

Clue to Whereabouts of Missing Couple From Kamloops Proves False

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MAYOR A. W. SHACKLEFORD of Lethbridge, Alta., got a severe shock and narrowly escaped severe injury when electric current from two microphones passed through his body as he was announcing winners of a teen-agers queen contest. The mayor was frozen to the mikes until they were disconnected. The accident was caused by the difference in the grounding system in the public address microphone and the one used by the Lethbridge radio station. Trying to free the mayor are radio announcer Joe McCallum (left) and alderman Cliff Black, YMCA counsellor.

Victor Moore, Beloved Star On Broadway, 76 Years Old

By MARK BARON

NEW YORK (AP)—A beloved comedian now winning garlands for his triumphant performance in a serious role on Broadway was 76 years old Tuesday.

Victor Moore, star of the hit revival of Paul Osborn's play "On Borrowed Time," says he hasn't the slightest intention of retiring just because he is having another birthday.

This year is also his 60th anniversary in show business. Moore seemed indignant that anyone should even think he was going to retire.



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"I don't think 76 years is so old," he said. "I used to play the horses and I've aged more than that in one race when my bank-roll was growing thin and the horses were going slower."

"I really don't have to work. I make a few bucks about \$2,500 a week playing on Broadway and in the movies. I also own a bus terminal on Long Island which brings me in about \$75,000 a year. But I wouldn't think of retiring because I am having the happiest time of my life playing in 'On Borrowed Time.' If I quit working I would only go to the race track and pretty soon I would have to go back to work again."

Moore had no early ambition for the theatre, he said, until he started reading advertisements in the newspapers.

"I saw an advertisement in a newspaper asking for tall men to play 'supers' in a production of 'Babes in the Wood.' I was far from being tall, but I climbed on a stone so I would be as high as the other fellows, and the stage manager didn't notice the stone in the dark stage alleyway."

Exclusion Brings Protest

VICTORIA (CP)—Federal civil servants in Victoria plan immediate protests against announcement from Ottawa that this city will not be included in the five-day week authorized for 21 cities in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec.

Only B.C. cities included in the civil service commission ruling are Vancouver and New Westminster.

"It is totally unfair to exclude Victoria from the five-day week," Gerald K. Sammon, district councillor of the B.C. branch of the Federal Civil Servants Association, said today.

"Just because we live on the island, why should we be left out?"

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP)—RCMP said today they had tracked down what turned out to be a false clue in the search for Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Labrie, missing since November 17 from an auto court at Kamloops, B.C.

A North Vancouver youth said he saw the missing woman two days ago on Marine Drive, in North Vancouver. He said the woman, whom he identified from a newspaper picture, worked in a North-Shore coffee shop.

However, police said they showed the youth an actual photograph of the missing woman, and that he was sure she was not the woman he had seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Labrie were last seen at an auto court near Kamloops and police feared for a time that they had met with foul play.

Henry Seguin, now serving a term in B.C. Penitentiary for shooting and wounding a bank manager during a robbery attempt at Williams Lake, was questioned by police in connection with the Labries' disappearance. He was found to have sold a light truck and furniture belonging to the missing couple, with whom he had lived at Kamloops.

Seguin, also wanted on a murder charge in connection with the slaying of a taxi driver in Ontario, said Labrie was going to another town to seek employment when he left Kamloops in November.

A salesman told the RCMP last week that he picked up a couple resembling the missing Labries outside Kamloops in mid-November and drove them to Cache Creek.

Railway Posts Reclassified

VICTORIA (CP)—A reclassification of positions in the provincial railways department is planned in the next fiscal year starting April 1.

The posts of deputy minister, held by P. C. Richards, and assistant deputy minister, now occupied by J. B. Broadbent, will be abolished.

Instead, a new position of "executive assistant" to railways minister Ralph Chetwynd will be set up and occupied by Mr. Broadbent.

For India's general elections in 1952 a total 105,000,000 valid votes were polled.



THREE OF THE FOUR CANADIAN army officers who will form part of the sovereign escort for the Coronation inspect one of the \$1,400 uniforms they will wear. Lieut. H. McLellan, (second from right) is wearing the dress uniform. Others, left to right, are: Lieut. H. E. Pepler; Lt.-Col. E. G. Brooke, who will head the party; Lt. McLellan and Lieut. D. R. Foster, who will act as standby. Fourth member of the escort party is Maj. J. S. Orton.



A DUTCH RIDING MASTER, Frank Dopheide (left), is supervising training of four members of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery chosen to ride in the Coronation procession. He explains the four-rein military bridle to Lieut. H. E. E. Pepler.



LIEUT. H. McLELLAN is shown riding under the watchful eye of Dopheide, who came to Canada 16 months ago from Holland.

SCREEN ★ FLASHES

Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour hit a brand new "Road" in Paramount's latest Technicolor laugh riot "Road to Bali," opening tonight at the Totem Theatre. The sixth in the fabulously funny "Road" series takes the three globe trotting troubadours to the colorful and mysterious land of "Bali."

In this hilarious highway gloriously paved with music, mirth and merriment, Bing, Bob and Dorothy top all of their previous fun-fests. Their riotous ride to Bali is sprinkled with a sparkling array of song hits; lavish production numbers highlighted by the gorgeous hues of the Technicolor camera; and of course the zany and wacky antics of Bing and Bob as well as the delectable sarong-clad beauty of Dorothy Lamour.

"Road to Bali" is an entertainment-packed film designed to tickle the funny-bone, delight the ear and bewitch the eye; it solves no problems, pleads no cause, states no case and offers no solution to the ills of the world.

A motion picture which combines thrilling, excitement-filled drama and an unusually impressive cast is Paramount's "Thunder in the East," opening tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre. Set in the mystical Indian province of Ghandahar, "Thunder in the East" stars Alan Ladd, in another two-fisted soldier and Corinne Calvet.

This top-notch starring quartette plays its assorted roles against an atmosphere thick with intrigue and violence. Alan Ladd, in another two-fisted soldier of fortune role, arrives in the tiny Indian province with an airplane load of munitions. He tries to sell the shipment of death-dealing contraband to Ghandahar's Maharajah.

Charles Boyer, in a powerful portrayal as the Maharajah's secretary, turns Ladd's offer down on the grounds that the only means to quell unrest is by non-violence. This decision leads the rebellious forces to unleash their blood-bath attack on the Maharajah's forces and their English friends.

Included in the English colony is Deborah Kerr, a lovely blind girl who has lived in Ghandahar all of her life. Love has bloomed between Miss Kerr and Ladd but when she becomes aware of Ladd's mercenary attitude toward the predicament they are in she rebukes him.

Romantic interest is further enhanced by the presence of Corinne Calvet, who as a sultry French adventuress stranded in the isolated land beguiles Ladd in order to get transportation out of the besieged city.

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