

39th - 49th Annual Kansas Day Meetings

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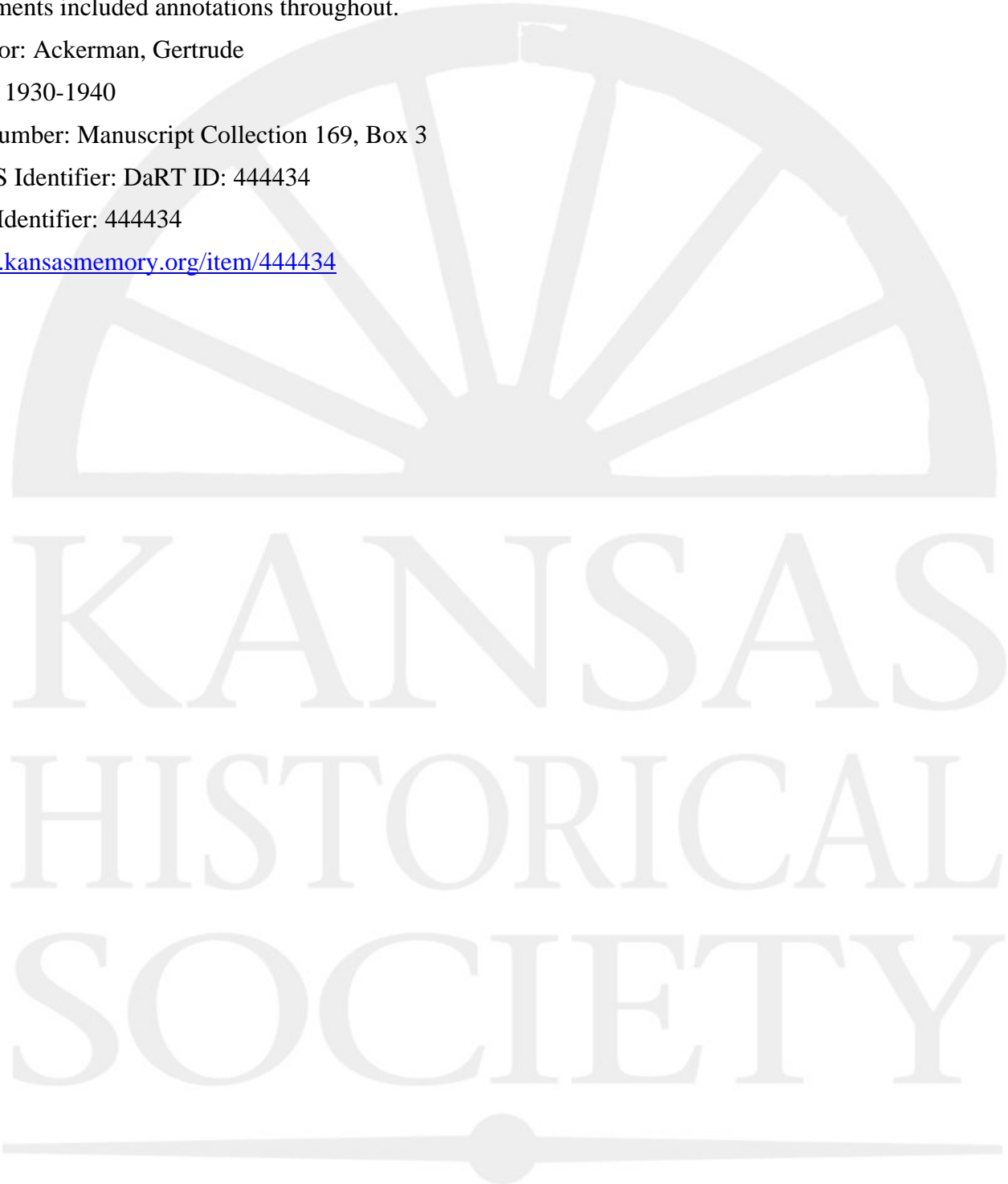
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sound answer to some of our industrial troubles. It is easily demonstrable in almost all industry that a comparatively small compact unit, large enough to produce in quantity, but small enough to be controlled by a single directing head, in a field of free competition, can maintain itself against its big unwieldy competitors and provide a better and cheaper service to the consumer. We have over-emphasized size in our love of bigness in America. All that the situation requires of government in the aid of industry in the present crisis, is uniform protection against sweat shop wages, too long hours and child labor. Simple measures of this sort will suffice to prevent that merciless exploitation of helpless labor which some industries employed in price competition. Our entire business economy is based upon the fundamental principle that each industry can only exist as it renders service to the community--that service to be rendered at the time and place society requires it, and at the lowest price consistent with a reasonable profit. It, therefore, relies, exclusively, upon the free operation of the principle of competition for its success. We have now arrived in that state of society where we must and should abridge this freedom of competition in order to protect men, women and little children against exploitation. That done, we do well to leave the rest to the operation of the natural law of competition, in the confident knowledge that in that way the rights of the consumer to the lowest price is guaranteed. Only by recourse to such economics can we aid, thru reduction of the cost of commodities which farmers must buy, in bringing about that parity in purchasing power which justice demands. *... sentiment concerning the soundness of such procedure, is not complete.*

