(Hilda Chichester Skinner, a well known pioneer woman, who packs a pistol and some courage too, tells of an experience at Mail Box Point, her Lakelse Lake retreat).

In the evening of Saturday, July 7, I went down or Else to my cabin around Mail Box Point. It was very late -10 p.m. I had been delayed by finding the skids on which I launch my boat, weighed down and broken out. Here "Large Leo" said "You have forgotten one thing!" were serene? by cedar poles. Mr. Osterland, the owner of these, eagerly "We will pay you to "Gosh," I thought, "my tooth- Nothing had been stolen eithgallantly removed them and mended the skids, giving blow a gasket at that, my reply though it might be "Pistol Pack- light artillery. me a weather report for the

past month. My boat was travelling like a scared pup that had been kicked. As I rounded the corner of my fifteen acres of lakeshore ("no trespassing, please") to my moored at my wharf. "Ha!" I thought, "Someone is snooping around, will soon approach, and we will bandy words." I was going to cast this "indolent bateau" adrift - when it occured to me, the trespassers would have to remain. So I struggled about tieing my boat on the outside of theirs.

Still no one approached. I was growing most uneasy. Then glanced at my cabin and saw, to my amazement, indignation and fear, that it was simply milling with people.

No one came out. I was getting more and more alarmed so I dug down in my sleeping bag and procured my automatic pistol which I carry for just such a crisis.

Going toward the cabin, I was indeed amazed to find an obese man, with a sort of mottled countenance, hopping about in my woodshel putting on his damp boots.

Produces Her Pistol

I hastily produced my pistol from my pocket, ostentatiously pumped a shell in the chamber. Something about him made me instantly enraged—it may have

been his red shirt. Advancing rapidly to the open door with the apparent intention of coming out was a dark saturnine individual (sort of town parlor sniek) not too, handsomely decorated by an outsize bowie knife on his slight hip—and a very irritating grin. No work too large or too small Pot - bellied man kept splut-

tering: "Now just a minute sonny, I got my feet wet, see." Now I do dislike being called "sonny" for one thing it implies a degree of youth I no longer possess and, furthermore, I belong to the sex sometimes described as "fair" though I am

sort of brown and very small. At one period of my life I'd P.O. Box 1286 — Phone Black 823 Beauty Culture in all its branches read a Wild West story, and I said, in as loud a voice as I could muster: "Back in the cabin you before I fill you plumb full of holes!" I shall al-Public Accountant, Auditor, etc. ways regret I didn't say 'pronto!' I waved my pistol a bit but kept the safety on because my trigger finger was shaking al-

most as much as my knees. The porcine man bounded up my steps his bootlaces waving, GRADUATE MASSEUR as speedily and agilely as a goat bitten by a bulldog.

Inside we had a woman who Facial and Reducing Treatment said she was the wife of "Leaping Leo the Lionhearted" and Phone Red 315 - 424 8th Ave W. in a hostile tone "I can prove it." How gratified I was to learn SMITH & ELKINS LTD.

(The last miscreants we, my husband and I sort of hijacked on the "high seas" so to speak,

with what we credulously believed to be their wives. They were fishing gaily from our stolen rowboat).

kind of hair-dress I call an "Leaping Leo" confided to me "impermanent wave."

dangerous-looking person in the before I arrived. Tutt! Tutt! my back and pistol near by.

chair! Just sat sort of frozen again?). She also added they

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I now made instantly for agree). which they were very, very re- | gic to water, after spluttering have wet feet). (in a very wiggly handwriting). The others just would

They would'nt tell me where they lived-just Prince Rupert. Perhaps they belong to the great army of displaced persons we read of.

Right Names

I said they had better be burglers.

"Bowie Knife Bandit" now Law of the North"!

