

A Glimpse of Valley's Record Crop



The Rogue River Valley's fruit crop this year is breaking all records. The accompanying photograph shows the heavily laden branches in a pear orchard near Medford.

200 SWIMMERS TRAIN FOR PRIZES IN BIG MARATHON

TORONTO—(AP) There are at least 120 persons in this and other countries willing to forego the misery incident to a marathon swim in Lake Ontario for a chance at \$50,000 in prizes.

This is indicated by the early entries for the third annual swimming championship events, Aug. 29, Sept. 2, sponsored by the Canadian national exhibition. With the race a month away, the entry list totals 159 with indications that last year's mark of 299 for the Lake George marathon may be exceeded.

Fifty swimmers are already in training here. Twenty of these have been working out for more than a month trying to become acclimated to the chilly waters of the big lake.

In this they have been only partly successful because water conditions have switched so swiftly. During the recent hot spell the water in Lake Ontario was as warm as 63 degrees. Then for nearly a week it was by cold. Four days off-shore winds churned up the cold water from the depths to make a difference of more than 15 degrees over the prevailing temperature when the surface waters are heated to a normal summer stage.

Europe will have several representatives in the big swim, judging from early entries. George Michel, French baker, who finished second last year, has sailed, but Ernst Vierhoffer, the bulky German swimmer who captured the big prize last year, has as yet been noncommittal regarding his plans, if he has any, to defend his championship.

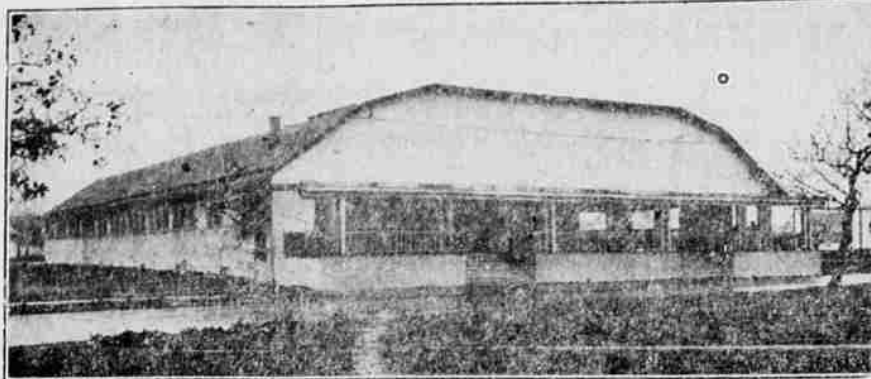
One of the favorites among the women is Ethel Tierle, who was the fastest among the women last year. She clung close to the leaders for 14 miles of the 21-mile race and received a prize of \$3000 for her game showing.

There will be two events this year instead of one. Women swimmers will compete in a ten-mile race Wednesday, August 29. A week later the men with the five leading women swimmers will compete over a 15-mile course.

A prize of \$25,000 will go to the winner in the second contest and an additional \$25,000 will be distributed to the entrants finishing among the first ten.

Rogue River Valley—The scenic paradise of the world.

Hilarity Hall, Where Opening Dance Was Held Last Night



The opening dance of the American Legion convention was staged in the Hilarity Hall at Fifth and Fir streets last night. There will be dances every evening in Medford ballrooms, all under the auspices of Medford Post No. 15.

Jonah's Tale No Fish Story

CHILTERNHAM, England (AP)—One of the strangest investigations of all times is being carried on here by the Rev. John Ambrose Wilson, an alumnus of Queen College, Oxford.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson is seeking to prove that Jonah was not telling a fish story and that he really swallowed a whale.

Since the publication of an article in the Princeton Theological Review the Rev. Mr. Wilson has been deluged with letters giving him further evidence for his theory that it was physically, biologically and otherwise possible for Jonah to have lived three days inside the whale.

He maintains that Jonah was not the only person swallowed and neck permanently attached

by a whale. He cited two other cases, one of recent times. Recently, however, his attention has been called by correspondents to possible additional cases, which he is investigating. He is likewise looking up more confirmatory facts on the two cases already cited.

"I wouldn't advise anyone else to try to look passage on a whale," Mr. Wilson said. "He would find the mammal's stomach a pretty hot place. The heat within the whale has been estimated at 104 degrees Fahrenheit."