"It is important to observe that the effect of the NRA was to increase cost and, therefore, reduce production. This exactly reverses the normal and logical processes of recovery which require increased production, lowered costs and enhanced consumption. Along that route, and that route alone, lies increased employment. With that theory, I think you will all agree. Intellectual honesty on my part, requires me also to say that I do not believe the permanent cure of the ills of agriculture is to be found in restricted production and increased costs. In the face of large surpluses with decreased purchasing power in the domestic market, something may be said for an artificial restriction as an emergency measure, but I am wholly confident that the ultimate permanent remedy will restore the most individualistic business in the world--the business of farming--its former freedom from bureaucratic control.

"Let me say again, that I can see no justice in a country with a matured industry, such as ours, providing a tariff protection for the products of that industry in the domestic market, and leaving the products of the farm to shift for themselves in a market where world prices rule. The establishment of equality of protection to the agriculturist and the industrialist alike, is readily susceptible of achievement by a responsible government dominated by a desire for the common welfare. We cannot

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cure the ills of an age of plenty by resort to policies that accomplish scarcity. So long as there are within our own country 30 to 40 millions of people who are today living scarcely above the poverty line, bereft of all but the bare necessities, it is hideously cruel to lift the comforts of life beyond the reach of their hungry hands. The problem of statesmanship today is not to substitute scarcity for plenty, but to provide for a fairer distribution of the products of farm and factory in greater and greater quantities, to the end that higher standards of living shall rule, and constantly more and more of our people be admitted into the enjoyment of comforts of life. Certainly, this aim will not be achieved by resort to the levelling processes of a socialist state, killing ambition, deadening initiative, and withholding rewards for industry and thrift. Socialism can only give us a lowered living standard. We must rely in the future, as we have in the past, upon the main springs of worthy ambition, self-imposed industry, and the instinct to save, which have given to society substantially all of the advances achieved since the human race emerged from the dark ages.

"There is yet another peril--the dangers of which are little realized--inherent in the announced program and established policy of the present administration.

"The government has now secured complete and absolute domination of the federal reserve system and, thru it, control of banking and credit. The reasonable check on government spending which is supplied by an independent banking system is gone. The machinery with which to automatically increase government debt, with little regard to business sentiment concerning the soundness of such procedure, is not complete. The existing legislation governing the federal reserve system, given a compliant federal reserve board, is ample to provide for continued expansion of government debt. All that is required is that the treasury department issue the bonds, turn the bonds over to the federal reserve banks, the latter then, in turn, using those bonds as 100 per cent security, issue asset currency against the bonds for the use of the government. This situation thus created by an assumption of authority, unwarranted and not foreseen when the federal reserve system was established, provides precisely the background for an expansion of credit, only slightly less perilous than direct currency inflation itself. With every fresh issue of bonds by the government, the deposit in the banks increase correspondingly. All this helps to create a huge excess reserve of unused deposits available for loans to business and industry. If this great unused reserve remains and continues to grow, ^{two} ~~few~~ things will happen:

"The banks will tire of carrying this money idle in their vaults and will grow less careful in their scrutiny of collateral offered; and business weary of a long profitless period, will begin to avail itself of the opportunity to borrow. Particularly will this be true of the speculative fraternity. If these conditions should arise, we would witness the swift growth of an illusory, unhealthy and short-lived prosperity, which would only end in fresh disaster.

