

## Outdoors with Marty

The Terrace Steelhead Derby is presently headed by a 20-pounder taken from the Klamath, as were all other fish so far entered. The big freeze now in progress is holding up many anglers, and two ardent rodsters worked over the Fairview flats after failing of success at Cloway.

Sparky lures on spinning tackle were cast into the running tide and given an occasional twitch, a simple method that brought strikes from the ever-willing and very tasty rockfish.

These rockfish are first cousins to the deep-water red cod that the halibut fisherman usually prefers to all others for his own eating. Just skin out the two side fillets, and keep them good and cold—but not cold—for two or three days before trying with a touch of onion. They must be pretty good, for newlywed FRED RUSSELL and AL MACPHERSON ignored the cold last Sunday to go after them, while Fred's new bride stayed home, toe-toasting!

ROBIN KENDALL, the outdoorsman of the Indian Department, is expected at the Red and Gun Banquet Saturday and

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## Sun Life of Canada Again Increases Policy Dividends

New insurance of \$761 million largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in any year; \$6½ billion now in force; Canadian sales up 24%.

Life insurance totalling more than \$761 millions was purchased from the Sun Life of Canada in 1955, the largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in one year. Sun Life's 85th Annual Report to Policyholders also discloses that life insurance in force now has passed \$6½ billions, highest in the history of Canadian life insurance companies. The Sun Life has announced a further increase in policyholders' dividend scales for 1956 when \$28 million will be paid, thereby reducing the cost of insurance to policyholders for the 7th successive year. During 1955 the Company paid \$136 millions in benefits to policyholders and beneficiaries, a new record. Living policyholders alone received over \$64 millions. Total benefits paid since the Company's first policy was issued in 1871 now exceed three billion dollars.

In writing its record total of new life insurance during 1955, Sun Life exceeded its 1954 total by \$65,000,000. In a year when sales of consumer goods were at an unusually high level and competing actively with sales of life insurance, the fact that in all-time record for life insurance could be established showed that more and more people realize life insurance protection is essential to family security, according to George W. Bourke, Sun Life President, who reviewed Company results for the 13-month period. The Company's Canadian sales of Ordinary insurance were up 24% and incomes were also reported from the United States, Great Britain and other countries where Sun Life transacts business.

**GROUP UP 42%** Included in total new business was \$344 millions of new "Group" insurance; Canadian Group sales alone were up 49% over the previous year. Sun Life's worldwide totals of insurance in force now have reached \$6,534,000,000, an increase of 8.2%. Total life insurance in force stands at \$3,312,000,000; the Sun Life has a backlog of nearly 100,000 life insurance policies now in force in Canada. Sun Life insurance in force provides for an amount of \$140,000,000 per annum, 82% of the total business Group premiums. The worldwide volume of life insurance and annuities in force may be considered the equivalent of \$8,000,000,000 of life insurance territory of origin, this business is divided 48% in Canada, 37% in the United States, 9% in Great Britain and other Commonwealth countries, and elsewhere in the world.

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**HOME INVESTMENTS** During 1955, Sun Life assets increased by \$72 millions and now stand at \$1,048 millions. Once again, mortgages were a principal outlet for new investment funds; during the

Game Commissioner FRANK BUTLER has also signified his intention of appearing. All plans are finalized, and this definitely will be the greatest of many splendid efforts by the local Clubbers.

Taking another look at the last moose season, we see that the three open seasons on cows has had no detrimental effect, for a normal number of bulls was taken and an ample stock of breeding females remains. These animals have a remarkable reproductive capacity, but after all, they are actually the largest of the deer, and will adapt themselves to the available feeding range and their numbers will fluctuate according to the condition of that range. Never let the hunter fear that his future hunting trips may lack sights of game, for the lessons being learned by our game biologists are surely pointing the way to the most efficient usage of our game resources over the long haul. There are to be many surveys of the moose and deer stand made before next Fall, and from these checks we shall have a fairly precise picture of the actual remaining stand of animals.

The coming weekend offers the North country its finest opportunity of showing its growth and strength, representatives from most parts of the Zone will be on hand, and it is much hoped that a united front can be formed that will bring our local game and fish problems before the Game Commission and the general public.

JACK TINDALE gets a big tan on the song for his eight pound steelhead taken from the Cloway last Sunday. This dyed-in-the-wool fisherman takes it in all kinds of weather, but shrinks from the limelight when success comes his way. How about YOUR report neighbor?

## PENGUIN HEAVEN

The frozen fountain at the Penguin Poll in Vancouver's Stanley Park provides a homelike atmosphere for Peter, a native of Antarctica. Flowerlike icicles formed over the constantly-flowing fountain during a cold spell in Vancouver. (CP Photo)

## BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

### Best Supporting Cards Should Lie in Dummy

"I suppose you didn't think I knew what I was doing," snapped Mr. Champion after Mr. Muzzy managed to go down two, doubled, at his four club bid.

"But I only had one of your diamonds and a seven card suit of my own," Mr. Muzzy replied. Mr. Champion looked exasperated, although this same thing had happened to him many times before. "You couldn't imagine my suit was as good as yours, could you? Well, you lost two tricks in your trump suit and I would have lost only one in mine. And I'd have made three diamonds whereas you went down two at four clubs."

