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In a letter to his favored nephew, Colonel John Augustine Washington, dated 29 October 1799, George Washington said: "Two hundred gallons of whiskey will be ready this day, and the sooner it is taken the better, as the demand for this article, in these parts, is brisk. The Rye may be sent when it suits your convenience."

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To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship. . . .
 —From Preamble to the Constitution, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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This Month

THE 1935 Grand Lodge Convention is now a thing of the past, but the great volume of important business transacted in Columbus last month will make its influence felt on every Lodge and every member of the Order for many years to come.

For that reason it is important that you read the speeches and committee reports in this number, as well as the report of the Convention itself. Start with Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan's inspiring speech of acceptance, in which he outlines, broadly and constructively, the policy of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. You will find this splendid message on page 5.

Then be sure to read Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon's annual report as digested on pages 6 and 7. Under his fine leadership the Order made mighty strides in many directions during the 12 months just past. Mr. Shannon's graphic account of his stewardship describes this progress item by item.

Following this report you will find pertinent extracts from the reports of the several committee and commission chairmen of the Grand Lodge. (Other such reports will be published next month). The scope and variety of these messages will give you an excellent insight into the great range of activities which the Grand Lodge carries on. Be sure to study them with care.

Finally, on page 22, you will come to the account of the Grand Lodge Convention itself. Here, within six quickly read pages, you will secure an accurate grasp of all the drama and inspiration that marked the Columbus Reunion as one of the greatest ever held.

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1909

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1908



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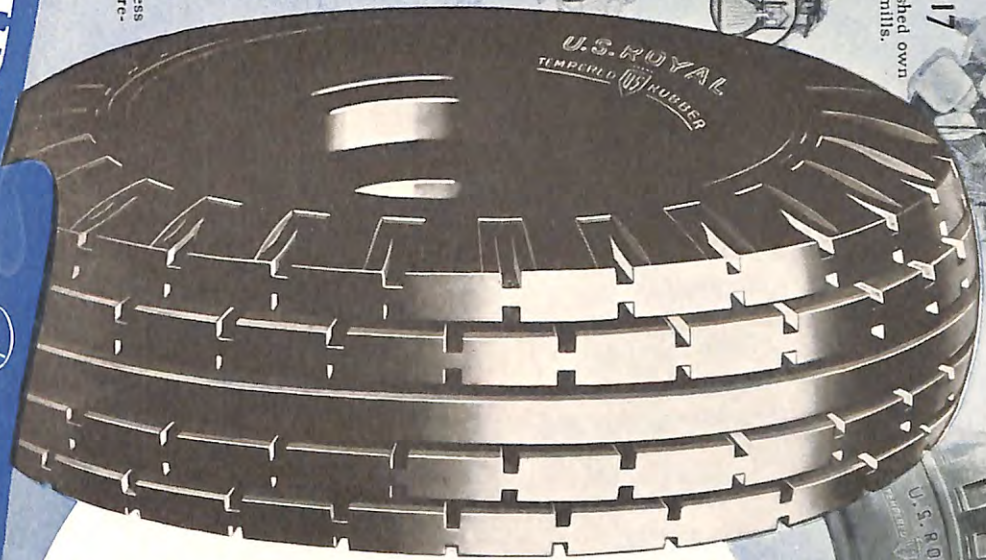


1917

Established own cotton mills.



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James T. Hallinan, of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, July 16, 1935

Speech of Acceptance by Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan Before the Grand Lodge at Columbus, July 16, 1935

Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Rulers and My Brothers of the Grand Lodge:

It is indeed a happy and memorable day in my life—that you, my Brothers, have seen fit to select me for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

I think, my Brothers, that Elksdom is the most wonderful institution in this land of ours. Men all over this land find in it a common ground upon which they can associate with each other. To preside over an organization that knows only the principles of American citizenship for admission, that invites men of every political and religious belief, that takes into membership the rich and the poor alike, that makes all of them rise to the stupendous obligation which we assume when we stand before the Altar of Elksdom—to carry out the work of fraternity, humanity and better citizenship in this country—is indeed an exalted privilege and rare honor.

In June, 1912, I was initiated into this order by Bronx Lodge, No. 871, and I take this opportunity to express to that Lodge my appreciation of its most gracious act. Upon my removal to the County of Queens, I demitted to Queens Borough Lodge, No. 878, to which I shall ever be grateful for the many opportunities it offered me. If I have achieved any honor or won any place of power or prestige in this Fraternity of ours, I attribute it all to the unselfish and loyal support which I have received at all times from the boys of my own Lodge. I feel that my elevation today as your Grand Exalted Ruler is a recognition of that Lodge.

One of the finest things that has happened to me in my activities in Elksdom was the opportunity of meeting a man whose friendship I greatly cherish—who has been as helpful and inspiring to me as he has been devoted to the Order of Elks. Happy am I to have with me on this stage today the man who has encouraged my work in Elksdom, the noblest Elk of all, the Dean of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers—Brother Joseph T. Fanning.

I am appreciative of the eloquent address delivered by my nominator and friend of many years, and I take this opportunity of expressing to him my thanks for his encouragement and support and my gratitude for his sponsoring of my nomination. Let me say that throughout the year I will ever be mindful of the splendid tribute that has been paid me by our Past Grand Exalted Ruler from New York Lodge No. 1, Judge Murray Hulbert.

It seems to be taken for granted, in my part of the country, that a lawyer who serves as Exalted Ruler of Queens Borough Lodge eventually becomes a Justice of the Supreme Court. Three of our recent Past Exalted Rulers are now enjoying that honor. One of them has given time from his vacation to come here and second my nomination, and I therefore take this means of thanking from the bottom of my heart our Past Exalted Ruler, Brother Henry G. Wenzel, Jr.

It has been my good fortune in our Grand Lodge during the past years to have been singularly honored on many occasions by our Grand Exalted Rulers through appointment to various Grand Lodge Committees, and I desire to express to all of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers my appreciation of their support. It is my sincere hope that I will have their advice, cooperation and support during the coming year.

I feel that this occasion should not pass without publicly expressing my gratitude to the past presidents, officers and members of the New York State Elks Association for their cooperation. Particularly do I want to mention the inspiration and assistance I have received from two of its Past Presidents, both members of this Grand Lodge for many years—the present Secretary of New York Lodge, Brother William T. Phillips and the Postmaster General of the United States, Brother James A. Farley.

During the year just passed the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been led by a man who has brought home to the American public the fact that the Order and each and every member thereof, stands for true American principles and believes in the American form of government. Both by word and deed he has attacked in unmistakable terms those elements in our country which, through underhand methods, have sought to subvert our form of government. His untiring efforts throughout the year have demonstrated to our statesmen and our people that the Elks are a body of red-blooded Americans—members of an American Fraternity ever ready to protect and defend our form of government from any and all of its enemies. I pledge myself and the Order to a continuance of the policies and principles advocated by him and I deem it a high privilege and a great honor to succeed in office that great leader in Elksdom and militant American—Honorable Michael A. Shannon.

However diverse the views of our members may be upon policy or procedure, however varied their likes or dislikes, one active in our Order soon realizes that there exists, despite such diversity, a fundamental unity for the perpetuation of worthy deeds and for the fulfillment of philanthropic purposes that in themselves spell the perpetuity of our Order. Our brothers will argue their various opinions, they will differ about methods, but when they realize the worth and beauty of an ideal, or feel the call of human service, they unite for the accomplishment of good deeds, for the exercise of charity and for the preservation of the principles of our Order. In that spirit of unity I now call upon you, my Brothers, to serve with me in my efforts to INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP—to REINSTATE OUR WORTHY BROTHERS and to RETAIN OUR PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.

As all of our Brothers well know, our Order does not desire to establish Lodges in order to gain mere members. It has been and I earnestly hope always will be, our policy that no Lodge shall be established in any city or town that does not assure by reason of its population and the character of its residents, both the perpetuity of the Lodge itself and the maintenance of our standards of membership—and further, that no Lodge shall be established which will retard the progress of the present Lodges of our Order.

In our effort to increase our membership, let me urge the continuance by our Lodges of all activities for the benefit of our Brothers, together with their social welfare and community activities. I also want to impress upon you at this time the importance of making the homes of our subordinate Lodges not only places for our Brothers but places to which they may take their families at any time.

We should seek to attract members to our doors, not by means of drives, but by working for the benefit of humanity in general and for the uplift of the community. The young man particularly should be sought; he has youth, vitality and energy. We should utilize his enthusiasm for doing things that will benefit our Lodges. From observation made upon visitations to many of the Lodges in my section of the country it is pleasing to note that a majority of the men initiated in these Lodges are between the ages of 23 and 30. These are the men who, no doubt, 15 years from now will be the leaders in commercial, industrial, political, professional and fraternal life. Imbued with the noble ideals of charity and fraternity, trained in human service and in high thoughts for community welfare, they will come into that leadership with a fine sense of humanity and genuine recognition of the interdependence of human beings in this struggle for existence, which will make for bigger, better and nobler men, more worthy for leadership than they would have been without the training and confidence that activity in our Order gave them.

DURING the past few years, due to the depression many excellent and worthy Brothers have been compelled to leave us. Their act was not prompted by any loss of interest in our Order and its principles but rather by events beyond their control. We, who have been active, remember well these brothers. They loved the joys of life and were ever ready to aid their Brothers. They had a charitable and sympathetic heart and nobly responded to the many demands made upon them. These Brothers helped us to build our organization to its present position and deserve our gratitude and aid. We want these good Brothers back with us and I feel that it is our duty to bend our efforts to reinstate them.

Thus far I have stressed the increase of membership and the reinstatement of our Brothers. I am also interested in the Brothers who, despite the long siege of the depression, have retained their membership in our Order—many at great sacrifice—and have continued to support its activities. In my opinion these men are the backbone of our Order. Through their loyal and continued support our Order has been able to erect, maintain and successfully conduct our Elks National Home at Bedford, Va.; our National Memorial Building at Chicago; the publication of the ELKS MAGAZINE; and our National Foundation, together with the many other good works on behalf of our Brothers, our citizenry and our country. The way to reach the true Elk is through his heart. The way to reach the human heart is through service, and that service, my Brothers, should be extended first to our own Brothers and then to the community.

I am profoundly impressed with the great zeal and fine fraternal spirit of the men in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in America today. They have worked faithfully to maintain and enlarge the activities conducted by this Order. They have shown unity and affection when the conviction came to their hearts that this Order is bound to prosper and grow, and to last as long as this country of ours survives. The accomplishments and progress

of our Order would not be possible without the fine free and generous support of its officers and members, together with the splendid leadership of our Grand Lodge and its membership. Let me therefore appeal to you today and urge you during my year as Grand Exalted Ruler to continue that splendid support and to inspire our members with tireless zeal for the continuance of their

works of charity, of mercy, of affection and of fraternal love in the hope that when the Convention of 1936 arrives and I turn over the gavel to my successor, I will be able to make a report to you which will make you feel that the selection you have made today has not been unwise. Then indeed will I be happy in my year of service.

Excerpts from the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon

AS I approach the task of preparing my report for the year, I sense but one major personal disappointment. I feel keenly the lack of fellowship I could have enjoyed from Lodge and State Association visitations. This privilege I had to forego in so many instances in order to adhere to the plan I laid out for myself at the beginning of the year for the administration of the affairs of the Order.

I have made very few visits because I felt the need of the Grand Exalted Ruler, for this year at least, staying close to the home base so that more time could be given to office administration. The administrative duties of the chief executive of an Order with almost fourteen hundred Subordinate Lodges, possessing assets with a value of over \$100,000,000, and considering that this Order, in common with the rest of the country, has been struggling through five years of the severest depression known to the world, is a task that includes a multitude of detail. It has, however, been a labor without toil.

It has been a year of high tempo. District Deputies were appointed and regional conferences held within the first month after the Kansas City Convention.

The practice of Acts of Friendship was instituted in September.

Pro-America activities developed rapidly in October and November. Our statement to the special Committee of Congress investigating un-American activities was presented in December. The Memorial to Congress was instituted in January, completed in February, and presented to the members of Congress at a ceremony in Washington in March, during which month our Lodges rallied to a splendid membership effort.

Through the months of February, March, April, and May, the Elks of many states were active in furthering patriotic legislation in the Legislatures of their various states to which we were able to give some aid. . . .

TO give a description of the activities of the Order in the field of national and state legislation for this year would require almost a volume in itself. In practically every state where we won it was only after a difficult fight. This report is being written in June and it is yet too early to list the states which will, before the year is over, have enacted patriotic legislation by reason, in part at least, of the activities of the Order of Elks. . . .

Two special features of the program of the year, viz., Pro-America and Acts of Friendship, have received much attention and developed much cooperation and, I believe, have inspired much worthwhile activity as well as lasting esteem for many of our Lodges and the Order in general. . . .

My District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers have assumed a leadership that was rightfully theirs and have handled many difficult

problems in masterly fashion. The Exalted Rulers for the most part have assumed the role expected of them and have carried their Lodges through a difficult but successful year. Large numbers from the rank and file of the membership have made valuable suggestions and rendered valuable aid. . . .

The records in the office of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Exalted Ruler disclose that the Subordinate Lodges are in a better cash position than they were a year ago, that we took in more new members and reinstated more old members than in any of the last several years; more Lodges increased their membership and more states showed an increase in membership. A very complete file of newspaper articles and editorials disclose that we are rising in public esteem throughout the country. All of this is the result, not of the activities or leadership of a single year either in Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodge, but it is evidence of the soundness of the Order, and of a fighting spirit that has fought successfully through the dark years of the depression against almost overwhelming odds. . . .

For many years past there has been felt throughout the Order a very definite need for some compilation of facts relating to it, its organization, its purposes, its accomplishments and its ambitions. The lack of this information on the part of a very large percentage of our membership was an admitted and a regrettable fact. This condition was accentuated during our years of hectic financing in the erection of extravagant buildings, during which period new members were being enrolled in large numbers and even less attention was given to the education of the initiate as to those facts relating to the Order with which all Elks should be familiar.

As a means of correcting this condition there has been prepared, under the supervision of the Committee on Lodge Activities, a compilation of valuable information relating to the Order. This was published in booklet form especially for the instruction of the initiate. A copy was sent to each Lodge; and as many copies were offered gratis to each Lodge as there were candidates for initiation during the balance of the Lodge year. Hereafter, as many copies of this booklet as may be necessary will be available through the Grand Secretary's Office at a nominal cost. . . .

I propose that each Lodge resolve not to enter a membership drive, for membership drives are harmful, but a selective campaign, not for a year alone, but for several years, well planned, well organized, continually functioning, and to commence to do this at the outset of the coming year. . . .

During the year dispensations were granted for the following new Lodges:

- 1594 Tyler, Texas
- 1595 Wrangell, Alaska
- 1596 Chicago South, Illinois
- 1597 Biddeford-Saco, Maine
- 1598 Panama City, Fla.

After careful investigation and with reason appearing therefor, I issued my order

restoring the charters of the following Lodges:

- Sheffield, Alabama, No. 1375
- Meridian, Mississippi, No. 515

Subordinate Lodge problems have arisen during the year, some cases having to do with rehabilitation of weak Lodges, others with aggravating disruptions, and still others with financial affairs.

It seemed wise in some of these cases to meet the situation by the appointment of special deputies and the results have more than justified the effort and expense entailed. Special deputies appointed by me were:

- Wm. F. Bruning, of Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge No. 18
- John Burch, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge No. 48
- Harold Colee, of St. Augustine, Fla., Lodge No. 829
- Clarence A. Kaighin, of Pasadena, Calif., Lodge No. 672
- John C. A. Leppelman, of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge No. 53
- Robert A. Scott of Linton, Ind., Lodge No. 866

The State Associations have rendered an important service to the Order. The State Associations Committee of the Grand Lodge is rendering a valuable service in bringing about a uniformity of practice and a unity of purpose.

In any continuity program of the Order, the State Associations can give us fraternally educated leadership that is indispensable. I am hoping to see the day in the near future that convention programs of each state will be formulated more definitely around the idea of promoting among its member Lodges the recognized continuing objectives of the Order as a whole and the special program of the year.

We have a right to be proud of the establishment and method of maintenance and the type of service rendered by the Elks National Home. . . .

THE Elks National Home is now in its thirty-third year of existence and represents an investment in buildings and equipment of hundreds of thousands of dollars, provided at first by assessments upon all members of the Order and later in large part from the net earnings of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. It is a home conducted as a real home in which each resident brother has the fullest possible freedom of action with every consideration for his right of personal privacy and wherein every effort is made to insure his comfort, well-being and happiness as a worthy and esteemed brother Elk.

I have received the greatest possible co-operation at all times throughout my year from THE ELKS MAGAZINE and I have perhaps used more than the customary space allocated to a Grand Exalted Ruler because of the desire to thoroughly publicize two features of the year's program; namely, Pro-America and Acts of Friendship.

How well the brothers you have entrusted with the duties of this publication—the members of the National Memorial and Publication Commission—have discharged their trust is attested by thirteen years of publi-

cation of the most balanced and readable fraternal magazine in the national field. They have demonstrated in a practical and economical way, nice balance of values, with the exercise of sound business experience and wise news publication judgment. Much of the prestige of accomplishment as represented by our National Home at Bedford, Virginia, and the National Memorial Building at Chicago has been made possible by hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the surplus earnings of the Magazine. Withal, it gave financial assistance to the Grand Lodge at a time when financial assistance was most needed due to the closing of the bank holding the principal amount of funds of the Grand Lodge.

I covet for every member of our Order the thrilling experience of visiting our Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago. So interesting is it that I believe everyone should be familiar with its architectural and art treasures. This noble structure is one of the most flawless combinations of perfect materials and master craftsmanship ever created anywhere. Architects, builders, sculptors, weavers and painters combined their talent and artistry in the production of one of the world's most beautiful memorials. It gives concrete expression of all that is highest and best in our Order. . . .

IN thirty years almost a billion dollars were placed in trust by the philanthropists of America. I dare say that in no instance was more painstaking and intelligent effort expended in building a safe and wise trusteeship than in the creation of the Elks National Foundation, which with your interested cooperation may be destined to become the fraternal spring of Ponce de Leon, out of the good deeds of which the Order of Elks may win the vital spirit of eternal youth.

In the Lodge Activities Committee probably rests one of the greatest opportunities for good of any committee of the Grand Lodge. It is a storage battery for all the multifarious suggestions needed to meet the requirements of Subordinate Lodges large and small in all sections of the country under various conditions as they exist from time to time. Those Lodges that have a full program are generally the good Lodges. Those are the Lodges that have no overwhelming financial problems and are showing a yearly increase in membership.

This year the Lodge Activities Committee added to its regular number twenty-one associate members, consisting of recognized leaders in all major sections of the country, and thus no Lodge was out of touch with some member of the committee. The committee has upheld the hands of the Grand Exalted Ruler at all times and has been a mighty aid to him in his attempt for the advancement of the Order.

To every member of this committee, to the associate members as well, I speak my thanks for the cooperation, aid and encouragement given me during my term as Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Judiciary Committee has rendered most efficient service during the year. I have referred nearly all inquiries and requests for official opinions to the chairman, and he has promptly and effectively disposed of the same. I perhaps have loaded upon the chairman more duties and asked for more advice than most of my predecessors. If my constant calls upon him have been a burden, he has never let it be known. He is that kind of an Elk. . . .

Pursuant to authority conferred by law, I have made the following appointments to fill vacancies caused by death:

John E. Hurley, Providence, R. I., Lodge No. 14, Grand Treasurer.

Harry R. Rose, Montrose, Colo., Lodge No. 1053, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Colorado West.

I requested District Deputy William D. Cameron, Connecticut West, to assume the added duties for the unexpired term of District Deputy Harry C. Smith, Rockville, Conn., Lodge No. 1359, Connecticut East.

The resignation of Don C. Lewers, District Deputy for Nevada, called for the appointment of Thurman D. Robb, Tonopah, Nev., Lodge No. 1062, for the unexpired term.

The necessity for Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson to take a much needed rest occasioned the appointment, at Brother Thompson's request, of Henry C. Warner of Dixon, Ill., No. 779, to the chairmanship of the State Association Committee. . . .

As our Order has grown in numbers and affluence, it has come to recognize its benevolences as largely concerned with established institutions and established days or periods of concern for individual groups. Hence it was my hope that through a new approach, which was called "Acts of Friendship," we might re-stimulate the fires of friendship and the desire for helpfulness as between man and man. . . .

The thousands of reports that have come to me from the hundreds of Lodges that have participated and reported regularly to me their Acts of Friendship have proven beyond question that these Lodges found in the program both a pleasure and a sure means of stimulating interest and upbuilding membership. . . .