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"But, this touches only that phase of the situation which relates to inflation of government credit. There is a still graver danger even than this, and that is the complete assumption by federal authority over all credit and banking in private business. That this is the purpose of the present administration is no longer open to doubt. Ten days ago, after having accomplished complete control of the federal reserve board in Washington, the chairman of the board, Mr. Eccles, issued an order requiring a change in the personnel of the boards of the respective 12 reserve banks. It also was announced that, later, rules would accomplish a similar change in the remaining membership of these boards. The control by the federal government of these 12 district boards will establish automatically a substantial control over all credit used in private business. Twice before in our history, we have witnessed a greedy and rapacious bureaucracy achieve this power. It is curious in the first instance, this evil was scotched by Thomas Jefferson, the titular father of the Democratic party, and then, when it manifested its ugly head again and established political domination over credit, it was Andrew Jackson who led the plain people in rebellion against the entrenched corruption of the second bank of the United States, and gave to the Democratic party its first great popular victory.

"The people of the United States are as fundamentally opposed to political control of credit and banking now, as they ever were. When the rigors of this depression shall have relaxed and the opportunity afforded for free expression of popular opinion, this bureaucratic hand now grasping at the throat of all private business thru control of credit, will be struck aside as ruthlessly as it was when the fight was led by Jefferson or Jackson. This will be so, because when the day arrives that this control is established and one of your people, whether he be a farmer or a business man, desires to make a loan, his application will not depend wholly upon his personal responsibility and credit. Instead of that, he must curry favor with the political powers that be, and should he be successful, bear always in mind the possibility and the dangers of favor. It was the unwarranted, giving offense to the political power that granted the corrupt use of this power over credit that brought rebellion against such a system twice before and I have no doubt it will bring just such a rebellion again. Regimentation of business and industry thru a bureaucratic control has already broken down. Regimentation of agriculture may only be maintained temporarily and as an emergency measure, but unless we are on our guard so subtle and unseen is the approach of this other danger, we shall find ourselves in the grasp of this monster of regimentation of credit and banking which is more destructive of political liberty than either of the other two; more perilous than all the machinations of a foreign-bred communism; far more dangerous than the half-baked economic panaceas of the brain trust--this threat of centralized political control of credit! And only slightly less evil, is the former control in a large measure, of

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banking and credit by Wall Street. We surely want no return of that! But I am thoroughly convinced that Republican statesmanship is equal to the task of building an independent, privately owned and popularly controlled banking system which shall be sufficiently free from government and political domination to exercise a proper restraint upon the use of government credit, shall be ample to provide the business of the nation with the vital credit it must have to carry on, and also maintain a sufficiently close contact with government authority to guard against too excessive swings toward inflation or deflation, which is the primary purpose, after all, of a federal reserve system. "We know that Great Britain will not enter seriously into an agreement for

stabilize." Adversity has its uses, and we, as a party, can find some occasion to rejoice even in adversity. For nearly the first time, we meet unvexed by the burden of support by the great selfish combinations which seek monopoly, and the so-called leaders of finance who seek government advantage. They have, happily, deserted our ranks. En masse, they have gone over to the Democratic party where the pickings are good. Similarly in the great cities, all the evil forces of corruption which are attracted by the prospect of political spoils, have left the Republican fold and attached themselves to the opposition. In great cities like New York and Chicago, this migration has, temporarily, given the Democratic party a great numerical advantage. Let them go! As a party we have been de-loused. We stand forth clean and the more worthy of trust. With the great traditions of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt to inspire us, with an unshaken loyalty to the fundamentals which those two great leaders gave our party, we shall go forward, unafraid.

"The Republican party is not now, and never was, the exponent of a laissez faire doctrine. Always we have stood for progress. It was under the constructive genius of Republican leaders that America achieved its greatest triumph--the establishment here of a nation which provided its workers with the highest reward for their labor at a higher average wage than that paid in any nation in the world; that produced under this condition, the highest living standards of any people that ever lived; that gave to our boys and girls the greatest educational opportunity ever offered anywhere; that so fostered science and promoted the arts and comforts of life that it produced here the healthiest nation in human history; that still possesses, despite the gloomy prognostication of the defeatist, boundless frontiers of the future with unimagined opportunities for further achievement.

