

ROGERS DISCOVERS PARTNER IN FIRST EFFORT ON STAGE

By HUBBARD KEAVY
 HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Ever so often, for the last 17 years, Will Rogers has wondered to himself what in tarantula happened to Buck McKee. Buck and a little show horse named Teddy were the "and company" of the vaudeville act of "Will Rogers and Company" for five years.

Will found Buck the other day on a movie location trip on the Sacramento river. Will ran across his old partner, McKee, who now owns a riding academy near Roseville, Calif.

Rogers was full of his and Buck's reminiscences when he returned to Hollywood. McKee, he says, is the first man who really started him talking to his audience and "all them other stories ain't so." Will gives full credit to McKee for getting him on the "right track."

"It was just 30 years ago that Buck and me started out together at Hammerstein's in New York," Will says. "And we kept going for five solid years. The only lay-off we had was making out two trips to Europe."

Rogers said McKee used to make wisecracks at him from the wings. Whenever Rogers answered, McKee would do his rope twirling.

"Finally I had a trick with two ropes that no one seemed to understand," Will recalls. "So I decided to explain it. The first time I'd tried it, everybody laughed and I thought they were 'booin' me. Buck tried to get me to talk again, but I refused."

McKee recalled to Rogers the time in a German theater when Will roped a fireman, standing in the wings, and pulled him onto the stage. They both had to spend half the night apologizing to the Berlin fire department for this insult to its dignity.

"Buck used to brag about me being the best long distance roper in the game," Rogers went on, "but down in South America they made a sucker out of me. Why those fellows in the Argentine throw a rawhide lariat out into space somewhere and drag back a cow and sometimes a calf with her."

Rogers invited McKee and Mrs. McKee, a chorus girl when Buck married her in 1903 just after joining Rogers, to come to Hollywood to visit him. But Buck said he had too many horses to attend to and anyway, he said he thought Will would be too busy with these new-fangled movies to be bothered with any more company than he has now.

COMEDIAN'S WIFE FILES LOVE SUIT



Mrs. Leah Clamplitt Sewell (inset), wealthy Los Angeles matron and figure in the recent "wife swapping" divorce suit there, was named co-defendant in a divorce action filed by Mrs. Buster Keaton against Buster Keaton, screen comedian. Mrs. Sewell was also made defendant in a \$200,000 alienation of affections suit by Mrs. Keaton. The Keatons are pictured at the time of their wedding. (Associated Press Photos)

BODIES OF 30,000 UNIONS CALL OFF RECOVERED FROM CHINA FLOOD AREA

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 The neighboring provinces of Hopei, Nonan and Shenai are also seriously hit. Chinese press reports say the refugees are clinging to the remnants of dykes under a pitiless mid-summer sun and dying like flies.

Efforts are being concentrated to prevent the spread of the water into northern Kiangsu province, where a farming population of 1,000,000 in the low lying districts surrounding Hinghwa is menaced.

The most strenuous labors failed to forestall the collapse of the dykes surrounding Hanyang lake on the Shantung-Kiangsu border, where the waters stood eight feet higher than the neighboring land. When the barriers went out, the flood deluged the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

No Immediate Relief.
 The Yangtze has dropped slightly, but no relief is in sight for the flooded areas which will be covered with water for weeks to come. Government authorities and relief agencies said the Yangtze's devastation of the five provinces affected is so immense that it still is impossible to estimate the total losses.

Reports which have drifted in through official channels bear out earlier fears that the disaster would rival the magnitude of the 1931 disaster.

The governor of Hunan telegraphed the national government that several million in his province were homeless and in desperate need.

Relief agencies, unable to cope with the staggering flood aftermath of disease and food shortage, announced their intention of appealing to the United States and other countries for assistance.

MACHINE MINER WADES THROUGH HILLS FOR COAL

CADIZ, Ohio (UP)—Employing electricity as its power and using the intelligence of four men for "brains," a 1,500-ton shovel bites through hilly land at apex, near here, and uncovers coal beds in a few hours that would take days to accomplish by construction of drift mines.

The enormous electric shovel is one of five such monsters in the world. The others are operated in Kansas and Illinois.

The shovel is "fed" by a rubber-covered, movable cable that carries 4,450 volts of electricity to its half dozen motors. Four men are needed to operate the digger. Each has a different job to perform.

Shovels built to dig the Panama Canal were considered giants in their day, but they would be mere pygmies beside this mammoth machine, which towers more than 100 feet skyward. The huge excavator is one of the largest single pieces of mobile machinery ever manufactured in the world.

