



Photo shows David Geltmacher, who made a Liberty Bell in his backyard with his lawn mower. If you look hard enough you can see the bell in the background.

The soft ring of freedom

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During the birth and early childhood of a nation, history is made and proudly embellished and glorified by the dynamic men and women whose lives are so bound in the construction of their new country. No less a subject of such legend-making is our own symbol of independence, the Liberty Bell.

Folktale provides The Bell's casting from such romantic materials as: soldiers' muskets, revolutionary ladies' jewelry, a piece of iron meteor, and even children's chiming toys. The casting itself is said to have been done by soldiers during a respite from battle. Among the list of names of those who molded the cast that bell was Paul Revere, a noted jeweler, pewtersmith, and horesman of the period.

Truth-to-tell, the foregoing list of ingredients would make a lousy bell (iron clangs, tin toys clink, gold and pewter clunk). Only bronze, preferably in a mixture of 60-40, copper to tin, will chime. Historically, soldiers on leave have better things to do than cast bells. Paul Revere probably never cast anything larger than a steak platter. As for the others reputed to have cast our Liberty Bell, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry

in England will cheerfully deny their claims and back the denial with records proving they did the job - twice. The actual molder of record seems to have been one Thomas Lister.

The bell was hung and once rang in the Philadelphia Statehouse, which has since become Independence Hall. It was cracked on July 8, 1835, while tolling a knell for Chief Justice John Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court for eleven years it was protected and preserved as the memorial it should be. Then on Washington's Birthday in 1846, a happily disremembered knucklehead, overcome with patriotic zeal, cracked it irreparably during a noisy tribute to the "Father of our Country."

Now any person who ventures to ding that grand old piece of our history will be slapped with ten to twenty in the Federal slammer in Leavenworth, Kansas, or Lewisburg, PA.

The true worth of the Liberty Bell rests not in the exuberance of its lively chime but in the spiritual representation of freedom, honor, and justice. On this the 196th birthday of our nation, it rests in solemn dignity in Independence Hall, silently ringing Liberty and Justice for all through a shattered and war-torn world.

Kinsey's Archery

Archery was serious business in 1776. For Indians (and quite a few early settlers) it made possible the absolute necessities of life. With a good bow and a quiver of arrows a man could feed and protect his family.

Archery is still a serious business in 1976 for the Kinsey family. They are a nationally known firm producing the fine bows and arrows now used by hobbyists - and even a few intrepid archers who still dust off their archery equipment when deer season arrives.

Vernon Kinsey has written the following story of his involvement in this old and new business.

KINSEY'S ARCHERY PRODUCTS

by Vernon Kinsey

Kinsey's Archery Products, Inc., was started by Vernon, Helen, and Jim Kinsey in 1950 in a small chicken house, converted to a work shop by fellow employees of the Gerberich-Payne Shoe Co., on Chocolate Avenue, Mount Joy. By 1964, Kinsey Arrow out grew its facilities and moved into the former Ford Garage on Main Street. With 18 employees it remained at that address for eight years. It moved into its present location, the old Paper Box Factory, when the building was

renovated. It now has 22 full-time employees and several part-time employees. With the larger facilities this factory is established as home base.

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Cornish, then rector of St. Paul's in Columbia, delivered a sermon which sorely wounded the feelings of several prominent members of the congregation, and the Marietta members went home vowing never to return to Columbia's worshipping services again and deter-

