

# SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

Ever since he learned to scratch and swear, man has tried everything to keep insects off. Romans tried bribery. They sacrificed oxen to a god of flies during the Festival of Apollo. Bolivians kept fish in their drinking water, hoping they would eat the eggs of biting insects. American Indians were less optimistic. They sat around fires and invented nasty stories of how bugs began—relying on the smoke to cut down bites.

In more modern times, some people got the idea unpleasant odors offered a better solution, so they used castor oil, alcohol and oil of lavender. Others tried blends of peppermint and lemon juice, kerosene, tallow and vinegar, camphor and oil of citronella. They didn't work either.

In World War II, the problem of repellents became critical to the war effort, reports repellent expert Alan G. Eisen in the May issue of Sports Afield Magazine. War Department planners realized insects could be as murderous as bullets in areas like the South Pacific. The quest for an effective repellent began in earnest.

After intensive research by leading chemical wizards, several formulas were developed. Some had irritating effects, but they worked. One that was non-irritating, a chemical with a jaw-breaking name ethylhexanediol, was later offered to civilians. Leading authorities, including the Encyclopedia Britannica, recognize it today as a major repellent.

The repellent made a great contribution to national defense after the war. When Russia became more belligerent and the threat of war increased, our government decided to build DEW, a radar warning line in the far north. A big trouble—again—was the insect problem. Entomologists claim it's worse in Canada and Alaska than anywhere in the world.

But they thought of ethylhexanediol. The wonder repellent became standard equipment with construction crews. Alaskan guides followed.

The problem of a repellent does not end with its basic formula. Because outdoor living includes many activities, the form of the repellent is also important. Each form is suited for a particular job.

Plain liquid is ideal for spot coverage, when only portions of the body are exposed. Stick or solid form is convenient for treating hatbands, the bottoms of trousers and the tops of socks as protection against black flies and particularly chiggers. That's good for gardening or hiking. And the aerosol spray is ideal for children. They can be covered effectively, even if they squirm. A lotion form is easy and pleasant to use—ideal for keeping bugs away while boating, swimming or sunning.

Nothing is ever lost by courtesy. It is the cheapest of the pleasures; costs nothing and conveys much.

—Erastus Wiman.

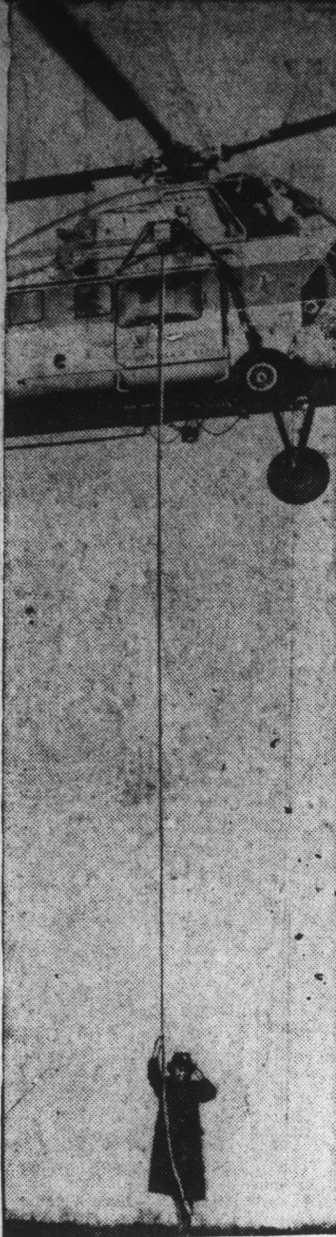
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**BIRD OF A TETHER**—Helicopter above her is under complete control of Pernille Bli-gaard during a demonstration of the electronic tether in Copenhagen, Denmark. The American-built control allows a ground handler to "walk" the craft to any desired location and then land it without aid from the pilot.

## Firemen Answer Five Calls In April

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports five fire alarms during April, four of which were in town and one out of town. The firemen were out four hours and 45 minutes for the Edenton fires and 30 minutes for the out of town fire. They were on the air one minute and five seconds in Edenton, and 10 seconds out of town.

Firemen traveled 10 miles for the Edenton fires and eight miles out of town. In Edenton 1,850 feet of hose was laid and none out of town. For the Edenton fires 34 feet of ladder was raised and none out of town. Seventy volunteers responded for the Edenton fires and 19 out of town.

Property involved in the Edenton fires was estimated at \$65,650 and \$10,000 out of town. Damage in Edenton was estimated at \$900 and no damage out of town. Insurance in Edenton amounted to \$41,000 and \$5,000 out of town.

The firemen held one fire drill, answered three still alarms and refilled one fire extinguisher.

## Graduation Finals At Chowan May 29

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ley, Joan Lane, May Lass-ter, Jeanette Perry, Ann Spivey, Estelle Goodwin, Carolyn Forehand and Joyce Lane.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday night, May 24, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor of the Rocky Hook Baptist Church, will be the speaker for this occasion.

Special music will be furnished by the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Cecelia Willoughby. Accompanists will be Miss Willoughby, Kay Francis Perry and Conrad Pyle.

Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held Thursday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock.

Graduation exercises will be held to close out the commencement season on Friday night, May 29, at 8 o'clock.

Guest speaker for these exercises will be Dr. Robert L. Holt, registrar at East Carolina College.

Dr. Holt rejoined the staff of East Carolina College as registrar in September, 1958. He returned to the college after having served as vice president of Mars Hill College from 1953 to 1958. He was formerly professor of theology and director of religious activities at East Carolina College from 1950 until he moved to Mars Hill College.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Holt has been a resident of North Carolina since 1932. He is a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School, Asheville, and of Mars Hill College. He holds the A.B. and the M.A. degrees from Wake Forest College and the Ph.D. degree in Christian Ethics from Duke University.