THE booklet, "From Gardens of Friendship," prepared in the office of the Grand Exalted Ruler, distributed by the Lodge Activities Committee through the generosity of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, shows in graphic form the field covered by this part of the program during its first few months, and the wide range of human need reached and the many lives made happier thereby.

Fifty-odd Lodges complied substantially with the offer of the National Foundation Trustees. A special committee selected forty-two of the more meritorious acts reported and these I nominated to the Foundation from which they will make the selection of the one to be given the \$1,000 award at the Columbus Convention.

Our Order undoubtedly needs today a planned, sustained program reaching out over a period of years as a means to stem the tide of membership deletions and to insure against any recessions in pride of membership and public esteem. It needs a program that would be designated to build up stronger and more aggressive Lodges, thus assuring the Order as a whole even a higher general standing, even a finer record of accomplishment, and even a surer place of leadership in our several communities and in the nation at large.

Such a program need not be either intricate or burdensome, nor need it be of

such a nature as to interfere with the local programs of the individual Lodges. I realize that each Lodge must of necessity make much of its local planning in the light of local conditions.

Such a program might well be sponsored by a special commission appointed by authority of the Grand Lodge. The necessary study, research, technical advice, and launching thereof might well justify the expenditure of a reasonable sum of money. It should be so builded as to coordinate in its execution the usefulness of every department of our national organization, viz.,

1. The office of the Grand Exalted Ruler
2. The office of the Grand Secretary
3. The Elks Magazine
4. The National Foundation
5. The Lodge Activities Committee.

The program should not be made mandatory. It should be so well and simply constructed as to inspire the cooperation of every Subordinate Lodge and every State Association.

It should be timed to cover a period of years, and every State Association should have a correlated part in the program.

It may be if this suggestion is sound that it nevertheless should have more time for thought and discussion before legislation is attempted to carry it into effect. . . .

Desire of other organizations to cooperate with the Elks, particularly in their Pro-America, Youth Movement, and Acts of Friendship, has been apparent throughout the year. Especially helpful in our Memorial to Congress and campaign for corrective legislation have been The American Legion, and The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Boy Scouts of America, from national headquarters as well as local councils, has shown an appreciative interest in the stimulation of our Youth Movement. Large groups of other fraternal and patriotic organizations have, by resolution and written endorsement, given their stamp of approval to our Pro-America stand and in many ways, local and national, have given us their support.

WHEN I came into office a year ago, I thought I knew the Order. I hoped for cooperation as Grand Exalted Ruler from leaders and from rank and file. I believed the Order was sound and I wanted to help make it advance with giant strides during my year in office.

Naturally, I have acquired a better and more comprehensive conception of the Order in this last year than I had before. What I have learned about the great heart of Elksdom, if it could be realistically told, would cause every worthwhile financially able eligible man to come knocking at our doors.

I have seen and experienced human interest and friendship, fraternity and cooperation in such heaping measure, that all the frailties and faults of our institution have been dwarfed into insignificance.

The Order may not have advanced with giant strides this year. Nevertheless, I believe that those who examine the record will find that the Order is somewhat better and stronger than it was a year ago.

If it is, I share the credit with the legion of my brothers whose names and faces I know by the hundreds, whose records I know by the thousands, and the memory of whose loyalty and friendship will remain with me always.



Excerpts from Annual Reports

Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Columbus, Ohio, in July

From the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary Grand Lodge Finances

THE total income of the Grand Lodge for the year ended May 31, 1935, amounts to \$298,066.26; expenses amount to \$303,407.63, showing an excess of expenses over income of \$5,341.40.

Currents assets, \$202,220.17; other assets (cash in closed bank), \$284,384.57; fixed assets, \$1,213,211.93, making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$1,699,816.67.

Subordinate Lodge Finances

REPORTS filed in this office show that the subordinate Lodges of our Order had, at the beginning of the year just closed, cash assets of \$1,838,440.16. During the year they received from all sources \$12,575,362.05, and expended \$12,476,482.50, leaving their cash balance as of March 31, 1935, \$1,937,319.68.

These reports show total assets of Subordinate Lodges to be \$69,178,473.95.

New Members and Reinstatements

IT is pleasing to report that 30,355 new members joined our ranks during the past year. In that same period, 19,826 former members were reinstated. The figures show that 4,112 more members were initiated and 1,102 more members reinstated than during the preceding year. On April 1 of this year 6,684 applicants had been elected to membership and were awaiting initiation.

The records of the past year show conclusively that where systematic and aggressive effort is put forth results can be obtained. Twelve States, the Canal Zone, and the Philippine Islands showed membership gains. Reports also show that 449 Lodges registered membership gains.

Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic Work

BELOW is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for same:

Relief of Members, their Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 377,136.98
Summer Camps, Outings, etc.	30,879.94
Milk, Ice and Fuel	20,907.38
Crippled Children	118,676.56
Medical Aid	19,568.31
Hospitals	25,165.41
Miscellaneous Charities	126,639.46
General Aid for Needy Families	69,645.13
Thanksgiving Baskets	26,790.68
Christmas Baskets	318,137.71
Boy Scouts	15,888.81
Girl Scouts	2,072.49
Big Brother Work	11,174.38
Playgrounds, including prizes	8,849.15
Scholarships, Text Books, etc.	10,745.26
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	37,088.70
Veterans Relief	5,891.03
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc.	46,249.37
Elks National Foundation	18,880.00
Total	\$1,290,386.75

Detail of Subordinate Lodges' charitable, welfare and patriotic activities has been assembled and immediately after the Grand Lodge Session an analysis of this work, in book form, will be mailed to each Subordinate Lodge of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,
J. EDGAR MASTERS, Grand Secretary

From the Report of the Board of Grand Trustees The Elks National Home

AT Bedford, among the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, we have located a group of buildings, the first unit of which was

erected some nineteen years ago. This group of buildings now represents a capacity of four hundred rooms, and was erected by the various Boards of Trustees during this period of years. It stands as a monument to their foresight.

These buildings were carefully constructed and, after nineteen years' use, are in splendid condition. The principal thought in the erection of this group of buildings was the consideration of comfort and convenience to members of our Order whom we have as guests of the Home.

To Robert A. Scott, the present Superintendent, is given much credit for the splendid maintenance of this Home, as well as for the comfort and care given to our residents. Everything possible is being done to make life pleasant, with a sympathetic understanding of all the demands that are made upon us.

Our residents are very appreciative, and they display co-operation with the management of the Home in every particular.

Some few years ago, a nine-hole golf course was built under the supervision of the Superintendent. This course is used practically every day throughout the year, and is much enjoyed by our guests.

The grounds are maintained in a charming manner and throughout the entire Home there is an atmosphere of Elks spirit and sentiment.

Fraternally submitted,
JAMES S. RICHARDSON, Chairman

From the Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America:

The Elks National Memorial Building

IT is now nearly ten years since the Elks National Memorial in Chicago was dedicated. That is but a brief span in the life of such a structure. And yet, during these comparatively few years, the building has taken on an added dignity and a more classic beauty.

This effect is enhanced by the natural growth of the trees and other foliage plants on the property. But in the main it is the result of those mellowing processes which only the passing years employ to give a greater stateliness to true dignity, a greater richness to real beauty.

From the accurate record kept of visitors to the memorial, it is interesting to report that 787,674 persons have entered its portals since they were opened to the public. Many of these were members of our Order; but all of them have felt the inspiration of its lofty purpose and have been charmed by the many artistic masterpieces which embellish it.

The building is being maintained in perfect repair and in splendid condition; and, fortunately, this has been done at an annual lowering of costs to date.

The Elks Magazine

THE ELKS MAGAZINE is now entering upon the fourteenth year of its publication. From its establishment it has played, and is still playing, a most helpful and important part in the promotion of the purposes of the Order.

As the Official Organ of our Fraternity, it is the vehicle for carrying the timely word of instruction and direction from the Grand Exalted Ruler to every Lodge and to every member. It is the medium by which is disseminated throughout the Order information of the activities of the several Lodges and relating to matters of fraternal interest to the members generally.

But while these features of THE ELKS MAGAZINE have been regarded as of primary importance, there has been a consistent maintenance of literary standards. As an evidence of the sustained quality and timeliness of its literary contents, the periodicals which select the best material in current magazines each month and publish them in epitomized form for hurried readers, have several times during the past year chosen articles from THE ELKS MAGAZINE for such reproduction.

It is gratifying to be able again to report, in the face of continued adverse conditions, that the practice of every reasonable economy, and the careful management of the financial aspects of the business, have enabled your Commission to present a most satisfactory statement of operations during the year, which is attached hereto as a part of this report.

From the total surpluses earned by THE ELKS MAGAZINE during the past thirteen years, there have been turned over to the Grand Lodge, or paid out at its direction, the following sums:

Reduction of per capita tax, year 1924-'25. Art features for National Memorial Building, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va. District Deputies expenses, 1929 and 1933. Grand Lodge, 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933. Administration expenses of National Memorial and Publication Commission, June 1, 1926, to May 31, 1934. Maintenance expenses National Memorial Headquarters Building, June 1, 1926, to May 31, 1934. As previously reported in detail.	\$1,807,469.77
THE ELKS MAGAZINE has paid the following sums from its surplus balance during the past year:	
Administrative expenses of National Memorial and Publication Commission; (travel, legal expenses, etc.) from June 1, 1934, to May 31, 1935	\$3,539.67
Maintenance, taxes, city improvements, wages, repairs and other expenses of the National Memorial Headquarters Building, from June 1, 1934 to May 31, 1935	\$26,117.64
Special advertising-publicity	\$6,580.46
	36,237.77
CHARGED OFF Lincoln State Bank, Chicago, Illinois	\$6,229.00
Total Surplus	\$2,352,789.46

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THE CLOWN



"What was that you threw out to center field?" the Southport captain thundered at Higgins, perspiring and mad

by Vic Whitman

CRAZY-HEADED ball players? Listen, brother, unless you've heard the story of Ham Higgins you don't know the half of it!

It all started when Eddie Fiske, manager of the Bluebirds of the Columbia minor league, called me into his office one sunny morning and told me to go out and get him a smart catcher.

"Sure," I grunted. "While I'm at it I'll pick you a few nice diamonds in the street, too."

Eddie remained serious. He was a big, beefy man with a genial red face and twinkling blue eyes, and sometimes it was hard to tell when he was kidding and when he wasn't.

"I mean it, Joe," he said. "Drake's bone bruise is getting worse, which means he won't be able to work more than once a week—if he works that much—and this morning Lou Hogan came down with the mumps."

"Why don't you pull Ferguson in from right?" I suggested.

"Because it might affect his hitting and God knows we can't afford to take a chance on that—what with us in the cellar position and everything." He began to chew on a match, a habit of his when worried. "No, Joe, we got to have a catcher."

"Listen," I said. "This is July. Where am I going to find a free catcher in July?"

"There's a guy named Higgins over at Dixville," said Eddie

patiently. "They tell me he plays a powerful lot of baseball."

I recognized the name instantly. Any scout who is worth his salt knows something about every bit of potential material for miles around.

"You don't want him, Eddie," I said. "He's the one they call the clown." I went on to tell how, one day last season, Higgins, wearing tin shoulder guards under his sweat-shirt, got three passes to first before the umpire got wise to where the "clank" was coming from. Eddie listened quietly.

"Also he hit for .420 last season," he said.

"The guy is nuts," I protested.

"Nevertheless we need a catcher," said Eddie firmly. "Slide over to Dixville and take a look at him."

So I was in the stands the following day when Dixville played Southport in a series game between the two towns. In case you don't know much about baseball in the sticks let me tell you right here and now that it's always for blood. The natives drive in for miles around, the business men close down their stores for the afternoon, the players file their spikes, and if the umpire is wise he carries a trench helmet under his coat and has one eye constantly on the lowest section of the fence.

However, I didn't pay much attention to the yelling and betting that was going on around me. I was watching this Ham Higgins. He was a short, tremendously stocky kid with



She let out a little yelp which was echoed, as I rushed her out the door, by the wild screams of her assistant

bow legs and a goofy, grinning, freckled pan that, by comparison, would have made Joe E. Brown's look like Gary Cooper's. He looked exactly like what they said he was—a clown. But despite my prejudice against him, there was something about the way he carried himself, the way he hitched at his pants with his wrists, that told me he was a ball player.

Before the game was two innings old my prejudice was fast melting away. Catch? Say, that kid was a dead ringer for old Roger Bresnahan! He had the same faculty of guessing a batter's weakness merely from the way the batter came up to the plate and tapped his bat on the rubber; he could go down and scoop low ones out of the dirt like a lightning dredge; and the nearest I can come to describing his peg to the bases is to say that it was like a bullet out of a gun—accurate and blamed near as fast.

Nor did he seem to have any loop-holes in his batting ability. His first time up he stepped into the second pitch—a high, fast ball—and smacked it to far right field for three bases; his second time up he picked out a low, close one and kissed

it to center for a sizzling single. More than the hits themselves, I was impressed by the way he swung that club—by the way he stepped into 'em, steady, sure.

"That kid, Higgins, is quite a ball player," I said to the man sitting next to me.

"Best around," said the other promptly.

"Why," I went on cautiously, "I've seen players in the leagues that didn't look as good as he does."

"Oh, Ham would be right up there with the best of 'em," said my neighbor confidently, "if 'twarn't for Priscilla."

I pricked up my ears at that. "Priscilla?"

"Yep, Priscilla Lane, his girl. She's the librarian here in Dixville, an' she's got ideas of educatin' Ham that don't fit in with his ball playin' at all."

"Doesn't she want him to play ball?"

"Far's I know she ain't never seen him play," said the man. "No, 'tain't his ball playin' that bothers her so much as it is his eternal foolin' around. Maybe you don't know it, but Ham's got a streak o' tom-foolery in him that's always croppin' out when you don't expect it. 'Course all them things get



Illustrated by Mario Cooper

back to Priscilla an' she starts right in givin' him hell. Yes sir," he concluded, "if 'twarn't for Priscilla Lane, he'd be right up there with the best of 'em."

I thought this over.

"He hasn't done any fooling around today," I said.

"No, he ain't," admitted my neighbor, "but you can't never tell when he'll start in."

ALMOST immediately the truth of the man's statement was verified. Southport came to bat and proceeded to get three runners on the bases. Higgins studied the situation for a minute, then adjusted his mask, stepped behind the plate and signalled for a pitch-out. As the pitcher took his wind-up, I saw Higgins reach quickly around to his hip pocket. The ball came in wide of the plate, he caught it and then, taking a step forward as though throwing to second base, he heaved whatever he had in his hand far out to center field. Naturally the Southport runners started coming in, only to find Ham Higgins standing on the plate, grinning broadly as he tagged them one by one. More to the point, he was tagging them with the ball.

Well, as you might imagine, pandemonium broke loose. The crowd bellowed, the umpire glanced longingly at the fence, and the Southport captain rushed up, perspiring and mad.

"What's the big idea?" he demanded.

Higgins struck a pose similar to that of the Winged Victory. "Idea?" he said. "My good man, I don't know what you're talkin' about."

"The hell you don't! What was that you threw out to center field?"

"It was a peeled potato," said Higgins. "It got kind of heavy luggin' it around in my pocket."

The Southport captain turned purple. "Potato!" he thundered. "Potato! You ain't got no right to go throwin' potatoes around in a ball game."

"Ain't I?" inquired Higgins. "You show me anything in the rule book that says I can't chuck away a potato any time I want to."

Then they were clinched and that was the end of the ball game as the crowd overflowed the field to join in a general free-for-all. I couldn't help laughing, but at the same time I was perplexed and somewhat annoyed. Here this Higgins was a whale of a good backstop, but if he pulled stunts like that here he would be likely to do the same thing elsewhere. I got a mental picture of what Eddie Fiske's face would look like if he saw Higgins start throwing potatoes around in the Columbia League. That picture decided me. After all, it was Eddie's funeral, not mine, and the fact remained that the Bluebirds needed a catcher badly. I got up, stretched, and,

pushing through the mob, started out to find Ham Higgins.

I found him where they said I probably would—draped over the book counter of the Dixville Public Library. There was a purple mouse under his right eye where somebody had hit him, and he was grinning sheepishly as he listened to the steady stream of talk that was coming at him from the other side of the counter. The girl was slim and prim and I think she would have been pretty in a proper sort of way had it not been for the severity of her get-up. But there certainly was nothing wrong with her oratory.

"Hamilton Higgins," she was saying, "I have heard reports about the game just concluded and I wish to state most positively that I am thoroughly and utterly disgusted with you. The idea of a grown man playing a juvenile game is bad enough in itself, but when that man, who might go to untold intellectual heights if he so applied himself, goes a similar distance in the direction of low comedy, it is about the limit."

"Listen, honey," said Higgins, "that stuff wows 'em!"

It was the wrong expression to use.

"Wows 'em!" said Miss Lane disgustedly. "Wows 'em indeed! What kind of language is that? Hamilton, I am rapidly reaching the conclusion that any further efforts on my part toward improving your vocabulary and your enunciation would be completely wasted."

Seeing how matters stood I started to back away, but Higgins, glancing hopelessly around the room, saw me, and promptly drew me into the conversation with the verbal gesture of one who is at his wits' end.

"Can't she dish it out though!" he said admiringly. "My goodness, did you ever hear anybody who could beat her?"

"No, I never did," I confessed, with a gallant bow in Miss Lane's direction. But the bow didn't register; she just stood looking coldly at me. Somewhat flustered I said to Higgins: "When you have a free moment I'd like to see you."

"What about?" she demanded before Higgins could say a word. "Who are you?"

"I'm Joe Nugent, scout for the Bluebirds," I said as politely as I could through my growing irritation.

"Yeah?" said Higgins, interested. But Miss Lane shushed him with an impatient wave of her hand.

"And who, pray, are the Bluebirds?" she inquired.

"The Bluebirds are a ball team, lady," I said. "At present they occupy the cellar position in the Columbia League, out of which position they are making all possible efforts to get. My purpose in talking with this young gentleman here is to induce him to aid and abet us in aforesaid efforts. In other words we are prepared to give him a try-out and if he makes good to sign him to a nice contract. Is that clear?"

"Perfectly." She studied me for a moment. "What will his remuneration be?"

"Of the best," I said, and named the figure. I heard a soft whistle from Higgins. I think the girl, too, was impressed, but she didn't change expression.

"His associations," she said next. "What will they be?"

"Oh, quite beyond reproach," I hastened to assure her. "There's Lefty Flynn who comes from one of our better Bronx families; there's Squint-Eye Ferguson, a gentleman born; there's—"

Calmly she interrupted me.

"VERY well, Hamilton," she said. "You may make whatever decision you think best. But"—and she shook a slim white finger in his face—"but if you join the—er—Bluejays and I hear one report that involves you with more of this low comedy, you may consider that our acquaintance is at an end."

And that is how Ham Higgins came to report to Eddie Fiske on the following Monday. Eddie greeted him with his usual genial smile.

"Well, well," he said. "So you're Ham Higgins!" I could tell by Eddie's expression that he was favorably impressed by what he saw, for, in his blue serge suit, Higgins looked like any rugged, healthy young ball player except that he was homelier than most and had bigger hands. Particularly Eddie noticed the hands. One thing he likes his catchers to have is big hands.

"Mighty glad to see you, boy," he said. "How you feeling today—pretty good?"

"Swell," said Higgins.

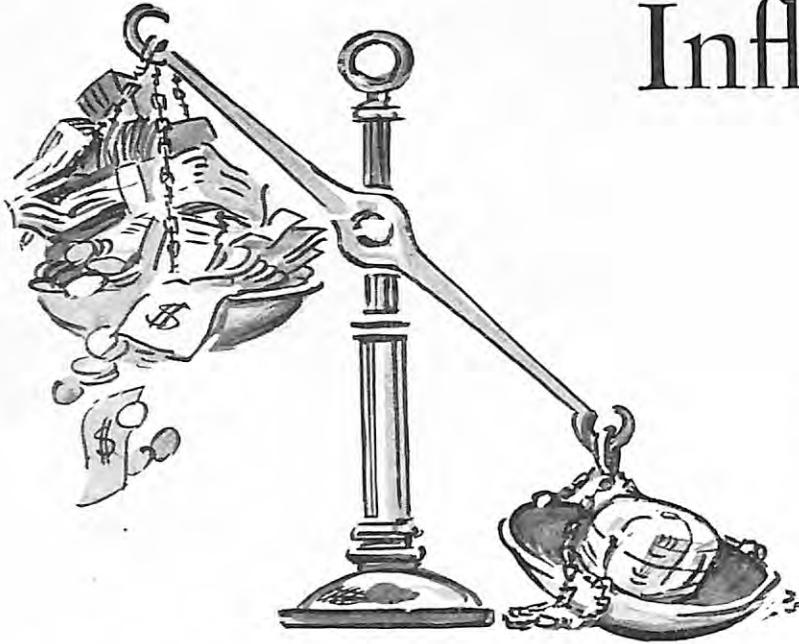
"Think you could work this (Continued on page 47)

Inflation Time

by Roy Dickinson

Author of Wages and Wealth

Cartoons by Oscar E. Cesare



industry, with goods to sell to the masses of people, are too well informed, in my opinion, on the importance—yes, necessity—of high wages for purchasing power to bring about a quick, sudden deflation now by trying horizontal wage cuts. In addition, they face a far more powerful and better organized labor movement than existed even two short years ago.

