



'MY, WHAT BIG EARS YOU HAVE'

Dr. John Ferdinandsen checks ears of German Shorthair at the La Grande Animal Clinic operated by Dr. Ferdinandsen and Dr. Jeff Kovach. Note the look of concentration on the dog's face. He's interested in the diagnosis too. After all, it's his ear. Additional pictures on the work of Union County's two veterinarians can be found on today's farm page in The Observer. (Observer Photo)

Local 'Vet' Medics Key Men In Livestock Production Here

By BILL BEBOUT, Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Jeff Kovach and Dr. John Ferdinandsen are key figures in the development of Union County livestock production. Their concern is the health of the county's livestock. That concern is paying off for the ranchers and farmers of the Grande Ronde Valley.

The two veterinarians, both graduates of Washington State University, own and operate the La Grande Animal Clinic. Located on the Island City Highway, the clinic was opened by Dr. Kovach in 1946.

In 1953, Ferdinandsen joined Kovach at the clinic and a program to expand facilities to better meet the needs of county livestock producers was started.

The clinic today boasts modern, sanitary facilities for the care of animals in the valley. Some 60 per cent of the cases handled by the hard working pair of doctors are the big animals — cattle, horses, sheep and pigs. The balance of their practice consists of dogs and cats and occasionally a parakeet.

Outside Calls: Most of the larger animals are cared for outside the clinic in the barns and fields of valley ranchers. The veterinarians are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to care for the sick livestock and pets of area residents.

A corral and chute for the handling of the big animals was constructed at the clinic in 1954 and an operating room for large animal surgery has also been built and fully equipped.

"The most important phase of our work in the county is in the prevention of diseases in livestock," Dr. Kovach pointed out.

Programs of vaccination to prevent serious diseases from ravaging herds of cattle are carried out throughout the year. These programs have shown positive results, according to Chuck Gavin, Union County Extension agent and livestock specialist for the county.

Two diseases in livestock are the most common. One is called "blackhead" and the other is called "brucellosis."

Dr. Ferdinandsen said that in 1954, a dog barked and the winds stirred the fallen autumn leaves along a woodland bridge path.

In this rustic, peaceful scene a tall, graying Danish diplomat, who two years earlier had let flutter from his hands atop the United Nations Building the charred bits of a list he burned to protect families of Communist fighters from Communist reprisals, was found dead.

In his right hand was the pearl-handled .25 caliber pistol he had bought years ago for protection from Nazi intrigue. There were powder burns around the small, round hole in his right temple

and a suicide note tucked into the breast pocket of the once-neat blue suit.

Dismissed from Post: Povel Bang-Jensen died at 50, a year and one-half after he had been dismissed from a high administrative post in the U.N. for refusing to turn over to the world organization a list of 81 Hungarian names.

He had gone to Austria in 1956 after the Hungarian uprising to make an official U.N. investigation of the revolt that left a mark on history. He brought back the story of the uprising from 81 refugees, but he refused to give their names to the U.N.

He and his wife continued to live in the nine-room, two-story home at Lake Success, N. Y., with their five children after his dismissal.

"He had no choice about the list and he had no regrets," his wife said. "Perhaps this is an old-fashioned code of honor."

But he was discouraged about his treatment at the U.N. He took a job with CARE, an international relief agency at less than half of his \$17,500 yearly U.N. salary.

First, they published a list of 31 people who they claimed had recently been executed in Hungary. Naturally, all the names were fictitious.

"They invented the story recently that there are quite a few young men in prison in Hungary. According to them, the government is waiting for them to be come 18 years old and then they will be hanged. Of course, everybody in Hungary knows that news items of this kind are untrue and constitute vile and dastardly provocations."

Munro, rejecting the Communist contention that the U. N., being prohibited by its charter from dealing with domestic affairs, cannot legally deal with the Hungarian situation.

