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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

The July issue of the Weyerhaeuser magazine, in the Klamath Falls section, brings to light a new problem in the world of today.

How can you leave a note for the milkman now that we are using the new paper cartons?

And a very good question it is. A letter signed by Tony Glum brings the problem to light. Now it is up to the great research department of WTC to do something about it.

If there are any suggestions please forward same to the company care of the local plant. I'd like to know how it's done myself.

The Democratic convention has been furnishing most of the amusement for folks these days. "Specialty" the Republicans. There is a certain savage satisfaction in being able to think back a brief two weeks and remember the Demos strong statements that they certainly weren't going to be involved

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

A bulletin came over the wire at this moment (Thursday afternoon) that President Truman personally has settled the steel strike. The timing is wonderful.

Could it be that I'll win that bet after all? The bet was made three or four months ago, that Harry Truman again would be the Democratic nominee in 1952.

The bet was made on the premise that the continuation of the Demo regime depended on keeping the myriad of party connections and dependencies in status quo, and for that reason Truman would have to run whether he liked it or not.

If Governor Stevenson can be eased into the driver's seat without letting any slack in the reins, then the bet is lost after all.

A chance for the Republican upset, on the other hand, depended on getting a new skipper at the helm. That has been accomplished, so there is the chance. That's all.

The Republican chance depends on Eisenhower capturing the imagination of average people by showing them a vision of a better future.

Continuation of the Demo dynasty depends on successfully producing a fifth act to the drama

Hal Boyle

Editor's Note: Trellis Mae Peble, America's most average wife, is a casualty of the most exciting session of the national donkey serenade. She tells about it in the following letter to her husband.

CHICAGO (AP) — Dear Wilbur: There is only one thing to be done with the 31st National Democratic convention.

It ought to be stuffed—delegates and all—then covered with wax and put on permanent exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History. Otherwise, posterity will never believe it really existed.

I guess I should have stood in bedlam yesterday.

And that is what I did do, dear darling, for some 14 mad night-mare hours while the donkey delegates brayed for 11 leaders—including shy Adlai ("We're mad as a hatter") Stevenson—then tried to kick each other to pieces.

The program, bearing a secret White House seal, called for the nomination of Stevenson for the presidency after defunct funeral sermons for the other candidates.

The stage had been properly set for the weather effects Gov. Stevenson had demanded—a strong and irresistible draft.

One Killed In Forest Fire

ROSEBURG (AP) — One logger was killed and another injured Thursday night while fighting a forest fire in Camas Valley 20 miles southwest of here.

Killed by a falling snag was Joe Johnson, about 65, of Camas Valley. Injured by the same snag was John Stanley, 62, Camas Valley farmer and logger.

Both had been recruited by the Coos County Forest Patrol to fight the fire on the old Tioga Burn in Douglas and Coos Counties. The fire started Thursday apparently from a friction spark caused by log landing operations.

About 100 men Friday attempted to control the blaze which had covered some 50 acres of snags, lead timber and underbrush.

Two Killed In Home Fire

SALEM (AP) — A Salem woman and her four-year-old son were burned to death Thursday night when a fire swept through their two-room apartment.

The dead are Mrs. Russell Green, 30, and her son Larry.

The fire broke out at 10 p.m. Neighbors fought through heavy smoke to reach them. Mrs. Green died at 1 a.m. Friday, Larry at 4 a.m.

The fire started in the kitchen. Firemen said they were unable to find the cause.

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TV Viewers See Unscheduled Drama As Fire Offers Scare

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of television viewers saw an unscheduled bit of drama at the Democratic National Convention early Friday when a burning newspaper threatened to set off a stampeding panic.

Assistant Fire Commissioner Anthony J. Mullaney expressed the opinion the blaze may have been set deliberately to force a recess in the marathon session.

Three men, including Amos Heacock, president of Air Transport Associates, Inc. of Seattle, were burned slightly while putting out the fire.

With TV cameras aimed at the scene, Peter J. Clonerty of Boston, an assistant sergeant at arms, grabbed a microphone from Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina and cried out:

"Don't get panicky. It's only a newspaper. It will be put out in a minute."

