

Poetic Tributes to Kennedy

MY THOUGHTS
Nov. 25, 1963

I just put the children to bed,
But all I could think of was Pres-
ident Kennedy is dead.

I missed my Kevin—he is just
three-and-a-half years old.

All I have cared about was listen-
ing to the drums beat and beat.

My life and his life are still so
incomplete.

I wish just once more I could look
at him from his wondrous head
to his very firm feet.

My life feels as though it will
never be the same.

I shall never-never-forget his
name!

I will miss him at each day's end
and rejoice to hear his words,
over and over again.

GOD—bless this wonderful man.
He has given this country a good
firm stand.

Now may we go on—for go on we
must.
With His faith; with His love; and
with His kind of trust.

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Hudson's Opens New Art Gallery

A selection of paintings, draw-
ings and water colors from the
private collection of the late Dr.
William Valentiner is the opening
exhibition for the new J. L. Hudson
Gallery in Detroit.

The Valentiner Memorial Exhibi-
tion, honoring Detroit's first
director of the Institute of Arts
and world-renowned author and
collector, opened Nov. 18 and con-
tinues through Jan. 2.

Dr. Valentiner served as director
of the Detroit Institute of Arts
for 20 years until he retired in
1944.

He served as the codirector of the
Los Angeles County Museum
until 1953 and was director of the
North Carolina Museum of Art
when he died in 1958.

HE HAD GIVEN and bequeathed
many of the works from his private
collection to the Detroit
Institute of Arts and the North
Carolina Museum of Art. The
memorial exhibition is drawn from
these museums and from his estate
as well as from a number of private
collections.

Artists whose works are included
in the exhibition are Max Beck-
mann, Paul Cezanne, Jacques Louis
David, Morris Graves, Erich
Heckel, Oskar Kokoschka, August
Macke, Jules Pascin, Emil Nolde,
Karl Schmidt-Rottluff and others.

HE STILL LIVES

A great man lives, though passed
away,
His legend forever shall see,
Respect from those he never met,
And praise eternally.

His country was his foremost love,
And serve it yet he will.
He'll fight forever as he did,
Though his lips be still.

He kept the freedom for his land,
He fought relentlessly.
He spoke for peace with every
word,
And spoke for you and me.

He never faltered or drew back,
If danger e'er drew near,
He'd never turn and back away,
Or evince sign of fear.

He'd stand and meet its eye to eye,
And yield not one small step,
And once a vow was ever made,
Was a promise always kept.

He loved his nation with his heart,
His body and his soul,
And even though he lives not still,
His truth shall e'er be told.

One fateful day a shot rang out,
Forever shall it ring.
How shall a body e'er express,
How came there such a thing.

It took a great man from his
throne,
And brought him there to death.
It found its way into his heart,
Then snuffed his last drawn breath.

It pierced the hearts throughout
the land,
Of those who knew his name,
And even those who knew him not,
Felt every way the same.

Eternally a song we'll sing,
With every word a tear.
'Tis not in vain it shall be sung,
For Kennedy shall bear.

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JFK: IN MEMORIAM

I make a patchwork quilt of poems
to cover you
Pieced together from all colors and
all guits

To hold the blood we split with a
dyeer's hand.

An early winter grave is yours:
dead on your catalogue, face
white as chalk only the black
pail of flags reflects your fall:
It was we who did you down.

The stain of man bit deep;
A snake reared on its feet
To drive home the fang of hate.

Clouted in the stance, of state the
heart of the world thumping at
your ribs you gathered an early
bouquet of the flowers called:
'forget-me-not'.

Sleep now, my president;
Seed to good our nation:
Topped from the helm
The tears of sorrow overwhelm
at every station.

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NATURE NOW

Porky's Quills Are Formidable Weapon

By Lydia King Frahm
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

All of us who frequent field and
woodlot are familiar with the por-
cupine or quill-pig. He is one of
the largest of our rodent family
and may weight as much as 40
pounds.

