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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS HAVE you seen one of these "walkathons" that appear to be the latest craze in the way of endurance contests?

THE "walkathon," as the name indicates, is an offshoot of the dance marathons that were popular a few years ago. It is related, in principle, to flagpole sitting contests, and such.

THE idea, apparently, is to see how much human beings can endure without collapsing, or going crazy—crazier, that is, than they were when they started.

THIS particular affair was in its 314th hour—that is, the contestants had been walking for 314 hours, with only such rest and sleep as is provided by the rules.

THEY walk in couples, a man and a woman together—or rather a boy and a girl, for without exception they were young. Nineteen couples started in, but by the 314th hour the number had been reduced to eleven.

FOR the most part, they just WALK, although occasionally the big boss who runs the show orders a minute of dancing; to "pep them up," he says.

ONE man, obviously enough, has been having his troubles. One knee is stiff, and he drags it as he goes. The other wobbles visibly. He uses a cane.

THE chipperest-looking male of the lot weighs some 240 pounds, and he comes out from his 11-minute rest periods rarin' to go, fairly champing the bit. Don't under-estimate these fat men.

THERE is a platform at the end of the hall, equipped with loud speakers and radio connections. From time to time, one or another of the contestants is called to this platform to sing.

FUNNY Well, it seems to be fun for the crowd, judging by the laughing and kidding that go on. As for the contestants themselves, the explanation is world-weary. One gathers that they would give a farm, if possessed of one, for the privilege of sleeping about a week.

NOW comes the real nub of the story. This drab spectacle is knocking 'em dead from the box of office standpoint, drawing capacity crowds every evening. A mile away, the theatres, putting on really good shows, are crying for business, and crying alone and unheeded, with only a handful of customers to assuage their woe.

WHY do people do it, and pay money for the chance? Is it (Continued on Page Four)

BUCKNELL BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE LEWISBURG, Pa., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Old Main and its two wings, Bucknell university's first buildings, were destroyed by fire today.

MISS Tangany is suffering from a heart ailment, bright's disease and rheumatism.

ASHLAND HUSBAND WIELDS KNIFE ON WIFE AND FLEES

Police Seeking Wm. Blazer After Family Quarrel and Serious Stabbing of Mate in Early Evening Hour.

Stabbed with a butcher knife in the left arm near the heart by her husband, Mrs. William Blazer of 137 Harrison street, Ashland, is in the Ashland Community hospital in a critical condition, according to word received here at 9:30 o'clock last night by police officers. She was suffering from a great loss of blood, reports stated.

According to Ashland authorities, Blazer had been away for the past year and a half, and returned to Ashland only yesterday.

Blazer was described as about 35 or 36 years of age, five feet seven inches in height, dark complexioned, and weighing about 150 pounds. Officers said that Blazer did not have a car to make his getaway.

FOREST GUARDS HAVE BUSY WEEK

A number of arrests of Klamath Falls men concerning fire prevention in the Rogue river national forests, were reported yesterday by the national forest offices yesterday.

Jack Duracha was arrested last Sunday by Ranger H. S. Ritter for smoking while traveling on an unimproved highway near Lake of the Woods, as was C. H. Pogle. The latter was arrested on the old Dead Indian road the same day. Both were bound over to the federal grand jury Tuesday.

On Friday, Emil G. Dreher was fined \$25 and \$4.50 in costs in Justice of Peace L. A. Robert's court for setting a series of fires on the south fork of Rogue river. The \$25 was remitted.

Another was lost in the Butte Falls district when on a fishing trip, and in order to attract the attention of the lookout, set four fires. By morning, when the lookout was able to see the smoke, Dreher had found his location, and left the district. He was apprehended by Ranger John Holst.

RADICALS FORGED VET CREDENTIALS

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Hispanics and Jews greeted F. Truhee Davidson, assistant secretary of war, today as he appeared before the New York state convention of the American Legion to charge that communists forged discharge papers for many members of the Washington bonus army.

Following Davidson's speech the legion voted 499 to 138 in favor of immediate payment of the bonus. Davidson, candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination, defended the president's use of troops to expel the bonus army and then declared he had proof that many of the discharge papers, presented by bonus army members had been produced by "communist-owned diploma mills."

YANKS CHALK UP FOURTH STRAIGHT NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The Yankees made it four straight over Cleveland by winning today 5 to 4. Babe Ruth made three hits and drove in the winning run in the seventh.

