

## Tiny Circus Clown Rescues Acrobat by Blocking Fall

Sarasota, Fla. — (U.P.) — A circus clown, hardly bigger than a midget, leaped cat-like into the path of his girl friend Friday to block her screaming fall from a high wire and save her life.

"I saw her foot miss a ring," Alvin Schwartz said Saturday in describing the hair-tangling incident in the winter circus life here. "My first and only thought was to get under her and block her fall."

Gladys Rimmer, 23, a pretty lass from Southampton, England, was practicing ballet movements 25 feet up. She was a six-year veteran of tumbling and wire dancing acts—three years with Ringling Brothers, Barnum and

Bailey circus.

"It was one of those slip-ups, you know... my first dangerous one," she said with a pronounced British accent.

Schwartz, a 26-year-old acrobatic clown, said he was standing nearby looking up.

"I quickly threw my back and shoulders forward to break her fall," he said. "Her hips and legs smashed into my back. The blow of her body knocked me unconscious for a minute or two. She glanced off my back and hit the floor."

Both were taken to a hospital. He suffered two broken ribs but the dimpled brunette suffered only bruises. She was released after spending the night in the hospital under observation.

"Al almost caught me," the blue-eyed aerialist said in a tone of thanksgiving.

**Similar Accident**

Schwartz, only three inches shorter than the five-foot-two ballet performer, said he had never seen any such fall broken before but he recalled that a clown suffered a broken back only two years ago in a similar accident. He said the girl falling was not injured.

Schwartz, who said he was on the Milton Berle television show in New York before joining the circus in 1949, admitted he and Miss Rimmer were "quite good friends."

"We have gone out a lot on dates since we met in 1951," he said. "But there's really nothing serious."

They plan to leave with part of the circus next Tuesday as scheduled for a four-week stand in Havana, Cuba.

## SPORTS

### Top Horses Nominated For Santa Anita Run

Arcadia, Calif. — (U.P.) — Seventeen stakes winners in the United States and five top winners in England and France Saturday headed a list of 95 three-year-olds nominated for the 18th running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby Feb. 19.

Top eastern candidates included Right Down, winner of the William Penn and Tremont Stakes, and Buny's Babe winner of the Babylon Handicap, the New Jersey Futurity and the New Jersey Breeders' Stakes.

### Morgren Named to Head Yakima Baseball Club

Yakima — (U.P.) — A. W. Morgren, Yakima, Friday night was elected president of the Yakima Baseball Club, Inc., succeeding O. E. (Babe) Hollingbery.

The club is a member of the newly-formed Northwest league, a class B organization of the now-defunct Western International league.

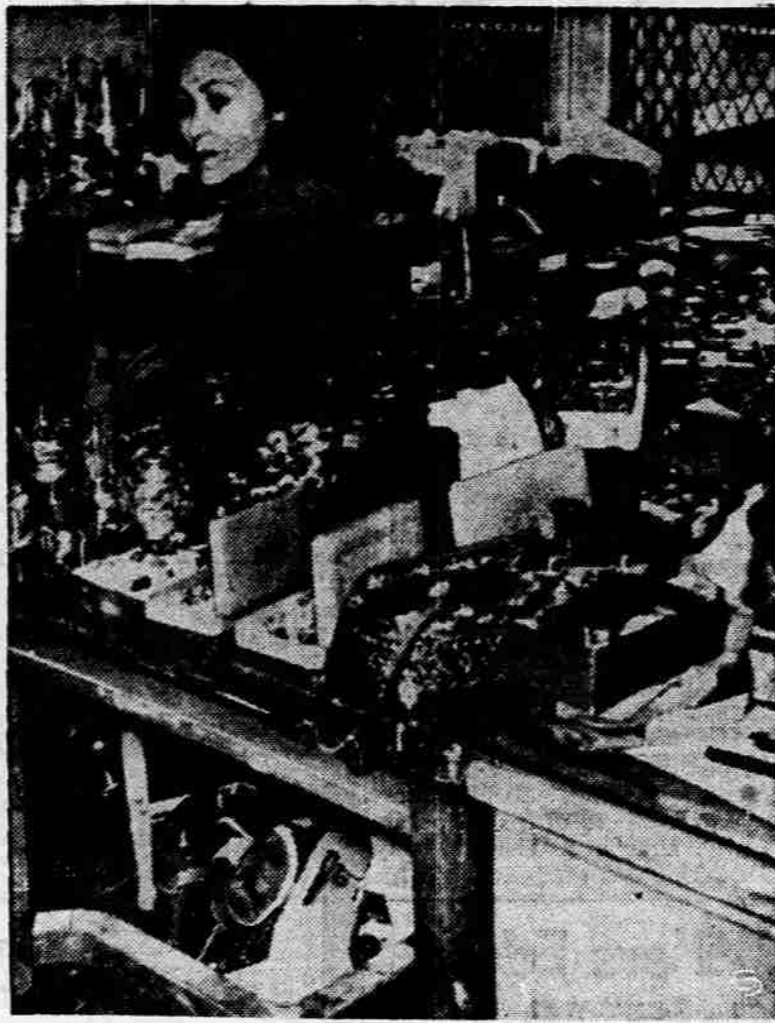
Other officers include Vice-president Frank Cubberley and Secretary-treasurer Floyd Gunter.

