

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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ETC., Etc., etc.

Maybe I will write separate letters more often - the response was great! Thanks for the letters and/or ideas, comments, etc.

Several members have expressed an interest in having a convention -- could I please have some response to this idea? I'm willing to do the work if you all want to have one.

Two different members suggested that if you write to another OTLS member, please identify yourself as a member of OTLS. These members said they are always running ads for one thing or another and may have not realized when a letter was from an OTLS person - and thus didn't get around to answering.

Enclosed is a new Membership Roster - WELCOME to our new members!! (Although I see I got Hal's name in the wrong order - maybe next year I will learn my alphabet - or next Roster!!)

TRIVIA - On June 5 I flew to Albuquerque for my Dad's Retirement Dinner - 38 years with General Foods - G.F. had a wonderful party for my Mom & Dad.

If any of you live in the same City where a collector's type paper is printed, will you please call and tell them our change of address - and then send me a card telling me who you have notified. This would be most helpful to me as I want to get the word around.

More later.....

Judith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

OHIO DELEGATION IN OTLS GAINS 1

New OTLS member, Hal Chidsey, modestly disclaims the title of Renaissance Man. Let's see? A long-time resident of North Royalton, southwestern Cleveland suburb, Hal is a retired high school teacher and band director with nine years in the Royalton system and 20 years at nearby Brecksville High School. His long interest in music as a leader and performer (clarinet) continues at jam sessions at several locations around northern Ohio and with an active Dixieland jazz group. The Oberline College president also is a dedicated sideman.

Hal and his wife, Lee, City Finance Director in Royalton, live in a 10-room Century House situated on four tree-filled acres where the Chidseys thoroughly enjoy gardening and maintaining the grounds plus the care and feeling of the great old house.

Hal has finished a basement room in knotty pine paneling, installed a fireplace and has made two glass-fronted, wall-mounted cases to display some of his lighters. Using his woodworking talents further, he made a tablelamp with four sides of the base formed into compartments for individual lighters, accessible by sliding the glass covers up and out. Hal said that it seems he's always fixing, building or doing something around the house.

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SPOTLIGHT (continued)

Still active in school and community, he worked in a visit from this reporter between finishing a silk screening job of placards for a local benefit dance, due that day, and riding his mower around the shaded grounds surrounding the house.

Hal is busy with the local Kiwanis, serving as president twice, the only double presidency in memory. The Kiwanis is the prime mover behind many of the small town's civic projects.

He joined the ranks of lighter collectors unexpectedly when, one day years ago, he opened a seldom used drawer and found a batch of old lighters, was intrigued as he handled them, added a few more as gifts from friends and purchases from flea markets, garage sales and a variety of other sources until, today, he has approximately 200 lighters, almost all of which are advertising pocket lighters, including many Zippos.

Recently, the gas company was excavating on the front of his property when workmen uncovered a severely damaged old Zippo with the advertising message almost intact but the top, exterior cover is missing and the bottom so illegible that at least two viewers could not determine date of manufacture. He's contemplating sending it to Zippo for repair, wondering if there is enough lighter left to start repairs.

He considers his most interesting and valuable lighter one displaying the obvious talents of Marilyn Monroe.

Hal also has a salt and pepper collection of about 100 pairs, about 25 fascinating tea pots and a collection of some 500 business cards dating back to the 1860s. The collection was started by his father who was born in 1869 and some of the cards belonged to Hal's grandfather.

Lee, who collects fine English brown Tea Leaf china, and Hal have four children: Robert, an actor-singer, now at the famed Cleveland Play House; Ronald, an elementary science teacher in nearby Strongsville schools; Joanna, a school secretary; and Janet, a jewelry store manager. Hal and Lee are proud of their six grandchildren, the eldest of which is just graduating as the valedictorian of his class. Hal cannot determine if his children and grandchildren have caught the collecting bug from the senior Chidseys, but his sons and daughters have had their own activities and Hal and Lee "always have been involved in their projects."

