

Local Writers' Adventure Tales Published In Current Magazines

Two exciting stories dealing with nature in the raw are interesting readers of the April issue of the Oregon Farmer and the spring edition of Sports Afield.

They were written by Mrs. Bonnie Riggs and her son, James, of Rt. 3, Roseburg—not in collaboration, but each with his own story to tell.

Newburgh Manager Found Innocent

NEW YORK (UPI)—Newburgh, N.Y., City Manager Joseph McJ. Mitchell, was found innocent Tuesday of bribery and conspiracy charges.

His codefendant, Lawrence J. Demasi Jr., was rearrested on grand larceny charges in connection with a \$20,000 bribe allegedly offered by two brothers seeking a zoning variance to build a housing project.

Demasi, confessed "bagman" for Mitchell, was arrested for his confession that he had taken the \$20,000, though he was acquitted along with the city manager on the bribery and conspiracy charges.

Upon hearing of the verdict Mitchell said, "I feel wonderfully relieved."

The controversial city manager, whose get tough relief policies stirred nationwide discussion, had suspended himself from his \$14,150 a year position. He maintained his indictment was due to a political frame.

The jury deliberated for more than 15 hours.

James Riggs, now 18, sold his story to the Oregon Farmer two years ago. A most unusual tale, it tells what four boys did when faced with a dangerous situation, and how they solved their dilemma.

The story involves a trip taken to Southeastern Oregon by four young students of natural science, who were interested especially in the herpetological (study of reptiles and amphibians) life in the area. In the process of their observations, a rattlesnake crawled inside the trouser leg of one of the boys. How the boys handled the situation without being bitten is the nucleus of the story.

Jim plans to enter Oregon State University next fall to study zoology and related sciences. Largely because of his intense interest in herpetology, the Elks Lodge awarded him a scholarship.

Mrs. Riggs' story, appearing in Sports Afield, is entitled "We Ran the Rogue—Uphill."

She was a member of a flotilla consisting of seven boats, six of which made the voyage up the turbulent Rogue successfully. Her exciting tale tells how 18 men and one woman made the 120-mile trip upstream to Grants Pass—a trip which only one man had done before.

Mrs. Riggs' easy-to-read story matches another which was of the greatest interest to Roseburg readers—that which told about the 1957 blast. The blast story appeared in the Saturday Evening Post a few months after the tragedy.

She was paid \$300 for her latest effort.



POINTS WILL BE WON this weekend by horse-riding youths toward claiming this saddle at the end of the year. The State of Jefferson Quarter Horse Association will award the trophy saddle to the high-point youth in 1963 competing in approved youth activities events in shows sponsored by the SJQHA during the year. The first such show is the one show scheduled in Roseburg April 27 and 28. Another is scheduled in Yreka, Calif., in July and the last is the annual fall show at Grants Pass in September. The saddle will be on display in Roseburg during the first association show ever held here.

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California Governor Raps Nixon On Cuban Invaders

PHOENIX (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California Tuesday attacked Richard M. Nixon for a speech in which the former vice president suggested the United States unleash the Cuban exiles.

Brown, a Democrat who won his second four-year term by defeating Nixon last November, told newsmen at the Western Governors' Conference "I thought that speech was a disgrace. It was a masterpiece of double talk."

Nixon, speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors Saturday, charged President Kennedy "with pulling defeat out of victory" and called for backing the exiles.

Nixon said in Los Angeles Tuesday that comment on the speech was overwhelmingly in his favor and blamed bad advice from the Defense Department for administration actions on the Cuban situation.

But Brown, who spoke to newsmen shortly after he arrived at the conference in nearby Scottsdale, charged angrily: "It's not worthy if a man of his stature." Brown called Nixon's address "the kind of double talk that resulted in his defeat as governor" of California. Nixon lost to Brown by nearly 300,000 votes.

Despite his attack on Nixon, Brown said he still felt Nixon would play a great roll in national Republican politics during the next year. But the governor said Nixon could not be called a king maker.

Asked by newsmen whether he felt New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller or Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona was the best "pigeon" for Kennedy in next year's presidential election, Brown replied:

"Well, I wouldn't want to call Senator Goldwater a pigeon but I think he would be easiest to beat. He represents the extreme right and I think he represents the war party. If we followed his advice we'd go to war."

However, Brown said Rockefeller is "slipping a little" particularly in the western states. Part of the reason, he said, was the New York governor's financial troubles with his state budget and the scandal in the state's liquor authority.

Six Top Cowboys To Vie At Rodeo

Six of the top 15 cowboys in the United States are planning to vie for prize money at Douglas County's big rodeo in June, according to Fred Boyer, president of the Douglas County Rodeo Association.

The six are Ron Raymond and Enoch Walker, saddle bronc riders; Mark Shriker and Walt Linderman, bulldozers; and Paul Templeton and Don Mayo, bareback riders. All were winners in the National Rodeo finals held in Los Angeles in December.

Others planning to enter competition here are former national bulldozing champion Gene Miles, and Bob Wagner, who just recently won tops in bulldozing in the televised rodeo at Springville, Calif.

POOR PRIZE HUTCHINSON, Kan. (UPI) — Marion Walters, 11, lost Saturday won a new bicycle from the Optimist Club in a bicycle safety week program. Tuesday, she fell off the bicycle and broke her right leg.

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