

*Eddy's farm
Newington, Conn*

TALKING POINTS FOR SENATOR ROBERT DOLE
EDDY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL -- 6/15/86

What Eddy Will Say:

In his introduction of Senator Dole Eddy will stress a basic theme of traditional family values, based on generational responsibility, community involvement and sacrifice when needed (i.e. WWII).

He will talk about his experience as a small businessman in a small community. He will certainly say something about Father's day and he will stress his roots in Connecticut. And he will tie the Reagan Administration and Dole's Senate together as the driving force behind America's resurgence.

Eddy believes strongly, and has said on many occasions, that Reagan is the best peace-time President America has ever had. He will talk about the prosperity America has enjoyed with Reagan and Dole at the helm and how it has renewed America's faith in itself.

Eddy will say something about his and Dole's service in the 10th Mtn. Division and will tie that back to community, family, pride in country and responsibility.

What Senator Dole Should Say:

We would like the Senator to contrast Roger Eddy's attitude toward the President with Dodd's record. Here are some facts:

- * In 1981, when President Reagan was laying the foundation of his economic recovery program Dodd ranked 97th out of 100 in supporting the President. He was tied with Eagleton. Only Kennedy and Metz-enbaum supported the president less.
- * From 1981-85 Dodd has ranked 97th, 84th, 76th, 86th, 71st in supporting the President.
- * In 1977, while in the House, Dodd supported Carter 75% of the time. In Reagan's first year Dodd supported him only 33% of the time.

We would like Senator Dole to talk about the economic turnaround America has experienced in the last few years. How America has rebounded from the Carter years and is once again respected, etc. If possible, it would be nice to point out that Dodd has not taken part in this recovery, rather he has fought it pretty much all the way along.

Ironically, Dodd enjoys high favorable ratings because of what the Republicans have done in turning America around. (Unemployment in Connecticut is the second lowest in the nation, trailing only New Hampshire.) It would be a great help if the Senator could, however briefly, address this.

Both Eddy and Dodd are uncontested within their parties. However, the Republican and Democratic Gubernatorial primaries are hotly contested and will, over the course of the summer, receive a great deal of attention. This may divert attention from the Senate race.

Misc.:

To date, approximately 100 people (actual members, spouses, children, etc.) associated with the New England Chapter of the 10th Mtn. Div. have said they will attend. In addition, a lot of members who can't attend will be sending notes. Senator Dole is a source of a great deal of pride with these people. Deborah Eddy's letter of invitation is enclosed in the information packet. She, incidentally, also served with the 10th Mtn. Div as a Red Cross girl.

There is no way to gauge the GOP attendance other than from past events (no rsvp etc.) but you can conservatively estimate 400-500 providing the weather is ok.

Dress: Casual. The setting is the Eddy Farm and the atmosphere will reflect the farm setting.

Dale Ryan is sending the names of the private reception attendees and their addresses.

If you have any questions please give Hans Kaiser at the Senatorial Committee (347-0202) or Andy McLeod at the Eddy Campaign (203 667-3339) a call.

Thanks for all your help. You guys are great.

Straight shooter with a tough target

By Bob Conrad

Roger Eddy's 66th birthday party last week will probably go down as his most memorable in an exceptional lifetime because it was also the day he picked to declare formally his candidacy for the United States Senate.

There he was — an author, farmer, inventor and politician — surrounded by family and well wishers as he announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination to take on the Democratic "Goliath," U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd. The place: Home town Newington.

Two hours earlier, down the road a piece in East Haddam, Dodd had declared his candidacy for a second term as reporters and family huddled in a chill breeze in front of his home, a converted schoolhouse.

Dodd has done this before — three times as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives and then for his initial Senate run. Eddy had three terms in the state legislature, this announcement was his first on this scale.

Eddy has a few things to prove. In his speech last week he showed he knows it. Not the least of his hurdles is convincing voters he isn't simply a sacrificial lamb for the GOP in a hopeless run against Dodd.

He doesn't have any such thought in mind, though he snapped "you'd better believe it" when a reporter asked if he sees the race as "upstream." He knows the odds.

Eddy, an apprentice senior citizen who is everyman's image of a Connecticut Yankee, came across equally clearly as a candidate who will know the issues and, armed with his special talent for expressing himself, will run straight at Dodd.

At his press conference, Eddy seemed anxious to live up to his reputation for direct, sometimes sarcastic wit — to the delight of Republican leaders who clapped their hands and nodded to each other with every such thrust.

But Eddy also kept his promise, when he was hyping his announcement, that he would deal right from the top with issues, including some that may be politically dangerous. On that day, in a hall near the Newington farm where he was born and still lives, he chose Social Security as one begging attention though most politicians — not mentioning any names, of course — leave it alone.



Roger Eddy at his farm in Newington

While some in his audience fidgeted and looked at their watches, Eddy described Social Security as a time bomb that must be defused or it will lead inevitably to horrendous taxes in years ahead — or badly curtailed benefits for the current "baby boom" generation when it reaches retirement age.

Eddy proposed a remedy, a bonding program that would create a "super" retirement account to protect this generation from being short-changed later. His point, however, was that he will meet issues openly, regardless of how popular or otherwise they are.

The Newington Republican was

up front, also, with personal details — from having a gimpy leg (from a bout with polio more than 30 years ago) that may cause him to fall now and then, to the difficulties in raising campaign money. He has \$34,000 now; Dodd has more than \$1.2 million.

An unabashed hawk on foreign relations, Eddy all but declared war on Nicaragua when he introduced former U.N. ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick at a recent GOP dinner. He calls President Reagan the greatest peace-time president in the nation's history. "I believe in being No. 1," he told the crowd. "I want the United States to lead."

But Eddy has a soft side, too. He favors the ERA amendment to

protect women's rights. "Since none of you have asked," he said, "I'll answer the question on abortion. I believe a woman should be allowed to choose." And as a confirmed environmentalist, Eddy would clash with Reagan.