Soviets Fired Shots: He accused the Hungarian authorities of "constructing a fanciful version" of the freedom revolt. "But, in fact, what happened in Hungary in October and in the early days of November, 1956, is no mystery. Not even the Hungarian authorities have sought to maintain that tanks other than Soviet tanks shot at the Hungarian workers in 1956 when they were endeavoring to set up a government controlled by the Hungarian people themselves."

Kadar Claims Slanders: Munro cited a statement made by Kadar on Oct. 31: "In recent weeks, for example, two extremely vile slanders have been spread through the columns of the western press, with a tendency obviously hostile to the Hungarian People's Republic."

HUNGARIAN 'BLOOD BATH'

Trials, Executions Continue From 1956 'Freedom Revolt'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, special U. N. representative on the Hungarian question, reported today that trials and executions resulting from the 1956 freedom revolt in Hungary still are being carried out.

Munro, in a formal report to the General Assembly, said Russian troops remained in the country with an assurance by Hungarian Prime Minister Janos Kadar that "the time will come when Soviet troops will be withdrawn."

Both the Hungarian and Soviet authorities, Munro said, had refused him permission to visit Hungary in his capacity as a U. N. representative and had returned his correspondence to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold without reply.

Trials and Executions: "It would seem reasonable to regard agreement by the Hungarian authorities to a visit by myself to that country in my capacity as U. N. representative as the indispensable preliminary acknowledgment on the part of Hungary of its willingness to fulfill its obligations as a member of the United Nations."

"Five prison sentences were handed down between last March

and April 1 to defendants charged with conspiring to overthrow the people's democratic state order," according to the Hungarian Telegraph Agency, Munro reported.

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Holiday Auto Death Toll Climbs To 119

By United Press International: A blanket of snow and side dishes of "clean" cranberries combined to make Thanksgiving 1959, reminiscent of an old-fashioned, bob-sled turkey day. But the automotive age was etched into the accidental death figures.

The final highway fatality toll soared far beyond the 90 dead expected by National Safety Council experts. United Press International figures for the 30-hour holiday showed 119 persons killed in auto accidents, 10 dead in fires, 7 airplane fatalities and 19 persons killed in miscellaneous accidents for a total of 155.

California led the nation in highway fatalities with 16, followed by Ohio with 9, Michigan and Pennsylvania with 8 each, Oklahoma with 7, New York with 6 and Alabama, Florida and Texas with 5 each.

Old fashioned turkey dinners were spiced by old fashioned cranberry sauces tagged with a new-fashioned government seal of approval. Discovery that some cranberry crops had been sprayed with a possible cancer-producing weed killer had sparked fears that cranberries would be taboo this Thanksgiving. But government inspectors worked day and night to clear thousands of pounds of the little red berries in time for distribution.

He got there just in time to have a Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. Meanwhile, his wife Wilma, with 10 stitches in her head, went home to her 7-year-old son. Their icebox was empty.

Two hours later, Municipal Judge Andrew J. Howard sent the 41-year-old unemployed plasterer to the district jail for 30 days.

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon apparently made it through the Thanksgiving day holiday without a traffic fatality. The State Motor Vehicle Department said no fatalities were reported between the hours of 6 p.m. Wednesday and midnight Thursday.

play on grocers' shelves and consumption around Thanksgiving tables. Much of the nation had a white Thanksgiving. A snow storm dumped 14 inches on Boulder, Colo., then moved eastward to western New York state with fluffy levels up to a half foot.

Thanksgiving, which began 338 years ago with the Pilgrim Fathers of Plymouth, Mass., reached the nation's western frontier — about 5,000 miles away — with Hawaii's gala statehood celebration.

Name Manager: Donald R. Guyer, an employee of the loan firm since 1946, will manage the La Grande office. He and his wife, Elva, and 12-year-old daughter, Ellen, will move here shortly.

Guyer, an Oregon State College man, served as a captain in the Marine Corps as a naval flier during World War II and the Korean conflict. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, Elks and is affiliated with the Methodist church.