Against this temporary threat of deflation we have an international trade situation, a debt structure and a government policy which is definitely leading us

IT was after the Patman greenback bill had been vetoed by the President—a bill that many people thought would lead inevitably to currency inflation. It was two days after the Supreme Court had handed down its N. R. A. decision—a decision which many people thought would create a new *deflation* instead of the *credit inflation* that so many economists have said is definitely on the way. It was at the time when Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of General Electric, was testifying before a Senate Banking Sub-Committee. The date was May 29th. Senator McAdoo asked Mr. Young if he thought "we were starting in inflation now?"

"It depends on what you mean by inflation—if you mean the amount of currency in circulation I would answer 'no,'" was the reply. "If you mean a basis for credit inflation, I would answer 'yes.'"

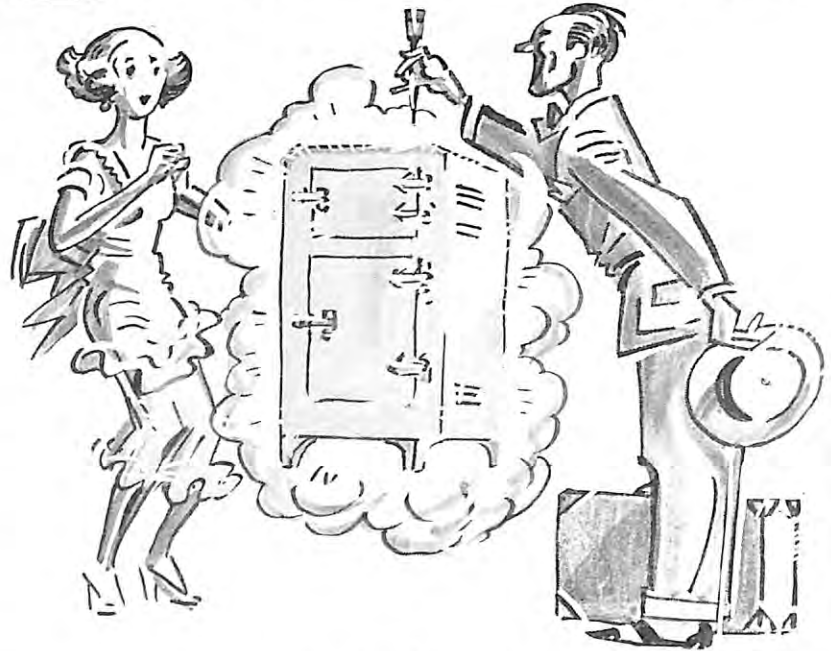
The gentleman from Hornellsville, who is also a Federal Reserve Governor, immediately places emphasis upon the difference between currency inflation and credit inflation. Shortly after the war he was in Germany and saw there the results of uncontrolled currency inflation. He led his Company through the great 1922-1929 era of credit inflation in this country.

In this country we have had several experiences with the German variety of chaotic currency inflation on the one hand, and of credit inflation on the other. Some of the latter were good—some bad. Whether or not credit inflation works out satisfactorily depends on the degree of confidence we have in our country—its future—and on the common sense of its people.

As we look at this subject of inflation from the point of view of the average business man rather than from that of the great capitalist, let's keep that fact about confidence in mind. And also this one:

Almost 90% of our national business is done on credit, not currency. It is true that an uncontrolled currency inflation can destroy credit. But a nation with many damaging instances of uncontrolled currency inflation behind it—instances that are easy to look back upon and remember—is not likely to embark upon another, especially when people are willing to think and to discover the facts. That is one of the greatest assets of the present time. People are listening, reading and *thinking*.

Any drive toward deflation due to the recent Supreme Court decision, any attempt to push down standards of living, is very likely to prove sporadic and temporary. This country of ours has never been content to slip backward, to under-produce, to become retrogressive. The leaders of American



... gave his electric refrigerator prospects icepicks



The Indians refused the paper

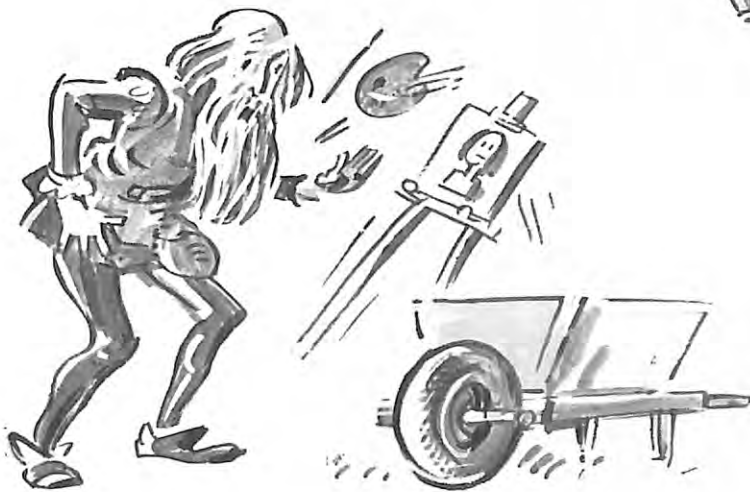
Is Selling Time

There Are Many Definitions and Several Kinds of Inflation, but the Kind that Is on the Way Responds Nicely to Imagination and Ideas

toward some sort of credit inflation. If this is accompanied by confidence it will lead to increased business activity.

On one thing all the wise men, political, economic, and just plain folks, agree: nobody wants to get a handful of phoney paper money as change for a quarter when he buys a pack of cigarettes.

The proposers of the first big, dramatic currency inflation bill, giving the Treasury authority to issue \$2,200,000,000 of greenbacks, also gave authority to contract the currency again as soon as prices had reached the 1921-1929 average. This, the bill's backers contended, would



After 439 years wheelbarrows have been modernized



There is always meat inside the nut of business

prevent uncontrolled currency inflation, which they didn't want either. The difference of opinion arose over the question as to whether this "brake" could control currency inflation once it started.

Anyone who cares to turn to the word "assignat" in a convenient encyclopedia, or to make a study of how "not worth a continental" came to be an expression in our country, can get his own history on the crazy kind of inflation that no one wants.

There was a queer case of that kind in New Jersey around 1690. Paper money was issued to pay off soldiers who had enlisted to try and grab Canada from

the French for Great Britain. At the same time wampum, made by the Indians, was good for paying taxes. The new paper money, because there wasn't enough "hard" money to go around, took the form of little parchment squares with the Jersey seal on them. The makers of this money said that the natural resources of the State were so huge that the "money" would be as good as gold. But it turned out to be not even as good as the wampum!

Then some smart men with metal drills began making wampum from clam shells so much faster than the old method that it dropped in buying power. So the Colonies turned to lead bullets for legal tender, from Vermont to Virginia, until a couple of chisellers thought up the idea of expanding the currency by making pewter bullets that looked like lead. That caused currency inflation again because nobody believed in pewter bullets. You couldn't kill a wild turkey or a deer with them. These adulterated bullets were the next step in the same kind of crazy inflation that Germany had when every man was at the same time a billionaire in money and a pauper in purchasing power.

Old man Gresham, knighted in 1559 by Queen Elizabeth, stated one of the simplest "laws" in the world. No parliament, congress or colony ever passed it, but it works as surely as the law of gravitation. It is this: "Bad money drives out good money." When money which is under suspicion of being backed by good wishes instead of wealth in goods or work gets into circulation, people salt their good money away.

Making money almost worthless means that things and labor become dear. A sack of potatoes may be worth a dollar. When and if the paper dollar merely represents wishes instead of its equivalent in wealth, more dollars are asked for the sack of potatoes. So, by and by, it may become worth a hundred, a thousand or a hundred thousand dollars in the inflated currency.

Does it follow, then, if no sane man wants uncontrolled inflation, that all inflation is evil?

To answer that one, let's first consider a definition of inflation. Ask the next five men you meet—including, if possible, two professors and two bankers—and you are more than likely to get five different definitions. Many definitions leave out credit inflation—which makes them too (Continued on page 44)

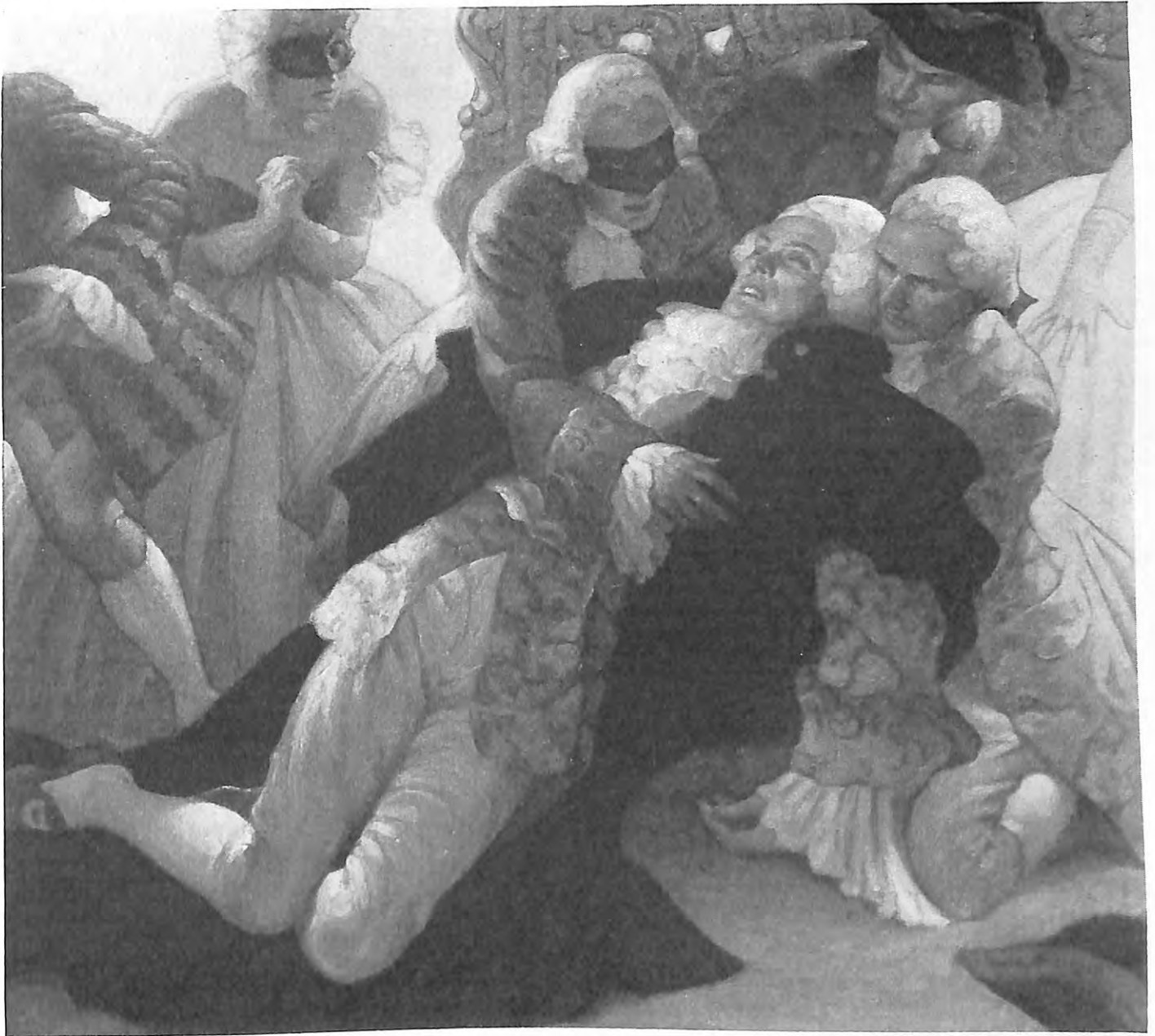


The report of the pistol was lost in the din. Voices were raised, shouting "Fire! Fire!" Then the Count roared, "Murder has been done! Guard every door, and let no one leave the theatre!"

The Night of Masquerade

By Rafael Sabatini

Illustrated by Jules Gotlieb



BARON BJELKE sprang from his carriage almost before it had come to a standstill and without waiting for the footman to let down the steps. With a haste entirely foreign to a person of his station and importance, he swept into the great vestibule of the palace, and in a quivering voice flung a question at the first lackey he encountered:

"Has His Majesty started yet?"

"Not yet, my lord."

The answer lessened his haste, but not his agitation. He cast off the heavy wolfskin pelisse in which he had been wrapped, and, leaving it in the hands of the servant, went briskly up the grand staircase, a tall, youthful figure, very graceful in the suit of black he wore.

As he passed through a succession of ante-rooms on his way to the private apartments of the King, those present observed the pallor of his clean-cut face under the auburn tie-wig he affected, and the feverish glow of eyes that took account of no one. They could not guess that Baron Bjelke, the King's secretary and favourite, carried in his hands the life of his royal master, or its equivalent in the shape of the secret of the plot to assassinate him.

In many ways Bjelke was no better than the other profligate minions of the profligate Gustavus of Sweden. But he had this advantage over them, that his intellect was above

their average. He had detected the first signs of the approach of that storm which the King himself had so heedlessly provoked. He knew, as much by reason as by intuition, that, in these days when the neighbouring State of France writhed in the throes of a terrific revolution against monarchic and aristocratic tyranny, it was not safe for a king to persist in the abuse of his parasitic power. New ideas of socialism were in the air. They were spreading through Europe, and it was not only in France that men accounted it an infamous anachronism that the great mass of a community should toil and sweat and suffer for the benefit of an insolent minority.

Already had there been trouble with the peasantry in Sweden, and Bjelke had endangered his position as a royal favourite by presuming to warn his master. Gustavus III desired amusement, not wisdom, from those about him. He could not be brought to realize the responsibilities which kingship imposes upon a man. It has been pretended that he was endowed with great gifts of mind. He may have been, though the thing has been pretended of so many princes that one may be sceptical where evidence is lacking. If he possessed those gifts, he succeeded wonderfully in concealing them under a nature that was frivolously gay, dissolute, and extravagant.

His extravagance forced him into monstrous extortions

when only a madman would have wasted in profligacy the wealth so cruelly wrung from long-suffering subjects. From extortion he was driven by his desperate need of money into flagrant dishonesty. At a stroke of the pen he had reduced the value of the paper currency by one-third—a reduction so violent and sudden that, whilst it impoverished many, it involved some in absolute ruin—and this that he might gratify his appetite for magnificence and enrich the rapacious favourites who shared his profligacy.

The unrest in the kingdom spread. It was no longer a question of the resentment of a more or less docile peasantry whose first stirrings of revolt were easily quelled. The lesser nobility of Sweden were angered by a measure—following upon so many others—that bore peculiarly heavily upon themselves; and out of that anger, fanned by one man—John Jacob Ankarström—who had felt the vindictive spirit of royal injustice, flamed in secret the conspiracy against the King's life which Bjelke had discovered.

He had discovered it by the perilous course of joining the conspirators. He had won their confidence, and they recognized that his collaboration was rendered invaluable by the position he held so near the King. And in his subtle wisdom, at considerable danger to himself, Bjelke had kept his counsel. He had waited until now, until the moment when the blow was about to fall, before making the disclosure which should not only save Gustavus, but enable him to cast a net in which all the plotters must be caught. And he hoped that when Gustavus perceived the narrowness of his escape, and the reality of the dangers amid which

he walked, he would consider the wisdom of taking another course in the future.

He had reached the door of the last ante-chamber, when a detaining hand was laid upon his arm. He found himself accosted by a page—the offspring of one of the noblest families in Sweden, and the son of one of Bjelke's closest friends, a fair-haired, impudent boy to whom the secretary permitted a certain familiarity.

"Are you on your way to the King, Baron?" the lad inquired.

"I am, Carl. What is it?"

"A letter for His Majesty—a note fragrant as a mid-summer rose—which a servant has just delivered to me. Will you take it?"

"Give it to me, impudence," said Bjelke, the ghost of a smile lighting for a moment his white face.

He took the letter and passed on into the last ante-chamber, which was empty of all but a single chamberlain-in-waiting. This chamberlain bowed respectfully to the Baron.

"His Majesty?" said Bjelke.

"He is dressing. Shall I announce Your Excellency?"

"Pray do."

THE chamberlain vanished, and Bjelke was left alone. Waiting, he stood there, idly fingering the scented note he had received from the page. As he turned it in his fingers the superscription came upper-most, and he turned it no more. His eyes lost their absorbed look, their glance quickened into attention, a frown shaped itself between them like a scar; his breathing, suspended a moment, was renewed with a gasp. He stepped aside to a table bearing a score of candles clustered in a massive silver branch, and held the note so that the light fell full upon the writing.

Standing thus, he passed a hand over his eyes and stared again, two hectic spots burning now in his white cheeks. Abruptly, disregarding the superscription, his trembling fingers snapped the blank seal and unfolded the letter addressed to his royal master. He was still reading when the chamberlain returned to announce that the King was pleased to see the Baron at once. He did not seem to hear the announcement. His attention was all upon the letter, his lips drawn back from his teeth in a grin, and beads of perspiration glistening upon his brow.

"His Majesty—" the chamberlain was beginning to repeat, when he broke off suddenly. "Your Excellency is ill?"

"Ill?"

Bjelke stared at him with glassy eyes. He crumpled the letter in his hand and stuffed one and the other into the pocket of his black satin coat. He attempted to laugh to reassure the startled chamberlain, and achieved a ghastly grimace.

"I must not keep His Majesty waiting," he said thickly, and stumbled on, leaving in the chamberlain's mind a suspicion that His Majesty's secretary was not quite sober.

But Bjelke so far conquered his emotion that he was almost his usual imperturbable self when he reached the royal dressing-room; indeed, he no longer displayed even the agitation that had possessed him when first he entered the palace.

Gustavus, a slight, handsome man of a good height, was standing before a cheval-glass when Bjelke came in. Francois, the priceless valet His Majesty had brought back from his last pleasure-seeking visit to pre-revolutionary Paris some five years ago, was standing back judicially to consider the domino he had just placed upon the royal shoulders. Baron Armfelt—whom the conspirators accused of wielding the most sinister of all the sinister influences that perverted the King's mind—dressed from head to foot in shimmering white satin, lounged on a divan with all the easy familiarity permitted to this most intimate of courtiers, the associate of all royal follies.

Gustavus looked over his shoulder as he entered.

"Why, Bjelke," he exclaimed, "I thought you had gone into the country!"

"I am at a loss," replied Bjelke. "To imagine what should have given Your Majesty so mistaken an impression." And he might have smiled inwardly to observe how his words seemed to put Gustavus out of countenance.

The King laughed, nevertheless, with an affectation of ease.

"I inferred it from your absence from Court on such a (Continued on page 40)

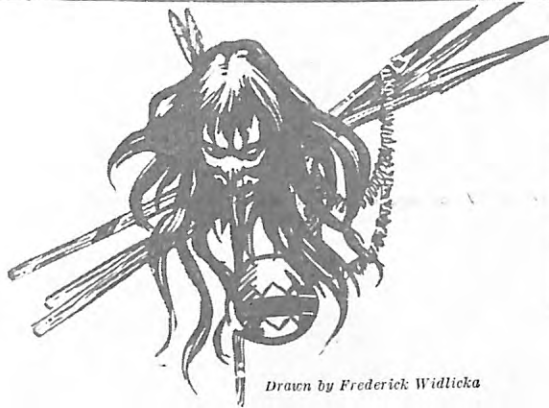


He discovered it by the perilous course of joining the conspirators, whose confidence he had won

Explorers Are

NOT Adventurers

by Burt McConnell



Drawn by Frederick Widlicka

MY preceptor in Arctic exploration, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, is fond of saying "an adventure on an expedition is a sign of incompetence." Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, who made many significant discoveries in the Gobi Desert in China, agrees that "adventures are a nuisance." But the most careful explorer cannot always avoid them. Moreover, if everything went smoothly on an expedition, what would the explorer have to hold his audience with when he returned? Fortunately for us stay-at-homes, they all have adventures. Take, for example, the hair-raising experience of William J. Morden and James L. Clark, who were captured, tortured, and robbed by Mongol irregular soldiers.