When James Bartley, one of the crew of the whaler 'Star of the East,' was swallowed by a whale in 1891, near the Falkland Islands, he emerged the next day, after his shipmates had captured the whale, with his hands, face

and neck permanently attached to the whale's body.

soaked white. This was caused by the whale's gastric juices, Bartley said, moreover, that the teeth he had in the whale's belly seemed to adhere to him of all vitality.

The second instance upon which the Rev. Mr. Wilson relies is that of Marshall Jenkins, related by the Boston Post Boy in 1771. Jenkins was swallowed by a sperm whale and shortly afterward thrown out upon the wreckage of his boat. He was bruised, but not seriously injured.

Study Traffic Efficiency

WASHINGTON—(AP) The transportation division, department of commerce, is about to begin a study of the relation of traffic departments to efficient conduct of modern business. Facts and figures will be collected on the movement of merchandise by railway, airway, waterway and highway in an effort to determine the place of industrial traffic management as a factor for the elimination of waste in distribution.

Work Made "Hobo-Novelist"

By WADE WERNER
Motion Picture Feature Editor
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 29.—(AP)—Said the interviewer to the tramp: "To what, sir, do you attribute your success?"
Said the tramp: "To hard work and plenty of it."
"You still call Jim Tully the hobo novelist, for the code the broke beams in many a state before he became famous for his depiction of the vagabond side of American life. At times, however, he worked, worked hard enough and consistently enough, to learn the trade of chain-making.

It was an ironic turn in his life, his application to the art of making chains. For chains were Tully's heritage. Poverty and loneliness shackled his childhood, and chains of adversity weighted him wherever he turned to climb.

Born poor, he went to an orphanage when his mother died. He was five then—"just another freckle-faced kid that nobody ever came to see," he recalls, "but the best all-around boy they ever had."

Loneliness ate into his spirit in those days. He felt keenly and resented his utter unimportance during the years he was growing from small boyhood toward adolescence. "I came out of it with a great bitterness," he says.

Away from the orphanage, working for his board on a farm, the bitterness grew. Being older, he ran away and began his apprenticeship in vagabondage.

And later, when he turned to learning a trade, it was the forging of chains that occupied him. He still has a sard in the chain-makers' union and likes to talk of old days in the chain shop.

"It's a great art, this making of chains," he says. "Men must make them, and by hand, just as they made them long ago. Machines can't tame the red-hot links and do it well. And it's no job for weaklings or the half-hearted. A five-pound sledge was the smallest hammer we used. A man had to hit hard and learn just where to hit, and he had to learn young."

To his first reprieve, but like a battleship, Tully brought the scoured and calloused hands of a chainmaker. He smote the keys with sledgehammer fingers, beat out laborious paragraphs with the patience of a hammer-wielder who has hoped to make another chain for street-bought.

"Eight years it took me to write my first novel," he relates. "Eight years. It was hard labor, but I learned a lot in the writing of that book. Others came easier. 'Beggars of Life' I wrote in two months."

Tully often is called "the most hated man in Hollywood." It has been said that when he walks into a room full of picture players the picture people walk out. "This alleged feeling against him is ascribed to his depiction of Hollywood characters in 'Jarnegan' and to his published interviews with stars.

For Tully is blunt with a chain-shop bluntness. To paraphrase one of his own expressions, the smallest hammer he uses is a five-pound sledge.

Tully also was a fighter in the days before his books brought him money, and he leaned no velvet touch in the prize ring.

However, one need not fear that this stocky, red-headed ex-chainmaker ever will starve in Hollywood. It is not the people Hollywood hates but the people Hollywood forgets who need pity here.

Just at present a producer who hated Tully well enough to pay handsomely for the screen rights to "Beggars of Life" is paying him an additional \$500 a week to collaborate with the director during the filming of it.

Such collaboration Tully does not regard as work. "I don't argue with the director," he explains. "Writing the book was my job, filming it is his."

For what he has achieved in his writing, however, the "hobo

novelist" wants full credit. "If wasn't luck nor genius," he insists, "but just hard work and plenty of it. I worked and I worked and I worked."

"I don't doubt that any carpenter could have done as well if he had worked as hard."

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