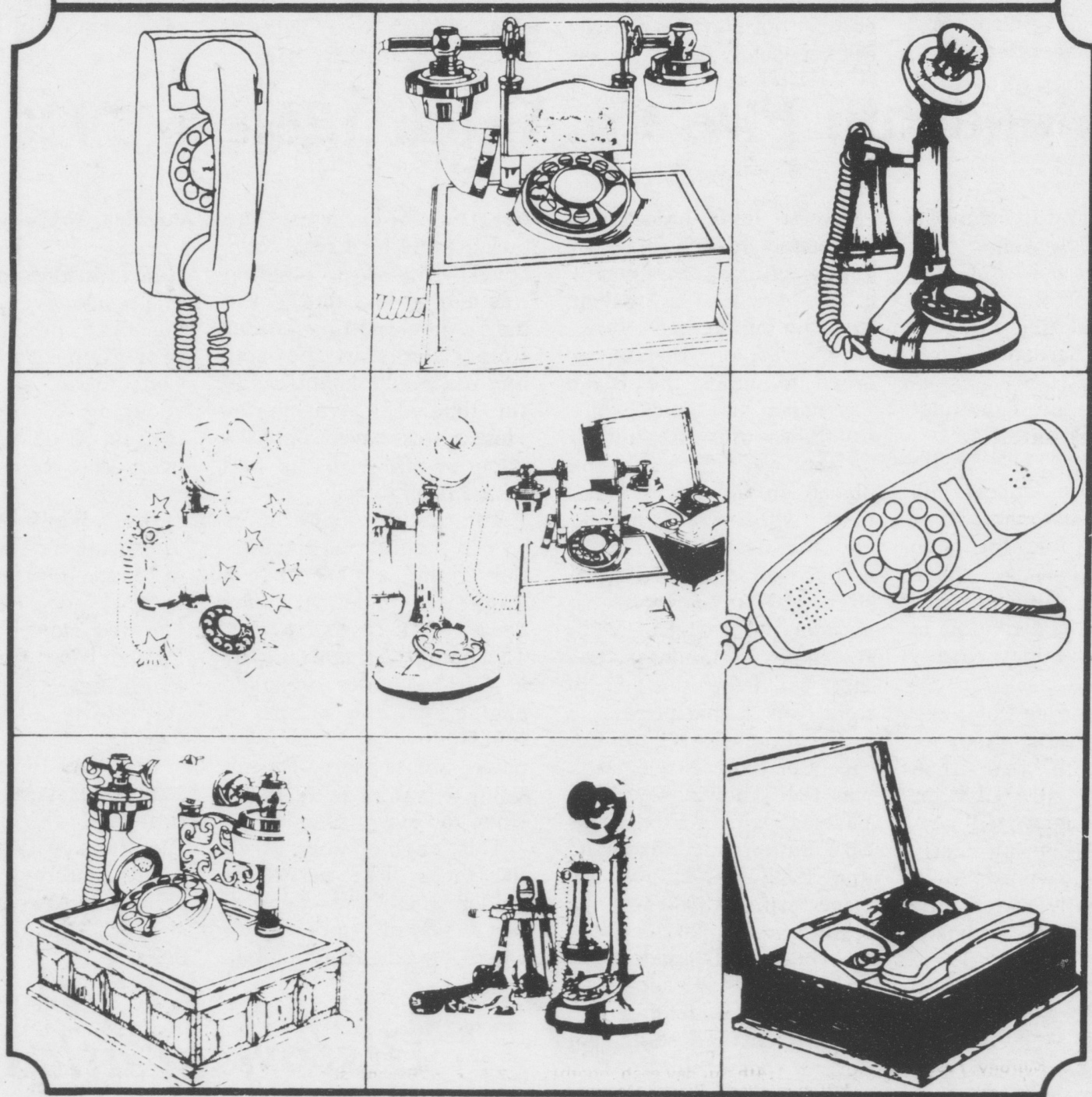
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mined to build a church of their own.

The lot was purchased in December of 1861. The Rev. R. C. Russell accepted the election to the rectorship at a salary of \$800. The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Vail, of Kansas, 1866, assisted by the Rev. J. Mombert of St. James, Lancaster.

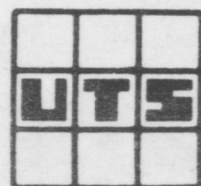
As appears from the parish register, Mr. Russell continued to officiate at Zion Church during the erection of the present edifice. His first baptism being a Herbert Moodie Thompson on Easter Day, 1868, the first service was held in the church. The parish register continues to state further that in 1874 the bell was to be raised and arranged so the sound could escape. The Parish House was added in 1927.

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