Under favorable conditions, the shovel will cut into a hillside and remove a swath 45 feet deep, 60 feet long and 80 feet wide every eight hours. The only preparation preceding the digging is the blasting of heavy rock.

The boom on this modern miner is 97.5 feet in length, and the dipper handle is 64 feet long. The dipper, which has a 20 cubic-yard capacity, easily would hold a large automobile.

Meteorological Report

July 24, 1935
 Forecasts
 Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; no change in temperature.
 Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday but considerable clouds near coast; slightly cooler northeast portion tonight.

Local Data
 Temperature a year ago today:
 Highest 88; lowest 57.

Total monthly precipitation 0.32 inches; deficiency for the month 0.1 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1934, 18.17 inches; deficiency for the season, 1.64 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday 85%; 5 a. m. today 95%.

Tomorrow: Sunrise 4:57 a. m., sunset, 7:37 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120 Meridian Time

CITY	High	Low	Wind	Weather
Boise	94	52	Clear	
Boston	88	74	Cloudy	
Chicago	85	72	Cloudy	
Denver	88	52	Clear	
Eureka	60	54	Cloudy	
Helena	84	54	Clear	
Los Angeles	78	58	Cloudy	
Medford	82	56	10	Clear
New York	88	74	10	P. Cloudy
Salt Lake	100	72	10	Cloudy
Phoenix	108	80	Clear	
Portland	74	60	2	Cloudy
Reno	82	52	Clear	
Roseburg	84	56	Cloudy	
Salt Lake	98	68	Clear	
San Francisco	64	54	Cloudy	
Seattle	74	58	Cloudy	
Spokane	94	66	2	Cloudy
Walla Walla	96	68	2	Cloudy
Washington, D.C.	96	78	Cloudy	

ACTIVIANS GIVEN FULL REPORT ON ABERDEEN MEET

In a joint meeting with the Ashland chapter, the Medford Activians last night heard the report of the delegation which returned Sunday from the Active International convention at Aberdeen. Starting out with a somberly spoken review of the program, delivered by remote control over a "radio," the meeting promptly turned into one of the most humorous and enjoyable in some time.

The delegates, including President Jack Butler, the newly elected international vice-president, Bill McAllister, Glen Fabrick, Chet Hubbard, Bruce Bauer, John Niedermeyer, Harold Larson and Jimmy Moore each sketched lightly the interesting remembrances he carried home from the meeting.

Bill Eberhardt, president of the Ashland chapter who also attended the convention, gave a short and very interesting talk on what he got from the meetings. He appointed several committees to work in Ashland during the coming year, and offered the help of the Ashland group in arranging for the 1936 international convention to be held in this city.

This offer of help was immediately accepted by President Butler of Medford, and it was decided to have many such joint meetings with the sister city to promote a better understanding of the respective members. The tremendous responsibility, and the large amount of work involved in bringing the convention to Medford and putting it on in a creditable manner was stressed by those who attended the Aberdeen meet.

Chester Hubbard, past president of

the Medford Active club, paid a glowing tribute to Bill McAllister, new international vice-president, saying that he was nominated for president along with John Armenia of Spokane, as one of the best qualified leaders in the organization.

The Ashland members present were: Bill Eberhardt, president; Don Minthorne, secretary and treasurer; Jean Eberhardt, new Normal school coach; Frank VanDyke, Robert Engalla, Wilbur Bushnell, Robert Dodge, Dr. Harvey Woods, Ken Madden, Dr. Marcus Woods and Gordon McCracken.

Watersheds Closed Except On Permit

SALEM, July 24.—(AP)—A large portion of the Umpqua and Coos Bay watersheds in Douglas and Coos counties was closed to entry except by permit in a proclamation issued late yesterday by Governor Martin. Lynn P. Cronmiller, state forester, requested the closure order because of existing fire hazards.

Oregon Weather.
 Fair tonight and Thursday, with considerable cloudiness near the coast; slightly cooler northeast portion tonight; moderate to fresh northwest wind off the coast.

Firebell's Peals Peril Station
 ELYRIA, Ohio (UP)—Fire Chief William Bates has asked W. H. Vandover, of Elyria, to do away with the curfew and the ringing of the fire bell in the tower above the fire station. The fire chief says if they continue to ring, the station will cave in. The poor condition of the fire hall was cited by the chief in a letter asking for a new station.

Carnival Leaves Seeds
 WOBURN, Mass. (UP)—Edward Callahan, custodian of the town hall here, noticed plants sprouting on the well-kept lawn. Investigation disclosed that the plants were the result of beans carelessly scattered after a "beano" game during a street carnival.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hughes of 1135 Court street this morning, a boy weighing nine pounds and eight ounces, at the Sacred Heart hospital. Both mother and son were reported as doing well.

