

## Stunt Man Critically Injured in 150-Foot Suicide Bridge Jump

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 15 (AP)—Stuntman Bob Niles fell and was critically injured Tuesday when he tried to make a parachute jump from the 150-foot-high Colorado St. bridge, once famed as "suicide bridge."

He was taken to emergency hospital where his condition was pronounced critical.

## 'Jumping Jack' Made Records

San Francisco, Feb. 15 (AP)—Bob (Jumping Jack) Niles, 23-year-old ex-paratrooper critically injured in a parachute jump from a Pasadena bridge Tuesday, twice made successful jumps from bridges here.

Niles eluded police to jump 500 feet from a tower of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge May 10, 1949, and it took highway patrolmen nearly an hour to unsnarl a four-mile long traffic jam that resulted.

Niles was less successful in the aftermath of his leap. Judge Clarence Morris sentenced him to a 30-day term on charges of violating the bridge anti-pedestrian law and committing a public nuisance. He served only part of the sentence.

He started his jumping career here earlier when he managed a 260-foot leap from the Golden Gate bridge April 15, 1949. Of the almost 120 known suicide or stunt leaps from that span, Niles was the second person known to survive.

Niles also was the second person to survive a leap from the Bay bridge.

It was after his successful leap from the Bay span that he announced his intention of leaping from the Empire State building in New York.

For days he waged a war of nerves with the building's guards, special police and elevator operators, but never made the threatened leap.

Niles was "rehearsing" for a proposed jump from New York's Empire State building when the accident occurred, police said.

Six companions, helping with the "rehearsal," were arrested.

Niles made unauthorized parachute jumps last summer from the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco and went to New York to jump from the Empire State building but was prevented by police.

The Colorado St. bridge was named "suicide bridge" during the depression years when nearly 100 persons jumped to their deaths in the rocky Arroyo Seco.

A high wire fence was erected along both sides of the span to halt the wave of suicide jumps.

Niles had climbed the fence and was preparing to jump Tuesday morning when something went wrong.

He shouted for help and one of his assistants tried to grab him, but was too late.

Police said the 24-year-old stunt man had climbed over the fence, which in itself is a violation of a city ordinance, tied a rope to the guard rail and had climbed down the rope, below the street level.

He was waiting for the wind to fill his chute when his hands slipped. He screamed and fell.

Emergency hospital attendants said he had fractures of both legs and internal injuries.

There are an estimated 435,000 oil wells in the United States.



First to Enter—Virginia L. Orr, 16, of Novato, Calif., is the first to enter the annual Junior Grand National Livestock show, to be held at the San Francisco Cow Palace, April 1-6. Virginia is shown here with her yearling Guernsey bull, which won her a blue ribbon at last year's show. (Acme Telephoto)

## Publicity Irks Trombone Player Over His Quest for Romance

Brigham City, Utah, Feb. 15 (AP)—Trombone player Lee Eliasson doesn't like the international publicity given his quest for romance.

Eliasson—speaking from his Utah home Valentine's day—said he was sick and tired of the whole thing.

"Somebody's going to get into trouble if it isn't dropped," he said after refusing to answer questions about his age, occupation, musical ability and plans for romance.

Reports from Canada's Quebec City said that Eliasson was expected to arrive there soon to look over some of the 18 French-Canadian mademoiselles who told the Quebec mayor they'd jump at a chance to marry the Utah musician.

Eliasson admitted that he'd written to some of the Canadian girls "but how many is my business."

"Now I'm writing to only a few," he asserted indignantly. "Maybe there are possibilities of something more later."

He declined to say if he planned a trip to Canada to look over the field. Nor would he comment on charges of New York girls that he's a traitor to his country for turning his attentions to Canada.

When asked if he would accept interviews from "scouts" for eligible American girls, including those in Utah, Eliasson ended the "silly talk" by banging down his telephone.

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## Egypt Is Main Target of Middle East Drug Smugglers

By EDWARD POLLAK

Cairo, Feb. 15 (AP)—Egypt is the main target of Middle East drug smugglers.

The Egyptian narcotics bureau, waging total war against drug smuggling, reported that in 1949 it had seized 2,000,000 pounds Egyptian (\$5,660,000 U. S.) worth of narcotics being smuggled into the Nile kingdom. Most of these drugs, hashish, opium and heroin, were produced in neighboring countries.

But, the narcotics bureau admitted, during the same period astute smugglers managed to sneak past coast guard posts and camel patrols narcotics valued at more than 8,000,000 pounds Egyptian (\$22,640,000 U. S.).

