

FROM FLAT BROKE TO \$57,000

Story Of A Man Who Rose To Riches

By GLENN MART
United Press Staff Correspondent
WESTHOPE, N. D. (AP)—Back in the dust-dreary days of the early '30's, a tired, hungry man was stranded in the little town of Rolla, N. D., because he didn't have money to buy a tire for an ancient truck.

He was Howard Henry, who this year will harvest a \$57,000 wheat and flax crop.

Howard Henry, like a great many other North Dakota farmers in those days, borrowed money year after year—stayed off creditors—waited for crops that never came.

Swirling dust, cloudless skies, burning sun—all combined to turn Bottineau County into a desolate waste of Russian thistles.

He and a friend succeeded in getting one more grub-stake. With Bill Shaffer, his partner, he got the needed tire for the old truck and commenced hauling lignite coal. In exchange they got government seed for a dime a bushel.

"We never had our shoes off for three months," he recalled as he watched his trucks haul wheat away from four combines. "We had to keep rolling in those days."

Today, Howard Henry farms 23 quarters of land and doesn't owe a cent on a single acre. Shaffer now is a "retired" farmer.

But Henry, sun-tanned and only 44 years old, is making things hum in this little prairie town. He owns the only hotel and a restaurant, and he is building a new theater, a 70-room all-modern apartment house and a jewelry store. Next summer he plans to sponsor a children's playground.

"All of my money came out of Bottineau County soil," he explained, "and it's all going to stay right here."

He is vice-president of the state's flying farmers chapter and a member of the state board of education.

"I don't fear another calamity like the 'black blizzard' area," he said. "We've learned a lot about farming since then."

Ricci's Killer Faces Murder Charge After Christmas Stabbing

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 27.—(AP)—District attorney, Otto Meier said Giuseppe Capocci, 39-year-old Italian citizen, was charged tonight with murder for the Christmas-day stabbing of Italian ambassador, Alberto Bellardi Ricci. He said Capocci's wife, found not to have been, was freed tonight.

Capocci, for seven years an insane asylum inmate, has been in a hospital for criminal insane, placed in the Stockholm penitentiary. Meier said he now refused to talk of the killing.

Ricci, who had been appointed ambassador to Chile, was giving a farewell luncheon in a Stockholm hotel when a man called him out and stabbed him with scissors. His first secretary, the Marquis of Cittadini-Cesi, was wounded.

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City Briefs

Wilmington Police Chief Hubert Hayes met last night with captains, lieutenants and sergeants of the police force in the regular monthly session of the department, Capt. Coy Etheridge reported. The meeting was held in the city hall council chamber.

An organ recital of Christmas music will be given tonight at 7:45 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church, Rev. William Crowe, pastor announced last night Edwin D. Clark, minister of music at the church will play the recital on the Skinner organ, Rev. Crowe said.

Personnel and management of the Brooklyn Bakery last night held their Christmas party at the firm's plant. Turkey dinners with the trimmings, and some old-fashioned egg nog was served. Thomas Eames, proprietor said.

The monthly "impromptu get-together" of the administrative personnel of the Wilmington police department adjourned last night in the council chambers at City Hall without too much discussion of any of the "little odds and ends" according to Lieut. Thomas Hughes. There was no important discussion of interest, he said.

The establishment of a bookkeeping service department in Wilmington and the appointment of George L. Stearns, former executive secretary of the Community Chest, as manager was announced today by Charles S. Lowrimore, local certified public accountant. Stearns announced his resignation as secretary of the Chest several weeks ago. The resignation is effective Jan. 1.

SNOW STORM

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parting. Trains from New York were as much as 12 hours late in arriving at Chicago.

Deliveries of fuel, food and merchandise, completely stopped by the blocked streets in New York; and nearby communities, had only begun to trickle under priority restrictions last night.

However, from a meeting of city officials yesterday, New Yorkers received a promise that "a great measure of relief" was forthcoming by Sunday afternoon.

Additional ambulances to augment the small number in operation in New York's boroughs were supplied by the Army, Navy and Red Cross, and snow removal efforts were directed at clearing vital areas first as the wartime civilian defense corps was called upon for voluntary shovel duty.

