

## Outdoor stuff ... with Marty

Quite recently there have been two minor but disagreeable and avoidable accidents to ladies in our community. Each of these ladies had happily accepted the offer of rifle instruction on firearms equipped with telescope sights, but their mentors had failed to explain the meaning of "eye-relief." Consequently these neophytes each received a nasty cut above the sighting eye from the telescope. Let this not happen again lest we lose these pleasant scholars.

Among the specifications listed in the pamphlet which generally accompanies a telescope sight when purchased there appears this seemingly peculiar word "eye-relief." Usually this is from two to five inches, and merely denotes the distance from the shooter's eye that the telescope should be held, in order to gain the greatest amount of light within the tube. If the sight is held too far from the eye, the shooter's position is strained and the internal reticle is not clearly visible. In the other case, the danger of recoil and its attendant damage to one's face is only one of the reasons for making certain that the shooter stays within the "eye-relief" zone.

While on the subject of shooting instruction, would suggest that the gradual sque-e-e-e of the trigger be greatly emphasized, because I have known beginners (who have little knowledge of ballistics) who actually believed that a good smart pull on the trigger helped to speed the bullet on its way!

Just two weeks hence is the next meeting of the Rod and Gun Club, and this is to remind you to set the date aside. It is hoped that plans may be finalized for the 1953 Salmon Derby (which should begin immediately), and arrangements furthered for the annual game dinner in March.

Be sure to turn out at this meeting. Your voice, opinions and assistance is needed by your brothers of the woods and waters. It is whispered that more of the fair sex would partake of the annual dinner if a roast other than wild meat be served. Perhaps turkey would be the answer. In any case, come to the meeting and make yourself heard.

Several of the commercial fishermen are putting in spare time as anglers, and that is all to the good. Richard Giske was very successful with a spoon from Norway, using it as a bobbing jig he took more clean grey-cod than one might shake a sinker at. And a crewman on the packer Azurite took a 12-pound white spring on a piece of herring bait while handlining alongside the ice dock at Fairview. Flounders are in spawning condition right now; they are good eating any time, and the roe is worthy cooking separately as piece de resistance.

The Big Town down south has a new coho fly, made up on 3/0 hooks with blue and white crinkled nylon strands four inches long. They make a very attractive lure as they seem to give off light flashes in all directions. They should be on hand in local stores soon. The new tackle is beginning to show up, with automatic reels much in evidence, these latter being one of the best things to happen to fly-rod men in a long while.

Despite the noticeable lack of feed-fish in the harbor, the springs are showing up and being taken in increasing numbers. Most anywhere between the elevator and the Cold Storage is paying dividends.

Although the duck season is off, there is no need to put the shotgun away. A bunch of your neighbors will meet you at the trapshooting grounds, and George Rorvik, Jim Bacon or Harold Thom will tell you how to arrange a shoot.

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## NEWS ... in brief

**BUDAPEST (CP)** Hungary today announced the arrest of Lajos Stoeckler, president of Hungary's Jewish community. A one-sentence communique said police "found considerable quantity of dollars and Swiss francs" in the home of Stoeckler, who was described as a "former industrialist."

Stoeckler has headed the Jewish Church of Hungary since the end of the Second World War.

**Chairman Named**  
**UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)**—Leonard Brockington of Canada has been appointed chairman of the United Nations Loyalty Panel. The panel will assist Secretary General Trygve Lie in dealing with cases of staff members charged with subversion.

**Strike Called Off**  
**MONTREAL (CP)**—The Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor has announced cancellation of plans for a general work stoppage of its 90,000 members in Quebec province.

### Plane Crash-Lands

**BERLIN (CP)**—A British cargo plane crash-landed on West Berlin's high-speed railway track, missing a jammed commuter train by minutes and miraculously halting without injury to the two-man crew.

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## Truman, in Last Speech, Predicts Fall of Russia

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Retiring President Truman predicted the Soviet's aggressive schemes will collapse, sooner or later, under the growing weight of the free world's defenses.

In a farewell address from the White House, the President said this collapse will lead to a new golden age—to an era of spreading world authority, and of peace "as far ahead as man can see."

Truman took over the country's radio and television networks for a personal, sometimes emotional, review of his eight turbulent years in the White House.

He pointed to dangers ahead—of a possible new world war that would dig the grave of Western civilization and of its Communist enemy alive.

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He disclaimed for the United States any will to provoke such a conflict by hurling ultimatums or by using terrible new weapons: "Starting an atomic war is totally unthinkable for rational men."

He called for complete public support of his successor, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Finally, the outgoing President ended his valedictory with a gentle: "Good night—and God bless you all."

As he did so, Mrs. Truman and Margaret appeared on either side of him for the TV cameras.

### FIRM ADVICE

Truman's last address from the office he vacated today came only a few hours after he handed a firm piece of advice to his successor:

"Wide-open press conferences may be tough on you but don't give them up—the people are entitled to them."

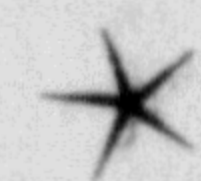
It was at just such a session with newspaper men—his 324th and last—that the President read a formal statement up-

holding the right of reporters to ask the President questions in open meeting. It's important to a democracy, Truman said, that "every medium of communication between the citizens and their government, particularly the President, be kept open as far as possible."

He went on: "This kind of news conference where reporters can ask any kind of question they can dream up—directly to the President of the United States—illustrates how strong and how vital our democracy is. There is no other country in the world where the chief of state submits to such unlimited questions."