The conventional wisdom is that Roger Eddy's mission for the GOP is to give Dodd a run for his money and hold down the senator's potential plurality. Eddy doesn't look at it quite that way. "Of course I know what my chances are," he says, "But I'm not in this to lose."

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Roger Eddy: A Touch Of Class

The man who could make this year's U.S. Senate campaign worth watching is no political whip-persnapper. He is 65-year-old Republican Roger Eddy of Newington.

If you haven't paid close attention to Republican and state politics, you probably don't know Eddy. But he's worth knowing; for Republicans, he may be the most interesting candidate running for anything this year.

Roger Eddy is taking on U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd, the liberal Democrat, who is seeking his second term.

Dodd is heavily favored to repeat. But if Eddy can receive attention, Dodd may not be able to ignore his challenger or to walk away with the election as easily as most politicians anticipate.

Roger Eddy is a bird-call inventor, a farmer, a writer, a television panelist, a former legislator, and a man who makes sense.

The official announcement of his candidacy before family and friends at the Newington Polish-American Club last week was refreshing, simple, and honest. "What you see is what you get," said Roger Eddy. He thinks for himself, writes for himself,



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and he'll be running his own campaign.

Calling Dodd, "a young man living in the past," Eddy said, "I think he does believe that money can solve problems." Money helps, Eddy added, but he prefers to give people the means to do the job themselves. Eddy also has the common touch; he is as at home in a cow barn as in handling the media or speaking before an audience.

Four years ago at the Republican state convention, the best speech didn't come from Lewis Rome, the party's nominated gubernatorial candidate, or from Sen. Lowell Weicker. It was Roger Eddy who stole the show by giving a rousing speech in behalf of Weicker.

If a Hollywood producer needed to find someone to play the role of a Connecticut Yankee, Roger Eddy would win hands down. He has wit, style, and humor. The last is a quality

most politicians running for office lack. If Eddy can smoke out Dodd and raise enough money to get on television or pay for a pages of newspapers advertisements, he should be well received. He says he wants to debate issues that just about all politicians are afraid to touch. Social Security is one concern he wants to talk about because he wants to spare the state's elderly from worrying about the future of their benefits.

Eddy may be a little difficult for some folks in the media to understand. That's because he usually answers a question simply and directly. While he disagrees with President Reagan on certain issues, Eddy says Ronald Reagan is the best peace-time president the nation has ever had. He also plans to invite the president to the Eddy family's Newington farm to campaign.

Those who know Roger Eddy know how serious he is about his race against Dodd. He's the underdog, but don't dismiss him as just another scapegoat candidate running against a popular incumbent. Roger Eddy is a class act; those who get to see and hear him during the campaign will find it hard to disagree with that assessment.

Roger Eddy: Portrait of a Challenger

Roger Eddy of Newington has announced that he will be a candidate for the U.S. Senate this fall, challenging Democratic incumbent Christopher Dodd. Here, by Edith Zeldes, is a profile of Mr. Eddy, farmer, writer, inventor and politician and of his wife and partner Debbie.

By EDITH ZELDES

They sat in the sun, breathing the sweet earth of their farm, gazing at the noisy crows circling and then landing in their fields. They were as much a part of the land as the scurrying squirrels, the lazing cows or the leaves on the ground.

They are Roger and Debbie Eddy, with their roots firmly planted in Newington, living only across the street from the original Eddy farm homestead where Roger Eddy was born "almost on the kitchen table."

What is now the Kellogg-Eddy House was Mr. Eddy's birthplace. It was a crude house, according to him, with no central heat or running water. His father "really rebuilt it. It was and still is a great house." Mr. Eddy's mother's ancestors, the Kelloggs, originally built it and his father bought it in 1912, living on Willard Avenue in what was at one time the county jail for "drunkards and indigent bums."

Both his maternal and paternal ancestral descendants come from Newington, although not necessarily originally born there. Mr. Eddy said, "Everyone in town intermarried. It was typical that almost everyone was related to everyone else. I'm related to almost every secondary road in town: Stoddard, Willard, Robbins."

The population was under 2,000 then, with trolleys as the main means of public transportation, running through the center of town and "revolutionizing social and business opportunities" by connecting to New Britain and Hartford.

Mr. Eddy remembers the trolleys as "a big event" in his life and as a youngster would put pennies on the track to have them flattened. He said, "When I was about 10 years old, I would ride a horse from my father's farm and the first paved road I would come upon was the Berlin Turnpike, even though Main Street was also paved."

WHEN IT WAS TIME for the young Roger to attend first grade, his mother, "who was always a bug on English," was afraid he wouldn't learn the language well enough because the teachers at school told her they were only teaching English in the first three grades. She insisted on sending him, as well as his older brother and sister, Welles and Mary, to Noah Webster School in Hartford. As an out-of-towner, it cost them a weekly fee of \$2.



Roger and Debbie Eddy.

Photo by Edith Zeldes

Later on he attended Kingswood School in Hartford for "a couple of years." Mr. Eddy said, "My father lost a lot of money in the Depression. He went from comparative comfort to being in debt and my parents then took me out of Kingswood and put me into Loomis School.

"I received the best education there as a day student, traveling by train six days a week. I would leave home at 6:15 a.m. and get into Hartford at 7 a.m. for a 7:05 train to Windsor. I then walked a mile to school and got back home at 6:30 p.m. I remember being bone tired for four years.

"Loomis was 50 years ahead of their time, with one or two blacks and foreign students enrolled. That was quite democratic for those days. The school was tough with difficult courses, Saturday classes and no mercy. But they were good and had great teachers.

"They, and the Army later, made me fanatical about being on time. Loomis locked the door if you were one minute late. Even today, I have an occasional nightmare about being lost in the main Founders Hall at Loomis and not being able to find where I should be and feel I am about to be killed, beaten or disciplined."

