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W. SHEFFIELD COWLES, Republican, of Farmington, is a veteran legislator. In his fourth term as a member of the Connecticut General Assembly, he became Speaker of the 1955 House of Representatives. His ability as a lawmaker has won him the respect of members of both political parties.

During the 1953 Legislature, Mr. Cowles served as House chairman of the important Finance Committee bringing to that post a background of years of experience in banking and the brokerage business. In previous Legislatures he has served on committees on: Contingent Expenses, Banks, Engrossed Bills and Executive Nominations.

A nephew of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Cowles is a member of a family which traces its residence in Farmington back to 1660. He has been Farmington Republican Town Chairman since 1950 and headed the Republican State Campaign Headquarters Speakers' Bureau in the recent election campaign. His father, the late Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles, USN, had served two terms in the House before him.

A graduate of Yale University, he saw service in the United States Marine Corps in World War I, rising from the rank of Private to that of First Lieutenant. An officer in the United States Navy during World War II, he served on the staff of Rear Admiral William "Bull" Halsey with the rank of Captain.

Member of a New York City brokerage firm, he is a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City, a trustee of Miss Porter's School, Farmington, a member of the Alumni Council of Yale University and a Fellow of Saybrook College of Yale. He is married to the former Margaret Krech, and they have one son and six grandchildren.