

July Conventions Give Chance To Learn Elections Procedure

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WASHINGTON — (P) — Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "Where the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with the government."

Jefferson would have approved of the political conventions coming next month. For never before in history has the average citizen had such an opportunity to see how a man is nominated President of the United States. On July 7 the Republicans begin their national convention in Chicago. Two weeks later the Democrats move into the same city, down in the stockyards, to choose their candidates.

NEWSPAPERS, by radio, by television and by magazines the people will be given an unprecedented chance to learn exactly what goes on, and, sometimes even more important, what doesn't go on.

It is an unusual convention. For one thing, these are the conventions to be televised nationally. For another, not since the Roosevelt days has there been a wide open race in both parties.

For many ways the conventions will remain unchanged. It's each party will be making a decision. In these troubled times, a President is burdened with tremendous responsibilities. He falls the world's worries.

AS USUAL, he will be in an atmosphere part serious, part circus, in which hoopla and politics are inextricably mixed.

NPA Officers Elected at Meet
BARTHART — (P) — The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association closed its annual convention Saturday night after election of officers.

Charles V. Stanton, editor of the Oregonian, was elected president. Arthur Steele, editor of the Clatskanie Chief, was elected vice-president. Stanton, who moved up from vice-presidency, succeeds J. Forrester Jr., of the Pendleton Oregonian.

Arant, publisher of the Democrat — Herald, was elected treasurer. Alton Baker Sr., of the Register — Guard, was elected representative — at large the Eric W. Allen Memorial board of trustees.

Directors named: Robert Chessman, Astorian Budget, first district; M. J. Frey, The Oregonian, second district; C. L. McKinley, Independence, third district; Glen Allen, Lakeview Examiner, fourth district; Theresa H. Cox, Oregonian of Prineville, fifth district; Fred Weybret Jr., Grande Evening Observer, sixth district.

College Wins 10-Year Award
LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE, Portland — (Special) — The annual Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, a report of its 42 affiliated churches, gave Lewis and Clark college "for all-around development for the past 10 years."

The inspection committee summed up its report by saying the college has made almost phenomenal strides, both academic and financial, since it moved to its new campus on Palatine Hill during administration of President S. Odell.

The aggregating \$1,313,500, been received to increase the endowment of the college to \$20,000.

In spite of a 1952 operating deficit of \$68,000, caused by reduced enrollment, the college expects to close its books July with a budget surplus of \$50,000. Totaling \$176,000 have been received during the year.

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The business of planning how to present a complete, accurate convention picture began, like the campaigns themselves, long ago.

The Associated Press, for example, has sent three of the nation's top reporters, Jack Bell, Reiman Morin and Don Whitehead, to join local experts in giving the result—and the meaning—of state primaries.

D. HAROLD OLIVER, who literally has grown gray on the political beat, has supervised the score that shows how many pre-convention votes each candidate has, and how many votes he says he has.

As for the convention itself, an Associated Press army of around 150 men and women will be in Chicago to tell a complex, fascinating story in words and pictures.

William L. Beale Jr., chief of the Washington bureau, will direct the convention coverage. Associated with him will be Al Orton, head of the Chicago bureau, and Don Kovacic, Washington news editor. Newsphoto executive F. A. Resch will come from New York to direct picture coverage.

FUNDAMENTALLY, a convention is two stories. It's the main story of who is going to get the nomination, and it's also the story of what each state delegation is up to.

For that reason AP coverage is split into two parts. Twenty-six reporters and editors will be primarily concerned with giving the reader the national picture. Twenty-three others will be explaining to each state what its delegates are doing.

In addition each of the leading persons in the presidential picture — Taft, Eisenhower, Warren, Stassen, Barkley, Harriman, Kefauver, Kerr, Russell and Stevenson — will have a reporter keeping tabs on him. If anyone else springs into the front line, he, too, will pick up a watchful reporter.

FROM the convention floor, from the caucuses, from the news conferences, from hasty meetings in hotel rooms the news will flow in. A topflight team of editors will sort, discard, mend and patch in an effort to make everything complete and easy to understand.

The main story for morning papers will be written by Douglas B. Cornell; Jack Bell will write the afternoon story. Bell, who heads the AP Senate staff, and Cornell, who covered the White House during much of the time Roosevelt was there, each has had years of political experience.

