

# ***FLASHBACK!***

## **From The Woman's Angle**

*[April 1955 RMS Bulletin - by Ruth Ellicott]*

Another month has rolled around, and one wonders where the time went, yet when you remember February had only twenty-eight days, you realize that either two or three more days make a lot of difference.

This will again have to be a short paragraph, as in my case, the hobby had to stand still this time due to "business before pleasure!" Then on Saturday, March 6th, just as the author was preparing to write the usual piece, she fell down a flight of stairs. She is still alive, why she will never know, but under doctor's orders to do nothing.

But I will tell you all that on February 14th, Valentine's Day, I was the "Valentine" on an ABC Network TV program, and told of the hobby. On March 3rd, I was asked to tell about the hobby before a group of people at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, which is on the same tract of land as our great Cathedral. It aroused a great deal of interest and many questions. There was the same look of amazement on many faces that I know was on mine when I accidentally happened into the Dodge Hotel here in 1949 where the RMS Convention was held, and I could not believe my eyes when I saw all the exhibits.

As I was unable to attend services March 4th, due to my fall, the minister called me to tell the nice things that had been said after I left the meeting, and that quite a few members at church Sunday morning, told him how they enjoyed hearing about the hobby, and hoped that he could arrange to have me again to tell more. So, while I've been busy otherwise, not a chance has slipped by me to boost the hobby whenever I can.

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## **Harry Homer The SAGE of Long Beach**

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"A Phillumenist does not always encourage his friends to collect book matchcovers — especially those friends who have been giving him his choicest books."

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## **Seeing Eye Dog Rumor Is False**

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From WASHINGTON POST HERALD—Sept., 20, 1954.

Blind persons cannot obtain a seeing eye dog by collecting a certain number of match book covers or cellophane strips from cigarette packages.

The District Prevention of Blindness Society said yesterday this rumor, which recurs from time to time, has cropped up again. The rumor is completely false.