One of the earliest pictures of a president in Minnesota is this drawing by W. A. Rogers for Harper's Weekly of October 5, 1878. It shows President Rutherford B. Hayes viewing prize cattle at the Northwestern Fair, Minneapolis, in early September, 1878. Hayes also visited the Minnesota State Fair during a speech-making tour.

Campaigners in Minnesota

IN AN ELECTION YEAR like 1968, presidential aspirants and their followers raise the decibel level of campaign oratory. Here is a roundup of such oratorical visitors to Minnesota in the past—either candidates on the stump or incumbent presidents (in one case a vice-president) trying to keep political fences mended.

At left, William Jennings Bryan (center, bottom row) stood with fellow Democrats in St. Paul on August 31, 1908, while running unsuccessfully for president for the third time. He is flanked by Governor John A. Johnson (left) and former Governor John Lind. President William McKinley (below), on a campaign tour, watched a parade in Minneapolis of the Thirteenth Minnesota Regiment on October 12, 1899. With him in this Library of Congress picture (from left) are Governor Lind, Alexander Ramsey, Cyrus Northrop, and others.
Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt wore a top hat and sat on a horse in this picture, snapped by one Guy Wilson when police were not looking, at the State Fair on September 2, 1901. Twelve days later, Roosevelt became president after McKinley was assassinated.

President Calvin Coolidge, during a visit to Minnesota in the 1920s, hardly looked the sportsman as he wore a business suit while showing a catch of fish to Mrs. Coolidge.

At the rear of a 1920 campaign train, Warren G. Harding was pictured with (from left) Frank B. Kellogg, Governor J. A. A. Burnquist, and former Governor Samuel R. Van Sant.

During the 1960 campaign, John F. Kennedy spoke at the Democratic-Farmer-Labor bean feed in Minneapolis on October 1. Among those to applaud were Senators Eugene J. McCarthy and Hubert Humphrey (left) and Representatives Joseph Karth (third from left) and Donald Fraser (right).