Mr. Eddy went to Yale, and said, "That was a snap compared to Loomis." He finished three and a quarter years of his four years when he received his draft number 11. In the spring of 1941 the Wethersfield Draft Board told him he would be leaving school in December and "because it was obvious I wouldn't be able to stay in school, I studied during the sum-

mer, took my exams and graduated early. If I were in the ROTC or the reserves, I would have been able to finish within my four-year time frame."

He started as a private in California as part of the 87th Mountain Regiment, a fighting ski troop. He attended officers' training school at Fort Benning, Ga., and returned to Fort Lewis, Wash., to his 87th Mountain Regiment as a second lieutenant.

A TRANSFER to Colorado and then to the Aleutians followed. Mr. Eddy said, "The Japanese, after invading Pearl Harbor, had the Pacific Ocean to themselves and, erroneously thinking Alaska had a full military force (actually there were only 200 American soldiers there), decided against trying to capture Alaska and instead occupied the islands of Attu and Kiska at the end of the Aleutian chain and 2,900 miles from Alaska."

Mr. Eddy had knowledge of "the Japanese and Americans butchering each other on Attu" and was part of the invasion of Kiska, along with a total of 30,000 American servicemen — only to find the Japanese had already abandoned the island. According to Mr. Eddy, "The Japanese thought that was a big victory."

He stayed in the area 11 months and authored his first novel, "The Rimless Wheel." He then returned to Colorado and subsequently Texas and on to Europe. He fought in the mountains of Italy (but not on skis) and his Mountain Regiment became part of the 10th Mountain Division. Nels Nelson, Public Works Coordinator for New-

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ington, remembered a man who served under Mr. Eddy in the European theater of operations who said of him, "That's the bravest man I've ever known."

At the end of the war in Europe, Mrs. Eddy said her husband's company "liked him so much, they gave him a party" and that is where they first met. Mrs. Eddy was a member of the Red Cross and a link from home to 1,500 men a day — handing out coffee and doughnuts. She said, "I handed them out, ate them and still like them."

At the party in honor of Mr. Eddy, they didn't get a chance to do much talking with each other, but the next day he telephoned her for a date and "they went to Trieste along with his dog" whom he later managed to smuggle aboard ship on the way home.

That date blossomed into their engagement, but Mrs. Eddy had to stay in Italy a little longer and when Mr. Eddy took his trip back to the States, he contracted polio and "went right into the hospital at Fort Devens." He was unable to walk "for a long time" and was also placed in an iron lung for a short period. Mrs. Eddy wasn't able to return to the United States "until Roger had improved."

They were then married in 1946 at her parents' Episcopal church in Norwich, Vt. Mr. Eddy was sent to a rehabilitative hospital in Florida and friends rented them a "teeny house" among an orange grove.

Mrs. Eddy said, "It was wonderful even though the termites ate holes in the floor and the ice man delivered ice only every three days. There was a hole in the floor in the living room and I used to sweep the tracked-in sand down into it. I wish I had that hole in the floor now, but we stayed there while Roger learned to walk."

MR. EDDY RETURNED from the service as a major with one bronze and two silver stars and they came back to Newington and lived with his parents. They then moved into a tent on their present property while they were building a living room, kitchen and bathroom. They were parents of their first child, Heidi, and "kept her in the huge bathroom complete with bureaus."

Mrs. Eddy's mother, protesting against
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The Eddys' Roots Firmly Planted in Newington

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the use of the bathroom as space for Heidi, lent them some money to put on an additional room. The house the way it is today, was built in four stages, with the brick section built in 1954, housing the bedrooms and furnace.

Mr. Eddy said, "I also built a small barn for our sheep. We had three pet cows, along with geese, chicken, pigs and every animal known to man." Mrs. Eddy said, "We can't get over how we lived on such little money then and lived no worse than we do now."

"It may have been even better then. We built second-hand cars and ate sheep, cows and pigs from the farm, I did a lot of canning and we sold eggs. We ate out of Mr. Brinley's freezer locker where we rented space," Mr. Eddy said. "The temperature was zero degrees in there and every time I went in and heard the door shut behind me, I thought, 'A year from now, maybe someone would find my frozen body.'"

"That year of 1951 was a watershed in our lives. I wasn't making any money at all, my latest book wasn't selling and I was getting pressure from my parents to get a job — so we moved to Italy with our three-year-old Heidi and three-month-old Lucy, who gave us an entree into the most wonderful Italian families."

"Italy and the Riviera were a vacuum at that time and comparatively empty. We lived very cheaply there and ate as the Italians did. That's where we discovered the principle of my bird call."

"A friend of ours had purchased an object similar to my bird call, and I was immediately attracted to it as a great toy for children. We also started collecting bird calls."

"I revised and changed this material along with getting the OK to use the term 'Audubon.' The New Yorker magazine wrote it up and I also wrote an article about it which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post."

"I went all over the country selling it and Debbie, who has hand painted more than 33,000 pieces of wood, helped package and ship them all over the world. We're proud of our product; it is in seven foreign countries."

"Basically, people are delighted with it and through its use, have become interested in nature." Ted Spera, distribution clerk, formerly of the Newington Post Office department and now of the Wethersfield Post Office, said, "My mother-in-law in England is a satisfied customer who relies on her bird call which she stressed 'really works.'"

A "couple or more novels followed:" "The Bulls and the Bees," "Family Affair," and "Best by Far," about returning to the battlefields. Mr. Eddy's first municipal position began with that of tax

collector in town. He said, "I was not ideally suited for this job. Math was not my thing and I didn't like it. My assistant, Dorothy Ross, did a good job, thank the Lord."

ELECTION TO THE STATE legislature was next and then a defeat for the state senate, followed by a two-time rally victory as state senator.

Mrs. Eddy suffered a horseback riding accident while she was in Wyoming with resultant paralysis of her legs. She was hospitalized for three months, receiving rehabilitative therapy and then came back to her home in Newington with continued therapeutic nursing care.

