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Robot Plane Planned To Fight Enemy Bombers

Automatically By Sound, Attacking Bomber, Dropping Bombs on Its Victim.

Edward F. Chandler, well-known zine. marine engineer.

ately aiming submarine torpedoes. parlor or a jazz band. He assisted in developing the Swedish "When all's said and done, we navy's sound-controlled torpedo.

been charted with fair certainty, and work." while the planes were still some miles distant these officers would launch some of the flying bumblebees.

The automatic gyroscopes already in use on planes would keep these little robots on the course fired to intercept the bombers until they were well within the range of the noise of the 1940 N. C. State Fair opens in

vice would take over the steering of their progress exhibits which again and guide the little ships to the in- will be one of the features of the fair. vaders. The bumblebees, however, F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor of would not strike these ships, as is N. C. State College, is chairman of planned for the flying torpedoes this department of the fair, and he about which much has been written announces that premiums totaling. The reason, Chandler said, is that best county progress exhibits. The

not more than one hit in a thousand first prize in \$650, and second prize trols. There is, he explained, a lag prizes \$50 each. speed of airplanes, would permit a of entering exhibits. Caldwell County human flown ship, under attack, to had the best exhibit last year. avoid its robot enemy.

controls which should lead his bumblebees to wheel into line above a bomber and slightly ahead of it. The controls would also tend to keep the little bee at a pretermined distance above the ship it pestered.

bomber or certain normal electromagnetic radiations from the big ship displayed. could be used to trip from time to time an automatic bomb release in the bumblebee. These bombs, Chandler make a direct hit to explode. They could carry devices which would explode them whenever they reached an effective distance from the bomber. These detonating devices would be set off by sound waves or normal radiations from the large ship.

Chandler said that while these ideas may appear theoretical at first sight, they are no more so than submarines, torpedoes and airplanes themselves were before becoming practical and that he is confident that something like his can be done. He said the robots should be manufactured inexpensively and be transportable on trucks to the firing areas. The objective, he added, would be not only to destroy attacking ships, but what might be more important, to disrupt the order of a large formation flying under the direction of a

He said the bumblebees could be either that which would lead them off their course or cause their own sounds and radiations to interfere wih their bombing.

of defending combat planes.

He's Just Himself! The Secret of Eddie Guest,

writes in the current Rotarian Maga- in the production of firm pork.

When he writes a poem on Mother's present trend in the South toward Day, he doesn't just 'dash something livestock, which means a greater use off' to fit the occasion. To him it of cottonseed meal and cake and other is Mother's Day, with all that it high protein feeds as well as more means to everyone who has ever lov- and better pastures and hay crops. ed a mother, His poems are lived This trend will mean a more prosperby him before they are written. He ous and contented rural population in once remarked: "The only person I the cotton belt." have to live with 24 hours a day and Prof. Hostetler invites livestock 365 days in the year is myself. And feeders to write him for detailed in-I never want to be ashamed of the formation on the use of cottonseed company I keep. So I try to do that meal and cake in livestock feeds. which is right that I may always

just Eddie Guest, himself!"

Would Steer It's elf Thank God For A Dull Life,' Muses Pollock Who Can't Enjoy One!

Is your life "ordinary" and "dull?" Sound - Directing Then count your blessings and be thankful! This is the admonition of Channing Pollock, distinguished play-New York-Plans for a flying wright and lecturer, who draws upon bumblebee, a tiny robot airplane of his own hectic routine to describe a new type for defense against bom- the "gold-fish bowl lives" of celebribers, were announced recently by ties, in the current Rotarian maga-