### PIONEERS BEATEN

Portland — (U.P.) — Pacific Lutheran of the Evergreen Conference handed Lewis and Clark of the Northwest Conference an 84-73 basketball defeat here Friday night. Phil Nordquist, with 17, and Allan Gubrud from Eugene's now defunct University high school, with 16, led PLC, while Hal Adrian and Loren Michelson hit 16 each for L&C.

### OWLS TRIUMPH

Susanville, Calif. — (U.P.) — Oregon Tech of Klamath Falls walloped Lassen Junior College 80-51 here Friday night. Gordy Fahlgren led the Owls with 16 points.



DEFIANTLY GAZING at cameraman, Conchita Lopez, known as "The Mambo Queen," sits amid loot valued at more than \$100,000 found in New York apartment she occupied with husband, Norman Nusser, 30, sought as "gentleman burglar." (International)

### Carnival Wrestler Admits Slaying of 'Too Pious' Woman

Everett, Wash. — (U.P.) — A part-time carnival wrestler and dishwasher Friday told police he strangled a comely young Sunday school teacher because she was "too pious."

Earl C. Runyon, 35, said he killed Mrs. Violet Mae Williams, 26, a divorcee, shortly after she had kissed her children, a six-year-old boy and seven-year-old girl, and sent them off to Bible school.

He said the woman, whom he had been courting, refused to join him in a scheme to steal welfare checks from the mails. "Too Pious"

"She was too pious," he told police and a score of newsmen. He said he choked her to death while she prayed for mercy.

She tried to talk me out of the idea of stealing the checks," he said.

Runyon said he also planned to kill the woman's mother, Mrs. Betty Orr, and Mrs. Williams' former husband, Harland Williams. But he got to drinking and "just never got around" to the other two killings.

His surrender to Detective Capt. Jack Johnson was something of an accident, Runyon said. He thought he was wanted for a parole violation and blurted out the story of the slaying while talking to Johnson. Last Saturday he said the motive was jealousy.

Runyon, a former convict who had served time in Washington's and Oregon's state penitentiaries, and in the Washington state reformatory, said he boxed and wrestled in carnivals between prison terms.

### Northwest's Wheat Quality Said Low

Spokane — (U.P.) — Northwest wheat farmers are raising too much wheat that is not of good quality because it yields more bushels per acre than does better quality wheat, a state farm leader said Friday.

Archie M. Camp, chairman of the state agricultural stabilization and conservation committee, said raising poor quality wheat was one of the factors accounting for a decline in foreign demand for U. S. wheat.

He also suggested a lower support price on wheat might force some marginal land out of production. That, he added, would give farmers a better price without such extensive use of subsidies.

Camp, who is also president

### State's Circuit Judges Draw Up Rules for Court

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon Circuit Judges drew up 20 "standards of conduct" for the state's judges and lawyers at the close of their annual meeting here Saturday.