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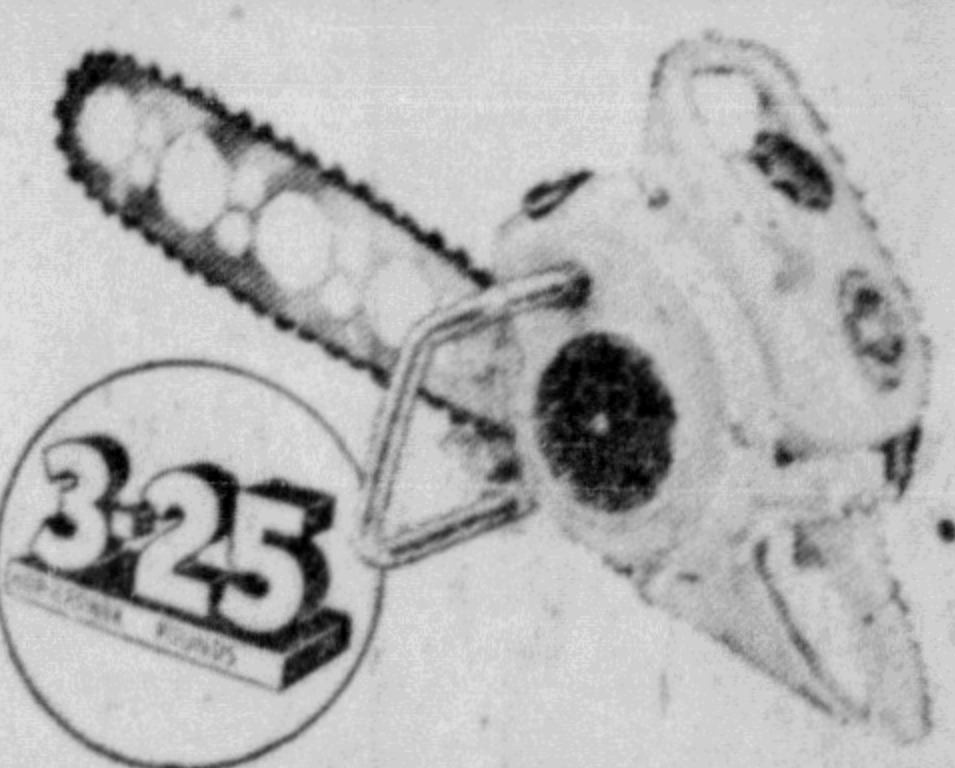
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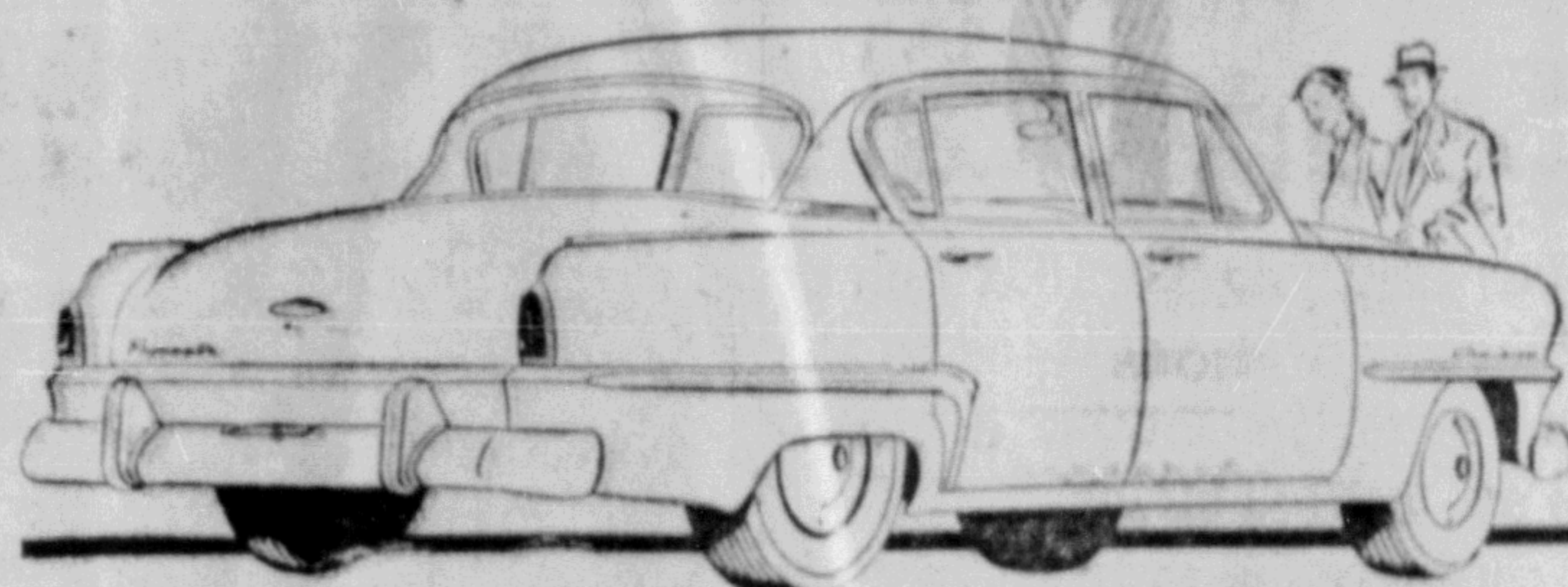
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