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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I thank you very kindly for your letter of July 17th, it was very much appreciated.

I will go ahead with my ideas, always holding in mind our high esteem for you and your family. I will only make items that will be wanted, admired, and will justify all concerned.

As soon as my products are ready, I will forward samples to you. I hope they will bring you as much pleasure as I have in making them.

It will take a little time to get everything ready, but I hope to be in production soon.

With kindest regards to you and yours, I am

Most cordially yours,

Harry J. Orr
July 11th 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Since my purpose in writing you is to ask for a valued and honored favor, I want to first introduce myself.

In June 1946, I was elected State Commander to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and held this office until June of this year. Prior to this honored role, I was in the wholesale Auto Parts business here in Ashland.

Ashland is my home, as I was born and raised here. I married a girl from Richmond, Indiana, twenty-four years ago, her maiden name was Florence Draver. Her father manufactured Flour Milling machinery and other machinery, which are in such plants as the Eastman Kodak Company, Procter & Gamble Soap Company etc. His Flour Milling machinery is known under the name of Draver Brothers, of Richmond, Indiana. These machines are in all Flour and Feed Mills all over the world.

Now, a little more about myself. I am enclosing a few newspaper Clippings, in regard to my Campaign for Mayor of Ashland, this coming Fall. I wish to mention that I know Senator Barkley, Mr. Vinson, and Mr. Bates in Washington, D. C. I will be glad to give you any references you may desire.

My wife and I love Antiques and have been collecting them for several years, which gave me the idea to make paper weights. Not reproductions, but a paper weight that would be wanted and loved by all of Mr. Roosevelt's admirers and friends.

My idea is to have a metal stamping about the size of a half dollar, of brass, copper, or bronze, of Mr. Roosevelt's head and insert it in glass. May I have your permission to do this? I would want you to have a royalty on my products for exclusive right to do this Art work. I also have other Art objects in mind that I would like to have your permission to make. I know there would be a large demand for these Art pieces, for Mr. Roosevelt was a friend to all mankind and was loved by a great many people. He will always be remembered with Lincoln, Washington etc.
Mrs. Roosevelt, if you grant this favor, I will be glad to make a trip to see you, at a time convenient to yourself, and go over this matter with you. You no doubt would like to see what I have in mind to make. I will be ever grateful and will greatly appreciate this favor.

I want to thank you most sincerely and with every good wish to you and yours, I beg to remain

Most cordially yours,

HARRY J. ORR

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
HARRY J. (Bryan) ORR, FOR MAYOR
Candidate On Democratic Ticket

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I am entering this campaign on the following platform:

1. Extension and supervision of parks and playgrounds, construction of a central youth center, and improvement of municipal swimming pool.
2. Obtaining at the earliest possible date complete flood wall protection for all of Ashland.
3. Widening of streets such as 29th Street and other main arteries and securing maintenance of Greenup Avenue under State control as truck route for U. S. 60.
4. Construction of sewers that are adequate to take care of the needs of Ashland.
5. Improvement in methods of cleaning streets and alleys.
6. Revision of entire tax structure after investigation by competent persons so that new taxes need not be imposed and each citizen will pay his fair share.
7. Appointment of a committee to advise and serve with the Mayor to induce new industry to locate in Ashland.

I pledge to devote full-time to the office of Mayor, maintain an office in the City Building, give the city a business administration, and to only appoint to offices which come under the Mayor's jurisdiction persons who are fully capable of carrying out their duties according to law.

Back A Candidate Who Can Win In November
ISE NLRRB

Legal Officer
Provided In
Labor Bill

Board Will Be Judicial
Body Under New Plan;
Senate To Hold Reins

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP) —
Fundamental changes in the Na-
tional Labor Relations Board were
charted today by a legal staff under
Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and Rep.
Hartley (R-NJ).

Hartley told a reporter the Senate
and House conferences on the labor
bill have agreed to make the NLRRB
primarily a judicial body and put its
investigating and prosecuting func-
tions into the hands of a legal of-
Mass with "a degree of independ-
ence" from the board members. The
NLRRB is the agency which admin-
isters the Wagner Act.

The lawyers, Jerry Reilly, Harvey
Shroyer and Jerry Morgan, worked
day paddling into precise langu-
age the results of many tentative
agreements on labor legislation
made to date by the 10-man House-
Senate Conference Committee.

