



**SNAKE CHARMER**—Focusing a rattlesnake to swallow a transmitter is tricky but necessary if the snake is to be followed later. Dr. Bruce Means of Tall Timbers Research Station near Tallahassee, Fla., is studying the

eastern diamondback rattler by tracking it with antenna and receiver. The study, partly supported by the National Geographic Society, is the first to extensively use telemetry with snakes.

## Snakes don't look for people to bite

National Geographic News Service  
Poisonous snakes don't go around looking for people to bite, but when approached too closely, a snake will defend itself. A master of camouflage, a snake can strike before its victim ever sees it.

About 65,000 snakebites are reported a year in the United States, one-fifth of them poisonous. Although only about 12 of these are fatal, chances of disfigurement and crippling are high if the proper treatment is not followed.

Most poisonous snakebites are made by rattlesnakes, water moccasins, and copperheads. A few are made by the four major poisonous snake in the country—the coral snake—found in the southern states. More than half of all venomous bite cases occur in Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

**Cold Treatment**  
First aid for snakebites is changing. The once-recommended cold therapy, using cold compresses, ice, or spray refrigerants, is no longer advised, Dr. Charles H. Watt Jr. of Thomasville, Ga., a surgeon who has extensively studied snakebite treatment, reports that cold treatment actually may increase the likelihood of disfigurement or amputation. The American Red Cross and the American Medical Association now also discourage cold therapy.

What should be done in the field for a snakebite victim? According to Dr. Watt: "Get 'em to a hospital immediately. Meanwhile, keep the victim calm, preferably lying down with the bitten extremity at or below heart level. If the snake can be killed without risk of another bite, it should be brought along to the hospital for identification."

1. Apply a constricting band 2 to 4 inches above the bite but not around a joint (elbow, knee, wrist, or ankle) and not around the head, neck, or trunk. The band should be three-fourths to 1½ inches wide and snug, but loose enough to slip a finger underneath.

2. If the victim is more than 1½ hours from medical help or if a dangerous snake, such as a rattler, is the offender, immediately use incision and suction.

As much as half of the venom can be removed if this is done within three minutes, and a lesser amount within 30 minutes. It is of no value, however, after 30 minutes.

**Incision Method**  
The cut should extend over the fang marks and should be about one-eighth inch deep and no longer than one-fourth inch. The cut should be made along the long axis of the limb and should not be made on the hand, neck, or trunk.

Suction should be applied with a suction cup for 30 minutes, or if a suction cup is not available, with the mouth. The venom should not be swallowed and the mouth should be rinsed afterward.

Do not give the victim alcohol, sedatives, aspirin, or other medication. If breathing stops or if the victim has no pulse, give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

A snakebite kit should be carried on outdoor excursions in snake-infested areas. If such an area cannot be avoided, wear protective clothes such as mid-calf boots, long pants, and mid-forearm gloves.

**Trackers place two**  
Track  
So close and yet so far. That's how many Bluejacket trackers felt after State Class A competition last Friday and Saturday.

Nicholas County's Ron Rooser and Charma Williams, both had spectacular performances. Rooser after advancing from preliminary rounds, placed fifth in the low hurdles and fourth in the high.

Williams, also passing preliminaries placed fifth in the 110 yard hurdles with a 16 second flat time.

"We had the best performance ever," stated Coach Ben Parham. "Nicholas County was well represented."

Rooser also cleared the first three heights of the pole vault, a first ever for Nicholas.

The 3-4 boys mile relay was the best ever run this year, although they didn't place.

### Harry Wolf Sr.

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sion problems into a new state of economic help. One of these company's, Cooper's, Inc. (later to become Jockey International, Inc.), convinced him to become a Director, and later Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. In this position, from 1956 until recently, he had taken the company to a leadership position in the menwear field. At the time of his death, he was serving the company as Chairman Emeritus. Mr. Wolf had served as Director of Blue Grass Industries, Inc. since 1953.

He has been a lifelong member of the Chicago Athletic Association, and for many years, a golf club champion at North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary Wolf Boggs (Verie) and Donna Wolf Stegerwald (William), and his son, Harry H. Wolf, Jr., and five grandchildren.

Interment in South Solon, Ohio, May 28, Memorial Service, 2 p.m., May 31, Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth, Ill.

## Obituaries

**MRS. EARL MIDDLETON**  
Mrs. Dorothy Fields Middleton, 84, of 217 Ruggs Avenue, Cynthiana; died May 18, 1979 at the Harrison Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late J.W. and Sarah Ann McKinney Fields, a member of the Conservative Christian Church and had served as an employee of the school lunch program in Harrison County.

Mrs. Middleton is survived by her husband, Earl Middleton; one son, Harold Middleton, Sadsieville; six daughters, Mrs. Clyde Ralston, Mrs. Clyde Ralston, Mrs. James Duckworth, Mrs. Gordon Slade and Mrs. L.T. Duckworth all of Harrison County and Cynthiana, Mrs. John Ecton, Frankfort and Mrs. Willet Sowers, Georgetown; three brothers, Paul B. Fields, Harrison County, Moses Fields, Cynthiana, Gano Fields, Georgetown; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Mallory, Cynthiana and Ms. Frances

Fields of Belle, California. There are twelve grandchildren, one of whom is Mrs. Charles (Judy) Judge, Carlisle; fourteen great grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 18, at the Whaley Funeral Home conducted by Reverend Clifford Neat and Reverend Lawrence Combs. Burial was at the Bazaar's Cemetery, Scott County. Active pall-bearers: Gayle Sowers, Barry Duckworth, Charles Todd Duckworth, Cassey Middleton, Kevin Gaunce and Patrick Gaunce.

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