

Government Hunter Does A 'Lot Of Hunting'



COUGAR PET—This is a picture of a young cougar the Kirby J. Tants, Brownsboro, once had for a pet when they lived in California. The predatory animal hunter in Jackson county has had many wild pets including raccoons, bear cubs and cougars. A stick was tied to this animal's back to make it easier to guide around, Tant said.

Tant Shoots, Traps Merely To Control Predatory Beasts

He Has 'Been At It' 19 Years In County

By JOE COWLEY
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Kirby J. Tant, federal-state hunter in Jackson county, took 92 predatory animals here during a 12-week period from June 1 to Aug. 23, according to the terse report from Salem recently.

And that's a lot of hunting in any man's language. That figure includes 59 coyotes, seven bobcats, 14 raccoons, two badgers, six porcupines and four skunks.

This hunter - trapper is a tall, raw-boned, rangy fellow with sharp blue eyes in a weather-beaten face topped off by a mop of unruly gray hair. His movements about the spacious living room of his ranch home at Brownsboro gave the impression of ageless strength and agility which belong to those who make their living out-of-doors.

"Yup, been at it for 19 years in Jackson county," the predatory-animal hunter drawled.

'Do What He Wants'
"It's the first job he ever had when he can do what he wants to do and gets paid for it," his wife joined in.

Tant puts in at least a 40-hour week and is on call 24 hours a day. Some weeks he won't get a single call and some days he will get three calls or more in one day. Even though the hunting season is on now, the government hunter doesn't plan to go hunting. By the time the week end rolls around he is pretty tired out.

The federal-state hunter works on a "on call" basis and also lays out his own schedule of work. He lays out his traps and he can get to them at least once a week.

He is responsible to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service headquarters in Portland. His salary, equivalent to that of a good white-collar worker, comes from a joint fund. Contributions are made by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State Department of Agriculture and the state game commission. The overall program of predatory control is guided by a state planning board, composed of representatives of the state and federal contributing agencies and, for separate rodent control work, the state college extension service.

Only One
Jackson county once had five such hunters and now Tant is the only one. Klamath county has two government hunters and Douglas county four, but Tant manages to keep even with or ahead of all of them, according to his total take records.

For instance, from 1940 through Dec. 28, 1957 Tant took 922 bobcats, 2,450 coyotes, 22 cougar, 116 bear and 11 fox, according to records of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A hunter has to have good dogs, the government hunter said. He uses what he calls a "straight Walker." This is a spotted hound with the lean flanks and long floppy ears of this type dog. It's a fast dog, Tant knows each animal as well as a mother knows her own children. In the field he can tell by the hounds' baying whether they are running game, whether it's a "trash" (rabbits and squirrels) or predatory. He can also tell which dog is hottest on the scent and whether or not the game is treed.