Morden, after years of effort, had persuaded the governments of India and Soviet Russia to permit him to obtain a collection of a particular type of wild sheep, the *ovis poli*, found only in the almost inaccessible region of the Russian Pamirs. He also hoped to fill in the zoological gap between the Himalaya Mountains and the Gobi Desert of Mongolia. The American Museum of Natural History assigned James L. Clark, whose hunting experiences in Africa and knowledge of preparing animal groups qualified him for the task, to accompany him.

The range of the *ovis poli* was a rocky, treeless land in Chinese and Russian Turkestan. This meant, for Morden and Clark, a voyage to Bombay, India; a journey through the Vale of Kashmir; and a trek over the snow-covered passes of the Himalayas, into the heart of Central Asia and beyond.

Fourteen thousand feet they climbed, during which time Clark frosted two toes. Bitterly cold winds blew down the passes, and fine frozen snow stung their faces like



From top to bottom: The camel caravan of the Morden-Clark Expedition leaving Ji-Ji-Ho in bleak Mongolia. James L. Clark and William J. Morden after many torturous months in Mongolia and Siberia. Dr. Morden with one of the rare specimens he traveled so far to secure—an *Ovis Poli* ram, killed in the Russian Pamirs. The Expedition in Siberia, shortly after Morden and Clark had been released by the Mongols



Above: Mongols of this type captured and tortured Morden and Clark. These fierce desert nomads are wholly illiterate, have no knowledge of the outside world, and are ruthlessly brutal



tiny needles. From the summit they plunged into drifts that were waist-deep. Great ice-fields and glaciers gleamed in the sun. Nanga Parbat, eighth in height among the mountains of the world, towered above them. Afghanistan lay at their left; the Thian Shan, or "Celestial Mountains," directly ahead. In between came the Russian Pamirs, habitat of the *ovis poli*. These were wide, upland glacial valleys, separated by ridges as high as twenty thousand feet.

Morden and Clark found the natives living in *yurts*, circular in shape and from twelve to twenty feet in diameter, and covered with large pieces of heavy felt. In the center of these collapsible houses the natives built fires of *teyzak*, or dried cakes of yak dung. The white men had their share of hardships, but all was forgotten once they arrived in the *ovis poli* country and found the animals were not extinct, after all. They chose the best for the Museum collection.

It was now decided to send back their specimens to India, and to continue across Mongolia by caravan. The Kansu trade route to China was out of the question because a defeated Chinese war lord's army was running wild across the easterly end.

At Urumchi, the seat of government at Sin Kiang, their passports and travel permits were visaed, and the opinion expressed by officials that they would be allowed to proceed through Mongolia unmolested. In fact, it was not until they talked with two English missionaries at Urumchi that they had any misgivings about the welcome they might receive in Mongolia. However, Morden decided that the results to be gained were worth an unknown risk, so they went on.

Once their destination became known, however, they found it next to impossible to engage camels and caravan equipment. By the time they succeeded in hiring an owner of a caravan and a guide for the 1200-mile journey to Urga, it was mid-October. The shorter route, said the

Above (right), below and at top of opposite page: Mrs. Herbert S. Dickey with Onamaquiro (Cooing Pigeon), a South American headhunter who finds the Expedition's portable typewriter of great interest. A member of the Jiveros, a tribe of headhunters in Eastern Ecuador, puts on his war paint preparatory to a none too friendly visit to some of his neighbors. Dr. Herbert S. Dickey giving medical attention to a South American Indian, a practice which inspires the jealousy of native witchdoctors

guide, was infested by bandits, who would shoot first and rob afterwards. As Morden tells the story:

"We were not greatly impressed with his tale of bandits, since our guide's information about trails and caravan routes and other things seemed rather vague. What did worry us, to some extent, was the fact that we had no permit to enter Mongolia.

"Since the Asiatic camel is a cold-weather animal, and travels best at night, we humored him to that extent, even though the guide was continually losing the trail. Six days out we met a caravan of 78 camels—so we knew we were on the route.

"I might add that I feel as Stefansson and Roy Andrews do about adventures; we explorers do not invite them. We want to get our specimens and make our observations and take our photographs with the least possible delay. An adventure usually is a reflection upon one's plans.

"We felt that our Russian visas and other papers would carry us safely through Mongolia. But it was not to be. It was now November, and the temperature below zero. Near Ji-ji-ho we were surrounded by Mongol horsemen, with rifles slung over their shoulders and Bolshevik stars on their helmets, and hurried off to the nearest *yurt*. Inside were several savage-looking Mongols, seated around a fire of *teyzak*. On the walls hung belts, sabers, rifles, and various kinds of mili-



tary equipment. One and all, the Mongols glowered at us. We took out our credentials, and showed them, but it made no difference; these fierce desert nomads could not read; they had no knowledge of the outside world; they had never heard of the United States.

"Finally, when the caravan arrived, one of our men rose and started to leave the *yurt* to help pitch camp. As he approached the door, the Mongol on guard there struck him in the face and knocked him down. The guard then yelled something in his own tongue, and in less than half a minute the *yurt* was filled with Mongols, many of whom carried ropes. We were greatly outnumbered, and should have known that it was useless to put up a fight; but we did. This aggressiveness



Dickey Expedition Pictures by Wide World Photos

on our part only served to infuriate them. When we gave up the unequal struggle, they passed ropes around our wrists, jerking them as tight as possible and cutting into the flesh. Then these savages soaked the ropes with water, so that when they dried they would draw even tighter. During all this time they yelled like demons.

"Completely trussed up, we were roughly thrown on our backs, and our clothing searched. One Mongol kept his foot on my head. Another knocked Clark's pipe out of his mouth. The search completed, we were allowed to sit up. Our hands were becoming numb by this

time; the ropes were cutting into our wrists. When I tried to warm mine over the fire, one of the Mongols struck me in the face and knocked me back. They did not, however, prevent us from talking, and I asked our interpreter what they were saying. His reply was that we were to be shot!

"Clark and I were not particularly frightened at the thought of being shot; it would soon be over. Torture, such as we knew the Mongols knew how to inflict, was something else; we tried not to think of that.

"Finally, a Mongol who could speak Chinese came into the *yurt* and talked with our interpreter. Our hopes rose a bit, for he seemed rather a decent sort of citizen. The newcomer left, and after what seemed another age we were led out of the *yurt*. In the starlight we could see several soldiers with rifles. It seemed certain that it was a firing-squad. Clark and I said goodbye to each other.

"Instead of being executed, however, we were taken into a caravan tent, tied to a tent-pole in a sitting position, and left there. They covered our legs with sheepskins, else our feet would have been frozen. By this time the circulation in our hands had been entirely cut off by the ropes, and we had visions of frozen fingers, hundreds of miles from the nearest medical aid, if by chance we were released. And we agreed that it would be better to die, then and there. Shooting pains were flashing up and down our arms, but there was no feeling whatever in our hands.

"Finally, a Mongol, apparently thinking this form of torture had gone far enough, loosed the ropes, and I felt a surge of blood down into my fingers. Our hopes rose. We had eaten nothing since morning, and we were very weak. They gave us some bitter black tea and

two of our own cigarettes—one apiece. That was the best smoke I ever had. Maybe it was because of the great mental strain, and the possibility that it would be my last on this earth.

"All night long the Mongols came and went. One of them, in particular, made himself obnoxious by aiming his rifle at us, and crooking his finger around the trigger.

"In the morning our interpreter was taken out of the tent. Soon afterward we heard two shots, and naturally we thought he had been executed. Who would be next? Two hours later, however, he returned, and in the afternoon a snappy-looking Mongol rode up, bringing an interpreter. He turned out to be the commanding officer. So these Mongols were soldiers, and the felt-covered tent was a military post! Presumably they considered us spies.

WE were taken before this officer, and again questioned. Our papers were again scrutinized, although we were sure the officer could not read them. We were then taken back to our tent, and given a bowl of meat and rice—the first food in twenty-four hours. The officer looked over our equipment, and insisted upon seeing everything, including a roll of motion picture film in daylight, which of course was ruined. But it began to look as if we might get out of the jam alive, and we felt better.

"We spent another miserable night, and during the day we were taken to the officer's quarters and grilled again. Our papers were examined once more. A few of the smaller articles which had been taken from us were returned. That night we were permitted to sleep in our own sleeping bags, instead of sitting on the floor. The (Continued on page 53)

Below, left to right: Two bushmen of the kind Sir Hubert Wilkins met on his expeditions to northern Australia. A belle of a cannibal tribe in Arnhem Land, northern Australia. The decorative marks on the bodies of these two Arnhem Land cannibals are caused by cutting the flesh and rubbing mud into the wounds





EDITORIAL

MICHAEL F. SHANNON, P.G.E.R.

ON surrendering the gavel of authority to his successor in office, Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon may well have experienced the keen satisfaction which attends the conclusion of an important service well performed. Assuming office with an earnest enthusiasm which held him devoted to its manifold duties throughout his term, his administration has been marked by a rare dignity, forcefulness and brilliance. The Order of Elks is a greater and a better fraternal and patriotic organization because of his year of leadership.

It is a happy incident of the customary method of conducting its affairs that the wisdom, experience and loyalty of the Junior Past Grand will continue to be exercised in the Order's interests in the years to come.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE is confident of its representation of the entire membership in thus expressing to Mr. Shannon their sincere appreciation of his self sacrificing service to the Order, the assurance of their personal regard and esteem, and their affectionate wish that he may live long to enjoy the fraternal associations, the value and richness of which he has done so much to promote.

OUR NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER

ON electing James T. Hallinan, of Queens Borough Lodge, as Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Lodge has made a wise selection, even among the many distinguished members of the Order who would grace that office.

Although occupying a high judicial position, exacting in its demands upon his time and energy, he has not only retained his interest in the Order but has continued actively to serve it in important offices with an enthusiasm born of devotion and with an effectiveness that bespeaks his outstanding ability.

During his many years of membership as a lay member of his Lodge, through his terms in its several chairs, and in Grand Lodge offices, including that of Grand Trustee, he has acquired an accurate knowledge of the Order, its needs and limitations, the character of its personnel, and the problems of its local units. This knowledge, coupled with his demonstrated ability as a leader, his deep rooted love for the Order, and a personality which inspires friendship, combine to produce an equipment from which may confidently be anticipated an able and successful administration as Grand Exalted Ruler. In order that this anticipation may be fully realized, it is essential that our new Chieftain be accorded a loyal and enthusiastic cooperation by every member of the Order. His task is no easy one. He is entitled to that support, and THE ELKS MAGAZINE bespeaks it for him with every assurance that Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan will not fail to meet every demand made upon him in his high office.

NO DOLDRUMS FOR ELKS LODGES

IN nautical parlance, doldrums are those conditions which often prevail in areas near the equator, where calms and light baffling winds make navigation for sailing craft tedious and difficult.

The term has come to be applied to any period of inactivity, when everything appears to have become stale and flat, when no creative effort seems worth while. Commercial, industrial and fraternal organizations sometimes experience such periods, when they merely mark time.

That experience should not come to an Elks Lodge. Just as ocean crafts which operate under their own power move serenely and steadily forward through the doldrums of the sea, so an Elks Lodge, inherently capable of activity at any time, should carry on its allotted tasks regardless of conditions to which other less sufficient organizations and associations may yield.

August and September are the doldrum periods for fraternal organizations which permit themselves to be affected by them. The inertia of warm weather, coupled with the appeal of vacation, make it easy to side-step obliga-

tions which are not immediately compelling. But it must be remembered that those months present their own peculiar problems for the needy and unfortunate. Certain elements of suffering and want are accentuated by the very conditions which ameliorate other elements of human distress. Ice and cold winds, which in winter bring keener suffering, are blessings during the burning days of summer; and they are not obtainable by many who are in dire need of them. The aged, the ill, and the undernourished children of the poor have special need of help during heated spells of weather.

An effectively functioning Elks Lodge indulges in no vacation. It has an all-the-year job. It should be alert in August and September to assist in meeting the peculiar seasonal needs of its community as it is during the other months of the year. There are no doldrums for an Elks Lodge.

THE BOY SCOUTS JAMBOREE

FROM the 21st to the 30th of this month the Boy Scouts of America will hold, in Washington, the largest gathering of its members ever to assemble during its twenty-five years of existence. The Jamboree will be the crowning event of their Silver Jubilee program.

Thousands of young Americans, in the formative and most impressionable period of their lives, selected for their physical and mental fitness and on their records as Scouts, will come together in the nation's Capital, for participation in drills, services and ceremonials that will inevitably leave an indelible impression upon their minds. Those who know the high purposes of this organization, and the wholesome influence of its activities upon the boyhood of our country, will feel a keen interest in this occasion, for they will realize that the meeting will have far-reaching effects upon the membership generally.

It is with pleasure and pride that THE ELKS MAGAZINE notes that a number of the subordinate Lodges have contributed to the success of the Jamboree by making it possible for Scout Troops in their several jurisdictions to be adequately represented.

The Order of Elks has maintained a deep interest in the Boy Scouts of America. It has given many evidences of that interest, recognizing that it was thus fostering a movement that makes for cleaner, more efficient manhood and better citizenship. It is in confident anticipation of the success of the Jamboree that THE ELKS MAGAZINE expresses the sincere wish that it may accomplish every purpose for which it is designed.

AMERICANS ARE READERS

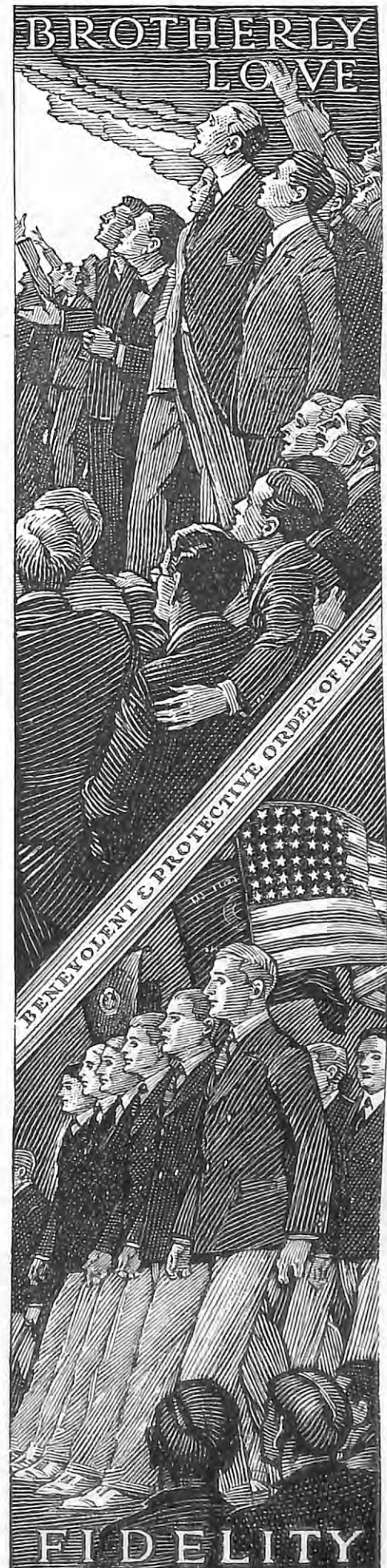
ACCORDING to accurate records which have been kept by many of the public libraries, the readers who have availed themselves of the facilities offered have increased amazingly, both in numbers and in percentages of populations, during the last thirty years; and the increase has continued quite uniformly in recent years. Statisticians have estimated that this increase has been general throughout the country.

The significance of this lies in the fact that practically all reading is more or less informative. Thus the increase in the number and percentage of readers indicate a growingly better informed citizenship. It is interesting to note that the advent of the radio, the diversions of the moving pictures, and the lure of the automobile, which might reasonably have been expected to curtail reading and the disposition to indulge in it, have had no such effect. In some degree the radio and the movies may have proved a stimulus.

In any event the facts evidence a more assured basis for the claim that Americans are the best informed of all the peoples of the world.

Notwithstanding the caustic comments which are frequently directed toward an asserted low average of intelligence, thoughtful persons recognize the truth of the fact that the most effective appeal which can be made to the American people must be addressed to their informed intelligence. Passions may be temporarily swayed by specious appeals; prejudices may be adroitly played upon; selfishness is always responsive only to self interest. But perhaps more than in any other country, informed intelligence, honestly and independently exercised, controls the actions of the people of the United States.

This is true largely because they are a reading people.



The Grand Lodge Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July, 1935

First Grand Lodge Business Session

THE Columbus Elks Chorus opened the first business session of the Grand Lodge with a splendid program of songs, in many of which the members and delegates present joined. Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Grand Esquire, declared that the time had come to open the Grand Lodge and the Columbus Elks Patrol formed a line for the entrance of the Grand Lodge officials. With the Grand Exalted Ruler leading, they marched to their respective stations as the Grand Esquire escorted to the dais the 18 Past Grand Exalted Rulers who were present. Mr. Shannon then introduced these tried and true leaders in Elkdom in the order of their seniority: Joseph T. Fanning, John K. Tener, Rush L. Holland, John P. Sullivan, James R. Nicholson, Edward Rightor, Fred Harper, Bruce A. Campbell, Frank L. Rain, William M. Abbott, W. W. Mountain, J. Edgar Masters, Charles H. Grakelow, John F. Malley, Murray Hulbert, Lawrence H. Rupp, John R. Coen and Walter F. Meier.

As presiding officer of the session the Grand Exalted Ruler explained that unfortunately time was too short to introduce the many other outstanding personalities present, but that he did want to ask to stand up for a moment four members from Lodges thousands of miles from America's mainland—all of whom had traveled great distances in their desire to be present, namely, John W. Haussermann, of Manila, P. I., Lodge No. 761; M. E. Monagle, of Juneau, Alaska, Lodge No. 420; John A. Wright, of Panama Canal Zone Lodge No. 1414, and Henry Edward May, of Cristobal, C. Z., Lodge No. 1542.

Gurney F. Afferbach, of Allentown, Pa., Lodge No. 130, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, was then called upon for a preliminary report which showed that 1,422 Grand Lodge officers, members, district deputies, representatives and alternates had registered to date.

It was unanimously agreed not to read the printed minutes of last year's Grand Lodge Convention which took place in Kansas City, Mo. The Grand Exalted Ruler then had read the names of three groups of members appointed by him to assist Grand Esquire McCormick, Grand Inner Guard George S. Pitchford and Grand Tiler J. Levi Meader.

Six inspectors of election and six clerks of election were then appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler, with P. E. R. Jacob L. Sherman, of Denver, Colo., Lodge No. 17, as Chairman. The Committee on Distribution was next named with P. E. R. Daniel J. Kelly, of Knoxville, Tenn., Lodge No. 160, as Chairman.

The Grand Exalted Ruler stated that the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee had inspected the books, and that its report was available in printed form in the Grand Secretary's office. The Chairman of this important Committee is Michael J. Kelliher, of Brockton, Mass., Lodge No. 164. The Committee's report was unanimously approved, as were also the printed reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Board of Grand Trustees. James S. Richardson, of Cincinnati, O., Lodge No. 5, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, submitted a tentative budget for the 1935-36 Grand Lodge year. This budget which, he explained, was subject to change during the course of the Convention, showed estimated receipts of \$257,000.00 and esti-

mated expenditures of \$271,656.26. Mr. Richardson asked for and received unanimous consent to present a revised and final budget at the fourth business session on Thursday morning.

Mr. Shannon next introduced C. Fenton Nichols of San Francisco, Calif., Lodge No. 3, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Antlers Council. In the course of his comprehensive report on the progress of the junior Order during the year, Mr. Nichols pointed out that there are now 72 Lodges of Antlers—an increase of 14 over the previous year—and that five more such junior organizations are now in the formative stage. These Lodges are distributed over 24 States and they show a total membership of 4,572—a gain of 529 members over the preceding year.

Among other pertinent points Mr. Nichols emphasized the fact that, as the Grand Exalted Ruler had stated, the average age of the membership of the parent body is too high, and that an influx of new young blood is highly desirable. The Order of Antlers presents an excellent method of rejuvenating the Order. "Do you not look forward to your boy's initiation into the Order of Elks?" Mr. Nichols asked. "What steps are you taking to prepare him for it? Do you not consider the Antlers the doorway to Elkdom—a doorway which you must open?"