As is not uncommon, when Hal became aware of the OTLS club and it's efforts, he expressed stronger interest in active collecting. He wondered aloud if the considerable Ohio lighter delegation, or at least the northern Ohio buffs should hold a get-together. He suggested a lighter collectors' show might be held, either as a sole promotion or in cooperation with a group such as watchfob collectors.

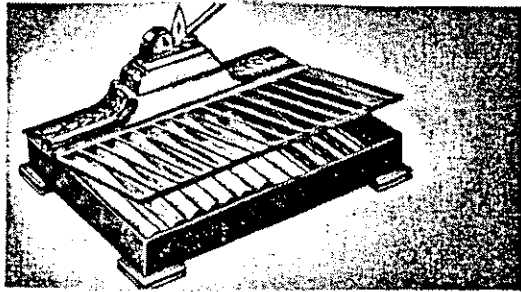
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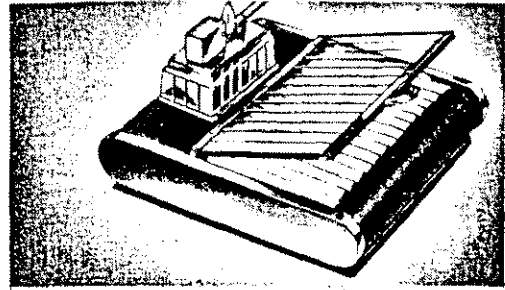
USE YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS
HELP SOMEONE ADD TO THEIR COLLECTION

COLLECTORS' CORNER

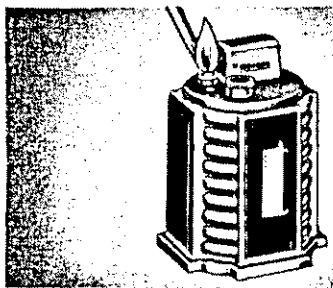
Andy Morgan sent in a Life magazine from 1940 with some great pictures of some old Ronson lighters - this is the first time your Editor has seen pictures of some of the old "touch tip" lighters. Thanks, Andy.



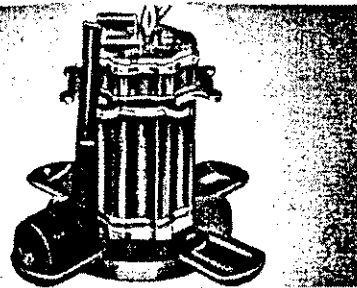
TOUCH-TIP & CIGARETTE BOX—A gift masterpiece which they'll use, display and "remember you by" for years. Gold-colored Dureum and transparent Lucite. \$16.50



TOUCH-TIP & CIGARETTE BOX—Gracefully streamlined, this modern set with hinged lid of transparent Lucite will please him no end. Holds 3 layers of 15 each... \$15.00

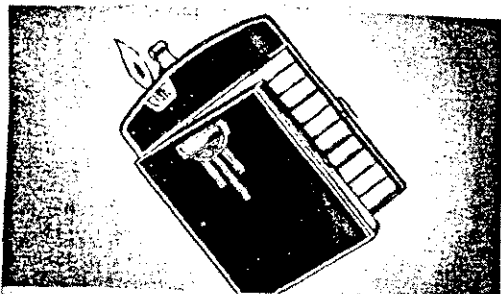


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& IT'S LIT!

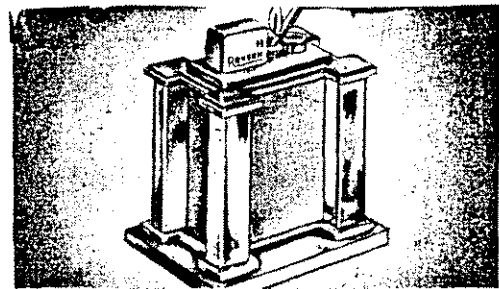


TOUCH-TIP TURRET—Table-lighter "In the modern manner." As in many RONSONS, the monogram shield permits you to personalize this stunning gift.....\$7.50

