

Wild Razorback Stages Daring Battle With Panther in Georgia

WEST POINT, Ga., Dec. 9. (AP)—Wild razor-back hogs will fight without quarter in defense of their young.

Even the panthers which infest the wilds of the Martin lake country in Alabama are no match for an infuriated sow driven to protect her brood, according to Guy Coffee, editor of the West Point News, who reports witnessing such a battle.

Coffee was on a hunting trip to Martin lake, and arose early to roam the wilds with his rifle. He shortly came upon the wild sow, leading her brood to breakfast. Shortly a panther arrived a desperate possession of the pigs.

With a grunt of warning the sow scampered the pigs into a protective pit, then stood guard against the ever-sharpening, increasingly menacing circles of the attacking cat—about the size of a large dog. Always, Coffee said, the sow kept between the cat and her young.

Finally the panther lunged, and the sow made a successful parry and

caught the cat's paw in her jaws. There followed a wild flurry in which the cat extricated herself to limp yowling away to lick the mangled member.

During the fight—which by no means ended with the first direct contact, Coffee said, both the sow and the cat in their own respective and effective ways called out loudly for re-enforcements.

The cat's came first—a male male which came bounding over the bars, went to her side, and joined in the menacing circle. Together they drove the sow into the shallow pit, and alternately leaped over it, slashing viciously with their paws.

Throughout it all, Coffee said, the sow refused to budge despite a rapidly increasing quota of wounds which shredded her ears and streaked her back with bleeding gashes.

The fight was so unequal, the editor said, that he opened fire on the male cat, sending him spinning on his ear just as aid for the sow

Negro Wins Bet By Drinking Quart of Liquor, But Dies

ELDORADO, Ark., Dec. 9. (AP)—Tom Fason, negro, bet his week's wages he could drink a quart of "moonshine" without stopping, walk one hundred yards without staggering and return. Fellow employes in a filling station accepted his challenge.

Tom drank the liquor and walked as he had wagered. He died a short time later.

Bus Line Services Over Latin America

More than 500 miles will be added to the Pickwick company's land and air transportation systems in Mexico with inauguration before January 1 of a motor stage line from Mexico City south to the seaport town of Acapulco and north to Pachuca, capital of the state of Hidalgo, and establishment of tri-weekly air mail, express and passenger service between Mexico City and Acapulco by way of Puebla.

No Trace of Fruit Fly in California

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (AP)—No trace of the Mediterranean fruit fly which played havoc with Florida citrus fruits recently, has been found in Southern California orchards, according to the report of Harold J. Ryan, county agriculture commissioner, who has been making a fruit fly survey.

Charles F. Wren, president of the Pickwick Stages system and Pickwick Airways, Inc., announced yesterday that negotiations had been completed for opening a stage line from Mexico City to Acapulco, a distance of 270 miles, and that arrangements were under way to take over the Mexican White Star motor stage line operating between the capital and Pachuca over 60 miles of hard surfaced highway. Plans include eventual extension of the stage line on north to connect with the present Pickwick International Stages line which extends over a 350-mile route from Laredo south to Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas.

A fleet of 14 Pickwick-built busses will be dispatched from Los Angeles shortly to start the Acapulco-Pachuca operations and several additional busses will be sent to Laredo to supplement the service on the Laredo-Monterrey-Victoria line, Mr. Wren said.

Inspection Cuts Army Air Accidents



Maj. Gen. James E. Fehit (upper right), chief of the army air corps, credits visual inspection for decrease in air accidents. The crew chief (above) and the pilot (lower right) through their work and reports are the backbone of the system.

AT 84, HE'S BIG WALKER

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 9. (AP)—Just to keep in condition 84-year-old Marvin Phillips, Civil war veteran who saw Vicksburg fall, walks 15 miles daily. Recently he challenged all "youngsters of 80 or more" to a walking race. None was received.

Teachers' Exams to Be Held This Month

Teachers' examinations will be held beginning Friday, December 20, and continue through Tuesday, December 24. It has been announced.

Examinations for the fifth district will be held in Las Vegas. Other examinations will be held in Elko, Lovelock and Carson City.

Nevada school law examination will be given Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9. (AP)—When Rose Ruddank was married recently to Charles Farber, her father, a baker, decided he'd let someone else bake the wedding cake and thus enjoy the occasion the more.

And it's lucky for him he did. Walter Cichocki, hired to do the job, turned out a cake weighing more than 200 pounds. It required 92 pounds of sugar, 36 pounds of butter, 360 eggs, 36 pounds frosting sugar and 26 pounds of flour.

More than 95 per cent of the resident students of the University of South Dakota have a church preference.

NEW YORKER
AT LARGE

NEW YORK—"Ninety-nine steps off Broadway" on Forty-eighth street is the Union Methodist church.

Thirty years ago, when its great, rambling building was new, it was in a favored residential section, and housed one of the important and affluent congregations of midtown New York.

Today it is in the midst of theatres, rooming houses and middle class hotels, and its onetime worshippers have been pushed far up-town by the northward shifting of the bright light sector.

