

# DRY ATTACK CHEERS ROOSEVELT BACKERS

## Chiefs at Luncheon to Governor in Southampton Say It Will Help Rather Than Hurt Him.

### HOLD SOUTH FAVORS HIM

#### And Declare That Anti-Saloon League Activities Will Solidify His Followers in North.

### GOVERNOR GREET'S SMITH

#### Talks With Many High in the Party—Today He Will Visit Jones Beach.

From a Staff Correspondent of The New York Times.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., July 25.—Fêted at a luncheon today at the historic Canoe Place Inn, attended by a distinguished political company, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt found his advisers cheered by the attack of the Anti-Saloon League on his prohibition position.

The guest of Mr. and Mrs. Basil O'Connor at the inn at an event which brought together former Governor Smith, Samuel Seabury, National Committeeman Norman E. Mack, Democratic State Chairman James A. Farley and a host of others, the Governor discovered his supporters to be of the opinion that the latest barrage of the dry forces would aid rather than injure his standing as far as the Presidential nomination for 1932 was concerned.

The statement of Dr. Arthur J. Barton of Atlanta, chairman of the Anti-Saloon League executive committee, that an effort was being made to conceal Mr. Roosevelt's wetness was the subject of some comment in the group of political dignitaries who crowded around the Executive on the lawn in front of the inn for a chat before the luncheon.

Governor Roosevelt himself would not comment. Among some of his more active backers it was contended that the blast of Dr. Barton would have the effect of solidifying support in the urban and industrial North and that in the South it could not be counted upon to be used as effectively as was the campaign by the same organization against former Governor Smith.

#### Believe South Is For Him.

The feeling of the Roosevelt supporters is that he will be acceptable to the South regardless of his prohibition stand. He is a frequent visitor to Warm Springs, Ga., and has made wide contacts south of the Mason-Dixon Line. It is contended that he is the type of political leader that appeals to the South, and that for this reason organized dry attacks will be unable to split the ranks as they were when former Governor Smith was in the front line.

The Governor's friends insisted that since they felt that the South itself would not be very much affected by the Anti-Saloon League assault, the gains that would be made in wetter Northern territory would be clear assets. To substantiate their claim of prospective advantages to be obtained in the North from such attacks, they built up a case in which they declared that in northern centres sentiment would be crystallized for the Governor by the expression of views like those of Dr. Barton.

Former Governor Smith, Mr. Mack and Mr. Farley reserved their comment, but it was believed that they too were not surprised by Dr. Barton's move. The meeting of Mr. Smith and Mr. Roosevelt took place on the lawn of the inn while the cameras clicked and most of the 300 guests at the luncheon looked on.

