



Across the Editor's Desk

HAVE you a little lumbricus in your home? If so, guard it well, for Peter Noblet, of Hickory, North Carolina, has discovered, after long and patient research, that the lumbricus is the best possible means for making antique furniture out of Grand Rapids 1936.

For a long time we've depended upon the ancient and honorable profession of worm-hole-boring, by drills, acid, and such. Mr. Noblet finds that the worm called lumbricus can do worm-holes better than human workmen. It seems rather obvious, doesn't it? Just like recent discoveries that cold weather really does have a bearing on colds. All the lumbricus asks in return for his services is room and board. He rooms in the hole, and his board is—well, it's a board, made into sawdust.

IN THE February *Better Homes & Gardens* was a story about 19-year-old Neville Phillips, Glendale, California, just out of high school, whose hobby is cactus and whose chief ambition, we said, was to become a plant-explorer in far-off lands. As a result of this story he was promptly invited to join the Monroe Harper Scientific Expedition and sailed February 1 for South America and the Galapagos Islands. That was certainly achieving quick results, and we congratulate Neville. Even in these days of economic difficulty, a young man can attain his heart's desire if he sets himself seriously to work at it. Plenty of young people may find high adventure and the achievement of a life's goal, right around the corner.

REQUESTS for club service have become so great that we have decided to expand our service. One item is called "America's Club Aid," to be issued each month. We also publish leaflets on special topics. If you're interested in club work and will drop us a line, we'll tell you about our various types of material.

MRS. E. G. REMMERS, of Oklahoma City, has started a campaign to make her state more conscious of its red-bud trees. I've seen the red-buds on those

THE PICTURE ON THE COVER

WHAT possibilities lie in the flowers you have in your garden! You may present a few to each of a dozen friends. You may arrange a few in the hall to greet Dad when he comes home from work. You may surprise your family at breakfast with a bowl of golden daffodils trumpeting their cheer. And so for just such suggestions we present this month an informal mass of spring blossoms gathered and ready to arrange. What will you do with similar blooms you may have in your garden?

hills. They make the woods flame with color, early in the spring, for they're the advance guard of a year of bloom. Oklahomans believe their red-buds may make their state famous, just as the cherry blossoms of Washington give a unique distinction to the Potomac shores. Now Oklahoma is planting one thousand red-bud trees about the state capitol. This should serve as a model planting for the state. Its example might well be followed by other states or communities that haven't already adopted a favorite tree or flower.

THE award for the most useful citizen at Wewoka, Oklahoma, this year, by the way, was given to a woman, for the first time since the award was established several years ago. She is Mrs. C. L. Billingsley, one of five nominees, and the basis of the award was her activity in garden clubwork and her unselfish church service.

"I THINK 'The Man Next Door' is the personal, intimate touch that tells," G. A. Wells, of Indiana, writes us. "Most of us," he says, "have these experiences and like to read about them."

On the other hand, Vivian B. Grapes, of Nebraska, writes: "'The Man Next Door' is one page wasted."

Well, let's take a vote. What's your opinion? AT THE conference of the General Wild Life Federation in Washington, in February, Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, made a plea to establish a course of study in conservation in the public schools, and his argument was convincing. After all, conservation includes a broad field, and involves the economic welfare and the very lives and health of the people as well as the preservation of wild life. Failure to include study of conservation in the public schools is inexcusable, and as possible. Talk this up with your educational authorities, wherever you are.

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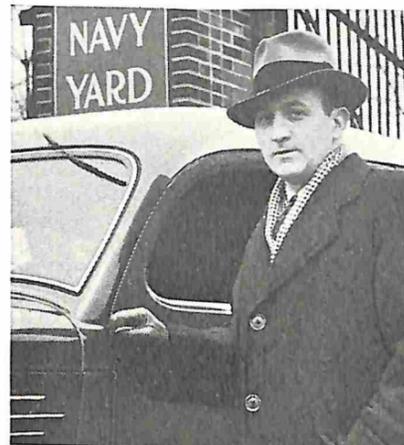
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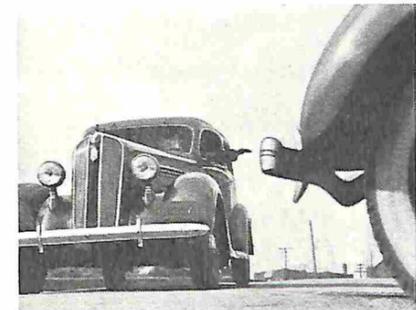
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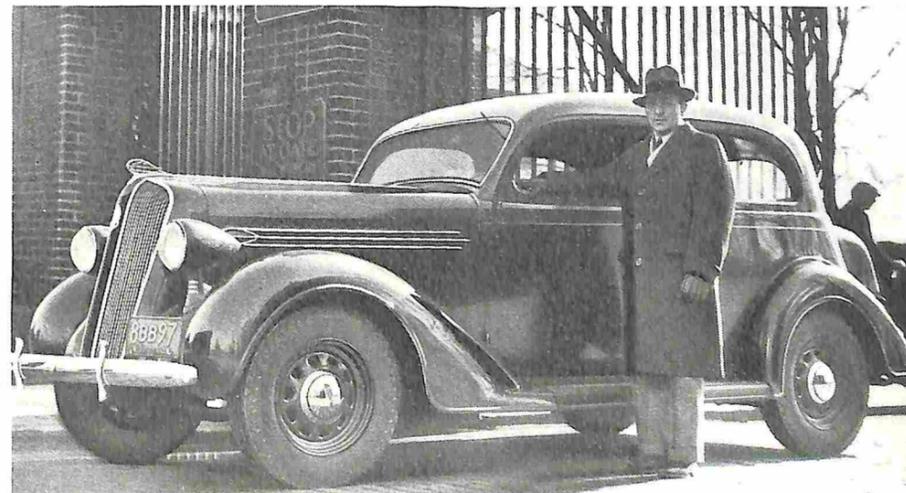
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