

# Brownell Starts Ball Rolling on New Four-Year Republican Campaign

## Chairman May Continue Post; To See Dewey

### Reports GOP Finished Campaign With Surplus of \$350,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—Armed with the first cash surplus the party ever brought out of a Presidential contest, Herbert Brownell, Jr., started the ball rolling today on a four-year Republican campaign aimed at electing mayors, Governors, members of Congress and finally, a President.

The GOP national chairman, back from a month's vacation in the West, said he hadn't decided yet whether he wants to keep the non-paying job he took over last Summer when his long-time friend, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, became the party's Presidential nominee.

But Brownell gave every appearance as if he arranged a series of conferences with Republican leaders, of a man who intends to keep his hand on the party reins. That issue will be determined when the national committee meets, probably early in February in some Midwestern State the GOP carried in the Presidential campaign.

Committee members heard that the 40-year-old chairman already has sufficient written pledges to assure his reelection, if he wants to hold on.

Brownell has made it plain, friends said, that if he remains as chairman it will be with the understanding that he will run a party, and not a Dewey, show. He is understood to have told the New York Governor that. There is no indication that Dewey disagreed.

The New York Governor, however, seems likely to remain for the next couple of years the party's No. 1 spokesman and in the public mind its chief contender for the 1948 Presidential nomination.

What happens in the 1946 gubernatorial election will bring him into sharper focus or dim him out as a possible candidate.

Brownell arranged to talk over his four-year campaign ideas in a

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## Head Tall Cedar



Alvah R. Cook

Grand Tall Cedar of Trenton Forest No. 4, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Cook was elected at the annual meeting of the fraternity Friday night in the War Memorial Building. He succeeds Major William B. Morgan, Lieutenant Commander Charles W. Arnold, USN, is the senior deputy Grand Tall Cedar, and Fred R. Schollenberger, junior deputy Grand Tall Cedar; Thomas B. Cheate, treasurer, and Willard V. Erickson, scribe. Cook soon will announce his committees. Members are completing plans for the annual Christmas party for their children December 29 in the Memorial Building.

conference with Dewey here tomorrow. He lunched with John Foster Dulles, the New York Governor's adviser on foreign affairs, today, presumably got a report on Dulles' recent conferences with Secretary of State Stettinius and congressional leaders.

Forthcoming conferences are planned in Washington at which Brownell will talk over his ideas with members of the House and Senate, heads of the congressional campaign committees and others. The Republicans reportedly wound up the Presidential contest with \$350,000 in the till, something that never happened to them before.

## Orchestra to Aid Christmas Fund

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happy Christmas. Now is the time to do your part for those less fortunate than you by sending in your bit if you haven't done so already. No matter how large or small, your contribution will be gratefully received.

A Trenton jeweler, friend of the underprivileged, gave \$15 yesterday. From Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Gamo of 806 Parkside Avenue came their check for \$10. The sum of \$5 was received from "A Friend," and from the National Association of Letter Carriers, Capital City Branch, No. 380, also came \$5.

It may be the little contribution you forget to send that will bring disappointment to a little one's face on Christmas Day. Don't let that happen. Don't put off any longer giving to this charity. Send in your bit and feel the true Christmas spirit.

## Miller Convicted In Black Gas Case

### South Orange Business-man Faces Possible 9-Year Sentence

NEWARK, Dec. 16 (AP).—William H. Miller, spectacle-wearing and dignified South Orange businessman, was convicted yesterday by a Federal court jury of gas coupon transaction charges, carrying a possible nine-year maximum prison sentence.

The verdict climaxed the first trial on an indictment handed up by the Federal grand jury in Trenton concerning an investigation into alleged illegal gasoline sales and ration coupon operations.

Miller was found guilty after a two-day trial before Federal Judge Thomas F. Meaney on charges of unlawful possession and transfer of gas coupons.

The Government claimed he had sold 278 gasoline stamps and coupons, five of them allegedly forged, with a total face value of 32,500 gallons, to John Prami, lessee of the Imperial Service Stations, Inc., West Orange, owned by a corporation headed by Attorney General Walter D. Van Ripper. Prami, who is free in \$2,500 bail pending grand jury action on charges arising from the same case, was the Government's star witness in the trial. The genuine coupons were alleged by the Government to have been stolen from the Keyport Office of Price Administration headquarters.

Defense Attorney Anthony A. Calandra announced he would move to have the verdict set aside. Judge Meaney said he would fix a date later at which to entertain the motion. Miller was indicted November 30. He pleaded innocent at the trial.

