

'Dutch' is back in town

Unusual artist--money can't buy his work

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 "I do something no other man does," said Alexander "Dutch" Ulrich, between drinks of gin at Cal's Cafe & Lounge, his "home away from home" in summer from his regular work on the Pete Campbell Ranch at Lonerock. He pointed to his latest wood carving—a boot carved from a single piece of juniper wood with no tools but a hammer, chisel and an old file. It was indeed a work of art. There is something else Dutch Ulrich does that few, if any, other men do. He refuses to sell any of his creations, which often take up to six months to carve. He gives them away.

"If I sold my carvings people wouldn't appreciate them," he explained. "But if I give them away to the first person I meet, my work is appreciated. After all, he will have the only piece of its kind in the world." He doesn't know how many of these carvings he has made and given away, but he recalls several coffee tables, fruit bowls and two boots. Each of his carvings is made from a single, carefully selected piece of wood. Juniper is the only wood he uses, mostly because he is attracted to the various swirls and patterns in the wood which add beauty to the finished work.

Once a piece of juniper has been chosen, Dutch soaks it in salt water to prevent the wood from cracking and splitting. The length of time required for aging depends upon the diameter of the log. He works with his hammer, chisel and file at odd times while he is working on the Campbell Ranch. When he isn't attending to his duties as a ranch hand—feeding cattle and doing general ranch work—he sits around the house, watches television, does electrical and plumbing repairs. And carves.

"I come to Heppner once a year, not just to get drunk, but to see my mother," Dutch confided. "She is a good old girl, and tougher than I am. She speaks broken English and is always telling me not to get into any trouble." Dutch hit town last week, where he will remain for about

six weeks, trying to create a shortage of gin in the friendly taverns along Main Street. Once he gets enough of "town life" and an acceptable level of gin, he will head back to the ranch for the fall and winter work. Alexander Ulrich, known locally as Dutch, was born in Russell, Kans., Nov. 6, 1911. His parents were born near the Russian border and came to United States in 1906.

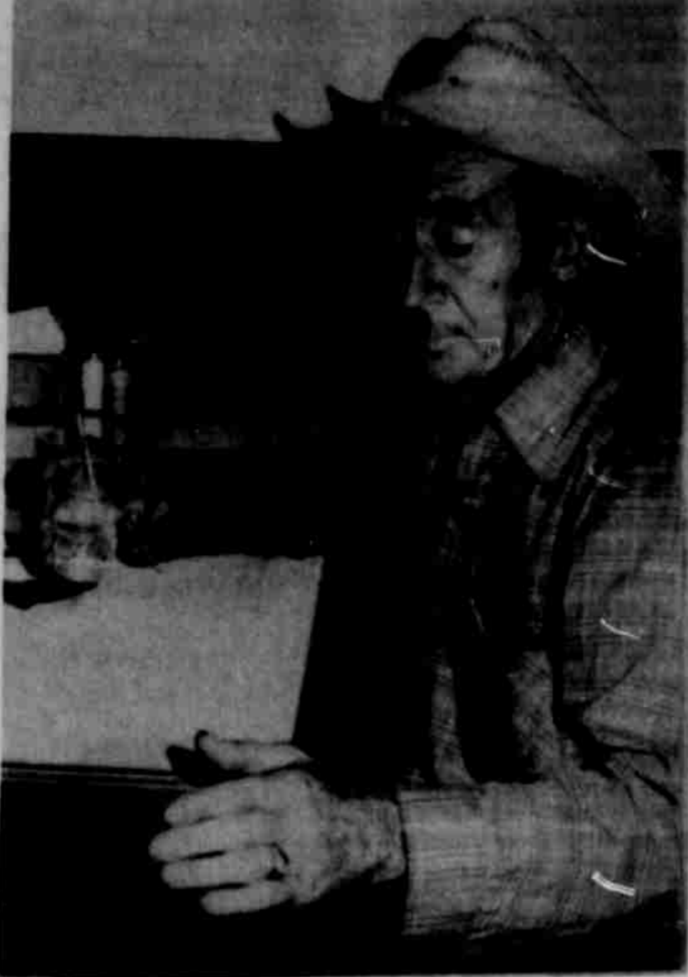
"When the family came to Oregon, none of us could speak English," he said, "for all we ever spoke at home was German." "They had tags around our necks, like cattle, so in case we got lost people would know who we were."

His parents had a farm, and Dutch had to help with the chores. He attended school in Heppner until he reached the 8th grade. "I was hell on wheels in school," he laughed. "I wasn't cut out for school, and played hookey whenever I got the chance. Still, I think I have a pretty good outlook on life." He has a sense of humor, that's certain! Dutch shifted himself on the barstool and told how he had been sent to reform school as a youth; later he was sent to state prison for passing bad checks. Asked if he learned to carve his wood figures in prison, he snorted. "The only thing I tried to carve in prison was my way out!"

He couldn't have been too much of a prison problem. He won a parole.

"Hell," he continued, "I even got a medal when I was in the Army." And he recounted his adventures with the 15th Air Force in Italy where he served for two years in World War II. Dutch went in as a private and was discharged as a private. He did make the rank of sergeant, but a funny thing happened to him on the way up the ladder of military success, and he was "busted" to private. He speaks some Italian.

