

THE STANBERRY HEADLIGHT

Jack Stapleton, Editor

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Hon. T. J. Pendergast,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Pendergast:-

While I have never met you personally, I thought you might be interested in the article this newspaper carried last week after your endorsement had been given for Major Lloyd C. Stark for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The facts contained in the article I am enclosing are based upon the comment I have heard from persons through here who met Major Stark when he visited Stanberry in May and gave the commencement address at our high school.

Persons here have warmly praised you for the attitude you took in endorsing Major Stark and while I found that situation expressed up through here, I found it just as strong, if not stronger, at the meeting of the Missouri Press Association in Kansas City last week. Most of us are confident that there was no finer selection to be made in the state than Major Stark.

I liked to compare Major Stark's visit up through here several months ago with another man's visit through here and a man, by the way, whom you endorsed for United States senator. I do not know of any two men who ever came up through here campaigning who made as many friends as did these two men.

We love Senator Truman up here and while Major Stark has not yet met as many persons as did Senator Truman, those who have met him are his strongest boosters and they love him just like they do Harry Truman.

They are both as fine personages as one might care to meet and I sincerely believe that no two finer men were ever endorsed for office than were these two men. These are my personal views, for there is nothing that I would not do for both of them.

Major Stark will make the same fine and courageous governor that he has made as a man and I am certain that the Pendergast organization will never regret its endorsement of him. He is such a square shooter that I know he will succeed at anything he undertakes.

Very truly yours,

*[P.S. I crossed my fingers on several paragraphs in this letter. J. S.]*