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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

With Chicago and the Democratic convention drawing closer by the minute all the crystal ballers are breaking out their polishing cloths and furnishing up their accoutrements for another hasty glance into the future.

Nobody ever seems to think of glomping into the past and picking up a few hints and trends. But believe me it's a heck of a lot more accurate than all this fold-out about the future.

Your expert forecasters, "special" by a few of them that advertise their wares and boast of their prowess on the air, really don't have a lot to go on. They rave and rant and shout and end up with predictions of things to come. If they are wrong they apologize. Then at the end of the year they count up all the apologies and give forth with a 110 percent correct record of predictions.

Professional politeness for the press are just as much a prediction and then follow it up with what actually happened. By the time you spend a year reading all these you are bemused, bemuddled and a pensive client for the optician. But

they don't sway very much opinion for a man who thinks.

And there is the secret of the whole thing. Every voter in this country ought to be his own forecaster, and should do his own thinking before casting a vote on any issue. A bunch of irresponsible people blindly following the advice of a political pedagogue can do more to ruin a country than all the armies of the world put together.

And after getting that off my chest I predict that a large majority of the people will sit around fishing, having one more at the corner tavern reading the latest best seller, picnicking, sleeping off last night and discussing the next duck season until November rolls around. Then they will tune in their radio, pick up their newspaper and current events magazines and hurriedly jot down a listing from the files of the forecasters. If they are lucky they might remember 'em until they get to the polls.

Horse players use the same system.

And horse players, as we all know, die broke.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Everybody loves a parade, but the one I like best to watch is the one out of the office at quitting time each day.

It is then the human parade looks most human. And you can tell something about each inmate by the way he starts the long voyage home.

The average worker will recognize at least some of the following standard office types:

1. The clock watcher—this reluctant beaver has developed a sane 18 neck from raising his head to study the clock. When it hits 5:30 he is off like a springing deer. He couldn't get out of the place faster if someone hollered "fire!"
2. The two hoary philosophers—one gets up and says, "another day, another dollar." And the other climbs to his feet and says, "yeah, a million days—a million dollars." They have been saying this every day for 37 years, and neither has four bits in the bank.
3. The worried suburbanite—he hauls out a timetable and starts muttering, "If I stop off and have one for the road I can catch the 6:03 train. If I have two, I can make it by 6:21. If I have three, I'm in a jam. I can't—"
4. The fiddle-faddler—he has been trying to look busy all day without doing anything. Finally he quickly shoves a mass of papers in a drawer, and announces loudly, "Boy, what a workout this has been. Finally got my desk clean, though." But the only guy he's got fooled is the janitor.
5. The beat-the-gun artist—at 5:20 he gets up as if to go to the water cooler. Then he swiftly slides out the door, and runs down the fire exit so no one will see him catching the elevator.
6. The day dreamer—he sits there with glazed eyes until someone kindly shakes him and says, "wake up, Homer, the ordeal is over."
7. The femme fatale stenographer—she has heavy duty since 2:30 she's been in the ladies room primping and putting on her cocktail party dress. When she emerges a cloud of scent trails her, and for the next three days the filing cabinets smell like a catalog of French perfumes.
8. The office wolf—he sees the stenographer, arises like a mesmerized puppy, and follows her out, hoping to ambush her in the elevator.
9. The boss—he comes out of his sanctum at 5:38, looks up at the clock in smug virtue, then shakes his head tiredly with an air of executive sacrifice.
10. The ambitious vassal—he closes his desk drawer with a loud bang, then races out in time to say breathlessly, "Ge, boss you're working late—again." What he means by this, of course, is, "look at me, boss, I worked late, too. You can count on good old loyal me ever time, boss."

Well, there they are—the office pilgrims. Just getting out of the office each night takes them more real acting ability and energy than John Barrymore ever put into "Hamlet."

No wonder the tired businessman arrives home so worn out.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman signed a bill Wednesday boosting the pensions of retired federal employees up to a maximum \$324 a year.

The higher benefit payments would go to civil service employees who retired prior to last April 1 and would amount to \$36 for each six months they have been on the pension rolls.

The maximum increase, however, would be \$24 annually or 25 per cent of what the annuitant now receives, whichever is less. Annuitants whose pension now is \$2,190 or more annually would get no increase.

The increases also would be received by widows and children already receiving payments as the survivors of retired employees.

The increases would end on June 30, 1954, unless Congress appropriates for them.

