

November 16, 1966

LETTER LITTER

The envelope reads:

John Doe M. I. T. Cambridge, Mass.

It's a simple matter to look in the telephone book or the student directory and find out where at MIT John Doe is. It wouldn't take a minute. But it does, because such letters arrive at the Institute in numbers close to 4,000 a week. So, it takes two full-time clerks in the Directory Service to get your mail to you. And then you complain because it's late!

The problem of incompletely addressed and misaddressed mail has nearly doubled in the past three years as new buildings have opened and the Institute population has shifted here and there. The Directory Service ladies know the names and departments of many of the permanent personnel but say it's hopeless to try to keep up with room numbers. The fall influx of hundreds of new employees, not to mention nearly 1,000 students, creates a backlog of mail awaiting some kind of information and the whereabouts of the new people.

First class letters get prompt attention, but even they are slowed in reaching their destinations. They must be sorted out of the rest of the mail,

then alphabetized, before the hunt for the proper room number begins. Magazines and journals are the worst offenders, but all must be sorted and sent along except for the occasional odd one that arrives with no address at all.

Much of the mail would arrive on a same-day basis if a couple of simple procedures were followed. In your correspondence, please include your building and room number as part of your return address. Then, when you move, notes to the Mail Directory, Room 24-007, and to the Personnel Office, Room E19-284, in addition to advice to your correspondents and publishers, will get your mail to you promptly.

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, granting equal employment opportunities to women, got a cheering reception from the young Cambridge section of the Business and Professional Women's Club in which several ladies from MIT are active. The Cambridge group was started in 1964 to draw attention to and improve the activities in which employed women participate. Meetings are held once a month, frequently featuring local speakers with special accomplishments. If you are interested in joining, the next meeting, to be held December 6, might be

Surrounded: Mrs. Dorothy Wells in the Mail Directory Office.



an opportune time. The program then will be informal and might well be called "Getting to know you--better." For further information, call Marion Hoxie, president of the Cambridge BPW, at Ext. 6139.

LINCOLN MATINEE

Photography bugs at Lincoln Lab get a chance to evaluate each other's work and would-be travelers can glimpse far-away places in the Lab's popular monthly slide shows. The shows, with tape recorded narration and appropriate background music, are given at lunchtime, usually on the third Thursday of each month. Coming up tomorrow (November 17) is a European travelogue compiled from the pictures of electrician Tony Doyle. The December 8 showing will take its audience on a pictorial visit to Central America, featuring slides from the collection of Joe Sanchez (Group 83).

Not all programs are travelogues. Occasionally contributory shows with a central theme are arranged. One such is being planned for February and the subject will be announced at the showing tomorrow. Anyone at the Lab may contribute as many as 15 slides from which the slide committee will compile a 100-slide series, add narration and finally, background music. Shows are held in the A-l66 conference room and everyone is invited. Bulletin boards throughout the Lab carry final announcements.

GOOD SHOWING

United Fund reports so far have indicated both broader participation and greater generosity in the community this year. The third report to the United Fund, filed at the beginning of last week, showed nearly one-third of the \$128,000 goal achieved with less than one-third of the population accounted for. Campaign coordinator Ruth Dawson thanked several departments and laboratories whose canvasses are already complete for their prompt cooperation. At the same time she urged others to return their cards as soon as each canvass is completed.



NOTED

The MIT Matrons will hold a one-day-only sale for the entire community at the Furniture Exchange (224 Albany Street) tomorrow (November 17) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Thereafter, only students will be able to benefit, and only by making an appointment with Mrs. Malenfant, 491-3260.

Purse-snatchers are at work in the Institute again, and secretaries are cautioned to take special care of their handbags. The typewriter well in most desks is one of the least secure places to leave valuables. Take your pocketbook with you and lock your office when you leave, even if it's only for a few minutes.

SHEER VOLLEY

Winter lunch hours are packed with action for some thirty faculty and staff members who find twice-weekly volleyball sessions a refreshing change from lab and office. Pointers on the game are offered by Peter Close of the Athletic Department, but formal instruction is lost in the eagerness to play (see left). The season begins next Monday (November 21) and will continue throughout the winter months in du Pont gymnasium.



A lapful of moosehead for George.

LNS LUCK

Moosemeat steak and deerburgers have put some zing in LNS menus recently as two successful hunters have returned with their prey.