## Army Smashes Smuggling Ring

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scale operations are believed wiped out.

Most of the Americans involved started in a small way, carrying into China only such things as cigarettes. Later the syndicate involved some US Air Force men and pilots with "get rich quick" schemes.

The profits of American participants in the smuggling activities were estimated to total \$4,150,000 in what have been classified as 87 major and 213 minor cases in which army punitive action has been completed or is under way. It was explained that cases were classified as major if they involved profits of more than \$5,000.

The 300 cases involved some members of the famed "Flying Tigers," employes of the China National Airways Corporation, US Army personnel, American Red Cross workers, technical representatives of American manufacturers, and British, Indian and Chinese and other civilians.

Some officers of one American troop carrier squadron, including the commanding officer, were listed as having amassed an estimated \$50,000 before the authorities stopped in.

One plane which crashed in the Burma jungle on route to China was found overloaded with loot. Often gems were concealed in piano instruments and in the underwear of crewmen. In one instance, the authorities found 500 cartons of British issue cigarettes under the floorboards of a plane.

One American soldier and four Chinese were caught in Kunming with \$7,000 worth of sulfanilamide pills in suitcases. Some American soldiers were selling pistols to black market dealers for \$300 to \$1,000 apiece, an officer said.

## Halifax Sees Site Of British Defeat

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calated with President Harold W. Dodds of Princeton University and asked if it would be possible to stop off in Trenton to view the historic shrine and to look upon the place of the momentous crossing.

President Dodds was delighted with the idea and promptly wired an answer. He met them at Clinton Street Station at 3:30 on Friday and drove them immediately to the Old Barracks, where a small group of the Barracks Association members informally extended a welcome.

First, they posed for a picture beside an ancient cannon in front of the building. It was a small field piece captured from the Spanish at Havana, Cuba, on August 12, 1762, with troops of the Province of New Jersey participating. The plaque was read with interest by the visitors, who then

## Society Couple Wed Here



Henry Lawrence Pool, 27, Philadelphia engineer, and his bride, the former Alice Ash Taylor Dunn Essig, of Sunbury Farm, Bristol, are shown kissing following their marriage at a ceremony performed by Mayor Andrew J. Duch Friday afternoon in his office at City Hall.

## 'Meet War Duties' Draft-Agers Told

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supporting employment if not already so engaged.

Local boards were directed to all calls for the armed forces "by reclassification as it becomes necessary" of men from the older groups.

The order does not add up to an outright "freeze" in their present jobs of occupationally-deferred workers in the 26 through 37 bracket. However, they must stay on unless they can show that a change would promote the war effort.

This means that a worker who changes jobs without permission "runs the risk" of losing his occupational deferment classification, as Selective Service phrased it. Actually, he's inviting induction.

The regulations do not apply to registrants who left their employment prior to December 12, but effective December 12, a registrant with a 2-A or 2-B occupational deferment who leaves the employment for which he was deferred is to be classified as available for service unless:

1. His request is granted for a determination that it is in the best interest of the war effort for him to leave such employment for other work; or

2. The local board finds that there were adequate reasons involving the registrant or his immediate family which justified the registrant in leaving such employment.

Local boards were directed to place a "much stricter interpretation" on the rules for occupational deferment.

As of November 1, 4,284,000 registrants were classified in 2-A and 2-B (deferred occupations other than agriculture), and the number in 1-A totaled 891,000. This was the first time since September, 1943, that the number of 1-A's had dipped below a million.

## Residence and Store Are Wrecked by Fire

A fire of undetermined origin wrecked the home and store of Mr. and Mrs. John Poksay, East Trenton Heights, last Tuesday. The Hamilton, Enterprise, Mercerville and Colonial Fire Companies responded to an alarm.

The cellar and attic received the worst damage. The fire started in the cellar and burned through the walls into the attic. The store was damaged mostly by water.

## Symphony Season Will Open Jan. 16

### Plans Announced for Annual Public Subscription Campaign

Mrs. Herbert W. Hunt, chairman of the Ladies' Committee of the Trenton Symphony Orchestra, stated last night that at a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Robert T. Bowman, vice president, plans for the annual public subscription campaign of the orchestra were formulated and approved. The members of the group were informed that, as previously announced, the orchestra will be heard in four concerts under direction of Guglielmo Sabatini, and that, at every concert, a promising young American artist will be presented. The opening performance will be given on Tuesday, January 16, in the auditorium of Junior High School No. 3.