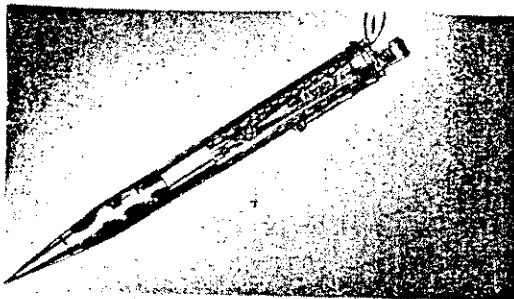
TOUCH-TIP & PIPE REST—As a gift for his den or office this Georgian bronze finish Touch-Tip lighter is masculine, handsome, convenient and highly useful. \$10.00



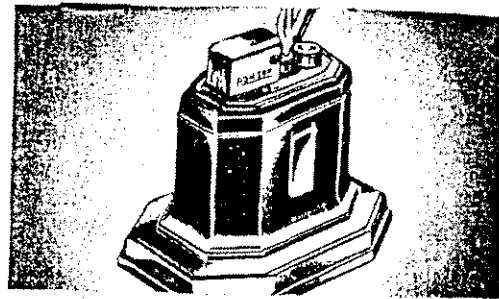
TWENTYCASE—To look at this slim, admiration-compelling lighter-cigarette case you'd never believe it holds a full pack.....\$15.00



COLONNADE—Beautiful, silver-plated table-lighter with transparent Lucite columns. Will win any woman's lasting gratitude.....\$10.00



PENCILITER—A genuine RONSON lighter and super-fine pencil in one! A vastly "different," practical gift.....\$4.50



TOUCH-TIP—This impressive table-lighter looks as if it costs much more than its remarkable price of.... \$5.00

For Sale or Trade

Lamp - Occupied Japan (Bright)
Activator is button on base.
\$18 - postage included. Leo
Turini

Lot of 9 lighters:

- 1 - Adv. Brown Sheet Metal
Nashva. N.H. (Direct)
 - 1 - Adv. shows a castle
(Symbol)
 - 2 - Winston (Zenith)
 - 1 - Camel (Coronet)
 - 1 - Salem (Zenith)
 - 1 - Bowling Pin (Kem)
 - 1 - Bottle Shape - 4 aces
(Kem)
 - 1 - Adv. Dodge
- Above Lot - \$40 postage
included. Leo Turini

NOTE: Leo & Dot Turini also
frequently run across Occupied
Japan lighters, which seem to
have high prices. They aren't
interested in these for their
own collection and said if they
had a price range to consider,
would be happy to purchase and
only be reimbursed for the
lighter and their postage. If
anyone is interest please write
them direct.

Miniature Coke Bottle Lighter -
- - one of the originals, not a
reproduction. \$10 Judith
Sanders

Dallas Dealer would like to
sell a Ronson "Banjo" lighter
in original box. He wants \$200
for it. If interested contact
OTLS office for more informa-
tion.

For Sale or Trade

Herman Keith's collection is
still for sale - in it's
entirety.

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Authentic flint & steel
flintlock tinderboxes & other
pre-lighter firemaking
devices. Warren Gerber

14K gold lighter - must be in
good working order and in
good shape. Eddie Dektor

1910-1930's round,
brass/copper, similar in
size/shape to man's hunter
case pocket watch, French,
German, English, flint post
pulls out, hole-fitting for
wick, WWI scene or leaders or
coins. NOT Japanese made
"Belgium or French" coins.
Warren Gerber

Wanted: Any ceramic lighter
that is marked "Made In
Occupied Japan". Will buy or
trade. Bob Gee

Musical lighters. Warren
Gerber

Interested in Ronson's from
the 20's. Eddie Dektor

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Interested in a 1932 Zippo
and a 1943 black lacquor
Zippo. Ira Pilosof

Want Dunhill lighters with
watches in them. John Cuevas

Want to buy lighters for a
reasonable price. Send
picture & price and I'll
respond soon after. Joe Fink

Will trade cigarette lighters
for old fountain pens. John
Cuevas

Ronson "Bartender" lighter.
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