After many trips in Massachusetts with both gun and bow, Nick Saia of the LNS drafting room tried Vermont and returned from his trip with a 125-pound doe, his first deer. Nick has been an archer since childhood and finds actual hunting much more exciting and exacting than woodland target practice. The week-long Vermont trip with a friend was spent

camping in the mountains and provided plenty of excitement, including a snowstorm. Getting the doe on one perfect shot with a hand-made arrow



Nick and his doe & arrow.

on the last day of the trip was the final perfection. No more guns for Nick. George Sechen of LNS Linac is a dedicated gun hunter who pursues his sport for the adventure it holds as much as for the trophies he has collected.

The moosehead he added to his collection this year came from his first trip to the isolated south coast of Newfoundland. George has hunted in New Brunswick for most of the past ten years and always comes home with something, usually a deer. A trip to the James Bay for blue geese a few years ago resulted in what George's wife called, "the most expensive goose dinner we ever had." The 1300-to-1500-pound moose has only raised George's sights higher. Now he's looking forward to an Alaska trip for bear.

GOING PLACES ...

Take a tech tour. Every weekday student-guided tours of the MIT campus leave from the Admissions Office at 10 and 2. Geared to prospective students and visitors, the tour winds through the maze of Institute corridors and focuses on facilities which set MIT apart as a unique college campus. An affable student guides the bewildered visitors with confidence through the confusing layout, ready with interesting tidbits of information about sights of interest "to your right."

First stop on any tour is the Hart Nautical Museum, fascinating to guests of all ages and occupations. The intricate ship models developed by earlier technologies form a sharp contrast to the shiny computer installations of the Civil Engineering Systems Lab just down the hall. Peeking in labs and classrooms along the way, the group moves across the Great Court ("when will MIT invent something that will automatically rake leaves?"), past the copy of the New York Times posted daily in the lobby of Bldg. 2 by APO and through Hayden Library ("one of the few school libraries in the country with open stacks"). At the Music Library the tour relaxes briefly to Brahms amid dozing and studying students. Outside in McDermott Court the visitors gaze in wonder at the Big Sail with a carved pumpkin nestled in a crevice. Then up to the top of the Green Bldg for a look at the view ("as good as the view from the Prudential, and free") and a glimpse at reams of data fed to MIT from weather satellites. At the Computation Center the group learns something of the mysteries of time-shared computers and that 500 miles of wire rest beneath the IBM 7094. Then the group moves at a gallop to see Doc Edgerton's strobe photos, crosses Mass. Ave. to whirl through the Chapel and collapses gratefully in seats at Kresge Auditorium. The student guide is triumphant and the guests are awed.

FOR SALE, ETC.

