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To-day's Short Story

FOLLOW MY LEADER

THELMA stepped on the gas, and her little Snorthog bowed forward with a gleeful roar. "They're still following us," said Maisie, looking over her shoulder.

"I know," muttered Thelma with a glance in her driving mirror. "Not bad-looking lads, are they? They look like brothers." "I bet they could have murdered you when you passed them," observed Maisie. "They're driving a Pimpernel. That's not so good as a Snorthog, is it?" Thelma snorted. "Don't be afraid," she said to her sister. "This bus makes the Pimpernel look like a decrepit pram. Hold on to those ducks." And Thelma condescended still more speed from her snappy engine. "They're waving at us!"

"Well, since we're here," suggested Maisie, "let's get something to drink. I'm parched." Thelma drew the Snorthog up to the steps of the hotel, and two young porters emerged from nowhere and competed for the pleasure of assisting Thelma and Maisie from the car. "They seldom had glamour of this calibre arriving in duplicate, too. The two sisters enjoyed the luxury of a porter each. Inside they were met by the manager, who beamed. "Ah, you must be the two young ladies we're expecting!"

"No, we're bound for Mickleton," Thelma informed him, and all we want is a drink. "This bus makes the Pimpernel look like a decrepit pram. Hold on to those ducks." And Thelma condescended still more speed from her snappy engine. "They're waving at us!"

THEY had gone only a few miles when Thelma peered in the driving mirror and cried: "Good heavens, isn't that the Pimpernel behind us again?" "So it is!" gasped Maisie. "Are these two bloodhounds trailing us, do you think?" "Could be," nodded Thelma. "I bet that Romeo at the wheel has been in an ambush, waiting his chance to flash past me with a smug expression. Let's give 'em a run for their money, shall we?" And Thelma shot off up the road and left the car behind standing. "They're waving again!" said Maisie. "So they are!" "They're waving like mad!"

"Anything hanging off behind?" suggested Thelma. "Maybe our case has come unstrapped!" Maisie contorted her shapely chassis and swung round again with her eyes popping. "Crikey, sis, it's gone!" "What has?" "The case!" screamed Maisie. "Oh lor, maybe that's what they were waving about earlier," groaned Thelma. "And we thought they were wolves!" "Perhaps they stopped to pick up the case for us when it fell off," elaborated Maisie. "And the poor dears have been looking for us!" "I'll pull up. We must be nice to them."

"Of course." The Snorthog pulled up, and the two girls waited. In a moment the Pimpernel went flashing by without stopping. "Of all the confounded nerve!" exploded Thelma. "What a sell!" added Maisie. "After 'em and don't spare the 'osses!" declared Thelma. "My blood's up!" "Good egg," said Maisie. "I'll show those boys what my Snorthog can do," added Thelma grimly, pressing her foot down hard. "Sure!" said Maisie, hopping into the Pimpernel. "All the characters in this story are entirely fictitious and bear no relation to any living person."

"But there are many difficulties in the way," he continued. "We are still in the hands of the contractors and every one is working at top speed to get the tunnel finished in time for the Queen Mother on February 27." The main contractors would be off the job by the end of January. It might be possible for "something to be done" between then and the end of February. "Too Early" "But it is a bit early for us to be able to say definitely. We will keep it constantly in mind."

5 Years in Jail For Bank Robber
P.A. ADELAIDE, To-day. James Edward Waller, a London policeman for eleven years, was sentenced in the Adelaide criminal court yesterday to five years jail for an armed hold-up at an Adelaide bank. He pleaded guilty to robbing the bank of £1800. Waller, aged 32, was also sentenced to two years jail for breaking into a city car firm and stealing guns used in the hold-up.

HERBERT HARRIS

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Public May Get Chance To Walk
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Four Seats For Reds
The Democratic Socialist Party has won twelve seats, the Communist Party four, and independents nine. Before the election the Democratic Socialists had fourteen seats, the Communists three, and independents two. Mr Hayato Ikeda is expected to continue as Prime Minister. The Cabinet today decided to convene a post-election Diet (parliamentary) session on December 4. The nomination of a new Prime Minister was expected on December 7.

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Results of Senior, Junior Croquet

Further results from the Canterbury Croquet Association's senior and junior tournaments are: Senior—First Life: Mrs J. McCracken beat O. Anderson, 26-18; Women's Championship, Seabrook—First life: Mrs L. H. Buchanan beat Mrs H. A. Penn, 26-17; Mrs V. Whitcombe beat Mrs W. Ellis, 26-15. Championship Doubles—First life: Mr and Mrs T. Searell beat Mrs R. Henry and Mrs J. McCracken, 26-10; H. R. Abbott and L. J. Mitchell beat R. S. Campbell and Mrs H. Sloan, 26-24; Mesdames C. Pomeroy and J. H. Robertson beat Mesdames W. Ellis and M. Hill, 26-14; Mr and Mrs T. Searell beat Mesdames K. Fisher and A. C. McCree, 26-8; J. Flanagan and G. Webb beat Miss E. Innes and Mrs L. Peters, 26-16; Mesdames V. Witekcombe and F. A. Barren beat Mesdames R. Stuart and J. A. Paddy, 26-20; O. Anderson and Mrs R. A. Barbour beat Mesdames H. A. Penn and L. Smith, 26-15.

LOTTERY GRANTS OF £48,175

P.A. WELLINGTON, To-day. Golden Kivi grants totalling £48,175 were announced yesterday by the Minister of Internal Affairs (Sir Leon Goetz). The acting chairman of the recreation and youth activities distribution committee (Mr J. H. Williams) advised that of the 123 applications for assistance considered at the last meeting, 122 immediate grants amounting to £13,775 and one conditional grant of £1000 had been approved. The conditional grant would be made when specified conditions had been fulfilled.

Declined
Seventy-three applications had been declined because they did not fall within the scope of the fund, or because they were made or deferred, because two-thirds of the total cost of the project had not been raised locally. A conditional grant of £25,000 approved by the Minister prior to the establishment of the committee to the Rotary health and recreation centre appeal committee was confirmed.

Confirmed
Other conditional grants confirmed included: Otago Golf Club, Oamaru (completing ball); Paparua County Council (gymnasium), £1200; Dunedin City Boys Rugby Football Club (gymnasium), £1000; Northern Soccer Club, Wellington (gymnasium), £400. Rowing club: Cure Boating Club, Kaipoi (boats), £100. Golf club: Coronation Miniature Rifle Club, Ashburton (rifle range), £400. Gymnastics: New Zealand Gymnastic Association (gymnasium school), £250; Wairua Valley Sports Association (Blenheim pavilion), £250. Soccer: Mania-roro district: Venturer unit, Ashburton (den), 575; St Paul's club pack, Christchurch (den), 175. Miscellaneous: New Brighton Amateur Athletic Club (track), £400; Hinemua Ladies Hockey Club, Kaipoi (plumbing), £100; Police Youth Club Westport (gymnasium), £200; South Canterbury branch, Youth Hostel Association of New Zealand (common room), £400.

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One S.A. Tourney For Bob Charles
N.Z.P.A.-Reuter-Copyright JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 22. R. J. Charles, of New Zealand, who arrived in Johannesburg on Wednesday with his South African-born wife, has entered for only one tournament on the South African golf circuit. He will play in the South African Open at Bloemfontein, beginning on December 5. Charles said that he and his wife had come to South Africa for "a rest" and would leave for the United States just before Christmas to play in the Los Angeles Open early in January.

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