INDICTED ON LOTTERY CHARGES



Senator James J. Davis (right) of Pennsylvania, Conrad H. Mann (left) of Kansas City, national executive of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and five other persons were named in federal indictments charging them with participating in lotteries promoted by fraternal organizations to raise charity funds. (Associated Press Photo)

STUDY OF PEARS TO BE ENLARGED BY U. S. EXPERTS

Plans have been completed for a research program to study the condition of Rogue river pears, during storage, inaugurated by Dr. Henry Hartman, on a larger basis, and in co-operation with the department of agriculture.

The political pot in Jackson county started simmering anew the past week with rumors and counter-rumors of independent candidates, entering the list between now, and 45 days before the general election, or about September 15th.

The research will be of high value to all pear growing areas of the Pacific coast, and has long been sought by valley growers and shippers. C. L. Powell of the department of agriculture arrived Saturday, to handle the work. He will work with Prof. W. W. Aldrich of the experiment orchard in studying the effect of irrigation upon the time of maturity of the fruit.

Dr. Henry Hartman, the past three years, has been engaged in making storage tests of local pears in New York City, studying marketing conditions, and the new researches are a substantial broadening of his work.

SHERWOOD WILL TELL KIWANIS OF OLYMPICS

Stanley Sherwood of the local postoffice staff will be the speaker tomorrow noon at the Kiwanis club luncheon at the Hotel Medford. Mr. Sherwood will give a report of the Olympic games which he attended in Los Angeles.

Plate Issuance Nearing Normal

SALEM, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Automobile licensees issued to date totaled 176,922. It was announced today by the secretary of state. This compares with 143,250 of the total issued on the same date the previous year. Total receipts from plates were announced as \$4,567,770 as compared to \$3,619,407 a year ago.

Applegate Water Asked for Mining

SALEM, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The Queensland mining company of Roch, Oregon, has filed application with the state engineer for permit to appropriate 20 second foot of water from Little and Big Applegate rivers for mining purposes in Jackson county.

ROOSEVELT SAYS DEMOCRATS FIRM ON LIQUOR ISSUE

Candidate Declares Hoover and Backers Stand Convicted of Trying to Evade and Contuse Issue.

By WALTER T. BROWN (Associated Press Staff Writer) SEA GRIT, N. J., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Declaring that the Democratic platform and the candidates have "fairly and squarely met" the prohibition issue, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic presidential nominee, registered here today that President Hoover and the Republican leadership "stand convicted of trying to evade and confuse the issue."

"The methods adopted since the great war with the purpose of achieving a greater temperance by prohibition have been accompanied, he said, "in almost every part of the country by complete and tragic failure."

Mr. Roosevelt was the guest of a Democratic rally arranged by Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City and other state leaders. The nominee's speech here was the second in his road campaign. The first was at Columbus, Ohio, last Saturday. With him today were Mrs. Roosevelt, and her two younger sons, Franklin, Jr., and John, both school boys.

In that year, he declared, "there was a party that tried to ride two horses at the same time. The Republican party had one foot—a candidate for governor—on the wet horse and the other foot—the candidate for lieutenant governor—on the dry horse. Unfortunately the horses insisted upon going in different directions and the party fell to the ground between them."

"This year, he added, "the Republican national leaders have tried the same circus stunt. The answer of the voters throughout the nation will be precisely the same."

MEDFORD WOMEN RIDE TO ROUNDUP

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. F. J. Clifford and her daughter, Olive, of Medford, reached Pendleton today astride "Pistol" and "Peanut," ponies which have carried their riders 600 miles in Oregon and Washington. The two women will participate in the roundup-dress-up parade and western epic next month.

MORELAND VICTOR WESTERN TOURNEY

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Gus Moreland strode off the Rockford Country Club fairways tonight with the Western Amateur crown perched on his brow and an invitation to compete on America's Walker Cup team in his pocket.

Famous Eva Tanguay in Ill Health and Poverty

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Eva Tanguay, famous stage and vaudeville artist, is waging a desperate fight against death. Ill since may, she had a sinking spell on Sunday which nearly ended in death but during the last three days has rallied, but her condition is still critical.

Schmeling Returns For Walker Bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Max Schmeling returned today from Germany, fit and browned and impatient to begin his campaign to reclaim the heavyweight title he lost to Jack Sharkey two months ago.

MEDFORD SCHOOL BELLS RING SEPTEMBER SIXTH

Pupils Working May Remain Out of School Short Time—Same Teachers Returning in All Schools.

School bells will ring (at least the gong will sound) to call Medford girls and boys back to books Tuesday, September 6, according to announcement yesterday from E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools. At both Junior and Senior high schools, registration of new pupils will be conducted Friday, all day, and Saturday, until noon, September 2nd and 3rd.

