



Alan Ludington Is Busiest Cut-Up Man Working in Television Movies

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New York — The busiest cut-up working within the state confines of our TV networks is a fellow named Alan Ludington.

Ludington, who comes equipped with scissors, is producer of "Hollywood Film Theatre," a 90-minute ABC-TV opus devoted to feature movies. Neither CBS-TV nor NBC-TV has any such animal.

Ludington is the networks' master sniper. He estimates that during his six-year hitch at ABC-TV, he has carved up about 150 English pictures and 26 American flickers.

His principal problem is trying to squeeze or stretch every film to 83 minutes, the amount of time left after commercials and station breaks. That, and S-E-X.

Stretching a movie is an art peculiar to television. There have been times when Ludington has had to rubberize a 60-minute movie for an hour-and-a-half show.

How It's Done
"One way to stretch is to use a longer 'teaser'—the scene you open the show with," explained Ludington. "You repeat that same scene later in the movie, so the teaser adds to your total."

"Another method is to run a longer 'trailer'—the coming attraction that shows what the next film is going to be. Usually, a trailer runs two minutes. But when you're padding, you let it

go three or four. There have been times when I needed so much padding, I've run two or three trailers.

"If you're using a host, you can have him talk longer to give you some stretch. And, of course, it helps if all the commercial time is sold."

Shrinking a movie calls for clippers and a stopwatch. Ludington times each scene, decides which sequences do not move the plot and then starts snipping. He cuts out whole scenes first and if he still needs time, he starts trimming, a more difficult process.

Comedies, he pointed out, are the most difficult to chop because of their pacing. Dramas with huge chunks of time devoted to character development are the easiest.

Ludington's shears also go to work when too much sex seeps out of a film. Long, sensuous kisses, leers and suggestive sequences get a hacking.

"We had one picture, 'Caravan', with Stewart Granger and Jean Kent which showed her poised on a cliff and about to dive into the water. She was naked, but so far away, you couldn't see anything," recalled Ludington. "But the next shot showed Granger leering. Out went the whole business."

Whole Picture Eliminated
"One scene in 'King Kong' never made TV either. It showed Fay Wray in the water. She was all right until she began swimming. Then you could see her

dress was down to her-e. Out it went."

"We had one British picture, 'Wicked Lady', we had to throw out entirely. We didn't know where to begin cutting. Everything seemed to be exposed."

There are other worries in editing films for TV—catching profanity, racial stereotypes and religious slurs. But one of Ludington's biggest problems is himself—he can't stand going to the movies anymore.

"I've only been out to see two movies in the past four years," he said. After watching these things over and over all day in my job, I can't bear the thought of going to a theater."

Four Attempt Escape From State Hospital

Salem — Four patients failed in an escape attempt from the maximum-security ward of the state hospital here Tuesday night. They managed to overcome three attendants but got stuck in a dumb waiter between floors.

The four overpowered their attendants about 8:25 p.m. using a hammer and two screwdrivers. They took their keys and locked the attendants up before starting down the food elevator from the third floor ward.

Hospital Superintendent Dean Brooks said the combined weight of the men apparently stalled the elevator between the third and second floors and the patients were caught without a struggle.

It was the first attempt to escape the hospital by violence since May, 1953, when three inmates choked a guard and fled in his car.

Brooks said the patients in last night's escape attempt were Sylvester Roberts, Multnomah county; Rowley Lalo, Klamath county; Mervin Arnold, Lane county; and Alexander Cross, Marion county. All four were committed by courts, but not for criminal reasons.

Attendants C. F. Smith, Floyd Norman and George Barthman escaped serious injury in the break for freedom.

The first life insurance company in the United States was "The Corporation for Relief of Poor and Distressed Presbyterian Ministers and of Poor and Distressed Widows and Children of Presbyterian Ministers," established in 1759 in Philadelphia.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Dedication exercises for the new picnic area adjoining Memorial Field will be held at the ball park Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25.

A large representation of the VAVS will be on hand with guests, members and friends.

The event will mark the opening of activities arranged for the coming year.

The annual watermelon bust, usually held at TouVelle Park, will initiate this festivity at Camp White. Special entertainment is to be provided by Caesar Muzzioli and his accordion group, the Elks Kiltie band of Ashland and the Darel School of Dancing, from Grants Pass.

