

Dillon's Sidekick Got Limp In The Civil War

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HOLLYWOOD — Every week day morning a strapping six-footer strides through the wide door of a Hollywood sound stage, then limps to the set.

You heard me right, Dennis Weaver is crippled only when he slips into the boots and trousers of Chester Good on television's Saturday night "Gunsmoke."

"I DON'T have to remind myself to limp any more," he said between takes of a new episode the other day. "The boots are pretty heavy and they remind me."

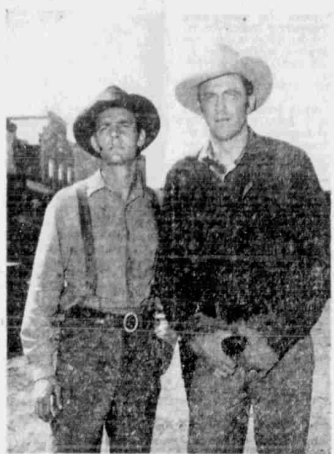
Chester Good, like his tough, straight-shooting boss, Marshal Matt Dillon, is a fictional character. He sweeps out the jail, feeds the prisoners and makes for good conversation on the show every Saturday night.

The stiff leg is a souvenir of a gungliff in the War Between the States. Chester has been heard to mention he is a veteran of the war, though no one knows on which side he fought.

"Matter of fact," Dennis Weaver said, "I don't either. I don't think we'll ever settle it. We'll just let me be a neutral soldier and let it go at that."

But Chester doesn't wear a gun. He's not a quagmire and never was.

"I'M SUPPOSED to be a ho-



Marshal Dillon (Right) and Friend Chester

many sort of a person," he said.

"So I can't wear a gun," Dennis Weaver, with a drawl as wide as the Ozarks themselves, was born in Joplin, Mo.

He was a crack athlete and by the time he went to Joplin Junior College he was hailed as one of the Midwest's top track stars.

While a student at the University of Oklahoma in 1948 he entered the tryouts for the Olympic games and placed sixth in a field of 36 in the decathlon events.

HERE HE met and competed with Charlotte's Floyd "Chuck" Summers, who now is also in movies and television on the West Coast.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE. Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Board of Agriculture will hold the following public hearings on Rules, Regulations, Ordinances and Resolutions of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture on Monday, July 29, 1957, in the Board Room of the Agriculture Building in Raleigh.

- 1. 10 A. M. — Amendments to Chapter 17, Dairy Division, as follows:
- 2. Amendments to regulations governing the term milk, milk solids, lumps, fat, etc.
- 3. Amending regulations governing the term milk shake machines and milk shake mix.
- 4. Amending regulations of "Whipped Cream" and "Take Cream Top" in the term.
- 5. 7 P. M. — Establishing regulations under the North Carolina Veterinary Act, Chapter 100, as follows:
- 6. Amending regulations of the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

"Certainly I know Chuck," drawled Weaver. "I see him quite a lot. Why, just the other night I called him and we went to a track meet."

Watching others run and jump is about as close as Weaver gets in the sport today.

"I don't run any more," he said. "I'm 30 years old now so I teach my boys, Rick and Rob to run and jump."

Mexican Centavo No Longer Good

MEXICO CITY — The soaring cost of living and devaluation of the peso have put the centavo out of business. It won't buy a thing.

A Mexican peso is 100 centavos. These centavos are made of copper the size of shirt buttons. Each is worth less than a tenth of a U.S. penny.

The government coined centavos to accommodate stores wanting to make change for articles sold at 1.96 pesos.

Today few stores handle the centavos.

To make change they give small squares of chewing gum.

Nobody complains.

Fred Perry, English tennis player, is to coach Indian tennis players for four months this year, Calcutta learns.

DENNIS Weaver is no John-come-lately to the acting profession. He got into the dramatic acts while still a student at the University of Oklahoma and took an interest in so many school projects he won the title of "Oklahoma University's Most Versatile Man."

He made his Broadway debut in 1951 and later went on tour with Shirley Booth in "Come Back Little Sheba." He was also in "Streetcar Named Desire" and got to Hollywood when he was discovered by actress Shelley Winters.

