

Newspaperboys—Ah, How Well I Remember!

Next Saturday is National Newspaperboy Day, and a former carrier who made Hollywood history talks of the "old days"—and the forthcoming newspaperboy convention

By WALT DISNEY



Walt Disney shows carrierboy Paul Fisher how to toss one.

WHEN I LEARNED that FAMILY WEEKLY and its distributing newspapers were planning America's first National Newspaperboy Convention at Disneyland next April 30 to May 5, it set me to reminiscing about my own days as a carrierboy.

The first so-called summer job I had as a boy lasted through six continuous seasons—summer and winter. Its effects have lasted a lifetime.

From my ninth year to my 16th, my elder brother Roy and I delivered *The Kansas City Star* on a residential route in Kansas City, Mo. Twice a day, rain or shine, hot or cold, we pitched or tucked papers on neighbors' porches.

The job was necessary to help family finances in a lean time. At first it was exciting; we had an active part in the life of the city and the affairs of grownups; we won the respect of our neighbors; we earned money of our own; we felt able to take care of ourselves; we carried the news of the day.

After these first thrills, though, the task settled down to routine, and it often seemed irksome and tough. The temptation to loaf, play, and shirk was almost irresistible at times.

But now, looking back, I have satisfaction, even pleasure, in tracing the effects these newspaper-delivery days had on my mature life. Now I can appreciate the self-reliance, self-discipline, and self-respect gained from those responsibilities. Now I can comprehend the wisdom of my parents, the sufferance of schoolteachers, and the encouragement of newspaper folk in directing youthful ambition toward still-distant goals.

The sense of responsibility—yes, this I believe is the most valuable thing a boy can carry along into later life from his first job.

As a former carrierboy, I can well understand the excited reactions of the young men who are eligible, through competition among themselves, to become delegates to the National Newspaperboy Convention at Disneyland.

Newspaperboys—Here Are Facts About Your First National Convention!

● During the past two years, newspapers distributing FAMILY WEEKLY have sent prize-winning carrierboys on trips to Brazil, Holland, France, Belgium, and Switzerland. Now carrierboys will have an opportunity to win a trip to the National Newspaperboy Convention at Disneyland. In addition to enjoying the attractions of Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom while headquartered at the luxurious Disneyland Hotel, the boys will participate in round-table discussions, a career clinic, a Carrierboy Olympics, a bowling tournament, a fishing contest at Marineland of the Pacific, and other exciting events. At the convention, the young delegates also will have opportunities to win jet trips around the world via Qantas, Australia's Round-the-World Airline; trips to the Seattle World's Fair; and many other fabulous prizes.



Two top carrierboys at the convention in Disneyland (far right) will win world trips via Qantas Airways. Other prizes include trips to Seattle World's Fair.



COVER:

Jacques Lowe focuses on newspaperboy Paul Fisher of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Captain Hook of Disneyland. Paul is one of many vying to attend the National Newspaperboy Convention there. See above.

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