He kept repeating this until the blaze was extinguished.

Heacock, who also is president of the Air Coach Transport Association, an organization of non-scheduled airlines, suffered minor burns on the left hand and wrist. Two others also were slightly burned.

State Sen. J. B. Morrison of Georgetown, S. C., was in the row just in front of where the fire started. He threw his coat on the blaze, calling to other men to do likewise. Morrison's coat was burned in several spots.

In just a few more seconds, he said, it would have been completely out of hand. "I've fought forest fires and I know," he added.

The fire broke out in the midst of a hot dispute over seating Louisiana, Virginia and South Carolina delegates who have refused to sign a pledge of loyalty to the party nominees.

Governor Byrnes, who had been answering a question at the time, came back to the microphone after the fire was snuffed.

"I wish to announce," he said, "that I did not set the piece on fire."

Oregon Splits In Maneuvers

CHICAGO (AP) — Oregon's Democratic convention delegates in a 10-10 split, pledged to the candidacy of Sen. Estes Kefauver, split in the pre-battle maneuvering between the forces of Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Kefauver.

Before weary delegates finally called a quid early Friday, Oregon divided over seating Virginia's delegation, but went along unanimously with Kefauver forces in a roll call test of strength on adjournment.

Oregon's delegates voted 8 to 4 against seating the Virginia delegation after the Stevenson forces stepped in to exert their strength to allow Virginia to take part in the convention without taking a "loyalty" pledge.

The move to seat the Virginians was opposed by Kefauver strategists.

On a second parliamentary test, the Oregonians voted solidly for an adjournment move by Kefauver forces striving desperately to slow down what looked like a fast moving Stevenson bandwagon.

Oregon Pigs Out Of Texas

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Oregon and Washington swine were barred from Texas Friday.

The Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission has levied a virtual embargo against shipment of swine into Texas from 14 states including Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Other states listed in the ban are Alabama, Arizona, California, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Commission director David Davidson said prevalence of vesicular exanthema, an infectious disease, was blamed. He said permits must be obtained from the commission here before shipments can be made from any of the 14 states or from any central stockyard in the country.

And he added — permits probably will not be granted to shippers in the states he calls infected.

Ike Hears Demo Fight

DENVER (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee, listened over the radio Thursday night to the tumultuous proceedings at the Democratic National Convention.

He tuned in the Chicago session on a set at his vacation cabin on the Colorado Rockies, about 70 miles west of Denver.

It was the first time the radio had been turned on for the convention, aides to the general said. James G. Hagerly, Eisenhower's press secretary, talked to the general by telephone from Denver before the convention recessed early Friday.

Hagerly told newsmen that the general had listened to the proceedings "for a while."

Hagerly also announced that in no event would Eisenhower have any comment on selection of a Democratic presidential candidate until the convention also has named a vice presidential nominee.

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SALEM (AP) — Winston L. Bradshaw, Oregon City, was appointed by Gov. Douglas McKay Thursday as district attorney of Clackamas County.

20 DROWN IN FLOOD

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — At least 20 persons were drowned and scores injured in a flood which swept the valley of the Killi Irmak River after a recent heavy rain, it was reported here Friday.

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James Marlow Fishing Report

CHICAGO (AP) — Maybe Sam Rayburn just got something in his eye when the right eyelid dropped and opened, quick as a wink, or maybe it was a wink.

The 70-year-old Rayburn of Texas is famous in Washington for the smooth, fast and sturdy way he runs the House of Representatives, and Wednesday night some of the delegates at the Democratic convention thought he was too smooth, too fast and far too sturdy.

It was a wink, it may have meant he thought he had saved the convention from a blow-up.

Like the 74-year-old Alben Barkley of Kentucky, Rayburn has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate. And these two oldtimers have something else in common. They have identical jobs on opposite sides of the capitol. As vice president, Barkley presides over the House as speaker.

Wednesday night both made speeches at the convention.