Snakebite (Kids 1 to 2)
 ST. LOUIS (UP)—Chance that a Missourian will be poisoned by snakebite are only one in eight, according to R. Marlin Perkins, of the St. Louis Zoological Gardens. Of forty snakes native to the state, only five are poisonous: the moccasin, the copperhead and three varieties of rattlesnakes.

"Perfect" Chain Letter
 CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo. (UP)—Fifteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars from a dollar chain letter of which not one link was broken, reportedly was received by E. J. Duffy of Cripple Creek. This is the first reported unbroken "chain" in this section of Colorado.



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ADD FENCING LESSONS TO SPORTS LIST FOR GIRLS AT SCOUT CAMP

(Continued)
 Girl Scouts who are planning to go to camp next week will be interested to know that fencing has been added to the sports list. This sport is sure to find favor with the girls as archery, which has become a very popular camp activity.

Emphasis will also be placed on Nature Study, daily classes having been arranged both in nature study and biology. Jane Collier, who will conduct the biology classes, is bringing with her a microscope and some slides which are to be shown as an additional feature for this year's camp.

Girl Scouts can't afford to miss all these very fine things which are offered in the way of camp activities, both crafts and sports. You may sign up for one of the two weeks session; registration to be completed by July 27. Will the girls who have failed to bring the application blanks to the office having all ready registered do so at once. Also the camp committee would like to have the services of a girl bugler. If you can qualify please report at the Girl Scout headquarters.

This office would appreciate it if those having room in their cars for an extra girl would leave word here at the office or call Mrs. J. C. Boyle, 1485, who is chairman of the transportation committee.

Attention is called to the fact that lunch will not be served in camp Sunday, so those going early will arrange to take their own lunch.

Ashland's Relief Roll at Low Ebb

ASHLAND, July 24.—(Sp.)—Guy Applewhite, relief chairman, today reported that the work relief burden of the city had hit the sensational bottom, lower than last year. Only about 35 men the now working on current projects, with upwards of 200 former SERRA workers engaged in private farming and industry.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

PORTLANDER CLAIMS THRONE OF AUSTRIA

PORTLAND, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—John Schestak of Portland today said he was filing notice of claim to the throne of Austria. Schestak said he was a grand-nephew of the late Emperor Franz Josef of Austria-Hungary. He says that the throne may be offered to Archduke Otto and he declared to have led Schestak to offer to prove his paternal grandmother was a cousin of the mother of Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand.

The Portland man said he was born in Josedava, Austria-Hungary, in 1892, coming to America with his parents a year later.

ARTIST DEMONSTRATES PAINTING AT HUBBARD'S

Alfred F. Peet, southern California artist, is conducting a free demonstration of landscape painting at Hubbard Bros. Inc., store, Main and Riverside, where his work is attracting considerable attention.

Sherwin-Williams paints are used by Mr. Peet for effective landscape pictures. He offers free assistance with paint and decoration problems, and visitors at Hubbard's store this week may consult him.

CHAMPOEG STATE PARK, Ore.

CHAMPOEG STATE PARK, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Preparations were being made here today to accommodate thousands of Catholics at the annual state meeting Sunday under the auspices of the state council of Knights of Columbus.

The program is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p. m. Listed among speakers are Earl Snell, secretary of State; Father Danlan, of Mount Angel; Father Early, University of Portland; and E. A. McEntee, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

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CHINNOCK APPOINTED ELKS DISTRICT RULER

GRANTS PASS, July 24.—(Sp.)—James T. Chinnock has been named deputy grand exalted ruler for the district of Oregon south, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He received the appointment by wire from the new grand exalted ruler, James T. Hallinan of New York City.

Not only is this a particular honor to Chinnock, but one to the Grants Pass lodge as well, since the local lodge is the smallest and youngest in the state, lodge members reported.

SOBER TODAY EAST STREAM, Me. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox have a 27-toed kitten. It has eight and seven perfectly formed toes on its front paws and six each on the back ones.

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STEIWER PLANNING NEW BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(UP)—Senator Frederick Steiwer, Republican, Oregon, will offer a bonus bill as an amendment to the new tax bill, he said yesterday.

He said he wanted to get the bonus amendment in at the earliest possible date, "before the sources of revenue are diverted and wasted."

Roy Robertson's 1935 bonus army, 200 strong, canvassed members of the house for pledges to vote on immediate payment of the soldiers' adjusted certificates today. They were forbidden last week to assemble at the capitol.

The veterans pursued their lobbying in an orderly manner today.

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