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ON THE COVER

Recently, the author came across a decades-old child's toy, a red goose on wheels. It still had an original old decal on it for Red Goose Shoes. The author's research took him on a goose chase through American history, where he discovered that one of the founders of the company was James M. Hays, the owner of the J. M. Hays Wood Products Company. Collectors of factory decoys will recognize it as the manufacturer of Hays "True-to-Life" Decoys of Jefferson City, Missouri. The author's neighbor, David Price, agreed to give it a ride.