Some churches thus overridden have moved farther uptown, but the Union Methodist church has remained after its worshippers fled, and has adapted itself to the changed environment about it.

In its building four or five companies of actors may often be found rehearsing at once, scattered through lecture rooms and Sunday school classrooms on three floors. Orchestras also use its rehearsal halls, and a dormitory in one wing, built during the war to house soldiers on leave, still accommodates 19 roomers.

On Seven Days of Service

On Sunday, a Methodist church, on week nights, after the stage folk have quit rehearsing, it is rented to house the audience of a Hindu lecturer with some oriental philosophy to teach, or a Salvation Army meeting. All day Saturday the Seventh Day Adventists use it. Occasionally a minor movie producer hires one of its halls to shoot a talking short.

C. Everett Wagner, its present minister, is reviving its fortunes considerably. He has installed an actors' league and is making the church one to which more and more of Broadway's transient stage population comes from the theatrical hotels and boarding houses of the vicinity.

When he took charge a year and a half ago its Sunday morning congregation often numbered less than a dozen persons, and one of his nightly chores was to make rounds of the pews after midnight and rout out the vagrants who, finding ingress through one or another of its many entrances, made its auditorium their free hotel.

Mr. Morgan's Portrait

Carl Sandburg has written for a limited printing, a biography of his brother-in-law, Edward Steichen, the famous New York photographer.

One of the stories he tells is how Steichen got the portrait of J. P. Morgan, which is the best known of the financier's likenesses, and perhaps the only formal picture for which Mr. Morgan ever posed.

Morgan consented to sit for a picture, and Steichen, after practicing for half an hour on the studio lantern, was ready to work fast when the money king arrived. He made two quick exposures, and it was over in a matter of seconds. Morgan, departing, said, "I like you, young man," and his escort handed the photographer five \$100 bills.

Morgan liked the first of the two prints, but tore up the other in front of Steichen. The latter was adjudged the better by artists when the two were reproduced later, and Morgan offered the photographer \$5,000 for it.

Steichen got even with him for tearing up the original print by making him wait three years before he delivered a duplicate.

Sandburg's wife of Steichen's sister, Lillian.

The Great Wall of China was built by 350,000 men in 15 years to keep out the Mongols.

The usual speed of a rikisha drawn by a Chinese coolie is six miles an hour.

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"Sincerely,
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Missouri Banker Views Las Vegas Through The Age

Interesting Letter Shows What Strangers Think Of Present Las Vegas and Future Prospects.

The Age has an interesting letter from Henry H. Green, president of the Pattonsburg (Mo.) Saving bank, which gives an interesting picture of Las Vegas as seen through the pages of The Age. Mr. Green has long been a subscriber to The Age and has followed the development of the Boulder dam project carefully for many years. His opinions are of value to us because they reflect the views of a vast number of people throughout the country.

The letter follows: Dec. 4, 1929.

Dear Mr. Squires,
"I thank you for sending the three numbers of The Age I missed. Some mail clerk, possibly, was interested in Las Vegas and took them for his own use."

"It seems from little things I gather from reading your paper that some of your citizens must be getting a little impatient for work to start on the dam. I am sure we are all anxious for the work to start but as you have stated a good many times in your paper, large propositions of this kind naturally move slowly and in most cases take longer for them to get started than we thought at first. Personally I feel as if the President's message should convince anyone that he is very anxious for this work to start at the earliest possible moment and also that the dam will be built regardless of Arizona's attitude. If the President has his way as soon as the power contracts are signed actual construction will start at the earliest possible moment. The President's reputation has certainly been one of accomplishing what he starts out to do and I feel that the building of Boulder dam could be no safer hands than his."

"I feel like your citizens are to be congratulated on your public improvements now under way. If a town the size of Las Vegas in the middle west was preparing and doing the things your city is doing it would be the talk of everyone in that part of the country. Your building permits in the last three months, amounting to about \$135,000, are something to be proud of, even if not as much as some would like. We think we have a good town and that is more buildings than we have done in ten years. With your new school building, new paving, and if you get your new hotel and government building you should keep pretty busy until the work on the new railroad or highway to the dam starts, then of course things will take care of themselves. I know of no town in the West that has had so many opportunities ahead of it that you have at Las Vegas. When you get the ball a rolling, there will be so many other things brought into the picture that most people have not thought of at present. Electricity at the price it can be bought for when the dam is completed is bound to build a large city; your winter climate alone will sooner or later be appreciated enough to build a large city, then your tourist attraction at Boulder dam during construction and more so when completed will make no trip to the coast complete without going or coming via Las Vegas, which claim will maintain a large city. I think you have more things to build and maintain a city of 50,000 or more than any one place the size of Las Vegas in the U. S."

"About three years ago we were promised a concrete road through here and we thought we would get it that year while the facts are that we are just now getting it. The state was sincere when they made their promise but those things are always slower than we hope for. I only speak of this to show that your people should not expect work on a proposition as large as Boulder dam too quickly."

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