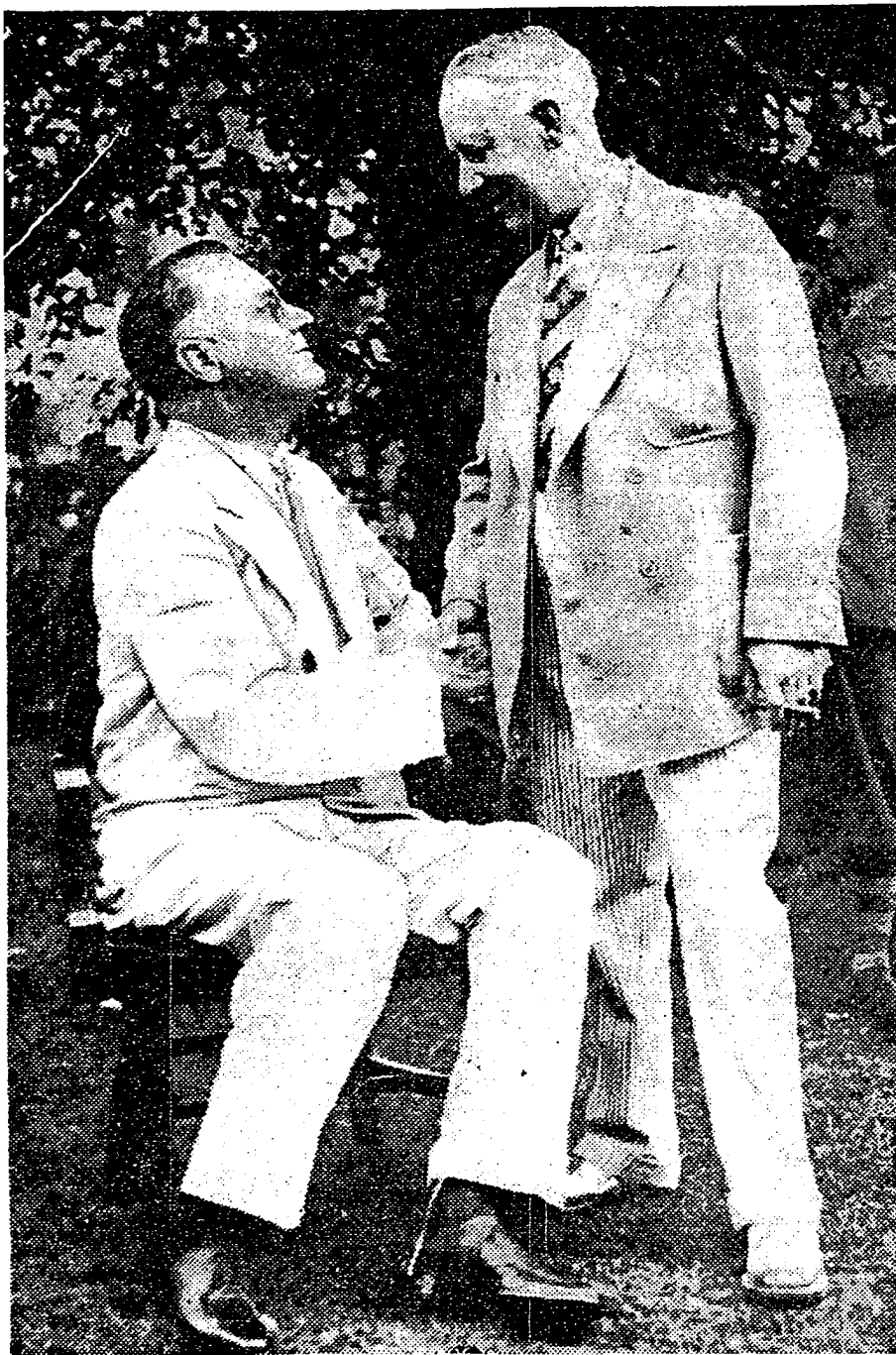
#### Smith Greet's Roosevelt.

Mr. Smith, whose views on Governor Roosevelt's Presidential position many Democrats are anxiously awaiting, smiled broadly as he stood beside Governor Roosevelt's chair. Governor Roosevelt smiled back, but nothing was said by either concerning politics. While they held the pose they chatted in an undertone about their fishing trips yesterday.

Mr. Seabury, motoring over from his Easthampton Summer home with his nephew, William Northrop, shook hands with the Governor, passed a few words, but that was all. Mr. Seabury said no conferences with the Executive were planned for the weekend.

The luncheon was a gala affair, social rather than political, although many of the guests occupy positions of importance in the political world. Among them were Surrogate James A. Foley, Presiding Justice Edward Finch of the Appellate Division;

## ROOSEVELT AND SMITH EXCHANGE GREETINGS.



Times Wide World Photo.

Governor Roosevelt greeting former Governor Smith on the lawn of Canoe Place Inn, Southampton, L. I., after a luncheon held there in the Executive's honor yesterday.

Representative John O'Connor, brother of the host; Judge Frederick E. Crane of the Court of Appeals, Herbert E. McCooey, John Flynn, Federal Judge Martin T. Manton, Morgan J. O'Brien, Kenneth O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Polk, Supreme Court Justices John F. Carew and Selah B. Strong, and Almon G. Rasquin, Suffolk Democratic leader.

Mrs. Charles F. Murphy, widow of the Tammany leader, whose Summer residence was near the inn, also was a guest at the luncheon.

There were no speeches. Instead, Eddie Davis's orchestra played and politics was ignored. After luncheon the Governor sat in the shade of a tree and talked with friends.

He motored back to the West Hampton home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, where he is making his headquarters during his Long Island visit. In the evening he went to Patchogue, where he attended a dinner of the Suffolk County Democratic Committee at the Elks Club.

The Governor received an ovation at the dinner at which he reiterated his plea for more economy and efficiency in local government. Discussing the work of the State Highway Department, he disclosed that it would henceforth make the standard width of highways eighteen instead of twenty feet, thereby effecting considerable economies.

Mr. Farley addressed the Suffolk County committee at an executive meeting before the dinner, at which he urged them to intensify their organization work and to make particular efforts to interest the women voters.

Tomorrow the Governor will terminate his stay. He will drive to Jones Beach, where Robert Moses, chairman of the Long Island State Park Commission, will escort him in an inspection of the new \$1,000,000 bathing pavilion. The Governor also will take part in the beginning of construction of the new Northern Parkway and will return to the city in the evening. On Monday he will inspect several institutions in Rockland County.