

# AST AND HER FUTURE MAY BE JUDGED BY W BRIEF EXCERPTS SELECTED FROM MANY LETTERS FROM LODGINGS AND SKIERS

are more than willing to contribute their bit and it surely counts  
even in a small lodge such as ours.  
one gladly contributed saying they thought it was a fine idea.  
eigled ancient and honorable guests who never stood on skis to  
he campaign as well as you lusty young snowbirds.  
one contributes willingly and we think the plan a very good one.  
nly regret that additional business didn't make it possible to collect  
We had absolutely no objections from anyone paying this and I  
the work entailed collecting was negligible compared to the benefits  
general will receive.

I wish obviously for many reasons that this could be more!  
and all our guests eager to contribute to the good cause—no kicks  
. We think the plan an excellent one and most fair in its application.  
one we mentioned the nickel to was only too glad to contribute, but  
't a clerk here, and many times after a person went, we remembered,  
but hope this will help.

### OVER

ved your letter in which you referred to "Nickel a Night" as NAN,  
it and he was much amused and in favor of the whole idea. When  
is morning he gave an extra dollar for NAN, and said with a laugh  
; liked her but thought she ought to be replaced by DAD, that a  
Day' would be better."

### WITH A VETERAN

10, 1947—I sincerely regret that the folks didn't plug it as they  
ave. On terminal leave since a short time ago, I couldn't be of any  
ing the past winter season. Please count on me in the future, if  
of any service.

### EDITOR MEWS

will appear in the ANNUAL as a full grown, richly feminine  
hanks to the efforts of Roger Langley who phoned the printer on  
f your letter and changed the "US" to "A". I must confess that,  
of our determination to get the ANNUAL out on time this year, I  
t have stopped press, even for the sex of *Octopus vulgaris*. Or  
is because I doubt that any octopoda of any gender whatsoever  
ive much appeal to me; in fact, I should bend every effort toward  
out of its clutches. It is a matter of taste; one man's meat is an-  
n's loyal, eight-footed friend.

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Alexander H. Bright of Boston, Massa-  
chusetts, president of the Ski Club Hochge-  
birge, is chairman of the National Ski As-  
sociation finance committee, and a member  
of the executive committee of the N.S.A. Mr.  
Bright has been a skier for over twenty years  
and has keen interest in downhill and slalom  
racing. He was a member of the 1936 U. S.  
Olympic ski team, and at present is a mem-  
ber of the 1948 Olympic Ski Games Commit-  
tee.

**F**ORTY-TWO years after the  
organization of the Na-  
tional Ski Association the  
mounting programs and details  
were still being cared for on  
meagre postage stamp budgets  
by a handful of unselfish, un-  
paid, devoted skiers. On De-  
cember 1, 1946 the National Ski  
Association convention blew  
up, as committee report after  
committee report and construc-  
tive motion after constructive  
motion were accepted with  
hearty approval, but tabled  
without adequate action be-  
cause of lack of funds. Sternly,  
dynamically, unanimously the  
convention demanded and gave  
authority to raise money—yes,  
any amount—"not fifty but one  
hundred and fifty thousand  
dollars is what we need to  
guide and serve this sport of  
three million or more skiers  
involving business of over 800  
million dollars a year."

So—a creature of necessity  
—came "NICKEL A NIGHT"

—a good-fairy octopus reach-  
ing for a nickel for the sup-  
port of the National Ski As-  
sociation into every lodging in  
the United States, wherever  
and whenever a skier spends a  
night as a paying guest.

One full day after the con-  
vention, the idea was roughly  
conceived by a few ardent ski-  
ers in a sleeping car late on the  
evening of December 2, 1946,  
after discarding many other  
money raising suggestions;  
prematurely born with little  
advance warning in mid De-  
cember; successfully nursed  
through six critical days of in-  
cubator growth, during which  
it successively achieved sup-  
port from the hostelries of the  
ski areas around Franconia,  
New Hampshire; Rutland, Ver-  
mont; North Conway, New  
Hampshire; Stowe, Vermont;  
Manchester, Vermont; and  
Sun Valley, Idaho; Alta, Utah;  
Aspen, Colorado; and finally  
from Christmas Day, 1946, on-