



A Look at History

This original painting depicts John Hancock signing the Declaration of Independence, and two Birmingham girls, Lisa (left) and Lydia Fieselmann, 559 Larchlea Drive, look on with obvious approval. The twin girls, who recently visited Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia with their parents, were among the first tourists to view the historical art exhibit.

No Matter Where You Go Smoke Gets in Your Eyes

I recently saw an old Groucho Marx movie on television where there was a scene showing him sitting at a table with a stinky blonde who, if I remember correctly, was some sort of a foreign agent.

During the conversation this femme fatale would take a deep drag on her cigarette and blow it slowly in Groucho's face.

He would then retaliate by blowing a man-sized puff of cigar smoke in her face. After this eye-for-eye change of smoke in the face routine went on three or four times Groucho turned to the audience and said: "This is like living in Pittsburgh—if you call that living."

THE REFERENCE to Pittsburgh and smoke is probably one of the gags that killed vaudeville. After the old time comedians had beaten this tired joke to death the later crop of radio funny men graduated to stories about smog in Los Angeles.

Although I don't happen to live in Pittsburgh or L.A., I'm convinced that no all live under pretty smoky conditions most of the time. This smoke problem ranges all the way from motor exhaust to that like's stuff that belches forth from smoke stacks in our industrial plants.

Even the suburbs don't escape that infernal air pollution because of the smoke from rubbish burners, fireplaces, cookouts and power lawn mowers.

The diesel powered bulldozers

which are busy converting pastures into housing projects make it somewhat difficult to catch the scent of lilacs. Perhaps this curtain of smoke hangs over the pastures accounts for the fact that we see more black cows than we used to—and disoriented ones at that.

The smoky season hits its peak in our neighborhood during the fall when everyone from nine to 90 starts burning leaves. And this leaf burning deal is by no means a temporary condition because it starts right after Labor Day and lasts until around Christmas.

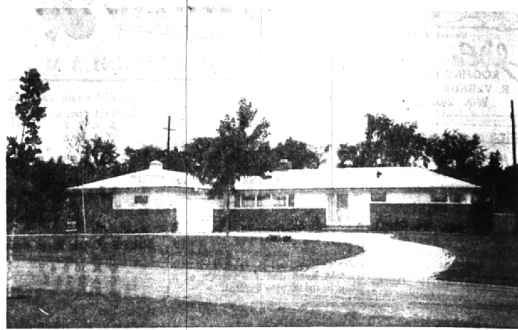
Last fall produced the greatest orgy of concentrated burning since man first learned how to produce a flame. During the daytime the housewives would touch a match to a heap of leaves as soon as the kids left for school and in some ingenious manner would manage to keep it smoldering all day long.

If they had to go shopping or prepare meals they apparently had some arrangement with a neighbor to add fuel to the fire to make sure it continued throughout the day.

When the husband's came home around 5 p.m. they would take over with the same dogged determination as a lost hunter who was trying to attract a rescuer. Oblivious to the smoke pouring into the bedroom windows, the kids would cough themselves to sleep night after night.

Evidently the youngsters eventually developed tough, fibrous lungs that were impervious to smoke that were impervious to smoke that I notice a lot of

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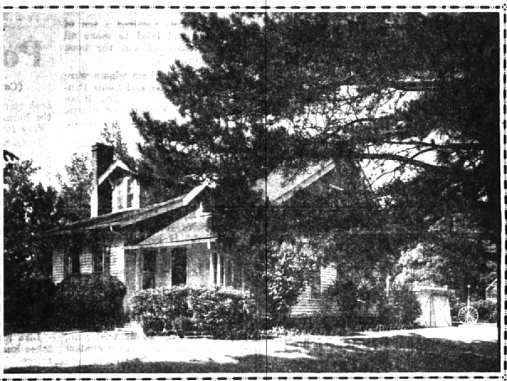
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