

# Jewelry For a Gentleman

**Athlete Won Two Prizes When He Breasted the Tape**

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Because Skeeter Lafferty was a "rat," speaking in terms of the Forest school, and because he had legs like macaroni and a snub nose spotted with freckles none of the older members of the track squad took particular account of the fact that Skeeter warmed up with scrupulous care and deposited himself in a blanket to await the time trials for the 440 yard dash.

He did not resent being thus ignored. He was too much elated over the dazzling prospect of running at the Federal track meet, to be held in Washington the following Saturday, provided he won in the trial heats.

In addition, Skeeter knew that he was being observed by a certain person whose fur tuque and muff—he hadn't dared go near enough to hear her voice and see her smile—was visible among a little group of enthusiasts which had collected at the turn to watch the races.

The fact that she was there changed all things for Skeeter. Life was intensified and recolored until it became almost unbearable.

If he should win! If he only could! Skeeter's chest swelled at the thought of the coveted letter awarded for athletic attainments. It was an awe inspiring "F," covering eight inches of sweater front.

The starter's gun flashed as he raised it high above his shoulders.

"All candidates for the 440," he called, "get to your marks!"

Figures huddled on the benches suddenly came to life; sweaters and blankets were thrown off, and six lithe racers, half naked in running trunks and jerseys, placed themselves at the line, lifting their legs like lackeys in a show ring.

"Get set!"

The runners crouched with muscles tense and quivering.

Bang!

There was a grating of spiked shoes on the cinder track; the six, as one man, sprang forward, and before the smoke from the gun had vanished were fighting each other on the first turn, a hundred yards away.

A piping cheer and the clapping of gloved hands sounded from the group which clustered at the turn.

Captain Hughes, a powerful, muscular fellow with red hair and a strawberry complexion, secured the inside lane and began to pull out from the bunch in quick, greedy strides.

Lafferty, with teeth set, dug out after him. Soon they were racing abreast like a well schooled pair of coach horses.

The rest were strung along the course. At the end of the first round

it was by an instant's delay. But it cost him the inside, and—

"Fifty-four!" sang the timer as Hughes crossed the finish.

"Fifty-five, Lafferty!"

Skeeter had whizzed past only a second later.

Skeeter's Christian name was Fitzgugh Carter Lafferty. No one knew who had detected his resemblance to the name on the day of his arrival at the Forest school. But mosquito was a classic and mouth filling to be popular with the "student body" and was promptly reduced to Skeeter, while rare, intimate friends in rare, intimate moments were privileged to say Skeets.

But Fitzgugh Carter Lafferty, for all this, had failed to beat Hughes. So Hughes would represent the school at Washington! And she had gone without even saying that she was sorry!

He covered himself in a blanket and started for the showers.

"One moment, Lafferty!" called the coach. "I didn't know you were out for the 440. You ran a corking good race for a new man, but you finished with too much left. The 440 takes all any man has in him, and to win you've got to finish dead. I'd rather see you drop on the first lap than come in strong. You could go another now and not feel it, and Hughes is still blowing hard."

Skeeter winced. He wasn't at all in the mood for postmortems. Clearly the coach hadn't seen Hughes foul him on the turn.

Maybe she had seen! That helped some. It was the sole shred of consolation upon which he could build new hopes.

The coach laid a hand on his shoulder.

"That will do. Stick to it, Skeeter. You'll put a kink in somebody's high gear yet."

"What if Hughes wins the point trophy and gives her the medal?" inquired Skeeter bluntly, hardly conscious of speaking aloud his inmost thoughts.

"The coach smiled. "Who is 'her'?" he asked.

Skeeter grew pink even to his neck and ears.

"Hu-Hughes," he stammered. "He's—his my rival."

The coach was still at sea, but proved himself a human being by saying after a pause:

"Hughes will hardly win; he's—"

"Too much like a hunk of cheese," assisted Skeeter.

Skeeter throughout the remaining days of the week was unable to shake off a nagging, insistent sense of disappointment. Could he have beaten Hughes in the trial heat if he had known what the coach had told him before the race? Could he have beaten him if Hughes had played fair? Skeeter knew that he could. To a youth of seventeen all things are possible.

Perhaps Skeeter's disappointment would have been less had he known, as the coach knew, that Hughes would not last long as a runner, because he refused to train properly.

Nor did Skeeter realize the benefits of his own self denials and sacrifices for the sake of athletics.

When Saturday came Skeeter's tousled head was one of the thousands that rose in an undulating mass on every side of the vast amphitheater surrounding the track.

There was so much to see that it made Skeeter's eyes hurt. It was worse than trying to watch a three ringed circus.

