

BACK FENCING

By
A MAN ABOUT TOWN

Our narration last week about Earl Gassill and his deer hunting adventures seemed to have caused Earl a lot of good natured ribbing. He still sticks to his story and when questioned denied anyone to find the mark of gun shot on his Buck. We still think it was a GOOD story . . . and you can "Believe It Or Not."

The Lions Club Keno Party was a GIANTIC success, from all reports. As usual, some folks left the building laden down with fowl and other prizes of various kinds, and some left with, as one poor soul said, "Just a headache." From conversations which we have overheard, the crowd seated on the main floor thought that those playing in the balcony had all the luck, and those in the balcony bestowed the "luck on the draw" of the folks who were playing downstairs in the main auditorium. We'd say that ALL sections of the Community House had its share of lucky individuals by the looks of things as they wended their way home after the last BEAUTIFUL door prize of the evening was handed out . . . and did Bob Porritt have a time carrying THAT out!

James Whyte, who won the fine spruce tree at the Keno Party, so happy over his good fortune that he gave Dick Fleming, who had sold him the winning ticket, a fine big box of candy. Now that's appreciation for you . . . and we don't mean perhaps.

The Town Club, a group of High school students placed themselves on record as being a darn good bunch of kids the other day. After having put on a dance which was supposed to have raised money for the Community House Fund, they found that they had not made any money on the venture, but had actually "gone in the hole," after all expenses had been paid. They were determined however, to turn over some money to the Fund as planned, so they checked up on their treasury and found that they had a standing account of some \$27 to their credit which had accumulated over the preceding months . . . and they GAVE their entire "Cash On Hand" to the Community House Fund. Some of their elders who make such good use of the civic center could well follow the example in helping pay for the "privileges enjoyed" on such regular occasions.

Well girls . . . we are sorry for our previous attempt to steer you all on a nice, eligible bachelor. Somehow or other, the word must have spread to a certain young lady up in Flint that we had been tipping you girls off, because . . . Jack Potter, the new Goodyear manager whom we told you about a week or so ago HAS gone and married the girl. Rather sudden, we are told . . . but she just wasn't taking any chances with the "Man of her dreams" when he was located here in our town of aspiring beauties—and she was a way up north in Flint.

It has often been said, but not always proven, that "A woman is always right." Well, here's one about a certain Mrs. A. J. (Phil . . . to her friends) Hart, wherein the lady was right and proved it. It seems that Phil—(We were told to call her that) had bought herself a beautiful pet canary to have around to sing for her and cheer her up during her dull moments. The Canary sales man had assured her that the bird was a very fine canary and had passed through the moulting stage. Soon after the pet had taken up its residence with the Harts, it began to lose its plumage and seemed to be a pretty busy bird. Phil's family and friends whispered "Lies," when shown the bird, but the owner steadfastly resisted the accusation and declared that the bird was moulting. She took the little bird to a doctor who knew his birds, and he examined the pet and very emphatically stated that it was not a case of lie but that the bird was moulting. So—Phil's canary is again back home and in the good graces of the family, and . . . the lady was right, and she wants all her doubting friends to know it.

Word reaches us that the party held by The Friendly Dancing Club last Saturday night at the Community House was a grand success in every respect. That's very nice and as it should be, as the thought behind the promotion is that of getting the folks of the town together for an evening of friendly sociability, where neighbors can meet and get to know one another better. There are a lot of darn nice folks around this town . . . if you can just get to know them better. 'Tis said that the subscription list is about to be closed due to the fine response of the first gathering. Too big a crowd would nullify the objective of the series of dances to a certain extent . . . so, some of your folks who can't just make up your minds had better get some "remittance" in before it's too late.

We haven't had any venison steaks as the result of the recent open season on deer. It seems that all of our friends came home empty handed as far as deer were concerned. There is still hope however, as Joe Stutkie has not reported as yet, and Joe ALWAYS gets his buck. His den over in his home looks like a Taxidermist's display room. Several deer heads, bob cats, birds and other animals adorn the walls and on the floor is a great big black bear skin

which Joe brought back from a previous hunting trip. If you enjoy good hunting stories . . . get Joe started!

And speaking of stories, we have got to the point where we doubt that a bedtime story will be required to usher us off to slumber tonight, so . . . we'll dash off and catch a little of the well known, but sometimes overlooked "Shut-eye" . . . and until Saturday . . . when we'll be over on the corner to see Santa Claus and all the kiddies . . . So-Long.

How It Happened
Sweet Young Thing—Ooooh, gracious! Did the horse roll over with you?
Cowboy—Oh, no, not at all. I carried over myself and took him with me.

The Monster

Clinton—What did the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have him arrested for?
Anderson—They heard he carried a roll that would choke a cow.

TWO VIEWS OF DIXIELAND

Henry Dodge writes a letter in two parts—take your choice.
I
We are down here 'mong the roses;
Flowers blooming everywhere;
Up and down this lovely valley,
Fragrance seems to fill the air.
O, 'tis lovely here in winter,
Birds are singing 'mong the trees;
While the live oak and the orange
Have forgot to shed their leaves.

Natives of the coast seem jolly
And extend to us glad hand;
They will try to make us happy,
While we stay in Dixie land.
Happy chance that led us southward,
Far from where the blizzard blows;
Here is nought but peace and comfort
Where the sweet magnolia grows.
II
Happy land of bugs and buzzards!
How we love it none can tell.
Natives look and act like Satan,
Water smells and tastes like—
Oh, this is the land of promise;

Here one soon forgets his sin;
For it keeps him mighty busy
Digging jiggers from his skins.
All around mid swamps and water
Alligators may be found,
Also snakes, to more than fence it
Lock and stake the corners
down.
But we write our friends, 'Tis lovely!
That the climate seems sublime.
Lie like all the other suckers
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