

## **The Honorable John Dingell, Jr., of Michigan**

### **“Looking After Your People”**

Memories of Representative John Dingell, Sr., of Michigan campaigning in his district.

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And the Members would go home, and they'd tend to their, their elections. My dad, my dad ran all the time, he, continuously. He was paying off his first campaign 10 years after he was elected. Finally got it, finally got it paid off. You didn't get much help then, particularly when you were a Democrat. It was kind of interesting, because Henry Ford, the elder, got mad at my dad one time for something or other. And he put out 400 people to beat my dad. Pop worked awful hard, but he beat, he beat old Henry Ford. He came back. But you were, you were home-oriented. You couldn't go home during the time the House was in session, because you couldn't afford it. But when the House adjourned, you were home. And you were looking after your people. And my dad was very much that way.