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CONVENTION VALUES

By Charles V. Stanton

No one can question the entertainment value of a presidential nominating convention, particularly such a free-for-all as the Republicans are staging in Chicago.

But what about the educational values to be found in these conventions?

Each four years we receive a "refresher course" in democratic government. We are given a review of the state of the Union, for in campaign debates our policies and practices are subjected to intense scrutiny.

We were called recently by a woman who had a question pertaining to certain governmental procedure.

"I think it would be a fine idea if every adult was required to take a review course in civil government. I know I certainly need it," she said.

Actually, the presidential campaigns each four years partially serve that purpose. They, at least, stimulate our interest in government.

Perhaps we find our minds have grown a little hazy concerning procedures and methods of nomination and election. We find our questions answered in the press and on the radio, or, if they remain unanswered, we make inquiry.

Government Of The People

Government is brought directly into our homes. We listen by radio to the voices of men and women we frequently hear mentioned in the news — men and women we have no opportunity to know personally. Yet, by means of radio, we discover their personalities. Persons living in areas served by television will benefit even more from this educational factor as they will both hear and see the principal figures of the political scene.

Ours is a government of the people. It can be such form of government, however, only if the people participate. When we have such stirring conventions as are scheduled for this month, people are stimulated into better understanding of governmental affairs. Thus, while we may decry bitter fights within the parties, the very fact that we have such heated battles only serves to whet the public interest and stir participation on a larger scale. Few people can remain aloof and uninterested as the Republican show progresses toward its climax. Because convention news is so intimately and avidly followed, we can anticipate a large and better informed vote when we go to the polls in November for the final decision.

Delegates Spread Information

Consider, too, the educational effect of our delegate system.

Men and women from every congressional district within the nation attend the conventions as delegates and alternates. Many of these delegates will be attending their first conventions. Others will be veterans. From the veterans the newcomers will "learn the ropes." They will return home filled with interesting "inside" information to tell their friends. The friends to whom they relate these interesting experiences will, in turn, feel closer to their government.

For instance, Roseburg's mayor, Al Flegel, will attend the Democratic convention as an alternate. All of us who know Al will ply him with questions when he returns. From his tales of experiences we will obtain a more intimate picture of the internal workings of the convention. We will gain knowledge from his impressions and observations of candidates, political leaders, policies and issues. We can use the information he transmits in making our own decisions.

While it is true that most of us do need a refresher course in civil government, as our caller suggested, we absorb a great deal of knowledge, perhaps without conscious effort, each time presidential election year rolls around. Furthermore, we obtain, in the bitter campaign fights following conventions, with their debates, criticism, and analysis, a better insight into the broad operation of government.

So we receive education while being simultaneously entertained.



MENDING BASKET
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Well, a stay-at-home can always enjoy thrilling trips by hearing returned travelers' enthusiastic stories! So, when Ye Hostess of the Roaring Camp (highway 38) had a little time on her hands, and we had finished our fried prawns and so on, with really good french-fries, we asked a few questions about Mexico.

Mrs. Telkamp and her daughter, Donna, enjoyed an 8500-mile swing down through Mexico City and Acapulco, and back through Monterey. Maybe they went further south; I lost track of place names after a bit. I gathered that the two thoroughly liked Mexico and the people who dwell there. "I'd like to LIVE there," declared Donna, with enthusiasm, and her mother nodded vigorous agreement.

"We didn't want to just see tourist attractions," declared Mrs. Telkamp, "so we tried some of the side-roads to see real villages and how the people in them lived." (I at once suggested a book — "Quest for a Lost City" — and both Mrs. Telkamp and her daughter said they would get the book at once.) "We liked the people," they said, "and oh, it's such a change from northern hustle and bustle. Everywhere we went English was spoken, and often we heard, 'Take it easy! There's always tomorrow!' and do you know, after a while we did just that! We were gone from December 15

until February 1, and believe me, we saw a lot of Mexico."

"People here told us not to eat the meat," said Donna, "because they have no sanitary laws or refrigeration. But we had good steaks all the way, and good food. Only thing, sometimes we'd eat too much of the real Mexican food that's so awfully hot, and we weren't used to it. But that was incidental."

"They were so kind to us," said Mrs. Telkamp with genuine appreciation, "and that meant so much to us when we were so far away from home, and in really a foreign country. One time a major and his family — they were Castellians — took two whole days to help us see things we might have missed otherwise. Such nice people!"

"We never had a bit of tire trouble," Donna added, "nor any bother about getting gas. Of course they do think, down there, that the tourists are rich. That's because one American dollar brings better than eight pesos in exchange. So when we pay what seems to them fabulous prices, we really are not paying so much as we see it."

