

H. Styles Bridges and Family

Endorsements of H. Styles Bridges,

Candidacy for the Republican

Nomination for Governor

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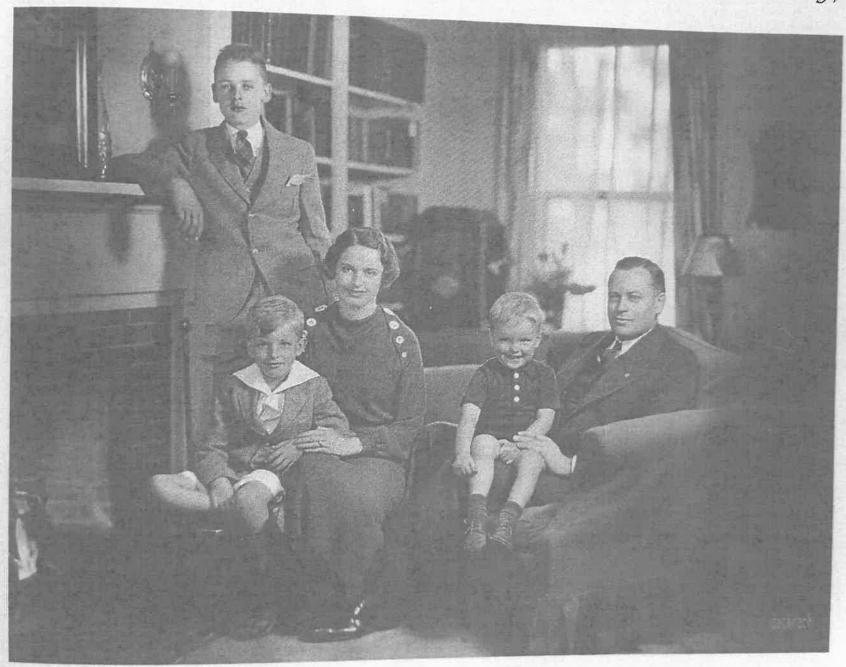
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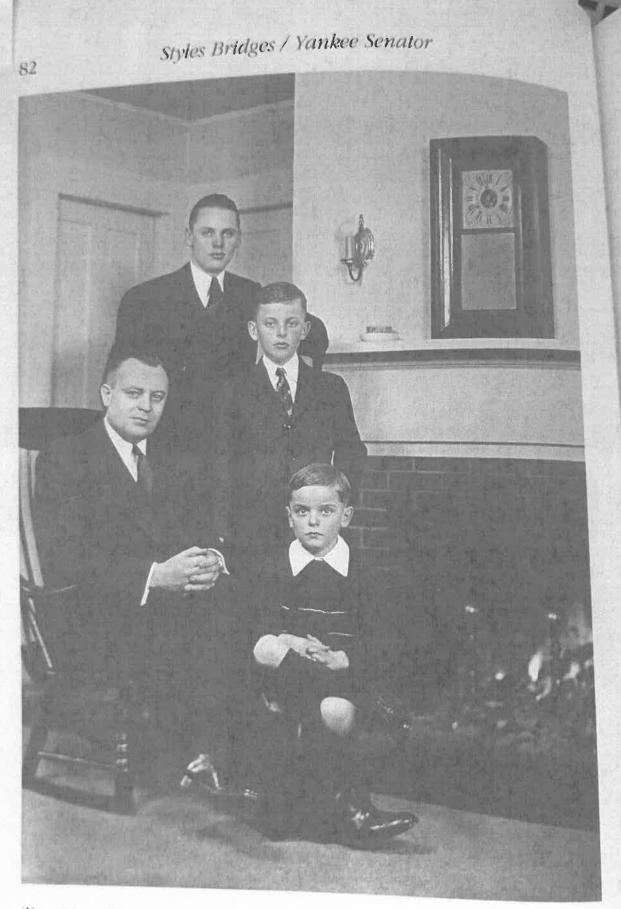
The Home of Mr. Bridges and family, which is located in East Concord, three miles from the City proper.

