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'Buffalo Bill, Jr.'
RA Congress Feature

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Dick Jones, star of the "Buffalo Bill, Jr." and "Range Rider" television series, has accepted the invitation of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission to appear at the opening night session of the second Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress here, Aug. 12.

Dick, who is one of the favorites of the Western stars, will come riding into the arena at the Congress and do some of the dare-devil tricks which help make him popular with both the younger set as well as the "oldsters."

He will then give his Christian testimony.

A native of Snyder, Tex., Dick learned to ride at about the same time he learned to walk--and at the age of three is said to have been more at home on a horse than on his own two feet.

When he was five he was appearing at rodeos as "The World's Youngest Trick Rider and Roper." He appeared on his own radio program, "The Little Cowboy Rambler," and was singing, playing the ukelele, and reciting Western poems.

About this time he and his parents headed for Hollywood, and from that day to this, Dick has worked almost constantly in movies, TV, and radio.

When 15 years old, he went to New York where he replaced Ezra Stone as "Henry Aldrich."

Dick's favorite sports are hunting, deep-sea fishing, skin diving, and speed-boat racing. Within the past six months he has been among the winners at every regatta for outboard motor boats held in California waters.

He gets special pleasure in beating his keenest TV rivals, cowboy stars Roy Rogers and James Arness.

Royal Ambassadors attending the Congress may be surprised to learn that Dick is more interested in Indians than almost anything.

For years he has been collecting information about Indian lore and history. He admits that getting documented information on the Indian is a difficult task.

"This is true partially," he says, "because Indians have a tendency to clam up when they are questioned and partially because each of the 200 or more tribes on this continent has its own customs--all unrelated to those of the other. Only the symbols are universal," he says.

Perhaps one reason Dick is so interested in Indians is that his grandmother was a full-blooded member of the Sioux tribe of South Dakota.

Others who will appear on the three-day Royal Ambassador Congress program include missionaries from around the world; outstanding Baptist laymen and pastors, and outstanding Christian athletes such as Bob Richards, three-time Olympic track champion and holder of 22 national championships.

Also on hand will be the well-known Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band and several famous scientists who have helped the nation in its satellite and space program.

The Congress theme is "Christ in Me . . . The Hope of the World."

"It is hoped that the boys who attend this Congress will return to their homes with a burning conviction that truly Christ is depending on them as individuals to help make this world the kind of place it should be," according to Edward Hurt, Jr., Memphis, RA secretary.

"Truly, Christ in our youth is the hope of the world."

Take A Good Look At Girls' Auxiliary

Prepared by Woman's Missionary Union Office

What do the members of your church think when they hear the name of Girls' Auxiliary? "Fine bunch of girls" or "What's that?" Whatever they think, some talk they heard or incident they saw, or some experience they had with the organization, gave them their opinion.

It's again time for the whole church to take a good look at Girls' Auxiliary. Its purpose and values will be demonstrated through a week of activities, beginning on Mother's Day.

The week climaxes with an appropriate recognition of the fifth anniversary of Tell, the missions magazine that meets the needs for girls from nine to 16 years old. The April and May issues carry detailed plans.

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 11-17, will point the members of the church to the organization for girls whose purpose is to help the world discover Christ. And in helping those near and far away find him these girls will lose themselves in the greater glory of missions.