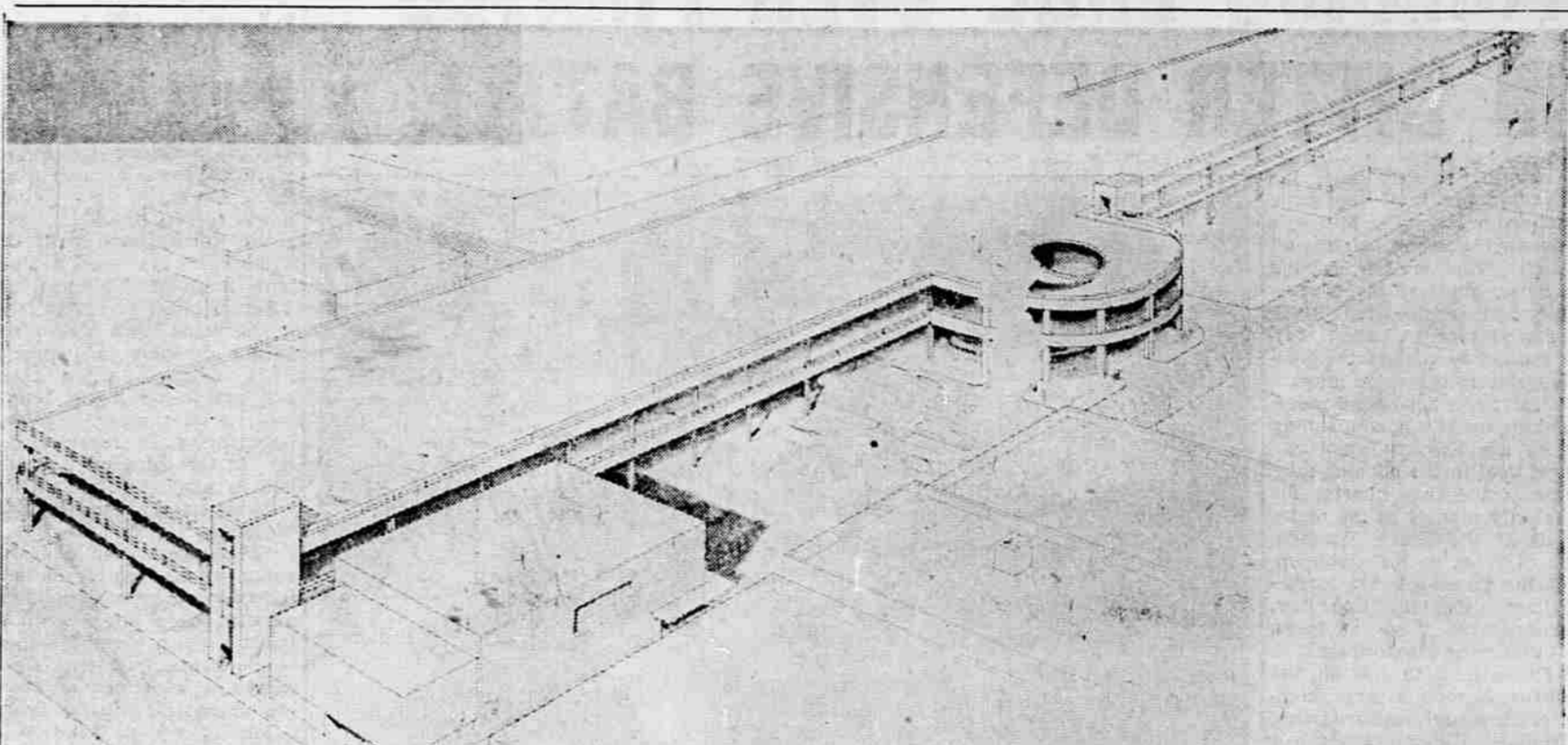
Tant usually keeps five hounds in his pack, of which one is the leader and one or two young dogs are being broken in.

Pups 'Sicked' on Bobcat
Pups are usually trained by releasing a bobcat from a trap and "sicking" the young dog and leader onto it. The pup always follows the leader so the training is usually not difficult.

Five women would cook for a dog or dogs, but Mrs. Tant does - in a five-gallon grease can once a day. The ration consists of a stew of grain - corn and wheat - mixed with cracklings or meat scraps and perhaps some vegetables.

Unlike some hunters who believe a hungry hound is huntin' hound, the Tants believe well-fed dogs work the best and feed them all they can eat. Mrs. Tant is fond of the dogs and does all the doctoring for sickness and wounds. However, she firmly believes a dog's place is outside.

'Dawg Almost Human'
"Had one dawg though who we just had to put out of his



PARKING PLATFORM - This sketch, looking northwest across the intersection of East Main and Front sts., shows the parking platform conceived by Medford architect Robert Keeney as a means of improving downtown off-street parking facilities. The spiral ramp, partly blocked by smoke rising from a front st. building, is situated on the northwest corner of Sixth and Front sts. Two elevator structures are

also visible. The double-deck platform shown here straddles the Southern Pacific tracks and could accommodate 400 vehicles. It could be extended both vertically and horizontally to hold many more. Keeney will present his plans Monday at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon at the Jackson hotel.