The wife of large "Leo," had suppose you would like those from Prince Rupert. one of those exterior face-dec- names verified." Happy touch I pointed out that "Breaking choke me." I looked and saw horror I saw a large grey skiff orating jobs, that looked as if that it saved me from a long and Entering" is really quite, this was only too true, for the she had come in rough contact trip for our police corporal. I quite serious. They must be most part they were large ugly Roberts, regional port director with teacher's blackboard brush- was really getting fatigued. confusing things with the often squawfish or suckers. es when she had been using red Violent emotion does that to me, chalk. She also possessed the and I had "emoted" in plenty.

in an aside, that he had only I concluded she was the most got his clothes on a moment party, and retreated to the fall I answered I was thankful for

corner where I had the wall to that — "Leo" as a Doukhobor. God forbid- Perhaps though he The other occupant was a wo- had been wearing those mouldy man under a felt chapeau looking blankets on my lower (which I liked very much as it bunk as a sort of Roman toga. was correct for the "great out- Now I asked (with adjectives) doors") and a somewhat nervous why they were my uninvited

These gals had never heard "Handsome Chapeau" said the the rule "Age before beauty." wind had blown them there They didn't even offer me a (why didn't they blow them out

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> their names and addresses | Now poor old "Leo," so aller- and leave kindling (some might waggle my trusty sidearm again. He had fallen in the lake. I hottest day in July so far and "Fatty" had a great respect for said "Why didn't you stay there if "Leo's" feet were really cold

> > Personally I'm sure he slid off my wharf. It's slippery Were Tidy when wet, and he was not all Burglers wet, just what my aged parent

had read "no trespassing" signs gled with the boats.

them across the lake and find in a sort of "Anvil Chorus" overheated atmosphere, things tow us over." Now I really did brush," so I asked what. I now er, but then there was I with my would not be printed. There may ing Mama, lay that pistol down," I escorted them down to the

cabin, but must replace wood

luctant to give me. So I had to so much, made himself heard. Furthermore this had been the really quite nice. She thanked they could have lit a campfire (not on my beach).

Now I must say they were delicately refers to as his more tidy than some burglers I have known. No doubt they In reply—yes, they could read, brushed up a bit while I strug-

and \$50.00 reward notice posted | Except for my pillows on the by my husband last time we had floor, and my frying pan, looking ashamed of itself on a table. their right names or I'd follow Now my quartette broke out lots of cigarette smoke in the

have been the odd damn. but no, louder than ever, "The wharf and heard a faint feminine voice say, "Would the lady had a brain-wave and said in! They think we don't have any (they had learned to call me surprisingly good English: "I up here about one hundred miles this) like some fish?" I replied "No, thank you, they would

Here a plaintive voice said, "Honey, can't we go home now?" Honey was "Large Leo," not me.

Now, folks, I'd just like to say to insure happinness. this gal in the chapeau was nie for the hospitality and regretted my outraged feelings. I invited "Bowie Knife" to tote my heavy luggage for me. He did. And she thought up some other

nice little touches for him. Also at my invitation he showed me how he'd "cracked the crib" with pardonable pride. He really was good, could even open the door. The Armed Forces had to jump in and out a window. I invited them to come back next day and cut wood to re-

