

High-Powered Rifle Required To Hunt Wild Russian Boar

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Knoxville, Tenn. — (UPI) — A high-country wilderness just south of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is known to veteran hunters as Jeffries' hell. One of the most dangerous game animals in the nation is believed to be responsible for that name.

Some years back, a hunter named Jeffries put his hounds on the trail of a wild



FINDS HOME—About all that is known of Tennessee's Russian boar is that he's found a permanent home just south of the Great Smoky Mountains National park and he's one of the toughest critters alive. The boar can weigh up to more than 400 pounds, all of it bone, muscle and pure meanness. (UPI)

Slicker Manufacturer Converts to Ski Togs

By WALTER LOGAN
Gloucester, Mass. — (UPI) — Gloucester, which came into being as a fishing village in 1623, is the site of sculptor Leonard Craske's famous Fisherman's Memorial dedicated to "They that go down to the sea in ships."

The statue is of a brave and determined-looking fisherman gripping the wheel of his fishing boat and staring across Gloucester harbor toward the sea where so many Gloucester fishermen perished during the past three centuries.

Significantly, he is wearing the traditional yellow slicker and rain hat associated with New England fishermen. Which is how the Cape Ann Manufacturing Co. originally got into business — manufacturing slickers for fishermen.

Demand Died Out

The demand for slickers died out over the years except for a boom in the late 1920s when John Field Jr.-type colleagues wore them to college along with school pennants, pork pie hats, Stutz Bearcats and coonskin coats.

The Cape Ann company also began making heavy wool and leather outerwear for fishermen. There was a period during World War II when it turned out pup tents and other Army equipment, and it hit full stride after the war with a line of boating clothing based on 300 years of seafaring tradition.

The firm introduced a boating coat in the 1940s and called it the "Mighty-Mac." It was so popular the company decided on that name as its

trade mark and chose Craske's Fisherman's Memorial as the symbol. Even the statue is known now as Mighty-Mac.

Mighty-Mac sprang into international fame a year or so ago when it introduced the signal flag boating jacket, a fashion that swept the country and one that could be seen for miles at sea.

Head of the firm is Jack Bell, a picturesque businessman who wears an old mariner type beard and lives in a 1647 house he is constantly repairing. He has now applied the signal flag idea to ski wear and many ski slopes this winter will remind you of a regatta.

Unique Product

"We're making a ski product unique in itself," he said. "I think people are looking for recognition on the slopes and if everyone is in powder blue they're hard to find. There is a growing demand for identification."

Bell has branched out from signal letters and has introduced a new design based on the numerals — the colors are repeated in vertical stripes paralleling the zipper closure. The new length is 29 inches which covers the behind when you're riding a ski tow.

For after ski wear there are high-length boat coats. One is double breasted Navy melton with a red wool lining and hood and anchors on the button. Another is New Zealand antelope suede lined in orlon pile. A corduroy coat is lined with orlon pile and has a string to pinch in the back for a warmth feeling.

'Sister Cities' Result From Shipwreck Legend

Virginia Beach, Va. — (UPI) — A legend was born on a tempestuous day in 1891 when a Norwegian sailing ship was wrecked off the coast of this Tidewater resort city.

When the 1,114-ton bare Dictator went down, all but one of its passengers and crew perished. Only the captain, who stayed aboard the stricken vessel until it sank, was saved. His wife and infant son drowned.

The only part of the Dictator to survive the sea was a carved wooden figurehead of a beautiful woman. It floated to shore after the wreck.

Virginia Beach townspeople mounted the figure on a concrete base overlooking the sea and the Dictator legend became a part of this city's colorful seafaring history. As the years went by, the statue deteriorated and in 1953 the disfigured relic was taken down. The Dictator saga was largely forgotten in these parts.

