

6/10/91 -- Comments written: In 1962 I became a candidate for the Missouri State Senate, from the then 10th State Senatorial District, which was made up of the counties of St. Charles, Franklin, Osage, Montgomery and Warren. At the time we were living in Augusta and still had one of those crank type party line country telephones, so I had to conduct my campaign over a "party-line". The other candidates were Don Owen of Franklin County, Murray Colbert of Montgomery County and Frank Holmann of Warren County. Don Owen won the primary election and went on to defeat Frank Reller, the incumbent Democrat, in the general election. Don Owen as the only candidate from south of the Missouri River received a large plurality of Republican votes. The rest of us fought over the fewer Republican votes to be found in our part of the district north of the Missouri River. However I received the second highest number of votes among the four Republican candidates. In St. Charles County I out polled Don Owen by 10 to 1 and in my home precinct of Augusta, received 123 votes to one for Don Owen, none for Colbert and two for Holmann. There were no real issues so I played up my family, having five young children at the time. I had a large hand painted button for each with their name and "Please Vote for My Daddy on it. We all went to many picnics and I even used a group picture of them on my several highway billboards. We even made and used a radio commercial with a few words by each and a final squall by Laura, who was then a baby.

The enclosed cards are my notes for a speech I was invited to give during this campaign at the Augusta American Legion on Memorial Day during this election.

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