

## "GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT"

# Cartoon Characters Make Great Lawn Ornaments

"They make great Christmas gifts for farm or ranch families," says Walt Milligan who, along with his partner William "Bill" Liscond, is doing a booming business selling cartoon character lawn ornaments that run with the wind.

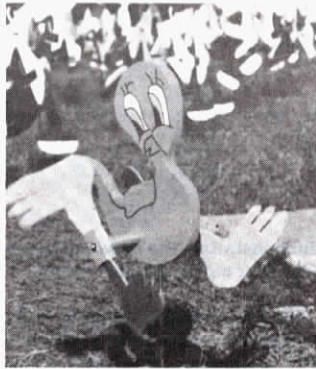
It's a classic case of a hobby that started out in a basement workshop and suddenly blossomed into a full time business that's growing by leaps and bounds.

At last count, W and W Enterprises (stands for Walt and William, the two partners) was taking orders for 30 different characters. "We keep adding new ones as we get requests for them," Walt told FARM SHOW. Individual characters are sawed out of special pressed wood laced with steel (for strength) and painted in bright colors.

Individual characters set atop a steel rod which is pushed into the ground. The feet of each character turn with the wind to provide life-like animation.

"Several farm families who've tried it tell us that, because of this wind-driven animation, the ornaments make excellent raccoon or bird chasers for gardens or sweet corn patches," says William.

Most popular among the 30 different characters currently offered are Sylvester and Tweety bird. The harder the wind blows, the faster they



Wind-driven feet give cartoon characters life-like animation.

go in their chase to nowhere. Next in popularity are Coyote and Road Runner, followed by the Smurfs, Sesame Sam, Bugs Bunny, Henry the Hawk and Huckleberry Hound.

Other choices include Elmer Fudd, Minnie and Mickey Mouse, Donald and Daffy Duck, Porky Pig and Petunia, Henry the Hawk, and Peppi LaPew, the skunk.

Large-size characters sell for \$17.95 and the medium sized ones for \$15.95.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, W and W Enterprises, 204-80 King Edward Ave., London, Ont., Canada N5Z 3S9 (ph 519 686-9646).

## MANY PILLS MUST BE TAKEN WHOLE

# New Glass Makes Pill Swallowing Easy

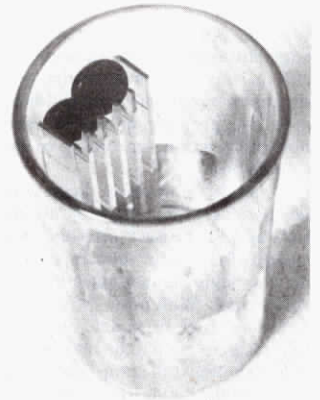
Pill swallowing is a big problem for millions who have a daily problem "taking their medicine". A new pill swallowing glass may provide needed relief.

According to Darrow Beaton, president of Apex Medical Corp., Bloomington, Minn., the manufacturer of Drink-A-Pill, a new glass designed specifically to make pill swallowing easier, many people have problems swallowing pills. Some solve the problem by crushing the medication and mixing it with water or juice and then swallowing. The problem is that many pills shouldn't be crushed before swallowing.

Beaton says there are at least 162 oral pill medications that shouldn't be crushed. The reason is that some pills have a coating for slow or extended release of their active ingredients, while other pills are designed to be released in the intestines instead of the stomach. Crushing these pills alters their intended effect.

Drink-A-Pill works like this. It's a plastic tumbler about 3½ in. tall and 2 in. in dia. with a fluted shelf molded into the inside surface. You fill the tumbler half full of water or juice and then place the pill or capsule on the shelf without wetting the pill. When drinking, the fluid picks up the pill so both are swallowed at the same time without triggering the gag reflex.

The tumbler is dishwasher safe,



Drink-A-Pill glass has a built-in pill shelf.

comes in a variety of colors and is available at many pharmacies and clinics. Suggested retail price is \$1.39. It holds pills up to 1 in. long and ¾ in. in dia. The list of 162 oral medications that shouldn't be crushed before swallowing, is also available for 25 cents.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Apex Medical Corporation, P.O. Box 20171, Bloomington, Minn. 55420 (ph 800 328-2935. In Minn., call 612 888-2170).

## THEY'RE ENERGY SAVING AND ATTRACTIVE

# You'll Like These New Inside Storm Windows

"They're twice as effective as conventional aluminum storm windows, and a lot simpler to install and keep clean," says Joe Sturlaugson, Lakeville, Minnesota, inventor-manufacturer of energy-saving storm windows that mount on the inside.

Designed to work on all types of windows — crankout, slider or double hung — the new interior storms slip inside the existing window casing. They're being manufactured by B and J Glass Co. of Lakeville, which is jointly owned by Sturlaugson, his brother Dave, and Larry Juenemann.

Individual storms are made of a single pane of glass and a solid oak frame. A sealing strip, made of etha-foam and bonded to the oak frame, virtually eliminates heat loss and air infiltration. Nylon spring-loaded, plunger-type fasteners hold the window and gasket tight against the existing window, providing an air tight seal. The built-in fasteners allow the storms to be installed or removed in a matter of seconds.

Sturlaugson, who has a patent pending on his "Warm Woods" windows, notes that they don't detract from the room's appearance or decor.

"The oak frame can be stained or painted to exactly match existing woodwork. When the interior storms are in place, their matching woodwork makes them blend right in. And, when they're removed, there are no ugly mounting strips or brackets left behind to mar the appearance," explains Sturlaugson.

He anticipates that the new storms will be especially popular with homeowners who have single or multiple casement "crank-out" type windows: "You simply remove the inside screen and replace it with one of our custom-built inside storms. It comes with a ¼ in. wide oak frame and is custom-built to fit the opening. To install, all you do is drill 2 or 3 small holes on each side for the nylon fasteners to slip into. One person can install our interior storms on every window of a two story farm house in a few hours — it's that simple," according to Sturlaugson. "With the storm in place, on a crank-out window, you sacrifice the convenience of being able to crank open the window to let in fresh air. Instead, you have to remove the inside storm, which takes about 10 seconds. However, this

slight inconvenience is a small price to pay when stacked against the large energy savings," Sturlaugson explains.

To pinpoint effectiveness of his Warm Woods window, he had it tested by Twin City Testing and Engineering Inc., of St. Paul, Minn. Using an 18 by 36 in. Anderson crank-out window, the firm reported 4.39 cu. ft. per minute of air leakage



"The inside storms virtually eliminate frost buildup or foggy window problems caused by high room humidity," says Sturlaugson.

around the window without the inside storm, versus only .5 cu. ft. per minute with the storm installed. "What little air did leak through came in around the hand crank and latch assembly. On regular double hung windows, which don't have cranks or latches, we'd expect our inside storm properly installed to provide 100% resistance against air infiltration," Sturlaugson told FARM SHOW.

If you already own outside storm windows, he recommends that you continue using them in conjunction with inside storms to get the benefit of triple glazing.

Costs start at about \$30 and range upwards to \$52 for a window whose combined length and width adds up to 8 ft. An inside "Warm Woods" storm for a 22 by 47 in. crank-out window, for example, sells for \$37.50.

For more information, including an instruction sheet showing how to measure your windows for inside storms, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, B and J Glass Co., 21155 Hambar Ave., Lakeville, Minn. 55044 (ph 612 469-2159).