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Wall Street Broker Wants To Teach Nation How to Roller Skate

By HAL BOYLE

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—(AP)—An elderly retired Wall Street broker is the big wheel in a one-man campaign to teach the nation how to roller skate.

And the goal of wealthy Perry B. Rawson is to create 20,000,000 new skating fans. He is probably the only man in the world who owns two private rinks for his own use.

"Roller skating has become the number one participation sport in America," he said. "More than 17,000,000 people follow it."

"But only about 5 per cent are

really skaters—the rest are just scooters."

A "scooter" to Rawson is a skater who careens around a rink, teetering and tottering, at the peril of his own limbs and the safety of other fans.

Back in 1932 Rawson, who had seen the 1929 stock market crash coming and weathered it, retired from business with his fortune intact. He decided to devote his entire time to skating—a lifelong hobby.

"I had spent thousands of dollars here and abroad with professional teachers," he said, "and I decided most of it was wasted. So I set out to find the right way to skate."

Rinks Used As Laboratories

He built a large rink on his 200-acre estate here on the Jersey shore and a smaller one on his summer place at Manchester, N. H. He turned the rinks into skating laboratories.

"We made hundreds of experiments," said Rawson, a slender white-haired man of 65, who has a boy's vitality. "We went at it the same way the men did who built the atom bomb. We sought the truth."

He developed several contrivances that have a Rube Goldberg look but enable him now to teach the average beginner the principles of skating in a single hour.

"I found that most skaters weren't really skating—they were walking. All wrong. Skating is entirely another matter. When you walk, you balance on either the heel or toe. In skating you balance on the center of the foot."

Rawson said he also discovered that many skates were too rigid, and he advocates a flexible skate that will give with the weight and follow the turn of the body.

Currently Rawson, whose researches were made entirely at his own expense, is trying to get the 4,000 rink owners in the United States to adopt his system of teaching skating, which is entirely free.

An amateur himself, he has taught thousands of would-be professional instructors here in the last 10 years. He also has distributed at cost 400,000 copies of four books he has written on plain skating and skate dancing—at which he is an expert.

"The Rawson scouts are 5,000 strong—all over the country," he said with a note of pride. "They are seekers after the truth."

In the eyes of the small ex-broker, who has spent scores of thousands of dollars on his hobby, proper skating is a highly serious goal. He has the boundless energy and zeal of any crusader.

"I want to prevent fear, falls and fatigue," he said. "I want to make skating safe and put it on the map."

"My biggest pleasure in life now is to see beginners change their style and get real joy out of skating. It's been much more fun to me than business ever was."

And then a gleam lit Rawson's eyes: "But we've got a tremendous field to revolutionize. Ninety-five per cent of the skaters still walk instead of gliding when they're on skates. And they've all got to go through the mill. Yes, they've all got to."

MARRIAGE PERFORMED

Marriage of Joseph John Buchhe of Ironwood, Mich., and Patricia Mae Osterburg of Roseburg was performed by Justice of the Peace Hartfield Saturday.

Won't Concede

(NEA Telephoto) Former Representative Frank E. Hook (above) of Mich., said that he will ask the Michigan Supreme Court to deny Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., a seat in the 81st Congress. Hook said that "latest returns" from a Michigan vote survey gave him the victory over Ferguson in the November 2 election.

Official Canvass May Give Dewey Majority in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 20 — (AP)—Numerous tabulation errors in the Nov. 2 election in Ohio — including one that unofficially credited Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York with 10,518 less votes than he received officially in one county — may result in a state-wide recount by the Legislature.

A state legal authority advised Gov. Thomas J. Herbert the legislature has the power to appoint a commission for the recount. The opinion came after widespread reports of voting errors in recounts.

Herbert said the recount could be done by a special legislative session, but "it would be a waste of a job."

The last tabulation by the secretary of state's office of unofficial returns was Nov. 6. Since then, numerous errors have been reported from many sections of Ohio, including one in Cuyahoga county (Cleveland) where the official canvass gave Governor Dewey, 10,518 more votes than the unofficial report.

Duplicate ballots from the unofficial county total reduced President Truman's Ohio majority to 6,817 votes. The last official count in presidential voting gave President Truman 1,460,229, Dewey 1,442,825 and Henry Wallace, the Progressive party candidate 37,354. The errors were not included in this tabulation.

However, even if the official canvass should give Ohio and its 25 electoral votes to Dewey, President Truman still would be assured of the presidency.

Loss of Arm and Leg Wins \$90,000 Judgment

TACOMA, Nov. 22 — (AP)—Lloyd S. Smith of Portland was awarded damages of \$90,000 by a Federal Court jury here Friday for injuries received while working on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway.

Smith had sued the company for \$200,000 for the loss of an arm and a leg while working as a switchman in the Portland yards on the night of Dec. 1, 1947.

Indian Found Guilty Of Armed Assault

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 20 — (AP)—Abelardo Gurule, 25-year-old Mexican from Bray, Calif., was found guilty Friday night of armed assault in the stabbing of an Indian woman. The jury deliberated four hours.

Gurule had been on trial for attacking Mrs. Orpha Schonchin, 36, of Chilloguin, with a pocket-knife in a sidewalk dispute September 10.

Food requirements of the Navy in 1941 were 1,000,000 pounds; in 1945 they had risen to 5,700,000 pounds.



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— 1933 —
GETTING OLD: Mickey Walker, formed middle and welterweight champion, showed that old age was creeping up on him when he failed in his attempt to lift the light-heavy title from Maxie Rosenbloom. Only in two rounds did Walker look at all like the champion of old. Rosenbloom won 11 of the 15 rounds with 2 going to Walker and 2 even.

N. W. CHAMPS: O'Dea High of Seattle defeated St. Stephen's of Portland, 33-0, to win the Catholic Northwest high school football championship.

FINALLY: The midshipmen of Navy finally, after 7 years of trying, defeated Notre Dame by the score of 7-0. St. Mary's defeated Fordham, 13-6, to ruin a perfect year for the Rams and dim their chances of a Rose Bowl bid.

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WEST WINS: The U. S. C. Trojans, representing the West in the annual Rose Bowl game, handed Pittsburgh a 35-0 defeat. Led by Cotton Warburton, the Trojans ran wild in the last quarter to score 3 touchdowns.

DOUBLY GOOD: Lawrence Higbee and Frank Ziesing, playing at the Missoula Country Club, both scored a hole-in-one on the same hole while playing in the same foursome. Higbee scored his and then Ziesing, following Higbee, also sunk his tee shot.

HORSES RUN: The Washington State Jockey Club was given a license to race horses in the state. The meet will start on August 2nd and will run for 40 days. Races will be held at the new Longacres plant near Renton.



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