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5-Minute Biographies

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AL JOLSON

Once Doomed To Die For Want Of Ten Cents
—He Lived To Tear Up \$1,000,000

So far as I know, there is only one actor in America who ever tore up a contract worth a million dollars.

Who is he? Well, you ought to know, for you have seen him in pictures, you have sung his songs, you have laughed at his jokes. He made the first full-length talking picture. And he also made the greatest box-office attraction that was ever created in Hollywood—a picture that earned twelve million dollars, an all-time record that has never been approached by any other film.

That picture was The Singing Fool, and the man who starred in it was Asa Yoelson—Al Jolson to you.

Jolson once drew a salary of \$31,250 a week and he drew it for more than six months without a day's work. That means he was paid almost a million dollars for doing absolutely nothing. To be sure, he was ready to perform; but his employers, United Artists, had no script ready to shoot just then; so he played golf and collected a salary that made the income of the President of the United States look like a stenographer's stipend.

Then he did one of the most unexpected and generous acts that has ever brightened the cynical darkness of Hollywood. The depression had just struck. Joseph Schenck, a life-long friend of Jolson's, had lost heavily. There was still more than a million dollars due Al Jolson on his contract; but he tore the contract up and handed it back to Joseph Schenck, head of the United Artists, saying: "Forget it! I'm not doing anything for you and you don't need to pay me any more money."

Al Jolson had tuberculosis when

he was a boy. When he went to a free clinic at Bellevue Hospital for treatment, the doctors told him that if he didn't get away to the country at once, he would be dead in six months. The prescription they gave him was free, so was the medicine; but when he went to get it, he discovered that he had to pay ten cents for a bottle. He didn't have a dime—so to this day, he has never got the medicine.

He recovered without it, anyhow—and without the doctors. But he has never forgotten how it felt to be doomed to die because he didn't have ten cents. That is why he now spends twenty thousand dollars a year supporting free beds for poor people in a tuberculosis sanitarium in the Adirondacks at Saranac Lake. He has been doing this for eleven years; and he has never seen half of the people whose lives he has saved.

Jolson got his first job on the stage when he was a child—a small part in a play called Children of the Ghetto. He had just one line—he had to rush on to the stage and shout: "Kill the Jews!"

His father had a job just then slaughtering cattle in a kosher butcher shop during the week and singing in the synagogue on the Sabbath. So when he heard that his son was shouting in the theatre, "Kill the Jews!" young Jolson's career almost came to an abrupt end.

When Jolson first came to New York, he was penniless, and had to steal a ride from Washington. He was so unsophisticated that when he got to Newark, New Jersey, he thought he was in New York. When he finally got to New York, he slept on park benches and on trucks down by the water front. For days he went hungry. The best he could hope for then was a chance to "jump for nickels" in some Bowery saloon. He saw the day when Broadway managers leaped at the chance of paying him ten dollars a minute. Lee Schubert once remarked that there were only two legitimate actors in America who could go into any big town and fill a theatre on the strength of their names alone. One was Fred Stone, and the other was Al Jolson.

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BOONVILLE

Gray Shore, Charlie F. Poin-dexter, Clarence Caudle and Joe Hobson returned last week from a trip to California and report a nice trip. Francis Woodhouse seemed not to have his trip out yet and he stayed out there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Simpson and son, Billy Hayes, left Tuesday morning for Florida, where Mr. Simpson will be on the tobacco market.

Miss Jane Craver spent the week-end in Elkin with Miss Oia Jean Cockerham.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Woodhouse spent Sunday in Greensboro with their daughter, Annette, who is in school at Greensboro College.

Mr. Carlyle Day has gone to Shelby, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. D. H. Craver has been ill for the past few days. We hope she will soon be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Huskins spent Sunday with Mrs. Huskins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Am-burn.

Miss Carmen Frye, who is teaching in Cheryville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Frye.

Miss Ruth Mayberry of Jones-ville, spent Friday night and Saturday with Miss Viola Norman.

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JAPS AND U. S. MARINES CLASH

Marines Turn Back Japanese Patrols Attempting to Enter Area

CHINESE RETREATING

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—(Wednes-day)—Japanese sought to settle new difficulties with United States marines in Shanghai's international settlement today while their armies in northern Hoan province continued their drive to bottle up 400,000 Chinese defending the important Lunghai railway.

The marine incident arose when Japanese patrols tried to enter the American defense sector of the settlement to "exercise supervision over Japanese, both civilian and military, who informally enter the American sector," a Japanese spokesman explained.

The marines turned the patrols back twice, marine officers, indicating they felt capable of patrolling the area without Japanese assistance. They said the Japanese were informed of their attitude and they expected the issue to be settled by today.

The Japanese said their drive in north Honan was "jeopardizing the expected retreat westward of the huge Chinese force defending Suchow, junction of the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow railways north of Nanking.

As a result of Japanese successes in this sector the newspaper Nippo, organ of the Japanese command in Shanghai, predicted Chinese troops soon would abandon both Suchow and Hankow, provisional Chinese capital, and retreat to southern provinces for a last stand.

The paper, basing its prediction on statements reported made by a foreign advisor of the Chinese army, said the Chinese would try to hold Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan, Yunnan and Kweichow provinces, moving the capital southward into one of these provinces instead of to Chungking as had been expected.

Surry Criminal Court In Midst Of Busy Week

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ranging in age from 11 to 14 years the evidence of which was not allowed to be presented in open court, but was conveyed privately to the judge and the jury. On the first of the three counts Martin was given from 10 to 12 years at hard work in the State's prison, on the second count he was given a like sentence of from 10 to 12 years, the sentences not to run concurrently, while on the third count prayer for judgment was continued for 18 years. The crime was conceded to have been of a most revolting nature.

