

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

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UNCLE SAM can now relax. The Wright brothers' Kitty Hawk plane has come home. It should never have gone away in the first place.

The plane is being housed in Washington's Smithsonian Institution where, to every patriotic American, it is strictly Exhibit A.

The Kitty Hawk may look to the younger generation like a motorized boxkite but it's the honored great-great-grandpa of all sky canoes.

Just 45 years ago the Wright plane took off on its first flight.

from Kitty Hawk hill in North Carolina and man had at last caught up with the birds.

Only a few saw that first flight. And the rest of the U. S. wouldn't believe it even after reading it in the papers.

It wasn't long though before even the die-hard dissenters admitted they'd rather be one of the Wright brothers than president.

Mankind has come a long way since 1903 and, thanks to the Wright boys and their successful team, we've made a good part of the trip by air.

Newspaper Locks Door After 22-Year Capse

CASEY III (AP)—The front door to the office of the Waynesville Mountaineer was a weekly sight for a look on it for the first time in 22 years. The old lock was broken that long ago.

The lock, the newspaper told me, had been broken for 22 years.

It was broken, we don't trust you but we'll let you see the lock and the key.

The door had been open to all day long and only a few posters and a sign of type had disappeared during that time.

Want Ads bring quick results.

Hotel Queen



Nineteen-year-old Gail Leonard, above, room clerk at Hotel Oxford in Oxford, has been selected as Miss North Carolina Hotels. She will compete for the title of "Miss American Hotels" during the National Hotel Week December 12-18. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iva Leonard of Neuse, AP Photo.

Portable Calf Pens Will Combat High Mortality Of Milk-Producing

By FRANK CAREY
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AUBURN, Ala.—Portable calf pens—providing clean, individual outdoor room service and a change of scenery every week—have been developed here as a means of combating high mortality among the nation's future milk-producers.

Scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture say the movable pens—which allow the animals to be moved to "clean" ground periodically—have prevented most of the sickness which bedevils calves in the important first few months of life.

Up to now, they say, one in every five heifer calves born in the United States dies in babyhood—due to diarrhetic conditions, pneumonia, stomach and intestinal worms, and a parasitic disease called "coccidiosis" which involves the intestinal wall.

This high death rate, they say, has been due to the fact that in many cases, calves have been turned loose in large pens with other calves and adult animals—and have been exposed to contamination by disease-laden waste body products.

Even when calves are isolated in individual, stationary pens in a barn, they said, they still are dangerous, because the most thorough cleaning of the pens often fails to rid the pens of some disease agents.

The portable pens were developed at the Dept. of Agriculture's regional animal disease laboratory on the grounds of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and directed by Dr. A. H. Groth.

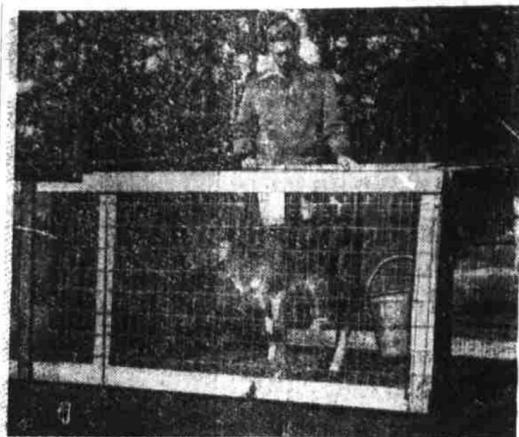
The pens are wire-sided affairs, measuring five by 10 feet. They have an aluminum cover over one end to protect the calf from rain and sun. They can be used in any part of the country in the summer-time. For winter use, they are suitable only in those parts of the country where winters are mild. A burlap bag "door" is provided for the aluminum-covered end for winter use.

When the calves are a day or two old, they are placed in individual pens, arranged in rows along the bottom of a wooded hillside. The pens are spaced 13 feet apart so the calves can't get too chummy.

They remain thus for a week when the pens are moved eight feet to the right or left, to a new ground location. Thereafter, the pens are moved gradually up the hillside at weekly intervals. Meanwhile, the scientists say, rain helps wash any accumulated germs down the hillside, away from the animals.

They explained that immediately after birth, the calf can pick up a few disease-causing agents from its mother's milk or from contact with the udder.

Thus, they say, if a calf remained in one spot, it would be subject to further contamination from such organisms through contact with its own waste body products. The idea of "moving" at weekly intervals is to desert one spot before the disease organisms present in waste products have had an opportunity to develop to dangerous proportions.



FUTURE MILK SUPPLY gets off on the right hoof when calves are protected in portable pens, moved to fresh ground. The Department of Agriculture finds this checks disease.

Working with Dr. Groth on the Auburn research are Doctors L. R. Davis and Dale A. Porter. The portable pens were Davis' idea—based on a tip he got from his mother during his boyhood in Georgia.

