

(Biological Control cont'd.)

of the bacterium so it can more easily occupy its niche when applied."

Roberts says several companies have shown "intense interest" in developing the bacterium because of increased EPA registration demands on traditional herbicide chemicals.

"I think any of the really progressive chemical producing companies will show an interest," Roberts says. "Companies that get involved in the biotechnology arena are going to benefit in the long run."

Credit: Patch of Green, Nov./Dec. '87

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Draw Podner

by Edwin Wollenberg, Retired Supt.

Whenever you want to find a new trend in this great country we live in, all you need to do is look to some part of the country where people spend a lot of time out in the sun — the hot sun.

A few months ago, for instance, Florida replaced Missouri as the real Show Me State.

According to Florida's new gun law, everyone from Jacksonville to Key West and the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, now can strap on a sidearm in plain view without any kind of permit.

Ever since I was a youngster out of knee-pants, I dreamed of being a cowboy — or like Wyatt Earpe and Matt Dillon. Some of the dream faded very rapidly when, while visiting a friend at his ranch in San Fernando Valley during the Big One, and the most "docile" horse in his remuda, took off with me through a grove of olive trees. I haven't been on a horse since, but the thought of being a gun-slinger ala cowboy never escaped me.

So, when I get down to Florida this winter, I know what I can do with my old .45. That's right — stick it where the sun shines. And as a respected and decent citizen, I won't have to slink around like low-lives in the Midwest, with their guns tucked into glove compartments or waistbands.

At long last, I can come out of the closet with my Colt, smoking, and to prove an old adage; "Everything comes to those who wait", I'm glad I didn't discourage.

Thanks to the foresight of the Florida State Legislature, everyone from Yuppies in Fort Lauderdale to seniors in St. Petersburg and Tampa can walk tall and maybe with a little practice, even shoot straight.

Even if they don't, no big deal.

When you give it some thought, and don't dwell on it too long — you realize there's something honest, and straightforward, about wearing a gun in public.

It's as if you're sending a message; "Hey, you big wacky and difficult world. Check me out. I'm alive and real. This is real flesh and blood. And if you want to keep yours, don't ever look cross-eyed at me again, and try to disturb my good nature. Now, you have a real nice day".

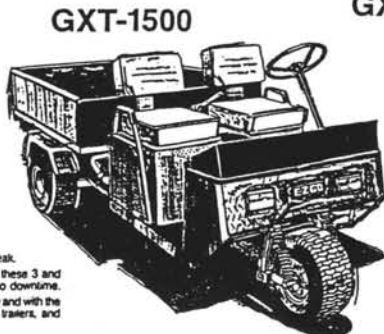
When you walk into a fast-food joint, isn't it reassuring to know right off the bat that the friendly, freckled-faced girl at the counter is packing a piece? — a gun, that is.

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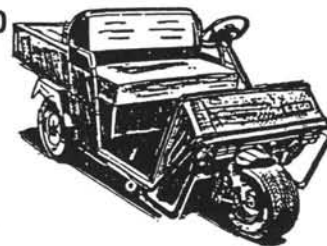
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"Good afternoon, Miss. I'll take two enchiladas and a medium Coke. No, don't be silly, of course I didn't mind waiting 20 minutes for service. I'm sure that telephone call was very important. By the way, that shoulder holster with the .38 really becomes you, hanging alongside the other 38's in D-cups. You look real spiffy".

I think Florida could end up setting an example for the rest of the nation. It has everything going for it. Even the outline of the state, geographically, is shaped like a holster. The state is a natural for this new law.

My friends, I have seen the future of human relations in America, and it's the Sunshine State — the land of retired vagrants, orange blossoms and Donald Duck.

Of course, it's just a theory and we know what they say about a theory. Invariably, someone comes along and shoots holes in it.

But someone once said, "You can get more with a kind word and a gun, than you can with a kind word alone." So I say, let's go for it, Florida.

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3. The president of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cookron, died abroad, insolvent.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement shot himself.
6. The greatest Bear of Wall Street, Gossbee Rivermore, died of suicide.

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