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HELL DRIVER INJURED

"SUICIDE" HAYES HURT BUT RETURNS HERE SUNDAY AFT.

Thousands of spectators who have seen durable "Suicide" Bob Hayes, the Georgia daredevil, flirt with death in his Hell Driving shows have left the fairgrounds with, besides weak knees and fluttering hearts, the question in the back of their minds, "When is that fool going to quit such a racket and settle down. He's going to get killed if he don't . . ."

Performing last week before a crowd of some 10,000 people in Rocky Mount, Hayes was injured in doing his sensational roll over. However, after remaining in the hospital for several days he has sufficiently recovered and intends to shoot the works in his return performance at the Halifax County fairgrounds, Sunday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock.

Highlighting the all new show, Sunday, will be the 10 car jump in which Hayes will take his regular stock automobile and attempt to clear the mass of cars going at a speed of 80 miles an hour. "If everything works out all right," he said, "I'm not so much afraid of clearing the cars but I don't know about coming down. That's what always worries me."

Spectators who witnessed the last performance here will recall that he narrowly averted serious injury when his car careened against the fence after clearing the 8 cars. There is no doubt but that the same thing can happen again since he will have to be going at a greater rate of speed to clear the ten cars. "Suicide" will roll one of his cars end over end and side over side as the climax to a 2 hour performance. That is the only time he is scheduled to turn over but there is always the possibility that the car may get out of control and turn over on any of the other stunts.

Another brand new thriller that has never been seen in this territory will be the double firewall crash. Hayes will place two solid boardwalls 12 feet apart in front of an eighteen foot ramp, race his car down the straightaway at a mile a minute speed and crash into it hoping that Lady fate will be riding with him.

"Swede" Cooper, one of the Hell Driving troupe, will be down in the middle of the track and let Hayes drive a 2 ton truck over his body, protected only by a narrow plank. This will be the second time that Cooper has tried this dangerous feat. The first time in Roanoke, Va., the back wheel slipped, missed the plank, and ran across his hips. If he doesn't get hurt doing this stunt young Cooper will participate in the head-on collision, which is also scheduled in the day's program. Cooper and his associate Hell Driver will get into two old cars and crash them together in front of the grandstand, both of the drivers remaining in the cars.

Wild Bill Reams will be missed in the performance Sunday as he was seriously hurt last week in Rocky Mount doing a side-on collision. Unfortunately he lost his left eye and was cut up about the face. He will remain in the hospital for a period of several weeks before he will be able to perform again.

Other stunts to be included on

the 2 hour program will be the hood ride, double slide for life and many other daring features never seen here before. Another crowd of 5,000 people is expected to attend and a special detail of police will be on hand to take care of the crowd.

Mrs. Selden Assistant Court Clerk

Mrs. Sue E. Selden, deputy clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County since May, 1936, has been elevated to the position of Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court by Clerk A. Leonidas Hux. The appointment, made May 12, was immediately confirmed by R. Hunt

Parker, resident Superior Court judge of this district.

Mrs. Selden has been employed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court since the first of 1934 and has made many friends because of her ability and efficiency in the work.

After completing High School, she had two years AB work at the Womans College of the University of North Carolina and took her business training at Massie's Business College in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Selden is active in the religious and social life of Weldon and Halifax.

Local Firemen At Wilmingt'n School

Robert Sledge, Pop Floyd, Burnett Connell and Jack Lipscomb of Roanoke Rapids Fire Department left Monday to attend a Fireman's School in Wilmington this week. They will return Friday.

Miss Dorothy Steele spent the week-end at her home in Fayetteville.

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