The idea that the porky can
"shoot his quills" is erroneous.
However, each of these (they may
number up to 30,000) acts as a
formidable weapon for it is barbed
from some distance below its sharp
tip.

A porky can erect his quills by
voluntary mus-
cles, but a my
attacking enemy
must actually
push against
them to be hurt.
However, they
are so loosely
set on the tail
that when this
appendage is
lashed they
readily attach
themselves to
the intruder's skin where they are
not only difficult to extract but
where they tend to work them-
selves into the flesh.



Mrs. Frahm

If they penetrate the bodily cav-
ity of an animal, death is likely
to ensue.

THE PORCUPINE seems to be
aware of his effective defense and
frequently "backs" into battle, hid-
ing his head under a stump or tree
root and swinging his tail in ad-
vance.

He may be attacked by a great
horned owl or an eagle, a bobcat,
wolf or bear. His enemies may or
may not succeed in killing him.

However, if the attacker does
survive, the porky has his revenge
for his quills stick in the attacker's
throat preventing his anticipated
meal.

A hunter's dog often suffers such
an encounter and is likely to be
saved only if his master extracts
the offending quills.

The porcupine is a leisurely
wanderer in the woods and fields.
In winter when he is hungry, he
will climb an evergreen tree where,
without undue exertion, he will
strip it of needles, buds and bark,
moving from limb to limb.

IN SUMMER he relishes any

greenery he can find, and by au-
tumn he has fattened himself on
lily pads and other aquatic vege-
tation.

The porky's yen for salt is re-
sponsible for his inroads upon the
camper's food supply and for his
gnawing his way into cabins where
he will tackle any article with a
salty flavor.

The carnivorous animals of the
wild seldom hibernate but persist in
their bloodthirsty ways, leaving be-
hind a trail of fur and feathers,
of red stains on the snow.

Departing from the pattern of
many of his fellow herbivores, the
porky is about on pleasant days.
During inclement weather he re-
mains in his nest located in hollow
log, burrow or cave.

HERE ONE TO four young are
born at winter's end. They may
weigh more than a pound which is
relatively 30 times more than the
young of the black bear. By au-

tumn they are ready to shift for
themselves.

During Indian days, the flesh of
the porcupine was much relished,
and his black tipped quills are still
used to decorate baskets, boxes and
moccasins.

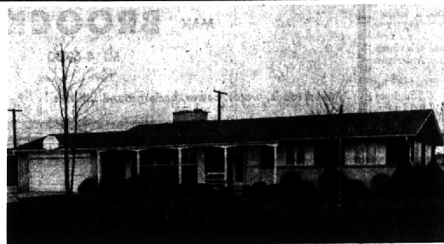
Today he has little economic
value. However, the lost hunter,
even if unarmed, has frequently
saved himself by killing this slow
and unaggressive animal with a
club held at arm's length.

Since the porcupine does a not
need to depend upon strength, sub-
terfuge or alertness to escape his
enemies, he is one of the dullest
of our four-footed kind.

But nature's laws are adamant.
"Use it or lose it" applies to man
as well as to his fellow animals.

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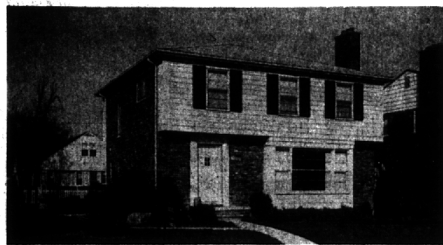
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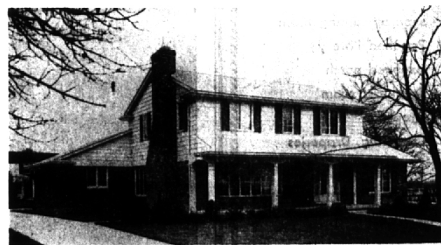
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