

Movie Cowboys Getting Soft, Old-Timer Says

By Lloyd Settle
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Hollywood (UP)—Movie and television cowboys are sissies compared to the sagebrush kings of yesteryear in show business, an 80-year-old Cherokee contends.
He is John Agee, who rode with Buffalo Bill's show and was equestrian director for Ringling's circus in the 1930s. He coached Tom Mix, gave Buck Jones his first circus job, and for more than a decade has been chief horse trainer for the movie cowboy Gene Autry.
Agee ranks Autry tops among present day cowboys but sticks to his guns on the sissy business generally.
"You can't compare 'em," the spry, thinning Indian said with an expansive gesture.
"Today's cowboys are good but only for caddies. They're professionals. Take away radio, movies, television, rodeos, and what'd they do?"

Tom Mix Tough
"Back in our time cowpokes were more friendly, too. They didn't know they were part of an era and thought nothing of being a cowboy."
"I was a pretty tough hombre myself. But take Tom Mix. He was a real tough guy. He was a two-gun, hard-fisted man like Buffalo Bill."
"Mix made Fox studios \$5,000,000 and made himself another \$5,000,000."
Nine times winner of the world trick riding championships, Agee is now educating a horse he hopes will send the customers on their ears at the Madison Square Garden show Sept. 27.
He's teaching a horse to canter backward and to drink from a barrel of fire.

With Buffalo Bill
Agee recalls the day the late John Ringling put him in charge of 125 girls, 1,400 men and 600 horses. He knew every horse by name. "Better'n I knew the performers."
Agee also remembers going along on Buffalo Bill's first tour to Mexico City. Cody was accompanied by a newspaper woman, Faye King, from the Denver Post, and Annie Oakley and her shooting partner, Johnnie Baker.
"Can't understand why the darned movies never talk about Baker," he said. "He could shoot a fly off a fence post 100 feet away. He was twice as good as Annie."
Agee was born in Lewis county, Missouri, in the 1870s when his dad owned an interest in the famous Diamond Jewel Boat line. He breathed the spray in the prow of many a boat and knew every vessel that plied the Mississippi by its whistle.
Signed by Ringling
Agee had a pinto pony that he raced up and down the wagon-rutted roads. Then the circus came to town, with many horses. Said the youngster to the great John Ringling, "Need a good man?"
"Where's the man?"
"Here!" said the boy.
The great showman smiled. "That's a pretty brave sort of thing to say. Go back and tell the boss, Rhoda Royal, to put you on as a jockey."
Thus did John Agee meet the "cowboys of yesterday."

Former Resident Dies in Montana

Abbie Childs Prentice, a native of Creston, Ia., and a former resident of Bend, died Tuesday afternoon in Helena, Mont., where she had made her home the past two years. She had been in ill health for about a year.
Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Presbyterian church at Wilton, N. D., where Mrs. Prentice lived for a number of years.
Mrs. Prentice is survived by her husband, D. K. Prentice, of Helena; five sons, including Donald of Bend and Rev. Robert H. Prentice, formerly of Bend and now of Helena, and two daughters, Grace Heston, Williston, N. D., and Marie Hanson, Glendive, Mont. Sons are: Robert, of Helena; Charles, of Oakes, N. D.; Donald, Bend, and Russell and Gale, both in California.

ASLEEP AT SWITCH
Muncie, Ind. (UP)—A burglar broke into the Bragg Sandwich Shop through a window, looted a music box, a cigarette machine and the cash register, and made his getaway without arousing the owner, who was sleeping in the back room "to guard the place against burglars."

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Eddie Forest and Korleen Kraft, fifth graders at the Jessie Hill school, will reign as king and queen of Kids' day festivities, Saturday in Redmond.

Railroad Owns Nothing, But Stockholders Profit

Philadelphia (UP)—The North Pennsylvania Railroad doesn't own a locomotive or a car and it doesn't operate a single mile of track today.
Some of the distinguished members of its board of directors don't know a gondola from a caboose. They don't have to.
The North Penn is so successful that nobody has to do anything except collect dividends which are guaranteed for the next 900-odd years.
The North Penn, with a history marked by tragedy and failure, is one of the most envied railroads in the nation.
The little railroad was organized in the mid-1800s by a group of shrewd business men who persuaded farmers to sell land for the right-of-way for almost nothing.
Wreck Brings Tragedy
The road had its "main line" between Philadelphia and Bethlehem. It also ran a branch line to Doylestown, and ran trains from Philadelphia to New York in cooperation with two other companies.
But the North Penn ran into trouble early. Its financial affairs never were very stable. Then, in 1879 occurred the tragedy which wrecked the company.
An excursion train, carrying 1,000 children on a church outing to nearby Fort Washington, Pa., collided with a Philadelphia bound train moving full speed ahead of the road's one-track line.
There were 65 persons killed, most of them children, and 100 others injured.
The wreck finished the company. Or at least, everyone thought it did. But the managers, in what is regarded as one of the smartest deals in railroad history, leased everything it had to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, now the Reading Co.

