

## DAVY CROCKETT

by STEWART H. HOLBROOK

"Cuh-rock-et! Cuh-rock-et!" The calls of bullfrogs in the swamp seemed to grow louder and louder. "Cuh-rock-et!"

"Yep, it looks like I'm gettin' support from all quarters!" shouted Davy Crockett, echoing the frogs' refrain while the crowd roared approval of the frontiersman who was running for Congress of the United States.

For Davy Crockett was their kind of hero. Time and again he had helped clear a patch in the wilderness before moving on to new territory, and everybody knew he was the best shot in all Tennessee. Besides, hadn't he fought in the war with the Creeks? And wasn't he a colonel in the Tennessee militia as well as a judge in the backwoods circuit court?

So the Coonskin Congressman was sent to Washington, where he defended the rights of Indians and opposed bills favoring land speculators.

In *Davy Crockett* by Stewart H. Holbrook we see how every speech and every move helped the legend of Davy Crockett grow to heroic proportions. For, whether he was hunting bear in Franklin County or debating a bill in Congress or just swapping tales about that alligator he used to ride downriver, Davy Crockett showed the courage, independence, and high sense of fair play that Americans admire. That he died a hero's death at the Alamo adds to his stature as a great and colorful figure in our history.

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