

Doering Hits Rodeo Trail For Appearances As Clown

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With rodeo season in full swing, Douglas County's own rodeo clown, Karl Doering, is "raring" to hit the rodeo circuit.

Presently employed at Barcus Motors in north Roseburg, as a salesman, Doering is taking a leave of absence and shoving east today to participate in several rodeos.

Friday and Saturday he will be rodeo clown and bullfighter in Dallas, Tex.

Then, after the last bull has been



KARL DOERING
... rodeo bullfighter

led back to the corral, he heads his family and small caravan north to Belle Fourche, S.D. On July 3, 4 and 5 he will go through his routine there.

Prior to his appearance at Belle Fourche, he is slated for a half hour television appearance at Rapid City, S.D., on July 2.

Other Appearances Due
During the month of August, Doering has a schedule of appearances in Moses Lake, Wash.; Kennewick, Wash.; Eugene; and Prineville.

In September Doering is slated for the clown and bullfighting chores in the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup, with 18 performances in nine days.

This will be the eighth year Doering has been selected as clown for that particular fair.

Doering, 30, has been on the rodeo circuit for 13 years as a participant and a clown. For the last eight years he has been a clown and bullfighter.

Bruises Possible

But the job of clown is not all laughs. Doering has had his share of bruises and broken ribs. In one rodeo, when the floor of the arena was slick, with a bull hot on his heels Doering raced to the center of the arena.

He slid around a barrel to be met head-on by the bull which came around the opposite side of the barrel. The bull slipped and landed on Doering. He suffered fractured ribs in this action—one of his less successful bull fights.

The Douglas County rodeo clown got into the business of fighting bulls eight years ago in Sells, Ariz., during a rodeo. The clown expected for the event did not arrive. So, as Doering relates, for the "remarkable" sum of \$15 a day he fought the bulls.

"You have to be kind of bull-headed to get into it," he said. "Someone will be saying 'you better not do it.' And you probably didn't want to do it in the first place."

He Likes Rodeoing
"But someone said don't, so away you go."

"But I wouldn't trade rodeoing for anything," Doering reflected.

Now living on a ranch on Roberts Mountain Rd., Doering averages about 16 rodeos a year. For two or three years he was clown during the Douglas County Pioneer Days.

When he heads for rodeos he usually takes his wife, son and daughter, and a caravan of a mule, small bull, dogs and skunks. The menagerie in the caravan figure in his clown acts.

This year, during April he worked the Horse Sale in Walla Walla and the Milton-Freewater Rodeo.

RECEIVED WINGS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lt. Cmdr. Scott Carpenter this week became the fourth person to wear the wings of an American astronaut.

Navy Secretary Fred Korth pinned the wings on Carpenter at a ceremony in the Pentagon. The three other astronauts wearing the wings are Navy Lt. Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., Air Force Capt. Virgil I. Grissom and Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr.



WHITE HOUSE MEETING — President Kennedy meets with visiting Philippine Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez. Pelaez stated the Philippines was the "staunchest" of the U. S. allies in Southeast Asia, and indicated that his series of visits with President Kennedy and other U. S. leaders would lead to better understanding between the countries. (UPI Telephoto)

Technicians Injured In Mishap During Test Of Nuclear Device

HONOLULU (UPI) — Eyewitnesses returning from Johnston Island said Tuesday "several" technicians suffered minor injuries June 19 when large fragments of a thermonuclear rocket rained down on the island during an ill-fated attempt to explode a nuclear device in the Van Allen Belt.

The rocket and its megaton warhead were destroyed minutes after the launching because of a "malfunction." The test was scheduled for an altitude of between 100 and 500 miles.

The witnesses said some of the debris weighed more than 100 pounds, and that there would have been "extensive casualties" had not most of the Johnston Island workers been evacuated earlier by boat and taken to a

safe distance offshore.

One source said injuries to personnel were certainly more extensive than Joint Task Force 8 indicated in an official announcement, which said there were no injuries.

Youth Drowns In Fish Pond

CASCADE LOCKS (UPI) — Wayne Allen Holman, 11, drowned Monday while swimming in a holding pond at the Oxbow Fish Hatchery one mile east of here.