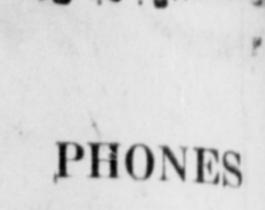
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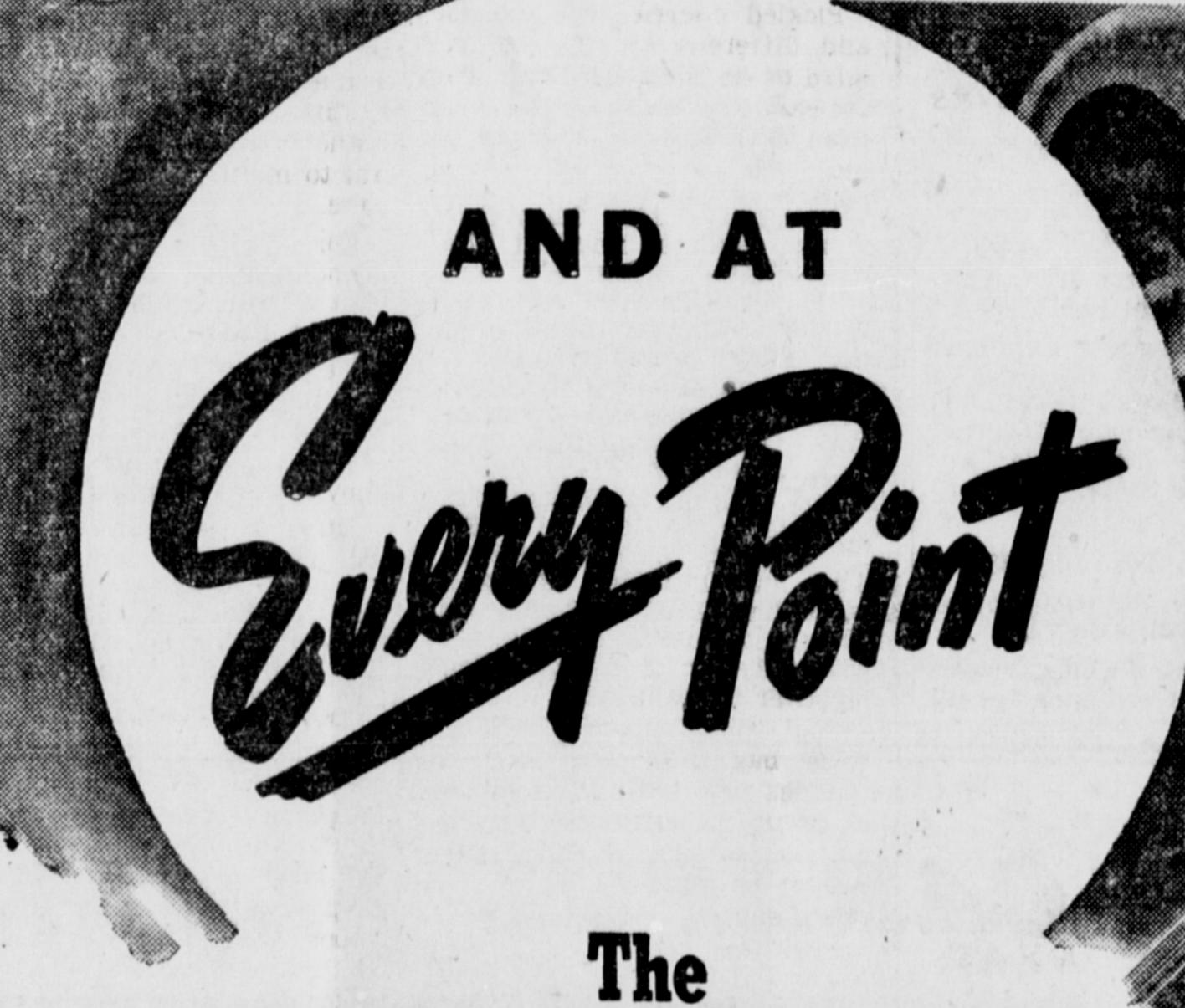
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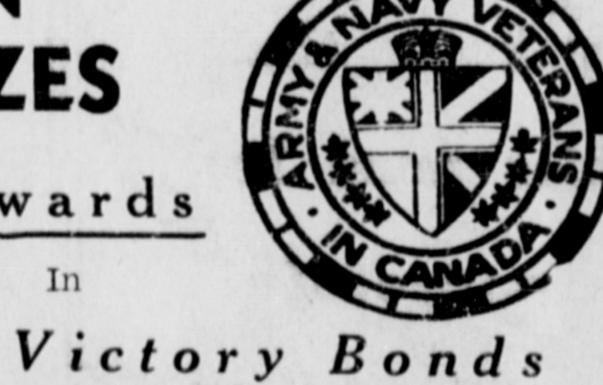
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