Said Mrs. Telkamp, summing it up, "the thing that helped us most was the way the girl in El Paso planned our itinerary for us. She knew exactly where to go and what to do and what to expect. We found courtesy everywhere, and we can hardly wait to go back again and do it all over."

May tourists, of whatever nationality, visiting us be equally enthusiastic!



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — General Douglas MacArthur will accept a vice presidential nomination in order to help put Senator Robert A. Taft, leading contender for the GOP nomination, in the White House.

This was the standout feature emerging on the last day before the Republican National Convention opened here. Delegates, visitors and practical politicians are weighing the general's political assets and talking shop about his chances. The consensus is that he has considerable of both.

The first week of preliminary skirmishing in Chicago left both Senator Taft and General Dwight D. Eisenhower in about the same place they were when their campaign managers arrived in town — neck and neck in the nomination race. And most of the contested delegate fights await the payoff rounds on the convention floor, despite a week of committee wrangling. After a week of it the politicians are happy to be able to have something else to speculate about, and that is vice presidents.

Taft's forces are convinced that General MacArthur's great personal magnetism can be turned into Republican votes. And they expect the general to pyramid that appeal in his keynote address here on Monday. In fact, the copy of the General's speech is probably the most sought after document in Chicago — but it remains in his possession until delivery date. If they had it, large numbers of delegates would quit wondering which way they are going to vote when the roll calls start later in the week.

Nobody expects the General to be dull in his keynote address. And the anxiety over what he will say lies largely in the Eisenhower camp. From the standpoint of oratory and personal appeal not even Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will dispute the fact that General MacArthur will outdraw General Eisenhower three to one. And General MacArthur's impact on the delegates does not need to be inflated with phony grass root demands, such as those being brought into Chicago for General Eisenhower from California and other states.

Among the worst blunders practical politicians—even those favorable to General Eisenhower—lay on the doorstep of his manager, Senator Lodge, is the current litter of pressure letters and telegrams urging Eisenhower's nomination. The tactic is an old left-wing trick and includes, as it did in California, the passing out of sample telegrams and letters to be sent to convention delegates as honest expressions of the will of the voters. For this, and other reasons, Lodge is rapidly being recognized here as the man most likely to obtain the nomination for Senator Taft.

General MacArthur, on the other hand, has had no one meddling in his political beliefs, which he has expressed with certainty on numerous occasions since President Truman decided that his own background as a World War One artillery captain outranked MacArthur's experience as military strategist. The general is coming to Chicago convinced that there is a lingering chance to make the nation secure so long as Republicans name a candidate for the presidency who can display intelligence and integrity without succumbing to praise and promotions again and do it all over."

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In the Day's News

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to give their electoral votes to any Republican candidate. That situation is an old scandal in the Republican party.

Leaving out the four contested Deep South states that have already been mentioned, there are 17 states that either have never gone Republican or have not gone Republican in the last four Presidential elections.

In these 17 states, Taft has 176 delegates and Eisenhower has only 62. If the Republican national committee gives all the contests to Taft, it will make his total in the highly uncertain (if not certainly Democratic) states even more top-heavy.

These figures are interesting to the extent that they show where the Taft strength comes from. A whale of a lot of it, as you can see, comes from states that are practically certain to go Democratic at the general election in November.

It seems probable, from what has already transpired, that wherever there are contests the Taft-dominated Republican national committee will favor the Taft delegates. But it appears likely that the decisions of the committee will be appealed to the floor of the convention. At least, a determined effort will be made by the Eisenhower people to bring that about.

Let's put it this way: The Taft-dominated GOP organization appears at the moment to be more concerned with GETTING ITS MAN NOMINATED than with anything else. But if and when the decision as to contests goes to the floor of the convention there will be a LOT of delegates who will be more interested in electing a Republican President than in anything else.

That will represent quite a change of atmosphere.

Let's take a chance and quote here the latest figures of the Gallup poll. I know that all polls are under acute suspicion. A lot of us believed them four years ago and got badly let down. But after all, the national polls four years ago (including the Gallup poll) were off only a few percentage points. All in all, they were surprisingly close.

In his latest poll, Gallup matched Taft and Eisenhower, each separately, against Kefauver and Stevenson, who at the moment are regarded as the strongest of the Democratic probabilities. Here are the results: If Stevenson runs against Taft, Stevenson will win by the narrow margin of one percentage point. If Kefauver runs against Taft, Kefauver will win by the fairly comfortable margin of nine percentage points.