"When will America recover from the 'shell-shock' of the depression?

"How long will the hypnosis of smiling good intentions persist?

"Can the inevitable awakening to realities be much longer deferred?

"There are unmistakable signs appearing that the sleeper stirs --that the dreamer awakes.

"We know that the issue of 'baby bonds' authorized by the action of the house of representatives last week is only a thinly disguised currency inflation.

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"We know that the numerous money-spending projects, now pending, or on the eve of being launched in congress, will only serve to hasten, not the return of prosperity, but the inevitable flight from the dollar, which is as certain as that night shall follow day, when the public becomes convinced that real inflation, first of credit (now under way) and then of currency remains the only way to accomplish repudiation of a debt burden that cannot be borne.

"We know that Great Britain will not enter seriously into an agreement for stabilization of dollar and pound until we first balance our budget, because no stabilization of dollar can be made permanent without a balanced budget.

"We know that the billions of unused private capital now lying idle in the banks will not venture forth to revive industry and create employment so long as the future value of the dollar remains doubtful.

"We know that, given the best intentions in the world, useful work for millions of idle men and women cannot be provided on short notice, even if the funds voted had been 10 billions instead of four billions.

"We know that under the skillful guidance of Jim Farley, and his assistants, the four billion work relief fund will constitute a huge campaign fund employed to control the next election.

"Knowing all these things as every intelligent person must, it is only a question of time when the native common sense of Americans generally will rally to the support of doctrines found sound thruout our national existence, and found no less sound in our individual experience. Shaken tho we have been by the shock of a long and deep depression, we still must be loyal to things we know to be true:

1. Inflation of currency will bring sure disaster to all--to none more surely and swiftly than the man or woman with a fixed wage or income.
2. Inflation of credit invites a repetition of the era of wild speculation which preceded the crash of 1929 and cannot contribute to a sound recovery.
3. Creation of an intolerable unpayable burden of debt, with its exhausting load of interest, kills business enterprise and initiative and invites repudiation by means of currency inflation.
4. Expenditure of \$8 for every \$4 received in taxes forbids even a prospective balancing of the budget.
5. An unbalanced budget prevents stabilization of the dollar at its present, or any other valuation.

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6. An unstabilized dollar is an effective barrier to revival of private interest of unused capital.

7. Real permanent recovery cannot come until private capital goes back to work providing employment for the millions whose continued enforced idleness prevents the return of good times.

WAKE UP, AMERICA!

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R.F. Crick and M.C. Bucklin
Lawyers
Pratt, Kansas

July 17, 1940

1935

Miss Gertrude Ackerman
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Miss Ackerman:

In response to your letter concerning my speech at the Kansas Day Club in 1935, I wish to say that I did not make a speech that year. If you will recall, the radio time to be used by Colonel Knox was stepped up, and, therefore, I omitted the address of welcome by the president in order to get Colonel Knox's entire speech on the air.

I do not have a program of the 1935 session. I regret very much that I am not able to furnish you with the information requested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Bucklin

MCB:EF

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Topeka, Kansas
July 1, 1940

Mr. Max Bucklin
Pratt, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bucklin:

I am making a compilation of the addresses which were delivered at the various Kansas Day Club banquets over a period of forty years. In this connection, I remember that you were president of the Kansas Day Club in 1935, and you delivered the address of Welcome. The papers carried only excerpts of the speeches that year, and I am wondering if you might not have a full text some place in your file, and if so, would you please send me a copy?

The reason for my request is that we are planning to put these speeches, over the past forty years, into book form, and we will, therefore, appreciate having the entire copy.

Sincerely yours

Gertrude Ackerman
State House



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PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

November 23, 1940

Gertrude Ackerman
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Madam:

I am, today, in receipt of your favor, asking if it would be possible for me to send you a copy of the talk I made before the Kansas Day Club on January 29, 1935. I have looked through all my files, and can not find a copy of this talk. At the time it was made I was on a protracted visit to my old home in Hutchinson, and it might be possible that if I was there at this time I could locate it, and if it was possible to write to someone there who would attempt to locate it for me, I would be happy to do so. But, owing to the death of my sister in August, in whose home I visited, I can not think of anyone but her who would be apt to know where to look for it.