By Tuesday they expect to have
a single bill in print for the con-
ferences to act upon. The issues still
in disagreement—and that means
most of the important ones—will
be printed two ways for the mem-
bers to compare. The conferences
hope to complete their work next
week after which the completed bill
will go back to the House and Senate
for approval.

Hartley outlined the NLRRB setup
already agreed upon as follows:
1. Its membership will be raised
from three to either five or seven.
Thus the Republican-controlled Sen-
ate may have an opportunity to con-
firm or disapprove a majority of
the board.

2. The job of general counsel will
be abolished and a new legal posi-
tion will be created with a salary
of $12,000 a year, the same as board
members receive. The new legal of-
cicer will investigate and prosecute
unfair labor practices on his own
initiative. His appointment must
have Senate approval.

Orr In Race
For Mayor

Harry J. (Bryan) Orr, 306 Se-
venteenth Street, Ashland, Kentucky
department commander of the Vet-
ers of Foreign Wars and head of
the Orr Auto Parts and Equipment
Company, yesterday filed formal
declaration of his candidacy for the
office of mayor of the City of Ash-
land.

Orr will seek the Democratic
nomination in the primary election
of Saturday, August 2nd.

A declaration was filed in County
Clerk Fearing's office Saturday,
also, by Kelly T. Berger of 301
Bath Avenue, Ashland, seeking the
Republican nomination for city
council, First Ward, Ashland, sub-
tect to the August primary.

Mother Truman
Grows Weaker

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 14 (AP)
— President Truman reported to-
Equalizing Taxes

It is significant that candidates for office of both parties are taking notice of inequalities in local taxation methods.

In campaign statements yesterday, Attorney General Eldon G. Dummitt, who seeks the Republican nomination for governor and Harry J. Orr, opening his race for the Democratic nomination for Mayor of Ashland, both touched upon the same situation.

Dummitt recommended, as a part of the solution of the school finance problem, "correcting the grossly defective assessment of property for school taxes."

He added later a statement calling for "the wiping out of under-value or omission of property from tax rolls."

Orr proposed for the City of Ashland "Revision of the entire tax structure after investigation by competent persons so that new taxes need not be imposed and each citizen will pay his fair share."

It is a good thing for public officials and citizens alike to face up to the facts of what is wrong with local taxation systems. It is not as much an inadequacy of the law and the means provided as it is a failure in the process of taxation at the local level.

Everybody who studied the recent problem of providing enough money to run the city and its schools realized that the special occupational property tax assessed would have been unnecessary if all property in the city had been assessed and taxes collected on every 10% of actual present-Day values.

The subject of valuations has been a 'hush-hush' topic here for many years. There are inequalities and instances of gross favoritism by the assessors on the record books. The level of most valuations, in view of the actual sale prices of property on today's market, is ridiculously low.

The state laws governing secondary cities are very plain as to the sources from which money for public education is to come. It is from taxation on real estate. The problem is here at home, not at Frankfort.

In the emergency which existed this Spring, there was no time to revise the property valuations. The experience of applying an occupational tax had to be skipped. It was the only way to get additional revenue to help pay the bills.

But next year, it will be the course of least resistance and the easier way to renew this "temporary" tax rather than to revise the property valuation system as it should be done.

Now is the time, when candidates for city offices are offering themselves for nomination, for the permanent solution of the problem. This is the time for a revaluation of the tax lists on a fair, equitable and realistic basis.

AP Foreign News

Analyst

Every since the so-called end of the late war, the people of this country, uncomprehensively mindful of Uncle Sam's terrible expenditures in money and resources, have been worrying, "Can we ever whether his efforts in aiding foreign"
August 20, 1947

My dear Mr. Orr:

I deeply appreciate your kindness in sending me the $25 bond for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and I am sending it to them today. I know the money will be put to good use at the Warm Springs foundation.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Louis E. Orr
713 Yeoman Street
Washington Court House, Ohio
I received your honored letter of May 13, 1947 re Mr. Walter Ortlieb, for which I feel very much obliged.

Mr. Ortlieb informed you already that I wrote several times to Amsterdam. I am sorry to say that things did not develop as I hoped for. The apparent reason is that the officials in the Netherlands are involved in so many cases, that now and than the smaller problems are postponed from day to day.

After having received your letter however, I am gladly willing to tackle the problem again.

I feel very much obliged for the nice manner in which you handled the case.

Yours very sincerely,

L. F. Jansen