Other eastern cities, less hard hit, nevertheless struggled to restore normal traffic and public services jammed by the snow.

The storm-affected area included most of the seaboard north of Washington, with northern New Jersey, eastern Massachusetts the hardest hit.

Most of the rest of the nation was free of precipitation yesterday, (Saturday) except the Pacific northwest coastline where rain fell.

The eastern snow area had the coldest temperatures, with the bulk of the country enjoying warmer than seasonal weather. However, the temperatures in southern California where Long Beach reported a maximum of 87 Friday, moderated, with readings generally in the high 70s, and the unusually mild northern plains area was somewhat cooler Saturday.

Beam Distilleries Former Head Dies Of Attack At 89

BARDSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 27.—(AP)—James B. Beam, 89, member of a famous family of Kentucky distillers, was found dead in his bed at his home here today.

A physician said he had been dead about two hours and death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Beam was president of the James B. Beam distilling company at Clermont, Ky., Bullitt county, until his retirement three years ago. He was a member of the fourth generation of Beam family distillers.

Survivors include the widow, a son, T. Jere Beam of Louisville, who had been a business associate of his father; and two daughters, Miss Mildred Beam of Bardstown and Mrs. Booker Noe of Springfield, Ky.

Thuringia President Says Russians Forced Him To Flee Their Zone

MUNICH, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Dr. Rudolf Paul, former minister president of Thuringia, said today he was forced to flee the Russian zone because he advocated the Marshall Plan.

Paul left Russian-occupied Thuringia Sept. 1 with his wife, entering the American occupied zone where, in effect, he has been in hiding. He visited Munich in over Christmas and is staying in the home of minister president Hans Ehard of Bavaria.

Paul, a former leader of the right-wing liberal Democratic party, had the backing of the Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity party (SED) for the presidency of Thuringia.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

THESE ARE THE PET GRIPES OF A NATION! FIRST TEN NUMBERS ON THE IRK PARADE

EACH YEAR THIS ALLEGED CARTOONIST RECEIVES THOUSANDS OF SUGGESTIONS FOR "THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME" FROM READERS OF 450 NEWSPAPERS.

NATURALLY MANY LETTERS CONTAIN IDENTICAL GRIPES. THIS YEAR, JUST FOR FUN, WE TABULATED THE IDEAS THAT CAME IN MOST FREQUENTLY. HERE ARE THE FIRST TEN—

1. WHEN YOU'RE JUST KILLING TIME IN A STORE—WOW! WHAT SERVICE! (RECEIVED 1,562 TIMES)

2. BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN A HURRY TO BUY—JUST TRY TO GET A CLERK! (RECEIVED 1,232 TIMES)

3. WHEN YOU AND THE HOUSE ARE SPICK-AND-SPAN—NOBODY COMES! (RECEIVED 968 TIMES)

4. BUT WHEN IT'S WRECKED AND SO ARE YOU, EVERYBODY COMES! (RECEIVED 968 TIMES)

5. THE JERK WHO PICKS THE ONE AND ONLY DIRTY TABLE IN THE RESTAURANT. (RECEIVED 897)

6. THE BOSS WHO LOAFES ALL DAY AND THEN STARTS DICTATING AT 5 MINUTES TO 5. (RECEIVED 829 SUGGESTIONS)

7. JUST A SLIGHT TRIM AROUND THE EDGE. (RECEIVED 763)

8. THE FRIEND NEXT DOOR WHO WANTS UNTIL YOU'RE HUNG OUT THE WASH, TO BURN HIS TRASH. (RECEIVED 701 SUGGESTIONS)

9. THE DAMES WITH UMBRELLAS, WHO WALK UNDER THE AWNINGS AND KEEP POOR YOU OUT IN THE RAIN. (RECEIVED 641)

10. THE FEMALE BOTTLE-NECK WHO'S ALWAYS FUMBLING IN HER PURSE IN TROLLEYS, BUSES, MARKETS, ETC. (RECEIVED 641)

11. THANK, THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO ALL OF YOU. (RECEIVED 641)

Cotton Growers Had Prosperous Business In 1947, Survey Shows

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Cotton growers, with a prosperous 1947 behind them, are looking forward happily to 1948 as the New Year approaches with prices good, this demand good year, with a far field and an excellent price.

