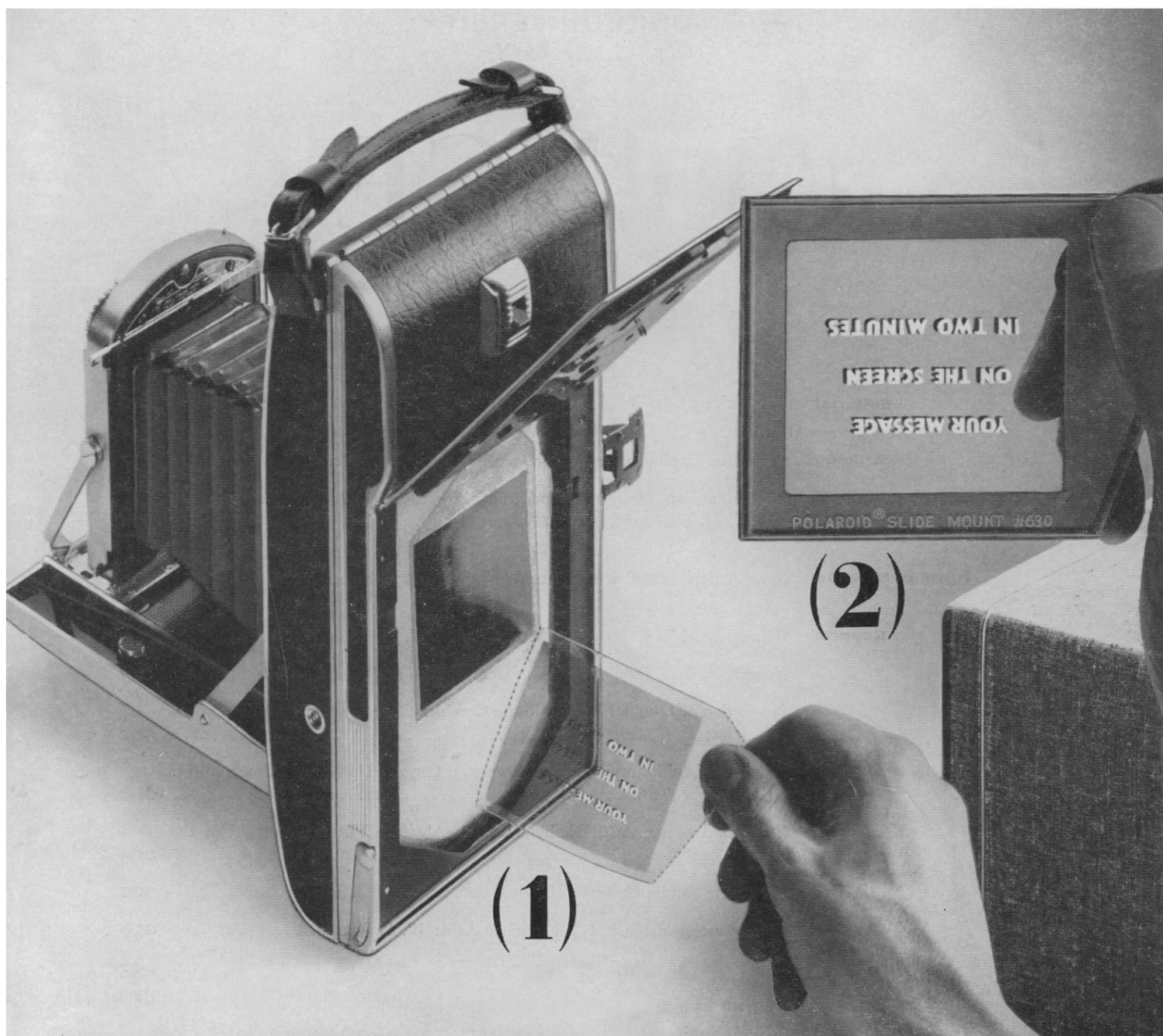


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Professional Amateur. The biography of Charles Franklin Kettering. T. A. Boyd. Dutton, New York, 1957. xii + 242 pp. Illus. \$4.50.

He who reads *Professional Amateur* unconsciously recalls two other inventive Americans who ministered to their country's industrial advance—Franklin and Edison. Charles Franklin Kettering more closely resembles the former in his wide and general concern, which even verges on the philosophical, but is more like Edison in that he gears his endeavors to the practical developments of which his time has need.

For dollar-minded readers, this is truly an American success story. For Kettering, the reward was principally reckoned by other standards. His start was in a farm home and a country school, with a very bothersome handicap—poor eyes—that delayed his graduation from college until his 28th year. After graduation from Ohio State University's College of Engineering, he was employed by the National Cash Register Company. There, in 5 years, he guided the production of three major improvements in their machines. In that period he also developed a program of private research which, by 1909, prompted his withdrawal from the laboratory of the National Cash Register Company. In the 10 years that followed, he and his associates improved automobile ignition, developed and set up a factory for the Delco Lighting System, demonstrated the virtues of high-octane gasoline, and put a self-starter on the Cadillac automobile. In 1919, he accepted, with some reservations, the headship of the newly established General Motors Research Laboratory. From that laboratory, during the 27 years of his direction, came "ethyl" gasoline, new finishes for quick car-painting, a new, efficient diesel engine for use in marine and rail service, and a high-compression automobile engine, ready for production.

His marginal activities during these years included a share in the study of

heat for medical therapy, the production of a pilotless plane for use in World War I, and a part in the planning and financing of an institute for cancer research. His response, even though reluctant, to a call for help is credited with "saving the Winters National Bank of Dayton [Ohio] from collapse" in 1924. It was his own initiative, however, that put him in business with a home-town (Loudonville, Ohio) concern in order "to elevate living conditions and general prosperity of the people of the town." The success of this venture was, in dollars, about 30 times greater than he had expected.

Kettering retired in 1947. Since that time he has been almost as active as before. Four interests claim his attention—cancer research, photosynthesis, magnetism, and the design of better and less expensive light airplanes. In pursuit of the last, he has resumed flying and is now the owner of three planes. He is a frequent visitor at Antioch College, for it is there, under the auspices of the Kettering Foundation, that 30 scientists are trying to find out "why grass is green." No doubt his plane often lands at La Grange, Ill., where his son Gene is chief engineer of the Electro-Motive Division, which produces rail diesel engines. It is the diesel's inventor, as well as the father and grandfather, who makes these visits.

T. A. Boyd, a former research associate of Kettering's, makes generous use of quoted excerpts from the latter's writings and speeches in this book. For Kettering, like Franklin, is very apt in phrasing semiphilosophical asides in his conversation and speeches. The author is frankly laudatory and gives scant space to mention of any personal quirks. However, the book's chronicle does effectively bring to the reader a sense of actual encounter with "Boss Ket" in person. And, withal, it does this through an interesting, absorbing narrative.

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