Trainer Tells Of Long Experience With Elephants

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Is it true that elephants never forget?

Frank Jones thinks so, and he's got plenty of evidence to back his claim. He is here to help direct 11 elephants through a Hollywood movie.

"Why, they remember," says Jones. "Why, I was in the service for three years during the war. When I got back, the elephants remembered me just the same as if I had been there yesterday. I've been gone two years and the elephants remember me after two years."

Jones offers other evidence: When the Ringling Brothers Circus elephants arrived here for their film debuts, they were paraded through the Los Angeles streets. Then they were loaded into trucks to be brought to the studio. Three of the beasts balked. They had been in a highway accident five years ago, and they refused to tangle with the treacherous L. A. traffic.

The trio walked all the way to the studio. This delighted Paramount, which is featuring them in a flicker called "Elephant Walk."

Jones is a rugged big-top veteran who reacts somewhat disdainfully to the eager queries of non circus folk. But he speaks with affection about his elephants. He ran away from his Erie, Penn., home to join the circus. He started working with the elephants right away, "because they always fascinated me."

Not only do they have good memories, he said; they're also the smartest animal in the circus. They may all look alike to you and me, but Jones can tell them apart.

"They all have different faces, same as humans," he explained. "You get used to seeing them. It's a funny thing—the pony trainer knows all his animals by name, but can't tell my elephants apart. I know the elephants, but I couldn't recognize his ponies."

Despite his many years of close contact with the bulky beasts, he has only been seriously hurt once.

"That was in Bangor, Me., in 1939," he said. "I was walking along the left side of an elephant that had only one eye. Unless you talk to her, she'll take a swing with her trunk at anyone who comes up on her blind side. I got a broken jaw from her."

Jones said that most circus elephants are females. The males do not train as well; they're unpredictable and can go on rampages. Then they have to be destroyed.

Their main diet consists of about 100 pounds of timothy hay per day. As an added taste-teaser, they get a 30-pound mash of oats and bran. They consume amazing amounts of water, but Jones has never measured how much. Like a horse, elephants can sleep lying down or standing up. They sleep about the same length of time as a human.

I watched the elephants go through a scene in which they were supposed to be trampling through a plantation home. The only trouble was that the animals kept grabbing the tail in front of them as they filed through the scene. "Drop that trunk," the handlers bawled.

There's that memory again.

Leadership Class Slated

The third and next to last meeting of the Leadership course will be held Tuesday morning at the Campfire of Moore Park, starting at 8:30 a.m.

It will well at the Chamber of Commerce building for those requiring transportation to the park.

Emphasis about packing a campsite including properly what natures provided for our comfort and the agenda.

A person interested in attending the last two meetings is welcome.

Hikes, both by the trail and campsite, will be prepared as work and calm at noon. Those for attending for the first time asked to bring their own sack lunches, same items to be brought by those members for the classes have already been assigned.

Everyone is requested to bring lunch eating utensils and a pocketknife. Members of preschool children are welcome to bring them along and all are asked to wear comfortable clothes.

W. Witte Death Heard

W. Witte, former Klamath resident, died May 17 at Medford. He had been a resident of the area 44 years. During his stay here he was in the retail business and also worked as a painter.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Emma Witte, Medford; three sons, Anchorage, Alaska; Klamath Falls and Gus Medford; two brothers, Willie Sherwood, Ore., Otto Los Angeles; one sister, Oconto, Wis., also three grandchildren.

He was born in Hibbing, Minn., Dec. 26, 1871.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

IT WAS A FLOOD that was responsible for Elmer Bates enrolling at OTI. Bates was made homeless by the disastrous flood a few years ago at Vanport. On the advice of a friend he came to Klamath Falls and took a course in combination welding. Ever since he graduated from OTI in 1950, Bates has been employed by Klamath Iron Works.

Children's Theater Play Success

An appreciative audience saw the third performance of "Aladdin" given by students of the Children's Theater in Mills School auditorium, Friday night under direction of Mrs. Jessie Lee Hosford.

Some 700 tickets were sold and all proceeds above actual expenses of the production go to the Dr. Hosford Scholarship Fund which will send a worthy dramatic student to study at the Pasadena Playhouse where Mrs. Hosford was affiliated.

All sets for the colorful fantasy were made by the late Dr. Hosford.

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Property Owners Blast Tax Boosts

Disgruntled property owners crowded the offices of the County Board of Equalization Monday to file petitions for adjustment of tax assessments.

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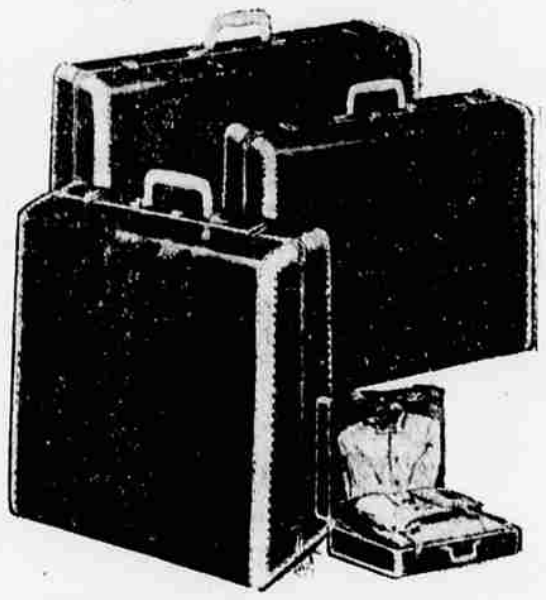

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