GRAND EXALTED RULER SHANNON then explained that his annual report was available in printed form and that therefore, in the interest of brevity, he would not read it. (*Extracts from this most complete and comprehensive statement are published elsewhere in this issue.*)

The Grand Exalted Ruler then went on to say that those Lodges which had requested hearings in connection with charter revocations would be given attention later in the day. He also stated that, after careful consideration by the Board of Grand Trustees, the charter of Union City, N. J., Lodge No. 1357, had been restored.

Mr. Shannon then announced the appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley to succeed himself as Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees for a seven-year term. This appointment was unanimously confirmed with acclaim by the Convention, as was also the appointment to the Grand Forum of Judge Marshall F. McComb, of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge No. 99.

Mr. Shannon next announced that the Convention was ready to elect the Grand Lodge officers for the coming year. It was moved and carried that nominating speeches for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler be unlimited as to time, but that the speeches nominating other officers be limited to three minutes each, with no seconding speeches.

The Grand Exalted Ruler recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert, of New York, N. Y., Lodge No. 1, U. S. District Judge, who, in a graceful and forceful address and amidst great applause, placed the name of James T. Hallinan, Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge No. 878, in nomination. Mr. Hulbert explained that this was his first appearance as a speaker on a Grand Lodge platform since he had relinquished the Grand Exalted Ruler's gavel in 1929. He paid a splendid tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon, saying that when he took office but one short year ago,

over 600 Lodges were in arrears to the Grand Lodge, whereas today there were less than 100 Lodges in that condition. He complimented both the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Order for the magnificent showing made, despite adverse conditions, in the fields of patriotism, fraternalism and charity. Judge Hulbert declared that the best thing the Order could do would be to follow such splendid leadership with that of a man thoroughly familiar with those policies from having worked with the Grand Exalted Ruler himself. Judge Hallinan, he explained, was a Past Exalted Ruler not only of the Order's largest and wealthiest Lodge, but—more important—of the Lodge in the entire Order which, year in and year out, had administered the greatest amount of charity.

Amidst great applause Judge Hallinan's name was seconded by P. E. R. Joseph Brand, of Bronx, N. Y., Lodge No. 871; Judge Henry G. Wenzel, Jr., P. E. R. of Queens Borough Lodge No. 878, and United States Representative Matthew J. Merritt, also a P. E. R. of Queens Borough Lodge and the only Congressman at Large from New York State. In his seconding remarks Judge Wenzel paid a particularly graceful tribute to the New York Supreme Court Justice, saying that not only the members of Queens Borough Lodge of Elks, but also many members of other fraternal organizations owe him a great debt of gratitude for the splendid and whole-hearted leadership he had always brought to every activity which he undertook. There being no further nominations, Judge Hulbert, Judge Wenzel and Wm. T. Phillips, Secretary of New York Lodge, were requested by the Grand Exalted Ruler to escort Judge Hallinan to the dais, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for his unanimous election. Judge Hallinan's sincere and inspiring speech of acceptance is published elsewhere in this issue.

The address of the Grand Exalted Ruler-elect was received with thunderous applause and with a rising vote of confidence at its conclusion. Mr. Shannon reassumed the Chairmanship of the meeting and read the following congratulatory message from President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"I am happy to have this opportunity to extend cordial greetings to all attending the annual Reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Columbus.

"For many years our Order has been noted for the prompt assistance given its members in time of need, as well as its ready response to calls for aid from the outside. In all great national calamities of recent years, Elks have given liberally of their time and money to help those in distress and want.

"I sincerely hope this Reunion will be the most successful and enjoyable in history."

All of the candidates for the remaining Grand Lodge offices for the 1935-36 term were then nominated and elected unanimously and without opposition in each case. Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Dr. Carroll Smith, of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge No. 9, nominated Past Grand Esquire Bernard F. Dickmann, a member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, for the office of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. Mr. Dickmann is a P. E. R. of St. Louis Lodge, a P. D. D., and the present Mayor of St. Louis.

For the office of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, D. C. Hutching, of Colorado Springs,

Colo., Lodge No. 309, nominated Dr. Lloyd R. Allen, of Colorado Springs Lodge. For the office of Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, C. H. Nelles, of Madison, S. D., Lodge No. 1442, nominated J. Ford Zietlow, of Aberdeen, S. D., Lodge No. 1046. For the office of Grand Tiler, A. Gordon Taylor, of LaPorte, Ind., Lodge No. 396, nominated Joseph B. Kyle of Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152. For the office of Grand Inner Guard, Walter J. Arnote, of McAlester, Okla., Lodge No. 533, nominated George M. McLean of El Reno, Okla., Lodge No. 743. For the office of Grand Secretary, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener, of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge No. 494, nominated Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters, also of Charleroi Lodge, who, as usual, was re-elected with acclaim. For the office of Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan, of New Orleans, La., Lodge No. 30, nominated William C. Robertson, of Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge No. 44. To serve as Grand Trustee for a five-year term, Judge Henry C. Warner, of Dixon, Ill., Lodge No. 779, was nominated by Judge Frank B. Leonard, of Champaign, Ill., Lodge No. 398. To fill the unexpired part of Judge Hallinan's incumbency, William T. Phillips, Secretary of New York, N. Y., Lodge No. 1, was nominated by John E. Kiffen, of Queens Borough Lodge, and elected to the office of Grand Trustee for a term of one year.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then announced that the Convention would welcome invitations for the 1936 Grand Lodge Session, and E. R. Otto J. Emme, of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge No. 99, was recognized. Most effectively and persuasively Mr. Emme stressed the beauties of California in general and Los Angeles in particular. His sincere and gracious invitation met with great approbation. Governor David Sholtz of Florida, a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, then requested the floor and after stressing Miami's many favorable features as a desirable Convention City for the Grand Lodge, gracefully seconded Mr. Emme's recommendation that the 1936 Convention be held in Los Angeles.

Mayor Dickmann of St. Louis, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight-elect, stated that he had anticipated inviting the Grand Lodge to his City next year, but that he would be glad to withdraw in favor of Los Angeles, and Dr. Edwin H. Coward, of Atlantic City, N. J., Lodge No. 276, also agreed to postpone his City's bid for the Reunion to another year, and seconded the invitation of Los Angeles. Thereupon the Grand Exalted Ruler instructed the Grand Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Los Angeles for the 1936 Convention City, after which the first business session of the 1935 Convention was adjourned until Wednesday morning.

Second Grand Lodge Business Session

THE second business session of the Grand Lodge, which took place in Memorial Hall on July 17th at 10:00 A.M., was opened by the Los Angeles Chanters with J. Arthur Lewis directing and Wade Hamilton as the accompanist. Mr. Lewis is Director of Music at the University of Southern California. The Chanters sang "Hail" and the Serenade from *The Student Prince*, with their Quartet leading.

Curtis M. Lattimer, Director of the Columbus Elks Chorus, then introduced a charming young lady known as the "Sister of Elksdom." She is an orphan adopted by Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71, whose members named her Alloah Dallas Elk. Dallas Lodge has spent some \$31,000 on her education and maintenance. In spite of the fact that she is totally blind, the young lady is a highly accomplished pianist. Accompanied by E.R. George W. Loudermilk of Dallas Lodge, she

played four selections for the Convention most capably. After her performance and after she had been presented with a bouquet and been photographed on the dais, Mr. Lattimer announced that she was leaving that night to be married.

After the Los Angeles Chanters had rendered "Stout-Hearted Men," following which Exalted Ruler Paul M. Herbert presented them with a splendid trophy cup as a tribute from Columbus Lodge and the Columbus Elk Chorus, the four Color Bearers of the Los Angeles Chanters were presented to the assemblage by Director Lewis, and Grand Chaplain Sykes was requested by the Grand Exalted Ruler to render the invocation.

Daniel J. Kelly, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, was then called upon for his report in which he enumerated eleven resolutions and recommendations, indicating to which committees, commissions and other bodies each had been referred.

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER
JOHN K. TENER presented the report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission which is published elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Tener pointed out the fact that eight Past Grand Exalted Rulers comprise this Commission which is charged with the care and maintenance of the Elks National Memorial Headquarters Building in Chicago—said to be the finest structure of its kind in the world—and with the publication of *THE ELKS MAGAZINE*. The personnel of this important Commission follows:

John K. Tener, Chairman, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494.
Bruce A. Campbell, Vice-Chairman, East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, No. 664.
Joseph T. Fanning, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director, Indianapolis, Ind., Lodge, No. 13.
Rush L. Holland, Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge, No. 309.
Fred Harper, Lynchburg, Va., Lodge, No. 321.
Frank L. Rain, Fairbury, Neb., Lodge, No. 1203.
William M. Abbott, San Francisco, Calif., Lodge, No. 3.
William W. Mountain, Flint, Mich., Lodge, No. 222.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, this report was adopted.

Mr. Shannon then introduced the Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley. This Group comprises seven Past Grand Exalted Rulers who together are responsible for the administering of the Grand Lodge's great charitable fund. Its members are as follows:

John F. Malley, Chairman, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61.
Raymond Benjamin, Vice-Chairman, Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832.
Murray Hulbert, Secretary, New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1.
James G. McFarland, Treasurer, Watertown, S. D., Lodge, No. 838.
Edward Rightor, New Orleans, La., Lodge, No. 30.
Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2.
Lawrence H. Rupp, Allentown, Pa., Lodge, No. 130.

Extracts from Chairman Malley's splendid report follow:

"Since May 31, 1934, we have received donations amounting to \$17,135, bringing the total donations made to our principal fund to \$358,548.50, as against \$341,588.50 at the close of last year. The increase of \$17,135 is almost wholly attributable to the faithfulness of the State Associations, subordinate Lodges and individual members in the payment of installments upon subscriptions made in the past.

"Our investment portfolio has evoked expressions of admiration from the statistical bureaus to which we have submitted it for analysis. In accordance with our policy of wide diversification, the principal fund is invested in 48 different securities. All of these are in the possession of the First National Bank of Chicago, which holds them in trust, and acts as our Fiscal Agent. Our investments are carried at cost, and no loss or gain is shown until it is actually taken. We have had an appraisal made, however, as of July 1, 1935, and this shows that if we liquidated all our

holdings at market as of that date, our principal fund would be reduced only 4%, as compared with a depreciation of 11% indicated in a similar appraisal a year ago. The only impairment of income from all of these investments has been a reduction of \$67.50 in dividends. Our total income for the year was \$15,267.12, as compared with \$14,015.26 last year, an increase of \$1,251.86.

"The expenses of administration for this last fiscal year amounted to \$2,566.84.

"This is not paid out of Foundation income, but is covered by Grand Lodge Appropriation.

"Our records show that 436 subordinate Lodges and 28 State Associations have subscribed for Honorary Founders' Certificates. There is a gain this year of four subordinate Lodges.

"The Lodges in 12 States show a numerical enrollment of 50% or more in subscriptions for Honorary Founders' Certificates. Two States—Connecticut and Delaware—show a 100% enrollment in this respect, and the following table gives the percentage of Lodge enrollment for the remaining 10 States:

New York . . . 95%	Nevada 66%
Maine 92%	New Hampshire . 63%
Massachusetts 81%	Arizona 60%
Rhode Island 80%	Vermont 60%
South Dakota 72%	New Jersey 50%

"The Arizona State Elks Association is maintaining a Tubercular Hospital at Tucson. The \$2,400 donation of the Elks National Foundation has been used chiefly to give the benefit of hospital facilities and medicine to needy patients. It made it possible for the Arizona State Elks Association to balance its budget last year.

"The Foundation contributed \$1,500 to the New Jersey State Elks Association in behalf of that body's splendid work in the rehabilitation of crippled children at the Betty Bacharach Home at Longport, N. J., near Atlantic City.

"The Foundation contributed \$1,500 toward the Massachusetts State Elks Association Scholarship Fund. From it loans are made to deserving young men and women to enable them to secure college educations.

"To the New York State Elks Association the Foundation contributed \$1,000 for scholarship purposes.

"The Foundation contributed \$500 to the Vermont State Elks Association which has adopted as its chief philanthropy the maintenance of a camp for crippled children at Goshen.

"To the Minnesota State Elks Association the Foundation contributed \$300 toward the maintenance of a social welfare secretary at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn.

"The offer of an Elks National Foundation Scholarship of \$300 to each State in which 50% of the Lodges are enrolled and paid up to date as subscribers for Honorary Founders' Certificates, or of the equivalent in money for use in a philanthropy selected by the State Association of each State, was continued by the Foundation Trustees during the year 1934-35 and was availed of as follows:

"The New York State Elks Association selected Anthony W. Brick, Jr., of North Tonawanda, N. Y., as the recipient. He is the son of Anthony W. Brick, a P.E.R. of the North Tonawanda, Lodge, No. 860.

"By selection of the Connecticut State Elks Association, a \$300 scholarship was awarded to William B. Lauder, Jr., of Meriden, a student at Wesleyan University.

"Two special scholarships of \$150 each were awarded to students selected by the two Lodges situated in the Canal Zone, Panama Canal Zone Lodge, No. 1414, and Cristobal, No. 1542.—the recipients being Howard E. Turner and Edward J. Gormley.

"For the Grand Lodge year 1934-35, the Massachusetts State Elks Association selected John Nagle of Springfield for the Elks National Foundation award. This is a very interesting case and one that appealed strongly to the sympathies of the members of our Board. Mr. Nagle is totally blind. Under this tremendous handicap he has struggled courageously to obtain an education. He was graduated from Perkins Institute for the Blind last fall. Through the assistance of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship, he will be able to enter Boston University next September. This money will be paid at the beginning of the school year.

"By decision of the South Dakota State Elks Association for the Grand Lodge year 1934-35, in lieu of scholarship, the equivalent in money was donated for use in the rehabilitation of crippled children through the Department of Child Hygiene in South Dakota.

"Our Board has decided to continue for another year this offer of an Elks National Foundation Scholarship of \$300, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Special Bulletin dated October 1, 1931, copy of which is made a part of this report, amended as follows: That at least 50% of the Lodges in the State must have paid all installments due upon subscriptions.

"We urge the State Associations in the States which are eligible to receive this donation to avail themselves of the opportunity of awarding a scholarship to some deserving young man or young woman, or to use the

equivalent of the scholarship for some humanitarian service."

At the conclusion of his report Mr. Malley explained that at the afternoon session Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert would announce and introduce the winner of the special \$1,000 Scholarship which the Foundation offered to the most valuable student in the senior or graduating class of a high or college preparatory school or in an under-graduating college class, and that Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelov would announce the Lodge winning the other Foundation prize of \$1,000 offered to the subordinate Lodge which had put into effect most successfully the "Act of Friendship" program inaugurated by Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon. In closing his most comprehensive report Chairman Malley thanked the members, Lodges, State Associations, Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Editor and Executive Director of THE ELKS MAGAZINE for their continued cooperation.

He moved the adoption of his report which was granted unanimously. With it went a sincere and congratulatory vote of thanks and compliments on the excellent judgment which the Foundation Trustees had shown in their investment policy.

The Grand Exalted Ruler thereupon reassumed the chair and stated that the Board of Grand Trustees had granted hearings on charter revocations to Committees representing Donaldsonville, La., Lodge, No. 1153, Augusta, Ga., Lodge, No. 205, and Carrollton, Mo., Lodge, No. 415. The upshot of these hearings was that a full pardon had been granted in each case, that the charter revocation orders of the Grand Exalted Ruler had been withdrawn, and that both he and the Board of Grand Trustees hoped and believed that a year of conscientious effort—which the Committees of all three Lodges had promised—would find them entirely out of their difficulties.

Thereupon the Grand Exalted Ruler proclaimed that the hour of eleven had arrived and turned the gavel over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan with the request that he conduct the 1935 Grand Lodge of Sorrow. An account of this most impressive ceremony will be published next month.

Third Grand Lodge Business Session

PRIOR to the formal opening of the third business session of the Grand Lodge held at 2:00 P.M. on July 17th in Memorial Hall, a Quartet of tuneful singers from New Lexington, Ohio, Lodge, No. 509, entertained the gathering with an amusing and effective rendering of "Shine," "Smile, Darn You, Smile," and similar tuneful ditties. The Quartet, which consists of Jack Pert, Charles Stevens, E. L. Eveland and Curtis Watts, is the official American Legion Quartet for the State of Ohio.

After Grand Esquire McCormick had given instructions regarding the Grand Parade to be held on the next day (Thursday), Chairman Shannon called upon Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland for his report as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of arranging a memorial for the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. O'Brien. Excerpts from Judge Holland's report follow:

"Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. O'Brien died in Florida where he was temporarily sojourning, on May 31, 1931. He had been a member of Baltimore Lodge, No. 7, for more than 40 years, and had served as its Exalted Ruler, being elected to that office in 1897. At the session of the Grand Lodge held in Cincinnati in 1904 he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler and served his term with fervent devotion to the teachings of the Order and with marked success in conducting its affairs.

"At the session of the Grand Lodge held in Seattle in 1931, Brother O'Brien's death was reported and appropriate memorial services held, following which a resolution was

unanimously adopted directing the Grand Exalted Ruler to appoint a Committee of three charged with the duty of providing a Grand Lodge expense a suitable memorial. Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen appointed the undersigned as members of this Committee. "After conferences with Mrs. O'Brien and in compliance with her expressed wish, it was decided that the memorial should take the form of a monument to be erected on the burial lot where Brother O'Brien's remains were laid to rest.

"Insurmountable difficulties arose in connection with erecting the monument on the lot in Cathedral Cemetery where Brother O'Brien was buried. Mrs. O'Brien expressed the wish that a lot be purchased in another cemetery and that the body be removed. Her wish was complied with. She selected a lot in Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore, which your Committee purchased. The body was removed to this lot, and the monument erected at a total cost of \$2,272.31."

At the conclusion of his report Judge Holland moved its adoption and the discharge of his Committee, consisting of himself as Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning and John B. Berger, P.E.R. of Baltimore Lodge. The report and recommendation were unanimously adopted.

MR. SHANNON then called upon Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper for his report as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of selecting and arranging for the erection of a flagstaff at Monticello, Va., as the Order's contribution to the great patriotic shrine into which Thomas Jefferson's home there has been converted. Mr. Harper explained that this flagstaff had been erected and that it was formally dedicated on Flag Day, June 14, 1935, with the Grand Exalted Ruler, giving a masterful patriotic address on the occasion. (See THE ELKS MAGAZINE for July, 1935, for photographs and other information regarding this gift.)

Mr. Harper stated that the entire expense incurred by his Committee came well within the appropriation of \$1,500 which the Grand Lodge had appropriated for this purpose, the total cost being \$1,119.00.

Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon then requested unanimous consent of the Convention to admit Homer Shilo, Chairman of the American Legion's National Americanization Committee, for an address. Consent was promptly granted and Mr. Shilo, who is himself a member of the Order, but not of the Grand Lodge, made a stirring patriotic address in the course of which he complimented the Grand Exalted Ruler upon his splendid pro-America program. He thanked, through the Exalted Rulers present, the hundreds of subordinate Lodges which had cooperated so effectively with local American Legion Posts in the constructive endeavors of both organizations to rid the country of un-American propagandists. Mr. Shilo explained how effectively Mr. Shannon and the entire Order had worked with the Legion on legislative matters both in Washington and throughout the various States. He brought with him greetings from the American Legion's National Commander. Amidst great applause he was unanimously voted heartfelt thanks for his stirring address.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelov, who submitted a supplementary report on behalf of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, regarding the winner of the \$1,000 prize which the Trustees had voted to give to the Lodge with the best "Act of Friendship" record for the year. Mr. Grakelov explained that of the many Lodges which had been considered for this honor, the records of three were so outstanding and so even that the Trustees had decided to change the award and grant three \$500 prizes rather than one \$1,000 award.

Mr. Grakelov then announced that these awards had been won by Asheville, N. C., Lodge, No. 1401; Marshfield, Ore., Lodge, No. 1160, and McMinnville, Ore., Lodge, No. 1283. The Exalted Rulers of these

Lodges—namely, Wm. F. Barron, John W. Flanagan and Arthur W. King, respectively—were called to the dais and Mr. Grakelov warmly congratulated them and their respective Lodges.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert was then asked by the Chairman to render another supplementary report on behalf of the National Foundation Trustees—namely, their decision on the \$1,000 prize for the best all-round scholar in the senior or graduating class in a high or preparatory school or in any undergraduate class of a college. Judge Hulbert said that this award would be made to a young lady from Prescott, Ariz. She has had an average of 95% or better in all of her studies at St. Mary's in the Woods in Prescott—the highest average ever made there. Her father is a member of Prescott Lodge, No. 330.