Leaders say 1947 was "a very good year, with a far field and an excellent price."

And 1948 should be equally good, provided:

1. The weather's favorable.
2. Growers are able to obtain needed fertilizer.
3. Exports under the Marshall plan meet grower expectations.

Those factors can mean much to the national economy. Cotton is still big in Dixie, despite an increased diversification of agriculture.

Indications are growers will probably meet the request of the United States Department of Agriculture that they increase by three percent the acreage planted to cotton.

If weather and fertilizer conditions are comparable, 1948 production per acre should exceed that of 1947, for cotton growers each year as they strive to "make two grow where one grew before."

During the AAA years, every cotton growing state except Texas and Oklahoma reduced acreage but simultaneously increased total production.

Much of this was due to increased fertilization which proved profitable in other states, but not in Texas and Oklahoma.

That is the reason cotton growers are growing about the fertilizer situation. They contend that with supplies short, the federal government should halt shipments abroad. But they doubt that the government will heed their plea.

First Conference

Another factor in the increased production was the transfer of cotton growing from poor to richer lands. Growers found that land worn out by years of cotton production made good permanent pastures where they could raise cattle. Meanwhile improved methods of cotton growing made it financially feasible to devote richer lands to production of the staple.

The movement of cotton to better lands has improved the labor situation for growers. With production of mechanical equipment still far behind demand, labor requirements are expected to continue to exceed supply. But growers are pleased to note that for each of the last three years there has been an increase in the number of acres of tenant-grown cotton. With better land and improved methods producing more cotton to the acre, tenants have found it profitable to move to cotton farms.

Mechanization of cotton is being retarded only by slow production of equipment. Growers who are happy that the Marshall plan will create cotton markets which might otherwise not be available are at the same time fearful it will reduce domestic steel supplies and, consequently, the supply of mechanized farm equipment.

They are convinced, however, that such a setback in the spread of mechanization would be only temporary. Mechanization is on the march in cotton land.

First Conference

During the past year the National Cotton Council and Mississippi's Delta council staged their first annual cotton mechanization conference. Demonstrations showed that every step in the production of cotton, from the breaking of ground to harvesting can be handled by mechanized equipment on large farms.

Equipment manufacturers outlined plans for production of equipment suitable to smaller farms.

Mechanical equipment for breaking ground, planting cotton, fertilizing it, chopping cotton, flaming out weeds, and cultivating the crop have proved most satisfactory.

But operators say the mechanical cotton picker still needs improvement.

For example, during the past year when early wet weather in Mississippi's Delta caused stalk rot, mechanical cotton pickers

Air Hammer's Din Brings Legal Action In Philadelphia Court

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The rat-tat-tat or an air hammer—135 times a minute, sometimes 24 hours a day—to day raised a big legal din.

A bill in equity was filed in Common Pleas court asking that Albert Berlinger's Philadelphia Tuge Co. plant be restrained from annoying residents and businessmen by operating the hammer.

Neighbors said the rhythmic rat-tat-tat of the hammer is so violent that the ground shakes, setting up vibrations that have damaged foundations of several buildings and cracked walls in homes.

Freighter Being Towed To Rio De Janeiro Maritime Sources Say

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Maritime sources said today the North American freighter, John Owen, which lost a propeller in South Atlantic waters the day before Christmas, had been reached by another U. S. freighter, the Lord Delaware. The latter vessel is towing the John Owen toward Rio De Janeiro, the informants said.

EFFORTS FUTILE

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Firemen forcibly removed Mrs. Frieda Landorf, 65, severely burned, from her blazing home today after she rushed into the flames in a futile effort to rescue her seven-year-old nephew.

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AIRLIE SOLD

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looking over the possibilities of the various aspects of the plantation.

Built several decades ago, Airlie is the dream home constructed by the late Pembroke Jones who occupied the spacious estate and elaborate lodge until his death.

His widow became Mrs. Walters a few years after his passing and she died approximately two years ago, leaving the plantation and lodge to her daughter, Mrs. Sadie Jones Pope.

Mrs. Pope now resides in New York City and Newport, and could not be reached last night to confirm the sale of part of the big estate.

It was pointed out that the estate is divided into at least two major tracts—one containing the mansion and the other comprising of about 2,030 acres on which the lodge is located.

