



DOWNTOWN 'HELIPORT'—Helicopter hovering above this concrete island near San Francisco's famous Ferry Building will be joined by others within the next few weeks when the 5000-square-foot ramp will be opened as a "helipoint" capable of handling six to 10 helicopters at a time. The helipoint will be the only public downtown helicopter port outside New York City. It will be used for all purposes ranging from emergencies to pleasure.

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

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Washington, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—

In a lot of ways, Profile Jr., has much the same lot as other 17-year-olds. He has to scrub his teeth and wash behind his ears, and he can't have anything more bubbly than a shot of ginger ale.

But unlike other teenagers, John Barrymore Jr., was born to live in a glass house.

He has the Barrymore name to grow up to, and believe me, the kid is trying. Although the boy is just beginning to sprout fuzz on his upper lip he had the poise of a veteran the day I interviewed him in his suite at the Carlton hotel.

"I know I'm on a spot," he said, "and I won't consider myself a good actor until I have made at least 50 pictures and appeared in a few stage shows."

J.B. Jr.'s mother, Dolores Costello, who made a name for herself in the silent movies, shuddered at the thought of her son following his father's trail. She tried to convince him that becoming a lawyer or maybe a doctor, like his stepfather, Dr. John Vrumink, would be just as exciting.

Roles Refused

The youngster listened for a time and deliberately refused roles in high school plays "because I didn't want to make a fool of myself."

But Barrymore, the younger, has the blood of the royal family of the stage in his veins, and blood is thicker than reason. He has just come out in his first picture called "The Sundowners."

It's nothing like the dramatic pictures for which his father was famous. It's a western and our kid plays the part of a juvenile.

John is under the thumb of a raw-boned old-timer from Texas, Chill Willis, who looks and talks like the late Will Rogers. Willis has one of the leads in the technicolor picture and it is he who shows the lad the way to the shower and toothbrush every morning.

Barrymore remembers seeing his father but once.

Still His Present

He was only three when John Sr. and Miss Costello were divorced. His dad dropped around the house one Christmas eve when the kid was sick and presented him with a large ship model. He still has it.

"I didn't know him when I answered the door," the young man said. "He stayed about 20 minutes."

Junior has seen only one of his pop's pictures—a re-issue of "The Great Profile."

Father Of Bride Gets Break From Minister

Atlanta (U.P.)—Dr. Martin A. H. Wood, a Baptist minister at nearby College Park, Ga., has arranged a version of the marriage service to bring ease to harassed fathers of brides.

In many ceremonies, the bride's father must, as a preliminary, sweat out the question "who gives this woman...?"

After his "I do," generally too loud or too low, he must find his way to a seat.

In Dr. Wood's version, the minister takes care of it all.

"Dear Friends," he begins, "we have met here to witness the marriage of this woman who the father now gives..."

All the bride's father has to do is watch—and pay the bills.

"I laughed so hard I got kicked out of the theater," he said. "But I don't want to see any more for fear I will find myself imitating him. I haven't even read Gene Fowler's 'Good Night, Sweet Prince,' the biography of my dad."

Couple Of Fans

Young Barrymore has a couple of fans in the family in Aunt Ethel and Uncle Lionel.

Ethel has been heard to remark after seeing a few scenes from the kid's first effort that he shows a lot more promise than his father did at the same age. Some day, maybe he can convince him mom that he was right in ignoring her advice.

1,169 PIECES IN QUILT

Holden, Mass. (U.P.)—Charles Berg and his wife have a patchwork quilt containing 1,169 pieces. It took them 10 years to make it.

Crater Lake Park Naturalist Returns From African Trip; Cites Similarities of Area to United States

South Africa is a land of promise and opportunity, according to Dr. George C. Ruhle, naturalist for Crater Lake National park, who returned to Medford Sunday after spending the past several weeks in south and central Africa. Dr. Ruhle, who covered thousands of miles on the so-called "dark" continent, said he found fine hotels, reasonably good roads and a friendly, intelligent citizenry during his travels.

Dr. Ruhle, who went primarily to visit the national parks of south Africa and to confer with park officials there, visited four out of the five south African parks and toured the outskirts of the fifth. He lectured and discussed mutual problems with park officials.

Like Those Here

College Dean Says Hobby Weaving Is Fun

Huntington, Pa. (U.P.)—What spare moments she can find from her duties as dean of women at Juniata college, Edith L. Spencer devotes to her hobby of weaving. She has gained the praise of artists and weavers from many parts of the country.

"Weaving is a satisfying and worthwhile hobby," Dean Spencer said. "Also, it's something I can use when I retire."

She first became interested in weaving when she attended a demonstration-lecture on the subject. She was impressed by the modest equipment necessary to the hobby, and has discovered that weaving gives confidence to those who believe they have no creative ability.

In connection with her duties as assistant professor of art at Juniata, Dean Spencer gives demonstration-lectures on the art in a simplified course.

Her equipment includes three floor looms which will weave fabric of sufficient width to cover a set of furniture or make draperies.