Leather lunged, brass throated youths swarmed along the course, shouting and yelling; scores of scantily clad runners scurried about with numbers pinned to their backs, and Skeeter's trained eye inspected dozens and dozens of pretty girls.

Excitement and confusion were in the atmosphere. The sonorous voice of the megaphoned clerk echoed and vibrated through the hall. Occasionally the starter's pistol spoke above the din of the cheering.

Then came the hush, the patter of running shoes on the resined floor and the breathless instant at the finish. In only a twinkling, it seemed to Skeeter, a race was won or lost.

He unconsciously ran each of them.

At the sound of the gun his muscles grew taut, and his fingers gripped the seat. During the intervals between the events his eye scanned tier after tier of seats. He found her at last. She was sitting in a box, surrounded by a swarm of Forest school cohorts, armed with banners and megaphones, and Hughes, immersed in an imposing orange sweater, was leaning toward her in a most engaging manner.

Skeeter grew pale with envy as he realized that he had been beaten again. Then he muttered:

"He looks like a hunk of schweitzer!"

Bruton won the fifty yard hurdles with ease. The Forest school, however, had lost the pole vault as well as the 880 yard run. The relay would add five points. But the 300 was shaky, and, as Skeeter had predicted, the winning of the 440 yard dash would determine the school to which the point trophy would belong. Would Hughes win?

Involuntarily Skeeter glanced across toward her box. Where was she? Her chair was empty! Where was Hughes?

"First call for the scholastic 440!" The clerk was calling Hughes' race. A moment later he shouted again:

"Hughes, Forest school, No. 69!"

There was no reply, and the clerk repeated the call.

Again Hughes failed to respond.

Skeeter in a panic slipped from his seat and hurried to the dressing room.

"Where is Hughes?" he asked breathlessly. "They have called his race, and he hasn't shown up yet."

"We've looked everywhere for him," spoke up several of Hughes' friends.

"He must have gone out with that female."

"He did," announced another. "I heard her tell him she had a headache and asked him if he wouldn't go out with her to a drug store."

Several boys ran out to fetch Hughes. The coach said something under his breath which made the dressing room grow quite still. He turned to Skeeter.

"If Hughes doesn't show up in time you might as well try to take his place for this race. Hustle into a suit and answer to No. 69 at the last call. It's a chance in a thousand!"

The coach peered anxiously through the crowd.

"I am not surprised," he muttered, half to himself. "A boy who hasn't got

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### Notice of Election.

To the Electors and Women tax-payers having the qualifications of male electors of the City of Owosso:

Take notice, that at the regular election to be held at the City of Owosso on Monday, April 3rd, 1916, the following proposition will be submitted for vote:

"Shall the City of Owosso issue serial bonds in the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500.00) Dollars payable Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars each year upon the first day of October, A. D. 1917 to 1929, inclusive, for the purpose of purchasing and constructing a central public park?"

This election is authorized by resolution of the Commission of the City of Owosso adopted at a regular session of said Commission held upon the 18th day of March, 1916, said resolution being as follows:

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Owosso that at the regular election to be held in this city upon the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1916, in addition to the other questions to be submitted to the electors of this city at said election the question of bonding the City of Owosso in the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500.00) Dollars for the purchase and construction of a central public park to be located upon the west side of Water street between 2nd and Main streets in said City of Owosso, said sums of money to be raised to be used to purchase the necessary lands, and to do the necessary grading, leveling, and other necessary work to construct said park, be submitted to the electors of the City of Owosso for approval or rejection. Said bonds to be dated October 1st, 1916, and shall bear interest at the rate not to exceed five per cent (5 per cent) per annum, payable semi-annually and shall be paid serially Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars each year upon the 1st day of October, A. D. 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929.

It is further resolved that the form of the question to be submitted to the electors of the City of Owosso be and is hereby directed to be prepared by the City Clerk as follows: The City of Owosso as follows: The City of Owosso shall be authorized to issue serial bonds in the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500.00) Dollars payable Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars each year upon the first day of October, A. D. 1917 to 1929, inclusive, for the purpose of purchasing and constructing a central public park.

It is further resolved that the clerk of the City of Owosso be and is hereby directed to take the necessary steps in the preparation of the ballots for the election of the foregoing question to the electors of said city.

It is further resolved that the clerk of the City of Owosso be and is hereby directed to fix the time and place of holding said election, the purpose of the same, and that women tax-payers having the qualifications of male electors are entitled to vote thereon, and the question to be voted upon, said notice to set forth fully the purposes and objects of said election as fully as the same are set forth in this resolution.

On this question women possessing the qualifications of male electors and having property assessed for taxes within the City of Owosso shall be entitled to vote.