She said, "I learned to drive again and it took me about two years to get back to normal." Mr. Eddy said, "She has probably done more for the Jefferson House in town and the McLean Home in Simsbury helping the paraplegics and their cause."

"We both have become much aware the entire world is geared to the young and able-bodied. Essential services can and should be accessible. Our post office here should be the most accessible and their front door is difficult to open at best."

"The State Capitol has finally put in a ramp and new laws for the handicapped have been helpful. Our two daughters keep after illegally handicapped parkers and say something really nasty to the offenders and I do also."

Mrs. Eddy said, "I don't even use a handicapped sticker on my car because someone else driving my car may be tempted to take advantage of it."

Her outlook is such that she said, "Paraplegics are not as badly handicapped as you think. Instead of continuing with some of my conservationist issues, I realized I had to let someone else walk to that spot under consideration and I have changed my civic directions toward medical rehabilitation and disabled accessibilities."

"I'm not militant and I don't picket, because I know you can talk to someone in authority behind the scenes who can usually help. Sometimes you can also embarrass or shame them into some changes."

A barn fire is also part of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy's background. Their entire herd was housed in a barn on Mr. Eddy's father's farm and "within 20 minutes they all were dead from smoke inhalation." Mrs. Eddy said, "That disaster and my accident were a big financial setback."

Mr. Eddy said, "As a private owner, we had no backup of group insurance. After the death of my mother, we then bought the farm from my brother and sister. I didn't inherit it. We also sold my parents' house and land to pay for taxes and settle the estate. My farm has always meant a lot to me. I enjoy it, work hard on it and it's an

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asset for the town. I just will never put a price on it — it's not for sale."

Nels Nelson underlined that Mr. Eddy "has done a lot for the town — he is a positive influence. We two are some of the few left with the heritage of Newington. Mr. Eddy is a good friend of mine and of the town."

HE IS PROUD of his hard work not only for himself, but as part of all those hard-working people of Connecticut. He feels this state is the envy of the nation; that when you say, "I'm from Connecticut," people feel you're proud to be in this state and "we haven't earned that respect by luck."

"That spirit is worth preserving in this state and in this country. We're not pessimistic about the future of America. Everybody has a chance — for education, money and a job. We still see the hard-working goals in our farm workers. Some of them hold three jobs at the same time."

"Our gift to the world is optimism; that's what is so astonishing to Europeans. I think that goes back to our colonial frontier days."

Discussing his bid for the United States Senate, he stressed he wouldn't enter the

political arena if he didn't plan on working hard at it. He is aware of his uphill battle and said, "I'm not doing this on a lark."

"Politics is part of my family and school tradition. My teachers always said, 'Participate, don't accept.' I have been brought up to be a good sport on the playing field and elsewhere and to be involved."

"When I was about 10 years old, my father pointed out all our deceased relatives' gravestones in the cemetery behind the Congregational Church. Each relation had held a town government position and at one gravesite, he pointed and said, 'And he didn't do anything,' (no town government job)."

"If I were buried in that cemetery, I would be the only one from my family and from Newington who had been asked to run for state senator and U.S. senator. I'm proud of that; win, lose or draw. We've never had a governor, congressman or U.S. senator from Newington. I was the first state senator and then Elmer Mortensen came after me."

"I plan to run a high-risk campaign and will talk about controversial issues. Mr. Dodd is the overwhelming favorite and he's not had to work hard in his bid for reelection. I don't think Connecticut can afford a senator like that."

"I don't mean anything personal by that, I have never met him, but I have the opportunity to try and tell the truth as I see it because I have less to lose as the underdog."

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In My Opinion

Roger Eddy, Citizen-Legislator



ISHAM MARTIN

The candidacy of Roger W. Eddy of Newington for the United States Senate from Connecticut is a treat we could not have expected in this day and age. The candidacy and the man are anachronisms. It is a campaign more suitably conceived in the mind of Thomas Jefferson than in the mind of Lowell Weicker.

Jefferson first articulated the idea of the citizen-legislator. The concept still makes so much sense and holds so great an appeal with many citizens that it is hard to understand why we continue to elect and re-elect so many professional politicians. Jefferson thought the American farmer should voluntarily put down his plow for a period of a few years to do a stint of public service in the legislature, sitting in Washington or the various state capitols. He imagined this would give us the most representative government and that good citizens would be naturally willing to make the contribution to their state and nation.

The agrarian society of which Jefferson wrote is gone. Condominiums, shopping malls, subdivisions, and asphalt highways crowd the once rural towns around Hartford. There is but one working farm left in Newington, Connecticut, and the one farmer left there in 1986, Roger Eddy, is prepared to leave the town's last plow to represent us in Washington, D.C.

A good argument can be made for the fact that the society in which we live is much changed from Jefferson's Virginia. We are no longer a nation of farmers. Wealth and education and power and political opportunity have all been distributed more broadly and we are better off as a people as a result.

But with all the democratization of American life, we have abandoned what was once a generally accepted notion — that to Hartford and to Washington we should send our best. Today we do not send our best and there is no consensus even as to who the best are.

Today we are likely to vote for someone who is young because we are young, who is from the

suburbs because we are from the suburbs, who is a man because we are a man, who is in business because we are in business. We will vote for the person that is most like us. We have been told that what we are and what we believe is as worthy and valid as what someone else is and believes. There are no superior people. There are no superior ideas. How, then, can there be a superior candidate?

I have met a lot of awful people in politics. Politics is full of people seeking power and recognition they have been unable to get in their work and family life. People who hold a dim view of politicians are, in general, on firm ground. At the same time, many of the people whose friendships I most cherish are people I have met in politics. Politics in Connecticut is full of beautiful and extraordinary people, and Roger Eddy is one of them.

