

Many Freak Champions Were Unknown Places Get Fame As

Bill Williams Pushed Peanut Up Pike's Peak With His Nose.

New York Herald-Tribune.

Summer has brought the annual entrants for freak championships. Recently Bill Williams a Rio Hondo (Tex.) pasteurizer completed his stunt, occupying almost a month, of pushing a peanut with his nose along a 22-mile route leading to the summit of Pike's peak.

Last year he pushed the peanut along seven miles of macadam near Rio Hondo. He liked the taste of fame and proceeded on the Pike's Peak route this summer. He contrived a device attachable to his nose, for protecting its epidermis. He wore knee pads. He succeeded in his purpose of getting into the public prints.

Contest Open For Wives.

In Ponca City, Okla., Mayor Will A. Brooks has issued a call for rolling-pin throwers in a contest to be held this summer to determine which wife in the community is most proficient in that respect.

In Paris a New Yorker, Dr. Robert E. Moore, has gone into training for the 7,000 golf shots he estimates he will require over a course to Berlin. The distance is 674 miles as the crow flies. But there is a matter of hazards in the form of mountains, rivers, woods and buildings. That will extend the course considerably.

The marathon dance has lost its appeal. It has been overdone. Also the "dance" is no more than a shuffle and holds no thrills for the spectator. And the gabfest is out. Its aspirants in last year's contests passed on so much time and vocal effort bickering in rest periods that they talked themselves out of achieving any record of note. Thus, the dubious glory of being the world's most continuous talker remains with Parletus, Berlin actor, talked for 45 hours before he ran short of words.

Champion Coffee Drinker.

Albert Baker, of New York, finds life pleasant because none has outdone his feat of drinking 250 cups of coffee in four hours. Nor is his delight with himself any more enthusiastic than that of Harry O'Brien, of Paterson, who ran away with the peanut-rolling championship by urting them with a stick along a mile of streets.

The annual fair at Grinnell, Iowa, holds no event so alluring as the husband-calling contest. The title at the moment belongs to Mrs. A. H. Dempster. Eleven wives last year participated, yodeling, yoo-hooing, barking, stamping and clapping their hands. Off in a far section of the lot the husbands waited. One woman impatiently shrieked: "Hay, you, c'mon over here." There was no response.

But Mrs. Dempster neither shrieked nor whistled. She merely cupped her hands and trilled beautifully like a mocking bird. Her own husband did not answer. But 19 husbands in the grandstand leaped from their seats and the judges felt that they could do nothing other than call her the winner.

Walks 42 Miles On Stilts. Joseph de Virgili, of Cambridge, Mass., is a neighborhood hero. He has something to leave to posterity. On Aug. 31, 1927 he walked on stilts the 42 miles from Boston to Providence. His legs were swollen, but the stilts suffered for more.

Disregarding union restrictions, Jim Brown, of Kansas City, laid 36,000 paving bricks in a day—a freight car holds 25,000. That energized "Slim" Peterson, of Arkansas City, Kan., into action and he ran up a total of 50,000 while the cinema cameras took his picture. Tony Glascoo broke both their hearts and their records by laying 69,000 blocks.

If you are bothered with a servant problem get in touch with Stella Huff, of Cross Keys, N. J. In one hour and 15 minutes she washed and hung out 135 pieces of laundry.

Women who are reluctant to push baby carriages may be reminded of Mrs. Lillian Groom, a sturdy matron of London, England, who trundled a perambulator to Brighton, 52 miles away, in 12 hours and 20 minutes in April, 1923.

Other Queer Championships.

Arthur Allegretti's idea of showing off was to roller skate from Buffalo to New York in August 1927, in 58 hours. He "dined" on soda water and used up three pairs of roller skates and six bottles of oil. Arthur Hoffman shackled himself to the steering wheel of his car in New York on December 21, 1927, and did not quit until he had driven 100 hours. Two youths in 1912 started walking backward from Salem, N. C. to New York. There is no record of how they wound up, whether they achieved their goal or backed into the Atlantic.

P. B. McCartney claims the street car transfer championship of the world. This Rochester gentleman has collected more than 10,000 transfers and boasts he can accommodate you for any street railway in the world.

J. H. Oyler played a course of 35 miles long, taking 1,087 strokes between the Maidstone links and the Littlestone greens in England. He lost seventeen balls in two and a half days.

Record For Water Bobbing. Squeek Schrant, of the St. Paul A. C. claims to be the all-wet cham-

POOR BOY BECOMES A RAILROAD CHIEF

Bowman, 40, Regarded As Vanguard Of Youthful Energetic Railroad Builders.

New York.—When Robert J. Bowman was elected operating head of the Pere Marquette Railway a few days ago, J. J. Bernet, chief operating officer of the Van Sweringen organization, said to him: "This is your railroad. Now take it and run it."

Mr. Bowman, just turning 40, adds another chapter to the railroad epic of the poor boy who climbed to the top. While this recital is becoming commonplace, he also, in the opinion of experienced railroaders, is in the forefront of a new legion of young, daring railroad builders who will shake up the railroad world more and more as time goes on. However, they are described as the opposite type to Leonor F. Loree, famed for his whisks, his adherence to venerable railroad traditions, his aloofness and his uncompromising attitude toward labor. The newcomers are smooth-shaven, approachable and adaptable and have a way of running through some of the block signals of the elder statesmanship.

Cleaned Up Erie.