Weaver won roles in "Dragons," "Bridges of Toko-Ri," "Mississippi Gambler" and other hits. But he never attained fame until Mister Dillon and "Gunsmoke" came along.

He did a lot to revive the ancient pastime of whittling. He was always slicing shavings of a stick until one day he noticed a rug on the ground. He picked it up and started whittling. First thing you know he was tossing it this way and that, making loops all the while. All this happened on the show.

"One of these days," he says, "I'll get back to whittling again."

"GUNSMOKE," Chester says, won't go on forever. One of these days it will lose its shine just as

Calypso Beat, Queen Beach Ball Highlights

A calypso atmosphere and the entrance of a beauty queen will be highlights of the third annual Teenage Beach Ball, sponsored by the Park Board Tuesday night.

Park Board Superintendent Marion Diehl said today the public is invited to the affair which will be held at Independence Park from 8 to 11 p.m.

Some of the city's fairest young ladies will parade before a panel of judges, competing for

Date Book

TODAY

- 6 p.m. — Altruss Club of Charlotte at Thacker's.
- 7 p.m. — Friendship Club at 1100 Park Rd. S. W. Cafeteria.
- 7 p.m. — Christian Men's Club at Park Rd. S. W. Cafeteria.
- 7 p.m. — Central YMCA Fencing Club.

TOMORROW

- 8 a.m. — Saturday Morning Toastmasters at Greenland Restaurant.
- 8 p.m. — Charlotte Quadrille Club at Hawthorne Center.

(Deadline for datebook items 10 a.m. daily)



DENNIS WEAVER

all other TV shows have done.

"We'll wear out," he says, "and when we do I'll just do something else. No, I don't know what it will be but it will be a long way from Chester Good."

But he'd rather not talk about that now. After all Chester Good is good for him and the people who seem to like him.

"He's like an old shoe now," says Chester. "But he was tough at first. He really was."

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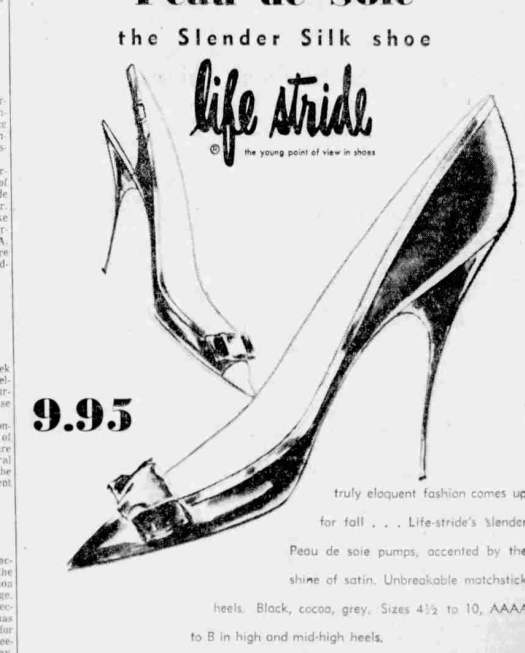
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Lake Ordination Set For Sunday

John Eagan Lake will be ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church by a commission from Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The commission appointed to ordain and install him as pastor of the Providence Church include The Rev. Leslie A. Thompson, Dr. Warner L. Hall, Dr. Julian Lake of Winston-Salem, the pastor-elect's brother, and James A. Blakeney. Alternate members are the Rev. J. R. Hobson and Lindsay Ennis.

Groundbreaking Held For Harris

Ground was broken this week in the Spangler Industrial Development on Hawkins St. for Harris Super Markets' new warehouse and general office building.

The one-story building will contain about 40,000 square feet of warehouse area and 5,000 square feet of office space. The general offices will be moved into the building from a building adjacent to the Central Ave. store.

Engineering Exam Review Class Set

Enrollments are still being accepted in a review class for the N. C. Engineering Registration Examination at Charlotte College.

Miss Bonnie Cone, college director, said a second section has been opened to fill the demand for engineering review. The three-hour class, beginning Thursday, will meet once a week at 7 p. m. for 14 weeks.

Indonesia, nationalizing its railroads, plans to buy five locomotives for \$7,500,000, Djakarta learns.