Judge Hulbert asked the Convention's unanimous consent to introduce this young lady to them and it was promptly granted. He then introduced Miss Mary Louise Bruchmann who was greeted with great applause. She made a brief and touching speech of thanks which was also applauded enthusiastically. Judge Hulbert had previously explained that of the large number of competitors for this honor, the Elks National Foundation Trustees had narrowed their choice to nine, each of whom had been asked to write an essay. It was the splendid character of Miss Bruchman's essay that won the award for her. Miss Bruchman, incidentally, was the runner-up in the 1934 National Foundation Scholarship Contest.

After Miss Bruchman had been presented with a bouquet and had been photographed, Judge Hulbert continued with his supplementary report, explaining that the determination of the second prize winner in the competition had proved most difficult. Four of the remaining eight competitors had virtually tied, so the Trustees had decided to award four second prizes of \$300 each. These went to:

Bernard B. Bohren, an enterprising young poultry raiser of Olney, Ill.
Jack Campbell, a star student and debater of Hutchinson, Kans.
Burley C. Johnston, Jr., an excellent all-round scholar and athlete of Fort Smith, Ark.
Bernice Stephens, of Houston, Tex., who shows unmistakable leadership ability despite her youth.

In conclusion Judge Hulbert pointed out the fact that the Elks National Foundation has never solicited contributions—in spite of which many voluntary gifts are given it each year. He said, however, that the great majority of these donations which have been made on an installment basis are now nearly paid up, with the result that the rate of increase of the capital fund is apt to slow down in the future. He suggested that those members of the Order who would like to feel that their interest in Elksdom would be perpetuated forever, could arrange this readily by attaching codicils to their wills in favor of the Foundation's principal fund. Even such small sums as \$25 would be greatly appreciated by the Foundation Trustees. Such contributions last forever inasmuch as the principal is never touched, and every penny of every dollar contributed to it goes into this fund in full with no administrative charges of any kind levied against it.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then read a congratulatory telegram from Martin H. Carmody, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, in which he extended the cordial and fraternal greetings of his Order to the Convention.

Next Mr. Shannon asked the Convention's unanimous consent to hear Judge Harold B. Kime, head of the Columbus Branch of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and consent was unanimously granted. Judge Kime extended the Junior Chamber's sincere thanks to the Order for its aggressive

and effective fight against Communism, explaining that this had also been a major activity of his Organization in the year just past.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then called upon Judge Henry C. Warner, who, at the request of the former Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, had been appointed to serve the remainder of his term as Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee. Extracts from Judge Warner's comprehensive report follow:

"There are now more than 700 cities in the jurisdiction of Elksdom, with a population exceeding 5,000, where there are no Elk Lodges. These cities are located as follows:

Alabama 20, Arkansas 11, California 33, Connecticut 22, Colorado 1, Florida 5, Georgia 17, Illinois 41, Indiana 7, Iowa 6, Kansas 6, Kentucky 11, Louisiana 9, Maine 10, Maryland 1, Massachusetts 63, Michigan 26, Minnesota 9, Mississippi 5, Missouri 17, New Jersey 52, New Hampshire 1, New Mexico 1, New York, 37, North Carolina 24, Ohio 34, Oklahoma 21, Pennsylvania 88, Rhode Island 15, South Carolina 15, Tennessee 13, Texas 48, Utah 3, Vermont 2, Virginia 7, West Virginia 5, and Wisconsin 12. Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming have no cities of 5,000 which do not now have an Elk Lodge.

"There are also many cities with a population of from three to five thousand where there is no Elks organization, which are located at a considerable distance from any Lodge and which are progressive communities that might support a good Lodge.

"It is the belief of the Committee, with these facts in mind, that a campaign might be conducted by the Grand Exalted Ruler for the organization of a considerable number of new Lodges. The Committee recommends that an appropriation be made to the Grand Exalted Ruler to pay the actual and necessary expenses of District Deputies or other effective leaders of Elksdom in an effort to organize new Lodges.

"The Committee has been assigned the duty of conducting the National Ritualistic Contest, and we believe that experience has proven that such contests are properly a function of this Committee. Official State contests have been reported during the present Grand Lodge year. The winners who participated in the National Contest are as follows:

Lodge	Score
Newton, Mass., No. 1327.....	98.57
Monmouth, Ill., No. 397.....	98.19
Newark, Ohio, No. 391.....	97.79
Decorah, Iowa, No. 443.....	97.50
Colorado Springs, Colo., No. 309.	97.49
Kalamazoo, Mich., No. 50.....	97.44
Tallahassee, Fla., No. 937.....	97.17
Great Bend, Kans., No. 1127....	96.08

"The ritualistic work of the various teams was excellent and was truly an inspiration to all who attended. It was apparent that great effort was extended by each of the teams, and it is a safe prediction that much benefit to the Order results from exemplifications of the Ritual which are so nearly perfect. The revelation to a candidate who is initiated by officers of the character of those who appeared in this contest is one that will never be forgotten.

"The awards to the winners of this contest are made from an appropriation of \$300 assigned to this Committee by the Grand Lodge and \$200 assigned by the Columbus Convention Committee.

"The judges of the contest, all of whom were selected from non-competing States, were:

O. L. Hayden, Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Alva, Okla., Lodge No. 1184.
 Claude E. Thompson, P.D.D., Ind. Cent., Frankfort, Ind., Lodge, No. 560.
 Henry E. Curtis, P.D.D., Ky. E., Lexington, Ky., Lodge, No. 89.
 Carl H. Nelles, Secy. S. D. State Elks Assn., Madison, S. D., Lodge, No. 1442.
 Peter G. A. Vig, D.D., Columbus, Ga., Lodge, No. 111.

"Assisting these judges were:

John J. Nugent, P.D.D., Conn. W., Ansonia, Conn., Lodge, No. 1269.
 Myron E. Schwartz, Pres. Wis. State Elks Assn., Two Rivers, Wis., Lodge, No. 1380.
 John Killeen, P.E.R., Weehawken, N. J., Lodge, No. 1456."

Judge Warner moved the adoption of his report and the discharge of his Committee, both of which requests were unanimously granted. Prior to this, however, the five first teams had been invited to the dais by Judge Warner and their Exalted Rulers in-

troducted to the Convention. Judge Warner presented these Exalted Rulers with their checks, and also presented to E.R. Thomas L. Ryan of Newton, Mass., Lodge, the magnificent Trophy Cup which Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948, and the Florida State Elks Association had donated in 1928.

Governor David Sholtz of Florida was then recognized by Chairman Shannon and he explained that inasmuch as Newton Lodge had made the outstanding record of winning this Cup for the last three consecutive years, he thought it would be appropriate to permit their Ritualistic Team to keep it permanently, rather than the winning team's holding it one year as has been the custom heretofore. He suggested that the Grand Lodge present a new cup to be contested for annually starting with the 1936 Convention and, upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, it was agreed to do so. The Newton Lodge Team was acclaimed as the greatest Ritualistic Team of all time.

The floor was then given to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper who submitted a special report asking for the appointment of a committee of three Grand Lodge Members and an appropriation of \$2,500 to arrange for a suitable memorial to the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews. This motion was carried unanimously and Mr. Shannon announced that he would appoint the Committee shortly.

THE Grand Exalted Ruler then introduced Charles Spencer Hart, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, stating that no Committee in the Order was more valuable than this one, and thanking Mr. Hart and his Committee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, for their many and arduous labors. After Mr. Hart had read his report, which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue, he went on to say that the work of his Committee is primarily that of serving as a clearing house between Lodges for the interchange of good ideas in Lodge administration.

He quoted the old adage about dollars and ideas in this connection, saying, "You have a dollar; I have a dollar. We swap. Now you have my dollar and I have your dollar, and we are no better off. On the other hand, you have an idea and I have an idea. We swap. Now you have two ideas and I also have two. That's the difference."

In closing his report which was unanimously adopted with a rising vote of thanks and applause, Chairman Hart asked those members of both his Active and Advisory Committees who were present to stand and take a bow.

The Chair then recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell who presented two resolutions regarding Past Grand Chaplain John W. Dysart of Jamestown, N. Y., Lodge, No. 263. The first resolution set forth the facts as to Dr. Dysart's services to his Church and to his Order. For 50 years he has been an Episcopalian Minister and for 26 years he served the Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain. This resolution called for the creation of a new Grand Lodge title—that of Grand Chaplain Emeritus—and recommended that this title be conferred upon Dr. Dysart for the rest of his life. The second resolution called for a monthly honorarium of \$25 to the Grand Chaplain Emeritus, and both resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon then called upon E. Mark Sullivan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, for his report, explaining first the great amount of conscientious service that Mr. Sullivan and the members of his Committee had rendered the Order during the year just passed. These associates of Mr. Sullivan are:

George E. Strong, Washington, D. C., Lodge, No. 15.

James M. Fitzgerald, Omaha, Neb., Lodge, No. 39.
 Morris L. Masinter, Roanoke, Va., Lodge, No. 197.
 James J. Noon, Jackson, Mich., Lodge, No. 113.

As Mr. Sullivan was suffering with a sore throat, he asked Mr. Strong of his Committee to submit his report. It follows in full:

"During the past 12 months the Committee on Judiciary has passed upon amendments to the By-laws of 352 subordinate Lodges. Of these, 121 Lodges have submitted complete revisions of their By-laws for its approval. Since but 623 of the subordinate Lodges in the previous Grand Lodge year submitted By-law amendments for approval, and many of the 46 amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes adopted at the Milwaukee Convention in 1933 necessarily affected the By-laws of every subordinate Lodge, it is apparent that approximately 600 Lodges are now operating under By-laws that are in many respects in conflict with existing Grand Lodge Statutes.

"This Committee strongly recommends that the officers of each Lodge studiously consult the August issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE for each year for amendments to Grand Lodge Statutes affecting the management of subordinate Lodges, and that they also consult the current editions of the compiled Grand Lodge Statutes and Guide By-laws whenever their Lodges undertake any amendments to or revision of By-laws. The Statutes and Guide By-laws are intended to maintain uniformity in the management of subordinate Lodges, and yet afford a sufficient flexibility to adapt them to the needs of local conditions and to permit the exercise of a reasonable measure of discretion to each Lodge in the management of its own affairs.

"During the current Grand Lodge year this Committee has rendered 284 written opinions and 123 oral opinions, the latter having been given by telephone or in personal conferences with representatives of Lodges situated in the Northeastern States.

"This Committee has passed on the house rules of 78 Lodges; the corporate By-laws of five; applications for building and refinancing, submitted to it by the Board of Grand Trustees, of 21 Lodges; eight applications for the publishing of Lodge Bulletins; one pardon; and the arbitration of one inter-Lodge claim.

"The foregoing classified activities are the chief part of the work of the Judiciary Committee done during the current Grand Lodge year. They required approximately 1,600 pieces of mail matter.

"The Committee has at this session of the Grand Lodge considered several proposed resolutions and amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes. To each of these it has given careful consideration and of these it now submits its recommendations with respect to three only.

Subordinate Lodge Elections

"Your Committee on Judiciary has carefully considered the recommendation of Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon that amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes be made so as to make the Lodge year and the fiscal year of subordinate Lodges cover, as nearly as practicable, the same period, and to shorten the period now required for the change of officers in subordinate Lodges; and accordingly it now respectfully recommends the following amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes:

"That Section 105 shall be amended to read as follows:

'Section 105. The Lodge year of a subordinate Lodge under dispensation or charter shall end with the 31st day of March of each year. The fiscal year of a subordinate Lodge under dispensation or charter shall end with the 31st day of March of each year.'

"That Section 113 shall be amended by striking out the word 'April' at the end of the third sentence and by inserting in lieu thereof the word, 'March.'

"That Section 115 shall be amended so as to read as follows:

'Section 115. Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in subordinate Lodges may be made at any regular session of the Lodge on or after the 1st day of March in each year and prior to the date of such annual election, provided, however, that if no nomination shall have been made prior to the date of such election or a candidate previously nominated shall have declined the nomination for a particular office, nominations may be made on the date of election.'

"That the first sentence of Section 116 shall be amended to read as follows:

'The annual election shall be held at the second regular session in March by Lodges holding regular semi-monthly sessions, and at the third regular session in March by each Lodge holding weekly sessions.'

"That Section 117 shall be amended by striking out the word, 'June,' in the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the word, 'April.'

"That Section 128 shall be amended by striking out in the first sentence in the third paragraph the word, 'June,' and inserting in lieu thereof the word, 'April.'

Antler Initiates

"Your Committee on Judiciary has considered the recommendations of Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon affecting the Order of Antlers, and accordingly respectfully recommends to this Convention:

"That the provisions of Section 183a of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended so as to change the minimum eligible age for membership in the Order of Antlers from 15 to 16 years;

"And that Section 41 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended by adding thereto the following sentence:

"That the District Deputy shall on the occasion of his official visit to a subordinate Lodge report to the Grand Exalted Ruler on the condition of the Antlers Lodge, if any, and report whether the local Advisory Council is actively functioning."

Automobile Road Maps

"Your Committee on Judiciary has carefully considered a resolution presented by Brother John S. McClelland, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, which resolution is as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that a Committee of three be appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler to be known as the Automobile Tours Committee.

"That said Committee is hereby authorized and directed to make a full and complete study of the possibility and advisability of having prepared and published complete road maps and information which would be desirable and useful to the members of the Order, giving especial thought and attention to the setting out and publishing on said maps the location and accommodations offered by every Elk Lodge, also contemplating that information regarding roads, hotels, garages, places of interest, etc., may be furnished to travelers who are members of the Order by the Secretary of each Lodge or such other member or employee of every Elk Lodge as may be designated by the Lodge; and

"That the said Committee shall make a full and complete report and recommendation to the next session of the Grand Lodge; and

"That the sum of \$500 is hereby appropriated for the expense of the Automobile Tours Committee; and

"That in the event said Committee as aforesaid deems it advisable to proceed with the printing and preparation as aforesaid, the said Committee is hereby authorized to proceed with said plans, provided no obligation involving the expenditure of money shall be made except upon the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Board of Grand Trustees."

"And your Committee on Judiciary now recommends that this resolution be referred, by direction of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee."

CONSIDERABLE discussion ensued as to the first legislative recommendation—namely the suggested changes in nomination, election, and installation dates for subordinate Lodge officers. There were several speakers both for and against the proposed Statutory changes and also several who desired to see the present Statutes altered in these respects, but altered in different ways from those suggested above. A vote was finally taken and the Grand Exalted Ruler announced that the Statutory changes as recommended above by the Committee on Judiciary had won by a considerable majority and would, therefore, become effective with the 1936 Lodge year.

Chairman Sullivan then moved the adoption of his report in full and this was unanimously voted. Following this Mr. Sullivan submitted a supplementary report regarding the resolutions which had been referred to his Committee during the Convention by the Committee on Distribution.

These resolutions are summarized below

and in each case the Committee on Judiciary's recommendations regarding them were adopted unanimously:

The recommendation of Saginaw, Mich., Lodge No. 47, that the Grand Lodge sponsor a National Soft Ball Tournament was referred to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

The recommendation of the Washington State Elks Association to the effect that the Grand Lodge take additional steps against Communistic activities was, upon the Judiciary Committee's recommendation, not adopted.

The recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees—whereby Section 66 of the Grand Lodge Statutes would be amended to provide that the contracts and agreements therein required to be given as a condition of admission to the Elks National Home, should hereafter run to the Board of Grand Trustees and their successors, and not directly to the Grand Lodge as is now provided—was concurred in by the Judiciary Committee, and the Committee on Publication was directed and authorized to alter the language of Section 66 accordingly.

New Kensington, Pa., Lodge No. 512, recommended that an annual fathers' and sons' night be required by Statute. The Judiciary Committee deemed this inadvisable at this time but felt that the suggestion should be referred to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee for further consideration.

Thereupon the Grand Exalted Ruler adjourned the meeting until the following morning.

Fourth Grand Lodge Business Session

THE musical program for the fourth and final business session of the Grand Lodge for 1935, which took place in Memorial Hall, on July 18th, at 10:00 A.M., was provided by the Glee Club of Lorain, Ohio, Lodge No. 1301, with Joseph Monian as conductor and violinist. Several appropriate solos and choral numbers were rendered.

This session of the Grand Lodge opened on a solemn and subdued note, due to the sudden death early that very morning of Grand Treasurer-elect William C. Robertson.

After the Grand Exalted Ruler had performed his sad duty of announcing this tragedy to the Convention, he turned the meeting over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan who had placed Mr. Robertson in nomination for Grand Treasurer just two days before. Organist Glen G. Grabill played and sang "The Vacant Chair," whereupon Mr. Sullivan delivered the Eulogy. He stated that Mr. Robertson was a distinguished American, a great journalist and a splendid citizen of the several communities in which he had resided—New Orleans and Minneapolis among them—and was loved by all who knew him. He added that it was fitting at this time that the Grand Lodge should not only officially record his passing, but also pay him this final tribute.

He moved the appointment of a Committee by the Grand Exalted Ruler to accompany Mr. Robertson's remains to Minneapolis and, upon unanimous consent, Mr. Shannon designated Past Grand Exalted Rulers Frank L. Rain, James G. McFarland (who later met the others in Minneapolis) and Walter F. Meier.

James S. Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, then submitted the final budget for the 1935-36 Grand Lodge year, requesting Henry A. Guenther, a member of the Board, to read it. Mr. Guenther thereupon submitted the budget as follows:

<i>Estimated Receipts for 1935-1936</i>	
Per Capita Tax.....	\$187,000.00

Lodge Maintenance, Elks National Home.....	60,000.00
Income from Sale of Supplies.....	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	3,000.00
Dispensations.....	500.00
Certificates of Status.....	300.00
Charters.....	200.00
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	\$257,000.00

<i>Estimated Expenditures</i>	
Grand Exalted Ruler—Office and Travel.....	20,000.00
Grand Lodge—Including Session.....	50,000.00
Maintenance—Elks National Home.....	125,000.00
Grand Exalted Ruler—Appropriated but not Expended.....	2,963.01
Grand Secretary—Salary and Office Exp.....	21,000.00
Grand Treasurer—Salary and Office Exp.....	900.00
Grand Trustees—Office and Travel.....	4,000.00
Grand Forum.....	200.00
Judiciary Committee.....	1,200.00
Auditing Committee.....	300.00
State Associations Committee.....	1,000.00
Publication Committee.....	300.00
General Assistance for Incapacitated Members.....	5,000.00
Extraordinary Fund—Provided by Statutes.....	2,500.00
Miss Emma Scholl.....	1,890.00
Lodge Activities Committee.....	5,000.00
Foundation Trustees.....	3,000.00
Mrs. J. U. Sammis.....	600.00
John Dysart.....	300.00
Grand Lodge Officers—Travel.....	3,000.00
Surety Bonds—Grand Lodge Officers.....	393.75
Testimonials.....	1,700.00
Regional Conferences—District Deputies.....	6,500.00
Antlers Council.....	750.00
District Deputies—Visitations.....	10,000.00
August Herrman—Memorial.....	4,250.00
Flag Pole—Monticello.....	50.00
George P. Cronk—Memorial.....	22.50
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	\$271,819.26

At this point in the proceedings Past Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener requested the floor to announce that at a meeting the previous evening the National Memorial and Publication Commission had decided to turn over \$50,000 from the earnings of THE ELKS MAGAZINE to the Grand Lodge. He suggested that \$25,000 of this amount be used to reduce the debt on the Elks National Home. The other \$25,000, he suggested, might well be devoted to reducing the per-capita tax from 40c to 35c. As soon as the Convention heard this welcome news the Board of Grand Trustees' budget was unanimously adopted with applause.

IN order to make Governor Tener's recommendations official, Mr. Guenther submitted a resolution authorizing the change in the per-capita tax from \$1.40 to the old figure of \$1.35.

Chairman Richardson thereupon submitted a group of supplementary resolutions, as coming from the Board of Grand Trustees, all of which were adopted unanimously. They are summarized below:

Out of the General Assistance Fund, \$1,000 is to be appropriated as a contingent fund for the Grand Exalted Ruler for emergency purposes.

Another \$1,000 is to be set aside for the Elks National Foundation for emergency purposes. A third appropriation of \$2,500 is to be set aside for the use of the Grand Exalted Ruler for emergency charity cases.

Applications for charters for the following Lodges, dispensations for which had been granted previously by the Grand Exalted Ruler, subject to the Board of Grand Trustees' and the Convention's approval, were approved:

Tyler, Tex.....	No. 1594
Wrangell, Alaska.....	No. 1595
Chicago, Ill.....	No. 1596
Biddeford-Saco, Me.....	No. 1597
Panama City, Fla.....	No. 1598

Confirmation of the Grand Lodge was requested for the action of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Trustees in restoring their charters to Sheffield, Ala., Lodge, No. 1375, and Meridian, Miss., Lodge, No. 515.