Growth of Physical Rehabilitation One Of Bright Pages of War Disabilities

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Camp White - The growth of physical medicine and rehabilitation as a means of restoring the handicapped to a useful place in society forms one of the bright pages of progress that has been made as the result of war disabilities. Dr. Arthur S. Anderson, chief medical officer at the VA Domiciliary said in an interview.

Dr. Anderson has specialized in this field in his work with veteran rehabilitation at Mitchell convalescent hospital, Campo, Calif., Ft. Lewis, Wash., and at the VA hospital, Roseburg. His treatment includes both physical and psychological medicine. More recently, he was clinical director of rehabilitation at Idaho State hospital.

"The modern concept is to regard the assets, not the dis-

abilities of an individual, whether his disability is mental or physical," Dr. Anderson stated. "In this way, his capabilities may be further developed and he can resume his position in society as a useful self-sufficient citizen."

Interest Shifts
The impetus to this program in hospitals today began "when interest shifted from the disability to the remaining assets, opening a new expense of opportunity both to the individual and the work he was found capable of doing."

Dr. Anderson goes back to the 16th century for the earliest application of occupational therapy, one of the "three R's" of physical medicine and rehabilitation. The other two are physiotherapy and corrective therapy.

"One of the earliest refer-

ences to PM&R occurs in Spanish literature, circa 1500, where some form of occupational therapy is recommended, and it is noted that the recovery rate was improved when some planned work therapy was used.

"The Army ground forces established their first rehabilitation center in 1944-45," he added. "Troops were flown in direct from combat areas. In the rehabilitation hospitals, they were evaluated and planned activities, various modalities of PT, OT and specific job training were instituted."

Recovery Rate
"The recovery rate was remarkable by old standards, as 60 per cent returned to full duty, 20 per cent returned to limited duty, and the 20 per cent that were so disabled as to receive a CD discharge, were trained in some useful trade. This included such specialties as refrigeration repair, radio repair, automotive repair and drafting."

In the Veterans administration the trend has been similar, Dr. Anderson continued. "The therapeutic benefits from planned, coordinated activities, OT, PT, and CT, have accomplished two missions, one to make the severely disabled happier and better hospitalized citizens, while the less severely disabled were able to regain their status as useful citizens in society."

No Hopeless Case
"You no longer can say any man is a hopeless case," Dr. Anderson stressed. He cited the example of a mute who was given a harmonica to play and learned to talk.

There are thousands of similar impossible conditions being corrected. In his 18 years of contact with patients who have been restored to a useful life, he has received many letters emphasizing the continued good health of people who have been benefited by this "new approach."

Motivation is the essential ingredient in treatment, Dr. Anderson emphasized. The first step is to want to be rehabilitated. Then the individual must learn to accept his disability and make use of what he has left. "He should capitalize on the part that is intact and not on the disability, whether mental or physical."

JACKSONVILLE First PTA Meeting Set

By BETTE HOSKINS

Jacksonville - Jacksonville Parent Teachers association will hold their first meeting of this school term Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. It will be a combined social meeting reception for the teachers.

All parents are urged to start now to take part in this year's PTA activities.

A farewell gathering honoring the Rev. W. D. Turnbull and his family was held last week at the Jacksonville Assembly of God church.

Guest speakers were the Rev. Jack Bransford of the Phoenix Assembly church and Mrs. Ernest Haveman of the Rogue River Assembly church. Later in the evening Pastor Dick Merrimen and his congregation from the old historic church across the street from the Assembly church, called to express thanks for Turnbull's fellowship and cooperation during their association. Turnbull is leaving the church here to accept a post at the Assembly church in Sandy, Ore.

