be manufactured. This is going to be a terrific blow to the ladder and net industries.

The new sleeping car will not have the double berths down both sides of the car, with aisle in the center. It will be a car of roomettes, each with running water, etc. It has always puzzled us that the conventional sleeping-car could have survived so many years, but we shall regret its complete disappearance. We used to take a sleeper once in a while just to see if we had anything left physically.

Can You Remember—
Away back when nobody ever complained of the high cost of a glass of beer?

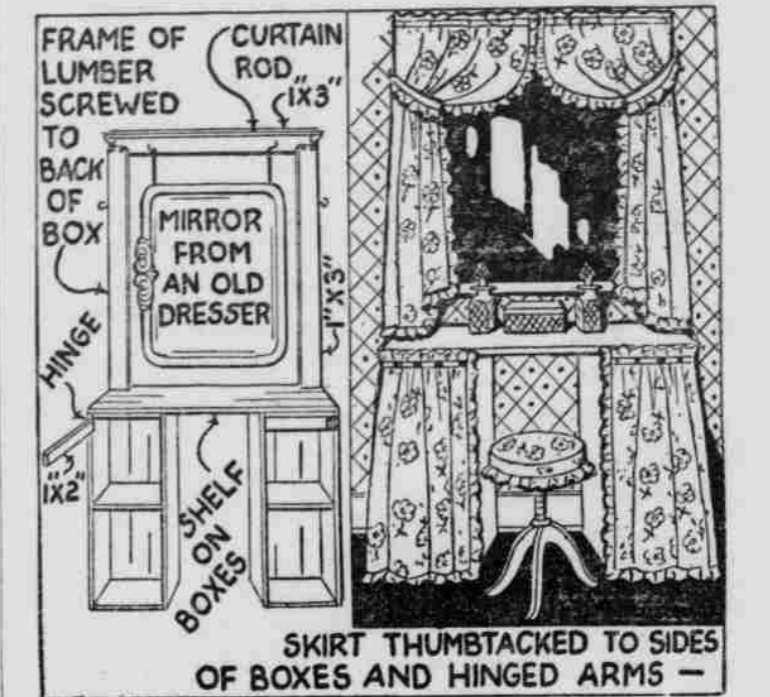
When a Japanese reference to Zeroes meant planes instead of war chiefs?

And when you could talk about governmental thrift and hold anybody's interest?

"I am going to write an essay entitled 'Don't change barrels going over Niagara Falls.'" —George Dixon in the New York Mirror.

Vanity Table Can Be Made From Old Mirror and Odds and Ends

By Ruth Wyeth Spears



HAVE you a mirror from an old dresser? It doesn't make any difference about the size or shape or how "queer" the frame may be, because you may hang the mirror any old way you want to and cover three sides with curtains to make the adorable frilly vanity shown here.

Two orange crates or a pair of boxes; some odds and ends of lumber; a curtain rod; hooks and a little wire for hanging the mirror; a pair of cup hooks to hold the curtain tie-backs; a pair of hinges for the arms to which the swing-back skirt is fastened;

screws and nails—that is all you need. You probably have it all around the house right now. The sketch gives all the details, and it won't make any difference how crude your carpentry may be. The curtains and skirt will cover a multitude of uneven edges and hammer dents.

NOTE: This dressing table idea is from BOOK 5 of the series of homemaking booklets offered with these articles. This book also shows how the dresser to match the mirror was combined with a fish bowl, an old portiere and a chromo from the attic to make an important piece of furniture for the living room. Copy of BOOK 5 will be mailed for 15 cents. Send your order to:

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Household Hints

Here's a tip to facilitate mending large holes in sweaters. Place a piece of netting under the hole, then darn with matching wool. The netting serves as backing and makes a better darning job possible.

Try keeping the peanut butter jar upside down on the pantry shelves between trips to the table. The alternate turning it receives this way helps keep the oil distributed through the entire jar.

Most light bulbs have a life of from 1,000 to 3,000 hours. You will save bulbs and electricity by turning them off when not needed. Use good quality bulbs of the right size for your needs. A 100-watt bulb gives more light, costs less to buy and less to operate than two 60-watt bulbs. Buy lights with the proper voltage rating for your current.

If you have a dog, cook him some cornmeal in the water in which vegetables have been cooked. Divide the dog's daily ration into three meals, instead of two. He does not get so hungry then and does not eat so fast.

Hang a good-sized bag in the sewing room to receive scraps from sewing to be used for weekly mending.

When making feather mattresses and pillow ticks, dampen a bar of laundry soap and rub all over the inside of the ticking. This prevents the feathers from working out through the cover fabric.

Quartered lemons add the "something sour" that baked beans need and make a good looking garnish as well.

Batiste Dance Frock 'Weskit Dress' Makes Its Debut This Fall



A new type of dress is making its debut this fall, known in fashion parlance as the "weskit" dress. Which is to say that a weskit effect takes the place of the usual blouse. These trig little outfits top a narrow skirt with a neat fitting vest-like blouse that buttons up the front with pointed effect at the front hemline. This type is especially smart in fancy check or stripe wool and is especially good-looking made up with contrast sleeves. There is opportunity given in this weskit-and-skirt fashion for endless color contrasts. The weskit top may be of check, the skirt of monotone matched to the sleeves. The weskit, if sleeveless, buttons over a dainty lingerie blouse to advantage, the sheer crisp sleeves giving refreshing accent to the suit. There is no doubt but what the weskit dress will prove one of the big fashion successes of the fall season and for that matter it is ideal for present wear.

Peplum Dickey Transforms A Simple Frock in a Jiffy

If you ask at the neckwear counter to see a new-style peplum dickey, you will be shown lovely lace types designed to wear over one's dress, belted in at the waistline just above a pert peplum flare of lace and net or any white sheer that is prettily lace-trimmed. The career girl will love this peplum novelty for after office hours, when she can fasten the dickey in place in a jiffy. These dickeys have a way of transforming the simplest frock into a dressy afternoon gown.

Bewitching and beautiful is this prettily feminine party frock. It has that quaint loveliness about it which finest sheer batiste lavished with ribbons and lace always gives. This idea of sheerest lingerie cotton as fine as looms can possibly produce, for blouse or bodice tops to long sheer black evening skirts, is responsible for some of the most delectable party dresses brought out this year. Here the eyelet embroidered blouse reveals a perfect portrait shoulder line. The full black soufite skirt swishes fascinatingly when dancing.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Many state highways will be in need of repairs and rebuilding by the end of the war, according to an end of War Information report, based on data from the Public Roads Administration and state and private sources. At present, most important immediate program calls for improving 34,000 miles of highways recommended by the National Inter-Regional Highway committee.

Farm operating loans have been made to several hundred honorably discharged servicemen who had no other source of credit to finance food production.

Farms, ranches and other non-institutional employers of seasonal workers may now apply for allotments of rationed foods to feed workers hired for 60 days or less.

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