YAKIMA (AP) — Lee M. Johnson, sole survivor of an automobile accident which killed nine other persons last Friday, said Wednesday his wife was driving their pickup truck.

Mrs. Johnson and their six children all were killed when a gasoline tank truck plowed into their 24 year old conveyance and then a car ran into the tanker. All were traveling the same direction.

Johnson, still in serious condition from head injuries, made the statement under questioning by Pres. Atty. Ronald Hill and other officials.

Hill said Johnson has not yet been told of the fate of his family. Also killed were the drivers of the tank truck and the car.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The giant Aluminum Company of America Wednesday asked the government for a price increase of at least 10 percent.

The application filed with the Office of Price Stabilization requested a boost of two cents a pound on aluminum pig and a 10 percent increase on aluminum ingot, semi-fabricated and fully fabricated aluminum products.

The proposed increase on pig would raise the price from 18 to 20 cents a pound.

OPS officials said the company based its request on increased cost for materials and labor and on anticipated higher labor costs.

The agency said it has made no advanced study of the aluminum price situation and is unable to say whether action may be taken.

An industry advisory committee will be formed to review the situation quickly as possible.

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James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Just a bunch of amateurs."

That was the appraisal of Senator Taft's braintrusters given witheringly by one of the men most responsible for General Eisenhower's victory.

Pro or amateur, Taft's advisors were mostly political oldtimers. Maybe that was their trouble. They used the oldtime approach: Bull your way through.

When that failed all they had left was the primitive tactic of personal attack. They used that on Gov. Dewey but it didn't work then, either.

Perhaps nothing would have worked. Perhaps Eisenhower's nomination was clinched before the convention started. At any rate, Taft's right-hand men are blaming one another now for what happened in Chicago.

By sheer force, because they controlled the convention machinery, they rolled over Eisenhower before the convention started by loading the speakers' list with pro-Taft people.

But, looking back, it's plain now that Taft began losing ground when his Southern followers got into a wrangle with the Eisenhower people over delegates.

It handed the Eisenhower staff something they badly needed, an issue. They worked it for all it was worth. They called it a moral issue. They cried "theft and corruption." They got the Republican governors to yell for "fair play."

This rumpus practically guaranteed Eisenhower would win the disputed delegates once the quarrel on the convention floor, and for this reason:

Unless he won, the party would have to go into the campaign with a corruption charge over its head, the very charge the Republicans wanted to use against the Democrats.

When the action starts in a Greek tragedy, the heroes move steadily to ward disaster, their doom becoming inevitable. Aristotle said the inevitability of it was due to a defect in their character.

Whether there was a defect in Taft's advisors, such as inflexibility or inability to gauge the magnitude of the delegate dispute, once it started they seemed unable to save themselves.

They showed this in barring TV and radio from the National Committee hearings on the delegates, an action completely unnecessary since they let newsmen cover every word of the hearings.

But it played into the hands of the Eisenhower people by adding to whatever suspicions or doubts they already had been able to plant in the public mind.

Next the Taftites wouldn't let even the newsmen sit in when the National Committee, having finished the hearings, began to deliberate on a decision. The Eisenhower people exploited all this.

Too late, the Taft men realized their mistake. When the next step was taken—hearings on the delegate dispute by the Credentials Committee—newsmen, TV and radio were all admitted, not only to the hearings but to the decision sessions, too.

It was when the convention as a whole repudiated their claims to date, when Taft people attacked Dewey. Again the reaction was not good.

Now it's the turn of the Eisenhower staff, which has control of the party, at least temporarily, to show how they'll operate.

As soon as they won, Senator Nixon of California was chosen by agreement behind closed doors as the party's vice presidential nominee. The delegates as a whole had no state of candidates from which to choose.

True, the convention was exhausted from its five bitter days. True, too, that Republicans and Democrats are a traditional enemy. Quick work of picking their vice presidential candidate.

Nevertheless, selection of a vice president is almost as important as choosing a presidential candidate. Nixon will be president if Eisenhower wins and dies.

LAPEER, Mich. (AP) — Lapeer's Mayor asked the FBI Wednesday to investigate for possible "subversive influence" in the Lapeer county eviction strike.

The request was made by Mayor W. E. Rowden after sympathizers of the evicted widow Elizabeth Stevens moved some of her property back into her padlocked farm Tuesday night in defiance of sheriff's orders.

Mrs. Stevens is still confined to a hospital for treatment of high blood pressure, shock and bruises which her physician said were incurred during the eviction. She is expected to be released late this week.