"Mother used to keep baby chicks in a portable wire enclosure which she'd move from time to time, to give the chicks a change of grass" as she put it," Davis said. "It turned out that these chicks were healthier than some that remained in one spot. Mother didn't know anything about coccidiosis, which affects poultry as well as calves, but apparently her portable system was preventing that disease among her chicks."



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Memo: To That Man With Beard

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
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DEAR SANTA:

As you know from other years, I'm certainly not a girl who has everything. In fact, I'm one of the women who are NOT Christmas problem children.

I could be made happy if you'd send me a bunch of single earrings to replace the left-eared pieces I leave in coin telephone booths. And stockings that would either match some good singles I have or new nylons that would set runs in both legs at the same time.

I'd adore to have them, Santa, but I'll even forego that if you'll just bring two little items.

In fact, if I can just have these two, I promise not to ask for a single thing—next year, even.

Santa, I want an electric hair dryer and a thing they call a zipper repair tool set. If I have just these two things I'll never need another thing. Between them, the can cope—at least their press agents claim they can cope—with just about every single one of life's problems. Well, maybe Fit still need an alarm clock, but that's all.

Sure, I go to the hairdressers to have my hair done. You missed the point. If I get a hair-dryer I can dry dishes with it in a flash. I can direct windows and the refrigerator heat flaps in cold weather; blow dust out of the radio and television set; warm adhesive tape; buff that raccoon coat; solidly frosting on cake; thaw frozen tools; blow foam off beer; warm cold feet, and fill air cushions.

You probably wonder, Santa, how you ever managed to get along without a hair-dryer yourself. You could fluff your beard with it, for goodness' sake, and dry the reindeer after their baths.

Then about the zipper repair tool kit. If I can only have a rotating mallet head tool with four prongs, a tool mender and a tool opener for the slider, there's nothing I can't do because just about everything nowadays zips in and out. But mine seem to slide upon and it's horrible. And my psychiatrist said that the inception of my last breakdown dated from the minute I caught that imported tweed skirt in its own zipper—which was quite an achievement.

If you just spread enough of those two items around this year, I bet you could spend next winter in Florida. Is it a deal?

Retirement Pay For Guardsmen Is Now Available

Under an act of the 80th Congress, retirement pay for officers and enlisted men of civilian components, which includes the National Guard, has been approved.

Retirement pay will be available to officers and enlisted men of the National Guard who have reached the age of 60 years and who have had a minimum of twenty years of satisfactory Federal service in any of the civilian components of the armed forces and who have had some time of active service during World Wars I or II.

Members of civilian components of the army who wish to apply for retirement with pay may now secure application blanks from the Adjutant General, Department of Army, Washington 25, D. C.

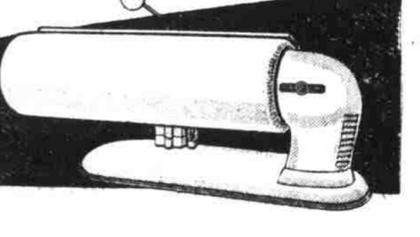
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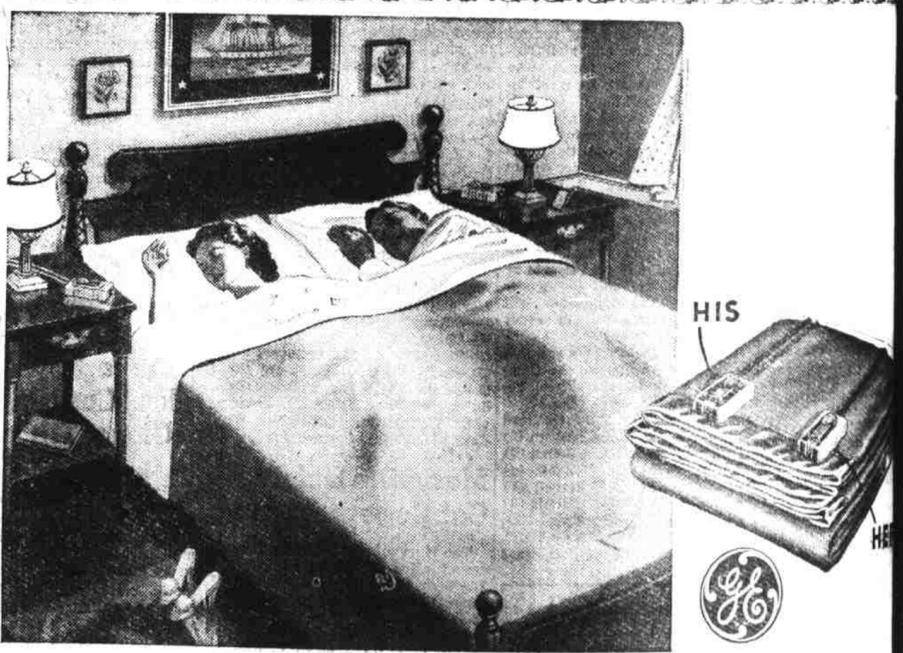


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