Mr. Eddy is one of the last World War II veterans who will make a run for the U.S. Senate. He served in both the European and Pacific theaters. He is a novelist. He is the inventor of something called the Audubon Bird Call, a gadget with a piece of wood turning within a piece of pewter turning into money for the guy with the patent. He has served in the Connecticut State Senate and is currently one of Connecticut's two delegates to the Republican National Committee. He has kept, in strawberries and sweet corn for

his own enjoyment and for posterity, the farm in Newington that has been in his family for generations. He is a regular guest on the public affairs program "Comment" on Channel 3 Sunday mornings. He has suffered from the crippling effects of polio, but has never let them limit his activity. He is devoted to his wife of 40 years.

It is a remarkable life in its variety and richness. But what is most remarkable about Roger Eddy is that, at age 65, he still looks to the future with enthusiasm and optimism. He has been one of the most influential and energetic people in the campaign to broaden the base and the appeal of the Republican Party in Connecticut. Unlike many of the older white males in his party, he does not dwell on the old ways, the old days. There is in his life and his spirit a sense of humor and decency and proportion.

In the weeks that followed public announcements that he was the choice of his party's leaders to run against Senator Dodd, the reactions of this accomplished man were always humble. Others spoke of the difficulty of defeating an attractive and well financed incumbent. Roger Eddy was daunted only by the size of the honor to his family and to his town of Newington and to himself.

This is the citizen-legislator of whom Thomas Jefferson wrote. His love of service to Connecticut is our honor.

Can Eddy's deep character break voting habits?

Everything complimentary that political commentators have said about Roger Eddy, the likely Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate, is true. He is plain spoken, forthright, and possibly the best candidate the party could have chosen to run against the Democratic incumbent, Sen. Christopher Dodd.

But there are difficulties. Eddy is a Republican, and most voters in Connecticut have chosen to affiliate with the Democratic Party, or with no party. There are Democrats and Republicans in the Land of Steady Habits who would vote for Tammany Capone, provided that he was running on the appropriate ticket.

"I was born an Englishman, I've lived as an Englishman, and I will die as an Englishman," the Englishman said to the Scotsman, who retorted, warmly — "Mon, have you no imagination?" The molecular Democrat, and his counterpart in the Republican Party, has no imagination either. Apparently some people are born this way.

Chris Dodd opened his campaign months ago by invoking the name of his father, Thomas Dodd, whom many people remember as a passionate anti-totalitarian and whose speeches, warning against a policy of constructive engagement with Soviet-supported regimes, his son has stored away in the deepest recesses of his mental closet, if he has stored them away at all. Like some modern-day Hamlet, Chris Dodd invokes his father and prays that his invocation will not wake the dead.

Republicans fear, not without reason, that voters may respond in a Pavlovian way

to these incantations. They suspect that if the names "Dodd" and "Democrat" are put before voters often enough, they will pull the wrong lever on Election Day.

As if numbers were not enough of a problem, Eddy must make some attempt to convince unimaginative voters that, although they share a name, Chris Dodd is not a chip off his father's block.

Eddy's most effective weapon is his character. Politicians who have held office for some time develop a public persona that obscures the character beneath their public images. Eddy's character shines through the chinks of his personality brightly and without distortion because he wears no mask.

He has character and is comfortable in his own skin because he takes his political cues from a conscience that is robust, fully matured, and not for sale. Thoreau used to say that people who make frequent visits to their mailbox probably have not heard from themselves in a long time. Eddy gives the impression that he has been in constant communication with himself.

As one political commentator put it, Eddy is exactly what he appears to be — not at all the usual political puff pastry assembled by professional pastry cooks. Unlike Sen. Lowell Weicker, who speaks in tongues and whose utterances are plastered with moral goo, Eddy's articulations are lucid and thoughtful. His tongue is connected to his mind, and his personality is integrated.

In other words, Eddy is dangerous.

THE MOST DANGEROUS PEOPLE in public life are those whose characters have matured outside the political system.

George Washington came to politics as a gentleman farmer, manfully resisted the disintegrative influences around him, and felt liberated when at last he was able to shake the dust of politics from his feet and



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return to his beloved Mount Vernon.

Thomas Jefferson was miserable in office, and Abe Lincoln groaned under his responsibilities.

And yet these men managed to preserve their character in spite of the influences that threatened their integrity.

Washington stood far above the political pygmies of his day. Jefferson was too radical a thinker to allow himself to be manipulated by tub-thumping ideologues, and Lincoln's wit and humor saved him from the job seekers and influence peddlers

at his heels.

The good news is that the Republican Party finally has fielded a candidate who has character.

The bad news is that the political arena in Connecticut has been littered for so long with artificial politicians who are little more than the sum of their press clippings that voters may not be able to recognize genuine currency among all the false banknotes in circulation. The forgeries are so like the originals.

The moral blustering of the usual politician-on-the-make seems so much like the energetic self-effacing variety associated with people of sound character that one often forgets to notice the difference between the egotistic jingoism of the fraud and the vigorous moral rectitude, always relieved by humor and wit, of the genuine article.

EDDY HAS BEEN A TOILER in the vineyards of the Republican Party. When he announced his candidacy his political friends and a few members of the press who were familiar with his record of public service wondered aloud why the Republican Party had waited so long to serve its best wine.

Some Republicans, Weicker among them, are convinced that Eddy has the right stuff. An appealing character, a penetrating intelligence, and a sound moral judgment, they suppose, may offset some of Dodd's advantages.

Time is an important element in Eddy's campaign. The clock is running, and Eddy has been underexposed. The Republicans should pull the cork on their bottle — and serve their wine.

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Opinion

The Day, New London, Conn., Friday, March 7, 1986

Dodd's GOP opponent a stand-up guy

Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, who, it seems, does not tie his shoes until he has figured all the political consequences, is probably feeling awfully smug these days while he waits for Roger W. Eddy of Newington to step into the arena with him.

Dodd must figure he will clobber this old Republican Party regular who will try to boot him from the comfortable nest he has fashioned among the elite in Washington.