Then, Capt. O. P. Aukenes, a Norwegian naval officer on embassy duty in Washington, wrote an article on the Dictator for a shipping publication in Norway. It impressed Norwegian producer Erik Bye and he brought it to the attention of Mayor Emil Anderson of Moss, Norway, the port from which the Dictator had sailed.

Moss city officials and businessmen enlisted private donations to replace the deteriorated statue in Virginia Beach. The citizenry of Virginia Beach was delighted, and a "sister city" relationship developed between Moss and Virginia Beach.

Noted Norwegian sculptor Ormulf Bast was commissioned to create the new "Norwegian Lady" figure. His work was unveiled here in ceremonies in September. Norwegian Ambassador Paul Koht, Virginia Gov. Albert Harrison, sculptor Bast and other dignitaries from Norway attended. Simultaneously, a duplicate statue was unveiled in Moss with a delegation from Virginia Beach in attendance.

The two statues will serve to perpetuate the legend of the ill-fated Dictator and serve as a symbol of international friendship between Moss and Virginia Beach.

WHAT PRICE FAILURE?

New York — (UPI) — It costs the average teenager \$46,364 for failure to complete high school, according to Commerce Clearing House. The loss amounts to 22 per cent of what the teenager could earn in his lifetime if he continued high school to graduation.

boar. Game commission personnel demand that each hunter carry a high-powered rifle.

The "Rooshun" bear, as he is called by natives of the area, was brought to this region in 1912 from eastern Europe. Bob Burch of the Tennessee State game and Fish commission here calls him the "undisputed, free-style, no-holds-barred, all-round, big game champion of the eastern United States."

The boar's resemblance to a domestic hog is slight. This animal stands as high as three feet. The biggest one killed in the Tellico area weighed more than 400 pounds, all of

it bone, muscle and pure meanness.

His long snout is equipped with a set of razor-like tusks — the lower ones as much as six inches long and the uppers reaching lengths of one to three inches.

In Front of Dogs

Hunted with a pack of hounds and a high-powered rifle, the "furriner," as some call him, can stay in front of the dogs for a solid eight hours on the run.

"But what they usually do is run about an hour and then stop, throw off all the dogs, and then start running again," Burch said. "The dogs still able to run fall in behind."

The hunter must catch his game at one of those times when the boar stops running long enough to turn and face the hounds. As often as not, the hunter ends up racing for the nearest tree when the boar storms through the pack of hounds and goes after the hunter.

The game commission knows of two hunters who survived being "run down" by a cornered boar. Old time hunters tell of several fatalities, but there are no official records.

Built Like Hyena

The boar is built something like a hyena with broad, high foreshoulders and low hind-

Treasure Hunts Have Changed, Expert Claims

New York — (UPI) — Styles change — even in treasure hunting.

That's the opinion of a man who supplies treasure hunters with their basic needs: maps and charts.

Caleb D. (Bud) Hammond, president of the C. S. Hammond Co., said his company receives very few requests for maps these days from persons wanting to organize big expeditions in search of sunken treasure or such exotic quarry.

"A real honest-to-goodness treasure hunt has gone out of style," Hammond said.

He said the 1962 treasure hunter is the low-budget

Scuba diver who searches offshore shipwrecks as much for fun as for profit. Hammond said the divers come to his company for standard navigational charts which show shallow water sunken ships as hazards to navigation.

Made Charts

"In the past, we made up charts for big expeditions hunting Spanish galleons," Hammond said. One he recalled was a three-month search for a galleon supposedly sunk off the East coast of Florida while carrying gold from Mexico to Spain.

"To the best of my knowledge, they never found anything," Hammond said, but

added: "A treasure hunter doesn't talk much about what he finds because of his income tax."

Another type of modern map-buying treasure hunter is the big corporation seeking the wealth in the land or in the pockets of the consumers.

Maps ordered by business firms go beyond the geological maps bought by oil and mining companies. Hammond said. For instance, a company seeking to establish or relocate a plant might request a map of a particular area showing the availability of railroads, highways, water or other elements, he said.

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