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A 'Me, Too,' Convention at Chicago!

The Republican convention has been on for two days in the WINDY CITY, and while it didn't get its name from this and other conventions it would be appropriate, judging by what we have seen and heard.

It is quite a spectacle, if a lot of people waving banners, pretending to listen to speakers (both good and bad) make a good show. They have been warned not to look like the Demos in their convention two weeks ago—that was not dignified and is not fitting for a party that is supposed to be composed of the conservative element of the population.

The Republicans are hampered in trying to keep the interest of millions of television viewers. The Demos did have enough contestants for top place to keep a little interest, but the Republicans gave it to Nixon months ago. Can you imagine getting someone to read a book after the story has been told and the climax reached?

The opening speeches made so many references to Lincoln that we half way expected him to be introduced before now. The Demos had their Jefferson and Roosevelt and the Republicans have to use Lincoln and the current war-hero-president, Eisenhower. The Republicans are no more like the party of Lincoln than the Demos are like the Jeffersonians. And for the presidential candidate of either party to run on what was done by either of them one or two hundred years ago is rather silly. Nor does it make sense that we can expect them to be the same type president as Eisenhower or Roosevelt just because they happen to belong to that party.

The only conservative speeches we have heard made that consider the welfare of the United States have been made by former President Hoover and by Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Hoover said the "moral fiber of the people has deteriorated," indicating less individualism and more leaning on government for the things we should do for ourselves. Goldwater is a Republican of the Lincoln vintage—he believes that government should do only for the people "what needs to be done and which they are either unable to do for themselves or which can best be done by federal government."

It is possible that many delegates to this convention admire and respect the thoughts of these two Republicans but they fear that such a program could not win the election this fall and they are much more concerned about this than the welfare of the country.

This fear that the program could not win is illustrated by the giving up to the liberals like Rockefeller in the preparation of the platform.

It was only a few short weeks ago that leaders of the Republican party were saying that Rockefeller was most embarrassing to them and that his philosophy was that of a Democrat. But Nixon spent eight hours in secret parley with him this past weekend and they came up with big changes to be made in the platform from that made up by the committee chosen for that purpose.

It was so different that Idaho's Congressman Budge, as a member of the platform committee, used two days in getting the other members to pass a resolution that the platform was being made up by the committee in Chicago and not by Nixon and Rockefeller in New York. But Nixon will make the platform just the same as he will select his running mate once he has the official nomination. And they will both be selected with one thing in mind—getting the most votes possible.

President Eisenhower read a political speech summing up all the good things that had been accomplished during his years in office. He told his audience that more people were employed than ever before and that their take-home pay was the highest in history. He did not tell about the unemployed or how much the take-home pay would buy at present inflated prices and he did not tell about the amount of the big increase in the national debt that reaches into the thousands for every man, woman and child in the United States.

He blasted those who inferred that we might be second in military power to the Soviet Union. His reasoning seemed to be that we could not be because we had spent so many more billions for missile development and research than had been spent during the Truman administration. He made no mention of what the Russians had done during this time other than make the general statement that we were able to defend ourselves against any nation.

Every voter will need to carry a sieve from now until election day—to sift the truth from propaganda. The little bits of truth he can find from what is printed will be the whole that will make up his mind how he shall vote. It appears now that there will be little to choose from—it is a political race with the Republicans letting the Demos set the pace and saying "me too" to all offers made to different segments of voters.

Foreign policy will be the big item the Republicans will use and they will keep using the theme that the Demos were in power when the wars have come about, so are to blame. The Demos will probably still blame Hoover for the worst depression the country has ever known.

We believe there is little difference in both parties wanting a strong foreign policy and in spending for defense. Eisenhower has certainly had the support of a Democratic congress in most of this program but the amount the different parties would spend will vary and what it is spent for would differ.

So we believe the most important thing for voters to consider is the direction government is heading and how best we can have more individual liberties and responsibilities, with the federal government doing less and less for us each year.

4-H Club Groups Have Lawn Picnic At Atkinson Home

By Mrs. Waldo Smalley
APPLE VALLEY — Boys and girls of the 4-H clubs held a picnic Wednesday evening on the lawn at the Arden Atkinson home. County agents were there to help and give advice on exhibits the members are preparing for the state fair this fall.

