

New York Team Exponents Of 'Break-It-Yourself' Props for Programs on TV

New York—(U.P.)—When your favorite TV comedian is confronted with a dinner platter or your favorite actor buried in a mine caving, relax.

Guys like Eddie Greenstein and Fred McAlicee are working behind the scenes to make sure that stars emerge as unharmed as TV wrestlers.

Greenstein and McAlicee, two hitherto unsung heroes of the networks, are prime exponents of a hammer-and-saw school known as "break-it-yourself." They build such knock-knacks for NBC-TV as vases that shatter, chairs that splinter and pianos that splinter.

When Imogene Coca sat on a sofa on a TV show not so long ago and nonchalantly picked at the plugs and wadding until the arm fell off, that was one of the masterworks of Greenstein.

Balsa Wood Facade

And when Sid Caesar punched his fist through a wall on another show and 500 bricks came tumbling down around him, that balsa wood facade came from the workshop of McAlicee.

The principal concern of Greenstein, McAlicee and other master un-builders at the networks is the safety of the stars. That, and the assurance that the brie-a-brac they turn out will fall apart on cue.

"Take a chair," said Greenstein. "Let's say somebody is going to hit somebody else over the head with it. What we do is cut the chair a certain way so that it's weakened at key points. We call that 'scoring'."

Another happy method of destroying furniture, revealed Greenstein, was through the use of trick lines and a trip mechanism. "The actor just pulls the trip wire—the audience can't see it—and everything just falls apart," said Greenstein.

Greenstein and McAlicee admitted they got a fair amount of pleasure out of their wreck activities.

"One of the most interesting assignments we ever had," said Greenstein, "was taking part in a piano for the Jimmy Durante show. We fixed it so the keys dropped off, the top fell to the floor and the strings snapped in a dozen directions."

It isn't all havoc, however.

where Greenstein and McAlicee are concerned. Occasionally, they build something meant to hold together.

"I made a totem pole with movable jaws for Paul Winchell and a man-eating plant complete with man for Imogene Coca.

For another show, I had to carve a 14-inch wooden egg."

Reflectorized Street Signs Aid Searchers

Chicago — (U.P.) — Motorists will have less trouble in the future while searching for unfamiliar streets, according to a report of the National Safety Council.

Reflectorized street signs are used in numerous cities so motorists can find a particular street easier.

St. Paul, Minn., converted to the glowing street signs as an added safety factor and for convenience. St. Paul Commissioner Frank Marzetti said not only do the signs create added safety by eliminating traffic tie-ups and possible resultant accidents, because motorists must stop to see the old style sign, but the new signs also save time for firemen and police.

Phoenix, Ariz., and Kansas City, Mo., also have reflectorized street signs. Kansas City officials said car headlights pick up the signs more than a block away, giving the driver plenty of time to make his decision and increasing to traffic safety.

White Lake, Mich. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Lorna Bayne of Whitehall, mother of two children, was chosen "Miss White Lake" in a beauty contest.

Tenderness of Meat Now Being Studied

Davis, Calif. — (U.P.) — At last they're going to do something about what makes one piece of meat tough and another tender.

The University of California laboratories here are making it a research project, but it may take them a time to work up to beefsteak.

The scientists have picked chickens for a starter. If taste panels and laboratory tests show that heretofore anything to do with tenderness of poultry — breasts and thighs — home economics Prof. Pauline C. Paul hopes to extend the study to sheep and eventually to beef animals.

Chickens were chosen for the first studies because they are cheaper and quicker to raise than larger meat animals.

Manchester, Mass. — (U.P.) — A shark with three sets of teeth was netted by Patrick Noonan. The shark was 5½ feet long and weighed 150 pounds.

Long-Lasting Turtle Carvings Said Doubtful

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Writing on ice is just as satisfactory as carving your initials on a live tortoise shell.

Dr. Loye Holmes Miller, zoology professor on the University of California campus here, takes with a grain of salt those tales of tortoises that have survived for a century or so as evidenced by such initials and dates carved on their shells.

Miller has been observing desert tortoises for years and has found that such carvings disappear within a year because of the regeneration characteristics of the reptile. It simply grows a new house.

ANCIENT FRUIT CAKE

Warren, Me. — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dillaway celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary by eating some fruit cake that was baked for their wedding in 1900.

University's Popular Course Is In Angling

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — One of the University of Pittsburgh's most popular courses is a class for anglers taught by Prof. Edwin L. Peterson, a professor of English composition.

Peterson, an expert in fly-fishing as well as literature, syntax and punctuation, lectures and demonstrates the art of fashioning wet flies, dry flies, and other devices used in trout fishing.