Mrs. Hunt stated that the members of the committee were desirous of doing everything possible to preserve Trenton's fine orchestra during these difficult war times, which have witnessed the disbanding of many similar organizations, and expressed the hope that Trenton music lovers would continue to support it.

Among those interested in the activities of the committee are Miss Mildred Apgar, Miss Edith M. Atkinson, Mrs. John Bergen, Miss Mabel Bray, Mrs. Harry Brock, Mrs. Robert J. Cole, Mrs. Elliott Daniels, Mrs. Alton S. Fell, Miss Mary Finger, Mrs. William H. Fulmer, Mrs. D. Leo Haggerty, Miss Jeanette Haverstick, Mrs. Louis Kaplan, Mrs. William F. Kerr, Mrs. J. Russell Knoblauch, Mrs. Fred Lamont, Mrs. J. Milton Lawson, Miss Gretta Leislering, Miss Joanna Messerschmitt, Mrs. Paul Reisinger, Miss Elsa B. Schoening, Miss Ethel Smith, Mrs. Leona Slack, Mrs. B. Frank Stratton, Mrs. Samuel Swern, Mrs. May Toomey, Mrs. J. Lewis Unsworth and Mrs. Allen E. Wharton.

## Edge Continues Silent on Jobs

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vacationing in Georgia. Their interest is what, if anything, the Governor has done about appointments. Gilroy has a more or less answer.

"The Governor is feeling fine," he reports. "Much better than when he went away. He has shot some wild turkey and quail. Expects to return after Christmas."

"That all?" ask the visitors. "That's about all," replies Gilroy.

At this point the conversation begins to lag and soon ends on a disappointed note. One visitor on his way out, passing another about to enter, was heard to advise the inbound member he was wasting time.

It is almost enough to destroy belief in Santa Claus, although there are some, and among them are Democrats, who refuse to lose faith. The Democrats are making legislative plans just as if they were in the majority. Their program, which is hush-hush for the moment, is understood to include a bill for added common pleas judges in Mercer and Camden Counties.

The term of Mercer Common Pleas Judge Katzenbach is out in April, when he will be succeeded by a Republican. With a few exceptions, the county bar directory of the party comprises the list of candidates. In the event a second judgeship is created, the bipartisan rule would dictate the naming of a Democrat, making possible the continuance of Katzenbach or the appointment of another from the party.

An accumulation of workmen's compensation appeals and the time-consuming demands of estate matters and juvenile delinquency hearings are cited as arguments for a second judge. The suggestion has been advanced, however, the compensation jam could be better overcome by eliminating the Common Pleas Court as an appeal tribunal in such cases. The Post-war Economic Welfare Commis-

## President



Fred Bentley

Superintendent of the Trenton Pottery Company, is the new president of the Ceramic Association of New Jersey. He was elected to that office at the annual meeting of the organization Friday in New Brunswick. Bentley, who resides at 1111 Greenwood Avenue, is an active member of the Trenton Kiwanis Club. H. B. DuBois of the Consolidated Feldspar Corporation, this city, was reelected a member of the executive committee.

which is drafting a revision of the compensation law, has been asked to consider the plan.

The Camden picture differs from Mercer in that the term of Common Pleas Judge Sheehan, a Democrat, does not expire until 1947, when a new Governor will be in office. This puts the present job beyond the reach of the Republicans, but the next Governor may be another Republican, and then Judge Sheehan would be out. Accordingly, a twin judgeship bill would be a form of insurance guaranteeing the Democrats representation on the court, irrespective of the tides of politics. True, a second judge named next year would be a Republican, but the Democrats hold the Camden Senate seat, having captured it at the last election, and are thus in position to demand having something to say on the appointment and to block confirmation if the choice is not acceptable.

The job multiplication, as it relates to Camden, may win some Republican support since the party would gain an immediate

appointment. The suggestion as to Mercer is viewed with cold eyes. An attempt was made several years ago without success to put across such a bill.

At the rate the proposed legislative program is growing, a session of greater length than this year is probable. Much depends on how much the Republicans continue to work with the Governor. The field is mined with explosive possibilities.

The Governor will begin legislative conferences immediately upon his return from Georgia. He is due back a few days after Christmas and will take a suite at the Stacy-Trent Hotel for a week or two before occupying Morven, the Winter home he has acquired at Princeton. Renovation of the Princeton property is requiring longer than anticipated.

## Engineers to Dine

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