

# Circus Arena Athletes Last Longer Than Others

Athletes who display their talents in the bright arena of the circus have longer public careers than boxers, ball players and participants in competitive sports in general.

Take a look at the Shrine-Polack Bros. Circus, which the Klamath Falls Shrine Club is presenting Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Klamath Armory.

There old-timers in their 30s and 40s, and a few even on the far side of 50, hold their own very well indeed alongside youngsters in their late teens and early 20s.

Circus athletes rarely perform more than 10 minutes at a time, but by doing two and sometimes three shows a day they average 500 appearances a year.

Except for simple limbering-up exercises before going on, their daily acts are enough to keep such troupes as the Nine Ward-Bell Flyers and the high-wire Wallendas in condition. However, on infrequent occasions the former group will get "off timing" in a phase of their highly co-ordinated routine and have to go through a series of rehearsals between performances to get back into the proper swing.

The muscular demands of their aerial adagio feats are so great that the French-born Geraldos have to work out at least half an hour before every performance.

The record for between-show practice is held by the juggling, star, Francis Brunn, who spends several hours at it every day. Brunn's speed and nimble footwork win the admiration of sports enthusiasts, who wonder how far such agility would take him in the boxing ring or on the basketball floor.

Troupes, like the Cycling Therons, that have children growing up, often practice between shows for their benefit. Some circus families start training their youngsters as soon as they can walk.

Performers from non-circus families as a rule were active in athletics in their pre-circus days. Felix Myron, of the foot-balancing team, was a boxer in Europe who won many regional titles. Gus Bell, of the Nine Ward-Bell Flyers, won the southern A.A.U. tumbling championship for the Dallas Athletic Club and was headed for Olympic competition when he joined the Tom Mix Circus while still in his teens.

Los Hermanos Ibarra, three supple youths from Mexico City, display a brand of horizontal bar gymnastics such as has seldom been seen in this country. Bars are the most strenuous of all circus acrobatics and are strictly for young bodies with quick reflexes. Perhaps that is why bar acts are fast passing from the circus scene.

# Churches Work For New Bible

Several local churches along with the Council of Church Women will unite for a public introduction of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. This will be a part of the national publicity and promotion program on the evening of Sept. 30.

The local program will be in the Congregational Church at 8 p.m. "The Word of Life in Living Language" will be the theme, and the importance of this new translation will be emphasized by the following pastors: Rev. Don Cassidy, Rev. David Barnett, Jr., Rev. Edward Landers, Rev. Dwayne Froett, and the Rev. Lloyd Holway. A Bible display of many new and old translations will be made, and a filmstrip will be shown after the service.

References to the new Bible translation will be made on the Sunday before this service in practically all of the local Klamath Falls churches. The public is cordially invited to this united Bible observance.

# British Call For Release

LONDON (AP) — Britain has called on Red China to release all American, British and Canadian nationals arrested without being accused, the foreign office announced Friday.

A spokesman told a news conference a note delivered in Peiping Wednesday further demanded that Red China give exact information on the whereabouts of some 72 Allied nationals and provide facilities for visits to them.

British Charge d'Affaires L. H. Lamb made the representations on behalf of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and the United States governments, the spokesman said.

Britain is the only one of these nations to have a diplomatic representative in Peiping. This country recognized the Communist government of Mao Tse-tung two years ago. China has never returned the compliment.

The spokesman gave these details of Allied prisoners held in Red China:

Six Britons, all of whom are believed in jail; 19 Canadians, 14 of whom are under house arrest; 47 Americans, 13 of whom are under house arrest.

# Highway Man Plugs Tolls

YAKIMA (AP) — State Highway Director William A. Bugge launched a trisail balloon for toll roads in Washington Friday.

In a speech prepared for delivery at the annual convention of the Washington State Goods Roads Association, Bugge declared:

"I don't advocate use of the toll roads or bridges indiscriminately, but I do say serious consideration should be given to toll roads and bridges where sufficient traffic will be developed to amortize fully all costs."

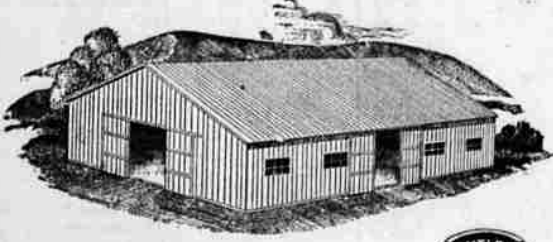
He introduced the subject in a discussion of highway financing.

"It may be that tolls on special facilities will be a desirable method to help obtain highway adequacy," Bugge said.

"If people want a road or a bridge and want it so badly they will pay tolls in sufficient amounts to amortize the total cost, certainly there is no reason for us to avoid using toll facilities."

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TRAIN HITS SCHOOL BUS—Spectators view wreckage of school bus that was hit by a coal train at a grade crossing in Collingsburg, Pa., killing at least four children and injuring 40 others. At right is under-carriage of the bus. At left is the coal train

# Maclean Asks Jury Probe

PORTLAND (AP) — Nothing is wrong with the State Tax Commission, Robert D. Maclean, a member, said Thursday and he asked a grand jury investigation to prove it.