Guyer will be assisted locally by Mrs. Katherine Hadden, La Grande. Mrs. Hadden, a 1951 Union High School graduate, is the wife of Boyd Hadden. They have two children, Gregory, 7, and Pamela, 6. They reside at 1615 Washington St.

U.S. Planning New Moon Try After Failure: CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — American space scientists today swallowed the disappointment of their Thanksgiving Day moonshot failure and pushed ahead with plans for the next U.S. moon probe.

Informed sources said another payload already was available but that no specific vehicle had been chosen for the attempt to orbit the moon. It could be another Atlas-Able, biggest rocket ever built in the free world, but an Air Force Thor-Able or an Army Juno II appeared more likely.

The next "ideal" time for a moonshot would be a four-day period around Christmas when the moon makes a comparatively close approach of 221,000 miles from earth. But sources indicated a mid-January date might be more feasible.

U.S. space emphasis meanwhile shifted to an expected mid-December launching of a Thor-Able to hurl a sun-satellite toward the orbit of the planet Venus. That probe will carry a transmitter capable of radiating signals back to earth from 50 million miles in space.

It was a 98-foot Atlas-Able that was aimed toward the moon Thursday in an effort roughly equivalent to hitting a fly in the left eye with a rifle at a distance of six miles.

The bullet was a 372-pound ball of electronic equipment tucked away in the rocket's bulging top.

But Hendrickson, who filed bankruptcy proceedings in 1955 and now owns six California business firms and lives in a palatial \$75,000 bayside home with his wife and seven children in San Rafael, Calif., claimed he knew nothing about the embezzlement when taken into custody.

Find Cashier Checks: Federal investigators, however, found 83 cashier's checks totaling \$927,000 in Hewlett's garage, all made out to Hendrickson.

Also found were five checks signed by Hendrickson totaling \$75,000 and marked "insufficient funds," plus a half million dollars more in checks made out to one of Hendrickson's seven firms.

Today the wealthy manufacturer awaits a Dec. 7 hearing to answer charges in connection with — what U.S. Atty. Laughlin E. Waters termed — the largest embezzlement in this country's banking history.

Once Bankrupt Plumber: John R. Hendrickson, 40, who rose in five years from a once-bankrupt plumber to a business tycoon, was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury for his part in the scheme which assertedly bilked the East Long Beach branch of the U. S. Bank of San Diego of \$3,714,710.

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Biggest Bank Swindle 'Ends' In Tragic Saga: LOS ANGELES (UPI) — "No one else is involved in this terrible mess but Johnnie Hendrickson."

Soon after writing those words in a suicide note, Long Beach banker George A. Hewlett shot himself through the heart and ended his part in what may have been the biggest bank embezzlement ever perpetrated in the United States.

Nearly four million dollars is involved in the swindle.

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Commiss Kidnap U.S. Serviceman

TURKEY AND THE TRIMMINGS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—George N. McRae bashed his wife in the head with a table leg Thursday when she complained she had no money to buy anything for a Thanksgiving dinner.

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AMERICAN BEATEN BEFORE RESCUE BY INDIAN POLICE

BOMBAY, India (UPI) — The U.S. consulate general reported today that U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Robert Armstrong was seized by the Chinese Communists and beaten during five hours as a prisoner in the Red Chinese Consulate.

Armstrong, of Martinez, Calif., assigned to the consulate general staff, finally was rescued by Indian police after a complaint was lodged by the U.S. consulate general.

A consulate general official said in a statement issued tonight that Armstrong was held for five hours in the Chinese Communist Consulate garage and beaten with his hands tied behind his back.

After his release, the bruised Armstrong was taken to the consulate general housing area called Lincoln House, about a half mile from the Red Consulate building.

Armstrong's beating came as a sequel to the action of a Communist Chinese Consulate official who defected and asked the U.S. consulate general here for political asylum.