But if Eisenhower runs against Stevenson, Ike will win by the decisive margin of 28 percentage points and if it is Eisenhower against Kefauver, Eisenhower will win by 20 percentage points.

That's the Gallup poll story. Admittedly, after 1948, the pollsters are deep in the doghouse. But the bulk of the 1206 delegates at the Republican convention this week are going to want to NAME A WINNER. No politician likes to back a loser. And, after all, Pollster Gallup MIGHT be right. At least he has never been VERY far off.

In that situation lies Ike's chance of winning the nomination.

A MANAGING INFIELD
 CENTRALIA, Ill. — The Danville Dans have the talent for brainy plays in the Mississippi-Ohio Valley Class D baseball league. They have three MOV managers in their infield. Beside their current manager, Vuri Minnis, there are Johnny Morris, who managed Paris, Ill., in 1950, and Bob Schlemmer, who piloted Mt. Vernon, Ill., in 1950.

Reader Opinions

Front Page Display Of Story Disapproved

ROSEBURG — (To The Editor) — My disgust for your front page item in last night's paper (July 1) has to be expressed.

To make a front page story of someone's misfortune to get a citation on parking! This man happens to be a tourist. Because he let off steam through a letter to state his side of the story, you take it for a big news story.

Why pick on a tourist? You should hear my steam when I get a citation for over-parking, or when I try to drive through some of your streets with their double parking. Parking on either side of the road, or in the middle, is popular. Take your car a time or two of the day and try driving that block by Denn-Gerretsen's. Then try getting back on the highway without waiting until you lose your temper.

I'm not saying Captain Finley did not deserve this citation. But why make a front page story of it? Why not attack some of our faults that are of regular daily occurrence? For your front page stories, why not write up some of our local stories? I'm sure in a community our size you could find better material. Please give us a paper of interest instead of picking on someone who drives through our city. Maybe there will be a time, as in the past, when we encourage tourists to visit our fair city.

MRS. BESSIE SMITH
Roseburg, Oregon

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MRS. BESSIE SMITH
Roseburg, Oregon

MATCHBOOK VALUABLE

NEW YORK — One of the most valued matchbooks among collectors is the one issued 25 years ago this month when Charles Lindbergh was honored at a luncheon in the Hotel Astor following his epic non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

Tom Torrent, who runs a Brooklyn hobby shop, says his faded copy is valued at \$100—but he won't sell.

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Unemployment In Oregon Upped During June

Thousands of students and housewives who applied for jobs during June increased unemployment during the past month even with greater seasonal activities on farms and in food processing, according to reports from 28 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Portland reported 1,700 more job seekers July 1, accounting for more than half of the 17,100 idle Oregonians as compared with 17,078 a month before. Unemployment was estimated at 8,900 in the metropolitan district, although both Hillsboro and Oregon City reported declines from June 1.

Eugene, Klamath Falls, Albany, Lakeview, Grants Pass and The Dalles also had more workers actively seeking jobs than a month ago. Wet weather accounted for some timber area layoffs but entrance of students and women into the labor market was responsible for most of the trend.

Unfilled job openings listed by local offices were on the decline. Only 1,729 were reported, comparing with 2,330 the month before and 2,370 on July 1, 1951.

Demand for harvest workers slackened in most sections of the

BEANS ON TRACK

MIAMI — Horses couldn't recognize Hialeah race track now from a vegetable field. The famed racing strip is knee-deep this summer in a crop of velvet beans and cow-peas. This off-season treatment is strictly for soil conservation to keep the turf in top condition.

state. Hillsboro, Gresham, Hood River and McMinnville were the only offices noting even a slight increase. Continued warm weather may advance ripening of canberries in western Oregon but the damage to the cherry crop created temporary surpluses of pickers in some areas usually rushed in early July.

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Notes Secured by Stock	1,618.11
Sales Contracts	226.13
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	36,600.00
Government Bonds	150,000.00
Home Office Building	24,000.00
Advanced Borrowers	475.03
Interest Receivable	624.64
Cash on Hand and Due From Banks	77,555.38
	\$2,603,397.00

LIABILITIES	
Investment Stock	\$2,449,950.97
Building Account Reserve	14,600.00
Contingent Reserve	92,205.02
Surplus	12,524.35
Deferred Profit	1,928.79
Incomplete D. R. Loans	29,925.38
Other Reserves	2,262.49
	\$2,603,397.00

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I, H. O. Pargeter, Secretary of the above Association, do hereby solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. O. PARGETER
Secretary

ATTEST:
 M. E. RITTER
President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July, A. D., 1952.

W. F. HARRIS
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires: November 17, 1952.