Mrs. Roscoe Kellogg and Mrs. Bernice Gibson of Nampa brought their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Teague of Drain, Ore., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward Wednesday. They all had dinner with the Searwads.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopkins attended the sixth annual cook-out given by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hyslop in Silver City over the weekend. The group had a grilled supper on the mountain top Saturday evening with square dancing later in the old Masonic hall. After camping under the pines all night they had a pancake breakfast before returning home Sunday.

Grain harvesting is in full swing in this community. Vernon Gibson of Nampa is working Dwight Seward's combine this summer.

Wilson Home on Leave
Private Duane Wilson is home on furlough from Fort Ord and will be stationed in Georgia when he returns for duty.

Mrs. Donna Curtis and daughters of Boise are house guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson took Marilu to Nampa Saturday evening where she played with a band in the Snake River Stampede parade.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norland were house guests this week of Mrs. Martha Norland. They were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen in Cow Hollow.

Mrs. Walter Cox, former resident of Apple Valley, died in an Oregon hospital and was buried in Baker Tuesday of last week.

Nazarene Youth Attend Camp
Young people of the Nazarene church have been attending summer camp at McCall. David and Karen Saunders have attended with their respective groups and Shirley Seward is with her group this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nichols were guests Friday of last week of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Walburn and family of Baker were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nichols.

Marvin Jackson of Portland has been a house guest of his aunt, Mrs. Martha Norland, the past week. Axel Stephen of Owyhee came to his grandmother's to visit with Marvin for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Works and daughter of Moscow were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plagman Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Earl Boston was in Boise helping her daughter, Mrs. Bud Bolton care for her new son last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Don Boston was a house guest over the weekend of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shippy at Boise. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston were visitors in the Shippy home and brought Don home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Norman of San Francisco were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Hap Norman arrived Thursday for a brief visit. Jess was home on a furlough from the Navy visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hap Norman of Grandview.

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Assembly of God Vacancy Filled By J. L. Mussell

The Rev. J. L. Mussell recently arrived in Nyssa to serve as pastor of the Assembly of God church located at Second and Reece avenue. He succeeds the Rev. Donald Anderson.

He came here from Southern California where he had been in evangelistic work, having pastored previously at Ridgecrest, Calif. and also in Los Angeles.

His father, Jacob Mussell, was one of the early day circuit riding preachers for the Methodist church in the Snake river valley area.

The Rev. and Mrs. Mussell will make their home in the church parsonage at 115 Reece avenue. They have seven children, all of whom are married and away from home.

Mrs. Jessie Keller and children of Mountain Home visited her mother, Mrs. John Krul, and other relatives Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. J. I. Brady and two sons, Elroy B. and Eugene I. and their families, spent Sunday on an outing at Lucky Peak dam.

Mrs. Frank Plagman were dinner guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arnold were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Housman in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bay spent a week's vacation in Garden Valley with Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Jack. They also spent a few days at Bear Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bale and son Del were Thursday guests of Mrs. Gerald Horn and Mrs. Elmer Hicks in Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson spent the past week trout fishing at Landmark and Bear Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Harlan and her father, Mr. Abraham of Boise, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardin of Castro Valley, Calif., have been visiting for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Leveaux. The Hardins spent several days at Shore Lodge in McCall last week.

Susie Moran Breaks Arm
Susie Moran had the misfortune of falling from a swing and breaking an arm last week.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward were Mr. and Mrs. George Frisk, Miss Beulah Frisk, Rita Hodges and Nelda Seward, all of Nampa. In the afternoon they attended a golden wedding anniversary open house for Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hobson in Sunset Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell of Buffalo, Okla., a brother of Lloyd Caldwell, and his niece, Mrs. Rose Gates and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gates of Mooreland, Okla., have been house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Caldwell the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson entertained with a family dinner Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell of Buffalo, Okla., Mrs. Rose Gates and son, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gates of Mooreland, Okla., Mrs. Bessie Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon of Caldwell, Mrs. Thaniel Botner and children of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Caldwell of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smalley and Mark of Payette were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley.

Methodist Ladies Select Circle Names At Group Meetings

Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service members held their circle meetings last week.

Jessie Lee circle of Apple Valley met with Mrs. Waldo Smalley with seven members and one guest, Mrs. Clifford Fox, present. Routine business was conducted by Mrs. Conley Wilson who also led devotions. Mrs. Elsie Robinson and Miss Elsie Hicks were in charge of the program concerning home missions.

