

Along

by Jerry Stone

You and I climb five feet above terra firma and we feel a crawling feeling in our tummies and a quiver in our knees. Let the birds have it. In our attitude toward altitude—unless there's a good, strong wing and a couple of more sound throbbing engines to give moral support.

But not Johnny Wood, the self-styled "Human Fly" who crawled up a local hotel building the other evening. Looking down from the heights at anti-sized humans brings no dread to Johnny but rather a actually invigorates him. He thrives on thin air; he ought to since he comes close to walking on it.

11,889 Climbs

Wood has been conquering skyscrapers for 36 years in his role as a professional stunt man. In that period he has done 11,889 climbs, so he says.

His tallest job was the 66-story Woolworth structure in New York City, but he claims his most difficult feat was scaling the 42-story Smith Tower in Seattle. The tower has a ledge projecting out some ten feet at about the 12th floor—a formidable obstacle for a poor, mortal human trying to do what only flies are supposed to do.

But undaunted Johnny, who prides himself mightily on that "Human Fly" label, found it just another little complication in the day's work. But don't ask us how Wood, without benefit of safety belts, etc., manages to circumvent such obstacles. He calls that one of his trade secrets.

Johnny has scars over every bit of his body to testify to the hazards of his profession. But actually he has escaped with amazing few injuries, suffering but six fractures in all these 36 years.

4 1/2-Floor Plunge

His closest call came some years ago at Johnstown, Pa. Woods had passed the fourth floor of a Johnstown structure when a brick he had grasped for support dislodged. Down he went, four-and-one-half floors into the street.

We stared in disbelief when Wood said all he got out of that plunge was a heel fracture. Johnny swore it to be the truth, adding that there is an art to falling. (We're still skeptical.)

In this instance he says, he kicked against the building's side as he went down to insure lighting on his feet.

Eyes Niagara Drop

Johnny's current ambition? To go over Niagara Falls in a steel barrel. Wood says he was well acquainted with Red Hills, killed in the spring while making the drop wrapped in inner-tubes.

"Inner-tubes are certain death on those rocks," says Johnny. "I think I can make it in a steel barrel if I can get permission of authorities."

Johnny ought to write a tome on how to keep from getting old—but then he isn't doing badly with his 56th milestone behind him.

Saturday Flashback

Impressions from Saturday's hectic Stanford-Webfoot battle: Any foe will be extremely foolish to take this initial Casanova-coached duck entry lightly. The 1851 Webfoots were outgunned by the Cardinals but offset this deficiency to a great extent with their scrappy type of play...

The Oregons are not a club geared for long, grinding offensive marches. They did show Saturday an ability to strike in one swift stroke, their aptitude in that line being personified in the flashing heels of fleet, elusive little Tommy Edwards who was the best break-away runner on the field... Another bit for the staff: Watch George Shaw, the UO freshman quarter who slayed em at Portland's Grant last season. Casanova played George mostly on defense Saturday—and what a defensive man the kid is. Shaw had little luck in his few passing attempts but one of the contributing reasons could be the poor protection Duke passers are getting nowadays...

Kerkorian's Big Year?

Another impression: Stanford's Gary Kerkorian should be the top "T" quarter on the Coast this season, a role filled by the Huskies' disabled Don Heinrich last year. Kerkorian also probably will rank as the conference's A-1 passer... And in the running department don't overlook the Indians' Harry Huggan. He's a hard-to-stop guy...

SBA's Do It Again

Prep upset of the week: How about Salem Academy's surprise-aroo over Monroe which, on paper, was expected to make a runaway of the Capital league race... From accounts the Monroe crew was by no means timid about showing its displeasure at the outcome... Little Chuck Puhman, just one year away from junior high school, ran into a rash of interceptions in his passing endeavors Friday night at Gresham, but that's all part of the seasoning process. General opinion views young Chuck as a comer in the Salem high grid picture...