Dr. Holt was minister of various Baptist churches in North Carolina from 1941 to 1950. During this period he served at Wise, North Warren and Norlina and at the Cedar Fork and Mt. Zion churches near Durham and Raleigh.

As a faculty member at Mars Hill he held the positions of director of public relations and, after 1954, of vice president.

Dr. Holt will be presented by Superintendent W. J. Taylor. The invocation will be by the Rev. Lamar Sentell. Mr. Taylor will present awards and R. H. Copeland will present the diplomas.

Members of the class of 1959 include: Lloyd Gene Chappell, Calvin



**GET SET**—Kevin Kelly, 7, wishes and waits patiently for his pet frog to get himself started down the course in a race held at Camp Sky-Hi on the roof of the Kips Bay Boys Club in Manhattan. When the weather is good the boys head for their rooftop range where they roam to their hearts'—and the limits of the roof—content.

Durwood Dale, Carey Franklin Evans, Lloyd Wayne Evans, Ger-ald Lester Harrell, Roland Gene Harrell, Baker Melvin Hollowell, Joseph Bertram Hollowell, Fletcher Gene Perry, Jerry Dean White, Barbara Anne Jordan, Joyce Faye Lane, Emily Claire Leary, Marian Jeanette Perry, Ann Paige Spivey, Danny Gray Nixon, Jacqueline Hunter As-letell, Mary Elizabeth Ashley, Gloria Arelia Bunch, Sarah Anne Bunch, Phyllis Imogene Byrum, Lynda Pearl Copeland, Carolyn Wilson Forehand, Estelle Taylor Goodwin, Elizabeth Ann For-tesque, Margie Ann Harrell, Joan Kathryn Lane, Mary Elizabeth Lassiter, Kay White Perry, Pat-ty Jordan Privott, Margaret Elizabeth Raines and William Graham Welch.

Jerry White is valedictorian of the class and Sarah Ann Bunch is salutatorian.

Marshals are Karen Raines, chief, Margie Evans, Billy White-man, Faye Ober and Woodrow Slades.

The mind is its own place, and in itself

Can make a heaven of Hell, a hell of Heaven.  
—John Milton.

## Spivey Stars In Track Meet Held In Edenton Perquimans Hi Wins

The Perquimans Indians won the 1959 Albemarle Conference championship track meet Thursday night as Leroy Spivey of Edenton dashed to three wins on Hicks Field.

The Indians amassed 52 team points to win the annual affair. Anoskie was second with 30 points, Edenton third with 26 and Williamston managed to get one point.

But Spivey was the star of the night. He easily won the 440-yard dash in 54.6 seconds, the 100-yard dash in 10.4 seconds and the 220-yard dash in 23.5 seconds. After finishing the 220, he came from 30 yards behind to lose by only half a step in the mile relay.

Bobby Overton of Hartford and Ronnie Joyner of Ahoskie both streaked home ahead of John Mitchner of Edenton in the mile run to form the major upset of the contest. Overton's time was 5:10.4.

Here are the results of the 10 events:

Mile—Overton (P), Joyner (A), Mitchner (E), Godwin (A), 5:10.4.

Shot Put—Williams (A), Sullivan (P), Matthews (P), W. Spivey (A), 48 ft. 2 in.

100-Yard Dash—Spivey (E), P. Winslow (P), Tarkington (P), Capps (A), 10.4.

High Jump—Taylor (A) and Sullivan (P) tie, Cobb (E) and Griffin (E) tie, 5ft. 6 in.

440-Yard Dash—Spivey (E), D. Davis (A), Madre (P), Britton (E), 54.6.

Discus—Stoltz (P), Gibbs (P), W. Spivey (A), Williams (A), 120 ft. 10 in.

Broad Jump—P. Winslow (P), Sullivan (P), Griffin (E), Vaughn (A), 19 ft. 10 1/2 in.

880-Yard—J. Winslow (P), C. Davis (A), Tucker (P), Britton (E), 2:12.2.

220-Yard—Spivey (E), Tarkington (P), Capps (A), Flory (W), 23.5.

Relay—Hertford, Ahoskie and Edenton, 4:27.

**Be Careful**  
Irate salesgirl to disagreeable customer — "Go easy, madam. The days when I used to insult customers are still fresh in my mind."

Train a child in the way he should go but be sure you go that way yourself.

## 87 Entered In '59 Pumpkin Contest

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After the pumpkin seeds germinate and there is no longer any danger of the young seedlings dying, they should be thinned to two or three plants per hill. The extra plants from the hills can be transplanted or destroyed.

When the pumpkins reach the size of a baseball, all but two or three should be pruned off of each vine. Pruning will enable the remaining pumpkins to grow

larger. Occasionally, worms will bore into a growing pumpkin. This may be prevented by placing an empty paper fertilizer bag under each pumpkin.

Pumpkins should be harvested as soon as they are mature and stored in a cool dry place where insects, rodents and chickens cannot damage them. Since each contestant is required to bring his largest pumpkin to the County Fair on opening day, it is very important to store the mature pumpkins properly, said Bob Marsh.

**Sizing In The Back**  
A man visiting the zoo stood looking at the camel for a long time.

He noticed a lot of straw on the ground. He searched through it looking for a straw to his liking. He found one. Cautiously he approached the camel and put the straw on the animal's back.

Then he stood back and watched — for hours. Nothing happened. "Wrong straw," muttered the man.

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