Following the exercises, a personally conducted tour of the picnic grounds will be made.

Manager E. K. Ricker will make the dedication address and present the guests. Assistant manager Jeffrey will officiate as MC. Chaplains Eskay and Feller will open and close the exercises with the invocation and benediction. The Camp White color guard will perform the flag ceremony.

Those who remember Frank White when he was a sergeant in Company One several years ago may recall also his prediction, in fact, his insistence that at least two more Eastern teams in the major leagues should transfer their charters, and that they should move to the Pacific Coast.

"Only in this way can big league baseball come back into its own as a major sport," he said.

Frank White is probably chuckling today over news that the New York Giants are on their way to San Francisco. This, no doubt, will effect realization of the other transfer, which Frank believed was inevitable—bringing the Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles.

Now that S.F. has the Giants, those who are familiar with the intercity rivalry in California can not expect L.A. to be complacent.

McAllister Speaks To Water Group

Cave Junction — Lee McAllister, regional engineer for the bureau of reclamation, assured Illinois valley farmers Monday night that irrigable land now outside the boundaries of the proposed Sucker Creek irrigation project could in most instances be included within the district.

At the same time a preliminary report by Grange members showed local farmers interviewed so far were in favor of the proposed irrigation project. A time limit of a week and a half was established for contacting about 217 land holders within the present boundaries, thereby speeding up the momentum for an election for an Illinois Valley irrigation district.

A number of acreages along the Rockydale road had been excluded in the map of the Illinois Valley division of the Rogue River Basin project. This, McAllister explained by stating that soil scientists made their test holes miles apart, allowing some properties to be overlooked. In other instances, land was judged non-irrigable or too isolated from the rest of the district.

McAllister urged landholders not included in the original report to immediately sign up with Monte Heald, secretary of the Illinois Valley Water Resources group, giving location of their property by section, township and range.

Local Man Promoted In Forest Service

William V. Jones, son of Mrs. Esther Jones, 31 Meyers court, Medford, has been promoted from district forest ranger on the Stonyford district, Stonyford, Calif., to timber management officer for the Mendocino National forest, with headquarters at Willows, Calif.

Jones, who has been with the U. S. Forest Service for eight years, is married to the former Miss Patsy Robertson, daughter of Mrs. Jack King of Medford.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL
Harold Leslie Schmelzer, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Harold Wallace Kenyon, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Bobby Ray Wilson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Harold Clement Cox, driving on wrong side of highway, \$5; no operators license, \$10.

Roland Joe Frazier, no Oregon operators license, \$10.
Dary Myron Johnson, excessive noise, \$5.

George Francis Bell, defective equipment, \$5.
Howard William Cox, expired driver's license, \$5.

Angel Ingle, racing with another vehicle, \$25.
Leland S. McSwan, no driver's license, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
George E. Trahern, violation basic rule, \$15.
Fred Myers, no operator's license, \$10.

John Dickey Layman, no motor vehicle license, \$5.
Marvin William Betts, overlength, \$15.
Charles Howard Walden, overheight, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT
Nancy Jeanene Robinson vs. Pearl Enos Robinson, divorce complaint.

School Man Travels To Delaware Meeting

Jim McDonald, director of audio-visual aids and public information in the Jackson county school superintendent's office, left Wednesday for Rehoboth Beach, Del., to attend a meeting of the National Commission on Teacher's Education and Professional Standards.

McDonald, president of the Student National Education association, has been invited to attend the week-long meeting as a consultant to the commission, representing the student NEA.

While at the meeting, he will give an evaluation report of student participation at the recent NEA centennial convention in Philadelphia and the commission's annual meeting in Washington, D. C., which he attended early in July.

McDonald will return to Medford Aug. 26.

All New Drivers Face Learner's Regulation

Starting last Tuesday, all beginning drivers in Oregon with a beginner's permit, must be accompanied by a licensed driver of 18 years old or older according to city police chief Charles P. Champlin.

Chief Champlin said that a bill passed by the 1957 state legislature, which took effect

last Tuesday, will no longer allow anyone under 18 to teach another how to drive a car.

City police officers have been instructed by the chief to begin checking for possible violations of the new law and he plans to issue warnings only until he feels the public has had time to become familiar with the law.

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