- Smith-Corona port elec typwr, exc cond. Kathy, 643-2331. Lg sq pieces of marble (2), suitable for end tbls. TR 6-5587 evgs.
- New Fender deluxe reverb amp, 9 mos guarantee, asking \$175; BSA road racer 10-spd bike, \$75. Mark, 547-5089.
- Kneissl Int'1 6'3" skis w/bindings, almost new cond, \$50. Call 862-3515. Hammarlun HQ140X gen cov recvr, 0.5-32mc w/hamband band spr, spkr, \$90 or best offer. J. Orlen, X5723.
- Hi-fi stereo, \$40. Call 395-9194.
- BSO ticket for Tues, Dec. 20 concert. Call 924-6117.
- Realistic port stereo w/Garrard chgr, 1966 mod, \$80. Riley Bordelon, X2396. Rolleiflex F/2.8 new mod w/built-in meter, case, brand new, retails for \$435, yours for \$300; 35mm film adapter for above, \$20. Call 926-2677 evgs.
- yours for \$300; 35mm film adapter for above, \$20. Call \$20-207 evgs.
 Fisher X-100 stereo, integrated amp w/solid walnut cab, \$80. Walt, X4620.
 Olivetti Studio 44 port typwr w/case, like new, exc cond, just serviced, new, \$100, now \$65. Bob Daniels, X5053.
 Town & Country snow tires, ww, 6.50xl3, new, \$30. M. McGrath, X4558.
- Nordica lady's ski boots, 7 1/2; 180cm skis, bindings & poles, \$50 or best offer. Lauran Sompayrac, X2396. Violin, 3/4 size. Call 245-5296.
- RCA port TV. Blucher, X3314.
- Doberman Pinscher puppies avail for Christmas, AKC reg, exc pedigree, \$150. Call 648-3285 evgs.
- Canon camera Canonet, br new, 1.7 lens, \$89. Huang, X6796. TV, 27", works well; 2 sm 6-K shelf spkrs, walnut, best offer. Call 868-1342. Medium bed, \$10. Ibe, X3297.
- Hermes 300 port typwr w/Fr accents & umlaut, yr old, just cleaned & adjusted,
- new \$150, now, \$100. Call Peter Georgi, 864-4252. Frigidaire auto washer; RCA R-phono console; Admiral 27" TV. FA 5-9236. Sears snowplow bulldozer blade & mount, 39" comp, never used, \$10. Call 785-1076 evgs.
- Free: kittens, only two left. Call 244-1252. Seven white ducks, any reas offer. X1534, 7 am-3 pm.
- For '65 VW: comp back seat, snow tires w/rims, carb w/air cleaner, best offer. Nick, X323 Linc.
- Harley-Davidson '66, 50cc, best offer. Carl, X6236.
- Harmony guitar amp, 6" spkr, new cond, \$20; Russian squirrel stole, \$25; muskrat fur coat, \$10. FA 3-2197.
- Narrow wheel snow tires, 6.40x15, used 3 mos, \$30. X4818.
- Puppies, springer-lab, male. Call X2259.
- Pair 8, 25x14 snow tires, gd cond, \$15. Call 272-3178.
 Hvy steel dog bed, 16"x26", red, \$3,50; tempered hdwd dog house w/swing door, raised fl, air vents, 29"x22"x22", \$6.50, hardly used. CE 7-9343.
 Conn trombone, exc cond, \$125. Jim Peters, X4406 or 868-7823.
 Kodak super-8 M-5 movie camera, hardly used, fly auto, zoom etc, new \$120.
- Call 734-9648. Pair 14" Ford wheels w/snow tires, \$14. X4723.
- Vacuum, \$20; crub & matt, \$15; broiler, \$7; umbrella clothesline, \$7; playpen, \$5; wall lamp, \$2; bouncinette, \$2, curtains. Bannister, X6866. Guinea pigs, 2 mos & 5 mos, unusual pets. X171 Linc.
- Hammerlund HQ-100C short wave recvr w/timer, exc value. John Hartman, X3278.
 Outdoor swing set, \$9; Scotch recorded tapes, 7" reel, \$2 ea, \$3 ea; new GE rotis, 1500w, \$25. John Ruth, X3847 or 648-0592.
- Small but elegant yacht, priced for quick sale at \$27,500. DE 2-7839. Frigidaire elec range, 2 ovens, 4 brnrs, lg storage drw, mod RO70, \$25; Easy
- elec mangle, 3 control temps, 2 spds, \$20. Call 332-1505. Wooden storm windows, cheap. Pat, X1357.
- Pentron XP-60 tape r.dr, Knight 18w mono amp, Stephens 8" spkr, bkshelf enc, Empire 880pe cart. Also weight-lifting set, all cheap. Call 354-1592 evgs. Hotpoint elec clothes dryer, gd working cond, \$15. X4263.
- Man's 26" Eng bicycle, gd cond. Call 444-2685 evgs.
- Goodyear suburbanite snow tires, 7.60x15, slightly used, \$25. Frank, X5558. Lady's gold watch, never used, worth \$275, \$200 or best offer. Also antique brass candlesticks. Call 868-0735.
- GE ll cu ft refrig, gd running cond, \$35. C. Aker, X443 Linc or 275-0257. Oil tank, 275 gal, \$15, you take it; port typwr, \$5. MI 8-8199.
- Colliers encyc, 2 yrs old w/yrbks, \$200; Bendix wash mach, 10 yrs old, \$35. Ken Simpson, X3485.
- Set 6.70x15 tubeless snow tires, gd cond, \$12. Bert Rockower, X3843. Siamese kittens, fem, 8 wks old, \$20. X4271 or WA 6-1931 evgs.
- '51 Dodge, winterized, \$20. Brainard, X2725.
- '55 Olds 88; '56 Ford Victoria 2-dr, any reas offer. Nick, X2254 or 933-6946 evgs.
- '57 Dodge, reg & running, 4-dr, 8 cyl, auto, gd tires, sticker, \$50. X6843.
- 57 Plymouth, 8 cyl, auto, ReH, snow tires, best offer. L. Petri, X3903.
 58 Chevy, \$80. Call 479-4397.
 58 Chevy 4-dr, V-8, auto. Call Peter Bruckmann, 536-4595.
 59 W, \$400. Call 868-9348.

