

New York Officials Link Thalidomide To Deformed Babies

New York (UPI)—New York City health officials said Friday they had received reports of deformities in at least three babies born to New York women who had obtained the drug thalidomide overseas and taken it during their pregnancies.

In Washington, the federal Food and Drug Administration

Member of Famous Circus Family Dies

Baraboo, Wis. (UPI)—A member of the Ringling Brothers Circus family, Henry Ringling III, 23, was killed early Saturday when his car crashed near here.

Ringling, whose grandfather was one of the founders of the Ringling Brothers Circus, was alone when his sports car went out of control on a rural highway three miles north of Baraboo.

said that "up to now" it had no reports of American babies born deformed because their mothers took the defect-causing drug.

However, Dr. Harold Jacobziner, an assistant New York City health commissioner, said the FDA apparently meant that it knew of no cases in which the drug was obtained in the United States.

Jacobziner pointed out that the cases he had been informed of involved thalidomide both produced and purchased

there by the American Women. Although widely marketed in Europe under about a dozen trade names, thalidomide never went beyond the clinical testing stage in this country. It has since been withdrawn from the market.

Thalidomide has been linked to thousands of births in Europe in which the children had deformed arms or legs, or no limbs at all.

The drug and its effects have gained widespread attention in recent days as a result of the case of Mrs. Robert L. Finkbine, a Phoenix, Ariz., television personality, who has asked that she be permitted to undergo a legal abortion to terminate her three-month pregnancy. She took the drug, obtained in Europe, during the dangerous early period of pregnancy.

Jacobziner said the cases reported to him involved twins born to a Great Neck, N.Y., woman, and a New York City woman, whose child was born in a U.S. military hospital in Spain.

The Long Island woman had obtained the thalidomide during a West German vacation. One of her twins was born with a deformed leg, the other was suspected of having internal malformations.

Fourth Case Puzzling The mother who gave birth in Spain had taken a Portuguese-made brand of the drug. Both of her child's arms were deformed.

Jacobziner said a fourth case, involving a baby born without legs at Mount Sinai hospital here in March, posed a puzzle. The mother reported taking some sleeping pills during pregnancy, but could not identify them.

Thalidomide, a tranquilizer, was prescribed in Europe to offset morning sickness in pregnancy and to counter insomnia.

The only company which distributed the drug in this country was the William S. Merrell Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and it was sent only to doctors for scientific research.

"Up to now we have had no reports of abnormal births attributable to thalidomide," a Food and Drug Administration spokesman said in Washington. "But we are double checking to make sure that all of the supply has been returned by the doctors who had been doing research on it."

County Balance at Fiscal Year End Is \$2.3 Million

At the end of the 1961-1962 fiscal year, Jackson county had a balance on hand in cash and securities totalling \$2,326,095.83, according to the county treasurer's annual report.

The amount is similar to balances on hand previous years, Janouch said, since sufficient funds must be on hand for the county's operation for several months until the O and C money is received in the fall.

Total receipts for the year were \$12,014,485.44, of which \$2,705,679 was from the U.S. government. This is divided in funds from O and C, forest reserve, Taylor grazing act, and the National Defense Education act.

Total disbursements for the year were \$13,503,327.05.

Largest Amount Received The largest amount of money was received from property and personal taxes which totalled \$7,322,722.67. Of the \$1,439,827.28 received by the county treasurer's office, \$86,390.83 was for interest and dividends.

The county received \$969,186.72 from the state of Oregon; \$94,283.78 from the county clerk's office; \$33,872.26 from the county court and \$22,222.32 from the county engineer's office.

The county received \$61,376.85 from the district court and from the justice courts \$16,584.61 from Ashland district and \$5,296.62 from Gold Hill district.

The county also received \$104,500.08 from the county farm home.

The largest amount of disbursements were paid to the various taxing bodies in the county which totalled \$9,099,465.88.