The charters of Ishpeming, Mich., Lodge, No. 447, and Taylorville, Ill., Lodge, No. 925, having been destroyed by fire, the Grand Secretary was authorized to issue duplicate charters.

The Board of Grand Trustees was authorized to borrow, and the Grand Secretary was

authorized to issue to the Board the necessary documents, should the advisability of doing so arise in the Trustees' judgment.

Ratification of the Grand Exalted Ruler's and the Board of Grand Trustees' action in revoking the charters of the following Lodges was requested:

Aberdeen, Miss.	No. 620
Ardmore, Okla.	No. 648
Brownwood, Tex.	No. 960
Chillicothe, Mo.	No. 656
Chisholm, Minn.	No. 1334
Coffeyville, Kans.	No. 775
Greenville, Tex.	No. 703
Malad, Idaho	No. 1582
Massillon, Ohio	No. 441
Mayfield, Ky.	No. 565
New Orleans, La.	No. 30
Parsons, Kans.	No. 527
Shelbyville, Ky.	No. 1368
Vernon, Tex.	No. 1383
Winchester, Ky.	No. 539
Yoakum, Tex.	No. 1033

The Grand Exalted Ruler was authorized to act for the Grand Lodge in the event that negotiations with the Chicago Bank of Commerce should become necessary or advisable in connection with the Grand Lodge funds on deposit there.

Mr. Guenther then submitted the Board of Grand Trustees' final resolution. It had to do with the retirement of Chairman Richardson, and proved to be a splendid tribute to him. This resolution will, by unanimous vote of the Convention, be spread upon the official minutes of the Grand Lodge. It calls for the presentation to the retiring Chairman of a suitable present for his long and conscientious labors. Needless to say, this resolution was unanimously carried with the thanks of the Convention, the Grand Lodge and the Grand Exalted Ruler.

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER SULLIVAN announced that now that funds have been provided for the purpose, his Special Committee appointed to arrange a memorial for the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler August Herrmann will proceed with the erection of this monument. This Special Committee consists of Mr. Sullivan as Chairman and Past Grand Exalted Rulers James G. McFarland and John K. Tener.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then requested four members of the Order who had come all the way from Manila, P. I., to attend the Convention, to stand and take a bow. They were D. D. Carson Taylor, James E. Heath, Sidney O'Brien, and James L. Pierce.

Thereupon the Grand Exalted Ruler announced that he had acted upon the recommendations of Judge Frank B. Leonard in his capacity as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Pardon Commissioners, and that his actions in this respect would appear in the Convention's official minutes.

Next Mr. Shannon recognized James S. Richardson who, in a brief but sincere and touching address, placed the name of Grand Esquire Dr. Edward J. McCormick in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer to take the place of the late Grand Treasurer-elect William C. Robertson. Dr. McCormick's candidacy was seconded by George E. Strong, of Washington, D. C., Lodge No. 15, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, and P.E.R. J. F. Sherry, of Bellaire, Ohio, Lodge No. 419. There being no further nominations the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot, whereupon, amidst applause, Grand Esquire McCormick became the Order's Grand Treasurer for the 1935-36 term.

Gurney Afferbach, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, was then called upon for his final report, and he submitted the following table of those present:

Past Grand Exalted Rulers	18
Grand Lodge Officers	20

Grand Lodge Committee Members	25
District Deputies	110
Representatives	798
Alternate Representatives	118
Grand Lodge Members	635
Total	1,724

This report was unanimously adopted with many comments to the effect that it showed the largest Grand Lodge attendance in a number of years.

D.D. C. R. Hadley, of Ellensburg, Wash., Lodge No. 1102, read a stirring resolution of thanks to the host City, thanking Governor Davey of Ohio, Mayor Worley of Columbus, the Columbus newspapers, E.R. Paul M. Herbert, of Columbus Lodge, and all of its officers and members for the magnificent hospitality that had been rendered to the Grand Lodge throughout the week. Needless to say, this resolution was adopted unanimously with a rising vote of thanks.

THE Grand Exalted Ruler next presented Col. C. W. Wallace, Secretary of Columbus Lodge, and thanked him personally for the many hours of conscientious labor he had devoted toward making the Convention the outstanding success that it had proved to be. In his response Col. Wallace expressed the gratitude of himself and his associates for the opportunity that had been afforded them to be of service to the Grand Lodge, and invited every member present to return to Columbus frequently. The executive members of the Columbus Committee are: P.E.R. C. W. Wallace, P.E.R. Robert T. Oestreicher, Harold J. Kaufman, Burval W. Miller, Byron P. Redman and George M. Trautman.

The Grand Exalted Ruler also thanked Curtis C. Lattimer, Director of the Columbus Elks Chorus, for his conscientious and capable handling of the musical numbers both preceding and during the Grand Lodge sessions.

AN ILLUSTRATED ACCOUNT OF THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION, OF THE OPENING PUBLIC CEREMONY, OF THE 1935 GRAND LODGE OF SORROW, AND OF THE INFORMAL CONFERENCE BETWEEN GRAND EXALTED RULER HALLINAN AND THE EXALTED RULERS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Col. P. L. Downs, of Temple, Tex., Lodge No. 138, thanked the Grand Lodge from the floor for the courtesy that had been extended to Dallas Lodge's adopted daughter, Alloah Dallas Elk, who, through the generosity of E.R. George W. Loudermilk, of Dallas Lodge, had been enabled to come to Columbus.

D.D. George L. McCann, of El Paso, Tex., Lodge No. 187, offered a resolution to the effect that when the Grand Lodge convenes in Los Angeles next summer, it meet the week starting July 12th. This recommendation was unanimously carried.

The retiring Grand Exalted Ruler thereupon placed his jewel of office around the neck of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning, requesting him to conduct the installation ceremonies for the Grand Lodge officers.

Mr. Fanning recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler William M. Abbott who offered a resolution of heartfelt thanks to Mr. Shannon, saying that he had left not only

the impress of his charming personality upon the Grand Lodge and the Order as a whole, but also that he had made a lasting impression for good upon the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as a result of his inspiring, militant leadership, his Acts of Friendship program, and his magnificent creed of pro-Americanism. The Order, said Mr. Abbott, will always carry in its heart a great love for Mr. Shannon, and he requested that the Board of Grand Trustees be authorized to purchase a suitable testimonial of the Grand Lodge's esteem for presentation to him. These stirring words brought forth a unanimous vote of thanks as every member present rose and shouted his approval of Mr. Shannon's splendid year of leadership.

Mr. Fanning then asked acting Grand Secretary Frank L. Rain to call the roll of next year's officers, whereupon they were proclaimed duly elected. Grand Esquire McCormick was requested to escort them to the dais and the Columbus Elks Patrol, in full uniform, formed an aisle through which they proceeded. Grand Exalted Ruler-elect James T. Hallinan had as a special escort of honor six Past Exalted Rulers of Queens Borough Lodge and also his Lodge's Drill Team, which had come especially to the Convention for this purpose.

Next Mr. Fanning administered the oath of office and invested the new officers with their respective jewels. He introduced them to the Convention and instructed the Grand Esquire to conduct them to their various stations. Thereupon Mr. Fanning declared that they had been duly installed for the 1935-36 term, and surrendered the gavel of authority to Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan.

THE Grand Exalted Ruler said that on Tuesday of that week he had been most happy to have had the Dean of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers on the platform when he made his acceptance speech, and that it was now an added privilege and pleasure to have been installed by Elksdom's finest character—a man who has known all but three of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers of the Order since its inception. He also thanked the Past Exalted Rulers and the Drill Team of his Lodge, as well as the Columbus Elks Patrol, the Columbus Elks Chorus and the Los Angeles Chanters for the many impressive, colorful and ceremonial acts that they had performed throughout the session. He paid a splendid tribute to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon, and, in conclusion, urged every man present to go back home filled with zeal and enthusiasm for the up-building of the Order's membership and the rebirth of fundamental Elk ideals. Elksdom, he said, affords a splendid opportunity to serve humanity; let every man present avail himself to the full in this greatest of all endeavors.

AT this point the Grand Exalted Ruler was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers which had been sent him by Frank Koller of Queens Borough Lodge, and he recalled an occasion some years ago when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow had visited Queens Borough Lodge and had been similarly presented with flowers by Mr. Koller. On that occasion Mr. Grakelow, knowing that Judge Hallinan's mother was ill, had asked that the flowers be sent to her. The Grand Exalted Ruler then requested Col. Wallace of Columbus Lodge to present his flowers to the charity ward of a local hospital.

After the Los Angeles Chanters had sung "Till We Meet Again," and when the Benediction had been given by Grand Chaplain Sykes, the Grand Exalted Ruler declared that the Grand Lodge session for 1935 had terminated.



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News of the State Associations



New officers of the Kentucky State Elks Association and distinguished Elks of Kentucky above are, left to right front row: E. M. Nichols, 3rd Vice-Pres.; La Vega Clements, Trustee; Kelly D. Harper, President; and W. W. Coulter, 1st Vice-Pres. Standing left to right, are: Charles B. Truesdell, Arnold Westermann; Abner Johnson, Trustee; Richard H. Slack, Secretary-Treasurer and Clyde Levi, Trustee

Kentucky

The Kentucky State Elks Association closed its three-day Annual Convention at Louisville on May 14. The meeting was one of the most successful in attendance and enthusiasm that has been held in many years. The Reunion opened May 12 with registration at the Brown Hotel and in the Elks Home. The delegates were entertained at a stag social and smoker on Sunday night at the Henry Clay Hotel.

On the following day, before the opening of the first business session, Past State Pres. James A. Diskin of Newport delivered an address over Station WHAS. Ernest Warren of Middleboro, 2nd State Vice-Pres., presided over the meeting in the absence of Pres. Edwin N. Williams and 1st Vice-Pres. D. W. Smith. While the Elks were in meeting the ladies were taken on long motor tours to historic and scenic places of interest in and about Louisville.

For the special entertainment of the delegates an athletic show was staged at the Henry Clay Hotel under the auspices of the local Convention Committee. The program included wrestling and boxing. Later a floor show and dancing were offered. Vocal music was supplied by the Glee Club of Louisville Lodge, No. 8, and dance music by Diskin's Kentucky Colonels.

After the conclusion of the business session and election of officers on May 14, delegates and their friends were treated to one of the highlights of the Convention when more than 500 Elks and their friends were special guests of Colonel Matt Winn, President of the American Turf Assn., at a special Elks Handicap Race held at Churchill Downs Race Track. Free admission to the track was furnished by Col. Winn to all delegates and their families. After the running of the Handicap a beautiful gold loving cup was presented to the owner of the winner—Late Date, a splendid Kentucky thoroughbred. The presentation speech was made by Col. Diskin. Much of the credit for the success of the racing venture was due P.E.R., Arnold Westermann of Louisville Lodge, and Col. Diskin.

After the races the annual Convention banquet was held in the Crystal Ball Room of the Brown Hotel. Among the speakers were Governor Ruby Laffoon of Kentucky, who is a P.E.R. of Madisonville Lodge, and former State Senator M. C. Thornton, a P.E.R. of New Albany, Ind., Lodge.

Officers elected for the year 1935-36 are: Pres., Kelly D. Harper, Catlettsburg; 1st Vice-Pres., W. W. Coulter, Fulton; 2nd Vice-Pres., Henry Rudig, Lexington; 3rd Vice-Pres., E. M. Nichols, Madisonville; Secy-Treas., Richard H. Slack, Owensboro, (re-elected for the 10th consecutive term); Trustees: La Vega Clements, Owensboro, Clyde R. Levi, Ashland, and Abner Johnson, Madisonville. Richmond was selected as the meeting place of the Assn. at the Convention to be held in 1936.

*Charles B. Truesdell, P.E.R.,
Newport Lodge*

State Association Meeting		
Dates for August		
Association	City	Date
Wisconsin	Fond du Lac	Aug. 8-9-10
Minnesota	Eveleth	Aug. 8-9-10
Md., Del. and D. of C.	Havre de Grace	Aug. 12-13-14
West Virginia	Martinsburg	Aug. 12-13-14
Pennsylvania	Hazleton	Aug. 27-28-29
Colorado	Loveland	*
Ohio	Sandusky	*

* Date still to be set.

Illinois

The Illinois State Elks Association held its 32nd annual meeting at Quincy, June 6-7-8 with Quincy Lodge, No. 100, acting as host. The main social activities of the Convention included a boat ride on one of the large excursion steamers on the Mississippi River, a brewery trip followed by a smoker at the Home of Quincy Lodge, the Convention Banquet, and the President's Ball. A fine trapshooting contest was held and a golf meet was thoroughly enjoyed by the golf enthusiasts.

By winning the State Ritualistic Contest, Monmouth Lodge, No. 397, had the honor of representing Illinois at the Elks National Reunion in Columbus. La Salle was selected as the meeting place for next year's State Convention. In addition, the regular Fall and Winter meetings will be held there.

During the course of the several business sessions, crippled children's work, which has been the main activity of the Assn. for the past seven years, was reported upon in detail and a program of definite expansion planned. A diagnostic clinic was held on

the Convention floor at which a number of the unfortunate children were presented for the attention and advice of the clinician. The clinic showed the delegates most impressively what is being accomplished by the Crippled Children's Commission of the Assn. and enabled them to witness the able way in which the diagnostic clinics are handled.

Albert W. Jeffreys of Herrin Lodge was elected President to succeed Judge Frank B. Leonard of Champaign. The following Vice-Pres.'s from the seven districts were elected: N.E., Charles E. Mason, Waukegan; N.W., Lester C. Street, Dixon; East Cent., Jay J. Mohan, Streator; West Cent., W. E. Heberling, Quincy; S.E., Irvin W. Lloyd, Robinson; S.W., J. Francis Walsh, Jerseyville; South, Henry B. Anderson, Murphysboro. Harry P. Miller, La Salle, was elected Treasurer, and Jack S. Owen, Harvey, was re-elected Secretary. Frank P. White, Oak Park Lodge, continues as Exec. Secy. of the Crippled Children's Clinic.

The officers were installed by P. Pres. Dr. J. F. Mohan of Pontiac Lodge. Judge Henry C. Warner, Past State Pres. and former member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, delivered the principal address at the banquet.

*Frank P. White, Oak Park Lodge,
Bede Armstrong, Waukegan Lodge*

Idaho

Boise, Ida., Lodge, No. 310, was host to more than 300 registered delegates to the 12th Annual Convention of the Idaho State Elks Association which opened June 6 and ended June 8. Arrangements for the Convention were made under the direction of a General Committee headed by Past State Pres. Homer Hudelson, a P.E.R. of Boise Lodge.

The first business session was held on June 7 with Pres. Nicholas Ney of Caldwell Lodge presiding. Governor C. Ben Ross, a member of Pocatello Lodge, No. 674, and Mayor Byron F. Hyatt of Boise, delivered addresses of welcome to which Pres. Ney responded. Among the prominent visitors were A. I. Myers of Caldwell, a member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and O. P. Duval of Twin Falls, the first President of the Ida. State Elks Assn.

The finals in the 10th Idaho Ritualistic Contest, conducted by Dist. Judge Charles F. Keolch of Boise Lodge, and bringing into competition the Degree Teams of Boise and Twin Falls Lodges, was held, and won by Boise Lodge. J. C. Lytton was Master of Ceremonies during the program and also directed the Avery Thomas Orchestra during the floor show which followed. The Show was put on with the aid of Boise's best musical and dancing talent.

During the day the qualifying rounds of the State golf tournament were run off at the Idaho Country Club, and the bowling matches were held. First rounds in the chess tournament and an exhibition by the Drill Team of Boise Lodge, as well as a baseball game between Boise and Burley teams at the Public School Field, were other features of an athletic and sports nature. A polo exhibition was held and a revue of the contestants in the Elks State Beauty Contest took place. The polo match was held on the Idaho National Guard Field.

The final business session of the Convention, at which time new officers of the Assn. were named, was preceded by a memorial service for departed officials of the past year.

The large dining hall of Boise Lodge was crowded with Elks at the banquet held the

last evening of the annual meeting. No speeches were made. P.D.D. Dr. P. G. Flack of Boise introduced the chairmen of the various athletic events who in turn announced the winners as follows: Bowling: first prize, singles, J. O. Malvin, Boise; second prize, O. H. Colman, Twin Falls; doubles, first prize, Nicholas Ney and Harry Jensen, Caldwell; second prize, Fred and Frank Robertson, Boise. Boise Lodge Teams won first and second prizes in the five-man event.

The Elks individual trapshooting championship prize went to J. C. Gray, Nampa, who broke 197 out of 200. Otto Heuck, Boise, was next with 195 and M. C. Daniel, Nampa, broke 193. In the chess tournament, the first ever held by the Assn., first prize went to George Girard, Pocatello; second prize to Charles Stewart, Boise, and third prize to Abe Pierce, Pocatello. Winners of the golf tournament were Walter Smith, Boise, with a score of 155 for 36 holes on the Idaho Country Club course, and Gerald "Ox" Miller, also of Boise, who scored 158 for second place.

The meeting place and time of the 1936 Convention was left in the hands of the Executive Committee. Officers for the year 1935-36 are: Pres., E. D. Baird, Boise; 1st Vice-Pres., Milton E. Zener, Pocatello; 2nd Vice-Pres., G. P. Mix, Moscow; 3rd Vice-Pres., D. L. Barlow, Nampa; 4th Vice-Pres., J. H. Neil, St. Maries; 5th Vice-Pres., John O. Rassmussen, Twin Falls; Secy-Treas., William Schlick, Burley, (re-elected).

*Fred La Follette, Caldwell Lodge
Glenn Balch, Boise Lodge*

Massachusetts

The formal opening of the 21st Annual Convention of the Massachusetts State Elks Association was held in the auditorium of the C. T. Plunkett Junior High School in Adams, Mass., on June 9. Official welcome was extended to the visiting delegates by E. R. Archie A. Poirier of Adams Lodge, No. 1335, and a formal welcome by Chairman Frank Kruszyna of the Board of Selectmen. Response was made by State Pres. William J. Moore. Interesting addresses were delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley of Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, and State Director of the Mass. Federal Housing Administration, and by E. Mark Sullivan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary. Prior to the speaking program an enjoyable concert was rendered by Don Weston's Orchestra. Past State Pres. Edwin K. McPeck, Chairman of the Convention Committee, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Dancing, a barbecue and automobile trips to various points of interest featured the social part of the Convention activities. More than 500 Elks and their ladies made their appearance at an informal social gathering and dance at the Home of Adams Lodge on the night of June 8.

Several hundred Elks and their ladies attended a barbecue in Wenzel Grove. Lunch was served at noon and the barbecue was held late in the afternoon. While the executive sessions of the meeting were under way on June 10, the ladies were guests on automobile trips to Bennington, Vt., and Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge, Mass. After the business session a luncheon was served for everybody at the Forest Park Country Club. Music and dancing made up the entertainment.

Officers were elected at the business session for the ensuing year, and reports were read by the various committee chairmen. Those elected are: Pres., John E. Moynahan, Lowell; 1st Vice-Pres., Hubert W. Flaherty, Adams; 2nd Vice-Pres., John F. Burke, Boston; 3rd Vice-Pres., William B.



Officers of the New Jersey State Elks Association, left to right: Orville V. Meslar, Vice-Pres.; Dr. Clinton O. Fogg, Vice-Pres., Rev. Francis H. Smith, Chaplain; Nicholas Albano, Pres.; John J. Killeen, Vice-Pres.; John F. Betz, Sgt.-at-Arms; Harold W. Swallow, Vice-Pres.

Jackson, Brookline; Secy., Jeremiah J. Hourin, Framingham, (re-elected); Treas., Bernard E. Carbin, Lynn, (re-elected); Trustees: John C. Hedges, North Attleboro, and Alexander C. Warr, Wareham. They were installed by Past Pres. McPeck.

The ritualistic report, read by P.E.R. Francis J. O'Neil of Attleboro Lodge, contained the announcement that Newton Lodge, No. 1327, had won the Ritualistic Contest.