Debt Taken Over
The lease, drawn up in great secrecy, turned over to the Philadelphia and Reading all the tracks, stations, rolling stock and other assets of the North Penn for a term of 990 years. The P & R also fell heir to a funded debt of close to \$6,500,000 and, in addition to that responsibility, agreed to an annual eight per cent dividend rate for the 990 years.
It was quite a bargain for the North Penn. The directors of the corporation now meet once a year. They maintain a mid-city office mostly for discussing the old days.
The 1,300 stockholders sit back and collect a dividend every year of \$4 a share on the \$50 par stock. It sells in the market for about \$90, but no one ever sells.
The Reading Co., which operates trains over the North Penn right-of-way, would like to buy up the stock but doesn't have any illusions about doing it.
In 919 years, in the year 2869, the North Penn can have its railroad back—if it wants it. But meanwhile, the directors are satisfied to let the Reading Co. worry about fares and schedules. They're sitting pretty.

POLLUTION KILLS FISH
Portland, Sept. 21 (UP)—Pollution that robbed the water of oxygen caused the death of many fish in the Willamette river in the Portland area today.
Kenneth H. Spies, engineer for the state sanitary authority, said tests indicated there had been virtually no oxygen left in solution in the river between Cottage Grove and Portland during recent weeks.
The pollution results from industrial waste and sewage in the river.

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Kids' Day Plans Completed By Redmond Group

Redmond, Sept. 21 — Kids' day preparations are in full swing, according to Derrell Sharp, general chairman, who today announced the schedule for the Saturday events.
The Kids' parade is scheduled for 10 a.m., and the promise of a treat has been made for each youngster entering the parade. First, second and third prizes will be awarded for outstanding costumes, and prizes will be given to the youngest boy and girl in the parade. Wheeled vehicles will be welcome, but no horses will be allowed in the parade. It was announced. A prize will be given for the best "rig."

The parade will form on B street at the corner of Sixth. The line of march will be south to E street, then west to the high school grounds, where the prizes will be awarded.

The grade school football jamboree will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds. Teams from Redmond, Prineville and Bend will participate. Halves, rather than full games, are on the agenda.

Highlight of the jamboree will be the crowning of the king and queen of Kids' day. Korleen Kraft and Eddie Forest, fifth grade students at the Jessie Hill school have been selected for this honor. Another treat planned for the evening celebration will be performances put on by the Redmond high school drill team.

Special gifts will be presented to the king and queen as a between-half feature.
Small admittance fees will be charged at the jamboree for adults and older students, but all "kids" will be admitted free.

Young Democrats To Attend Meet

A region-wide conference of Young Democrats will be held in La Grande this week end, according to information from Walter J. Dennis, Portland, president of the group. The meetings have been scheduled for two days, Saturday and Sunday. Plans for the remainder of the 1950 campaign will be outlined.

Dennis said two carloads of Young Democrats would make the trip to La Grande from Portland, and others are expected from all parts of the state. George Cecil, Bend, president of the Deschutes county Young Democrats club, plans to attend.
A dinner at which Vernon Bull, democratic candidate for the post of representative from the second Oregon district, is to be the speaker, will be held Saturday night. Conference headquarters will be at the Sacajawea hotel.
Dale Gibson, Bend, is national committeeman of the Young Democratic clubs of Oregon.

TOO MUCH IS ENOUGH
Knoxville, Tenn. (UP)—Mrs. Mabel Morelock said she'd had enough and sued for divorce. Her husband, she said, had a habit of breaking beer bottles over her head.

Real Estate Office Bought

Benjamin Russell, who formerly operated a real estate agency at 56 Oregon, announced today that he and another Bend businessman, E. Leonard Smith, had purchased the Hi-Way Real Estate office, 228 E. 3rd, from Lee Taylor.

Russell reported that he and Smith would continue to operate the firm under the name Hi-Way Real Estate and would specialize in ranch and farm sales. Smith also owns and operates the Civic Roller rink in Bend.

Taylor, according to Russell, is planning to move to Montana, where he will operate a hunting lodge.

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RED COLONEL SURRENDERS

On Taegu Front, Korea, Sept. 21 (UP)—Col. Lee Hak Ku, 30, chief of staff of the North Korean 13th division, surrendered today to the advancing 1st cavalry division.
He is the highest ranking communist officer yet captured by the Americans.
The 30-year-old colonel said he no longer believes in communism.

"I have been studying democratic ideology and have come to the conclusion that democracy is the best way of life," an army spokesman quoted him.

ALL SIX IN NAVY

Franklin, Mass. (UP)—Here's a real sea-going family. Harold Barnes and his four sons are all in the navy. A daughter, a former navy nurse, is awaiting orders.

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