I think your effort to make a compilation of all the talks that have been made at your various Kansas Day Club banquets, is an excellent one. What a record it would be! I knew W. Y. Morgan well, and it would have been his idea to have continued the record as he commenced it in 1902.

Both of the Kansas Day meetings which I have had the privilege of attending within the last several years, have been of extreme interest to me. My interest in the political situation of Kansas, is next to my great interest in my own state.

I shall be home in Hutchinson for the holidays, and if it is possible to "round" up that talk, I shall be very glad to communicate with you.

With my very sincere regards, and all good wishes for the holiday season, believe me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mabel F. Rewman
(Mrs. Paul Rewman)

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Topeka, Kansas
November 29, 1940

Dear John:

I dislike to trouble you with my Kansas Day compilation of addresses. However, am inclosing a letter from Mrs. Rewman with the thought that you just might be able to lay your little finger on this speech. If not I will be glad to wait until the holidays when Mrs. Rewman plans to be in Hutchinson.

Have not acknowledged this letter, and will appreciate your returning it to me. I have all the addresses of the others who appeared on the program that evening with Mrs. Rewman, and, therefore, would like so much to have her address. It was one of the best addresses made on any of the Kansas Day programs by a woman.

Doesn't look like the election is over as yet---Capper lost by twenty-seven votes; Chief Hauke lost by 251, neither one contested or made such vicious statements as Mr. Burke and his cohorts. Suppose the Democrats are just 'poor losers.' Am told that the Demos still have a couple of fellows watching the Secretary of state's office every night.

Will be glad to hear from you in regard to the address. Thanks a lot.

Sincerely yours

GA-a

Gertrude Ackerman
State House

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October 9, 1940

Dear John:

If I remember correctly, when Mrs. Paul Rowman, Republican National Committeewoman of South Dakota, was here in Topeka in 1935 she made the remark that she had relatives in Hutchinson --the Fontrons, and she was planning to go to Hutchinson before returning to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Rowman was one of the guest speakers on the Kansas Day Banquet program that year, as was Colonel Knox. I would like very much to obtain a copy of her address, but

I do not have her home town address, and I am wondering if you would please furnish me with this information. I shall be very grateful to you.

Was sorry you had to make such a hurried trip the other day, but I suppose that if the political situation is as black as you and Mr. Detrick say it is there is much work to be done!

A Democrat told me today that he never did see the Republicans so jittery, and he can't understand why when they have everything, and the Democrats have nothing. But the Democrats as far as I know never say that Roosevelt can't win. After all Willkie is the people's candidate and he will WIN!

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

Gertrude Ackerman

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Topeka, Kansas
November 20, 1940

Mrs. Paul Rewman
Republican Nat'l Committeewoman
Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Mrs. Rewman:

We are making a compilation of addresses made at the various Kansas Day Club banquets over a period of years. In this connection we find that you addressed the evening meeting on January 29, 1935.

The papers carried only excerpts of your speech, and it is our thought that perhaps you might have filed a copy, and if so would you please send us a copy?

No record has been kept of these addresses since 1902, when W. Y. Morgan published a book covering the first ten years of the club's banquet speeches, and it is our endeavor to bring the record up to date, by next Kansas Day, the fiftieth anniversary of the club.

We will appreciate very much hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

GA-a

Gertrude Ackerman
State House

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October 15, 1940

Mrs. Paul Rewman
Republican Committeewoman
Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Mrs. Rewman:

We are making a compilation of addresses made at the various Kansas Day Banquet programs over a period of forty years. In this connection we find that you addressed the banqueters at their annual dinner meeting on the evening of January 29, 1935.

The papers here carried only excerpts of your fine address that evening, and we are wondering if you might have filed a copy, and if so would you be so kind as to send us a copy? We know that this is an unusual request--yet to bring the Kansas Day Records up to date we are contacting each person, or some member of his family, with the hope of obtaining a copy of their speech. We feel that we have been very successful in this endeavor after so many years.

