

Willkie Still Silent On Election Favorite

By JACK BELL
NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie may keep the Republicans and Democrats guessing until only a few days before the election, but intimate friends here are betting the 1940 GOP presidential nominee will stick with his adopted party.

Willkie, who has not said which candidate he will support in November, if either, admittedly has embarked on a campaign to force both President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey as far out into the open as he can on domestic and foreign issues. He is particularly interested in those relating to post-war organization to secure future peace.

It is the Willkie thesis that the presidential nominees are practical men who want to win an election and to that end desire to avoid as much controversy as possible. Countering this, he has tried to make them talk on debatable issues.

The Willkie plan which he relates to friends who go to his Broad street law office to talk politics, is simple. He merely withholds his endorsement of any candidate and waits to see what each has to say in word and deed on what he considers fundamental issues.

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Discussion Event Held By Realtors

A general discussion meeting featured the weekly luncheon session of the Realty board, Thursday, James A. Rodman, Jr., as program chairman calling on various members to discuss organizational problems within the board regarding attendance, active participation in board meetings and program, etc.

Copies of the newly established rent control ordinance for Eugene were distributed for realtors to study and work with.

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19-Year-Old Inventor Designs Helicopter

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—(AP)—A helicopter designed and built by Stanley Hiller, Jr., 19-year-old Berkeley inventor, went through a test flight at the Marina today as army, navy and national bureau of aeronautics officials and hundreds of civilians looked on.

The youth, son of the president of Hiller Aircraft Co., who himself is a pioneer Pacific flier, demonstrated the new type aircraft which he calls a "hiller-copter."

Perfecting with the aid of both the army and the navy, the plane operates without the usual tail propeller, making use of contra-rotating two blade rotors 25 feet in diameter to eliminate torque.

Hiller, who established a \$100,000 a year miniature racing car business at the age of 12, said the ship can go forward at 100 miles an hour and cruises at 90.

Other details of the plane are considered a military secret. The navy has asked for construction of a four passenger craft with final approval of a contract being awaited by young Hiller, who is scheduled to enter the army soon.

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Considerate Smoker Solves Faa Shortage

WINCHESTER, Ill.—(AP)—George Scott has firsthand knowledge of the cigarette shortage in Scott county.

Returning to his locked car after several hours fishing at Snows Crossing, he found the glass in one door broken, \$2.80 cash where he had cached four packages of cigarettes and this note:

"Sorry to have broken the glass. The 80 cents is for the cigarettes and the \$2 is for the glass. Thanks."

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Salemite Helps Kill 40 Japs In 15 Minutes

With the American Division Somewhere in Southwest Pacific—(Delayed)—(AP)—The fastest and most successful patrol action ever undertaken by this division—veterans of Guadalcanal and Bougainville—was achieved by Lt. Raymond H. Ross of Salem, Ore., who, with 21 infantrymen, wiped out a force of approximately 40 Japanese in 15 minutes.

Twenty-six Japanese were killed by actual count. At least a dozen more were wounded badly. One U. S. infantryman was wounded slightly.

Six enemy troops were killed by Sgt. Bernard Kowitz of St. Paul, Minn.

The action occurred deep inside enemy lines where Ross, with a reconnaissance squad of only six men, spotted a native village in the jungle.

"Japs were sitting around, lounging, eating and chewing the fat," Ross said. He sent a runner back for a 15-man reinforcement detail armed mostly with Browning automatic rifles.

Creeping up on the area, Ross ordered his men to fire after he tossed a hand grenade.

As the grenade exploded, the sharpshooters opened up with everything they had. Twenty Japanese were killed instantly. From a number of huts, screams and moans arose as the patrol poured a hail of fire into the small dwellings, keeping their shots about a foot above ground.

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Russians Reach—

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lived rear-guard stand behind hastily-prepared defenses on the approaches to Ploesti, turning massed artillery and anti-aircraft guns on the advancing Soviets, but soon were routed. Eighty anti-aircraft guns were captured, along with large ammunition depots.

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Three Children of Simon Benson Sue Estate of Brother

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Three adult children of the late Simon Benson, millionaire Oregon lumberman, sued today to recover \$350,000 from the estate of their brother, Amos S. Benson, also deceased.

The plaintiffs, Chester S. Benson, Alice Benson Allen and Carloline Benson Underer, directed the action against Mrs. Bertha Benson and Arthur L. Erb, executors of Amos Benson's estate. Attorneys for the plaintiffs said the suit was "more or less friendly," with his clients contending the \$350,000 of Amos' holdings should be made part of a family trust fund.

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Lone Ranger Actor Dies in South Pacific

LONG BEACH, Cal.—(AP)—Lone Ranger of the movies, Sgt. Lee Powell, 35, was killed in action in the south Pacific while fighting with the marines, the navy has announced.

Powell, a veteran of Tarawa and Saipan, was a former track and football star at Long Beach junior college and the University of Montana.

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BRIGHTWOOD, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Jimmy Slater, 3-year-old boy missing a day and a night in the rugged area bordering Mt. Hood, apparently was little the worse after his experience, rescuers said today after he was found.

VFV TO MEET

Veterans of Foreign Wars post 293 will meet Friday at Knights of Pythias hall for the regular session.

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