After this speechmaking, Rayburn got down to the business for which he'd been chosen: presiding over the convention as permanent chairman. He had inherited a hot rostrum.

The convention, scratching around for harmony, was still in confusion about the late of Louisiana, South Carolina and Virginia. Those three states refused to have anything to do with the loyalty pledge requiring all delegates to be good Democrats, at least for a little while, after returning home.

If some other delegation challenged the right of these three to vote on a candidate or party platform, it would be allowed at the convention as all Rayburn would have to give the final ruling and there'd probably be a doneybrook brawl.

First order of business confronting Rayburn was reading of the platform. This was done by Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, chairman of the platform committee. He then moved the platform be adopted.

Before McCormack had even started Rayburn confided to newsmen that a Tennessee delegate—

this was Paul Whitaker, a supporter of Senator Kefauver—wanted to ask the convention to include some suggestions of his in the platform.

Whitaker wanted the convention to promise in the platform there'd be a continuing crime investigation, as such brought Kefauver fame, plus a promise committees would be protected.

If he could make the suggestion before the convention voted on the platform as a whole, he might have had a chance to get his proposals included. But if he spoke after the platform was adopted, his chance was gone.

Instead of calling Whitaker when McCormack finished, Rayburn asked the convention to vote on the platform. It was by voice vote. He listened to the shouts of yes and no and decided the platform had been approved.

At once the Mississippi and Georgia delegations met Rayburn's eye. They said they wanted to be on record as voting no. The civil rights plank in the platform angered the Southerners.

Next the Texas banner began to wave, the usual convention signal that a delegation wanted to be recognized. If one Southern state after another followed suit, pretty soon it would be the turn of South Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana. And if they tried to vote, and their right to vote was challenged, the fat might be in the fire.

Rayburn either didn't see the Texan banner or chose to ignore it. He suddenly announced that Whitaker had asked to be heard but Rayburn explained, he had not been able to find him before. Now Rayburn said Whitaker could talk.

When that was done, in a moment or so, Rayburn suddenly banned his gavel, recessing the convention for the night. That ended any chance of a party split, for the time being, anyway.

As he turned his back to the convention and started to walk away from the rostrum, Rayburn's right eyelid suddenly snapped shut and just as suddenly snapped open as he looked at a friend on the platform.

Death Stayed For Assassin

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman is sparing the life of the Puerto Rican who tried to assassinate him at Blair House in 1950.

Presidential Secretary Joseph Short announced—without comment—late Thursday that the death sentence of Oscar Collazo had been commuted to life imprisonment.

The 38-year-old Puerto Rican had been scheduled to die in the electric chair here on Aug. 1 for his part in the death plot.

Collazo's fight for life had been rebuffed by the highest federal courts. Truman, the man he tried to kill, was his last source of clemency.

Collazo was wounded and a companion, Grisello Torresola, was killed in a furious gun battle with the President's guards on Nov. 1, 1950.

A White House policeman, Private Leslie Coffelt, was killed but Collazo's attorney said he was Torresola's gun which shot the guard.

However, the law makes no distinction between companions in a felony which results in a murder.

In New York City, Collazo's wife, Rose, expressed her gratitude to President Truman. She said she and her friends would seek to have Collazo freed from prison.

"We thank God for what has happened," she said. "I think President Truman made a grand gesture and Puerto Ricans in general will be grateful for it."

CAB Works On Rate Hearing

PORTLAND (AP) — A Civil Aeronautics Board hearing on freight rates between Pacific Northwest and Alaska resumed here Friday.

Group of Seattle businessmen urged Thursday an end to the CAB ruling that gives Portland and Seattle the same air freight rates to Alaska.

Seattle is 135 miles closer and pioneered air shipments to the territory, Seattle speakers said. Therefore, Seattle merchants should be permitted to ship at lower freight rates, they added.

Speaking for the Washington group were Victor E. Selmer, Byron Horton and G. W. Kelly, Seattle, and Everett D. Knoll, Puyallup.

Earlier in the hearing Portland and Alaskan businessmen urged continuation of the present schedule.

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