



**MASTER OF FOX HOUNDS**, Lawrence Phipps Jr., toasts his horn for guests at his ranch near Denver, Colo.

## Life Goes to the Arapahoe Hunt

Colorado sportsmen dress up to hunt foxes but chase coyotes

A few miles south of Denver, Colo. the cowboys, ponies, sage hens and cattle wag their heads in wonderment just about every Thursday and Sunday. What they hear is the halloo of an English hunting horn. What they see is a group of 30 or 40 horsemen all rigged up in pink coats, astride English saddles and bounding over the lone prairie at the foot of the Rockies (opposite page) as if it were a meadow in Merry England. The big difference is that the quarry is not a fox but a coyote.

This odd but pleasant pastime is sponsored by Denver's fashionable Arapahoe Hunt Club, led by Master of the Hunt Larry Phipps Jr., son of former Colorado Senator Lawrence Phipps. The hunt is held on Phipps's 23,000-acre Highland Ranch and begins when the hounds pick up a coyote's scent and lead the hunters in any direction over every kind of terrain. Despite their good horsemanship and fancy eastern togs, the hunters manage to kill only three or four of the wily coyotes every year.



**A EUROPEAN CAR** fits in with fancy English riding togs. It is Hunter Reginald Sinclair's prewar Mercedes.



**THIRSTY HUNTERS** enjoy a drink before Phipps's Colorado ranch house, built to reflect its owner's taste

for English-style living. Ranch-owner Phipps, with his hands in his pockets, watches two of his prize springers.



**DRAWING THE HOUNDS** together for the hunt is Huntsman George Beeman. Arapahoe club is proud pos-

essor of 35 "couples" which are descended from English hounds but seem as happy hunting coyotes as foxes.





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**HANDSOMELY HATTED**, three hunters stop to enjoy a view of sprawling Highland Ranch. Hunts like this have been a big Denver event ever since 1907.



**"HILL TOPPERS"** can enjoy the hunt as spectators because, unlike broken-up English terrain, the Colorado prairies can be seen for many miles around.



**A HUNT BREAKFAST** is held at the Phipps ranch after a Sunday morning hunt. As usual, no coyotes were killed, but everybody had a wonderful ride.