GERMAN TAKES CROWN

BERLIN, Sept. 23 (AP)—Germany's Hein Ten Hoff captured the European heavyweight boxing championship today with a clear-cut decision over Britain's Jack Gardner, who held the title only since last February.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon, September, 1951 (compiled by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon)

Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
24	8:03 a.m. 4.4	1:50 a.m. 0.7	
25	8:24 p.m. 5.5	2:31 a.m. 0.8	
26	8:54 p.m. 5.5	2:33 p.m. 3.3	
27	9:24 p.m. 5.8	3:03 p.m. 8.4	
28	9:54 p.m. 5.8	3:30 p.m. 2.3	
29	10:40 a.m. 2.2	4:04 a.m. 0.4	
30	11:06 a.m. 2.5	4:46 a.m. 2.4	
31	10:43 p.m. 5.8	4:35 p.m. 1.9	
1	11:20 a.m. 5.8	5:12 a.m. 0.5	
2	11:52 p.m. 5.8	5:23 p.m. 1.2	
3	11:34 a.m. 6.3	5:43 a.m. 0.8	
4		6:11 p.m. 0.7	

POOL, RADIO DON'T MIX

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (AP)—Songwriter Jimmy McHugh suffered a burn on his side from electrical current today when he touched a radio beside his swimming pool. Friends said McHugh had just climbed from the pool. His arm and ankle were hurt as he fell backward after the shock. The injuries are not serious.

Yanks, Dodgers Move Closer to Series

Crib-ridden Cadets Start

Vols Launch Attack For National Title

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP)—Big, powerful Tennessee, considered the team most likely to succeed; opens its 1951 football season Saturday along with those two once-mighty but now-doubtful eleven—Notre Dame and Army.

Racer Repeats Potomac River Boat Victory

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Bouncing over the choppy Potomac river sometimes at speeds of more than 100 miles an hour, Miss Pepsi—long, sleek twin-engined racing boat from Detroit—today repeated its last year's victory in the 45-mile President's Cup race.

Driven by veteran Chuck Thompson, the 36-foot Gold Cup racer, roared away from its rivals in the first 15-mile heat of this feature event of the annual President's Cup regatta. In a slower second heat, Hornet from Detroit, finished only a few yards ahead of Miss Pepsi. The defending champion crossed the line in the final heat more than a quarter-mile ahead of Gale II of Detroit.

Because of the comparatively rough water—and perhaps because he wasn't pushed too much—Thompson's time with Miss Pepsi was quite a bit short of his \$3,450 miles per hour record set last year.

Pioneer Loop Still to Play

POCAHELLO, Sept. 23 (AP)—Pioneer Baseball League Director met today, talked over their self-minimized attendance and franchise woes, expressed dogged determination to continue the league next year, and adjourned until Oct. 14.

Directors said they took no definite action except to reiterate their determination that, rumors to the contrary, the class C League will operate in 1952, and that means all eight teams.

Pittsburgh Signs Oregon Senior

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates today reported signing Jack Smith, 21-year-old University of Oregon senior, to contract after a trial here. Smith, who caught in the Anchorage (Alaska) league during the summer, was discovered by a Pirate scout Don Lindeberg of Miles City, Mont. He will report next June to the Waco, Texas, club of the Class B Big State league. A 195 pound right handed hitter, Smith was described by Branch Rickey as an excellent prospect. A Pirate spokesman was unable to confirm reports Smith received a \$10,000 bonus.

Maybe Goatee Will Get Title

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23 (AP)—Archie Moore, wearing his pet moustache and goatee with the blessing of the state athletic commission, will try to grind young Harold Johnson into the resin tomorrow night in another effort to prove his contention he's the uncrowned light heavyweight champion.

The hard fisted Journeyman fighter from St. Louis, recognized as the number one challenger for the 175 pound crown by all but Champ Joey Maxim, flings leather at Johnson in a scheduled 10 rounder at the Arena. Archie will enter the ring with his moustache and goatee intact despite the fact such facial hair is against Pennsylvania ring rules.

Section six of the commission's regulations requires boxers, come in clean shaven, but Commissioner John (Ox) Dagrosa said he's interpreting the rule according to its spirit rather than its substance. The commissioner, who isn't loathe to invoke regulations, feels the rule was meant to prevent grotesque or ridiculous handle-bar moustaches, bears or long and curly sideburns.

"Moore's moustache and goatee look very distinguished," commented the portly Dagrosa. That settled that.

BRYANT AT NAVY

ANNAPOLIS (AP)—One coaching change has been made in Navy's 1951 football staff. Bob Bryant, former Philadelphia Eagle and San Francisco 49er, has replaced Don Clark under Coach Eddie Erdelatz. Bryant was line coach at Arizona last season. Clark has joined the Southern California staff.

AFRAID OF A TICKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP)—A traffic policeman commandeered a car tonight to chase a motorist who tried to run him down, but the fleeing driver escaped. Patrolman Patrick Dolan said the driver of the commandeered auto refused to go faster than 25 miles an hour—the speed limit.

