



Pre-Lenten Festivities in Munich, Germany brought recognition to Dave Hoss, KSLM staff announcer of Salem, who recently returned from Europe where he interviewed many servicemen from this area. Hoss, center, is receiving a medal for "international publicity" in connection with the Faschings season of carnival in Munich. Each city elects a prince or princess to assist in the festivities. On the left is "Princess" Christl Mayer. "Prince" Walter Schoell is making the presentation. Schoell's hat is a portion of the costume worn by the "prince." He was also wearing knee breeches, a sword and a bemedaled vest.

KNOW ABOUT PELICANS?

And Elephants Aren't Afraid Of Mice, and Giraffes Talk?

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington (U.P.)—The sack in the throat of a pelican can hold 25 pounds of food.

An elephant is not afraid of mice.

Giraffes murmur.

These and other bits about the critters that roam the woods, the low and high lands, and the waters of the world are from a volume called "This Fascinating Animal World" (McGraw-Hill). The author is Alan Devoe, one of the country's best-known naturalists.

Here are a few more samples, many of which debunk popular fables. The common belief is that when a whale "blows" it spouts water. Devoe says "no."

He explains it this way: "The whale is a mammal and therefore can no more tolerate water in its respiratory system than any other mammal. When a whale dives (and he can go down 3000 feet or more) it takes on a full load of air. When it comes to the surface . . . what we see coming up is a steamy vapor."

Are giraffes mute? The answer, according to the writer, is "no." They utter a murmurous lowing and mooring, like the very soft version of the voice of cattle.

Do rabbits have a voice? Yes. "When seized by a predator, a rabbit utters screams."

Can a pig swim? The man says "yes," but I once saw a hog try it and wind up at the bottom of the pool. Devoe does say, though, that a fat pig, with jowls way out yonder is apt to slit its gullet with its sharp-edged hooves. That's what happened to the poor thing I saw drowned. But slim ones swim as well as any other animal.

Can porcupines throw their quills? "No." A porcupine, when angry lashes its tail. Every now and then one of the quills may come loose and be sent whizzing at random.

Some animals have some almost human characteristics.

Devoe says squirrels "and some of their relatives" periodically put their "bedding" out in the sun to air. All sorts of animals take sun baths, dust baths and mud baths. A deer that has finished a plunge in icy water "knows" it doesn't dare take a nap for fear of coming down with a virus. It keeps running until the hide is dry.

Can a bird fly backward? Yes—the hummingbird.

How much do birds eat? You would be surprised. In fact, the book says, most birds eat at

least half their own weight every day.

How fast can a bird fly? The peregrine falcon, or duck hawk, can go 170 to 200 miles an hour.

Do butterflies migrate? Some do. Most butterflies and moths spend their winters dormant, but some of them prefer to go south. They fly hundreds, possibly thousands, of miles.

Do fish ever make a noise? Lots of them do and the so-called "silence of the deep" can be pretty noisy at times.

Some fish purr, some make boomings and whistlings, and many are drummers.

And, says Devoe: "It is an uncommon fish that doesn't at least grunt."

February Jobs On Up Trend

Employment in the mid-Wilamette valley area took an upward trend during February and the prospects are for continued improvement, reports W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the Oregon state employment service.

The ranks of the unemployed were thinned somewhat by resumption of logging operations and the first calls for seasonal farm workers. An estimated 3500 persons were unemployed in the Marion-Polk area at the close of February. This is 1200 less than the 4700 unemployed in January and 200 less than for February, 1951.

Sawmill employment remained steady but many mills were operating below capacity because of a shortage of logs. Lack of raw material, however, is expected to become less critical as better weather returns.

The training of cane fruits, pruning of trees and planting of mint were but a few of the agricultural activities that were resumed in February. "Seasonal agricultural activity will continue to increase in March as large numbers of men will be needed for work in the hop yards," the report states.

Fire Co-ordinator

Tacoma (P) — Former Tacoma Fire Chief Charles J. Eisenbacher has been named regional fire co-ordinator for civil defense. Regional Director Roger E. Dunham announced Monday. Eisenbacher will be in charge of civil defense co-ordination work between fire fighting units in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

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