Drug smuggling has plagued Egypt from the times of the Arabian nights. After World War I it grew to such proportions that authorities decided to launch an all-out effort to crush it.

A narcotics bureau was created, working in close touch with the League of Nations and later the United Nations. The Egyptian law was stiffened to provide for long prison terms both smugglers and addicts. A strict watch on Egypt's borders was enforced.

These measures did not deter smugglers alured by profits ranging from 500 to 1,000 per cent. Their efforts to out-smart the authorities led to many ingenious tricks.

Bedouins smuggled dope over the border in metal tubes which their camels swallowed. Once the frontier inspection was passed they slaughtered the animals. Inspection by X-ray machines finally put a stop to this practice.

Other tricks, too, eventually were foiled by the authorities, but government statistics still are hitting the jackpot in many instances.

The main offender among drugs slipped past Egyptian frontiers is hashish, which is very much like marijuana. Hashish can be either smoked or eaten and is said to create a sense of rapture and elation and to bring about wonderful dreams. At the same time, some doctors say, it ruins health and in the long run makes a wreck out of a man.

So hashish remains high on the list of this country's public enemies.

Brahms, Joann Strauss and Jerome Kern with a novelty number, De Lamater's "Don Juan," to be included.

## East Salem Groups Arrange Variety of Social Affairs

East Salem, Feb. 15—Special Mothers club programs, luncheons and dessert lunch with social afternoons make up the variety on the social program for East Salem women this week. Washington Mothers club meets at the school house Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Superintendent of the schools Frank Bennett will be the guest speaker.

Auburn Mothers club meets at the school house Friday afternoon at 1:30. Howard Pyfer will show moving pictures of the teeth in preparation for the dental clinic next week.

The Garden Road Neighborhood club meets Friday in the home of Mrs. Ralph Werner on Garden road. A one o'clock luncheon is planned. The Jolly Neighbors will meet Friday afternoon for a dessert luncheon in the home of Mrs. Wallace Segulin on Brown road. All women living on Brown road are members.

Mrs. Covil Case was hostess for the Merry Minglers meeting in her Salem home on Thursday afternoon. Going in for the dessert luncheon were Mrs. Albert Fabry, Mrs. J. Irvin Wagers, Mrs. Wade Carter, Mrs. Vicar Wagers, Mrs. Earl Malm, Mrs. Robert Pickereel, Mrs. Clyde Colwell, Mrs. Carl Snyder, Mrs. Ernest Barker, Mrs. Orlean Kring, Mrs. John Ackerman, Mrs. Harvey Page, Mrs. R. Robert Fromm, Mrs. LeRoy Barker and her grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Bickers as a guest.

The special door prize was given to Mrs. Wade Carter. The annual family night no-host supper will be held at the Mayflower hall the evening of March 9. Special committees were appointed. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Leonard Malm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Keppinger were hostesses for the monthly meeting of the Middle Grove Birthday club at their Lancaster drive home Saturday night. A covered dish supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scharf, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jaffee, Mr. and Mrs. John Cage and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scharf, Mr.

## Aurora Club Plans Benefit Activity

Aurora — A PAL (Police Athletic League) show will be staged in the Aurora grade school gymnasium Saturday night, Feb. 18, under the sponsorship of the Aurora Lions club, and for the benefit of the club's activities fund, it was announced this week.

Arrangements were completed this week with the PAL club in Portland. Boxing and wrestling contests and juggling performances will be featured in the show. Local talent will be included.

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## Three New Projects Given Club Members

Albany—Three new projects for Linn county 4-H club members were adopted at an all-day meeting of the Linn County 4-H club Leaders' association at the Riverside community hall, H. Joe Myers, Linn county 4-H club extension agent, reports.

Myers said the group decided upon the following events to be added to the calendar for 4-H club members of the county during the year: radio trout for club members, some time during March; a training meeting for livestock club members during the first part of April in the vicinity of Lebanon, and a livestock judging tour to select the two judging teams to represent Linn county at the Oregon State fair and Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

This judging tour will be held during the last week in June, and in the south end of Linn county, Myers stated.

It is estimated that a horse eats food from enough land to feed four people.

## 25 Forgot to Donate Blood

A total of 68 pints was received at the Portland regional blood center visitation in Salem Tuesday—and the total would have been nearer the 100-pint goal had 25 persons not forgotten to keep their appointments.

There were 106 persons who reported for the visitation, 18 being unable to donate blood. Several giving their blood were replacements for free blood given friends or relatives. Several were persons who were "drop-ins" those unable to make previous appointments.

The unit goes to Mt. Angel on February 27 and returns to Salem on March 14.

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