

New Jersey Artist Both Paints And Fights Bulls

SEVILLA, Spain (AP)—A New Jersey boy is working hard to break into the big time bullfighting this season. And he started a new mode in bullfight painting to pay his way.

John Fulton Short, 27-year-old ex-GI from Ocean City, New Jersey, fought in Spain last season as an apprentice matador under the name of John Fulton "El Yankee."

He had five apprentice fights with three-year-old bulls and picador horse lancers in Spain last season and one in Morocco. He also appeared in two benefit bull festivals in the Sevilla arena, one of the top arenas in Spain.

Experts say Short shows more promise than any American hope-

ful since Sidney Franklin, the Brooklyn matador.

Short is training hard on ranches around this capital of Andalusia for the coming season in April. He hopes to obtain his doctorate as matador of the big bulls toward the end of the season.

When he's not out with the cape and muleta he's hard at work at his easel in the studio apartment he rents in the heart of this ancient city.

Short seems as good with the brushes as he is with the muleta. Art critics say he has brought a breath of fresh air to the traditional romanticized style of treating bullfighting. Short's style is

neorealistic.

He has done about 20 paintings a year since arriving in Spain in 1956 and sells about half of them at an average of \$200 each. This covers his basic needs.

At present he's working on a series of six gouache paintings to illustrate the poem "Lament for The Death of a Bullfighter" by Federico Garcia Lorea.

A British publishing firm has already contracted for their publication and distribution. "The proceeds of this should give me more free time to devote to bullfighting," Short says.

Short was first attracted to bullfighting in Mexico. After complet-

ing three years of study at the Museum College of Art in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he studied for a year on a scholarship at the Alende Institute in San Miguel Alende, Mexico.

He started studying the art of bullfighting then. The next year, 1953, he was drafted into the Army but was assigned to a Texas post not far from the border. He was able to slip over to Mexico occasionally for fights.

On leaving the service, he came

to Spain, homeland of brave bulls.

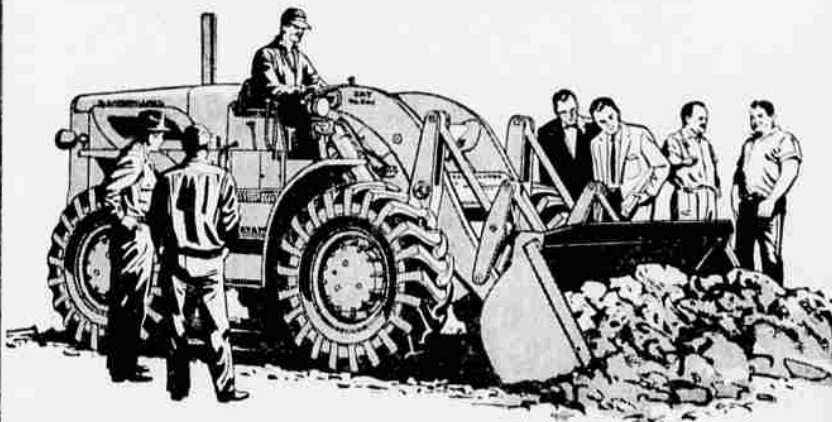
The good apoderados don't want to waste their time with them because 99 times out of a 100 they develop into nothing more than curiosities.

But John has style and flair for the fiesta brava. He has promises for nearly 20 novilladas this season. He hopes to show enough art and promise to get another and better manager who in turn should be able to get him more and better fights.

"Then I can really show what I'm worth!"

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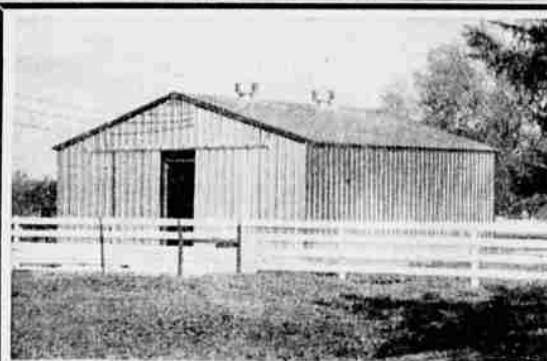
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