

Tom Mix Returns To Movie World

Hollywood, Cal.—To the tune of the small galloping hoofs and in the dazzling dress in which Tom Mix left the movies for the circus more than three years ago the star of Western stars is coming back again.

He and Tony, his educated horse, like many others went out when the talkies came in, but Universal has signed him for a series of six pictures to start production in the fall.

Though he is getting along a bit now he's 53, probably he will be as much of a daredevil as of old. Many of his bones have been broken in such stunts as leaping a pony off an embankment through the doors of a moving freight car. He scored doubles.

Reports state his circus contract, under which he is now appearing in New York state, bring him \$15,000 a week.

And he's unusually fitted for talkies according to one wag, who upon hearing that Mix recently had some wires replaced in a shoulder broken in a stunt years before, remarked: "Well, if he comes back nobody can say he isn't wired for sound."

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Drunkard's Ballad

The following ballad was written by I. R. Self in 1850, while in school in Upper Cleveland. It has been preserved by Mrs. S. L. Wellmon and is published by request:

Poor drunkard, poor drunkard take warning by me,
The fruits of transgression behold I now see.
My soul is tormented, my body is confined,
My friends and dear children are left weeping behind.

Pure intoxication my ruin has been,
My dearest companion I've barbarously slain.
In yonder cold graveyard her body doth lie
To which I am condemned and soon must die.

A solemn death warning to drunkards I leave,
Whilst this poor body lies cold in the grave,
Remember John Adkins, his death and reform,
Lest hell overtake you and vengeance comes on.

Farewell my dear children wherever you be,
You are young and tender, and dear to me,
I leave you exposed to nature's wide field,
And all the sad dangers of this wicked world.

When sorrows around you, and sickness comes on,
You will call for your mother but now she is gone;
Your father in a rage struck her on the head,
She bled, groaned and languished, but now she is dead.

My soul is melted with sorrow, my eyes are overflowed,
My dear little children I bid you adieu,
I hope your dear neighbors, your guardians will be;
Kind heavens, kind heavens will guide you for me.

My soul to sorrow I humbly resign
With saints in bright glory I hope to shine;
To tell the wonders of the Jesus I love
To pardon poor drunkards and sorrow adieu.

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as executrix of the will of Charles L. Ekridge, late of Cleveland county, N. C., and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me properly proven for payment on or before June 12, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. This June 12th, 1931.
LELA PORTER EKRIDGEO, Executrix of the will of Charles L. Ekridge, Dec'd.
R. L. Hyburn, D. Z. Newton, Attys.
61 June 12

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of J. C. Runyans, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them properly verified to the undersigned, or their attorney, at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 30th day of May, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This June 12th, 1931.
B. H. RUNYANS and CRAIG RUNYANS, Administrators of the Estate of J. C. Runyans.
Peyton McSwain, Atty.
61 June 12

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
This is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of Z. R. Walker, deceased, to file same, duly verified, with Willie Walker, executor, before June 6, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.
All persons indebted to the said Z. R. Walker, deceased, will likewise make settlement with Willie Walker, executor, at his residence in Lattimore, Star route, North Carolina.
WILLIE WALKER, Executor of Z. R. Walker, deceased.
O. M. Mull, Atty. for Executor.
61 June 20

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. B. Rhyne, 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 on or before the 28th day of May, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This May 28th, 1931.
J. B. RHYNE and C. A. RHYNE, Administrators, Box 6, East Gastonia, N. C., of Estate of J. B. Rhyne, deceased.
61 June 11

TRUSTEE'S SALE.
By virtue of the power vested in me as trustee in that certain deed of trust executed by M. M. Blanton and wife, Guzzie Blanton, and recorded in book 163, page 231, of the office of the register of deeds for Cleveland county, N. C., and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and demands having been made on me to execute the trust, I will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., on
Monday, July 11, 1931, at 12 o'clock M., or within legal hours, all of the following real estate to wit:
Being a part of wit:
The Fallston road lying just east of the Shelby hospital, subdivided and sold by the Cyclone Auction company, of Forest City, N. C., and being the northern end of lots Nos. 19, 21 and 22, as shown on plat recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Cleveland county, N. C., in book of plats No. 1, page 62, and bounded as follows:
Beginning at a stake on the west side of First Street, the northeast corner of T. L. McSwain's lot, and runs thence with First street 53 1-3 feet to an iron stake; thence west a new line 100 feet to an iron stake in old line; thence south 53 1-3 feet to an iron stake; T. L. McSwain's north-west corner in old line; thence east with McSwain's line 100 feet to the beginning. Terms of sale: Cash.
This the 15th day of June, 1931.
GEO. A. HOYLE, Trustee.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

WHEN CLAUDE WEBB WAS FOND OF HOT DAYS

Claude Webb, the theatre man, walked into the Piedmont cafe one of the hot days last week, drank a couple glasses of ice water, seated himself on a counter stool and mopped his brow.

