

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—U.P.—Hugh O'Brien, the "Wyatt Earp" of television, drew a bead on other western heroes today. Most are too slow on the draw.



TV viewers who are well saturated with Westerns may have noticed some sagebrush heroes would never live through a real gun fight.

But O'Brien is proud that fans have congratulated him on his hand-to-holster speed.

Challenges Others
"I'll challenge any of the other western actors to a contest—Gary Cooper, John Wayne, Roy Rogers," the star of the ABC-TV program announced.

"I can draw in two-fifths of a second. In a lot of Westerns they have to slow down the camera which makes the film go faster so it looks as if the man is drawing faster."

How to be quick on the draw is one talent O'Brien worked on before he started the TV series about the famed Kansas marshal last fall. He used to mow lawns for a living, and when he finally broke into pictures he was the heavy in many a Western at Universal-International studio.

"It didn't matter then if I drew quickly because I was the villain and I always got shot, anyway," he explained. "But after I started playing Earp, a hero, I had to learn to draw first. I think I can draw quicker than anybody else in the business. Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster are very good on the draw."

Ability Demonstrated
At this point in our interview Hugh demonstrated his ability with a .45. He left the set of the filmed show (a dangerous move because in TV they can film an entire show while your back is turned) and loaded his gun outside the stage. While secretaries ran out of their offices in alarm, O'Brien shot up the old back lot—at two fifths of a second by a stop watch.

"The technique includes never looking at the other fellow's eyes or his gun," Hugh went on. "Actually I'm not as good or accurate as the real Earp. I've read a lot about him. Out of 200 fights he only killed four men—in self-defense. He was quick on the draw but slow on the

temper."
Earp Outfits Now
The TV series is holding its own against stiff competition as Milton Berle and Phil Silvers on Tuesday nights. Soon children can buy Earp outfits—string tie, fancy vest, striped pants—a dressier change from coonskin caps.

"There are a lot of jokes about Earp's name now, too," added O'Brien. "The greatest sign of success is when the public starts kidding the name."

New Plastic Plane Wing Being Tested

Buffalo, N. Y. — (U.P.) — A newly developed plastic wing that eventually may have widespread use in the aircraft industry is being tested at the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory here.

Research scientists at the lab came up with a fabricating technique for reinforced plastics. Its use is being turned to guided missile production.

The Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. is now experimenting with the CAL-developed eight-foot plastic wing in place of an aluminum structure in its KDMI guided missile. The wing, according to CAL, weighs six per cent less than its aluminum counterpart and requires about 30 per cent fewer man-hours of fabrication.

Favorable tests have led the armed services to request further research on the unique wing, said to retain its strength well at temperatures up to 400 degrees. Most foamed plastics lose their strength at half that temperature.

The CAL process consists of foaming a low-density, high-strength plastic core inside a mold, then applying a skin of glass fabric impregnated with resin in a "sandwich" pressing treatment.



DOWN BEFORE IT'S BUILT—A 150-foot temporary section of the new International Bridge near Eagle Pass, Tex., lays in the dry Rio Grande River bed after collapsing while under construction. At least 35 workmen were injured, two of them critically.

Osaka Police Looking For Dropper of Leaflets
Hokyo — (U.P.) — Police in the industrial city of Osaka are looking for members of an anti-Communist league who have been using a helicopter to shower leaflets on Osaka, site of the current Communist trade fair.

The Japanese press reported today that one set of leaflets caused pedestrians to stampede the fair grounds. The leaflets promised "free Chinese beer and noodles" which the Red Chinese didn't have.

LOWEST PAY OFFERED
Odin, Ill. — (U.P.) — The Odin village board has offered to give the job of village marshal to whatever local resident is willing to work for the lowest salary. So far, nobody has asked for the job.

Sherry Fong Trial Postponed

Portland—U.P.—Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson late yesterday recessed the Sherry Fong murder trial indefinitely while he studied points of law after citing Deputy District Attorney Howard Lonergan for contempt of court.

The judge, who tangled with Lonergan over the nature of hearsay evidence and other legal questions, imposed no penalty but said he would consider it later.

Three witnesses were called by the court in an effort to establish the reliability of testimony by Sally Irwin and Carol Thompson, who testified they saw the victim, Diane Hank, in Portland after she was allegedly murdered.

Sherry is accused with her husband, Wey Him Fong, of the death of 16-year-old Diane.

Judge Dobson questioned Lois Grierson, Lewis and Clark College instructor, William H. Beavert and Howard Lowry, both executives of Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company, over the objection of Prosecutor Lonergan.

The defense rested its case with the reading of Dr. Howard L. Richardson's testimony at the first trial of the Fongs which did not substantiate the state's claim that Diane Hank died of barbiturate poisoning.

Austria Avalanche Kills 10 Persons

Salzburg, Austria — (U.P.) — The first serious avalanche of the winter killed at least 10 persons and injured several others at the Kaprun hydro-electric plant near Salzburg Monday.

An avalanche of snow crashed into a party of workmen at the project shortly after dark, burying 17 of them. Six of the workmen were believed trapped under the mass of snow.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Cuban Women Held For Demonstration

Havana, Cuba— (U.P.) —Police today held 21 women for trying to stage an anti-government demonstration and government officials openly expressed fear of an armed revolt.

Police moved in when some 80 women gathered on a downtown street corner to stage the demonstration.

Interior Minister Santiago Rey said the government was frankly worried over the activities of groups who are "raising the flag of armed subversion country-wide."

Pro-government Sen. Rolando Masferrer said the dangerous situation may lead to an armed uprising.

CHRISTMAS BARGAIN
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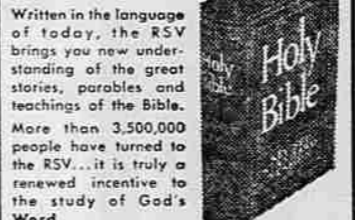
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Engraving Firm Adds Printing Department

Addition of a printing department was announced today by the Dupray Engraving company, located on the second floor of the Mail Tribune building on North Fir st.

The new service will feature offset lithographic printing services in a wide variety of types, according to Lewell Dupray, owner and manager. It will be added to the engraving and rubber stamp services of the company, and will specialize in envelopes, statements, invoices and business forms.

Associated with Dupray in the business are Mrs. Dupray, who is in charge of the rubber stamp department, and Paul Zeleznik, in charge of the photoengraving department.

Dupray has been in business in Medford for six years.

Grange

Upper Rogue Grange
Upper Rogue Grange held its last meeting of the year Thursday evening, Dec. 1, with Master Herb Carlton presiding. The third and fourth degrees were exemplified to 11 candidates, five being for Upper Rogue and six for Eagle Point. Members of Eagle Point Grange were guests. There were 25 members in attendance.

Mrs. Mable Wertz, master of Eagle Point Grange, was escorted to the master's station and gave a short talk.

Next Grange meeting will be a potluck Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, and HEC meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 8, with a potluck dinner at noon with an exchange of gifts. Pollyannas will be revealed and new ones drawn for the coming year.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boothby, Mrs. Fay Fanger and Mrs. Alta Josephson, all Prospect.

Louise Basford Plans To Attend Conference

Miss Louise Basford, 38 North Oakdale ave., supervisor of special education in the Medford city schools, will attend the Western Invitational conference on secondary school problems in San Francisco, Dec. 9.

About 350 school administrators and educators are expected at the conference, at which specific problems in reading improvement and curriculum planning will be discussed. Workshop sessions will be held on various achievement programs and programs to improve reading ability in secondary schools.

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