

# Jockey Who Won \$96,000 on Quiz Shows Now Broke But Not Worried

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles on the incredible life of jockey Billy Pearson who won \$96,000 on quiz shows less than six months ago and now is broke.

By HAL WOOD  
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San Mateo, Calif. — (U.P.) — "I'm broke, stone broke," groaned little Billy Pearson as he rolled out of bed, holding his head in his hands because of a hang-over.  
"But I'm not worried. I've made \$100,000 or more at various times in the past and I'll do it again."  
"In fact, I wish I had a quarter for every time I've been broke. I'd be able to retire."  
This is the same Billy Pearson, the personable little jockey who won \$96,000 on quiz programs less than six months ago and won the hearts of America with his knowledge of art.

**Easy Money**  
How could the little fellow spend that much money, more than many people make in a life span, in such a short while?

"It was easy," he laughed. "Uncle Sam took about half, and I spent the rest on high living. Besides, I had acquired a lot of experience in the past on how to spend money."  
So this is the story of William Pearson, the 36-year-old racing rider who makes and spends money as though it was going out of style.  
Married to a beautiful Spanish girl for 12 years, Billy has toured the world riding at every conceivable type of race track, and gambling where he could.  
"When I say I'm broke," he smiled, "I mean as far as cash goes. I've got between \$150,000 and \$200,000 worth of art in my La Jolla, Calif., home. Of course, I'll never sell that unless we are starving."  
**Back on the Ponies**  
Did he buy the home after he won the \$96,000?  
"Yep," he snapped. "But I didn't pay cash. Just made a down payment. I'm making monthly payments like everybody else."  
Pearson, right now, is back at Bay Meadows race track look-

ing for mounts to ride at \$35 each. He doesn't expect to get rich again riding the ponies. In fact, he never did get rich that way. He is a good jockey, but he would be the first to admit he doesn't rate in the class with Eddie Arcaro, Johnny Longden or Willie Shoemaker.  
"I'm back here because this is my business," he says. "I like the thrill of riding. And I like the people in the race track business."  
The \$35 per mount is strictly chicken feed for Billy. He spends that kind of money on tips.  
**Bum Tips**  
In fact, just the other night he spent what he said was his "last hundred dollars" entertaining his friend, jockey Ralph Neves.  
"Ralph was to ride a horse named Heller the next day," he said. "So I thought if I winned and dined him, he might give me a tip on the horse. He told me Heller didn't have a chance. And you know what happened, of course. Heller won going away. It just proved you can't trust your friends."



All southwest Washington will have reason to join in the Mason County Forest Festival's 13th annual celebration this year. Once more the Shelton schools will present an outdoor pageant of forestry progress, on a mammoth scale.  
The dates of the evening performances are May 23 and 24. And on Saturday, the 25th, a parade with features from five counties, portraying the present and visualizing the future of the region's forest industry, will stomp, rock and roll through Shelton town.  
Mason county people will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Shelton Cooperative Sustained Yield Forests, in which Simpson Logging company and the U. S. forest service are a giant team.  
Eastern Grays Harbor county has a share in this, too. The big news of the season is that the allowable annual cut on the area of cooperation—the "Shelton Working Circle"—has been increased from 100,000,000 board feet to 135,000,000 board feet.

Records of growth on the Washington State Sustained Yield Forest No. 1 are "almost unbelievable" according to the managing forester, T. S. Good-year. On a 60-year basis, the allowable cut has been held to 90,000,000 board feet per year for the commercial forest of 185,274 acres of state-owned land. The rate of growth has been 2.215 board feet per acre on well-stocked areas—more than double the old estimated potential growth rate of 1,100 board feet per acre.  
**Bumper Harvest**  
The trouble we now face is the one that the major prophet of American forestry, W. B. Greeley, warned us on again and again, for 40 years. The danger, he said, many times, was that of increasing tree crops and harvests nation-wide, without at the same time securing the markets for bumper log and lumber harvests.  
Now this is a very real problem facing the Simpson Logging company in relation to the increased allowable cut in the Shelton Working Circle. Where are the markets for increased production?  
A mighty West Coast lumber salesman has pointed out that if modern forestry practices had been in force in the Lake State pineries all the way through, from 1860, lumber from the West Coast would have had little luck in competition for the Midwest and Eastern markets. But fire ran free for scores of years in the Midwest Pines. Killing new growth, it cleared much heavy competition out of the major markets for Oregon and Washington lumber. But now—the pines are growing like crazy from Thunder Bay to Thief River Falls!