The course, offered free to the public for the past eight years by the university, meets from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every day for a week in a classroom at Pitt's Cathedral of Learning during summer school. The university furnishes all necessary equipment — thread, tinsel, hooks, and feathers from the peacock, partridge, pheasant, gamecock, and wild duck.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Saturday's Puzzle

ACROSS

- Bound
- Competent
- Greek letter
- Poker style
- Ineffectual
- Emmet
- Notice
- Approach
- Bespatter
- Pronoun
- Insect eggs
- Narrow opening
- Slave
- Dress
- Compass point
- Gravestone
- Death rattle
- Symbol for tantalum
- Handles
- Fur-bearing animal
- Three-toed sloth

DOWN

- Chinese pagoda
- Branches of business
- Latin conjunction
- Indefinite article
- Guido's low note
- Printer's measure
- Conjunction
- Dirk
- Oceans
- Concerned
- Plagued
- Landed property
- Verve
- Shut noisily
- Sewing case
- Black
- Pack away
- Hold on property
- Makes solemn oath
- Item of property
- Fruit
- What?
- Symbol for tellurium
- High card
- The sun
- Unit
- Exclamation
- Conjunction
- Cooled lava
- River in Italy

Eisenhower Ends Work; Gets Back to Holiday

Denver — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower cleaned up a brief work session quickly Saturday and lost no time in getting back to a carefree Labor Day weekend golfing reunion with a group of old friends.

The chief executive spent less than an hour at his summer white house desk at Lowry Air Force base before rejoining his golfing companions at the Cherry Hills Country Club course. His golfing champions included wealthy eastern businessmen and fellow members of the Augusta, Ga., National Country club.

HONEY BEES WERE FOUND USING BLACK CRUDE OIL AS A BAGGAGE FROM WHICH TO MAKE THE WAX OF THEIR HONEYCOMBS.

— Smithsonian Institution, Wildlife Research, Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone.

LARDARELLO GEYER—
in Tuscan, Italy,
PRODUCES A POWERFUL STEAM CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING 20 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY A YEAR!

JOHN FRIDAY—
20-year-old student,
at Michigan State University,
EARNED MONEY DURING
SUMMER VACATION PERFORMING
AS A TIGHT-WIRE AND TRAPEZE ARTIST,
TOURING WITH SHOWS AND CIRCUSES!

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In the Mail Tribune Current Event Quiz Which Announces the **Mail Tribune Annual Bargain Days** September 10th Through September 19th

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HERE ARE THE RULES

- Just fill in the answers to the twenty questions about people and current events. Mail your entry within 24 hours if delivery is by Mail Tribune Carrier or within 36 hours if delivery is by mail in Jackson, Josephine or Siskiyou Counties. Only entries in the three counties will be considered.
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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THE MAIL TRIBUNE, WEEK OF JULY 24, 1955

Determine which of the questions below are true and which are false, then write a T or F in the space provided.

	True	False		True	False
1. 3,000,000 boxes of pears are predicted to be the total 1955 crop for the Rogue Valley			12. The most recent use given to electrons, which affects us all each day is a process by which foods and drugs are sterilized		
2. Public Utility Corporations in Jackson County have a total valuation of \$100,000,000			13. A "Pony Express" race which took place between Eugene and Roseburg with the Southern Pacific train was won by the Pony Express		
3. Donald Campbell, of England, has just broken the sound barrier in a jet speed boat			14. The most gratifying news to come out of the Geneva Convention was that no secrets or private papers were accumulated		
4. Mrs. Tatum De Pea, of Los Angeles has just celebrated her 110th birthday			15. Hillevi Rombin of Sweden has just won the "Miss Universe" title at Long Beach		
5. Joe DiMaggio, former Yankee great, has just been elected to the baseball hall of fame			16. Roy Huson of Medford has just been appointed head of the American Legion		
6. Tamara Rees, former paratrooper and father, has recently turned housewife			17. "M" day in Britain is the day designated for Princess Margaret to select a mate		
7. July 24, 1955 saw the first snow of the season at Resolute Bay			18. Harold Talbott, Air Force secretary has been exonerated for using the government to further his private business		
8. Hot weather, as usual, plagued the Rogue Valley during the latter half of July			19. Dick Applegate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Applegate have recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary		
9. On July 26, Medford was presented the A.A.A. award for having the most traffic fatalities in the state during 1954			20. Ashland is celebrating the twentieth year of its annual Shakespearean Festival		
10. I. A. Mirick is the director of the summer swimming program in Medford					
11. Marion B. Folsom is the new Secretary of the Interior, replacing Oveta Culp Hobby					

Contest Judges, Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon. Date..... 1955

Please find my answers to the Mail Tribune Current Events Quiz.

Signed.....

Street or Route.....

Tuesday, Sept. 6th Town.....

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