

WHAT'S MY LINE?



Marie's 'Line' is Pest Control Service

PEST CONTROL route work contributes to good health. Or, so it seems in the case of 25-year-old Marie Maxey, Orkin Exterminating Company servicewoman in Atlanta.

"When I started with Orkin," she says, "I weighed 136 pounds (she's 5 feet 6 inches tall) and

was pretty flabby from sitting behind a desk in my previous employment as a secretary. Six months later I weighed 108 and had become really solid. I feel better than I've felt in several years."

Recently, her duties as a servicewoman were expanded to

include an extremely helpful role in Orkin promotion when she was selected as a contestant on the television's "What's My Line," program. The show, which has been pre-taped, is being shown across the country in April, May and June.

On the show, Marie stumps

the panel — Arlene Francis, Meredith McRae, Gene Rayburn and Soupy Sales.

Raised in rural Georgia at Talapoosa and Walnut Grove, Marie was formerly secretary to an advertising manager in Atlanta. "I had seen Orkin servicemen at work in Miami and I knew something about what they do," she said. "So, when I saw the ad in an Atlanta newspaper, I decided to apply. It has been a real challenge, invading a world largely restricted by the nature of the work to men, but I like it and don't regret my decision."

Marie says that learning to wear slacks every day as a part of her work uniform probably was the biggest adjustment she had to make. Lately, she has added high-top boots as protection against dog bites, high grass and weeds.



Marie says satisfaction in her work comes from helping people maintain good health and living conditions.



Marie is congratulated after stumping "What's My Line" panel: Left to right, Soupy Sales, Meredith McRae, Gene Rayburn and Arlene Francis.



Agility and coordination, Marie believes, are as important in pest control service work as strength. Size and being female are not drawbacks, she says.

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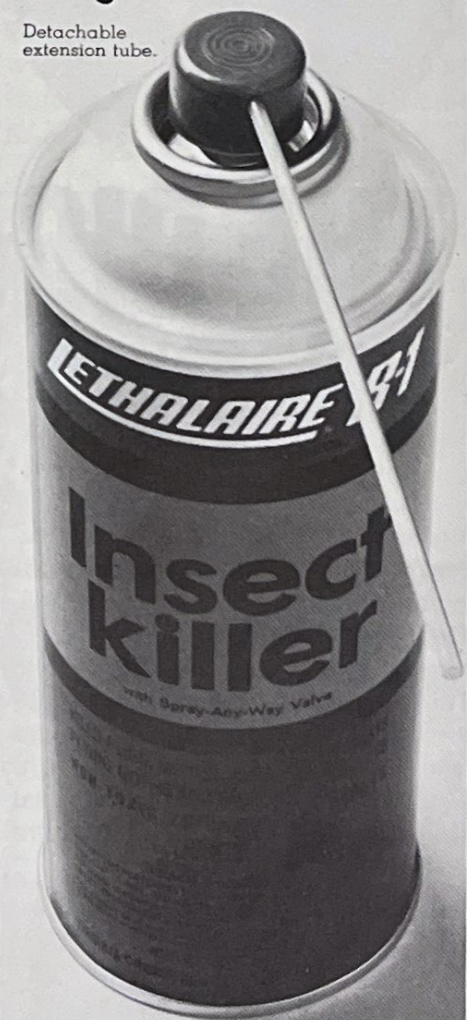
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