# Oakland Teamsters Oppose Beck's Choice

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Some 5,000 members of Teamster local 70 Sunday appointed union business agent William Cabral to oppose a Dave Beck appointed secretary treasurer in the local's forthcoming elections.  
The election, to be held in May, is the first in over six years. The local was put under trusteeship in 1949 by Beck, the union's international president, when one of the officers was accused of embezzlement.  
Cabral opposes Frank DeMartini, the present secretary treasurer.  
William Simpson, an Oakland truck driver and William Rodgers, a former trustee of the local who was allegedly fired last year by trustee William J. Conboy, will oppose each other for president.

# Stock Car Crash Kills Spectator

Crawley, La. — (U.P.) — A stock car driven by Gerald Jones, 25, of Houston, Tex., skidded from a racing strip into a group of parked cars Sunday, killing one person and injuring eight.  
The victim was Mrs. Watson Bertram, 18, who was seated in one of the parked cars.  
The injured included her 21-year-old husband and Jones, both reported in fair condition at Elysian hospital, and six other persons who were treated and released.

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# Most Americans in Iran Feel Risk Assumed Outweighed by Work

Editors: The following story on the United States Technical Assistance Program in Iran was written for United Press by the program's director Clark S. Gregory of Saint Johns, Michigan. He had just returned from directing the search for Mrs. Anita Carroll, who with her husband, Kevin, Brewster Wilson and two Iranian employees was killed by Bahuchistan bandits.  
By CLARKE S. GREGORY  
Written for United Press  
Tehran — (U.P.) — Two Iranians and three Americans were killed in the recent tragedy in Bahuchistan.  
It is true that American personnel of the U.S. Technical Assistance Program assume certain occupational hazards in a less developed country such as Iran. But most Americans feel the risks assumed are more than offset by the satisfaction of work well done.  
More than 90 per cent ask to return to Iran for a second tour. They do not fear the physical danger and will state freely there is no more danger in Iran than in other countries where the United States provides technical assistance.  
It is the fear of people who have never been to Iran and who neither know the country nor its hospitable people that makes it difficult for the United States government to recruit technical and other personnel to handle the vital task of aiding Iran's development as a strong friend and ally.

We want people with a pioneering spirit. They are pioneering in a new land where the opportunities and needs are great to help Iran develop itself.  
We have had difficulties in staffing certain field positions because of their isolation and lack of comforts, social life and schools. It's not a comfortable life and our people must be dedicated to their task.  
**Huge Program**  
The U.S. Technical Assistance Program in Iran is one of the largest in the world. It could not be operated if the advisers were confined to Tehran.  
We have more American personnel working on technical and development projects than in any other country—270. All work closely with Iran technicians and officials as advisers and teachers, since the programs are really one of cooperation.  
We are helping make better friends and strong and prosperous allies with the same respect for freedom as we have in America.  
The United States has spent \$105,826,000 in the last six years for technical and development work in Iran. This aid has been a vital factor in assisting Iran to attain political stability. Since the fall of former premier Mohammed Mossadegh, Iran is solving its oil problem and is in the Bahddad Pact and in a firm

alliance with the West.  
The basic assistance programs have been to establish demonstration projects requested by Iran in various fields, plus training Iranians and finally integration of work-trained personnel into the ministries.  
Thus the training is passed on to others and becomes of lasting value to Iran and her people. At the same time we have tried to instill in the Iranians the value of mutual cooperation and trust which is essential in any development program.  
The Iranians have accepted this and in the past three years more than 12,000 villages have been developed cooperative "do it yourself" programs for village improvement ranging from safe water supply to road building.  
**Disease Rate Down**  
These first demonstrations resulted in the reduction of malaria from as high as 90 per cent in some areas to 2 or 3 per cent, and in improved education and agricultural production in many crops. They now have been integrated into the regular work of the Iranian government.  
Due to the initial successes which were largely a product of the zeal and untiring efforts of workers like Carroll and Wilson, the Iran government has taken action in many fields and asked us for advisers. Iranians are now taking over.