Mayor Rowden said he was asking FBI investigation of "those who are influencing the people of Lapeer county to resist the orders of the court and law enforcement officers."

Termining the tumultuous eviction battles "a disgrace to the people of Lapeer County and to the state of Michigan as well," Mayor Rowden declared.

"I believe subversive influence is at the bottom of the condition now existing."

The mayor said his request was not necessarily connected with Tuesday night's action by the widow's farm neighbors.

Under cover of darkness they broke padlocks on the property and carried back into the deserted farmhouse the same modest belongings a sheriff's crew had tossed onto a road shoulder last Friday.

Mrs. Stevens, 60-year-old mother of nine children, was dragged off

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The 10 cities are Newport, Lebanon, Mt. Angel, Vale, Nyssa, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Toledo, Wheeler and Nehalem.

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Serving with him will be Dr. W. E. Buchanan, Eugene, senior vice commander; O. T. Gullickson, Portland, junior vice commander, and T. R. Pendergrass, Portland, chief of staff.

Mrs. Mary Harding Astoria, was named president of the auxiliary. Other officers: Mrs. Beanie Sutton, Albany, senior vice president; Mrs. Dora E. Pendergrass, Portland, junior vice president.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Thursday gave a recess appointment to Monroe Mark Friedman to be federal judge for Northern California.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower

By SAUL PITT
Associated Press Writer

This is the concluding chapter in a series of articles portraying the life and times of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee. In this column, the writer traces the pressures behind the reluctant transition of a popular military hero into a full fledged political candidate.

By what mental process does a man decide he ought to be President of the United States?

Does he start simply by wanting the job because it is the biggest, the most important and carries the most prestige of any in the world?

Does he then unconsciously change the word "want" to "ought" by rationalizing personal ambition into a sense of duty?

Or does he begin thinking of the White House purely out of a sense of duty, as a patriotic response to the demands of many that he serve?

In the case of Dwight D. Eisenhower, his admirers are certain it was duty alone which finally, after years of soul-searching, made him available for the Republican nomination.

He had more than enough glory for one man after liberating Europe, his admirers say.

He did not need to seek the presidential nomination, they add; it sought him.

Responsing to his first presidential nomination in 1943, Ike said "baloney."

But nine years later he was a candidate. Why? What changed his mind?

Eisenhower critics may say he was merely being coy, waiting for the right time.

But Eisenhower supporters answer that he had to wrestle through two convictions.

One was that no military man, except in very special conditions, should serve in the White House.

The other was that no American should refuse any call to service.

Ike's friends also point to his action in 1948 to prove the sincerity of his reluctance. In that year, some said, he might have had the nomination of either party or both.

But both friends and critics must agree that the man from Abilene went through a fascinating evolution from general to avowed candidate.

In April, 1943, speaking of one place of his job in Europe, Ike wrote a friend: "Once this war is over, I hope never again to hear the word 'politics.'"

In September, 1943, the word took on a different meaning.

While few other people noticed, a legion poet boomed him for president, said Eisenhower:

"Baloney! Why can't a simple soldier be left alone to carry out his orders? And I furiously object to the word 'candidate' I ain't and won't."

On June 22, 1945, he told a news conference in Abilene:

"All I want is to be a citizen of the United States, and when the War Department turns me out to pasture that's all I want to be. I want nothing else. It is silly to talk about me in politics."

"There's no use my denying that I'll fly to the moon, because someone has suggested it. The same goes for politics. I'm a soldier and I'm positive no one thinks of me as a politician."

The general was never more wrong. Less than two months later someone did suggest him for President. Someone very important.

After the Potsdam conference, President Truman told Ike, "General, there is nothing you may

Pipeline To Connect Cities

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 102-mile oil pipeline linking Crescent City, Calif., and Medford, Ore., is planned by the newly organized California-Oregon Pipeline Co.

Construction of the six-inch line, expected to cost about 21 million dollars, probably will start next year, Thomas B. Crowley, San Francisco, president of the firm, said. He said an allocation for pipe had been received but arrangements for financing and acquiring the pipe still were to be worked out.

Oil now is trucked between the two points for the Southern Oregon area.

Prices, Taxes Offset Income

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average American family made more in 1951 than it did the year before—but it was worse off because rising prices and climbing taxes more than wiped out the gain in income.

The Federal Reserve Board said Wednesday its survey of consumer finances showed that average total income of "spending units"—mostly families—rose from \$3,520 in 1950 to \$3,840 in 1951, a rise of about nine per cent.

