



FRIENDLY FOES—Democratic presidential hopefuls line up for a Chicago TV program as prelude to national convention. Left to right: Averell Harriman, Vice President Alben Barkley, Senator Estes Kefauver, Senator Robert Kerr and Senator Richard Russell.

Cooperation Draws Praise in Search For Missing Boy

L. L. (Doc) Simpson, secretary-manager of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, today told how hundreds of persons pitched in to "do a job" over the week end, during the successful search for five-year-old Ernie Leffler.

Simpson, who operates the county-wide radio network of the SOCTFA, was called upon early in the search, on Saturday afternoon. The radio was used to summon volunteer searchers, to arrange for food, and to coordinate search activities in conjunction with the U. S. Forest Service radio and telephone hookup.

Provide Food

Simpson particularly praised the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross, which took responsibility for supplying food for the searchers. Ed Branchfield, chapter president, worked late into the night Saturday, arranging for sandwiches and other food, and then drove the dirty, bumpy 60 miles to the lake with Simpson to deliver the groceries.

Mrs. Enid Rankin, chapter secretary, also worked much of Saturday night on the same assignment. Macy Arnold, of the Vets club, was instrumental in seeing that the order for 250 sandwiches was prepared by early Sunday morning, and others working on the order included the Trailways bus depot cafe, and Kim's restaurant. Anderson's Super-Thrift market provided the supplies.

Up All Night

At the scene of the search, Mrs. C. A. Capello, wife of one of the searchers in the party which found Ernie alive and well Sunday afternoon, was tireless in cooking food, fixing sandwiches and making coffee. She stayed up all night Saturday, and remained at the job most of Sunday, serving tired, hungry and dusty searchers.

Members of the search parties were furnished by a group of lumber firms, including Medford corporation (six of whose men found the boy), Elk lumber company (which furnished the radio car which kept the search camp in contact with the "outside," Oscar Hanson, Bea York, Kogap and Magnolia.

Simpson also expressed appreciation to the valley's three radio stations, KYJC, KMED and KWJN, for their cooperation in broadcasting appeals for volunteer searchers, many of whom made their own way to the lake.

Other groups participating included the Klamath County Mounted Sheriff's posse, the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit, Klamath deputy sheriffs, Forest Service personnel, and many others, including a group of 27 Boy Scouts from Camp McLoughlin at Lake O' Woods.

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Truman's Alternate Convention Delegate Keeps Vote Secret

Chicago — (U.P.) — Thomas J. Gavin carries "the word" lightly on his broad Irish shoulders.

He is President Truman's alternate delegate to the Democratic National convention. When Gavin casts his vote on the first ballot, probably Thursday, the country will know the identity of Mr. Truman's choice for the Democratic nomination for president.

He held a press conference Sunday. But he withheld "the word" he says he got from the White House on a receipt trip to Washington.

Some Democratic politicians here hinted he may not have got it at all. They suggested he won't learn Mr. Truman's choice until just before the voting starts.

If so, Gavin is a good bluffer.

"I have received by instructions," he said. "I will make my choice known on the floor."

Gavin, a Kansas City ward politician, knows his fame will be short-lived. He knows that once he releases "the word" photographers will stop taking his picture and reporters will stop asking him questions.

"I know how hot I am now and how cold I will be after I cast that ballot," he said.

Other members of the 34-vote Missouri delegation look for Gavin to turn loose his secret during the first ballot just before the clerk reaches Missouri on the roll call. They expect him to pass "the word" to Gov. Forrest Smith, the delegation chairman. They figure the delegation will vote solid for Mr. Truman's choice.



THOMAS J. GAVIN
Carries 'The Word'

Second Strike Faces Tacoma Newspaper

Tacoma — (U.P.) — The Tacoma News-Tribune, which settled one strike last week, was faced with another walkout Monday.

The Tacoma division of the Seattle - Tacoma Newspaper Guild voted to reject a work-contract proposal, thereby taking over the picket lines of AFL pressmen who had signed a contract ending a 14-week-old dispute.

Howard Clifford, chairman of the Tacoma unit of the reporters' organization, said members voted to turn down the company-proposed contract because management had "withdrawn specific recognition of guild jurisdiction of inside circulation and display advertising departments and had withdrawn satisfactory job and union security clauses."

PAYS TAXES FAST

Swampscott, Mass. — (U.P.) — Clement E. Kennedy, hotel owner, who always pays the taxes on his New Ocean House within 24 hours of the time they are assessed, beat his own record this year. Fifteen minutes after the bill was presented, Kennedy handed the tax collector, Malcolm MacLean, a check for slightly more than \$25,000.

Members of Congress are not eligible to serve in the electoral college.

Portlander, 73, Gives Up After Being AWOL 47 Years

Portland — (U.P.) — Lodged in the Portland city jail, awaiting a visit from Army criminal investigators in Seattle, is 73-year-old James T. Coss who after 47 years decided to give himself up for going AWOL from the Army.

Coss, whose real name is Banks C. Roddey, deserted an isolated Army post in Alaska in 1905 after embezzling several hundred dollars of Army money. Sunday, he walked into Portland police headquarters and gave himself up.

Conscience Bothered

He said a preying conscience and an urge to square accounts led him to go to the police station.

In 1905, when he was 26 years old and a Signal Corps sergeant "too much booze" led him to embezzle money from a government account, he told detectives. A telegrapher, he was in charge of a four-man Army telegraph station in Fairbanks.

He came to San Francisco disguised as a prospector, wearing a Van Dyke beard and carrying a sourdough's kit.

Worked As Mechanic

About 30 years ago he came to Portland where he has worked as a mechanic.

His only serious brush with the law since his desertion was in 1931 when he got drunk and held up a local restaurant, for which he served six-months in

the Oregon state prison.

Detectives said his future is up to the Army. Notified of his surrender, the provost marshal's office said it is stumped as to what to do.

CITY BARS WHITE MICE

Mt. Clemens, Mich. — (U.P.) — This city lost a vital industry when Gerald Schmitt moved out into the country. He raised white mice and sold 1,000 a month to scientific laboratories and hospitals for experimental purposes. When neighbors complained, the city commission told him he would have to give up his mice or move out of town.

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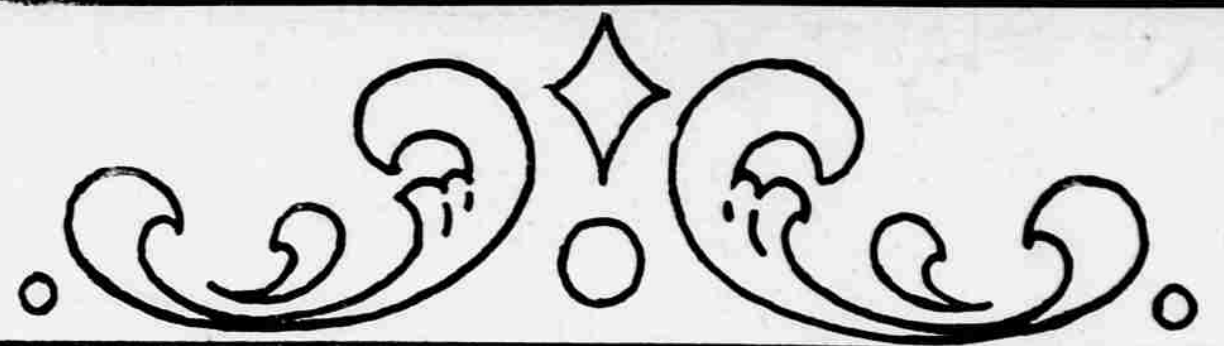
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