RAYMOND J. CROWLEY will be in charge of the convention news report for morning newspapers. Gardner L. Bridge and James W. Davis will team to supervise the news flow for afternoon papers. William T. Peacock, a crackjack desk man who has worked on all the big Washington stories in recent years, will help Bell keep the afternoon story up to the minute with each new development.

Ed Haakinson, who beat many of the Senators to the U.S. Senate (he started reporting there in 1936), Norman Walker, the AP's labor expert, and Ovid A. Martin, the AP's farm specialist, will cover the drawing up of the party platforms.

SUCH REPORTERS as William F. Aronson, who heads the AP house staff, and Marvin L. Aronson, who helped cover Dewey's campaign four years ago, will work on the running story of the convention and handle roving assignment.

NEW YORK Expert Tells Problem
'Highway Hypnosis' Rated As Top Vacation Hazard

NEW YORK — The motorist with reflexes too dulled by fatigue for the split-second reactions necessary for safety in modern traffic is a major highway hazard. This is the opinion of Paul F. Stricker, executive vice president of The Greater New York Council.

Pointing out that the average motorist might have to make as many as 50 decisions an hour under crowded summer weekend conditions, Mr. Stricker said that the weary, unalert driver invites disaster for himself, his passengers and other travelers if he pushes on when physically unfit.

Mr. Stricker suggested that vacationists would enhance chances of safe arrival at chosen resorts if they'd interrupt their trips once in a while for coffee and a stretch.

"UNINTERRUPTED driving develops a sort of highway hypnosis. After a while vigilance is relaxed, and the warning senses doze. It is at this point that a halt should be called, like the restful coffee break in industry, and both driver and passenger should get out of the car for ten minutes or so.

For the man who rushes home from work Friday evening, hops into his car and starts off overnight to vacationland, Mr. Stricker has one word: "Don't."

"On any other workday evening in the year this man would tell his wife that he was completely exhausted, that he was too tired even to go to the movies. Then he would curl up for an 8-hour sleep after an honest day's work.

"But not, in too many instances, on the night before vacation. Although this same tired man has

done a full day's work, he feels he must drive all night so that he will not miss one single minute of the enjoyment of his vacation. And so he starts out to fight traffic and the glare of headlights at a time when he was never more unfit to drive a car safely.

"THIS MAN may think he is doing himself and his family a favor by stretching his vacation a few hours. He may even feel a little proud that he is sacrificing his rest so that his family can get to the mountains or the shore a half day early. Actually, his 'sacrifice' may turn out to be the welfare of himself, family and, even more reprehensibly, the lives of others on the highways he travels."

Mr. Stricker listed these "do's" as important to highway safety: Start your trip when rested, not after a hard day's work when fatigue has already set in.

• Let plenty of fresh air into the car as an anti-drowsiness precaution.

• Make a stop at least once every two hours; walk around; stretch your limbs.

• Engage in light conversation with your passengers; it will help keep you alert.

• In case of doubt as to your own fitness to continue driving, pull off the road to rest or go to a hotel and sleep.

• Hold speeds down to 50 miles an hour even where faster rates of travel are permitted.

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A SUMMER-LONG PROGRAM to promote interest in competitive swimming for boys and girls in this area was begun by this group of professional and lay leaders. The program is sponsored by the Register-Guard. It starts immediately and will be climaxed with an all-area meet at the Eugene municipal pool Aug. 22. In the picture, from left to right, are Bev Marlatt and Mike Marlatt, laymen; Robert Bertsch, Register-Guard promotional director; Al Dahlen, Eugene Bureau of Recreation sports director; Dick Strite, R-G sports editor; George Pratt, layman; Ray Hendrickson, director of athletics and physical education for the Eugene school district; Barney Bartholomew, sports reporter; Clayton Anderson, director of the Willamalane Park District; Tommy Williams, Lynn Rohlf and Joan Paine, representing the Red Cross; and Chuck Wiper, general chairman of the program. (See story Page 1.)

Weekend Guests 'Thistles' In Many Summer Paradises

By HAL BOYLE
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NEW YORK — (P) — Weekend guests are the thistles in many a summer paradise.

People who own a small place in the country love to trade horror tales about the weird guests that descend upon them from the city in quest of tax-free entertainment.

They often speak of these visitors as if they were a ravenous locust plague. The average weekend guest is pictured as a man who—

A—Leaves his footprints on the bathtub and walls;

B—Tries to kiss his host's wife behind his back;

C—Keeps tramping on his hosts' children, and not always accidentally;

D—Laps up the host's entire monthly liquor supply, then makes long distance calls to friends in London and Paris, leaving the charges for his host to pay.