A CASE OF MUMPS

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Bert McLachlan, Michigan State's 220-yard and 440-yard Western conference free-style swim champion, missed the 1951 Senior AAU outdoor swim championships because he was bedded with a case of the mumps.

RAUCH FOR RATTERMAN

NEW YORK (AP)—Coach Jimmy Phelan of the New York football Yanks has settled on Johnny Rauch as his regular quarterback. The former Georgia star succeeds George Ratterman who plans to play in Canada this fall. The Yanks failed to pick up the option on Ratterman's contract it has been reported.

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BIG JOB AHEAD

By Alan Maver

Oregons, OSC Please Fans California, Washington Show According to Form

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (AP)—The wraps are off Pacific Coast conference teams today, revealing California and Washington with bulging muscles of football power.

Unveiling ceremonies over the weekend also provided an auspicious start for Southern California's new coach, Jess Hill, and Stanford's new mentor, Chuck Taylor.

Despite California's pounding of non-conference Santa Clara, 34-0, Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf opined that the blocking by the defending conference champions was less than satisfactory. Santa Clara Coach Dick Gallagher gave conference tutors an unhappy thought when he said he thought the Bears were 40 per cent better than last year.

Washington's Huskies didn't have the services of their injured All-America quarterback, Don Heinrich, but Montana found that no help at all as the Grizzlies were flattened, 58-7, in another non-conference tilt.

Coach Hill's Trojans mixed his fact wing style and the T-formation neatly to trim Washington State, 31-21, although some fumblebits and soft spots in the lines gave the fans periodic jitters. The last USC touchdown, an 83-yard power march, reminded watchers of the single wing power of the late Howard Jones' teams.

Stanford showed signs of power for Coach Taylor in nipping Oregon 27-20 but the Indians fumbled the ball away five times and had some defense lapses. Oregon's Coach Len Casanova, also beginning a new regime, displayed a team with polish and alert freshmen among the 11 yearlings he used.

Idaho had a rough time, succumbing to Wyoming 28-0. The Cowboys overpowered the Vandals on the ground and out-flipped them in the air.

Back in East Lansing, Mich., the highly rated Michigan State Spar-

Yanks Need 3 More, Move Against Boston: Indians Fade

By Ralph Roden

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP)—The New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers moved a step closer to a world series meeting today behind some clutch pitching by Vic Raschi and Preacher Roe.

Raschi turned in his 20th victory as he pitched the Yanks to a 6-1 victory over the Red Sox in Boston. The triumph fattened the Yankees' American league lead to 2 1/2 games over the Cleveland Indians, who dropped a 7-1 decision to the Tigers in Detroit.

Roe, beaten only twice all year, turned in his 22nd victory for the Dodgers with a 6-2 decision over Philadelphia. The victory protected the Dodgers' three-game lead over the New York Giants, who downed Boston, 4-1.

The Yanks have six games to play, including five with the Red Sox, while the Indians have only three games to go. The Yanks can clinch their third straight pennant by winning three of their remaining six games.

Brooklyn has seven games to play while the Giants have only five. Any combination of four Dodger victories or Giant setbacks will give the Dodgers the pennant.

Here's the picture at the glance:

Yankees Sell Out Series

BOSTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—The New York Yankees today announced a complete sell-out of grandstand tickets for all world series games that will be played at the Yankee Stadium, if they win the pennant.

The Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Brooklyn	53	57	.481	7
New York	61	49	.554	

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GBL
New York	52	58	.472	6
Cleveland	52	59	.467	7 1/2
Boston	47	64	.421	12 1/2
Philadelphia	47	64	.421	12 1/2
Washington	38	73	.341	21
St. Louis	49	68	.415	23 1/2

Sunday's results: At Detroit 8, Cleveland 1; at Boston 1, New York 6; at Philadelphia 12-8, Washington 4-3; at Chicago 7, St. Louis 8.

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ONLY ONE GARVER

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Browns came and go but there's only one Ned Garver. When Garver recently beat the Detroit Tigers, 4-2 for his 14th victory, Bob Young and Jimmy Delsing were the only Brownies in the lineup who started the season with Zack Taylor's club.

The victory was the Tigers' third straight over the Indians who had won 16 out of their first 37 games with Detroit.

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Today's Pitchers

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston at New York-Nichols (10-7) vs. Jones (10-10). (Only game scheduled).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: (No games scheduled).

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