"Hot as the dickens, isn't it?" someone asked.

"Sure is," the theatre man replied. "But I'm not as fond of hot days as I was 30 years ago and more."

Then he reminisced back to bygone days that older Shelby folks clearly remember, but days that sound like fairy stories to the younger folks—or the younger set, as they say it in the society columns.

"I can remember back in the period from 1898 to 1900 when nothing pleased me better than a hot day, and the hotter the better," he said.

"I was running the Beck fountain on the court square and selling ice-cold lithia water for one cent per glass. Incidentally, I thought I was doing big business. In the mornings business was not so rushing, but in the afternoons I usually had all the trade I could wait on over there on the northeast corner of the square.

"You see, there were no soda fountains in Shelby like there are now. The only one in town, by the way, was at the Paul Webb drug store—the only drug store I know of in a modern city nowadays that does not have a fountain. The fountain then was a tall, heavy affair that reached to the ceiling and it was one of the few places in town where you could get something cold to drink except at my fountain. I had a big lead coil through which the water circulated or stood and in the center of the coil I kept 50 pounds of ice. About mid-afternoon on hot days the folks who drank that cold water at one cent per glass seemed to enjoy it more than the modern youngster do a costly soda.

"I can remember how I always looked forward to 4 o'clock. That's when I did my biggest business of the day. Why? Well, at 4 o'clock Mr. Charlie Blanton would close the front doors of the bank and start walking across the court square. As he walked along he would call everyone in sight on the square and tell them, 'Come on, boys, let's go get some cold water to drink.' By the time he would get to the fountain he would have 15 to 20 people with him, and the drinks were always on him. Right often, I filled the glasses several times. So important were those visits that it is easy for me to see him coming across the court square now, picking up his crowd for the afternoon treat.

"Those were the days when there were never too many hot days to suit me."

And with that the speaker strolled back to his theatre to see how the talkie star of that particular day was drawing the crowds.

Wonder if the gang about the court square fountain in 1900 would not have called anyone crazy who would have predicted that within 30 years the proprietor of the fountain would be operating a show in which words came from the screen?

A FEW PICKUPS; A FEW FUMBLES

In days gone by Mooresboro was once known as "Licksillet." So informs Dr. L. V. Lee. That was back in the days when they call Belwood Black Rock and Forest City Burnt Chimney.

Harry S. Cohen, senior member of the Cohen brothers firm of Shelby, came from Manchester, England.

There's something that clicks about the name of the orchestra that plays for the dances at the Cleveland Springs pavilion—"Shelby Boy Friends."

Down in Spartanburg they'll never forget how a sun-burned, left-handed kid from Shelby strolled out on the Tryon Country club golf course July 4, 1930, and walked off with the annual golf championship tournament of the club without exerting himself. In speaking of the tournament to be held there this year, The Spartanburg Herald says editorially: "Last season several Spartanburg golfers made excellent showings in the tourney and might have come home with the works except for a rather rude interruption by Fred Webb, the Shelby genius."

If you were not a church yesterday, were the fish biting?

INSURANCE NO GOOD WHEN YOU'RE DEAD

"Too many people," writes in a reader, "drive an automobile this fashion—when the 'Go' sign is on they go without looking because they know they're right, and when they come to a grade crossing they speed right on without looking because the watchman is supposed to do the watching. I've tried to tell many people how dangerous it is to drive in that manner, but I cannot seem to put my argument over. Recently I ran upon the following, which if you'll publish, expresses my idea better than I can:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Ray.
He died defending his right-of-way.
Jonathan was right, as he sped along.
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

SOME SHOW IT ONE WAY; OTHERS ANOTHER

The announcement from Frank Grist, well known in Shelby where he was employed in his boyhood days, that he will oppose Cameron Morrison for the United States senate has attracted considerable newspaper comment. This from The Roxboro Courier:

"Mr. Grist says he is running to see if it is true that a poor man has no chance for a high office in North Carolina. The ignorance of some folks is amazing."

