

Christmas Gifts For Sportsmen

It's a simple fact. The wife of a man who hunts or fishes often has trouble finding a suitable Christmas gift for her spouse. "Promise him anything, but give him a necktie" seems to be a fairly common cop out.

But to be fair about it, the wife who neither hunts nor fishes has no idea where to begin to look for a gift, and if she asks her husband point-blank what he wants, the pleasant element of surprise is lost.

The following is a list of gifts which should please most sportsmen.

A good knife comes close to being a sure bet. The chances are that he already has a good pocketknife, so consider something a little more elaborate. Several companies offer hunting knives with a single blade which folds into the handle so that it may be carried safely and easily. The blades on these knives are usually about four inches long, and they lock

in the open position to keep them from closing inadvertently. For the man who hunts small game (and occasionally deer), it is an ideal gift. Anglers and campers also find such knives useful. They are not cheap, ranging in price from about \$15 to more than \$25. At that price, they are a once in a lifetime item for most sportsmen, and rare is the man who wouldn't like to own one.

Do you know your hubby's shirt size? If so, a good hunting shirt would be another ideal choice. My preference is for a 100 percent virgin wool shirt in a fairly bright plaid. Such a shirt will probably cost about \$15 to \$17, and it takes a lot of hard use to wear one out. Some men cannot wear wool comfortably, and in case your husband scratches furiously in wool, get him a good, heavy flannel shirt. The best flannel shirts usually cost about \$8 to \$10, and come in scarlet, green, or beige.

A vacuum bottle for keeping coffee hot or iced tea cold is another gift which would please any sportsman. You can buy them at reasonable prices—\$3 to about \$5—but you might consider getting a really fine unbreakable stainless steel vacuum bottle. If so, the cost will range from about \$14 to \$18. If you buy him a vacuum bottle, the quart size will be most useful.

Another pretty good gift might be a lamp, waste basket or set of bookends with an outdoor flavor. For instance, a lamp with a duck scene on it would look splendid in a duck hunter's den. Prices for such items will vary widely.

If your husband is the type who tends to get caught in the rain, a good hooded rain parka might appeal to him. Avoid those priced for less than about \$10. They are not very durable. It is at least as important to know what NOT to buy your husband, and the list is fairly

long. Generally, the rule of thumb is to avoid anything costing more than about \$25 unless he has given you a handwritten request. Sportsmen are funny about their equipment. A gun or rod is a highly personal item, and you would be wise to leave the buying of such items to him. Ditto tackle boxes, bird dog puppies, fishing lures, boots, fishing vests, hunting coats, and other things which don't come readily to mind.

You would, of course, never consider many of these things, but that's just as well. Most sportsmen either know exactly what they want, or buy only after impressive pondering. On second thought, maybe you ought to just get him a tie.

Applications Being Taken

Candidates for Agricultural Commodity Grader (Tobacco) are urgently needed to fill existing vacancies in the Consumer and Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the upcoming tobacco marketing season. All positions are seasonal and the salary is based on an annual rate of \$6838.

Agricultural Commodity Graders (Tobacco) inspect and certify lots of tobacco according to United States standards, and perform other duties authorized under the Tobacco Inspection Act, including sampling, weighing, and demonstrating official standards for tobacco.

To qualify for this position, applicants must have had a minimum of four seasons of experience in the handling or marketing of tobacco.

Persons who feel qualified and are interested in seasonal employment as an Agricultural Commodity Grader (Tobacco) can obtain Announcement No. CH-1-15 for further information. Copies of the Examination Announcement are available at most post offices and Civil Service offices in the states of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. You may also obtain information by writing to the Area Manager, Chicago Area Office, U.S. Civil Service Commission, 219 South Dearborn Street, Room 1322, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Permits No Longer Required

Permits for the movement of swine for any purpose will no longer be required in North Carolina after January 1, 1972.

North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham, rescinded the regulation today due to the continued success in the hog cholera eradication program.

"In July, 1969 hog cholera reached epidemic proportions. It became necessary to require permits, issued by the state veterinarian or his authorized representative, for any movement of swine except those going to immediate slaughter," Graham explained.

"There has not been a case of hog cholera in North Carolina since June 1 and for that reason I am lifting the permit requirement."

"However," he continued, "when moving swine to market, it will be necessary for the owner or his agent to sign a statement to the effect that the hogs in the consignment have been kept on his premises for at least the past 14 days, have not had access to garbage and have not been in contact or exposed to sick swine."

The commissioner had high praise for the County Extension Agents, vo-ag teachers, practicing veterinarians, State Veterinarian Dr. T.F. Zweigart and his staff, and Dr. W.W. Harkins, USDA Veterinarian. "Without their constant work and vigilance we would still have this killer disease managing our swine industry. Enough cannot be said in their behalf."