Sincerely yours

GA-a

Gertrude Ackerman

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October 10,
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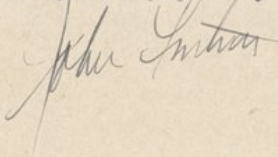
Miss Gertrude Ackerman,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Gertrude:

In reply to your letter concerning Mrs. Paul Rewman, Mrs. Rewman is an aunt of mine and her present address is Pierre, South Dakota. I am certain that she will be glad to cooperate with you in any manner that may be possible although I am not at all sure that she has a copy of the talk she made at Kansas Day.

With best regards, I am,

Very truly yours,



JF:KW

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INVOCATION	DR. ERNST PIHLEBLAD	LINDSBORG
ADDRESS	ALF M. LANDON <i>complete</i> Governor of Kansas	<i>b-</i>
ADDRESS OF WELCOME	FRANK TODD, PRESIDENT KANSAS DAY CLUB	EVEREST
TOAST TO KANSAS	CHET ROSKAM <i>-</i>	WICHITA
ADDRESS	JOHN HAMILTON Republican National Committeeman	Kansas
Introduction of Woman speaker	<i>Introduced Gov Landon</i> Gertrude Ackerman Vice-President of Club	Burlington
ADDRESS	Mrs. Wilma Royal REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN from Arizona	Arizona

(John Hamilton introduced Governor LANDON)

— Alf M. Landon

Chet Roskam
1014 North Ash
Wichita

*Nothing
on Frank Todd*

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Forty-Fifth Annual Banquet, Kansas Day Club, January 29, 1936

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Topeka Daily Capital, Jan. 30, 1936

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"I say to you tonight that this confidence has been brought about and maintained in the largest measure by the chief executive of this state who by his courage, by his honesty of purpose, by his clear and sympathetic understanding of our problems, has given to the state of Kansas in her hour of need an administration of its affairs that merits the confidence and brings pride to the heart of every Kansan.

"For that reason it is my privilege, as it is of every citizen of our state, to present to you and to the people of our nation, the Honorable Alf M. Landon.

The eager audience scarcely restrained its enthusiasm long enough to permit Hamilton to finish. The crowd stood as the governor arose. Waves of deafening applause swept the big auditorium for a full minute. He was unable to speak more than a minute or two without arousing a burst of handclapping. ~~His~~ notwithstanding all of the adulation that has been heaped upon his shoulders the governor remains calm as upon the many summer days he walked home from his office in his shirt sleeves carrying his coat.

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K/ C. Times, Jan. 30, 1936

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January 29, 1936
Chet Roskam, Wichita

Capital

TOAST TO KANSAS, CHET ROSKAM, WICHITA, January 29, 1936.

In looking over the program this evening, I find that I am the only one who is expected to say anything about the state of Kansas. I feel that I should be a listener rather than one of the speakers; for in my brief experience in the activities of the Republican party, I have felt that I belonged in the ranks with the many thousands of loyal republicans, who have been doing their best to promote the interests of our party without hope or desire for any personal rewards except those that accrue to the people as a whole.

The birth, growth and development of the state of Kansas and the Republican party are, in a historical sense, concurrent. Before and after the Civil war, to this region came the early pioneers to transform this "Great American Desert" into a garden. Theirs was a life of hardships and trials, of sufferings and privations. They came to Kansas to build homes and to build a civilization here on the prairies that would endure drouths, grasshoppers and depressions. As a result of this environment a type of people has been developed that characterizes the "rugged individualism" of the Republican party.

Obviously enough the early Kansan led a very simple life. He believed in the "economy of abundance" rather than the "economy of scarcity." He soon found out that the way to a "finer, better, happier and more abundant" life could not be obtained by statute, not only by mutual application and hard work. Upon such a simple philosophy the original settlers built the beautiful and prosperous cities, the great industries, the churches, schools and the agricultural achievements of this state. The heritage that they bequeathed to us is one which carries with it the price of eternal vigilance.

In the last several years we have witnessed the leaders of our nation departing to a great extent from the sound principles that guided the Kansas pioneer and departing from the established and accepted fundamental concepts of organized democracy. The present abuses of liberty, economic, political and social, have outraged millions of American people. Millions of others, for the moment, seem blinded to the basic principles upon which their government and social order rest and upon which they must rest if they are to continue to exist.

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