- '59 Ford, std, 6 cyl, 2 new tires, new batt, sticker, \$150. Bromaghim, X695 Linc. '59 Rambler Amer, gd cond, \$175. Mary, X261 Linc.
- '59 Austin Healey, \$150. Glenn, X5603.
 '59 Chevy, V-8, std, exc cond, \$200. Call 935-1003.
- '60 Chevy wgn, auto, pwr st & br, extra tires, snow tires, R&H, air cond, roof rack, exc for yr-round camping. Write N. Wagoner, 49 Hancock St. Boston.
- '60 Pontiac wgn, \$50. Ed, X1267.
- '60 Chevy Belaire, auto, air cond, \$300. Sidney, X4327 or 868-8642 evgs.
- 60 cents a week will provide four treatments for a child at a UF clinic '60 Rambler Ambassador wgn, refurbished in & out, auto, all pwr, rack, rug,
- av mi, \$450 or best offer. J. Fleming, X1573 or 369-9122.
 '61 Rambler 4-dr, beauty is skin deep, \$90. P. Richardson, X4791 or 899-0103.
 '61 Chevy Impala 4-dr hrdtp, air cond, 59K top cond, \$895 or best offer. Guy Spencer, X3872 or 899-1270.
- '61 VW bus, new eng, low mi, new snow tires, must sell, exc shape, \$575. Call 742-9729.
- '61 Renault petit panel, very gd running cond, \$250 or best offer. Call 734-8086.

courtesy of the subjects, all others by Bob Lyon.

- '62 Ford 2-dr Galaxie, R&H, snow tires, exc cond, best offer. Mary Pinson, X2829.
- '62 Ford Fairlane, 6 cyl, std, exc cond, bought new in '63, \$695 or best offer. M. Flores, X6788.
- '63 Olds Cutlass F85 convert, buckets, V-8, R&H, www, snow tires, exc cond. Brenda Webb, X688 Linc
- '63 VW, 27K, \$800. Ned, X5791 or UN 4-0303 evgs.
 '63 Mercedes Benz 180D, 26K, 35 mpg, \$1800 or best offer. C.C. Chen, X2675.
- '64 VW sedan, new snow tires, AM-FM R, gas htr, other extras, \$990, X249 Linc or 259-8672.
- '64 VW, 4 new tires, R, \$1100 or best offer. RE 4-9853. '64 Falcon Futura, exc cond, snow tires on extra wh, \$850. Jack Burdette, X861 Haystack or 235-0138 evgs.
- '64 VW sedan, exc cond, new tires, \$1000 or best offer. Jan, 899-8531 evgs.
- '65 Chevy Impala 4-dr hrdtp, fl pwr, low mi. Walter Foss, X3976.
 '66 Dodge Coronet 500 console type, fl equip, \$2600. Mrs. Goodhue, X4871.
 '66 VW 1300 sedan, very gd cond, R&H, \$1450. Barbara Howard, X 2476.
- '66 VW sedan, blue, \$1500 or best offer. X5624.
- '66 AH Sprite, exc cond, documented service, htr, ww, tonneau. Call 438-3716 evgs.
- '66 VW sq bk, driven in Eur in summer, \$2200 or best offer. Call 489-2003. '66 Chevy convert w/guarantee, exc cond, fl equip; '65 Chevy Impala hrdtp w/ guarantee, belts, exc cond; '57 Ford, no rust. Call 783-0941 evgs.
- Arl Hts, 3 min walk from Mass Ave, 3rd fl, 3-rm furn apt, shower, 6 lg closets,
- gar, all util incl. Call 643-1887 evgs. Arl furn apt, must sublet immed, attrac 2 BR, well equip, conv loc, children OK, \$195 incl util. Call 646-2076.
- Back Bay, 2 BR, 2 B, LR, mod K w/dishwasher, air cond, owner occup bldg on
- Marlboro St. KE 6-8736.
- Brookline, 5-rm apt. LO 6-3011. Camb, sublet 12/10-1/31, furn apt w/TV, dishwasher. Dr. Alvino, X3707. Camb, 3 lg furn rms, all util, \$125/mo. Call 354-0014.
- Camb, 1-BR, LR, DR, K&B, very well furn, htd, \$150/mo. Call 868-2774 after 10. Newton duplex, sublet, 2 BR, fpLR, mod K w/dish & disp, priv bsmt w/wash-dry,
- avail 12/1, \$200/mo. Call 244-7803. Newton, lg 7 rm apt avail now, exc ioc, ht, util, pking, \$200/mo; lg 4-rm apt avail.now, ht, util, pking, \$110/mo, refs reqd. Call 429-2330.
- Near Oxford, Eng, sm cott, furn, mod K&B, avail Mar-Dec '67, no children.
- Call 484-2543 evgs. Revere, 3 BR Cape, DR, LR, extra bsmt shower & lav, Gar, corner lot, gas ht, widow must sell, attrac price, 15 min from MIT. X2465.
- Somerville is one of 64 towns included in the 1966-67 MBUF. Somerville, Day St, 3-rm fl furn apt, ht & air cond, \$120/mo. Mrs. Fontaine,
- 776-7069. White Mrn farm house, furn, all util, exc hunting & skiing. X3986. Furn rm for rent across from Linc Lab, \$15/wk. Call 862-4586.
- LOST: dk brown wallet with all identification for Erich Hespenheide. Call 854-2859, Reward.
- FOUND: pair reading glasses on 10/27 in driveway of President's House. X2829. Wanted: piano, spinet or console, suitable for apt. Call 868-8524.
- Wanted: plano, spinet or console, suitable for apt. Call 600-6524.
 Wanted: by 20-yr old secretary, fem rnmate for attrac bsmt apt at Beacon & Mass, \$65/mo. Call 536-2309 evgs.
 Wanted: 1 BR apt for adults & sm, well-behaved dog for Jan 1, must be sunny & have view, will pay \$125-200. Maude, 227-6497.
 Wanted: Saugus, Cliftondale area-MIT daily ride, 8-5. Sheldon, X5565.
 Wanted: Ameco code practice oscillator. George, X2398.
 Wanted: Exp hunting partner. Richard, X7006 or 277-7776 evgs.

