

After The Show Is Over; Comes The Huge Task Of Tearing Down The Rides

The clean-up man wiped his perspiring brow as the pile of torn tickets, popcorn bags and pop bottles grew larger. He was cleaning the lot where just a few hours before a milling throng of hundreds of joy-seekers had whirled and twisted around on the six rides on the high school grounds, as part of the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Groups of small boys kicked about in the shavings on the lot hoping to uncover a lost coin, but the excitement, the color, the music and the bright lights had moved on to Canton for a week's showing, and the stadium parking lot and auxiliary athletic field was about back to normal, except for the trampled grass.

A traveling unit of rides is designed for quick assembly, quick dismantling and during rush hours, for a quick turn-over of customers. In other words, the keynote of the traveling unit of rides is "Be Quick."

The company who owned the six rides which showed here a week prior to the Fourth of July, began tearing down their equipment before the last customer had finished their ride here Monday night. Within an hour after the once-brightly-lighted field with its milling throngs had parted, the huge rides looked like forsaken steel skeletons against the dark skies.

Huge trailer trucks backed up to each ride and in each truck there was a place for every piece from the ride, no matter how small. Each of the 30 horses from the merry-go-round had its own padded traveling blanket and was carefully buckled in it. Each seat from the ferris wheel had a place on the wall of a huge truck and thousands of light globes had a place in one of the several large wooden cases.

Some of the equipment units weighed tons, but special tracks and steel cables fastened to truck winches pulled the heavy load inside the trucks for transporting to Canton the next stop.

The Roll-O-Plane, which had thrilled more spectators than riders, was taken down almost intact. The huge gum iron center pole bolted together near the base just toppled over into a truck with lights still burning. The pole even had built-in rollers to make handling easy and simple.

The tops of the ticket cages were turned over on their side and the four sides of lights provided workmen with necessary light to dismantle all the units.

To the average mechanic, the marvel of the whole thing was the lack of bolts. The steel parts snap together or fit in snug slots,

but once put together provide a substantial structure.

The merry-go-round is entirely suspended from the top, as there is no means of support from underneath the floor. That calls for perfect balance and leveling. The braces and supports that hold up the weight of the equipment, together with the weight of a full load of some 40 people, rests on carefully fitted timbers notched together. The huge mirrors are hung on hooks and one iron stake driven into the ground keeps the frame from slipping towards the gear as the belt steadily pulls the mechanism.

Surprisingly enough, the ferris wheel can be dismantled as quickly as the simple looking swings. The latter is one of the few riding units that is fabricated with bolts.

The whole system is one massive jigsaw puzzle of brightly painted steel, wood, lights and portable fences. Every piece fits in just one particular spot, and out of place is useless and makes the ride just as useless.

18-Year-Old From Georgia Delegate To Convention

DOUGLAS, Ga. (UP)—In Georgia, where downy-faced youths like up with hobble-soxers at the post, the youngest delegate in history is prepared to attend a national political convention.

He is Truman A. Williams, Jr., of Douglas, aged 18.

Williams is a sophomore at North Davis University and a former high school debater, will be one of Georgia's 72 representatives at the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia on July 12.

The Douglas State youth will be the youngest delegate because of Georgia's unique voting statute, passed during the administration of Gov. H. H. Arnold, which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

But personally, Williams is a supporter of Herman Talmadge, Arnold's political opposite.

Opposed to Truman

He hastens to add that he was not named for President Truman, whose civil rights program is strongly opposed by the entire Georgia delegation.

Williams was an honor graduate from Douglas High School in 1946, where he still had time to play center on the football team and to play clarinet in the high school orchestra.

Known as "the youthful orator of South Georgia," he was a member of the high school debating team which won a district championship.

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Aside From All That, It's a Darn Good Car

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UP)—Calvin Lee, Jr., was minus his car after police pinned the label of "unsafe" on the windshield.

Patrolman Paul Tristle listed the 1935 car as without brakes, headlights, stoplight, horn, front floorboards, front license, windshield wiper and left front-wheel bearings. In addition, the rear license plate was wired to the gas cap cover; all four fenders were loose; the front and rear bumpers were both loose and "lacked" on.

His Hard-Earned Bicycle Vanishes With Thief

GREEN BAY, Wis. (UP)—Young Wilbur Kuske worked hard and saved his money to get the motor bicycle he wanted.

He took jobs in stores after school and on Saturday. He did a slate of evening chores and ran errands by the dozen. At last he had saved up enough.

But today Wilbur's back doing the same daily stint, trying to earn reward money. While he was in school his new, hard-won bicycle was stolen.

War Memorial Tree Killed By Vandals

OLEAN, N. Y. (UP)—Vandals have made death certain for a hard maple tree planted 30 years ago as a memorial to Olean's World War I dead.

Police Chief John C. Dempsey said mischief-makers had stripped a wide area of the tree of its bark. The maple will die next spring, Dempsey said, when the sap is unable to climb between the bark and the trunk to reach the upper portions of the tree.

Fisherman Lands Deer Far Out On Lake

OSHKOSH, Wis. (UP)—An Oshkosh angler failed to get any fish but he didn't come home empty-handed.

R. J. Striztel was having little luck on Lake Winnebago one morning when he spotted a young doe swimming several miles off shore.

He rowed over, hauled her in the boat and took her to shore. He turned the deer over to a game warden.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



In 64 A.D. two-thirds of Rome was destroyed by a fire that burned nine days. When the fire started Nero was 35 miles away.

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