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Van Gordon, L.; Vinson, R. F.; Van Dyke, Vern; Veit, Hattie A.; Vilm, Ruth; Voorhees, Bob; Van Horn, Delora R.; and Van Der Hellen, Carl, all Medford; Van Currier, Donald G.; and Van Wilson, Nellie, both Ashland; Von Stein, H. M. Sr., Central Point; Van Buren, Howard E.; Votaw, Naomi; Vinson, Annie, and Vincent, Richard, all Medford.

Watkins, L. V.; Wing, Harold G.; Worthley, Jeanne D.; Wehmann, George; Willard, Ralph T.; Waters, F. K.; Wharton, Ida; Wilson, Roy; White, Arvid N.; Wilson, Nellie; Wolf, John A.; Wright, Robert C.; Walton, Frank R.; Willett, Frances A.; Wolter, Ernest Emil; Womack, Shirley; Wheelock, C. O.; and Willis, Harold O., all Medford; Wright, Hazel, Medford; Walsh, W. S.; and Williams, Jay R., both Eagle Point; Walker, C. J.; Ward, Theodore E.; Wood, Jack D.; Walker, Charles; Warner, William Jackson; Wilson, Lulu; Witting, Nell P. Jr.; White, Edwin; Webster, A. H.; Winslow, John R.; and Wilkinson, A. L., all Medford; White, Ethel M.; and Woolf, Guy O., both Gold Hill; Warner, Robert W., Prospect.

Winne, Nell; Wyatt, Dennis C.; Werner, Richard D.; Williams, Willis W.; Woodford, Wm. H.; Winkelman, Dorene; Wright, Frank; Winterle, T. D.; Weills, John C. S.; Wolff, Ray K.; Weaver, J. E.; Walker, M. O.; Williams, Oliver L.; Warren, Robert; Wicker, James A.; Watkins, Floyd P.; and Williams, John F., all Medford.

Williams, Helen, Prospect; Waterbury, John R.; and Wines, Marion C., both Ashland; Wilson, R. O.; Waddell, Claud, and Webb, Hiram, Elbridge, all Eagle Point; Walker, Fred L.; and Wright, D. A., both Applegate; Willoughby, L. R.; Wilson, Willie S.; Warren, Earl W.; Warren, James P.; and Wurdinger, Gus A., all Ashland; Warner, Edith Marie, Central Point; Wilcox, Mildred; Williams, J. L.; Warriner, Robert E.; and Welter, A. S., all Medford; Woodford, Helen L., Ashland.

Young, Samuel T.; Yaryan, Lois; Young, Lester S.; Younger, L. N.; Yantiss, Jennie M.; Young, P. T.; and Young, Delores, all Medford; Yorton, Marine P.; Eagle Point; Young, Homer B.; Young, Davis; Young, Wm.; Yost, Glen E.; and Zibull, Julius, all Medford; Zundel, Harold, Lake Creek, Oregon.

The good driver always exercises due regard for the rights of others and applies the simple axioms of courteous behavior.

South African national parks are patterned after those in the United States, he said, but they are much the larger. Two are each the size of Yellowstone, being about 8,000 square miles. Dr. Ruhle said many of the problems of the south African park administrators are much the same as those of this country. "Over there the elephants get out and destroy the farmers' crops; here we have trouble with the deer. They have the predatory lion; we have the coyote. We have those who hunt illegally on the park land; the south African natives set unlawful snares for game. Here we have to urge people constantly not to feed the bears; in the South African parks travelers have to watch out for baboons."

One major difference to the traveler is that over here a visitor can wander almost anywhere where he wishes in a national park. In South Africa there are many signs warning visitors not to get out of their cars because of the dangerous animals. Travelers may leave their motors only at certain designated camping spots and rest houses, he stated. Accommodations are primitive, but adequate and clean, he reports.

Photography Hobby

Dr. Ruhle's hobby is photography and he took many pictures.

The Grange

Phoenix Grange

Master Herb Carlton and Mrs. Carlton of Upper Rogue Grange were visitors at the February 14 meeting of Phoenix Grange.

Ways and means committee announced another dance would be held February 25.

Dramatic Committee Chairman Warren Loffer announced that a one-act, one-hour play has been selected and also there will be a minstrel show. Special Committee Chairman Melvin Lattie reported the March of Dimes bazaar, \$110.00 and he thanked the Grange ladies who made curtains for the high school gym.

Grange voted to participate in the May festival sponsored by the Community Club.

The Valentine theme was used in the lecture hour. Mrs. Glascock showed her collection of handcraft pictures.

Lecture Pay Lewis thanked the committees for cooperation which made the open house meeting February 7 successful with 119 members and invited guests present.

H.E.C. has planned a covered dish supper for next Grange meeting, February 28, to honor the Grange anniversary. Those attending should bring a salad and dessert. Supper will be at 7 p. m. Grange ladies are asked to give one tea towel as a gift.