# Back Stairs: Hagerty Seen Easing Up

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House: Press Secretary James C. Hagerty seems to be easing up a bit in his policy covering publicity about President Eisenhower's domestic and personal staff.  
Not too long ago Hagerty was dead set against letting reporters have any access whatever to members of the staff. But recently he has approved interviews and magazine articles involving some of the lesser known White House personnel.  
Robert Redmond, the White House gardener, is a recent case in point. A year or so ago, Hagerty refused to let anyone interview Redmond, but the gardener has figured prominently in two magazine articles in recent weeks.

Early spring brings thousands of visitors to Washington and a boom for sidewalk photographers in front of the White House.  
These lensmen have a cute trick designed to save film.  
They rarely make an actual exposure when they first snap a tourist, but instead click a pencil or coin against the side of the camera to simulate the sound of a shutter. If the tourist indicates an interest in buying a picture, the photographer suggests "shooting another one" with the White House in the background.  
Another sign of spring is the heavy flow of college students who, through their senators or congressmen, arrange audiences with key members of the White House staff.

Hagerty, for example, has been seeing two and three groups of college students daily. He makes a few advance remarks, then submits himself to questioning. Hagerty says the questions put by students frequently are tougher than those of professional reporters.  
Most of the students are more interested in foreign policy than any other aspect of government. For the young men, this may reflect an underlying interest in the draft and how the world picture may affect their chances of going into service without completing their education.  
If ever there was an example of safe and slow, and boring, auto travel it was the President's motorcade to Gettysburg last Friday.  
His driver stayed within the speed limits like a man with out-of-date license tags.  
The Montgomery county (Md.) police, who a week earlier had slowed reporters from 70 mph to the legal 55 mile limit, were not in very much evidence Friday.

# Magazine, Newspaper Writer Dies in N.Y.

New York — (U.P.) — Alice Rohe, well-known newspaper and magazine writer, died Sunday after a brief illness.  
Miss Rohe was bureau chief in Rome for the United Press in 1914, the first woman to hold such a position with an international news organization. She also was the first woman to interview Benito Mussolini after his rise to power in Italy.  
A native of Lawrence, Kan., and graduate of the University of Kansas, Miss Rohe began her career on the old Kansas City World and also did feature writing for the Kansas City Star.

# Rattlesnake Hunters Probe for Reptiles

Okeene, Okla. — (U.P.) — More than 500 heavily clothed adventurers poked through the hills around Okeene Sunday with forked sticks in the annual disturbance of the local rattlesnake population.  
Neither cold weather nor approaching snow could deter the International Association of Rattlesnake Hunters in their annual foray into the Gypsum Hills of Salt Creek Canyon.  
The hunters got 987 snakes. The snakes got one hunter, Eldon Buddy Martin, 17, of Okeene, who was expected to recover fully.  
Some 18,000 rattlesnake fans showed up for the hunt, of whom 527 were registered hunters. Sixteen states and Switzerland were represented.  
The total of 957 snakes hauled in weighed approximately 1,500 pounds. Last year, during warm weather, about 2,500 were caught.

# Fire Kills Woman At Home in Rainier

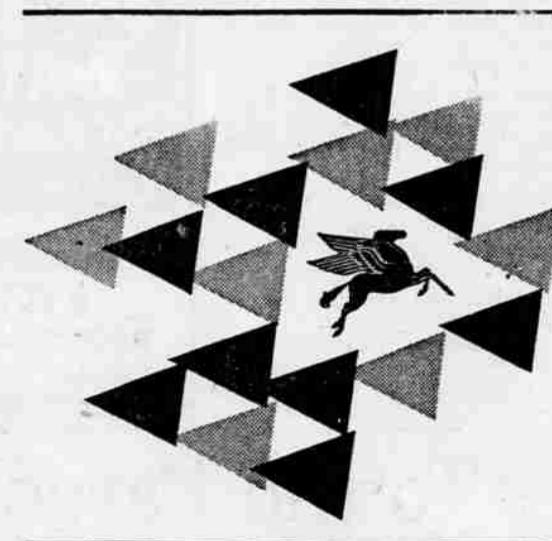
Rainier — (U.P.) — Mrs. Mamie Robbins, 66, "burned to death" early Sunday when fire destroyed a frame home near here.  
Her husband, Chester Robbins, 73, suffered burns and cuts when he broke a bedroom window in a futile rescue attempt. He and a grandson, Melvin, 14, were sleeping in a front bedroom when the fire started, apparently from an overheated oil stove.  
Robbins went around the house and tried to get his wife out of the back bedroom but was unable to climb through the high window to rescue her.

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