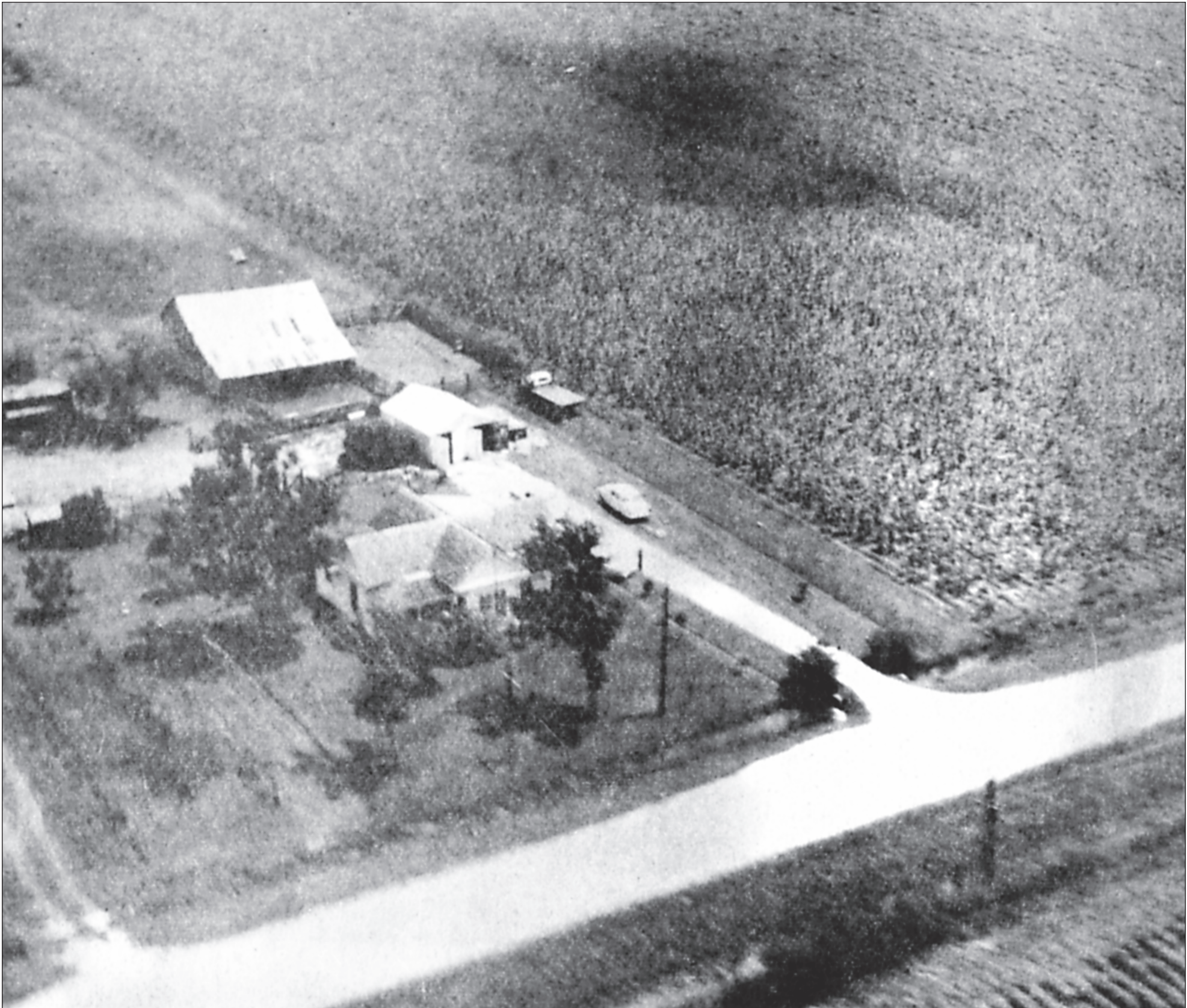


HISTORY & FOLKLORE



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, July 13, 1961 –
Frank Pavlat farm at Eastgate. Frank stands in his driveway this Sunday morning as Bob Jamison’s plane circles overhead. This is in the center of the rich farmlands of the west county community.



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, May 24, 1962 –
“Stinging Snake” killed by W.J.B. (William Jennings Bryan) Walker in the Trinity River bottom is 6’2” long. It is also known as a hoopsnake or mud-snake.
– Photo by Annette Atkinson

Informally Speaking –

Why Can’t Someone Invent Zipper Alarms?

by Homer Smith (1995)

As smart and creative as the American people are, it seems a shame that one of the important things in life has been overlooked and could be so simply and easily rectified.

Primarily, this feeling is directed to our inventors who have made our living standards so great but have missed one idea that is so ripe, ready and affects each and everyone of us.

Now there are burglar alarms to tell us thieves are breaking in, alarm clocks to wake us up and fire alarms to warn us of a fire. There are now alarms on cars, smoke alarms to alert us when dinner is done and even beepers for lost dogs to wear.

Why then doesn’t some intelligent individual who wishes to do a great favor for humanity, invent, patent and place on the sales market an open zipper alarm for both women and men, or just anyone who wears that little essential called a zipper?

Please don’t think that leaving a zipper unzipped is a sign of senility.

This has happened to both genders and for people of all ages and walks of life at least one time and to some of us, more often than that.

Usually this occurs to many of us in situations that has proven most embarrassing as we hear that ol’ helpful whisper, “Your zipper is open,” comes from a friend or relative standing near.

This may occur anywhere and is usually accompanied by a snicker or boisterous laugh that is governed by the company present.

Don’t know about you...and, until this zipper alarm comes along, I have a little sign in rather glaring print pasted on the dash of my truck. Reading for all to see it says, “Check all zippers and make sure they’re closed!”

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