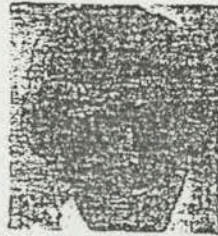
He is probably right, too. And that is too bad.

The 65-year-old Eddy, a member of the Republican National Committee and a GOP stalwart for three decades, will announce in six days that he is running for the U.S. Senate. And while he will not artificially inflate his chances, he figures to bring plenty of life to a campaign most expected to be a yawner.

"I don't think that the senator has ever run up against a candidate as articulate and bright as Roger Eddy," Mary E. Boatwright of Stonington, who serves on the national GOP panel with Eddy, was saying the other day. "He's a tough cookie. The milk of human kindness does not exactly spout out of him."

"This is a different cut of fish than Dodd has ever run up against."

Times to that.



Politics

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date in Connecticut I would like to get to meet him or her. During a 45-minute discussion last week on his farm in Newington, Eddy made it clear that he plans to hold Dodd accountable for his six years in the Senate and he plans to do it with vim.

Most liberals and many moderates would disagree philosophically with three-quarters of what Eddy will espouse. But they also may develop a sense that it would be great to see him represent Connecticut as one of its senators.

There is a game that is played between those running for office and those who chronicle their efforts. Even those with the remotest of chances can look you square in the eye and say they can win.

Eddy will be no party to that. He speaks candidly about holding Dodd's plurality to such a level to allow other Republicans on the ticket a chance at election.

No baloney. No fancy phrases. No insincere

Eddy knows he would be a good senator, is willing to run full out until November and hopes he can win. Beyond that, no promises.

"I'm a big boy. I got into this thing. I chose to do it," he said just before sunset on a cold afternoon last week. "Nobody forced me to do it. If the Democrats think I'm going to get my head handed to me, they could be right. I'm not going to put up a false front. But they may be surprised, too."

Eddy says he needs to raise \$1 million and expects that will not be difficult. It almost may not be enough against Dodd who already has a mammoth head start in the race for the money.

"I'm not broke but I'm sure as hell not rich," Eddy said in an assessment of his self-worth which is most directly tied to his 80-acre farm off a thoroughfare in Newington.

He plans to clean out his barn, set up a lectern, invite prominent representatives from different fields of interest, and invite the media in once a week to talk about the issues.

"I'm going to write all my own stuff," he says. "I'm going to write my own ads. What you see is exactly what you get. In other words, I'm not going to be an advertising agency or a newspaper man. I'm going to be me."

The "me," in this case, is a man

who retired — as a major — with disability from the mountain infantry in which he enlisted as a private in 1941.

He is a hawk on defense, reasoning that once America lets it guard down, the Russians will do what the Germans did to Europe in World War II.

He is a cheerleader of Reaganomics and plans to let Connecticut voters know that Dodd opposed the policies of a man Eddy refers to as the greatest peacetime president.

At the end of this campaign, there will be nobody in the state — who wants to know it in the first place — who won't be able to find out where Roger Eddy stands.

There is little else you can expect of a politician.

But candor and intelligence most likely will not be enough to get Eddy off the farm and into the Senate.

"There isn't a Republican in the state that doesn't know him," Mrs. Boatwright points out. "But every Republican voting one way wouldn't elect the dog catcher."

Those numbers and others are against this man who figures to add sparkle to this year's campaign to determine whether Dodd keeps his job.

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NEW ENGLAND NEWSCLIP

Eddy has what it takes to battle Dodd

Roger Eddy usually gets right to the point when he's talking about the political opposition, and that is a trait the Republicans hope to encourage if he challenges Chris Dodd in next year's U.S. Senate race in Connecticut.

When state Rep. Julie Belaga of Westport introduced him, for example, as chairman of her campaign for governor last month, Eddy had this to say about O'Neill, the potential target:

"O'Neill only looks good when you compare him with a national disaster," he said.

But when we broke the story last week that Eddy was U.S. Sen. Lowell Weicker's choice to run against Democratic Sen. Dodd, we also noted how Republicans intend to stress the contrast in personalities that campaign would offer.

(Eddy says he won't have a final decision on running until next month.)

The GOP will do all it can to paint Dodd as a jet set, fun loving youngster in the Senate, constantly in motion around the country in pursuit of a place on the national Democratic ticket and not so hot has a legislator from Connecticut.

If that is playing loosely with the senator's image, it will apparently be all right with the GOP as long as differences with their man stick in voters' minds.

DODD, AT 41, would have to plead guilty to being younger. Eddy is 65. Dodd is something of a liberal who enjoys life, and despite his squirming over occasional speculation about his personal political goals, he does eye his party's national ticket. It would be a bum rap, though, to say he's



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Bob Conrad

not serious about his job or inadequate in doing it.

In Roger Eddy, the GOP would be coming up with Mr. Total Republican with the party record to prove it. He has been a state representative and senator, a member of the GOP statewide policy committee, its treasurer and now its national committeeman.

He is also an old soldier. In World War II, Eddy was an infantry captain, discharged as a major, who was a company commander through heavy combat in Italy. He won the Silver Star twice and the Bronze Star once. The Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action.

A Yale graduate, Eddy has a lot of stories about Gerald Ford when the former president was an assistant football coach in those years at the New Haven campus. Eddy lives on his farm in Newington, where he raises, among other things, the best-tasting strawberries on the East Coast. March 1985 will be busy with mowing or doing other chores, weavers — and invents

things, such as the Audubon bird call whistle.

WEICKER AND THE TWO Republicans who run the company store in Hartford — State Chairma . Tom D'Amore and Executive Director Peter Gold — have been on a year-long search for a candidate to give Dodd a hard time next year. They thought they had one in former FBI man Francis "Bud" Mullen of East Lyme, but he opted for the race against U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson of Bozrah. Then there was the summer courtship of outgoing Yale President A. Bartlett Giamatti, who eventually declined.