The Women's Missionary Council of the Assembly of God church report that they canned 437 cans of pears this year for their annual project. The pears are sent to Brooks, Ore., and from there go to various needy foreign missions. The women had about 20 helpers, including some men and teen-age girls.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belau were Mrs. Belau's brother, the Rev. and Mrs. Hazen Chester, of Gridley, Calif. Another brother, Elroy Chester and his wife and two children, Helen and Johnny, were also guests. Chester is a Naval officer and has been transferred to Seattle. While the move was being made the two children visited at the Belau home.

New residents in town are Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and two children, Joan and Billy, of Alameda, Calif. They are living at the G. B. Messick home at 1043 South Third st. The children are entered in school here. Taylor is employed at ONC freight lines.

Dennis Caird left here recently to enroll in Oregon State college. He is the son of John Caird.

Robert Remington, a missionary home on furlough from India, was a guest speaker at the old historic church here last Thursday evening. While here he is visiting his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Remington, of Medford.

Mrs. J. D. Skog reports this week that her mother, Mrs. P. O. Purgason (Adele) of Temple City, Calif., is now making her home with them on North Oregon st.

Mrs. Ava Whitney reports that she is moving back to the Mitchell Sanitarium this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Parrott last Wednesday opened the Nugget Confectionery for business. They will be open seven days a week and serve short orders. They also will have fountain service and tables for families.

Readers are reminded that news may be submitted to this column by calling TW-9-1209, or mail your items to P.O. box 38, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Floyd Berry Jr. is in Portland this week to visit her husband at the hospital. He underwent surgery there last Wednesday.

To prove there has been a "cultural explosion in America," the American Heritage Publishing Co. cites figures indicating two billion paperback books have been bought in the U. S. since 1939.



CHINATOWN RAID—U. S. Treasury agents seized \$18,000 worth of herbs and medicines in this basement in San Francisco's Chinatown, in the first step of an all-out drive to halt the use of contraband health remedies from Red China. The merchandise was confiscated from the Chinese herb store of John Hong Hall (standing, center), after his Chicago supplier was arrested earlier this week for violating the Trading With the Enemy Act.

Stock Market Advance Reaches All-Time High

New York - (UPI) - The stock market rose to a new all-time high this week in a strong advance that added nearly four billion dollars to market valuations.

The market's strong showing reflected increased industrial activity all through the economy and some rosy forecasts for the near-term and long-term future.

The market has risen in seven out of the last nine sessions and five out of the last six. The advance was halted temporarily on Wednesday when profit-taking and a tight-money scare combined to check the rise.

But settlement of auto contract talks, new highs for the year in steel production and railroad freight loadings, and a prediction by government economists that the economy will reach record levels in

the fourth quarter helped to spur stocks to new highs. Industrials at New High

An improved earnings outlook for industry in general and a number of individual corporate developments added more steam to the advance.

Industrial stocks rose to a new all-time high in their average, gaining 6.90 points to 533.73.

Railroad issues jumped 3.91 points to 145.71, the highest for this average since Aug. 9, 1957. The utility average at 80.72 was up 0.49 point and the 65 stocks used in the three Dow Jones averages hit a new all-time high of 184.50, a gain of 2.71 points.

Metals stood out on the upside. Price increases during the week for lead, zinc and copper and Russia's promise

to curtail aluminum exports buoyed this group. Gains ranged to 7 1/2 points in Newmont Mining, National Lead rose 6 5/8, Magma Copper 5 1/2 and Kennecott 4 1/4.

The improved outlook for the steel industry, now operating at its best levels since last November, brought gains ranging to 6 1/4 in Inland Steel, 5 1/4 in Continental and 3 1/4 in Jones and McLaughlin.

A poor earnings report and a dividend cut sent Luken Steel down 4 1/2.

The chemical industry's improved outlook touched off demand for that group, pushing Union Carbide up 4 and Allied up more than 3. Auto stocks were firm.

