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**Release to Poughkeepsie Papers in re Joint
Meeting of Area Democratic Clubs**

January 22, 1940.

Dear Mr. Coon:-

We are trying to locate the year that the President gave out a Saturday afternoon release on August twenty-fifth to the Star, Courier, Truth, and Eagle as follows:

"Governor and Mrs. Smith and several of their children will be the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mrs. James Roosevelt at Hyde Park over Saturday, September 8th. A reception will be held that afternoon at four o'clock, Daylight Saving Time, under the auspices of the Democratic County Committee, and this reception will also mark the first joint meeting of the Democratic Clubs which are being formed in all the election districts of the County. Ice cream and cake will be served on the lawn. It is understood that all Democrats in the county are invited to meet the Governor."

If you can give us this information we shall greatly appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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January 26, 1940.

Dear Miss Le Hand :

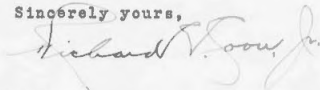
I am sorry that my absence from town for the last few days has delayed reply to yours of the 22nd :

Our searchers have determined the year to have been 1923, and it happens that at that time I was not in Poughkeepsie. But the record is exact and that you may have the details, I am attaching copy of the item in The Star of Saturday, August 25, 1923, and also of The Star item Friday, September 7, 1923, and of The Eagle-News item of Saturday, September 8, 1923.

If there is any other information you may wish, I gladly will endeavor to provide it.

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Sincerely yours,



Miss Marguerite Le Hand,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

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to release Saturday Afternoon

August 25 -

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- also mail to the small local papers.

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46 EAST BROAD STREET

Paid Advertisement

(To be run on front page if possible)
Star, Eagle, Courier, Truth, Boston Herald

Invitation

The Democratic County Committee hereby
invites all Democrats of Dutchess County
to attend with their families a reception
to meet Governor Alfred G. Smith
at the home of Hon. Franklin D.
Roosevelt at Hyde Park (Post Road,
2 miles south of village) on Saturday
September 8 at 4 p.m. (daylight time)

This reception will also be the first
~~gathering~~^{gathering} of the Democratic Clubs
now being formed in the different
election districts, ~~read it in~~ ^(over) ~~day~~

Secum and cafe will be served.

49 EAST 65TH STREET

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This is the first, I'm sure.

Eagle of Same date had nothing.

Star, Aug. 25, Saturday, 1923.

A democratic rally at which Governor and Mrs. Smith and family will be the guests of honor will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mrs. James Roosevelt on the Hyde Park road on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 8.

A reception will be held at four o'clock in the afternoon at which the first joint meeting of the Democratic clubs which are being formed in all of the election districts of the ~~several~~ ~~several~~ county will take place.

It is understood that all Democrats of the county are asked to attend the reception to meet the governor.

Star, Sept. 7, Friday, 1923

The Democratic Committee is preparing for about 200 guests at the reception to ~~the~~ Governor Alfred E. Smith, at the residence of Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park tomorrow afternoon when it is expected that Governor Smith will have something important to say. The Democratic City and County committee, candidates, and their friends will meet in Mill street between Washington and Garden at 2 o'clock where automobiles will be in waiting to take those ~~the~~ who are not provided but it is expected that all who own cars will bring their own.

ARRIVE AT NOON-(f.f.c)

Governor Smith will arrive here shortly before noon and will take luncheon at the house of Mr. Roosevelt where they will have also as their guests Mr. Daniel O'Day of Rye, N.y., the state chairman of the women's division of the State Committee, State Chairman Herbert ~~the~~ Pell and Mrs. Harriet May Mills.

The Reception will start at four o'clock and last until six p.m. and although all the out-of-town guests will make short addresses. The principal speech will be made by Governor Smith. Jesse J. Graham, is the chairman of the committee will be assisted by County Chairman Philip A. Mylod and Secretary of the county committee John A. Comerford.

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rest in 6 ps.

TO STAR/ CAMPAIGN -- f. f. c.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt stated this afternoon that the prime object of the meeting was the opening of the county campaign and the organization of the party on a sound basis for work in the campaign this fall. A strong effort is being made throughout the state to elect a Democratic assembly this year to give the governor a working margin in that body and the first gun will be fired in this county in this direction.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOM

Those close to the governor stated today that although it was thought at first this might be the occasion for Governor Smith to announce his candidacy for the presidency next year, this would not be the case as it would be too early to do this even though the Governor had ambitions in that direction.

It is expected that the address of welcome to the governor will be made by the Hon. John E. Mack, the candidate for the office of Judge of the court of appeals. The fact that the first speech in the campaign is being made in this county, the birth place of Mr. Mack, is taken as an indication that the governor is favorable to Mr. Mack's candidacy.

Eagle--Sept. 8, Saturday, 1923

Two hundred guests of the Democratic City and County Committees are expected to meet Governor Alfred E. Smith at a reception at the house of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park this afternoon. Committee members and friends will assemble in Mill between Washington and Garden streets at two o'clock where automobiles will transport those who do not have cars.

Governor Smith will arrive, it is expected, shortly before noon and will have ~~luncheon~~ lunch at the home of Mr. Roosevelt. The luncheon guests will include Herbert Pell, Chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee, Mrs. Harriet May Mills, and Daniel O'Day of Rye, N. Y. The reception will last from four until six o'clock. Governor Smith is expected to talk.

Informally, today's reception is regarded as the formal opening of the Democratic campaign in the county which will reflect the state wide attempt to ~~the~~ elect a Democratic assembly.