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Platforms, Pledges and Issues in County Politics

Editor's note: This is another of a series of articles in which candidates for major state and county offices outline issues involved and platforms in the May primary.

Frank W. Boykin, who seeks re-election as a member of the United States House of Representatives from the First Congressional District of Alabama, was born at Bladon Springs, Choctaw County, in 1885. After receiving most of his early education at home through his mother's teaching, he began making his own way in life while a young man. He has long been connected with the naval stores industry.

The following statement in connection with Mr. Boykin's candidacy was issued by his campaign headquarters here.

"Mr. Boykin has become prominent in the naval stores industry and is a great believer in conservation of timber and other natural resources. He is a booster and believes strongly in Alabama's future and never misses an opportunity to interest new capital and industries in this state. He has widely advertised this section as a recreational paradise and has entertained some of the nation's greatest men at his hunting lodge in Washington County. He is a great believer in wild-life conservation.

"In his two and one-half years as representative in the national Congress from the first district of Alabama, his accomplishments have won the admiration of many of his former political opponents. There is hardly a major project which has been launched in his district during his tenure of office in which he has not played some part in securing.

"He has been more than a congressman—he is a representative of the district's industrial and commercial life and has assisted in bringing many industries and new enterprises to the district and is now working to bring others.

"In all legislative matters he has weighed them to determine their effect on the people in his district and has always acted on them in a way which he felt would serve his people best.

"Frank W. Boykin is asking for re-election on the basis of his record—a record to which he can point with pride. He pledges cooperation with all groups sincerely interested in the development of this section and a continuation of the live-wire, "go-getting" spirit in behalf of his district which has characterized his actions in the past two and one-half years.

"As evidence of the high esteem in which Congressman Boykin is held by his colleagues in the House, there are reprinted two of the more than 150 similar letters which have been received by Dr. Francis Marion Inge, who is managing Congressman Boykin's campaign for re-election."

Boykin headquarters also made public the following two letters:

"Dr. Francis Marion Inge,
"Mobile, Ala.

"Dear Dr. Inge: I have been informed that you have been selected



FRANK W. BOYKIN
For Congress

as manager for the Honorable Frank W. Boykin in his campaign for renomination and election to the seventy-sixth Congress.

"While I have no desire to interfere in any way in political matters in the State of Alabama, however, knowing Mr. Boykin's splendid record here and his diligent and efficient work at all times in behalf of his constituents, I thought you would not mind my writing you about the matter.

"I have been in Congress 27 years and during that time I have known no one here who has been more faithful in the discharge of his duties or more courteous to every member of the House than Mr. Boykin, also I will say that, taking into consideration the length of time he has been here, he is surpassed by no member of the House in the matter of influence, and if he is re-elected, which I sincerely hope he will be, in a short time he will be among the leaders in Congress.

"Wishing you much success as manager of Mr. Boykin's campaign, I am,

"Yours very respectfully,

"R. L. DOUGHTON,

"Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives."

"Dr. Francis Marion Inge,
"Mobile, Ala.

"Dear Dr. Inge: I understand that you have been appointed to manage the campaign of Honorable Frank W. Boykin in his race for re-election to Congress.

"I am surprised to know he is going to have a campaign, as he has made such an outstanding record and has accomplished so much for his district. I cannot understand how anyone, Democrat or Republican, would have the audacity to give him the worry and trouble of a campaign.

"No member is better known by his colleagues or held in higher esteem than Frank W. Boykin, and I have no doubt he will be returned to Congress by an overwhelming

ARKANSAS BRIDGES ANTI MADE TOLL FREE PET

Collections Ceased at Mid-night Under New Legislation in State

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 1.—(AP)—Toll collectors were gone today from all state-owned bridges in Arkansas. Collection of tolls ceased last midnight.

Revenue Commissioner Z. M. McCarrall ordered the toll stations to close at 12 o'clock after Gov. Carl E. Bailey advised him he would sign today a toll bridge-highway construction bill.

The Arkansas bondholders' protective committee of St. Louis advised the governor it had concluded the measure did not violate any express provisions of the 1934 highway bond refunding act.

The committee urged the governor to veto bills to reduce the gasoline tax 1 cent a gallon to 5½ cents, to "freeze" auto license fees at the 1937 level, and to change the basis for computing truck license fees.

majority, which he so richly deserves.

"With all good wishes for a wonderful victory, I am

"Very truly yours,

"SOUTH TRIMBLE,"

"Clerk of the House of Representatives."

The position Representative Boykin seeks re-election to is for a two-year term and pays \$10,000 per year in salary. The only other qualified candidate is State Rep. William C. Taylor, Mobile attorney.

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