Pupils who registered last spring need not report until Tuesday morning. The regular schedule will run in both schools, Tuesday, and no registration of new pupils can be handled until after school hours on that day. Superintendent Hedrick stated.

Elementary school pupils will register in their respective grades when they report Tuesday morning. For pupils actually employed, provision has been made so they may remain out of school for a time, even to registering a week or so late. Pupils not gainfully employed, however, will be held at the ready on the opening of school.

Teachers organization meetings have been scheduled for Friday morning. Elementary and Junior high teachers meet at the Junior high school at 8:00 a. m., while the High school teachers meet at the same hour with Principal Smith at the High school. The Superintendent's general meeting for all teachers will be held at the Junior high school at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, September 3rd.

"For the first time in many years, and possibly for the first time in the city's history," said Superintendent Hedrick, "the schools are being opened with no new teacher in any building. All teachers on the corps were here last year, but some have been assigned to different positions following the heavy cut in the number of teachers laid off at that time. Due to the decrease in the number of teachers employed, it has been found necessary to lengthen the day at high school. A number of classes will begin at 8 a. m. Pupils who do not have an 8 o'clock class need not report until 9 o'clock."

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FEAR OCEAN FLYERS DOWN ON ATLANTIC

OSLO, Norway, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The pilot of the airplane Green Mountain Boy, unreported more than 60 hours on a trans-Atlantic venture from New York to Oslo, were feared tonight to have been lost somewhere on the Atlantic.

GRANTS PASS—Repairs and alterations estimated to cost \$5,000 now in progress at Fashion Garage.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Hollywood, San Francisco, Shellenback and Bassler, etc.

BATES SEEKING POSTPONEMENT COURT HEARING

A stipulation prepared by his attorney, M. O. Wilkins of Ashland on behalf of F. A. Bates, the aged Gold Hill miner, and one of the co-plaintiffs in the "breakdown of law and order" allegations of recent months, was presented to the district attorney's office late Saturday. It is signed by Attorney Wilkins only.

The stipulation provides that the trial of Bates, indicted by the last grand jury, on a charge of "threatening to commit a felony" be postponed until the October term of court, which starts the fourth Monday in October, and further provides "that if during the said October term of court, and not later than February, 1933, the defendant F. A. Bates and his family shall remove their residence from the Pools Creek district of Jackson county, that this case shall be dismissed with the approval of the court."

The stipulation sets forth that Bates has made arrangements for the sale of his property, and is preparing to move to Lin county, Oregon, and that the stipulation is the result of an agreement between all parties concerned.

FRANK M'TAGUE CHAMPION PACKER

In the pear packing contest conducted last night on the Fox Crater-Jan stage, Frank McTague of the Quality Packing Service was winner of first prize, packing his three boxes in 5 minutes and 25 seconds. Second place went to Fuzz Summers, independent packer, who completed the three boxes in 5 minutes and 50 seconds, and Lou James, another independent, took third place in 6 minutes and 25 seconds.

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LIBEL DEFENDANTS CLAIM PREJUDICE IS BAR TO NORTON

Attorney Wilkins Files Affidavits Against Judge in Suits Against Daily News and Co-Defendants. Affidavits of prejudice against Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, and motions to strike, from the complaints and paragraphs on the grounds of irrelevancy, immateriality, and incompetency, were presented for filing to the county clerk Saturday by the defendants by the libel suits of Hal James, Guy F. Bates, Bob McMannis, and Ted Dole, Gold Hill district miners, against the Medford News, L. A. Banks, editor, F. A. Bates, aged Gold Hill miner, and his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lund. Each of the four miners, in separate libel actions, ask \$50,000 alleged damages.

IDENTIFY VICTIM BOX CAR MURDER

Pictures of the man found murdered in a box car near Ullmar station, California, over a week ago, were identified here Friday by Ted Smith as being the Carl Talmadge he had known in Cambridge, Idaho. Smith had reported to Chief of Police Clatous McCredie last week that he had known a man by that name when he worked on a farm in Idaho. Talmadge was in Medford about two weeks before the body was found near Oakland and had talked to Smith when here. Photographs were sent to officers in Medford by M. E. Driver, sheriff of Alameda county. Smith said Talmadge had a star in Idaho, but that he did not know her name since her marriage, nor her address.

NON-RESIDENT NABBED ON AUTO TAG CHARGE

The state police Saturday afternoon arrested Kermit Keyser, an ornamental worker, for non-conformity with the Oregon auto license laws. It is alleged that Keyser, a resident of this section, secured two non-resident permits, using one himself, and his father at Klamath Falls using the other. Keyser was operating with a California license plate and the state police allege he has been engaged in a gainful occupation here for several months.

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