Sought Tape Recording: In Washington, the State Department said Armstrong had been kidnaped while guarding the Communist General official.

Officials here identified the defector as Chang Chien-yuh. He apparently sought asylum with the Americans first, and then changed his mind.

He had made a statement about his views on a tape recorder and apparently took that back with him when he returned to the Communist Consulate General.

Armstrong followed, thinking that Chang had stolen the tape recording, and suddenly was attempting to recover it.

When Armstrong entered the gate of the Chinese Communist Consulate General compound, officials said he was "grabbed by many Chinese, dragged inside, taken to the garage and detained there with his hands tied."

Bombay police confirmed they rescued Armstrong from the Chinese Reds after a complaint from the U. S. consulate general.

The police refused further clarification. In Washington, State Department press officer Joseph W. Reap described the incident as a "high-handed, outrageous thing" on the part of the Chinese Reds.

Cubans Demand Death Penalty For American

HAVANA (UPI) — A government attorney has demanded death by firing squad for "Col." Austin Young, of Miami, alleged leader of an anti-government band in western Cuba, and 30 years' imprisonment for "Maj." Peter J. Lambton, a British-born American said to be Young's chief lieutenant.

Aldo Prieto Morales also urged that 36 Cubans arrested with the two Americans after a skirmish in Pinar del Rio Province two months ago be imprisoned for 30 years. The 36 men were charged with plotting against Premier Fidel Castro and murdering a soldier killed in a clash with the band.

Young is a former resident of Indianapolis, but he left his wife and three children in Miami when he came to Cuba. Lambton lives in Nassau, capital of the Bahamas.

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born Maj. Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a vehement critic of the United States, has been appointed president of the Cuban National Bank.

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Two Motorists Draw Citations

Two La Grande motorists were cited for violations of the basic rule Thursday.

Bruce Le Roy Beaman, 2806 N. Maple St., was cited for traveling 48 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone on Spruce Street at 525 p.m. His bail was set at \$23.

Charlotte Ann Long, 2001 Second St., was issued a citation for traveling 35 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone near the Second Street overpass at 4:31 p.m.

Miss Long was released on \$10 bail. Hearings on both cases were scheduled for 3 p.m. today.



LOCAL FIRM HONORS JEAN WICK

Jean Wick, second from left, was honored this week by Mt. Emily Lumber Company for her achievements in Union County 4-H Club work. Jean recently was selected as one of 12 sectional winners in national 4-H forestry competition. She will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 29 through Dec. 3. Jean is shown here chatting with a Mt. Emily representative and her parents prior to the recognition banquet in her honor. From left are Mrs. John Wick, Jean, John Wick, and Glenn Parsons, Mt. Emily Forester. (Observer Photo)

Jean Wick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wick, La Grande, was honored this week by Mt. Emily Lumber Company for her achievements in 4-H work this year.

Jean was Oregon State 4-H forestry champion and is one of 12 national winners in 4-H forestry.

She left today with the Oregon delegation to attend the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

Allen Courtright, president of the Union County 4-H Leaders' Association, presented Jean with a travel iron, and Lanetta Carter played flute selections, accompanied by her mother.

Jean gave a report on her experiences in 4-H forestry and responses were also given by Mr. and Mrs. John Wick.

Ron Walk, principal of the La Grande High School, and two of her teachers, Mrs. Opal Chapman and Mrs. Bob Quinn, reported on her school activities.

Talks were also given by Mrs. Arthur Gulzow, Carol Brownton, Margaret Huber, Ted Sidor, Bernad Hug, Sr., and Glenn Parsons.

James Huber was master of ceremonies for the dinner. Others in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Milo Blokland, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Morehead, and Mrs. Glenn Parsons, all of Mt. Emily Lumber Company; Don White, state farm forester; William Peacock, 4-H forestry leader, and Harold and Jimmy Wick.