When Mr. Bernet gave Mr. Bowman his curt and casual instructions, he doubtless had in mind what he had done with the Erie. As assistant vice president of the line, one of the Van Sweringen roads, he brought it in two years to the point of paying dividends on preferred stocks, after a lapse of 20 years. While it is true that he was Mr. Bernet's assistant in this enterprise, he assumed the rough work of cleaning up the job and the results are already in view for the most casual observer. Three years ago, this writer used to see switch engines with a bonnet and bustle in the Erie yards, looking as if they had been taken right out of God's Lady Book. Inquiring recently as to what had become of them, he was informed that "this young fellow Bowman has cleaned 'em all out."

Mr. Bowman was born in Fostoria, Ohio, and lived later at Findlay, Ohio. His first job was with the Nickel Plate, in 1907, as a freight clerk, at Mortimer, Ohio. He picked up an earful of Morse, which he immediately cashed by becoming a telegraph operator, and it was the telegraph key which unlocked the door to his railway career. He proved that he was adaptable as a trap drummer and was always being called upon "swing man" in various emergencies. It was this adaptability, say his friends, which



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that will probably agree that this Mr. Henpeck was about half right; after he had been married about a year and the matrimonial bark had not sailed smoothly, he asked the clerk who had issued the license whether it was a marriage or a dog license, because he had led a dog's life ever since.

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John Haas, of Apollo, Pa., never saw a circus, and C. Hassenmiller, of New Albany, Ind., never went to a ball game. Knocking wood while he says "L. C. Boynton of Brownwood, Tex., boasts that in his long life he never has called a doctor.

Adjusted Compensation.

Goldsboro News.

J. M. Caldwell, editor of the Forward Observation Post of the American Legion, calls attention of The News to the fact that the time limit for filing application for adjusted compensation certificates expires January 1, 1930. Therefore the extreme importance and necessity for prompt action on the part of various ex-service men who have not yet filed applications and on the part of the Legion in bringing this matter to their attention and in assisting such veterans in properly filing their applications. Application blanks may be secured from any postmaster or from the service officer of any Legion post. Unless applications are filed before January 1, 1930, these men will certainly be out of luck as this is truly "the last call for supper."

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shoved him along rapidly in the remaining years. He soon became an agent and in 1914 was assigned to the superintendent's office at Fort Wayne, where he remained four years.

Renew His Locomotives.

When Mr. Bernet became president of the Nickel Plate, he found that the still young Mr. Bowman had absorbed almost everything there was to be known about railroading and he was attached to Mr. Bernet's office until 1927. In this year, the Erie was brought into the Van Sweringen System and badly needed some expert rehabilitation. Bowman was given the job. He shook the old road up until its bones rattled, but he began to shake out dividends.

Mr. Bowman was elected vice president in charge of the operating department of the Pere Marquette upon the retirement of Frank H. Alfred. Mr. Alfred, who had been president of the Pere Marquette too, over the presidency of the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Hoeking Valley. Bringing these Van Sweringen roads together under one management was part of the plan of assembling them in a fourth Eastern trunk line system which the Interstate Commerce Commission is now considering. This would extend the Pere Marquette lines to the Atlantic Seaboard at the Port of Hampton Roads and give it a sea connection with the vast resources of raw materials and manufactured goods of Michigan and Canada.

Works Hard.

This, if the plan goes through, the still youthful Mr. Bowman will have a little empire of his own to play with. Playing, however, is not one of his special aptitudes. He is an indefatigable worker, but with an easy-going mastery of in-

Metropolitan Group At State University

Chapel Hill.—Representing almost every state in the United States and the foreign countries of Spain, Armenia, Persia, Siam, China, Venezuela, Italy, Cuba and others, the present student body of the University of North Carolina appears to be the most cosmopolitan group that has ever assembled here.

Not only do they come from different countries but from all walks of life. Some have come as representatives of foreign governments, some on grants from beneficiary funds, and others have crossed the continent depending entirely on self-help as a means of support.

Dr. Raf Martinez-Ponte, from Caracas in Venezuela, South America, is here on a grant from the Rockefeller foundation, which is numerous complexities and a penchant for cutting through red tape and getting things done. He is particularly successful in his personal relationships and maintains easy and amicable relations with labor. Like the New York financiers from small towns who recently have climbed to the top in the banking world, he fits nicely into the metropolitan picture, but likes to talk of the days when they used to paint advertisements of liver pills on the barns around Fostoria and when the circus posters on the barn by the mill stream yielded a thrill comparable to picking up a new railroad.

It is a competent, assured and masterful younger generation which is picking up the reins of industry and finance.

cooperating with the Venezuelan government in public health work. In the colleges in Venezuela there are no special courses in sanitary engineering. It was for this reason that he came to study American methods.

Dr. Martinez-Ponte holds a doctor's degree in physical and mathematical science, the highest degree in engineering that can be secured in his country. He comes here from the Universidad Central where he won his doctor's degree.

William Barnett has registered at the university from Shanghai, China. Barnett is an American by birth. He is the son of Eugene Barnett, missionary to China and a prominent university alumnus.

There are many other interesting students enrolled. John Waters, a sophomore, spent his summer working on a freighter in order to learn "the shapes of all the capes in most of the seven seas." George Brown of New York City, a nephew of Lew Brown, the song writer and musician, is here.

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"I have others this size and perhaps larger," he said. "I did not look for the biggest one when I got this. I just pulled up a big one."

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executors of the estate of J. M. Blanton, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., on or before September 6, 1930 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This September 4, 1929.
HUDSON BLANTON,
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Executors of the estate of J. M. Blanton, deceased.
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