

BANK GUARDS USE NEW TARGET DEVICE

Lake County Deputies Have Practice with Replica of Moving Auto

Lake county's local bank guards, a group of 61 special deputy sheriffs "handpicked" from the banking towns in the county, are practicing this fall with an ingenious outdoor moving target which is designed to present a practical problem as an aid in helping the marksmen develop a facility for "picking off" fleeing automobiles on crowded streets.

The moving target, which is a replica of a motor car, side view, is the invention of Frank N. Hamlin, president of the Lake Villa Trust and Savings bank, and a contractor of that city. Mr. Hamlin is chairman of the protective committee of the Lake County Bankers Federation, which maintains the groups of local bank guards scattered throughout the county.

Score Only Half

The replica of an automobile, upon which are attached six "spot" targets, is pulled across a range of fire at a swift rate of speed by a real machine which moves entirely out of the range of fire. Each of the six targets on the moving target has an individual score, counting for a certain number of points the first time it is hit. If it is hit again by the same marksman in its dash across the range, the score for the second hit is only half of the first hit.

The dash of the dummy machine is from behind one sign-board to another, and on the way the target passes in front of two dummy pedestrian targets. The object of the marksman is to register a hit in as many of the six targets on the "car" as possible without hitting either "pedestrian," and if a pedestrian target is hit, 50 points are subtracted from the score of the man firing.

Hitting Five Targets

The distance between the place of fire and the moving target is 50 yards. Only one man fires at a time, and each marksman is allowed five shots. The best possible score, of course, is made by hitting five different individual targets on the "machine" with the five shots allowed, in the brief time the auto target dashes across the range of fire, without hitting either of the two "human targets."

The proficiency of the members of the county bank guards with this target is amazing, according to the few spectators who have seen the plan in operation. They say that the target moves across the range, "dodging" the two "pedestrians," in a remarkably few seconds, but when the "spot" targets are examined at the end of the fast "ride," usually four and sometimes five of them have been hit.

These six small targets, by the way, register hits in the following places on the dummy automobile: the driver, the rear seat passengers, the front wheel, the rear wheel, the radiator and the motor.

Futile Dash

The device which represents a moving auto as the large target is

built of three-ply veneer, cut in the outline of a motor car, mounted on a frame of two-by-fours on skids. A tow rope, attached to the front and rear of this device, passes around four pulleys at the four corners of a plot of ground, and is attached to the front and rear of the real automobile which supplies the motive force to the target. The real machine, of course, operates behind the marksmen, entirely out of possible range of fire. When the target dummy has made its dash across the range from right to left, the holes in the individual targets are pasted, up, the dummy machine is pulled back to the right, and all is ready for another guard to "pick off" the vital spots during the next futile "dash for liberty."

Each bank in Lake county appoints a certain number of the local bank guards, depending upon the population of the community served by the bank. These men, all crack shots and personally brave, are appointed special deputy sheriffs of the county and each is supplied with a rifle. The guards are all men who can be called at once for emergency work—men who are available at any time of day and night.

It has been customary for the Lake county bank guards to hold practice shots twice a year, but with the new moving target, they expect to practice at frequent intervals. The device, they feel, will develop their proficiency in a very practical way.

We've given up taking cold showers every morning. We go down to the bank and ask for a loan instead. —Judge.

Fine Program at Alcyon Theatre

Today marks the final showing at the Alcyon of "Six Hours To Live," with Warner Baxter, John Boles, and Miriam Jordan.

On Friday and Saturday the feature attraction will be "The Big Broadcast," Paramount's great drama of the ether-waves with a cast that reads like the blue book of radioland. Bing Crosby, Kate Smith, Vincent Lopez orchestra, Mills Brothers, Arthur Tracy, Boswell Sisters, Donald Novis, Burns and Allen, Cab Calloway Band, Stuart Erwin, and Leila Hyams are the stars.

On Sunday, January 1, "Trouble in Paradise," Ernst Lubitsch's daring comedy with Kay Francis, Miriam Hopkins, Herbert Marshall, Charles Ruggles and Edward Horton will play the Alcyon.

For Monday and Tuesday one of the finest films ever produced is programmed when "Smilin' Through" will be shown. Norma Shearer, Fredric March, and Leslie Howard are the three brilliant stars appearing in this lovely play. On Monday, Jan. 2, a holiday, performances will be continuous.

The feature photoplay for Wednesday and Thursday will be "Bill of Divorcement" with John Barrymore, Billie Burke and Katherine Hepburn. Miss Hepburn, a newcomer to the screen, gives a remarkable performance which firmly establishes her as one of the most capable young actresses of this generation.

Deerfield Scouts to Collect Clothing Jan. 3

Deerfield Boy Scouts will make a house to house canvass on Tuesday, Jan. 3, for clothing of all kinds for the needy in the village. Mr. H. G. Cazell, district scout commissioner, is in charge of the relief project.

Clothing may also be brought to the store in the Moeller building on North Waukegan road where the Red Cross flour is being stored.

A collection of old newspapers will be made several weeks later.

There is an especial need for all sizes of children. Parents having garments which their children have outgrown are asked to have a bundle ready for the Boy Scouts. Winter clothes of all types will be most acceptable.

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