

Wisdom, Wealth Come to Carnera When He Switches to Mat Game

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—The hotel door opened and a fist the size of a mutton flipped out.

It caught me playfully on the chin and snapped my head six inches to the leeward—all the play my neck has left.

"Ello, 'ello!" boomed Primo Carnera. "Come in!"

This is the way "da preem" welcomes any visitor to his room except a dwarf. And a dwarf would get a big, friendly fist in his face too—if Carnera could swing that low.

I walked in with a friend, who carelessly tossed his hat on a bed. "Oh, my God, oh, my God, don't do that," Carnera reproached him. "That's bad luck—to put the hat on the bed."

But today bad luck is something the big man they used to call the Ambling Bull no longer has to worry about. He's riding the crest now—making \$200,000 to \$250,000 a year in the wrestling ring.

At 42 the ex-heavyweight boxing champ is a success again, and happier than he has ever been. He is in love with his own life story. And he likes to tell it, with the simple pleasure of a small boy reciting an adventure tale. He was built up to the boxing championship in 1935, and lost it a year later to Max Baer. The huge shambling man—he's six feet six inches, weighs 265—was a somewhat pathetic figure in those days. The men who manipulated him cut his fabulous earnings more ways than a cafeteria pie.

Forced to Toil For Nazis

"But it is not true that I went home in Italy in 1936 all broke," insisted Carnera, who has pride. He bought a villa, a farm with eight tenant houses and some other property, which I still have. "No, the big mistake I made in my life—it was to take back my American dollars to Italy. When the currency there fell I lost all my cash."

During the war the Germans put Primo to work with a pick and shovel, and paid him fifteen cents for a ten-hour day—something, he said, no fight manager ever did to him.

Carnera returned to America with his family later in 1946 and reconverted immediately to "my first love—wrestling."

"It is much better than boxing," he said. "After 30, in boxing you are through. You lose the eyes, the speed. But in wrestling all you need to keep is the strength."

"You push, you pull—but your brain it don't get hurt. When they put the legs around the body and give the squeeze, it don't hurt the brain."

"My advice to Joe Louis is to quit before he gets hurt. He has gone down a long way. I was lucky not to get hurt."

Making Big Money

"I am much better off now. In the boxing game you make the big gate. But maybe only once, twice a year. But in wrestling you work four, five, six nights every week."

Carnera gets from \$350 to \$2,000 a night, and, as he says, "this time I get to keep most of it myself." He used to be only amiable. Now he's smart as well.

Carnera wants to become an American citizen. His family—his wife and their children, Umberto, 9, and Giovanna Maria, 6—live in Los Angeles.

"They didn't speak English when they came over," he said. "Now Umberto is in the fourth grade, and ahead of the others in the class. I am amazing about it—the way he speaks English. He is going to study and study until I tell him to stop and learn a trade. But not boxing or wrestling—oh boy, no!"

And then Carnera, who is art-

less but was never as foolish as he has been made to appear, said with massive dignity:

"It is all wonderful. I am very, very happy."

The gunny sack days are gone. There's food in the pantry, a car in the garage, cash in the bank—and more rolling in every night papa grunts and groans. The Alp's doing okay.

Electric Fan From U. S. Finally Comes—in Winter

LIBERAL, Kas., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Back in 1943 Miss Olive Fulton, a draft board clerk, tried over and over again to get an electric fan from the government for her office.

When the draft board dissolved at the end of the war, she still hadn't received the fan.

Last August the draft board was reactivated and Miss Fulton again became clerk.

This week she received a package from the government—on one of the coldest days since the board resumed work.

It contained an electric fan.

Albert E. Ruff, Famous Violinist-Singer, Dies

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Death has ended the renowned musical career of Albert E. Ruff, violinist and singer once associated with Brahms, Liszt and Grieg.

Ruff died yesterday just a month short of his 85th birthday. He had sung and played the violin before three generations of music lovers in Europe and America.

Many of the world's leading concert and operatic stars once were his voice pupils. Geraldine Farrar, then a reigning soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, once paid him \$3,000 for a month's instruction.

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To Ohio—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buell of Roseburg left Thursday for Toledo, Ore., where they were called by the sudden death of Mrs. Buell's sister, Mrs. W. D. McPherrin.

Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham of Camas Valley have returned home after spending a short time with their daughter, Mrs. Dutton Teague, at Tacoma, Wash.

Assist in Booth—Among those who assisted in the Douglas County Cancer Association booth at the Northwestern Turkey Show were Mrs. Mary Barrett, Miss Lavenia Fulton and Mrs. Franklin Haines.

Visit in California—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnhart of this city, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnhart, of Lewistown, Mont., brother and sister-in-law of Roy Barnhart, have returned to Roseburg after a 10-day visit with relatives in California. They also enjoyed a trip to Tiapiana, Mexico.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD

A surprise birthday party was held in Drain Tuesday night, Dec. 7, honoring Mrs. Addie Bruton, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Maples. The evening was spent playing games and enjoying a luncheon. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Innis, Mr. and Mrs. George Chambers, Mrs. W. E. McIntosh, Mrs. Madge Cook, Mrs. Florence Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Maples and guest of honor.

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The posts are being painted and the names stenciled with waterproof paint this week in preparation for the project, under the Lions Club's supervision. All Lions and friends wishing to be present at the start of this enterprise are asked to be at the corner where the new U. S. National Bank Building is located.

Several Drain Lions Club members and their wives will be going to Florence Saturday night, to attend a charter night meeting of the new Florence club, sponsored by the Gardiner-Reedsport Lions, who also sponsored the Drain club.

Special guests at Tuesday night's meeting of the Drain Lions were Skipper Leland Ray of Sea Scout ship 278 and several boys of the ship. Also present were Scoutmaster Bob Laird and Asst. Scoutmaster Wayne Olsson of Boy Scout Troop 78.

Residents of Drain are reminded to save their 1948 license plates for members of the local Scout troop, as this is one of their projects to keep them self-supporting.

Soon to be organized in Drain will be a Cub Scout pack for boys from 9 to 12 years, it was announced.

The first pack meeting will be announced later.

Lions members have decorated the front of all stores with greenery for Christmas. A meeting is scheduled tonight for the completion of painting and stenciling of sign posts for the main part of the city.

Elks Date Annual Smoker For Kiddies' Party Fund

The annual Elk's smoker, with proceeds to go toward the Elks Christmas kiddies' party Dec. 18, will be held Saturday night in the Elks Temple starting about 7 p. m.

The smoker this year will be for men only. A floor show will be here from Portland. Prizes are to be awarded and a general "good time" is assured, announced Hal Ayotte. The program is under the direction of Jerry Gilbo, past exalted ruler.

Ayotte announced that baskets for the needy families will be distributed Christmas Eve. He announced also that tickets for the New Year's Eve dance will go on sale Monday, Dec. 27 at 7:00 p. m.

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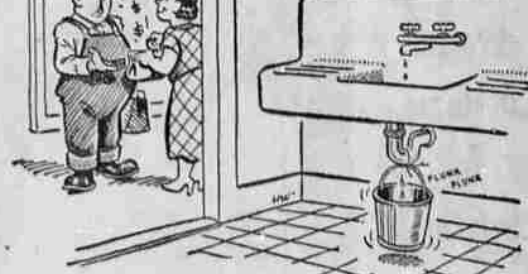
Besides her widower, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Huckins, Drain; one sister, Gladys Torkelson, Berkeley, Cal.

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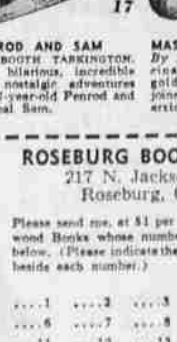
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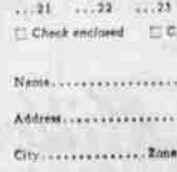
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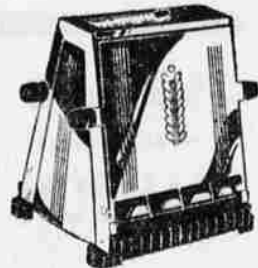
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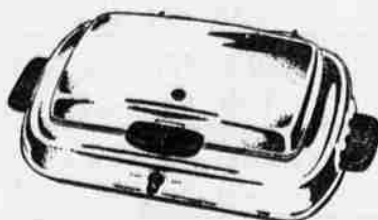


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