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Major Lloyd C. Stark,

Louisiana, Mo.

My dear Major:-

The writer received your nice letter together with enclosed literature to be mailed to persons living in St. Louis, Mo. I was glad to do this for you and wrote to thirty- one friends in St. Louis, asking them to go out in the City and do all possible for Major Stark. If it will not be too much trouble I wish you would write a personal letter to Mr. Neal Thurman, 4656 Penrose St. St. Louis, Mo. asking him to do what he can. Mr. Thurman is my cousin and is a member of the St. Louis Police Department and is interested in Politics. My opinion is that a personal letter would bear fruit as most Policemen usually come in contact with a large number of people and are in a position to influence a number of votes.

As you probably know the Republican candidate for Governor spoke in Flat River last night, the estimated attendance being 1250 people, approximately 200 more than Mr. Hay spoke to a few evenings ago. However, many Democrats went to hear Mr. Barrett speak. A much larger number of Democrats attended Barret's party than did Republicans attend Mr. Hay's party. Mr. Barrett spoke on the Old Age Pension, W.P.A. and Pendergast. The "gist" of the Old Age Pension conversation was that the people of Missouri voted a \$30.00 per month old Age Pension but that Mr. Thompson had over-ruled the legislature and had set \$12.00 as a maximum and was actually paying an

average of \$8.00 per month to the few people who were really receiving a pension. The W.P.A. conversation was to the effect that Pendergast had set up another project, namely to elect "STARK" but like all other WPA Projects, the funds would run short before the project was completed. Of course, almost every other word was Pendergast. You probably would be interested further in knowing that the crowd at this speaking consisted , by a majority, of people who were regularly employed at the mines and other places of regular employment. There was an absence of the laboring class of people.

There is one thing I would like to call to your attention. I sincerely believe you are being double-crossed here in St. Francois County by some people who are supposed to be 100% "STARK". One example is as follows: At an organization meeting a few nights

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ago the Chairman of the St. Francois County Democratic Committee told the workers "Now folks we must concentrate on our county candidates" and to be perfectly frank I have attended most of their meetings and your name is very seldom ever mentioned by those in charge in their talks and instructions. That certain "clique" are not going down the line for you like they should. However, our Salesmen's Stark for Governor Club is getting well organized in every precinct in the county and we are not going to be stopped. Each day brings a few more volunteer workers and well wishers.

Wishing you all the luck possible, I am

very respectfully yours,

Byron Ball

Vice President,

Salesmen's Stark for Governor Club

MORE PEOPLE RIDE ON GOODYEAR TIRES THAN ON ANY OTHER KIND