

TERRAPIN DERBY AT PONCA CITY

Turtle Race Rivals Many
Thoroughbred Contests
in Point of Interest

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PONCA CITY, Okla. (AP)—
Cowboys are "winging" the broad
area of the Miller Brothers' 101
ranch near here, rounding up
not cattle but terrapins.

The business of raising for stock,
crops and other ranch projects has
been postponed until after Labor
Day, September 5, when the fourth
annual national terrapin derby will
be run in the rough arena.

Louisville in the midst of a Ken-
tucky Derby is little more excited
than Ponca City is when this Okla-
homa oil town stages one of its
terrappin events.

Plans for the affair have been
completed by members of the
board of the National Terrapin
Derby Association. Ten prelimi-
nary races are run, with the first
five terrapins in each eligible to
enter the derby.

The arena is marked off in the
circles—one 25 feet in diameter,
one 20 feet, and one 15 feet. The
turtles are held in a circular bar-
rier in the center of the field.

When the barrier is lifted every
owner hopes his entry will be the
first to cross the 75 foot circle, for
the first across wins the derby, the
prize, and a national reputation.

In a horse race the better has a
fairly good idea that his horse will
start in the general direction of
the home stretch, but in a terrapin
race anything can happen. Some
of the most carefully planned
entries even forget to move.

Two years ago the Club, Kaw
City oil millionaire, shipped in a
huge Texas horned terrapin for the
event. Because these terrapins are
eight or ten times the size of the
common variety, the judges ruled
Claude's hope out of the race and
gave him a turtle at random from
the stock on hand, naming it
"Clubb." The added starter
promptly stepped forth and took
fourth place, while the disqualified
Texas entry, witnesses agreed, did
not move an inch in the two weeks
it was at the ranch.

Outside the race itself, the event
is colorful. (C) millionaires, cowboys,
Indian chiefs and business
men from the east crowd the grand
stands. A grand parade precedes
the event and rodeo stars ride
branches for the admiration of the
eastern visitors.

New directors this year include
Will Rogers, Major Gordon Little
(Pawnee Bill), Col. Zach Matlack,
widely known ranchman, and Tom
L. Johnson, Wichita oil magnate.

Already on the board are Major
D. R. Carson, federal commis-

OUT OUR WAY



MEET A PAT OFF. A TOUCH OF THE PAST.

By Williams Dogs Now Attend London Weddings

LONDON (AP)—Dogs are now
part of the up-to-date Mayfair
bride's equipment for the altar.
Mrs. Quintin Dick and Lord
Hose dispensed with most of the
"fixtures and trappings" of the an-
cient wedding when they were
married at St. Mark's, and also dis-
posed with the usual honeymoon
trip. There was no reception. The
bride, however, followed the recent
fashion of bringing her dog along.
In this instance, a Labrador.

OLD BERLIN CHURCH
HAS LEANING STEEPLE
BERLIN (AP)—Berlin has a

"leaning tower." The steeple of
the 13th century St. Mary's church
in the old part of town has been
found to be more than three feet
out of plumb. It was found that
the wooden structure on which the
top of the steeple rests is badly
rotted.

The parish, the population of
which has declined from 25,000 to
2,000, is too poor to undertake
thorough restoration. Iron stays
prevent danger of collapse.

The old church is famous for its
antiquities, among which is a rare
15th century "Dance of Death"
painting.

The war in China has interfered
with production of frozen eggs
and dried eggs. It seems that even
out of this war some good is
coming.

Cow Eats 5 Geese Newspaper States

BERLIN (AP)—The little village
of Staffelsheim, near Bremen, has a
cathedral among its herds of cows,
according to the "Weiser Zeitung."
This unusual cow discovered a
crate of geese standing before the
barn, ready for shipment. She
promptly dropped the hay she was
chewing, edged her way up to the
crate, and leisurely munching five
geese before the farmer discovered
what was happening.

EAGLE PILLAR MEMORIAL
PUZZLES LONDONERS

LONDON (AP)—The Eagle Pil-
lar in Ormeau Square, Haymarket,

is probably the only London mem-
orial about whose origin nothing
whatever is known.

It is a double column, surmount-
ed by an eagle. One theory is that
Mr. Orme, having made a fortune
by supplying Russia with gravel,
the column with the Russian eagle
on top to grace his square.

This explanation, if it could be
substantiated, would fix approxi-
mately the date of the column. But
the Russian eagle has two heads,
while the Orme Square bird has
only one.

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of Louis Napoleon's residence
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HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD (Special)—John
Price was a La Grande visitor
Sunday.

George Thompson and daughter,
Jocinda, from Mt. Emily camp,
were Hilgard visitors Sunday.

Jack Breen from Mt. Emily
camp was at Hilgard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Able from
Meadham were visitors of Mr.
Abraham's mother, Mrs. Sam Ferguson,
Monday.

Leonard Ferguson moved to
Meadham Monday, where he is
employed by the O.W.

Edna and Mae Thomas were La
Grande visitors Tuesday.

William Young was in La
Grande Wednesday.

John Thornbush and John Price
were La Grande visitors Wednes-
day.

Bert Able left for Elgin Wed-
nesday where he is employed by
the state highway department.

Mrs. Merrill Condit from La
Grande is visiting her daughter,
Mrs. Joe Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Edwards,
Mrs. Guy Thornbush, Mrs. Frank
Sanford and Mrs. O. Edwards were
La Grande shoppers Friday after-
noon.

Leonard Ferguson met with an
accident Saturday morning on his
way to work when the connecting
rod broke and his car left the
road. No one was hurt but the
car was damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hagoy re-
turned Saturday to their home
here from their honeymoon spent
at Wallawa lake.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—A
few farmers in the dry farming
area of the county have been
busy seeding fall wheat locally
and many others have been work-
ing the fields into condition for
seeding as soon as the moisture
conditions are a little better. The
drying weather of the past two
weeks has drawn much of the
moisture from the soil, making
much of the summer rainfall too
dry to start the grain until more
rain falls.

George Cousins was busy the
latter part of the week hauling
wood from the Meek ranch.

Elmer Osborne purchased a new
sedan from C. W. Allen here the
last of the week.

Joe Gastin, who is working for
Bruce Fisher, spent Sunday at
home.

L. W. Minor finished binding
his spring wheat crop the last of
the week.

T. G. Johnson has been busy re-
cently building a dairy barn at his
farm a short distance east of
here, the barn when completed
to contain 20 head of cows.

John Conner and family of Leap,
left the latter part of the week
for a few days' visit with friends
at Vancouver. They returned
home Sunday evening.

P. A. Downing and a number
of other farmers in the Leap sec-
tion have been busy combining
their winter wheat crops during
the past week. The yield from
most of the farms, according to
reports from farmers, appears to
be running around 23 bushels per
acre, with a few reporting some-
what larger yields.

A hail storm which did a con-
siderable amount of damage to
crops and gardens, struck in the
latter part of the week, about 12
miles east of here during the early part
of the week. On a few farms in
this section where grain was still
standing in the field the crop was
badly damaged.

Mrs. Meek and sons and Earl
Thornbush were visiting relatives
in La Grande Sunday.

Ray Gastin and C. A. McLean
were busy today threshing in the
Fry Creek section during the past
week. They moved their machine
to the T. A. Bakke farm, on

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