"Celebrities-even those not so The bumblebee plane would steer celebrated, except in the advertising itslf automatically by the sound of -don't lead dull lives," Pollock asthe attacking bomber and then buzz serts. "They merely hop from one along with it dropping sound-directed of Irvin Cobb's metaphoric fishbowls into another. . . I think a few years This is not merely a clever idea. of it cures all but the most chronic For Chandler is a recognized expert cases. Take it from me, for people in automatic steering controls for who 'do things'-even second-rate torpedoes, aircraft and marine ves- things in a third-rate fashion-even sels. In the World War he was dis- we bush-league celebrities-life isn't tinguished as the inventor of a a grand, sweet song; it's going to bed gyroscopic control system for accur- in a greenhouse next to a billard

Who's Whosers pay a high price. The bumblebee design calls for a Fame is a full-time job, and the most plane which would be launched by avid celebrity must grow weary of the fire control officers at a bomb- living in a zoo and having people ing defense station. When the course throw peanuts at him. Even apof a flight of attacking bombers had plause comes to be all in the day's

County Progress To Be Exhibited Again At Fair

Only about six weeks remain before Raleigh on October 8, and counties At that point a sound control de- are being urged to begin preparation \$2,000 are being offered for the 10

is likely for a flying torpedo with \$500, third prize \$300, fourth \$200, present available sound steering con- fifth \$100, and sixth through tenth of a fraction of a second at least in | Dare and Alamance Counties althese controls. This lag, at the high ready have signified their intentions

Jeter said that, as in the past, Chandler plans a set of four sound county farm and home agents will take the lead in arranging the exhibits. However, he said it is desired that vocational teachers, school superintendents and principals, boards of trade and chambers of commerce manufacturers, civic clubs and wom-Either the sound waves from the en's organizations have a part in planning and preparing the exhibits

The exhibit should be prepared to cover 30 running feet of space. It will be judged, 35 percent on the atsaid, need not necessarily have to tractiveness of the exhibit, 30 per cent on the balance of the display, 20 per cent on how representative it is of the county, and 15 per cent on the quality of the materials.

"These exhibits are being encouraged that the great resources of North Carolina-agricultural, industrial and educational-may be brought to the forefront in a fitting and comprehensive manner," Jeter said. "The premium money is divided so that exhibitors are assured down to tenth place of a prize which will in part help to defray the expense of bringing the exhibit to the Fair."

South Lags In Using Cotton By-Products

Prof. Earl H. Hostetler of the State College Animal Husbandry Department says that one of the reasons for the eroded and gullied fields that are so common throughout the cotton readily shielded against interference, belt is that the South has lagged inrecognizing the value of by-products of the cotton crop as a livestock feed.

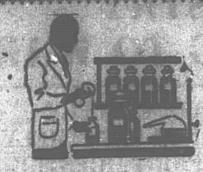
"Livestock feeders in other parts of the United States and in Europe have Under his plans the robots would long recognized the importance of make their attack before the arrival cottonseed products as food for both plants and animals, and they have prospered through the purchase of by-products of the South's so-called 'king'," Prof. Hostetler declared.

"The present changes in Southern Bard of Common Men agriculture and the universal recognition of the necessity of livestock The hold which Eddie Guest has for the conservation and improvement on the common man is no mystery, of soil fertility has emphasized the says Malcolm W. Bingay, of the De- need of retaining the by-products of troit Free Press, who "knew him the cotton crop on the farm. Experiwhen." "There's only one Eddie ments and farm experiences have Guest, not two, or three, or four. He shown conclusively that cottonseed is Eddie Guest to himself and he meal is a satisfactory protein suppleis Eddie Guest to his closet and most ment for horses, mules, cattle, sheep intimate friends, and he is Eddie and swine. It has also been found that Guest to all the world," Bingay cottonseed meal is a very definite aid

"It is encouraging to see," the ani-"Eddie is always true to himself. mal husbandman continued, "the

feel comfortable with myself. He's Year of 3,500,000 automobiles predicted by Buick head.

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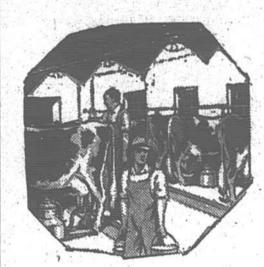
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