Dutch has never married. "I don't want anybody telling me what to do. Besides, wives lay down the law, and I can get along fine without that," he grinned. A rugged and fiercely independent individual, Dutch takes life the way it comes.



DUTCH ULRICH

Thirty or forty years ago he began carving in wood because, he said, "I just like to make things for people." Once a year Dutch returns to Heppner, where he devotes best efforts toward getting drunk and staying that way until he gets it out of his system—or until his money runs out and he can't borrow any more.

"I don't consider myself an alcoholic because I don't attend the meetings," he laughed. "I guess I'm only a drunk when I hit town."

Strangely, once he gets back to the ranch he never drinks until it's time to come to Heppner the next summer. Somebody ought to write a story about Dutch.

BILL SCHLICHTING HOME ON LEAVE

Bill Schlichting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schlichting, Heppner, is home on a few days leave from the United States Navy. Bill will leave Wednesday for a tour of duty in the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier John Hancock, at present cruising near the Philippines. Bill has been in the Navy for the past two and one-half years, stationed at Lemore Naval Station, Ca.

Lexington

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Marquardt are parents of a son born Sunday morning at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The young man, their first child, has been named Bryan Calvin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beggs; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger Sr. and Mrs. Norma Marquardt. Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt, who make their home in Pullman where they attend school, are living in Lexington for the summer months where he is employed at the Marquardt Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Breeding and family of Gresham were weekend callers at the C.C. Jones Ranch, enroute to Wallowa Lake, where they will enjoy some fishing with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayres of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Messenger and family of Portland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger Sr., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson were Goldendale, Wn., visitors Sunday.

Those from Lexington attending the Albert Breeding funeral services in Hermiston Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Way, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. C.C. Jones and Mrs. Florence McMillan. Mr. and Mrs. Breeding were former Lexington and Heppner residents.

Mrs. Maxine Jensen of Waitsburg, Wn., visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Way of Lexington, last week. She also visited a sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McDaniels and Mrs. June Field of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Klinger and son have recently visited his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Pete Klinger.

Mrs. Jeannie Johns of Portland visited her uncle, A.F. Majeske, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital last week, and other relatives in Heppner and Lexington. Mrs. Johns, who makes her home in Portland, was met in Hermiston by Mrs. Eleanor Hermann who brought her to Heppner for the visit. Mrs. Hermann visited her sister, Mrs. Otillia Hunt, in Heppner.

Miss Misako Michatori of Nagasaki, Japan, is the student of the Morrow County group - visiting at the Bob

Davidson home.

Mrs. Bertie Barnett, Fresno, Cal., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alean Calvin, and a sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Klinger.

Glenn Cochran of Echo and Cliff Williams of Lexington have returned from a Canadian fishing trip. They limited two days of their three-day fishing license. They drove to Nimpo Lake on Bella Coala Highway, then flew into Moose Lake. Here they caught their 12" to 18" rainbow. Driving time back home from Nimpo was 21 hours.

Ullman warns of beef shortages

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Citing the soaring price of feed grains resulting from last week's suspension of price ceilings on agricultural products, U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., recommended Wednesday that either export controls be reinstated or price ceilings on beef be lifted. In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, Ullman warned that beef production would dwindle to almost nothing in the next two months unless action is taken to control feed grain prices or to allow a pass-through of those prices.

"The problem is in part of the freeze on beef prices," Ullman told Butz, "but more importantly, it is on the failure to ensure an adequate supply of feed grains at reasonable prices."

Under the Phase IV economic policy announced last week, the ceiling on beef prices is to remain in effect until Sept. 12. Feed grain prices and exports, except for soybeans, are no longer controlled, however.

Ullman says beef producers will not sell cattle for slaugh-

ter until they can pass through the extremely high prices of feeding the cattle, or until feed prices are controlled.

"I urge your immediate action on one of two alternatives," Ullman wrote Butz. "Either seek an immediate export control program for feed grains until Sept. 12 when the price freeze is lifted, or—Move immediately to end the freeze on beef prices and treat it as any other agricultural commodity."

"In my judgment, the situation is grave," Ullman said, "and we must move fast on this."

Mrs. Millie Breeding was called to Edmonds, Washington, Thursday by the serious illness of her aunt, Mrs. Blanche Gearhart, who was a former Heppner resident.

The Devil catches hell

There was an unusual barbecue in the backyard of the Steve and Karen Walker residence recently.

The couple invited several friends over to witness the burning of their Ouija board and a book on witchcraft. "We don't want anything to do with satanic power through witchcraft, and if there is any other way in which Satan can come into our lives we'll do away with that also," Steve Walker said.

The Walkers are members of the Church of the Nazarene, of which Rev. Forest Godin is pastor.

The Walkers have also opened their home on Thursday night for Bible study for anyone who may be interested.



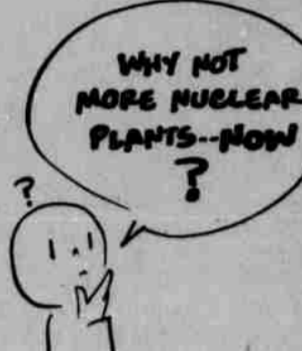
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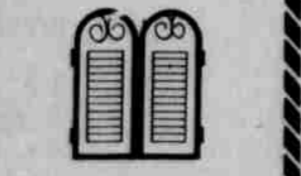
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