### WHY NOT FOUR?

"If you had such a hot diamond suit, why didn't you bid four diamonds?" asked Mr. Muzzy, desperately trying to shift the blame.

"Because," Mr. Champion roared, "you would only have bid five clubs. If I had bid my diamonds enough, we'd end up in seven clubs, doubled and down five. Besides, I just told you I can make three diamonds and no more."

There are several important points tied up in the bidding of this hand. First when each partner has a long suit but there is no fit in either, it is better to let the player with little or no side strength play the hand.

He can win tricks in his own

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable  
NORTH Mr. Muzzy  
▲ A 6  
▼ K Q 4  
◆ 3  
♦ K 10 8 6 5 3  
WEST Mrs. Keen EAST Mr. Abel  
K Q J 8 7 5 A 9 4 3  
◆ A 10 7 3 ♦ J 8 2  
Q 7 4 4 A 9  
SOUTH Mr. Champion  
▲ 10 2  
▼ 9 6 5  
◆ A K J 9 8 7 5  
3  
The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♠  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♠  
3 ♠ 1 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Dbl. All pass

hand with his trump suit, plus tricks in side suits from the dummy. But as a dummy hand for his stronger partner, he may furnish no tricks at all. If Mr. Champion had played today's hand, for example, he could have won six diamond tricks—plus two heart tricks and a spade trick from Mr. Muzzy's hand.

Mr. Muzzy, on the other hand, could win just one trick in dummy at his four club contract. He tried to take two diamonds but Mrs. Keen ruffed the second lead of the suit.

The other point is a general one but none the less important. When you recognize a misfit, drop the bidding as fast as you can. Don't keep prodding on just because you have a singleton in your partner's suit. Remember, he may have a void in yours.

### Asks Refund

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Delbert Edwards wants to know if he can get a refund on his ticket to the police men's ball.

The ball will be held Feb. 21, and Edwards, 31, won't leave city prison till more than a week later, as he's serving a 30-day sentence for intoxication.

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## \$51,500,000,000 Road Plan Being Pondered For U.S.

By GEORGE KITCHEN

Canadian Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON (C) — The United States, with an estimated 61,000,000 motor vehicles pounding its highways every day, is thinking of launching a \$51,500,000 road-improvement program. The road-users would pay most of the shot.

Congress, alarmed at the deterioration of national roadways and their inability to cope with present-day traffic, has before it several plans, introduced by both Republicans and Democrats, to finance a 15-year program of highway modernization on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The scheme basically is aimed at modernizing, rebuilding and expanding the country's interstate highway system, a 37,800-mile network which now links 42 state capitals and 90 percent of all cities with a population of 50,000 or more. The program includes 2,200 miles of roads needed but not yet built.

The proposals now before Congress for pay-as-you-go financing, with much of the money to be raised through higher taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, tires, trucks, trailers and buses. Thus,

those who use the highways, whether truckers, bus lines or private motorists, would help foot the bill.

These proposals are designed to raise \$12,000,000,000 over a period of several years. This would be added to the \$22,000,000,000 now produced through existing federal taxes on gasoline and tires to make up the \$35,000,000,000 federal share of the program. The states, which would handle the construction work, would raise the rest.

Pay-as-you-go financing is favored by most congressmen over

primary highways, which provide the country's most vital transportation links, cost annually \$1,000,000,000 in traffic accidents, \$500,000,000 in lost time for commercial vehicles and \$700,000,000 unnecessarily spent on fuel, brakes and tires.

The interstate highway system, prime target of the program, services 65 per cent of all urban dwellers and 45 per cent of the rural population. But, the experts say, only one mile in every six is considered adequate for today's needs. The other five miles are old and in bad need of repair.

The modernization program involves abandoning some roads altogether and relocating them. On many stretches now existing, another two lanes would be laid providing a divided four-lane highway. Rights-of-way would be expanded and bridges built. Many of the 22,000 curves in excess of three degrees would be straightened. Others would be graded. Steep grades would be reduced or eliminated.

The construction costs are staggering. They range in average from more than \$200,000 a mile in rural areas to as high as \$16,000,000 a mile for big city expressways.

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## Paralyzed Boy Becomes Full-Fledged Boy Scout

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Billy Lawless has become a Boy Scout, but it wasn't easy.

He was 15 years old, and for six years has been confined to a wheelchair by muscular dystrophy, a disease that weakens and paralyzes the muscles.

His boundaries were the walls of his home and he was virtually alone in his limited world until a chance visit by a group of Scouts from Assumption (Roman Catholic) church.

Billy had whiled away the hours painting but he was lonely. His new friends gave him an interest that led eventually to his recitation of the vow "on my honor, I promise to obey the Scout law . . ."

It was a long struggle. Because the muscular dystrophy first attacked when he was six, Billy had no chance to learn to read or write with other youngsters in school.

The solemnity of the occasion lasted only a few minutes. Afterwards there was a party, and lunch.

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His patient mother read for hours from "Tenderfoot To Queen's Scout," a scouting manual. Each fact was stowed carefully away in the youth's mind. Billy passed tenderfoot examinations with flying colors.

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