

Sheriff With Limited Experience Nabs Bear

Pauline, Neb.—(UPI)—Bob Anderson, the sheriff of Adams county, has captured his share of criminals, but confesses to limited experience with bears.

After his meeting with Martha, he's not sure he cares for bears.

It's not that Martha was disagreeable. Uncooperative, maybe, but for a 400-pound black bear, she was rather friendly.

That doesn't mean the sheriff had an easy job when he set out to catch her — and get her back home.

Bob and his deputy, Jake Thiel, were alerted that Martha had wandered away from the Grover Stapleman place near here. Stapleman has a string of donkeys he hauls around to stage donkey baseball games for fairs and festivals. He also kept Martha.

While Stapleman was out drumming up business, Martha decided to wander. Anderson, Thiel and three other bear "hunters" followed tips and tracked down Martha.

They spent about two hours in the chase, during which Martha got tangled in some barbed wire and foundered for a while in a V-shaped tree trunk.

Anderson, who's pretty fair with a lasso, finally used some borrowed rope to capture her.

He and Martha were about two miles from Stapleman's place. So they began trudging down a hot, dusty road. Every now and then, perhaps because of the heat, Martha decided to sit and rest in the middle of the road.

A friendly farmer in a pickup truck finally gave them a lift the last quarter-mile.

Said the sheriff: "I've worked with horses and cattle, but never before with a bear named Martha."

The Medical Roundup

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New Pregnancy Test

I read that a new test for pregnancy has been found, one that does not depend on the use of an animal, and can determine pregnancy as early as four days after a period has been missed. It gives an answer in two hours, rather than the usual 24 hours. What is more, I read that it gives results which are more accurate than those obtained with an animal. The test is called the UCG-Test (urinary chorionic gonadotropin), and will doubtless be of tremendous value to many obstetricians and others.

Vitamin B12 Given Needlessly?
 Scores of patients with various diseases tell me that their

doctor for months, has been giving them shots of B12, often for some nervous distress, or some pain, I always wonder if the medicine has any value in these cases, or if its value has ever been demonstrated clearly.

Recently a doctor wrote to the American Medical Association asking this question, and Dr. Desmond S. Doherty of Washington, D. C., answered that he doubted if there ever has been any evidence presented to prove that B12 is of value outside of the treatment of a primary (the hereditary or pernicious) type of anemia.

The dose needed for anemia is extremely small. Recently a great expert on diseases of the blood emphasized the fact that only a few thousandths of a thousandth of a gram are needed, and this dosage is really needed perhaps once a month! The "vitamin B complex" is also employed extensively by us physicians in an effort to help people with pains and paralyses; but, again, I know of no good proof that, used in this way, the drug has any value. A patient can get better while being treated, but this does not prove that the medicine helped.

Boric Acid For Babies
 Drs. Marie A. Valdes-Dapena and James B. Arey tell of a mother who put boric acid on her baby's diaper. The next day he died. There are 172 such known cases of boric acid poisoning, and in 83, death resulted.

Danger arises, if only because (as when I was a medical student) doctors for years thought that boric acid was a good and mild and harmless killer of germs. Then some years ago, I began to hear of these fatal cases, and it began to be apparent that the powder could be very dangerous.

FRENCH, ALGERIA CLASH
 Montpellier, France — (UPI)—Two soldiers were injured and an Algerian consular attaché suffered cuts and bruises Thursday night when French paratroopers and Algerian clashed. Police were investigating the incident.

TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM
 Corvallis — (UPI)—The Corvallis City Council has decided to establish an urban renewal program to assist Oregon State University in providing additional student housing on the campus.

EXPENSIVE VANDALS
 New York — (UPI)—Replacing school windows smashed by unruly students will cost the American taxpayer \$40 million this year, according to a survey made by Owens-Corning Fiberglass corporation.

LOST AN EAR
 Southampton, Eng. — (UPI)—John Grange, a steward on the liner Oriana, was fined \$140 Thursday for biting off a passenger's ear lobe during an argument.

BUS, TRUCK COLLIDE
 Renaix, Belgium — (UPI)—A bus taking workers to a textile factory collided with a truck near here Thursday, killing nine persons and injuring six others.

SHORT SUBJECTS
 Des Moines, Iowa — (UPI)—The "Little People of America" all under 4 feet 11 inches tall, closed their annual convention Thursday. One of the final items on the agenda was "Selected Short Subjects."



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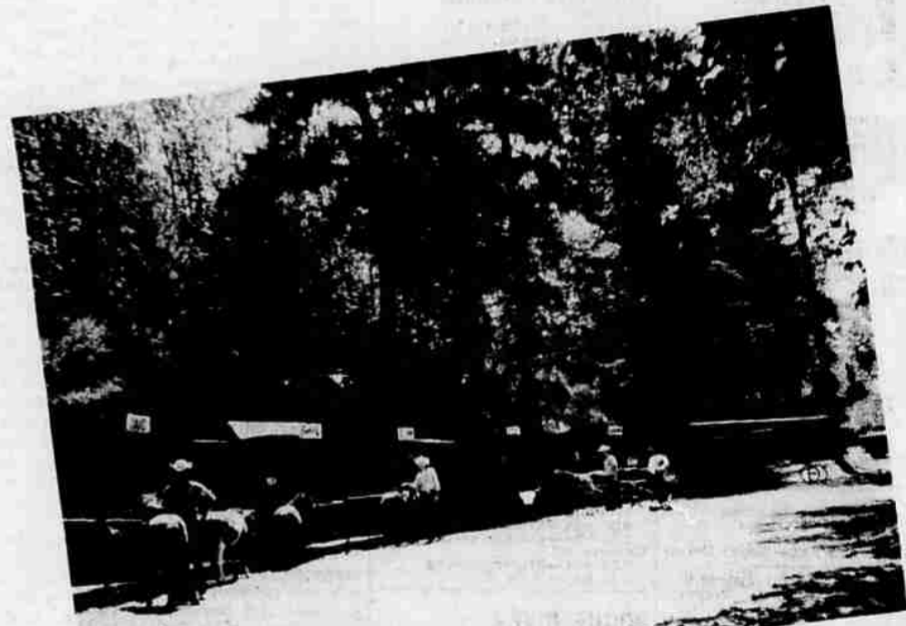
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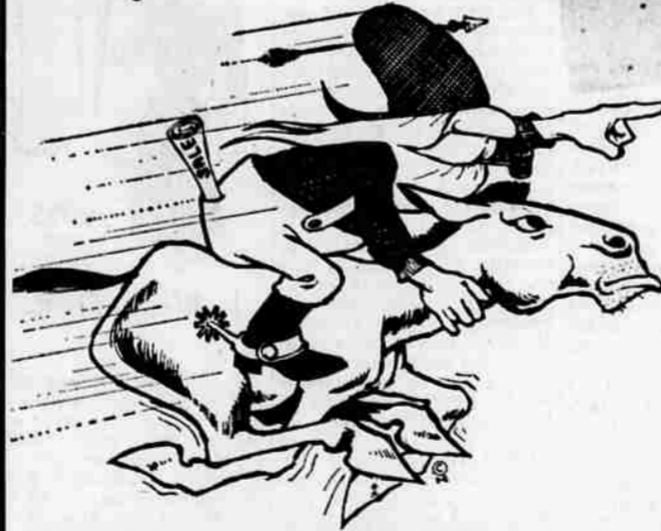
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