But consumer prices also went up nine per cent, wiping out the income gain. And increased taxes tipped the scales against the average family, cutting buying power below the previous year.

Portlander Vet Head

LA GRANDE (AP) — A. J. Bush, Portlander, is the new commander of the Oregon United Spanish War Veterans.

He was elected at the group's 44th annual encampment Wednesday.

Serving with him will be Dr. W. E. Buchanan, Eugene, senior vice commander; O. T. Gullickson, Portland, junior vice commander, and T. R. Pendergrass, Portland, chief of staff.

Klamath Nun Wins Degree

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Communist Move Prisoners To New North Korea Site

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Communists Thursday said they have moved their prize captive, U. S. Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, from a prisoner of war camp at the bomb-shattered capital of Pyongyang to a new camp in North Korea but did not give his new location.

The disclosure came in an exchange of letters by liaison officers of the United Nations Command and Communist troops teams at Panmunjom.

The Red letter told of a large scale prisoner transfer, involving Dean, former commander of the U. S. 24th Infantry Division, and numerous Korean captives.

The allied communication demanded an accounting of 1,881 missing U. N. soldiers believed in Communist stockades. The U. N. Command said it has been making the request since December with "totally unsatisfactory" results.

The Allies at the same time answered a similar request from the Communists for an accounting of 1,014 Allied-held prisoners, with information on all but four the captives.

Dean is a medal of honor winner from Berkeley, Calif. He was captured in August, 1950.

The Reds announced his transfer in notifying the U. N. that they had abolished three prisoner of war camps and set up six new ones. Four of the new ones are at or near Pyongyang, target of

Polio Shows Big Increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Public Health Service Thursday reported 1,047 new cases of infantile paralysis in the nation last week. That was 426—or 67 per cent—above the 621 for the week ended July 5.

The new report brought the total for the "discovery year"—the period starting with the week ended April 5—to 4,032 cases.

In 1949—the peak year for reported poliomyelitis cases—the total for the same period was only 3,272. Only 2,557 cases had been listed at this time last year.

The record 1949-50 "discovery year" listed 42,638 cases.

A part of last week's increase, the service said, probably was caused by delay in reporting cases of the previous week which had shown an increase of only six per cent.

Last week's total of 1,047 cases compared with 615 in the similar week last year and a five-year median (1947-51) of 662 cases for the week.

Texas reported the most cases last week, 186, compared with 92 in the similar 1951 week.

Iowa was next, with 77 cases last week, compared with 22 the week before and Louisiana had 60, compared with 27 the week before.

Hawaii where incidence had been high this year, reported 18 cases last week, compared with 18 the week before.

ICC Asked To Cut Train Runs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission was asked Thursday to approve a slight curtailment of passenger train service between Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Ore., because trucks now are hauling mail.

The petition was filed by the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific railroads, which operate pooled passenger trains between these points and divide the revenues.

The carriers noted that the Post-office Department has recently transferred much of the mail transported between Seattle and Portland and intermediate points to motor trucks employed under contract.

This move, the petition said, will require a reduction in the number of passenger trains operated between those points.

The companies said they already have discontinued the second section train service night trains leaving Portland and Seattle at 1:30 p. m. local time, and that they now want to eliminate passenger trains 401 and 404 leaving Portland and Seattle at 8:30 a. m. local time.

The Union Pacific and Great Northern operate daily on this route will continue to provide fast service.

Barkley Relative Held By Police

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An 18-year-old youth who described himself as the grandson of Vice President Alben W. Barkley, was released Wednesday after being held overnight for questioning.

The youth said he was Alben William Barkley Truitt, son of Alben W. Barkley, and was a daughter of the vice president.

Police reported they found the boy in possession of a loaded pistol in a paper bag, and had been recruiting travelers to carry firearms "while moving peacefully through the state."

The youth said he was employed on a construction project at Valdez, Alaska, until June 30, and had been hitch-hiking to the home of an uncle in Paducah, Ky.

No Injuries From High Fall

PORTLAND (AP) — James Newton, 34, of Lake Grove, fell from the third story window of a hospital here Wednesday but suffered only minor injuries, police reported.

He was washing windows when he lost his footing and fell on to a large shrub which cushioned his fall.

Bales Moves To Basin Building

HOWARD Bales, formerly manager of the Paint and Hardware department of the Long Bell Lumber Company in Klamath Falls, recently was named head of a similar department for the Basin Building Materials Company.

Bales is well known in the Klamath area and he has been in the paint and hardware business for six years.

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