Other cases heard were as follows: A. P. Whitlow, charged with operating a car while intoxicated was fined \$50.00 and the costs, and had his drivers license revoked for one year.

John White, charged with reckless driving, was sent to the roads for 18 months.

Erwin Wilhelm, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was fined \$50.00 and the costs, and had his drivers license revoked for one year.

Edgar Shaw, charged with violating the prohibition laws, was given a sentence of 12 months to the roads, suspended for five years.

Jennie McBride and Johnnie Whitaker, charged with violating the prohibition laws and with forcible trespassing, were given sentences of 90 days each to the county jail, the woman to work in and about the jail and the man to work on the roads.

R. J. Harris, charged with operating a car while intoxicated was sent to the roads for 12 months.

John McBride, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$25.00 and the costs.

Thad Stanley, charged with violating the prohibition laws, was fined \$25.00 and the costs.

Vernon Inman, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was fined \$35.00 and the costs.

Kanny Kellam, charged with larceny and receiving, was given a sentence of from three to seven years in the State's Prison.

Tom Arrington, charged with violating the prohibition laws, was given 18 months on the roads.

Harvey Hauser, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was given 12 months on the roads.

Ed Sparger, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$10.00 and the costs.

Robert Puckett, charged with reckless driving, was given a sentence of 90 days on the roads, suspended upon the payment of \$30.00 and the costs.

Luther Hollingsworth, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was sent to the roads for five months.

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KIWANIANS HEAR SCOUT PROGRAM

Lieutenant-Governor of District is Present and Makes Short Talk

DEMONSTRATIONS GIVEN

A National Boy Scout Week program was a feature of the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

The program was in charge of J. Mark McAdams. Several demonstrations of Scout work were given by Scouts Dickie Smith, Eugene Aldridge and Fred Norman. History of the Scout movement in America was given by young Smith.

Harvey Madison, scoutmaster of the Jonesville Scout troop, and Dr. C. E. Nicks and Dr. William A. Jenkins, scoutmasters of the two Elkin troops, were present.

Dr. Armstrong, of Salisbury, lieutenant-governor of this Kiwanis district, was a guest of the club and made a brief talk in which he lauded the local club for its work in the community.

Elkin 4-County Cage Tournament to Begin Here Next Wednesday

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by not later than Friday afternoon.

Under the present schedule, four games will be played each day at the following hours: 6:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 8:30 p. m., and 9:30 p. m. Of these games, two will be boys' and two will be girls'.

Handsome trophies, already on display in the show window of Abernethy's Pharmacy here, will be given the winners of the tournament. A beautiful silver trophy 18 inches tall and appropriately engraved will go to the winner in the boys' division, while a similar trophy will be awarded to the winning girls' team. Attractive silver trophies 12 inches high will also be given runners up teams. A silver plaque will be given the team showing the best sportsmanship, and a trophy is also on hand to go to the best dressed team.

In last year's tournament, the first to be held here, but considered a success in every way, Dobson won the boys' trophy while Boonville won in the girls' division. Whether these defending champions can add another championship to their trophy room in the forthcoming tournament remains to be seen.

Receipts of the tourney will go to the local high school athletic association. Season tickets, offered for a nominal price, are now on sale under the direction of the high school Beta club.

Parking grounds adjacent to the gymnasium, and the road leading to the gym have been put in good condition. Capacity crowds are expected to attend each day's play of the tourney.

EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM THEIR FLOCK

Housing Chicks Under Crowded Conditions Proves Harmful Practice

WORKED OUT A SYSTEM

It's astonishing to see how much many poultrymen expect of their chicks and Mother Nature, declares T. T. Brown, extension poultry specialist at State College.

On one farm one may find from 500 to 1,000 or more chicks crowded into a brooder house no larger than 12 by 14 feet. On the farm next door one will probably find a large brood of chicks in a house with practically no ventilation and a suffocating temperature.

Yet these poultrymen wonder why their chicks do not live and thrive, and sometimes throw up their hands in disgust at a business in which there is no money.

Growers who are getting satisfactory results with their present methods of raising chicks should not change, Brown said.

Many farmers fail because they try to follow the advice of too many persons. For instance, one poultryman may be attempting to follow the recommendations of several feed salesmen, the county agent and the vocational teacher, as well as the advice offered by neighbors.

Although there is no one set way to raise chicks, the farmer should select one system and stick to that at all times. The chances of his success, if the system is good, will be greatly enhanced.

The extension poultrymen at State College have worked out a system which many farmers are using with a great deal of success, Brown said. Each new recommendation in the business of poultry raising which they make is first tested thoroughly through experimental work and through practical field observations.

The farm agent in each of North Carolina's 100 counties is acquainted with these recommendations, and growers interested in poultry production may secure advice from this source.

EAGLE FEATURING "OLD DOG SALE"

"Every Dog Has Its Day," is the motto of the Eagle Furniture Company, of this city, in offering for sale a large number of items under the heading of an "Old Dog Sale," details of which appear in an advertisement in this issue.

Many "Old Dog" values are being featured—items that have had their day as far as the store is concerned, but nevertheless represent real bargains from the standpoint of the buying public, especially at the low money-saving prices for which they are offered.

Turn now to the Eagle Furniture Co. "Old Dog Sale" advertisement and see for yourself the many unusual values listed therein.

ROBERT TRANSOU WINS \$75.00 CASH PRIZE

Robert Transou of this city, was awarded a check Wednesday morning for \$75.00 as second prize in a Friendly Neighbor contest, sponsored by the Pure Oil company. Mr. Transou is associated with the company here.

Wonder what will happen if the farmers grow some more big crops in 1938?

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