



Mother Kills Gator



Mrs. Gen Bell, Pelletier, with the alligator she shot near Pettiford creek bridge.

By M. D. INGRAM

Mrs. Gen Bell put an alligator out of commission recently with a .22 rifle. Her son, Frankie, was fishing in Pettiford creek, near the Bell home, when he soon returned running, telling his mother that an alligator was spoiling his fishing.

ligators have been sighted in the creek, residents report. Some have been killed, but it takes a good shot to hit one, they say, and a well placed shot to kill one. Many a man who fancied himself quite a marksman has walked away from Pettiford creek chagrined, his bullets all gone and the gator cruising lazily out of range.

Marine Corps Aid Eased Donna-Caused Trouble

The informational services office, Cherry Point, announces that the Second Marine Aircraft Wing and the air station are available to help surrounding communities in any way possible during emergencies, such as hurricanes.

Capt. E. W. Schultze, informational services officer, said, "It would be wonderful to say that Donna was our last hurricane, but we both know this is wishful thinking."

How the Marine Corps can assist in emergencies was illustrated by the services it administered during Donna:

- Activated and maintained a Hurricane Evacuation Center in Graham Barden school where approximately 400 civilians (mostly from the beach areas) and 200 military personnel and dependents spent the night.
Disseminated hurricane news to local radio stations until communications went out.
Delivered portable generators to Atlantic Beach, Newport, Morehead City, Beaufort, and New Bern.
Furnished water trailers to Havelock, as well as making a freezer in the station cold storage plant available for use of Havelock residents who had no electricity.

The air-search-rescue helicopters surveyed the area Monday morning, and offered assistance to many families from outlying areas.

Helicopters from New River airlifted two stranded families, delivered water to various areas, and moved a portable generator from Morehead City to Swansboro area.

Furnished personnel and equipment to assist the Carolina Power and Light Co. in setting-up three "H-frames" which transmitted power to New Bern, Morehead City, Beaufort, and Cherry Point air station.

Supplied blankets, cots, food trays and utensils to residents of the beach area.

Military police in Morehead City and Atlantic Beach aided in the evacuation and rescue of personnel during the hurricane. Assisted in patrolling the disaster area in coordination with civilian police and the National Guard.

The Air Station fared quite well during this hurricane. However, most of the personnel have been through some form of storm, and are eager to assist others who are less fortunate, in any way possible," Captain Schultze said.

Kentucky comes from an Iroquoian Indian word "Ken-tah-ten" meaning "land of tomorrow."

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'Learning Experience'?

Holy Terrors on the School Bus

By G. K. HODENFIELD, AP Education Writer

Washington (AP)—Is a school bus ride a "learning experience?" Now there's a question that begs for an answer, and maybe one of the big foundations could sponsor some nation-wide research.

They agreed, emphatically, that a school bus ride is a learning experience.

"It's a basic extension of the school program," they said. "It develops the democratic processes. Children learn certain arts on a school bus, like the art of conversation."

To one bemused observer on the sidelines, the discussion didn't seem realistic. As the educators themselves might put it, their judgments were not "based on a life experience within their peer group."

Trouble is, these folks never drove a school bus. I did, for three never-to-be forgotten weeks. Against the nightmarish background, here are some statements made during the discussion, and some balancing comment from one who knows:

Statement—Children learn respect for adults in their dealings with the bus driver.

Comment—Like the time I flung open the bus door with a cheery "good morning, kiddies." And caught a frozen snowball right on the kisser.

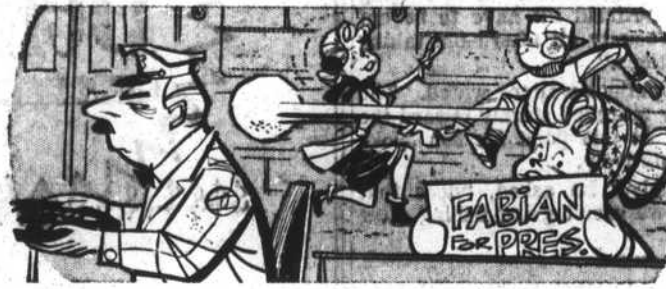
Statement—The monitors are democratically chosen by the children from among their peers on the bus.

