

POLITICS - SOUTH (T.A.G. Thurs, Aug. 28 - '52,

(In Virginia, today, the Democratic State Committee [†] voted to support Governor Stevenson as the party nominee.) But this was rather lukewarm - and was accompanied by the resignation of Governor Tuck as the Democratic State Chairman. Governor Tuck declaring - that he has not yet made up his mind whether to support Stevenson, or not. The Governor is a key man in the powerful political machine controlled by Senator Harry Byrd - and would seem to speak for the Byrd organization.

(In Texas, Senator Lyndon Johnson today refused to join in an anti-Stevenson revolt. The Texans are up in arms ^{over} the tidelands oil dispute - and last night Governor Shivers of Texas declared that he would not vote for Stevenson.) He hinted that the name of General Ike might be placed on the Democratic ticket in Texas.

Senator Johnson disagrees. He takes the Texas view of tidelands oil, but will not turn against the Democratic nominee.

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In the Rockwood Wildlife Reservation of Missouri, the hunt was on today - but not for wildlife, not for beasts or birds. A manhunt, and a huge one - seeking one of the ten fugitives most wanted by the F.B.I.

William Merle Martin, charged with the murder of a Deputy Sheriff in Kansas. He's been on the run - by automobile. Doubling back and forth - in stolen cars. Reported successively - in Utah, California, Alabama, Missouri.

Last night Missouri State Troopers spotted him. But his car was too fast. Then - spotted again, for another pursuit. This time he drove at break-neck speed around a curve, and the auto ran off into a cornfield. But the fugitive got clear - and made a dash through the furrows of waving corn.

He disappeared in the darkness - taking refuge

in the nearby thickets of the wildlife preserve. A
hunted human criminal - among the deer, the foxes, the
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BLOODHOUNDS

From Atmore, Alabama - the story of a man-hunt - and the terror of the bloodhound. In common speech we use the symbol "bloodhound" as the last word for unrelenting pursuit. It's the right word, as illustrated by this dispatch.

At the Alabama State Convict Farm, eleven inmates escaped - sawing through prison bars. Three have been recaptured. William Holloway, today.

Yesterday, his tracks were picked up by a bloodhound - the dog dashing along the trail. A prison trusty tried to follow - on a horse. But the bloodhound out-ran him. The trusty on the horse had to turn back and give up.

Today, ^{at} across fields and woods, the prison guards heard the baying of the bloodhound - still on the trail. Off they went, in the direction of the sound, and found the fugitive, the dog at his heels. The

convict gave up eagerly - utterly worn out, after being pursued all night.

The hound had caught up with him, and kept after him. The fugitive dodged and ran, but couldn't shake off the dog - following ~~in~~ ^{et} with the ~~blood-curdling~~ ^{Following} ~~sound~~ the baying of the bloodhound. Until the man was ready to collapse with terror and fatigue;

~~It was~~ like a nemesis, on his trail.

CHANNEL

The season for Channel swimming is going along as usual - various people splashing their way across. Not much publicity nowadays - the Channel swim is an old thing by now. Something new is needed, and here it is - walk across the Channel. Sounds like Fantasy, but it isn't.

At Englewood, California, Bill Abernathy is trying to promote the stunt - says he'll walk across from Dover to Calais. Bill is a deep sea diver - and that's the tip off. He'd walk along the bottom - in a diving suit. Figures it would take him ^{between} twenty-four and thirty-six hours.

The Channel walk - a variant on the Channel swim.

~~Oh, the Channel Walk! You might write a song about that, Nelson.~~

COINCIDENCE

Here's one for the book of coincidence. Earl Nolan lives in Richmond, Indiana. Early Nolan lives in Richmond, Kentucky. Quite a coincidence right there.

Several weeks ago, Early Nolan of Richmond, Kentucky, was motoring through Madison, Indiana - when the cops picked him up for drunken driving. As a result, the authorities revoked the driver's license of Earl Nolan of Richmond, Indiana.

All a coincidence, but the authorities could hardly believe it - they were simply staggered. Because the Kentucky license of Early Nolan of Richmond is number - one, one, seven, seven, 0, two, four. The Indiana license of Earl Nolan of Richmond is also - one, one, seven, seven, 0, two, four. ~~XXXX~~ Exactly the same license number.

If a writer in a story, had the gall to use a coincidence anything like that, the editor would throw him out of the window, *Nelson*.