If you tune in a fashion show room salesman's language you'll find frequent reference to "runner." Translation: A dress, coat or suit which is a best seller.



LOAN OFFICER—Ray E. Dempsey, above, has been named loan officer of the Rogue Valley branch of the Oregon Bank, according to Clarence Young, vice president and manager. Dempsey has been in banking for the past 11 years and has had considerable experience in installment credit, commercial and real estate lending. He and his family have moved to Medford from Tillamook where he was active in civic affairs. He is a graduate of Oregon State university where he received his business administration degree.

Girl Injured in Valley Accident

A five-year-old girl suffered minor injuries Friday after the brakes failed on the car in which she was riding, state police said.

The car driven by Eleanor Edwina Gustafson, 47, of Eagle Point, went into a ditch at the intersection of Crater Lake ave. and Coker Butte rd., officers said.

Nancy Starla Gustafson was treated at Sacred Heart hospital and released.

Two cars met almost head-on on the Green Springs highway Friday night, but the drivers apparently were not injured, state police said.

The accident occurred near Pinehurst when an eastbound car driven by Robert David Margoliash, 23, Klamath Falls, and a westbound car driven by Charles Matson, 48, of Grants Pass, met on a curve.

Judy Gebhard Wins Third Week Sales

Judy Gebhard, Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee candidate sponsored by the Central Point Lions club, was the sales winner for the third week of the Jubilee Queen's contest. Jubilee officials announced Saturday.

Second place winner in the weekly sales of Jubilee tickets was Pam Hart, Ruch PTA sponsored candidate. Third place went to Karen Holley, sponsored by Mary's Casa in Medford.

Valley merchants who donated prizes for the third-week period were Leon's, Pauline's, of Central Point, and Town and Country Shop, at White City.

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the contest. Jubilee officials said. The winner will be announced Aug. 1.

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LOOT SURVEYED—Her fiancé's joint bank account suffers when Miss Garon Graham, 19, of St. Louis, Mo., goes shopping. She couldn't resist buying nearly \$500 worth of unclaimed merchandise at a post office auction sale. She is shown examining some of the costume jewelry, a portion of the loot she purchased with the joint bank account.

She expressed concern over the reaction of her fiancé, Charles L. Daugherty, to her impulse-buying spree. She said "he'll either murder me, refuse to marry me, or everything will turn out alright." (UPI)

General Electric announced simultaneously that on the basis of Friday's agreement, it will begin settling damages with municipal, private and other electric utility customers.

These payments will amount to approximately \$45 to \$50 million over the next few years, according to Ralph J. Cordner, chairman of the board.

The out-of-court settlement means that the government will drop 11 damage suits filed against the company after GE and 28 other electric firms were found guilty of price-fixing and bid-rigging in 1960.

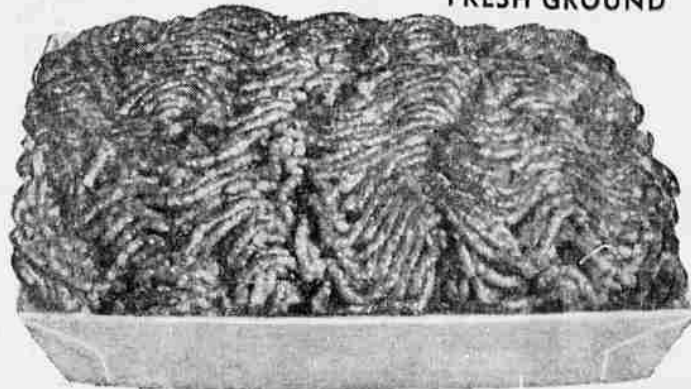
The firms were fined a total of \$1,926,000 and 45 industry executives were sentenced to jail or fined.

Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy said the government is trying to negotiate "satisfactory" settlements with 18 other firms involved in the price conspiracy.

Cordner, in a statement, termed the settlement terms "reasonable and fair." The company will make its payment to the government within 10 days.

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