The lodge is a masterpiece in architecture and a huntsman's paradise. Observers say the timber from the lands was purchased several months ago by the Corbett Package firm.

Legal advisers of the firm last night recalled that Corbett bought the timber, but he is not now buying the property on which the lodge is located, they said. They refused also to say whether the sale of the mansion and its 155 acres has been consummated.

Queen Of Winter Misses Crowning, Too Much Snow

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The "Queen of Winter" missed her coronation tonight because of too much snow.

Winter carnival officials said the king, radio star Jack Barry, would be crowned alone in the annual olympic arena ceremonies.

The Queen columnist, Dorothy Kilgallen, was reported to have boarded a train at New York city last night. The record snowfall delayed departure until early today, and 10 hours after scheduled arrival the train still had not reached this Adirondack mountain resort, carnival officials said.

ACTRESS A MOTHER

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27.—(AP)—English actress Deborah Kerr gave birth today to a seven-pound 13 ounce girl at Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1 A. F. & A. M.

The officers of this lodge for the year 1948 will be installed in Orient Lodge No. 395, A. F. & A. M., on MONDAY evening DECEMBER 29TH at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

CHAS. B. NEWCOMB, P. G. M. Secretary

CRASH KILLS WOMAN

HARTSVILLE, S. C., Dec. 27.—(AP)—An automobile driven by H. E. Fetters, Navarre, O., collided with one driven by Bill Chapman of Hartsville, two miles east of here today and Mrs. Fetters died in a local hospital two hours later and three others were injured.

Rheumatism is comparatively rare in warm climates.

530,000 FALSE TEETH TAKEN; THIEVES CAPTURED

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A band of thieves bit off more than they could chew last night when they stole 530,000 false teeth from a medical warehouse and then returned for more.

Police captured one of the gang on the return visit and were confident he would lead them to the other thieves, who absconded with the teeth valued at about \$8,000.

TURK STUDENTS

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faculty meeting was being held. The dean's appearance to announce the dismissal of the four suspected professors was that signal for shouts that "the dean is a communist!" from several students.

The mob seized the university official and dragged him to the street, while police and firemen with gushing hoses fought to free him.

After a battle in which the streets were flooded and several persons suffered minor injuries, the dean broke away and began to shout that he had resigned.

This quieted the crowd, which soon dispersed without causing further damage.

One of the charges against Turkey's communists which created intense opposition to the party in Ankara was the accusation that communists set the fire which destroyed the education ministry four days ago.

The insults to Dimitrov were apparently inspired by the arrival this week of seven political refugees from Bulgaria, and the expulsion last Tuesday of a Bulgarian school teacher who was reportedly working as a spy for Dimitrov's government.

The political refugees were

members of Bulgaria's agrarian opposition party, Nikola Petkov, leader of the party, was executed some months ago by the communist-dominated government of Turkey's Balkan neighbor.

Diplomatic sources said yesterday that Ivan Simeonov, director of the Bulgarian primary school in Istanbul, had been arrested by Turkish police on undisclosed charges and later released under strict orders to leave Turkey at once.

Rumors that Simeonov was a spy added fuel to the anti-communist flame here, already fanned by "Truman Doctrine" support from the United States for Turkey's traditional policy of opposition to Russia.

Civil strife was also encouraged by the relaxation last Tuesday of the martial law which had held Turkey in an iron grip during the seven-year "state of siege" which began when Italy invaded Greece in 1940.

The prompt, decisive action taken by Ankara's relatively inexperienced civil police force apparently came as a surprise to the student rioters.

In recent months, Turkey has been recognized as an asylum by refugees from the iron-curtain nations of the Balkans, especially Romania and Bulgaria.

ORIENT LODGE NO. 395 A. F. & A. M.

An emergent communication of this lodge will be held MONDAY evening, DECEMBER 29th, 1947, at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of installing the officers of this lodge and those of ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1, A. F. & A. M., and WILMINGTON LODGE NO. 519, A. F. & A. M. Past Grand Master EDGAR W. TIMBERLAKE, JR., of Wake Forest, N. C., will be installing officer and will deliver an address. All qualified Master Masons are cordially invited to attend. By Order of the Master.

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