But it always has seemed to me this is a one-sided story. All rural hosts agree there is no such thing as a perfect weekend guest. On the other hand, it isn't exactly easy to find a perfect weekend host.

It might be a good idea if long-suffering weekend guests banded together and got some Duncan Hines or Emily Post to protect them.

Why not put up signs before

all country homes rating the owners? For example: "Host strongly recommended but wife is terrible gossip." Or, "food okay, but host is terrible bore." Or, "Guest beware — bring your own sandwiches." Or even, "Run for your life."

Guests who are invited to spend "A quiet, restful weekend away from it all," must learn by trial and error now that a host in the suburbs isn't always the same fellow he seemed in the city.

Here are a few standard types, recognizable to all veteran guests:

• The Slave — Labor host. — He shows up wearing overalls and carrying a trowel. All he wants you to do is help him build a garage and a 100-foot winding concrete driveway between Friday and Sunday evening.

• The Keep-Fit Host — Every morning before dawn he barges into your room saying, "If we hurry we can get in five sets of tennis before noon. That'll leave us plenty of time to play softball with the kids, and then we can go horseback riding." What does he care if you drop dead?

• The Ain't Nature Grand Host — This husky boy has to have every meal outdoors. The mosquitoes eat you as you try to eat a barbecued hotdog that looks like a burned clothes pin. The salad he made with lettuce from his own garden also turns out to have a few sprigs of poison ivy in it.

• The Everflowing Bottle Host — He shows up at the station with baggy eyes. You just know he has poured a gallon of gin into his swimming pool, because he can't even take a dip into water unless it has a martini flavor.

• The Make a Profit Host — The first thing he does is set up a card table, and he and his wife play bridge together like Hoyle and Mrs. Hoyle. If they don't win enough off you to buy a sailboat, their weekend is ruined, and you are a bum.

There is still another type host, the kind that guests dream about but never meet. He is the perfect host. When you arrive, he hands you the keys to his house and car.

Then he packs up his wife and kids, calls a taxi and doesn't come back until Tuesday, by which time naturally you have gone, refreshed, rested and happy after a wonderful weekend alone.

Methodist Conference Planned for Salem
PORTLAND — (P) — The Oregon Methodist Conference decided Saturday to hold its centennial session next year at the First Methodist Church in Salem.

This year's session will close here Sunday after announcement of ministerial appointments for the coming year.

Geographers Plan International Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Twelve hundred geographers from more than 60 countries converge on Washington in early August to attend the eighth general assembly of the International Geographical Union and the seventeenth International Geographical Congress.

High ranking Government officials will welcome the visiting geographers. So will such well known American geographers as Dr. Richard U. Light, president of the American Geographical Society of New York and Dr. Herbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society of Washington, D. C.

Sessions of the Congress and Union will be held in the Statler hotel from August 8 to 13. Some 300 learned papers, dealing with geography in all its facets, will be read and published.

THE UNITED STATES National Committee of the International Geographical Union has been arranging for the meetings for nearly three years. Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., executive secretary of the Division of International Relations, National Research Council, has served as chairman.

The first International Geographical Conference was held in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1871. During the next 50 years, ten congresses were held under various sponsorships. In 1922, the International Geographical Union was organized and congresses since that date have been under its auspices. The 1952 Congress will be the seventeenth.

This summer's conferences will be the first international gathering of geographers in the United States since 1904 when the eighth congress convened successfully in Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis. Because the activities shifted from city to city, the delegates dubbed the 1904 meeting the "Peripatetic Congress."

WHILE OFFICIAL meetings of the new congress will be confined to Washington, several excursions have been planned for visiting geographers. They include a transcontinental tour to scenic centers in the West and Southwest; a geographical and historical tour of New England, a first-hand study of the industrial cities of the lower Great Lakes region; and a tour of the Southern States, including a visit to the Tennessee valley.

Several geographers who attended the meetings in 1904 are expected to be present in 1952. Among them is Dr. Grosvenor, then as now, editor of the National Geographic Magazine. He will deliver a formal paper on the teaching of geography.

OFFICIAL HOSTS in Washington of the Congress include the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council, which adheres to the International Geographical Union on behalf of the United States Government; the National Council of Geography Teachers, the Association of American Geographers and the two Geographic societies.

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