It took two whacks to get Eddy, who admits to being about 90 percent ready to run. Weicker and his party insiders tried early this year to line him up. He could not consider it then because of personal reasons.

The latest and probably successful effort became the best kept secret in recent political history here. Eddy, who calls it a "tremendous honor" to be asked, has no illusions about the outlook.

He knows Dodd has a big war chest, the advantage of the incumbency and great popularity.

But Eddy comes armed with a sharp tongue, a quick study on issues, and abundance of wit and a following of his own in the state. He won't settle for being simply a GOP agent sent to harass Dodd. He rejects the notion held by some Republicans that the senator is invulnerable. [Page 10 of 20](#)

"No, I don't think so," says Eddy. "I think I can beat him."

ROGER EDDY

for U.S. Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Roger W. Eddy, often described as a 20th-century 'renaissance man,' has a long history of community involvement, public service and political leadership in Connecticut. He is uniquely qualified to be our United States Senator.

Born in Newington (across the street from his current home and farm) in 1920, Mr. Eddy attended Newington public schools and the Loomis School in Windsor. He received a degree from Yale University in 1941, graduating early in order to enter the United States Army as a private. During the course of the World War II, he took part in the invasion of Kiska in the Aleutian Islands and served with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy, receiving a Bronze Star, two Silver Stars and a disability discharge with the rank of major.

For thirty years, Mr. Eddy has been self-employed. He has operated Eddy Farm, a Newington enterprise producing fruits and vegetables that has employed over 900 people since its creation. In addition, he manufactures and markets the Audubon Birdcall, a wildbird calling device he invented 1953 that now enjoys international sales.

Locally, Mr. Eddy has served as a member of the Newington School Board, the Library Board, the Conservation Commission,

and the town Solid Refuse Commission. He was elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1959 and served one term. In 1967, he began the first of two terms in the Connecticut Senate, acting as assistant minority leader. As a legislator, Mr. Eddy was instrumental in the passage of bills creating the Department of Environmental Protection and town Conservation Commissions. After leaving the legislature, Mr. Eddy was influential in the passage of the Connecticut Clean Water Act and a key statute aiding the preservation of the state's farm and other open areas.

At other times, Mr. Eddy has served as a member of the Connecticut Board of Higher Education, president of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, and chairman of the Hartford Metropolitan District Commission. From 1976 to 1984, he was Treasurer of the Connecticut Republican Party, and, since 1983, has been one of two Connecticut members of the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Eddy is also the author of four novels, including 'A Family Affair' (1958), a Literary Guild selection. Further, for the past five years he has served as a regular commentator on the WFSB-TV public affairs program 'Comment.'

He is married to the former Deborah Bankart, a long-time advocate on issues involving disabled persons and the environment. They are the parents of two daughters, and they have two grandchildren.

May 30, 1986

Dear Tenth Mountaineer,

On Sunday, June 15th, the most famous member of our Tenth Mountain Division, Senator Robert Dole, of Kansas, is coming here to our farm for a political rally. This rally has become an annual affair with us, a "Strawberry Festival," where we serve strawberries and cream from our farm, along with wine and various other things. It's all free. We expect a large crowd, and we especially welcome your wife, children and grandchildren. Over the years it has become a family affair.

This year our Strawberry Festival will be especially important to us because my husband, Roger, who was also a member of the Tenth (L+K, 87th), is running for The United States Senate.

I am writing to all former members of the Tenth listed in the New England Chapter of the 1985 Roster, urging you to come to this festival. Many of you will remember me as Deborah Bankart, one of your Red Cross girls in Italy. My service with the Tenth Mountain Division was certainly one of the high points in my life. Hardly a day passes when I don't remember the Tenth and the men I met in Italy. I can guarantee that I will not serve you all doughnuts when you visit our farm here in Newington, on June 15th. But I can guarantee that there are few people in all the world I'd rather see again than the former members of the Tenth Mountain Division, the greatest infantry division ever to fight in combat.

So please come. It's Sunday, June 15th, from two o'clock to four.

Sempre avanti,



Deborah Bankart Eddy

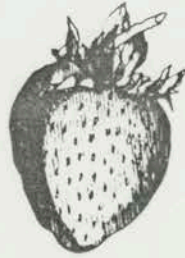
P.S. Please call 203-667-EDDY(3339) and register. Thanks.

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ROGER W. EDDY

BORN: March 29, 1920, Newington, CT

EDUCATION: Attended public schools and Loomis School (now Loomis-Chaffee); Yale University '42.

MILITARY: Served with the 87th Mountain Regiment during the invasion of Kiska in the Aleutian Islands, June 1942. Later served with the 10th Mountain Division in Italian Campaign against the German Army. Awarded two Silver Stars for combat action.

CIVIC: Elected to Newington School Board, Library Board and Conservation Commission. Member Board of Higher Education and Chairman of the Hartford Metropolitan District Commission.

POLITICAL: CT House of Representatives, 1959-60; CT State Senate, 1967-71; former Treasurer, CT Republican Party; Republican National Committeeman for CT

BUSINESS: Owns and operates the Eddy Farm in Newington. Invented, and now produces and markets, the Audubon Birdcall, a wildbird calling device with worldwide sales.

FAMILY: Married to Deborah Bankart; father of two daughters: Heidi Eddy Riggs and Lucy Eddy Fox. Mr. Eddy has two grandchildren.

OTHER: Mr. Eddy has written four novels, one of which, A Family Affair, was selected as a Literary Guild selection. He has authored numerous magazine and newspaper articles.

ROGER EDDY

for U.S. Senate

May 13, 1986

Dear PAC Director

I am writing to ask for your help in my effort to defeat Chris Dodd this November. I also want to bring you up to date on how the campaign is going and share with you my strategy for victory this November.

