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\$25,000 Loss Adds to Bigger One in Florida

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A BOUNDARY dispute with Avondale school district over a small section of Charnwood was also discussed at the meeting.

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THE TWO of us had been enchanted by the Marceau performance we had seen at the Theatre L'Ambigu. We found that the man who brings laughter and tears without uttering a single word speaks well, with wisdom and feeling.

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He sat relaxed, his supple hands resting on the back of a chair, and explained his preference for mime with a cliché.

"ACTIONS speak louder than words," he said in his usually excellent English.

Actions, he said, speak to people in a language they can understand. Marceau and his company have played their silent comedies and said bits of philosophy to audiences in Israel, in Japan, altogether in more than 40 nations.

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Hickory Hollow Claims Young Civil War Rebel

"Rebel" Donald Allerton Johnson, 16, all decked out for a turkey shoot.

BINGHAM FARMS—The South shall rise again! In fact, it has, already. Deep in the woody northeast corner of Bingham Farms village, we found a rebel.

He's 16-year-old Donald Allerton Johnson, besiding offspring of Yankee parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Johnson, Jr., of Hickory Hollow.

A Virginian by birth—his Dad was stationed at the naval base in Norfolk at the time—Don is a Confederate at heart. His first months of life were spent in Dixie, no more. But it was enough to instill a burning loyalty that sets him apart, amiably, even from his parents.

While his Northern contemporaries spend their free time blizzing around in fast cars, Don happily makes minnie balls and steeplechase in the documented history of the Civil War. A handsome, blond lad with all the courtesies of a southern gentleman, he commands the respect of his junior classmates at Groves high school who have acclaimed him as an authority on this phase of American history. They don't always understand him, but they like him a lot.

A FULL private in the 15th Virginia Cavalry, one of the two Northern Confederate regiments of the North-South Skirmish, Don proudly wears the Gray's do Company K meetings held in Pontiac and to a muzzle-loading turkey county shoot last Saturday.

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