Wanted: transtypist from tape. Also assistant in preparing annotated bibliography on long-range project. Fraser, Rm. 14N-329 or X4145 10-11 a.m. Weds. Wanted: typing. Ann, X4508 or 4831. Wanted: Mason jars. Call 876-1392.

- French tutoring, conversation w/French native girl. Lv message for Hershkowitz, 868-9093.
- Wanted: typing. X2561.

Wanted: Belmont-MIT daily ride, 9-5. Dot, X6141.

Wanted: bridge table. Aldo, X6909 or UN 4-7332.

share reas rent. EL 4-4247 evgs.

Wanted: calico kitten. W. Sill, X6383.

car. Carolyn, X3363 or 491-6294.

coupon. Call 522-0861.

864-8578 evgs.

Tech Talk is published every two weeks. Send news and ads to Miss Miller, Room 5-105, Ext. 2701. Next deadline: Nov. 17. Note: ads not accompanied by name and extension or room number will not be printed. Picture credits: hunting pictures by

Wanted: Fender bass amp, reas. John Craig, Arch, X4409. Wanted: Gloucester-Cambridge daily ride, 8-5. Rosario, X2376 or 283-6636. Young married couple wish to take care of vacant house, now-June, no children or pets. Peter Bruchmann, 536-4595.

Wanted: members of ski club at Cannon, Franconia, N.H. David, X1175. Wanted: babysitter, Mon, Wed & Fri. Call 876-4983 evgs. Wanted: man's bike, gd cond. Call 354-5553 evgs. Will swap Pacific lot sticker for #4 garage or Tech Sq. R. Johnston, X2337.

Wanted: people to help reach 100% participation goal in MBUF drive. Wanted: Italian tutor to come to my home, Watertown. Call 924-8096. Wanted: girl to share half house off Brattle St, own rm upstairs, privacy,

Guitar lessons, classical and Flamenco. Call 876-4479. Will split \$1000 with anyone who has lower half of Sunoco Sunny Dollar \$1000

Wanted: lightning sailboat, fiberglas or wood, reas. John Unger, X5732. Exp student photog will take pictures of children for Christmas, exc candid work, perf for Christmas cards. Owen Franken, X3205 or 262-4765.

Wanted: someone to share driving & exp to Chicago & back 12/23-12/31, have

Wanted: woman to clean, watch children, cook supper 10 a.m. -6 p.m. 2 or 3 times a month, own trans to Melrose, \$20/day. Dr. Cooper, X6758.