Despite some opposition from jurists one of whom thought the standards were "rules for a bunch of school kids," the judges voted them in.

Setting a new precedent, the Judges association decided that robes should be worn in the circuit court to add dignity. They said they will also demand that lawyers and court officers wear suit coats.

**Impressive Ceremony**

Swearing in witnesses shall be an impressive ceremony, they said. They decided not to call upon a witness to repeat the oath while being sworn in. Use of the Bible was also ruled out because the judges felt that some witnesses might not be christians or might be atheists.

Opening of the court shall be strictly formal, with at least the rapping of the gavel by the bailiff when the judge enters the courtroom, the association decided.

Another innovation will be the display of the United States and Oregon state flags close to the judge's bench.

**Lawyers Must Stand**

Examining the conduct of lawyers, the judges voted they should rise and remain standing when addressing the court of the jury. They shall not lean on the judge's bench or be confidential with him. Lawyers from now on must remain at the counsel table when examining witnesses.

Guest speaker at the conclusion of the association's meeting was Chief Justice Earl C. Latourrette of the State Supreme court. He told judges that the new system of using pro-tem judges has helped clean up a backlog of cases and has cost the state \$40,000.

Judge Howard K. Zimmerman of Astoria was elected new president of the association.

The three first U.S. patent examiners were listed on the records as Thomas Jefferson, Henry Knox, and Edmond Randolph the records show.

of the North Pacific Grain Growers association, said a new law governing export sales may result in more sales of northwest wheat to the Orient. He made his statements Friday to the agriculture bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

### Lundeberg Bolts Meeting Following Refusal of Demands

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Harry Lundeberg, head of the West Coast sailors, bolted a meeting Friday after officials of the Pacific Maritime Association refused to accept his demands for ending the 44-day-old dispute over unloading the freighter Pacificus at San Pedro.

Lundeberg demanded that PMA demonstrate its "good faith" by agreeing to all the sailors to work any hatch except No. 3 the next time the Pacificus pulls into San Pedro Harbor.

PMA called the demand unacceptable, pointing out that it would mean the sailors, instead of the ship operators, would be running the Pacificus.

"The show is on," Lundeberg answered, and stalked out of the meeting.

PMA interpreted this as notice the tieup of unloading operations would continue aboard the Pacificus, which arrived in San Pedro Harbor Oct. 28 and still has her cargo in her holds.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union here said a longshore crew would be on hand when the Pacificus came out of drydock. Her release from drydock, originally scheduled for yesterday, was deferred until Monday.

**Objected to Unloading**

The dispute began when longshoremen objected to the sailors' unloading the No. 4 hold, which the ILWU claimed was theirs under the "status quo" in San Pedro.

Longshoremen have unloaded all Pacificus holds in San Pedro Harbor except No. 3 since 1950. However, ship operators assigned No. 4 to the sailors Oct. 28 since No. 3 contained cargo that was not to be unloaded.

The longshoremen objected and refused to work. When they were reassigned No. 3, the sailors then refused to work and ordered the ship's firemen to shut off the steam.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

### Sailors Trade Ice Cream Wrappers for Holiday Toys

New York — (U.P.) — Three sailors who traded 60,000 ice cream bar wrappers for a trailer full of toys for Texas orphans said Saturday they felt like a "triple threat Santa Claus."

The sailors drove here from Corpus Christi Naval Air station with their cargo of wrappers. An ice cream company gave them more than 200 toys and games as premiums for the wrappers, which sailors at the base had hoarded for months.

Then the sailors appeared on the "Strike It Rich" television show Friday and won \$200 worth of toys, \$140 in cash and the trailer in which they are going to cart their "loot" back to Texas.

"We've had one heck of a big time," said Airman Mach-

inist Mate M. D. Beck, Sunny-side, Wash.

With him were Harry T. Mitchell, Nashville, Tenn., and R. M. Crabb, New York, both machinists mates, and Lt. (jg) Thomas Francis a jet pilot from Erie, Pa. They planned to leave for Corpus Christi

today. The toys will be distributed to Corpus Christi orphans at the Naval Air Station Jet Squadron's annual Christmas party.

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