The polls of said election will be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated March 15th, 1916.  
ARTHUR H. DUMOND,  
City Clerk.

### Notice of Election.

To the Electors and Women tax-payers having the qualifications of male electors of the City of Owosso:

Take notice, that at the regular election to be held in the City of Owosso on Monday, April 3rd, 1916, the following proposition will be submitted for vote:

"Shall the City of Owosso issue serial bonds in the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars payable Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars each year upon the 1st day of June of the years from 1917 to 1931 inclusive, for the purpose of centralizing and motorizing the fire department of the City of Owosso?"

This election is authorized by resolution of the Commission of the City of Owosso adopted at a regular session of said Commission held upon the 18th day of March, 1916, said resolution being as follows:

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Owosso that at the regular election to be held in this city upon the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1916, in addition to the other questions to be submitted to the electors of this city at said election the question of bonding the City of Owosso in the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars for the motorizing and building of necessary buildings or structures, and other necessary equipment in the centralizing and motorizing of the fire department be submitted to the electors of said city for approval or rejection. Said bonds to be dated June 1st, 1916, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent (5 per cent) per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be payable serially Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars each year upon the 1st day of June, A. D. 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931.

It is further resolved that the form of the question to be submitted to the electors of this city upon the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1916, in addition to the other questions to be submitted to the electors of this city at said election the question of bonding the City of Owosso in the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars for the motorizing and building of necessary buildings or structures, and other necessary equipment in the centralizing and motorizing of the fire department be submitted to the electors of said city for approval or rejection. Said bonds to be dated June 1st, 1916, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent (5 per cent) per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be payable serially Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars each year upon the 1st day of June, A. D. 1917 to 1931 inclusive, for the purpose of centralizing and motorizing the fire department of the City of Owosso.

It is further resolved that the clerk of the City of Owosso be and is hereby directed to take the necessary steps in the preparation of ballots for the submission of the foregoing question to the electors of said city.

On this question women possessing the qualifications of male electors and having property assessed for taxes within the City of Owosso shall be entitled to vote.

The polls of said election will be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated March 15th, 1916.  
ARTHUR H. DUMOND,  
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### Order of Publication.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee,

At a session of the Probate Court for said County held at the Probate office in the City of Corunna, on Thursday, the 16th day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Gilta, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Catherine Gilta, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to the petitioner or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 15th day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be assigned for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the OWOSSO TIMES a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH,  
Judge of Probate.

By CLARIBEL GALLOWAY,  
Probate Register.

### Notice of Meeting to Determine Necessity.

To Whom It May Concern:

Whereas, on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1916, an application was filed with me, the undersigned County Drain Commissioner of the County of Shiawassee for the deepening, widening and straightening of a certain drain, to-wit:

Deepening, widening and straightening of the drain known as Bennett Drain, from its outlet in the Clinton and Shiawassee Drain No. 1 at a point 2 7/8 chains north and 1 7/8 chains east of the southwest corner of the 1/4 of Sec. 28 T. 8 N. R. 1 E. to the upper end at a point 1/2 chains north of the 3/4 corner of the 1/4 of Sec. 28 T. 8 N. R. 1 E. to a depth of three (3) feet or less.

Which said drain will traverse the following township in said County: Fairfield.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the statute in such case made and published, a meeting will be held on the 4th day of April, A. D. 1916, at the residence of Grant Scott, Section 27, in the township of Fairfield, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day for the purpose of hearing evidence by me, the said Drain Commissioner, as to whether or not the said proposed drain is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare. At said meeting any and all persons owning lands liable to be benefited or whose lands may be crossed by said drain, may appear for or against said proceedings, and may be heard in relation thereto.

ALONZO GRIFFIN,  
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Shiawassee.

Dated at Corunna this 18th day of March, A. D. 1916.

### Notice of Registration of Electors.

To the Electors of the City of Owosso:

Take notice, that the several boards of registration for their respective wards in the City of Owosso will meet in said City of Owosso upon Saturday, April 1st, 1916, for the purpose of registering the qualified electors of the City of Owosso to vote at the general election to be held upon Monday, April 3rd, 1916. Any elector who is not already registered or who has changed his residence to another ward since last registering will be required to register.

The several boards of registration will meet at the following places:

First ward—No. 211 North Ball street.

Second ward—Times Printing office, E. Main street.

Third ward—City Hall, East Main street.

Fourth ward—Voting Booth, South Water street.

Fifth ward—No. 1005 West Main street.

Said Boards of Registration will remain in session from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated Feb. 25th, 1916.  
ARTHUR H. DUMOND,  
City Clerk.