H. Styles Bridges of Concord who is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor is at present serving the State as a member of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Bridges has been a member of this commission for over four years, being appointed on February 19, 1930, by former Governor Charles W. Tobey. Prior to his appointment to the commission, Mr. Bridges, for many years, has been prominent in the business, civic, and political activities of the State. He has served as a member of the Extension Staff of the University of New Hampshire, as secretary of the State Farm Bureau Federation, editor of the Granite Monthly magazine, Director

and Secretary of the New Hampshire Investment Company, Secretarytreasurer of the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and has been identified with all political campaigns in recent years, having served as both vice-chairman and director of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Bridges was born in West Pembroke. Maine and brought up on a farm in that town. He is a descendant of an old New Hampshire family. He was educated in the schools of Pembroke and at the University of Maine, working his entire way through college. He is a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows, and Elks fraternal organizations.



... I his family in their Fast Concord home in 1935



The widowed Covernor and his three sons, Henry Styles, Jr., David Clement Bridges, and John Fisher Bridges, at home in East Concord

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19 Ra Ro vi G th Dear Fellow Republicans:

For seven years I have been a member of New Hampshire's State Government, for nearly two years as your Governor. Experience gained in that service would be of great value to the State of New Hampshire in the United States Senate. Living day by day with the vital problems of the people of our State should be of great assistance to any man attempting to help in the formulation of National policies and in enacting those policies into law.

Across the Governor's desk during the past two years have poured the troubles of New Hampshire people and in attempting to solve the problems my record shows that I have had sympathetic understanding of html meets and that same insight can be applied to fundamental National legislation.

My experience with agricultural problems started on a mi ting stool when nine years old and has been one of constant contact with the armers' needs since that day. During my administration, helpful legislatic in the interest of the working man has been enacted. Protection to industry has been accorded and aid given to many communities of the State in securing new industries. We have endeavored to build for good citizenship, maintaining our standards of education and extending Mothers' Aid for the purpose of rearing children in their own homes under a mother's care.

The State is financially sound. Its credit is outstanding among the States of the Union. We have balanced our budget and are on a pay-as-you-go basis. I have kept my promises. I have fulfilled my pledges and on this record and on the basis of my knowledge of present day problems I seek your support in this campaign. Problems of today are not those of 1918, nor 1920, nor 1926, nor even 1932. The Nation must go forward. It cannot go backward and live. It is no time to return to the entangling alliances of the past.

Under the rules of the Senate, I should start on an even basis with any man, regardless of previous tenure of office, who replaces Senator Keyes. Before me would be a career of increasing opportunity for service to New

At the Cleveland Convention we saw the rebirth of the Republican Party. We have a new National leadership under Governor Landon and Colonel Knox. I am in accord with that leadership which is giving us character, courage and common sense.

I hope that my record as Governor, my knowledge of State and National problems, and the opportunity for years of service ahead merit your support for Republican nomination for United States Senator at the Primaries, Tuesday,

Sincerely yours,

The Bridge

Any hope the Old Guard held that Droges appointment would be move him from the political scene died, for commission activities kept him in the public eye. With his support, the PSC implemented electric-rate reductions in urban areas. It also supervised the conversion of plants generating power for electric trolleys from private to public use, as that form of transportation disappeared. Bridges' reputation as an administrator enhanced his political standing through the state.

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On February 11, 1933, Sally Bridges gave birth to another son, John Fisher Bridges. At about the same time, Henry Styles, Jr., who had returned to Ellsworth with his mother after the divorce, joined the family. Needing more room, the Bridges family moved to a modest white, L-shaped farmhouse with twelve acres of land in East Concord, site of the first settling of Concord in 1727. A poultry flock flourished and a lamb was added now and then

Bridges pictured himself as a gentleman farmer and enjoyed telling associates about "life on the farm." A group of Concord businessment of cided to test Bridges' agricultural knowledge and left a pig in a crate him garage while the family was away. As soon as he returned home businessment and pen. The "gift" was raised and butchered in due unit

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weight of 260 pounds. What started as a practical joke soon turned into valuable publicity among rural folk.

Sally comfortably settled into family life at the East Concord house. Flower beds, vegetable gardens, and fruit trees blossomed under her care. She canned vegetables in the fall and knitted year round to provide for her growing family. Dressed in a simple sweater, skirt, and sports shoes. Sally rose from her work in the flower beds alongside the house to exchange greetings with passing neighbors. A story in the *Boston Adventser* on October 14, 1934, described her tan face, bright eyes, wavy brown hair, and unaffected manner which endeared her to everyone around her.

Country life seemed to agree with Styles, Sally, and their family.

The 1932 election was a grim affair for the Republican party. President Herbert Hoover's efforts to cope with the Great Depression proved in-

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