THE BEST CRACK WE'VE HEARD TODAY; TRY IT

Shelby ex-service men, particularly those who have heard Ward Threatt, the Charlotte punster, speak, will enjoy this one:

Threatt was speaking to a luncheon club at Concord last week. In the course of his talk he said he was so ugly that his wife went with him everywhere to keep from kissing him goodbye.

That should cause some reflection among Shelby wives who generally go along because of the needless fear that some other hussy will do the bussing. (That ought to bring in an armload of cigars from hubbies who like to go places by themselves occasionally).

Shelby Shorts: J. A. Wilson, who lives on the Cleveland Springs road, seldom ever misses a night at the movies, and he walks in two miles to do it. . . . Shelby, we hear, is soon to have a dramatic organization that may put the Carolina Playmakers to shame. . . . And here comes an avalanche of brickbats and rollin' pins. . . . Archie Galloway, former advertising manager of a Shelby department store, is now ad man for a Farmville, Va., newspaper. . . . For the first time in years Ebeltoft hasn't a single cat; and he's lonely about it. . . . Another nurse, Miss S. B., has been nominated for the Miss Shelby contest. No wonder so many Shelby men do not seem to dread a short spell of sickness. That makes three nurses in the contest—and it is not over. . . . The dealers of two well known automobiles in Shelby are now all square with each other. A few weeks ago thieves broke in one agency's garage and stole a spunk-fired (where'n heck did that word come from?) new car; last week they broke in the rival agency's garage and stole another new one. All set—whose deal? . . . Jay Dee Ell has an admirable plan on foot for honoring the memory of one of Shelby's most popular citizens who died some time ago.

S'long.

Presidential Puzzle For 1932 Baffles Political Forecasters

2 col 24—PRESIDENTIAL inside) — Washington.—Geographical shifts of political strength are increasing difficulties of party leaders in solving the 1932 presidential puzzle.

Both electoral college and national party conventions are affected by the congressional reapportionment involving 27 representatives in 32 states and the corresponding vote changes in nominating an electing the next president.

Prospects—that internal quarrels over redistricting may force a large number of representatives to run at large in important states further cloud the political horizon. In these states prohibition and rumbles of insurgency forecast added complications.

If the national committees decide that the next convention delegations shall be chosen on the basis of the recent apportionment, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Massachusetts, New York and Minnesota may bring new influences to the nominating assemblies.

Pennsylvania, dropping from 36 to 34 representatives, is deadlocked over redistricting. Failure to reach an agreement before the next election would force all 34 to campaign the entire state. Likewise, it probably would mean election at large of delegates to the party conventions.

In Republican ranks it is conceded Governor Pinchot, should he run on an independent progressive platform, would have more chance of taking a "Pinchot" Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican convention if the delegates were elected at large than if they ran in congressional districts.

New York's redistricting resolution, passed by the Republican legislature without Governor Roosevelt's approval, must stand court examination. If declared invalid, the alternative of passing a bill of running representatives at large would remain.

Hard Times And Then What

The Lancaster News.

We are indebted to Rockwell Smith, a real estate man of Van Nuys, Cal., for the collection of certain facts about financial depressions in the past, which should be valuable in predicting the future. Mr. Smith went through a file of newspapers back to the 1850's and finds these facts:

There was a business depression in 1857 lasting 12 months.
There was a business depression in 1869 lasting eight months.
There was a business depression in 1873 lasting 30 months.
There was a business depression in 1884 lasting 22 months.
There was a business depression in 1887 lasting 10 months.
There was a business depression in 1893 lasting 25 months.
There was a business depression in 1903 lasting 25 months.
There was a business depression in 1907 lasting nearly 12 months.
There was a business depression in 1914 lasting eight months.
There was a business depression in 1921 lasting 14 months.

The important thing about these past panics, however, is that every one of them has been followed by flush times, and the longer the depression lasted, the longer and more active the "boom."

The present depression has now lasted nearly 20 months. We can hardly say that the "boom" which will surely follow it has begun, but it is clearly on its way. And when it comes—oh, boy!

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