H.E.C. met February 15 for covered dish dinner at the home of Mrs. Dee Hendrickson. A year book schedule was made out. A birthday cake was made for Elizabeth Denzer.

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both colored slides and movies of flowers, shrubs and scenes, and also of many wild animals, such as elephants, rhinoceroses, water buffaloes and lions, as well as wild dogs, hyenas and leopards. Among the flowers he was particularly interested in was the wild gladioli, the ancestor of the flower now grown so extensively in this state, and he also photographed the beautiful red "disa," an orchid. This was out of season, but he was lucky enough to find a single blossom to photograph. He also took shots of the "protea" or national flower of south Africa.

One of his exciting experiences on the trip took place while the traveler was photographing a roan antelope in northern Rhodesia. Dr. Ruhle was engrossed in aiming his camera, holding it out one lowered window, when an over-friendly zebra stuck his head in the other side of the car. The animal gave Dr. Ruhle such a shove he almost succeeded in pushing him out of the car, camera and all. "I think someone had been feeding him from a car—possibly sugar lumps," Dr. Ruhle surmised.

Falls In Surf

An even more unpleasant experience took place off the shore of the Cape of Good Hope. Dr. Ruhle was figuring out a shot of the shore and decided to wade out into the water and shoot shoreward. Leaving his camera on the beach, Dr. Ruhle waded out into the surf and turned around to survey the scene. He lost his footing and fell into the surf, becoming thoroughly soaked and somewhat frightened before getting back to land. "At this spot the Atlantic meets the Indian ocean and the currents and tides are strong and unpredictable. For a time I wasn't sure which direction I was heading."

Dr. Ruhle wanted to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, highest peak of south Africa, and to do so organized his own safari and engaged his own native retinue. "I learned to speak enough Swahili in two days to make out on the five-day trip," he reported. He states that all tribes speak Swahili, a sort of composite universal language which has evolved throughout the years.

People Friendly

The tribesmen he engaged were Chaggas and he described

them as being a pleasant and friendly people. When the traveler had completed his climb to the top of the snow-capped peak, one of the natives, following tradition, wove a wreath of an everlasting plant and put it on Dr. Ruhle's head, this signifying that he had achieved his purpose. The mountain is 19,587 feet high.

One of the most beautiful sights of the trip was Victoria falls in the Zambesi river, according to Dr. Ruhle. The falls are 400 feet high and a mile wide. "The mist which rises can be seen for 20 miles and the natives refer to the falls as the smoke which thunders." He also described the baobab trees, which are larger even than the giant sequoias in this country, although not so tall. These peculiar trees, a relative of the balsa family, put out roots above the ground and down along the bank, thus becoming larger and larger around the base, he stated.

Sees Dedication

Dr. Ruhle considered himself fortunate to have been in Africa at the time the Boers were holding dedication services for a massive shrine in Pretoria, which commemorates the victory of heroes of the Great Trek over the Zulu chieftain, Dingaan. He described the gathering of 250,000 Dutch-descended Afrikaners and said the story of the Great Trek, the migration of the Dutch inland in search of new land, corresponds in many details to the westward migration of pioneers of this country.

Dr. Ruhle said he heard very little news from home during his stay in Africa, but when he did come upon a copy of a Nairobi newspaper, found an item with a Portland, Ore., dateline, with news of Oregon's record-breaking cold and snow. "I didn't even learn the result of the Rose Bowl game until January 16," Dr. Ruhle lamented.

The traveler made stops in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Nairobi and other south African cities while away, and also was in Portuguese Africa and British East Africa. He returned home by way of London. Dr. Ruhle said he flew almost 30,000 miles, traveled 10,000 miles by rail, about 6,000 by auto and walked a couple of hundred miles since he left Medford on Thanksgiving day.

Active Club Hears County Engineer As Guest Speaker

Paul Rynning, Jackson county engineer and county employee for 26 years, was the featured speaker at last night's meeting of the Medford Active Club held at Rogue Valley Country club.

Rynning told of the job his department faces in keeping the 1,000 miles of county roads in usable condition. He stated that last year \$188,000 was spent for maintenance alone on the roads; in addition the severe weather of last year here cost the department another \$50,000. Most of the revenue for improvement and upkeep comes from the county's 19 per cent share of the state gasoline tax.

\$8 Million Needed

Rynning estimated that his department would need \$8,130,000 in the next 10 years to maintain, improve and construct roads that would adequately serve the needs of a growing Jackson county. Unfortunately, he stated, he saw no source of income to fulfill the whole program, but added that what funds that were available would be used for the most good over all the county.

He reviewed the progress made by the road program in southern Oregon in the 38 years he had worked with road improvement in this area. He worked for the state road department before joining the county road department.

In addition to county roads the state maintains 265 miles of roads in Jackson county and the forest service has 700 miles.

Clint Bennett was program chairman.

Hollywood, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—John Ireland, recently nominated for an academy award for a supporting actor, today receives his release from Columbia pictures.

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