The boy's body was recovered in about 12 feet of water and he was pronounced dead at a Hood River hospital. Wayne was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Holman of Cascade Locks.

tensive than Joint Task Force 8 indicated in an official announcement, which said there were no injuries.

A task force spokesman, asked about the report of injuries, said today that he had no comment. He added that any comment would have to come from Washington.

One eye witness said the 55-ton missile was blown up in the air when it was "only a few thousand feet" off the launching pad. He said scientists are still investigating the failure of the Thor rocket to determine what caused it to malfunction.

The witness said AEC officials posted warnings to all personnel not to touch any of the debris that was widely scattered over the island.

Salmon Harbor Dredging Set

Work on the dredging of the undeveloped section of Salmon Harbor at Winchester Bay may begin at the end of the fishing season in the fall.

The work, which is part of the completion of the Salmon Harbor project, has had over \$200,000 set aside for it in the 1962-63 county budget.

Commissioner Ray Doerner said it was hoped the work might begin in the fall—pending approval of the county budget.

Sand dredged from the harbor bottom would be used as fill for a proposed camping and parking area near the Winchester Bay terminus of the harbor jetty.

The county intends in the future to build a road over the filled-in area around Winchester Head to the county beach near Umpqua Lighthouse State Park.

BEAUTY ARRIVED LATE

CHARLESTON, S.C. (UPI) — Mari Ann Sullivan of New York arrived here Tuesday night for the National Press Photographers' beauty pageant, a day later than other contestants because of the flight engineers strike.

Miss Sullivan is an airline stewardess.

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Judge To Rule On Estes' Motion For Continuance Of Texas Trial

PECOS, Tex. (UPI) — Dist. Judge J. H. Starley was expected to rule today on a request by Billie Sol Estes for a six- to nine-months continuance in the farm tycoon's trial on state charges that he bilked a farmer out of \$162,144.

Judge Starley recessed the court at 9:45 p.m. EDT Tuesday night until 11 a.m. EDT today to consider the motion for continuance made by defense lawyer John Cofer. Estes, in a surprise move, had asked for an immediate trial on one count of an eight-count indictment charging theft over \$50, a felony.

If Judge Starley denies the motion, a jury will be selected and testimony will begin. A prospective jury panel of 33 was selected Tuesday from a total venire of 44 persons, after intensive questioning by both state and defense.

The state and the defense can strike 10 names each from the qualified jurors' list. A list of at least 32 is needed, and in this case, there is a spare.

Cofer announced in court Tuesday night that he wanted to withdraw the defense's "announcement of readiness." He blamed excessive publicity about Estes, and said only one member of the jury panel had not read about the Estes case.

"All with the possible exception of one have read extensively in the papers of the offenses the defendant has been charged with," Cofer said. "In two or three terms, this situation may not be in existence." Each court term lasts three months.

Starley admonished the jury panel not to read about Estes in the newspapers or watch or listen to any reports about him on television or radio during the night. He put them on their honor.

The indictment Estes is being tried on alleges eight counts of theft over \$50. But separate instruments attached to the documents listed a total of \$827,577. Estes is accused of stealing from six Reeves County farmers in fertilizer tank-mortgage deals.

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Brochures Out For Fleet Days

The first brochures were sent out this week officially announcing another of Douglas County's summer celebrations.

This is the sixth annual Fleet Days celebration at Reedsport and Winchester Bay. Fleet Days this year are July 14 and 15.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for the first day at 10 a.m. with the crowning of the Fleet Days Queen at Reedsport City Park.

Following on that day will be a pee wee baseball game, clam chowder feed, Fleet Days parade, donkey baseball, a massive bonfire on the beach and the annual Beachcombers' Ball.

On Sunday, the Sand Flea Breakfast will start at 6 a.m. The ceremonial blessing of the fleet will take place at Salmon Harbor at 10. A small fry fishing derby, salmon dinner and swim meet will fill out the major events of the day.

Fleet Days Chairman L. Velbiss said the uniform of the days will be white sailor hats. Planning is being focused on the annual parade, and construction has started on some floats. Theme will be "Fun for Everyone."

Princesses vying for queen of the celebration are Sandra Jones, Joy Dawn Nichols, Sandra Hushy, Dixie Burleson and Thafson. They appeared in recent Douglas County Pioneer Rodeo parade in Roseburg.



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