While a superficial overview of this race would seem to indicate that Chris Dodd is the clear favorite, an in-depth look at the current political climate in Connecticut provides a different picture. Let me point out some factors favoring my candidacy:

In 1984 Ronald Reagan won the state with 61% of the vote. In 1980 when Dodd beat Jim Buckley Reagan received only 48% of the vote.

Both houses of the Connecticut legislature are currently controlled by the Republicans. The Senate 24-12 and the House 85-66.

Chris Dodd, while on the surface an apparent "mover and shaker", has a track record of ineffectiveness. He simply hasn't done anything, public image notwithstanding.

I have no primary opposition, and, unlike past Republican candidates, I will be able to garner votes from all wings of the GOP. That is something CT has not seen in some time.

This year we have a united Republican party determined to retire Senator Chris Dodd. I cannot stress enough how important that is. The Republican Party is once again a powerful force in Connecticut and with the proper resources we can beat Chris Dodd and help insure Republican control of the U. S. Senate.

I am basing my campaign on issues, all the issues. Yes, even Social Security. And, during the course of this campaign Chris Dodd is going to have to go on record where he stands on a balanced budget, Nicaragua, national defense and Social Security.

And that's where I can beat him. Dodd thinks of himself as an issue man yet his issues, the standard liberal dogma, are out of step with Connecticut voters. Chris Dodd is a young man living in the past.

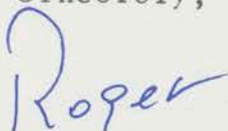
Since my announcement on March 20th I have travelled the state, meeting with business groups, members of the clergy, editorial boards, political gatherings and various other groups. The response has been tremendous.

Majority Leader Bob Dole will be coming to my farm in Connecticut on June 15th for a major fundraiser and Vice-President Bush has agreed to come to the state on my behalf in early September. My first major PAC fundraiser is June 3rd in Washington and will be hosted by Malcolm Baldrige and Senator Lowell Weicker. The Republican House delegation from Connecticut will also be attending.

I can win but I need your help in this campaign. With the proper funding we can beat Chris Dodd and help insure Republican control of the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roger W. Eddy

P.S. I have enclosed various articles and information on the campaign and on my opponent. If you have any questions or if you would like to come to our PAC fundraiser in June please call us at the campaign office (203) 667-3339, 50 Market Square, Newington, CT. 06111; or in Washington: Jan Bain at the National Republican Senatorial Committee, 347-0202.

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ
CHAIRMAN

TOM GRISCOM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

National Republican Senatorial Committee

May 12, 1986

Dear PAC Representative:

Roger Eddy recently announced his decision to seek the Connecticut U.S. Senate seat currently held by Senator Chris Dodd.

Roger is Republican National Committeeman from Connecticut, a former member of the Connecticut House and State Senate and Treasurer of the Republican State party.

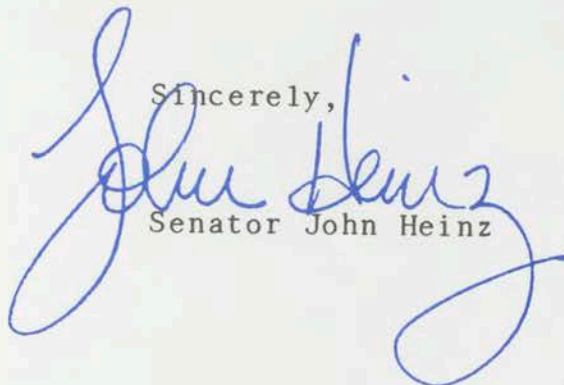
Thomas D'Amore, Connecticut Republican Chairman said Roger was the first choice of the state party.

The Republican party has recently done very well. In Connecticut Republicans gained control of both houses of the legislature in 1984. They picked up 17 seats in the House and 11 seats in the Senate. They also hold 3 of the 6 U.S House seats. Connecticut is not the democratic stronghold of years gone by.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee is committed to giving Roger Eddy our maximum support in his effort to win this seat.

Please join our efforts to hold the Republican Senatorial majority and give your financial support to Roger Eddy.

Sincerely,



Senator John Heinz

HOW SENATOR DODD RATES

Group Ratings

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1984	100	98	0	49	0	42	9	35
1983	80	100	0	26	--	24	6	28

National Journal Ratings

	Economic	Social	Foreign
<u>1984</u>			
Liberal	75%	88%	81%
Conservative	24%	5%	0%
<u>1983</u>			
Liberal	85%	89%	94%
Conservative	14%	10%	5%

DODD'S VOTING HISTORY

Davis - Bacon Reform

*Voted for an amendment to delete a provision of the bill that exempted military construction projects from the so-called Davis-Bacon Act, which required building contractors on federal construction projects to pay locally prevailing wages.

*Voted against an amendment to remove the section of the bill relating to the Davis-Bacon act requirement that an area's prevailing wage rate be paid on federal highway projects.

*Voted for an amendment to repeal a provision of the bill that would exempt military construction projects from the Davis-Bacon Act, which regulates hourly wages for construction workers on federal projects.

PAC Limits

*Cosponsored a bill to amend the Federal Election Act of 1971 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide a 100% tax credit for small contributors to candidates for the United States Senate who agree to abide in general election by an overall spending limit and a limit on the use of personal funds; to create a new overall limit on contributions by nonparty multicandidate political committees to Senate.

Public Financing

*Cosponsored a bill to provide for the public financing of general elections for the United States Senate

Budget

*In the The New York Times, 1982, Dodd said that he would introduce in the Senate a "radical" proposal for restructuring budget-making, called "pay as you go." The radical proposal would take the 1982 budget as a base, and require that those who propose spending increases in any area also recommend new taxes, or cuts elsewhere, to pay for them.

*Voted against the passage of the joint resolution to propose an amendment to the constitution to require a balanced budget at the beginning of each fiscal year unless a three-fifths majority of Congress agreed to deficit spending. The amendment could be waived during the time of a declared war.