Graham concluded saying that even though great strides had been made in the fight against hog cholera all existing rules and regulations governing swine must be observed and enforced.

Banker's Farm Activities Again Win National Award

The continuing record of service which the N.C. Bankers Association has given the state's agriculture through educational programs for better banking services and special activities in the agricultural field has won for the 27th consecutive year special recognition from the American Bankers Association.

The County Key Banker for Perquimans County, R.L. Stevenson, Executive Vice President, Peoples Bank & Trust Co., has been advised of the recognition.

Among the many projects the

bankers participated in this year to qualify for the award were the sponsorship of a farm credit conference, a modern farming short course at N.C. State University, co-sponsorship of a land judging meet, and many other meetings relative to agriculture and agribusiness.

Chairman of the NCBA Agricultural Committee is J.T. Moss, vice president of First Union National Bank, Raleigh. George B. Collins, senior vice president, The Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro,

headed the committee during the past year.

The bankers' organization annually appoints an agricultural liaison representative in each county. Called the "County Key Banker," he works closely with the NCBA Agricultural Committee.

NCBA President Claude C. Armfield, Jr., executive vice president of the western region of First Union National Bank, Asheville, expressed his appreciation to the NCBA Agricultural Committee and the County Key Bankers.

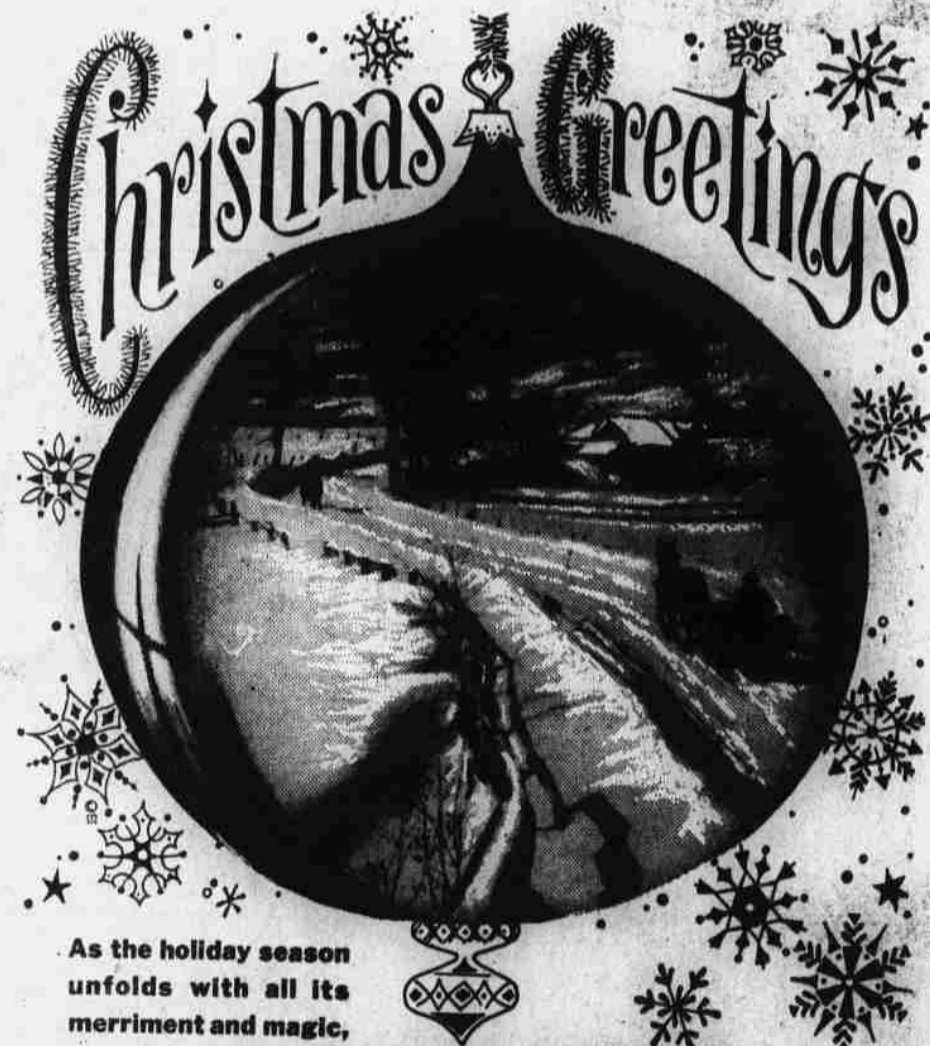


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