Wanted: fem rmmate for 3-rm apt, furn, Camb, \$60/mo, avail now. X6749.

Wanted: priv tutoring in 18.034 dif equations. Bob Gladstone, X3161. Wanted: 2 fem rmmates to share apt nr Hrv Sq, 5 rms, \$58/person. Barbara,

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COLD FACTS

Refrigerating systems and refrigerants when properly handled offer no serious hazard, but mishandling of either can lead to lethal consequences. The increasing use of refrigerants for purposes for which they were not primarily developed requires a close assessment of their properties before they are put into use.

Professor A. L. Hesselschwerdt of Mechanical Engineering (shown at right) offers the following safety precautions for handling refrigerants.

¶ Prohibit smoking in areas which may be contaminated by refrigerants, especially when charging a system or when leak-detection is in progress.

¶ Wear eye protection whenever using refrigerants.

¶ Treat drums of refrigerants with the same respect you show for compressed gas cylinders.

¶ All systems should be pumped down and charges confined to the receivers when not in use.

¶ Choose a refrigerant by considering its effects on the materials of construction.

¶ Before using a refrigerant for exotic applications,

check the chemical composition for possible decomposition to toxic vapors such as phosgene.

POOF IMPERFECT

Take care when using spray-type oven cleaners. Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. reports several potential dangers in using these handy household cleaners. Sprayed on knobs or pushoperators of electrical controls or switches, spray-type cleaners can cause short circuits or grounds, resulting in fires or eye damage due to arcing. The oven door light switch is especially vulnerable.

Temperature sensing bulbs in the oven can also be damaged by a build-up of cleaner film causing inaccurate oven temperatures--disaster to your souffle. This can be avoided by wiping the bulb after using oven cleaner, but care should be taken to prevent disturbing the position of the bulb.

WASTE WATCHING

New faces in the ever-changing Institute aren't always aware of the particular problems that arise in this technological center. Instructors and supervisors sometimes forget to point out potential hazards. One that recurs frequently is proper waste disposal.

Though most of the vast amount of waste material the Institute generates daily can be disposed of without any concern, certain types of wastes are dangerous when casually thrown into wastebaskets. A hypodermic needle, for instance, can give a janitor a nasty jab. Chemicals



carelessly disposed of have caused many personal injuries from chemical contact, including severe acid burns. Worse still, such things are sometimes left outside where they can be picked up and taken home by the curious children who wander through the Institute, endangering family and neighbors. Rubbish trucks have caught fire when substances that ignite spontaneously were included with ordinary waste being taken to the dump. One janitor narrowly escaped injury when an aerosol container exploded in an incinerator he was loading.

There are proper means of disposing of hazardous wastes safely so that accidents like those mentioned don't happen. Please consult the Safe Talk-Accident Prevention Guide which is available from the Safety Office, Room E19-251.



Research Assistant T. Viswanathan shows eye protection offered by Mechanical Engineering.

EYES RIGHT!

Since the recent enactment of the law requiring the use of eye protection in certain teaching laboratories and shops, many MIT departments have already accepted responsibility for complying with the law. These departments have appraised their personnel of the law and explained methods for administering suitable programs. With the cooperation of several suppliers, goggles, shields and non-prescription type safety glasses of various kinds have been provided for students, visitors and employees who use laboratory or shop facilities in these departments. As an additional reminder, an acceptable sign has been designed for use in those areas where eye protection is required.

Prescription type safety glasses continue to be handled in the usual manner as set forth by the Institute Policy on Prescription Safety Glasses.

A-HUNTING WE WILL GO

Statistics printed in the current issue of "National Wildlife" show that as sporting activities go, hunting is comparatively safe. It is on a par with tennis and squash and only half as dangerous as golf and horseback riding.

The reason for this record is that hunters are responsible about their sport and follow the simple ten commandments of hunting safety. Newspaper headlines during hunting season tend to obscure the

fact that hunting accidents have decreased 13% while the number of hunters has increased 50% in the past fifteen years.

What needs to be pointed out, however, is that when a hunting accident occurs, it is more likely to be serious than a golfing accident. The National Rifle Association files list further statistics which suggest the need for an eleventh commandment. Fifty per cent of accidents result from unintentional firearm discharges; 50% happen within ten yards of the gun; 75% of the shooters involved have had more than three years' hunting experience; 30% of the resulting wounds are self inflicted.

Since carelessness is clearly indicated, the eleventh commandment might read, "Choose your hunting companions with care."

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