Maclean, who has resigned from the commission effective next month, said critics would be answered by such an investigation.

"A grand jury investigation of the commission's activities would provide an answer to vicious critics, and give enlightenment to those who do not know whom to believe," he said.

"I invite a grand jury investigation. I know it would be welcomed also by Ray Smith and Carl W. Chambers, the other two members of the commission."

"There has been some criticism of purely political objective. A measure of this, I regret to say, has come from members of my own Democratic party who, for personal gain, would risk the state's welfare by weakening public confidence in the tax commission," he said.

This last was an apparent reference to Edith S. Green, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, who criticized appointment of Maclean and Smith in a recent speech.

The State Board of Control Thursday in Salem announced appointment of Sam B. Stewart, assistant attorney general, as tax commissioner to succeed Maclean.

# Ducks Appear In Prineville

PRINEVILLE (AP) — Flocks of wild ducks, presumably heading south earlier than usual, have appeared at Houston Lake north of Powell Butte. Their numbers have increased steadily in the past three weeks.

Farmers in the area say they fly out to the grain fields to feed during the day, then return to the lake at dusk.

Their presence in this area is unusual.

At Mitchell, 50 miles east of here, a flock of brandt showed up on the pond of the Mitchell Pine Mill.

# Folding Bed Kills Woman

PORTLAND (AP) — A folding bed killed a 75-year-old woman here, police reported Thursday.

The body of Mrs. Blanche L. Butler was found pinned to the floor of her apartment. One leg of the bed was pressed against her stomach.

Policeman Norman Walker said the bed apparently felled the woman as she tried to fold it into a closet.

# Bend Records Hot Weather

BEND (AP) — The temperature stood at 87 degrees here Thursday, one of the highest mid-September marks on record. But that didn't keep the merchants from talking about Christmas.

At a meeting, it was announced that John Sumstien, Salem, would bring four Alaskan reindeer to head a parade to open the Christmas season Nov. 28.

# Escaped Inmate May Be Murder Student

SALEM (AP) — The doctors at Oregon State Hospital wonder if Edmund Werner, 21, who escaped last Saturday, is planning the "perfect murder."

Werner left enough stuff behind to show that's what he's been thinking about.

He is a check forger who left a trail of bum checks in many states of the Midwest and Far West.

After he got away from the state hospital, a doctor found a paper carton containing scores of news stories about murders. In each story, Werner had attached notes about the mistake each murderer made that led to his arrest.

Also in the carton were two perfect imitations of pistols, made of soap. He's a good artist, leaving samples of his work, including a free-hand drawing of a state liquor permit.

The imitation liquor permit, drawn from memory, was good enough to fool a liquor store clerk if the clerk didn't examine it too closely.

Werner got committed to the hospital to get out of going to prison for writing the bum checks.

He entered the state hospital July 11. Shortly before his escape, he admitted to other patients and a doctor that he had just been putting on an act about being mentally ill.

"He had us fooled, all right, and he's an awfully smart fellow," Dr. C. E. Bates, state hospital superintendent, said, adding he knows right from wrong, but doesn't care, has no moral sense, and can't learn from experience.

Werner found out where the key to his window in the hospital was kept. He just unlocked the window and climbed out.

When they catch him, he'll go to jail.

The doctors hope that Werner was studying murders just for his own amusement, instead of intending to apply his new-found knowledge in a practical sort of way.

# Oregon CIO Backs Morse

PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) was commended Thursday by the Oregon CIO on his decision not to campaign for Gen. Eisenhower, Republican candidate for President.

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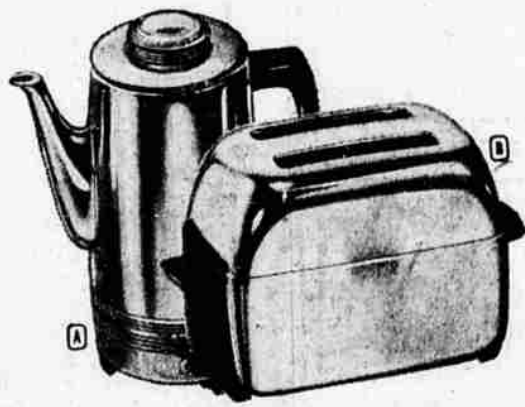
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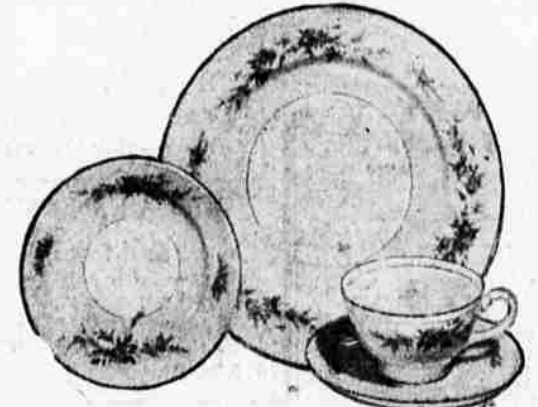
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