

Skateboard Thrills Attract Adults, Too

The typical skateboard injury is a fracture of the forearm, suffered by a boy, 12 years old. But every third such casualty is an adult. The skateboard era is now far enough along for statistics. Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles averages 25 "skateboard cases" per month. And they happen in all income groups. For Orthopaedic Hospital is one of the United Crusade services where fees range from free care to cost — depending upon parents' ability. Boys have more such accidents than do girls. Injuries range from sprained ankles to concussions. Although fractures of the forearm are most frequent, collarbones, wrists, and legs also are broken. Are skateboards too dangerous? Should something be done about them? Doctors at Orthopaedic Hospital are so busy they haven't time for philosophy. They hold their advice to suggesting that it shouldn't happen again. But it does. Five per cent of the cases are repeaters.

Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

The network vice presidents in charge of programming and nail-biting have finally conceded that the new programs this season have been a major disaster. In coming to this conclusion they are months behind the viewing public who made a similar decision in September. Television's rock bottom was reached earlier this fall with the announcement by CBS that "Slattery's People" would be removed to be replaced by another Art Linkletter show. Recently the news leaked out that things may be taking a turn for the better. All three networks have decided to invest heavily in British-made series. Here again the program directors were trailing the public in discovering that one good English dramatic show is far superior to three of anything that Hollywood is making these days.

THE FIRST of these bundles from Britain is the excellent "Secret Agent" which CBS tried out last summer but didn't seem to know how good it really was. Now it has returned to CBS replacing the "The Trials of O'Brien" which is moving to the spot formerly occupied by "Slattery's People."

And what of Art Linkletter? CBS has announced that his newest burst of mediocrity will be "deferred temporarily." As I said, things are taking a turn for the better. "Secret Agent" stars Patrick McGouhan as a most refreshing professional spy in plots that are based on the mind more often than on the body and where intelligence quite often is used as a substitute for violence. McGouhan is excellent and the smaller parts are taken by those splendid English bit players who, alone, can make a drama worthwhile.

NBC HAS acquired a British series called "The Saint," also dealing with spies. The ABC network has also bought two new hour-long shows both of which will be filmed in England and seen here next summer. They are "The Avengers," a secret agent series with Patrick MacNee and Diana Rigg, and "The Baron," also a spy show. A third ABC show "The Court Martial" will be filmed in England and centers around the activities of the Army's Judge Advocate General's Office during World War II. Brad Dillman and Peter Graves will co-star.

For the first time, foreign television companies are establishing sales offices in New York and Hollywood so there will be more overseas shows to come. CBS is said to be interested in a German variety show produced in Bavaria. One network programming executive estimates foreign TV shows may soon account for 10 per cent of the prime time evening hours of the three nets.

THIS RENEWED interest in foreign shows is certain to be to the advantage of the discriminating viewer who is disgusted with the products from the Hollywood pap fac-

ories. But how is Hollywood taking all this?

I am delighted to report that they are worried. The second-rate elves who have been producing, writing, and directing 15 years of Hollywood junk are alarmed. Until now they have had a monopoly. And they have demonstrated they are incapable of providing American viewers with anything but empty comedies, dishonest historical dramas, and vicious brutality.

And what of the Hollywood labor unions which have priced themselves out of the business? They are worried. They fought the flight of the motion pictures to foreign locales (the best thing to happen to movies since the invention of sound) and I'm certain they will object to foreign-made TV shows despite the flourishing Hollywood labor market.

American TV producers are supplying foreign stations with a sizeable percentage of their entertainment and reaping enormous profits from these overseas sales. Watch them cry and beat their chests when the tables are turned!

Bank Executive On USC Board

Louis B. Lundborg, chairman of the board of the Bank of America, has been named to the Board of Counselors of the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Southern California.

The councilors conduct a continuing appraisal of the school's programs and report regularly to Dr. Norman Topping, USC president, and the University's Board of Trustees.



If you have had any frost damage, be sure not to prune back the frozen parts until all danger of further frost is past. This is very important and I try to repeat it often so that everyone will see it.

You still have almost two weeks in which to prune your roses in the warmer areas and more time in the snow country.

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Marine Pvt. Robert C. Bruhanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruhanski of 20614 Berendo, was graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif.

He has been assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for four weeks of individual combat training and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational field.

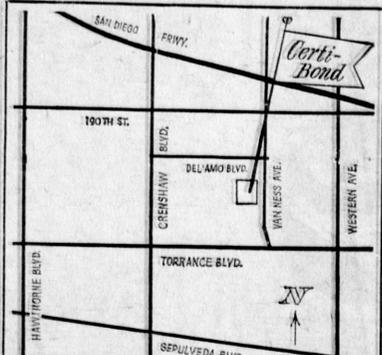


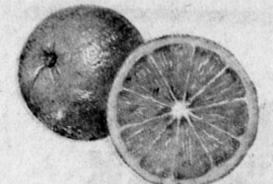
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