Railroad Stocks Gain
A favorable forecast concerning future oil requirements made the oils an upside feature. American rose more than 4 and Gulf and Royal Dutch more than 3 each. Some of the domestic companies ran into light selling during the week on the announcement of price cuts on the East and West coasts.

Zenith featured the appliances with a gain of 3 1/2. Top appliance industry spokesmen this week agreed their industry had turned the corner and was in for a period of rising sales and profits.

The long-depressed railroads are getting a whirl now that carloadings—their bread and butter—are rising at a good clip. A number of roads climbed into the black after months of red-ink operation. Gains of 3 and 4 points were recorded by the rails.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and Seaboard Air Line railroad announced they are studying a merger. The news sent Atlantic up more than 3 but Seaboard eased.

Renewed Violence Plagues Lebanon As U.S. Pulls Out

Beirut, Lebanon - (UPI) - The United States Army began leaving Lebanon yesterday despite a wave of kidnaping, beatings and strikes that threatened renewed civil war.

About 1,000 American soldiers, waving and shouting happily, rolled through the streets in open trucks to the Beirut dock area and boarded a ship to return to bases in Germany.

The last 90 Marines were expected to depart today and the remaining 5,900 soldiers to go within two weeks, leaving the Lebanese army to handle the simmering new revolt by itself. In August there were 14,000 U. S. troops in Lebanon.

Pro-and anti-government forces accused each other of hundreds of sectarian kidnappings and beatings.

Christian phalangists maintained roadblocks on main roads leading into the city. They burned stacks of tires and sent women and children before the barricades to halt traffic.

On one road south of the city, where phalangists burned three trucks and beat their drivers, the Lebanese army moved in 10 tanks and armored cars to beef up hastily-built sandbagged positions.

Seeks Rebel Leader
Saeb Salam, rebel leader, charged that former President Camille Chamoun was trying to start a civil war with British backing.

"We've got definite evidence the British are trying

to start civil strife here to force the American troops to stay in Lebanon so the British can stay in Jordan," Salam said.

"Chamoun is trying to start a civil war. And behind him and other agents are the British."

Informed military sources have said the United States was aiming to get all its troops out of Lebanon by Oct. 17, three months and two days after the first Marines landed in answer to an appeal from Chamoun.

Throughout the conversation Tant emphasized government hunters do not want to kill off all predatory animals but merely want to control them. He has a fondness for wild animals and has made pets of several of them in the past. However, he doesn't encourage others to do so because of all the red tape involved with the state game commission. And they all turn back to their wild state eventually.

Tant even made a pet of a young cougar. However, this was kept in a pen outside. The government hunter would sometimes tussle with it and the animal was always gentle although its sharp claws might rip the shirt off a man by accident, Tant added.

Tant enjoys his work and doesn't plan to retire until forced to by federal regulations which set the age limit at 70 years. Both the hunter and the farmer should be happy about that since Tant projects both livestock and wild game from too many predatory animals.

Wells College on Cayuga Lake in New York State was founded in 1868 by Henry Wells of the famous Wells Fargo express company.

Meany To Steer Ship Settlement

New York - (UPI) - The nation's top union leader has agreed to an "unprecedented" management request to arbitrate the four-day-old strike by deck officers that has tied up ships at Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports.

AFL-CIO President George Meany announced Friday he would take charge of efforts to end the dispute between the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots and 24 major ship companies, most of them represented by the American Merchant Marine Institute.

The strikers were not expected back on the ships—including the country's biggest luxury liners, the United States and the America—before Monday at the earliest.

About 2,000 of the union's 10,000 members were on strike with an estimated 30 ships stuck in port and thousands of tourists seeking transportation. The affected companies operate more than 300 ships.

TOLD YA' SO
St. Louis - (UPI) - An irate auto dealer decided to test a parking lot's ban on 1959 Cadillacs on grounds they are too big for the ramps.

Earl Lindberg drove one of the big new cars into the lot and wound up with a long scratch on one fender.

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