Comment—The democratic way to do it is for the driver to pick out the biggest bully on the bus, and threaten to make him walk home if he doesn't keep the other little monsters quiet.

Statement—The bus ride gives the children an opportunity to talk to each other, and they learn the art of conversation.

Comment—A mere babble of words, of which 49 per cent are "fabulous" and 51 per cent are "Fabian."

Statement—In some schools, the teachers develop units of training with the children, role-playing,



such as getting off and on the bus, in the hair of the kid ahead of you putting, and notebook hurling.

Comment—And there are such un-taught rules to be played as ponytail pulling, tantrum throwing, paper bag bursting, chewing gum

my bus had any human relations.

Judge Continues Case, Couple Honeymoons

Tolland, Conn. (AP)—Justice Court Judge Howard Metcalf gave romance a chance in granting a postponement in a drunken driving case.

The accused motorist pleaded that his scheduled arraignment would interrupt his honeymoon. So the judge continued the case until the honeymoon was over.

Rotarians Carry Proof Of Smallpox Inoculation

Tucson, Ariz. (AP)—Tucson Rotarians carry their small pox vaccination certificates now when crossing the Mexico border.

Recently 76 of them had to be vaccinated again when they crossed into Mexico for a one-day trip. They'd left their certificates behind and immigration authorities insisted on giving them the shots.

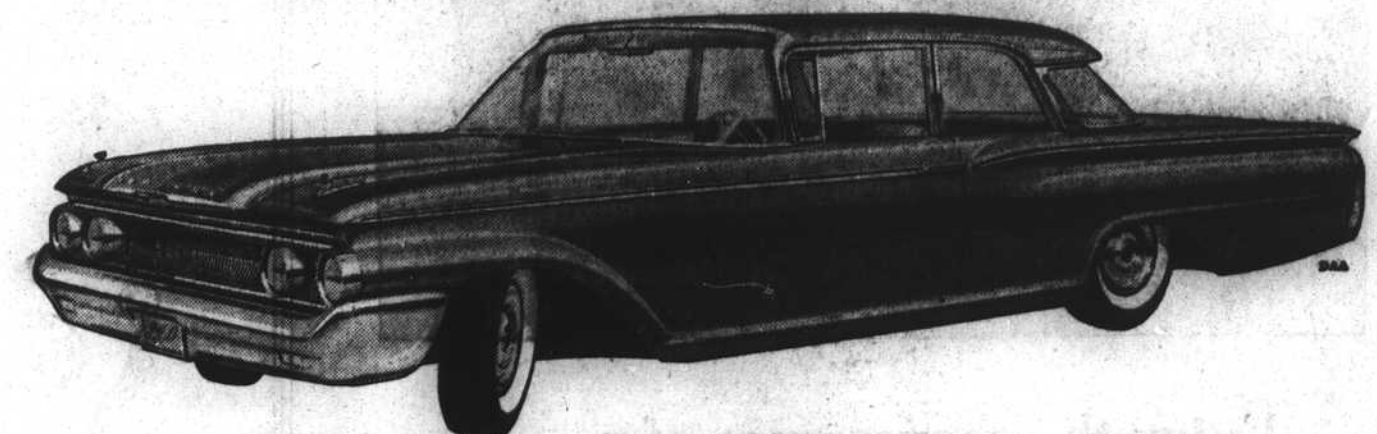


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Pump Supply Company Has Surplus of Water

Stuttgart, Ark. (AP)—A pump supply company got a telephone call from the mayor of Cotter, Ark., advising that the city wanted to replace an old water pump. "We need it bad today," the mayor said. "We're out of water."

At that moment, the company had water to spare—a flash flood had covered the floor nine inches deep in water.

Personal Service Columbus, Ohio (AP)—Sign here: "Real Estate. Ground to Order."