

Jazz Course Professor Gets Degree

DENTON, Tex. (AP)—The craziest college professor in the country, man, is getting his doctor's degree. Craziest is what his students call M. E. (Gene) Hall, meaning he's hep—the greatest.

Hall, who has trouble switching between scholarly conversation and bopster lingo, runs a real cool jazz music course at North Texas State College here. As far as he knows, it's the only course in the United States that will get you a degree as a bachelor of music in jazz from an accredited college.

By mail the first week of June, his doctor of education degree should arrive from New York University.

"I'm not going up there to get it because it costs money," he said. "I've got grocery bills and kids in school, you know."

Hall, a big, bespectacled man of 40, has been fighting grocery bills since he got out of school at White Wright, a little town in north Texas.

During the depression, he played the saxophone in a panic band. That doesn't mean the band panicked the people. Most of the time the band was in a panic, wondering where it was going to play and eat next.

He saved and entered NTSC. When his money ran low he'd go out for a year of one-night stands. By 1943 he had his master's degree.

While he was a graduate student he started teaching a couple of west Texas boys how to arrange popular music and pretty soon he had a class of 15. The course has been taught ever since.

But Hall left for a while to teach band in Victoria, Tex., High School and work at a radio station in Fort Worth.

In 1947, the college brought him back to build up the jazz curriculum to qualify it as a degree program.

Hall has the kids study traditional music courses. When they're old friends with Bach, he lets them work into his courses on jazz.

"They're young and very impressionable," Hall said. "They get their vocabulary out of Downbeat. And with some of them it may be a device to hide inferior feelings."

"But I talk the language with the cats. Sometimes I even find it creeping out in my conversation when I'm talking to people."

Anyway, the students think he's a real crazy.

"But opinions vary," Hall said. "Sometimes they let me know I'm a mouldy fig."

"That's a square, you know—no hep."



IT WAS SOMETHING NEW for the children above who are watching the Clyde Beatty Circus parade. It was the first circus parade in Klamath Falls in a quarter of a century.

Record Set By Navy Blimp

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—A U. S. Navy blimp that stayed aloft for more than a week without refueling to break the world's endurance record prepared to land today.

The ZPG-2 airship of the Nan type with 14 men aboard was due to land at the Boca Chica Naval Air Station, nine miles north of Key West, about 2:30 p.m. (EST).

Asian Trip Completed

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Paul Ely, chief of the French general staff, returned from a fact-finding visit to Indochina today amid speculation his gleanings might lead to important decisions on the seven-year-old war.

Ely told newsmen he had "absolutely nothing" to say to them as he clambered out of the Air France plane which brought him from Saigon. He will confer, probably today, with France's top government and military leaders.

Ely was accompanied by Generals Raoul Salan, former commander in Indochina, and Pierre Pelissier, French air force deputy chief of staff.

The high-ranking trio was sent to Indochina to assess the gravity of the situation after the key French fortress of Dien Bien Phu fell to the Communist-led Vietnamese.

Rocket Fired To Record Height

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M. (AP)—A Navy Viking rocket reached 158 miles skyward yesterday, 22 miles higher than any previous firing of a missile of that type.

This was No. 11. The previous viking record was set May 7.

White Sands officials said the missile reached a top speed of 4,300 miles an hour.

Reaction Motors, Inc., Rockaway, N. J., which designed and produced the engine, said it was powered with liquid oxygen and a mixture of alcohol and water. Its power, the firm said, was roughly the equivalent of 2,300 average 1954 autos.

The rocket record is 250 miles. It was set by the Army's WAC Corpora, fired from a German V2 aloft.

Student Shot In Target Accident

BALTIMORE (AP)—Edeard Guerrero, 15-year-old high school student, was shot and killed yesterday while target shooting in a wooded area with his best friend.

George Allender, Perrero's 18-year-old friend, ran from the woods to get help after the shooting. But when police arrived he was nearly hysterical and had lost all sense of direction. All six policemen hunted for 30 minutes before locating Perrero's body, which had rolled part way under a bush.

Allender was held at Northwestern police station.

C. B. DeMille Signs Yul Brynner For Movie Role

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—How are movie deals made? Here are one that was accomplished between acts of a Broadway musical.

Cecil B. DeMille summoned the press to attend a luncheon and meet Yul Brynner, who is appearing in Los Angeles in "The King and I." The 72-year-old director has signed the actor to play Ramesses II in his forthcoming epic "The 10 Commandments." He told how he encountered Brynner.

"About a year and a half ago, I was in New York," he related. "My granddaughter and my secretary were urging me to see a show called 'The King and I.' I didn't want to go, but they were so persistent that I had to. When we arrived at the theater, they sat on each side of me, so they could judge me if I fell asleep."

"During the first act, they wondered why I said nothing, I couldn't. I was seeing a rare theatrical experience—a performance of dramatic integrity."

When the curtain went down, DeMille wanted to know who played the King. When told it was Yul Brynner, he said "What is that?" He had never heard of the actor, whose name indeed sounds like a Christmas log or something.

Robert Taylor Marriage Told

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP)—Movie actor Robert Taylor and his bride of one day, actress Uraula Thies, fly back to Los Angeles today after their semisecret wedding on picturesque Jackson Lake.

They were married yesterday afternoon aboard the cabin cruiser of Jess and John Wort, hotel operator brothers. Taylor, who has a share in some Wyoming oil operations, has stayed with the Worts in the past and fished at Jackson Lake, at the foot of the 13,000-foot Teton Mountains.

Justice of the Peace Russell Robinson performed the ceremony. He said the only witnesses were Taylor's secretary, Mrs. Ivy Pearson, and his pilot, Ralph S. Couser. The party flew here from Los Angeles yesterday morning.

Taylor listed his age on the wedding license as 42 and Miss Thies gave her as 30. They met two years ago.

Brynner told the story from his side: "I had been warned that DeMille was in the theater. That merely added to the nervousness I get every time the half-hour warning is given before a performance. But after the show started, I was too busy to think about it. I wasn't able to see his reaction."

"In four years, I have never had a visitor between acts of the show—except Mr. DeMille. There are only 7 1/2 minutes between acts. But he started talking and I was impressed by the tremendous amount of research that had been done on his picture. By the time I had to go on-stage again, I had not only agreed to do 'The 10 Commandments' with him, but another picture following it."

Brynner, formerly a TV and stage director, has done only one previous picture. That was a 1949 quackle made by the now-defunct Eagle-Lion, "Port of New York." The picture starred Scott Brady

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- 1 1/2 cups** CARNATION EVAPORATED MILK (undiluted)
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Chill Carnation in refrigerator tray until soft crystals form through the milk (about 15-20 minutes). Whip until stiff (about 1 minute). Add lemon juice and whip until very stiff (1-2 minutes longer). Fold or beat in sugar and vanilla. Split shortcakes in half. Cover bottom half with your favorite fruit-of-the-day — such as peaches, strawberries or raspberries, (fresh, frozen or canned). Spoon Carnation Whipped Topping over shortcake and fruit. Repeat with top half of shortcake, fruit and whipped Carnation. Serve at once.
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