Mrs. Eugene Butzer was chairman of the circle meeting in the fellowship hall of the church with Mrs. Muri Lancaster as hostess. Ten members were present to select the circle name of Iris Bell, a missionary serving in the Ozark territory. Mrs. Leslie Topliff led devotions and presented a program on home missions. Mrs. W. W. Foster and Mrs. Lloyd Tobler told of missions reaching people of different races in our country.

Mrs. Sam Bailey was hostess with Mrs. Earl Farr assisting at a circle meeting with 12 members present. Mrs. George Coleman presided at a business meeting at which time the name of Marlene Harmon was chosen for the group. Devotional leader was Mrs. David Beers. Guest speaker was Miss Frances Foster who told of her missionary work in Japan.

Celia Cowan circle met with Mrs. Arie Bakker with Mrs. Floyd Hale as assisting hostess. Routine business was conducted by Mrs. Duane Holcomb. Devotions were led by Mrs. William Barton and Miss Foster also spoke to members of this group.

WEEKS FAMILY ENTERTAINS OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS

Mrs. Nellie Farr and son Ray of Salina, Kan., were Friday visitors at the Tom Weeks home. They were accompanied by Mrs. Otis Squires of Boise.

Callers at the Weeks home during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr, Mrs. Max Jones and girls, Mrs. Henry Gannon of Othello, Wash., Mrs. Kenneth Chard of Boise and Mrs. Darel Steinke and children of Vale.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP SWIMS, PICNICS AT PARMA PARK

Eight members of Girl Scout troop 4 recently picnicked at the Parma park. After lunch the girls went swimming. They were accompanied by Mrs. Cecil Richards, troop leader, and Mrs. Glyde White.

Alaska Used as Background in New Books Available at Malheur Library

New books going into circulation Saturday, July 30, at Malheur county library include three volumes dealing with Alaska, the 49th state.

"The Alaska Book," a collection of selections from the "Alaska Sportsman" and other sources that present the history, natives, animal life and other interesting aspects of the 49th state.

"Alaska Bound" by Kathryn Winslow. A complete travelogue.

"North to Alaska's Shining River" by Hazel Berto. An informal autobiography that describes the ups and downs of pioneering in Alaska 30 years ago.

"Is There an American in the House?" by David Cort. An author-editor writes with outspoken vigor of book clubs, advertisements, the variety of U.S. cities and many other aspects of the U.S. scene.

"The Dead Sea Community" by Kurt Schubert. An authoritative guide to the life and thought of the ancient sect which produced the scrolls.

"Marriage East and West" by David R. Mace. How the Orient and the West differ and what we can learn from each other.

"Hope for South Africa" by Alan Paton. The political philosophy of one of South Africa's leading citizens.

"Allergy" by Harry Swartz. What it is and what to do about it.

"Hank Bowman's Guide to Care and Repair of Your Outboard Motor." The author describes how an outboard motor functions and outlines routine maintenance fully.

"Child in the Shadows" by Edward L. French. A manual for parents of retarded children.

"The Dedicated" by Willa Gibbs. A story of late 18th century London based on the conflict over the vaccination for smallpox.

"The Easter Dinner" by Donald Downes. Espionage story in which a simple, loyal Italian bricklayer serves the Italian underground during the German occupation of Rome.

"Generation Without Farewell" by Kay Boyle. A novel, that is set in a small Hessian town during the American military occupation of Germany, shows the conflict and tragedy of love and social tension under military occupation.

"Butcher's Crossing" by John Williams. The story of a great buffalo hunt and its tragic consequences.

Our Mother Hen!

Americans have substituted the image of a mother hen for the American eagle. Washington today constitutes the biggest employer, the biggest manager, the biggest stockholder and the biggest property owner. . . . If the present trend continues, the federal government itself will become the biggest threat to America's eminently successful free enterprise system. —Harold W. Handley, Governor of Indiana.

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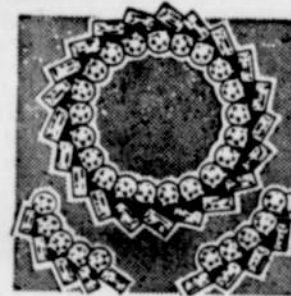
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