*Jeremiah J. Hourin, State Secy.,
Sidney J. Paine, Correspondent,
Woburn Lodge*

Missouri

The Missouri State Elks Association held its Annual Convention June 10-11 in Maryville, Mo. On the first night of the meeting a banquet was held in the dining room of the First M. E. Church, with Uel W. Lamkin, a member of Maryville Lodge, No. 760, and Pres. of the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, acting as Toastmaster. Talks were given by State Pres. E. J. Martt and State Secy. C. Lew Gallant, both of St. Louis Lodge, and Vice-Pres. Dwight Roberts of Kansas City. Musical numbers were furnished by the Conservatory of Music of the Teachers College and by a dance orchestra which also played for the dance held after the banquet in the ball room of Maryville Lodge.

State Vice-Pres. Dr. W. B. Owen was General Chairman of the Maryville Committee which made arrangements for the Convention. He was ably assisted by E.R. Raymond Barry, Jr., and nearly a hundred members of Maryville Lodge served on sub-committees.

The business sessions took place in the Lodge Home. The report of the Chairman of the Social and Community Welfare Committee, Joseph Rosenthal of Sedalia, disclosed the fact that over \$10,000 had been expended by Missouri Lodges in various social and community welfare activities, and \$500 in purchasing eye glasses and providing eye treatment for indigent children. It was decided to continue this work throughout the ensuing year.

The Degree Team of Sedalia Lodge won the State Ritualistic Contest, taking the Bruce A. Campbell Ritualistic Cup.

Joplin, Mo., was selected as the 1936 Convention City. The officers elected for 1935-36 are: Pres., E. J. Martt (re-elected); 1st Vice-Pres., Dwight Roberts; 2nd Vice-Pres., Dr. W. B. Owen, Maryville, (re-elected); 3rd Vice-Pres., J. A. MacDonnell, Springfield; Secy., C. Lew Gallant (elected for the eighth consecutive year); Treas., M. F. Thurston, Columbia, (re-elected);

Trustees: Dr. M. E. Gouge, Sedalia, Julius Hibbler, Washington, and L. L. Des Combes, Warrensburg.

Chester Krause, Correspondent

North Dakota

Devils Lake, N. D., Lodge, No. 1216, was the host to the North Dakota State Elks Association at its Annual Convention June 10-11. A one hundred percent attendance was reported. In the absence of Pres. L. B. Hanna who was ill, Vice-Pres. Sam Stern, former member of the Grand Lodge Good of the Order Committee, presided. Past Pres. Curtis L. Brown, of Fargo, represented Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon.

Minot Lodge, No. 1089, brought with it the American Flag offered by Pres. Hanna, former Governor of North Dakota, to the Lodge in the State doing the best ritualistic work during the year. It must be won for three consecutive years before becoming the permanent possession of a Lodge. Minot was chosen as the winner this year by D.D. Ely H. Weil of Williston, who acted as Judge. The 1936 State Convention will be held in Minot.

The session on June 11 opened with a discussion of Lodge activities. The reports of the chairmen of crippled children's committees were heard in the afternoon. Mr. Stern reported that more than \$8,500 had been expended by the Association, composed of 10 Lodges, in the Elks' program caring for crippled children throughout the State. It was brought out that more of these children had been given hospitalization during the past year than in any other in the history of the Assn. Among those who spoke on crippled children rehabilitation were Miss Ruth Wisness of Bismarck, State FERA head of health activities; Ed. C. Erickson of Grand Forks, U. S. and State Rehabilitation Commissioner, and Miss M. Sundstrom of Minot.

One of the chief events of the Convention was the children's clinic with Drs. Harry Fortin and R. K. Kilbourne, of Fargo, in charge, assisted by doctors from other localities. The clinic was open to the public. Among the extra curricula activities of the delegates was a visit to Camp Grafton.

Pres. Hanna, of Fargo, was elected President for a fifth term. Vice-Pres. Sam Stern, Fargo, and Treas. Alec Rawitcher, Williston, were also re-elected. Earl A. Reed, Jamestown, was elected Secretary to succeed the late George T. Richmond who had served in that capacity for many years. Charles H. Doyon, of Doyon—first E. R. of Devils Lake Lodge—was re-elected State Trustee to succeed himself.



Three prominent members of the Massachusetts State Elks Association, left to right: John E. Moynahan, Pres., William J. Moore, retiring Pres., and Hubert W. Flaherty, 1st Vice-Pres.

Texas

The 11th Annual Convention of the Texas State Elks Association took place at Fort Worth May 10-11, with State Pres. George W. Loudermilk of Dallas presiding. Approximately 500 Elks were present with about 300 enrolled as delegates. Two interesting sessions were held, the second terminating in the late afternoon of May 11.

Members of Fort Worth Lodge, No. 124, who were hosts to the assembled Elks, arranged a complete and elaborate program of entertainment which included golf, tennis, fishing and a splendid barbecue spread at the Lake Worth Lodge which is owned by the Fort Worth Elks. Twelve beeves were butchered for the occasion and several thousand persons were invited to participate in the feast. On the evening of the 11th a formal ball was held in honor of the incoming officials who had just been installed. The dance was given in the ball room of the handsome Home of Fort Worth Lodge.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Pres., Fred E. Knetsch, Seguin; Honorary Pres., Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell, Dallas; Vice-Pres.'s: John D. Carter, Fort Worth; W. J. Carroll, Burkburnett; Andrew M. Smith, San Antonio; W. W. Short, Houston, and B. S. Huey, Cisco; Secy., W. H. Timmermann, Seguin; Treas., Meyer J. Rachoisky, Dallas, (re-elected); Trustees: A. V. Tate, Galveston; Paul Tanquard, Temple, and Milton H. Michael, San Antonio.

W. H. Timmermann, State Secy.,

W. B. Smith, Correspondent

Mississippi

On June 18 the Mississippi State Elks Association met at Vicksburg with Vicksburg Lodge, No. 95, acting as host. The meeting was pronounced the most interesting and effective ever held by the Mississippi Elks. Among the prominent guests were C. M. Tardy of Birmingham, Pres. of Ala. State Elks Assn., and Irving I. Kaufman of Columbus and John J. Kennedy of Biloxi, D.D.'s for Miss. North and South respectively.

Among the social activities was a banquet held at the largest hotel in Vicksburg with over 200 Elks and their ladies present. This was followed by a ball at the Home

of Vicksburg Lodge given for the members and their families and invited guests.

Among the charitable moves made by the Assn. was the launching of a project for the erection of a sanitarium in the woods of Mississippi to take care of tubercular women and children without means. The Assn. also made a pledge to take care of at least



The Ritualistic Team of Decorah, Ia., Lodge, which won the Ritualistic Contest at the State Association Convention

three crippled children each year for the next five years, paying the entire cost of restoring them to health.

The officers for 1935-36 have all served the Assn. in the same offices to which they were elected this year. They are: Pres., William Estopinal, Gulpport; 1st Vice-Pres., Sam Albrecht, Vicksburg; 2nd Vice-Pres., Dr. Carl Day, Yazoo City; 3rd Vice-Pres., Ben Wilks, Greenville; Secy.-Treas.,

W. W. Walker, Pascagoula; Tiler, W. R. Metcalf, Greenwood; Esq., Julian L. Wheelles, Hattiesburg; Chaplain, John L. Sutton, Jackson; Trustees: I. I. Kaufman, Columbus, and John E. Breaux, Biloxi.

Quarterly meetings will be held during the year in each of the districts of the State. The meeting place for the next annual Convention will be decided later by Pres. Estopinal.

W. Estopinal, Pres.

Connecticut

On June 22 the Connecticut State Elks Association held its Annual Convention at Norwalk, with Norwalk Lodge, No. 709, acting as host. Two hundred and forty-seven Elks were registered. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson of Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61, and D.D. William D. Cameron of Stamford Lodge, No. 899, Conn., West. were among the distinguished guests entertained by the Assn.

Social functions of the Convention included the Annual Banquet, a buffet luncheon at the Lodge Home, and a concert by the smartly uniformed American Legion Drum and Fife Corps.

Included in the day's program was the awarding of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship, allotted to the Conn. State Assn., to William B. Lauder, Jr., of Meriden, Conn. Danbury Lodge, No. 120, was the winner of the Ritualistic Contest. During the banquet the Team was presented with a small cup as a permanent trophy, and also with the large cup that must be won three years in succession for permanent possession.

The banquet was held at the conclusion of the Convention. A bronze plaque was presented to William H. Flood, the retiring President, in recognition of his services. Norwalk Lodge presented him with a hat. A gift was also made to Past Pres. John F. Pickett of Middletown Lodge. The delegates and guests attending the Convention received numerous souvenirs from the manufacturers of Norwalk.

Officers elected for the year are: Pres., George W. Hickey, Willimantic; 1st Vice-Pres., John J. Nugent, Ansonia; 2nd Vice-Pres., William S. Murray, Norwich; Secy., A. J. McCullough, Derby; Treas., John F. McDonough, Bridgeport; Trustee for five years, Edward J. Creamer, New Haven; Trustee for one year, Robert P. Cunningham, Danbury. The appointees are: Sergeant-at-Arms, John W. Smith, Norwalk; Chaplain, Henry M. Bradley, Derby, and Tiler, William Coogan, New Haven.

The selection of next year's meeting place was placed in the hands of the State Trustees. Invitations were received from Bristol Lodge, No. 1010, New Britain Lodge, No. 957, and Willimantic Lodge, No. 1311.

A. J. McCullough, State Secy.,

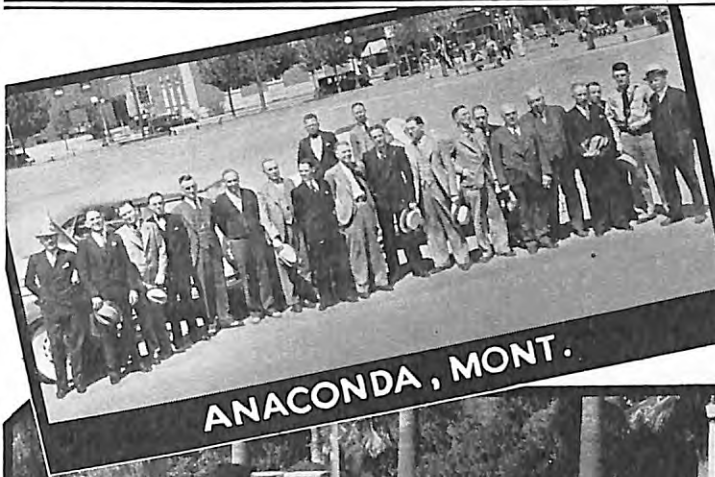
Fred C. Riedell, P.E.R.

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The officers of Charleston, S. C., Lodge, which recently won the Ritualistic Cup at the State Association meeting held in Orangeburg, S. C.

With the Good Will Tourists en Route to the 1935 Grand Lodge Convention



ANACONDA, MONT.



YUMA, ARIZ.



PHOENIX, ARIZ.



SAN DIEGO, CAL.



TACOMA, WASH.



SANTA ANA, CAL.



SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.



CASPER, WYO.

Under the Spreading Antlers

News of Subordinate Lodges Throughout the Order



Those who attended a testimonial dinner for the Entertainment and Dance Committees of Washington, D. C., Lodge recently at Griffiths Farms. After dinner dancing was enjoyed

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State Pres. Drum Visits DuBois, Pa., Lodge

The largest gathering of Elks that has taken place in many years in the Home of DuBois, Pa., Lodge, No. 349, assembled on the occasion of the official visit of State Pres. Scott E. Drum. Mr. Drum was accompanied by a large delegation of State officers. The events in connection with the visit started in the afternoon shortly after the President and his staff arrived. The afternoon part of the program consisted of a golf match, participated in by many of the visitors, at the Country Club. After the match the visitors, as well as members of various committees, enjoyed dinner there. Later they all gathered in the Lodge Home.

A brief reception took place, after which Lodge was called to order by E.R. T. B. Bradley. Business was disposed of quickly, and the order was then given to clear the decks for the initiation of a class of 15 candidates by the Degree Team of Reynoldsville Lodge, No. 519. The Team gave an unusually fine exemplification of the Ritual. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Bradley again took charge of the meeting and carried out an interesting program of introductions and speaking.

Several of the State officers, when called upon, responded with short speeches. Among these were Vice-Pres. Frank J. Lyons; J. G. Bohlender, Chairman, and Ralph C. Robinson, Secy., of the Board of Trustees, and Past Pres. John F. Nugent, and Secy. Frank S. Moran of New Kensington Lodge, in charge of publicity. Following these introductions D.D. Edward D. Smith spoke and then presented Mr. Drum, who delivered the principal address of the evening. At the conclusion of the meeting the Refreshment Committee provided an appetizing lunch, and a social hour was enjoyed.

Leo R. Brockbank, Secy.,
DuBois Lodge

Participants at a dinner given by Wilmington, Del., Lodge welcoming the Good Will Tour Ambassadors

Sanborn Studio

New England Lodges in Ritualistic Competition

More than 300 Elks, including many from out of town, attended the demonstration of the ritualistic work of the Lodge Degree Teams of Newton, Mass., No. 1327; Danbury, Conn., No. 120, and Springfield, Vt., No. 1560. The event was held in the Home of Holyoke, Mass., Lodge, No. 902, and was sponsored by the Mass. State Elks Assn. The Teams were judged on a point system, with Newton Lodge rated as first, Danbury Lodge second and Springfield Lodge third. The contest was not for the New England championship, but diplomas were to be presented later to each Team by the State Assn.

William J. Moore, of Milford, Pres. of the Mass. State Elks Assn., introduced State Vice-Pres. John F. Burke of Boston as the presiding officer. Mr. Burke is Chairman of the inter-State Ritualistic Committee. A luncheon was served after the exhibition. The speakers included, besides the members of the committee in charge, Pres. William H. Flood and Past Pres. Martin J. Cunningham, of the Conn. State Elks Assn.; Jeremiah J. Hourin, Secy. of the Mass. State Elks Assn., and E.R. Philip O'Brien of Holyoke, Mass., Lodge.

Members of the inter-State Ritualistic Committee who spoke are D.D. Frank C. Doucette, Malden; Past State Pres. P. J. Garvey, Holyoke, and P.D.D.'s Harry E. Gleason, Brookline, and William F. Hogan,

Everett. Judges of the contest were Charles F. Mann, Past Pres. of the Vermont State Elks Assn.; P.D.D. John F. Nugent of Ansonia, Conn., and Mr. Garvey. The checkers for the demonstration were State Secy. Archie J. McCullough, Derby, Conn.; Mr. Doucette, Mr. Garvey, and P.E.R. Charles S. Burnett of Holyoke.

John J. Murphy, Correspondent,
Holyoke, Mass., Lodge

Miami, Fla., Lodge Announces Winners of Essay Contest

Some time ago Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948, offered a prize of \$25 for the best essay written by a student in the elementary or junior high schools of Dade County, Fla., on the subject, "Why I Am Proud to Be an American." The second best essay was to receive a \$15 prize and the third best \$10. Judging of the essays was conducted recently and the prizes awarded.

Winners were announced by Harry Goldstein, Chairman of the contest. First prize went to Miss Temazeene Mann, a member of the 9A Class, Miami Edison Junior High School. Second prize was taken by Max Tendrich, of Class 8A, Ponce de Leon Junior High School, and third prize by Margaret Tinsley, a student of Little River Junior High School, Class 9A. The schools and students displayed a sincere appreciation of the Lodge's interest. Over a hundred essays were turned in.

Hayes S. Wood, P.E.R.



Elks and citizens of Atlantic City, N. J., witnessing a recent function at the Betty Bacharach Memorial Home

Central Studios



Winchester, Mass., Officers Initiate Woburn Candidates

At a recent meeting of Woburn, Mass., Lodge, No. 908, the officers of Winchester, Mass., Lodge, No. 1445, performed the work of initiating three young men into Woburn Lodge. After the business session E.R. J. Ernest MacDonald, of Woburn Lodge, turned the gavel over to the Winchester Elks and the initiation took place.

Members were present from Winchester, Arlington and Lowell, Mass., Lodges. Among the prominent Elks who spoke were Past Grand Tiler Michael H. McCarron of Woburn; Vice-Pres. John E. Moynahan of Lowell, who has since been elected Pres. of the Mass. State Elks Assn., and E.R. Joseph Dente of Arlington Lodge. A banquet was served in the recreation rooms after the meeting.

Sidney J. Paine, Correspondent, Woburn Lodge



Catherine Grady, who won the \$400 Scholarship offered by Great Neck, N. Y., Lodge to local high school students who wish to attend college

Ensley, Ala., Lodge Initiates Five

At a recent meeting of Ensley, Ala., Lodge, No. 987, five candidates were initiated. Pres. C. M. Tardy, of the Ala. State Elks Assn., and D.D. Harry W. English, both of Birmingham Lodge, were present on the occasion. P.D.D.'s George P. Bell and Charles H. Wood participated in the ceremonies that made the candidates members of the Lodge.

An Honorary Life Membership was awarded Mr. Wood, who is the oldest living P.E.R. of Ensley Lodge. He served as E.R. in 1909-10, and again in 1926-27. He was elected Secy. in 1912, holding that office for a long period under various E.R.'s. He also held several other offices in the Lodge. Mr. Wood was Secretary of the preliminary organization before the Lodge was instituted. He served ably as District Deputy in 1912-13.

Officers of Springfield, Vt., Lodge who won the Riley C. Bowers Cup for ritualistic work in the year 1934-35. The same team competed recently at Holyoke, Mass., with Newton, Mass., and Danbury, Conn., Lodges

Jamestown, N. D., Lodge Loses Secy. George T. Richmond

The recent death of George T. Richmond, Secy. of Jamestown, N. D., Lodge, No. 995, brought sorrow to his fellow members, by whom he was greatly admired and respected.

Initiated into Jamestown Lodge on Dec. 22, 1905, Mr. Richmond had been an active member ever since. He was elected Secretary in 1923 and held that office until his death. In 1930 he was elected Secretary of the N.D. State Elks Assn., and continued in that office also until his passing. At the time of his death he was County Auditor of Stutsman County, and he also held the position of Deputy Tax Commissioner of N.D. for four years. His acquaintance throughout the State was wide, and a host of friends will miss him.

E. A. Reed, P.E.R.

Harry-Anna Home Visited by 44 St. Augustine Elks

On June 16 a motorcade of 44 members of St. Augustine, Fla., Lodge, No. 829, visited the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children, at Umatilla, Fla., which is sponsored by the Elks of Florida. The trip marked the first venture of the Lodge's new administration in mass movement. The response with which the undertaking was met was most encouraging to those sponsoring the affair. The Lodge officers are interested in the idea of promoting many similar outings to be participated in by all.

Cecil Zinkan, E.R.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Lodge Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The week of May 20 was a memorable one for Saranac Lake, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1508, for the Lodge then celebrated its 10th Anniversary. On Monday, the 20th, Fraternal Night was observed, at which time all the local fraternities, service clubs and sporting clubs of the City gathered at the Lodge rooms to extend birthday greetings, play cards and visit and to partake of a buffet supper.

The following day was Ladies' Day, and the wives and women relatives and friends of the members were hostesses to all the ladies' clubs in Saranac Lake. Wednesday was made notable by the 10th Anniversary Ball. Two hundred Elks and their ladies danced and participated in a banquet in celebration of the successful decade passed by the Lodge. Each lady was given a souvenir of the occasion.

J. E. Keough, E.R.

Card Is Stolen from Member of Shreveport, La., Lodge

Shreveport, La., Lodge, No. 122, reports that the home of one of its charter members, C. P. McMinn, in Beaumont, Tex., was robbed recently and, in addition to clothing and money, Mr. McMinn's Lodge Card was stolen. The Card is No. 26, Membership No. 4, is paid up to October 1, 1935, and dated April 5. It is requested that the card be taken up if it should be presented at any Lodge.

S. B. Simon, Secy.





Exalted Ruler George B. Bley, of Bronx, N. Y., Lodge, and his baseball team, who offer their services as contestants in a game with any Lodge within a radius of 100 miles, providing the entire receipts of the game go to the crippled children's fund of the Lodge sponsoring the game

Dumont Studio

member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, and P.E.R. E. A. Bohn, who delivered the Eleven O'Clock Toast.

A class of 103 candidates was initiated into the new Lodge, and the following officers elected: Noel B. Weaver, E.R.; Arthur A. Olsen, Est. Lead. Knight; Harry H. Pence, Est. Loy. Knight; Harold O'Donald, Est. Lect. Knight; John T. Rush, Secy.; J. H. Clancy, Treas.; Joseph H. Carey, Tiler; Trustees: Claude W. Bryan, Frank Fitzgerald, John J. Dunn, Pete Dratzberger and W. B. Murray. The Degree Team of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge, No. 1331, champions of the Ill. N. E. Dist., conducted the initiatory work.

Arrangements have been completed for a five-year lease on a building centrally located on the South Side of Chicago as a Home for the new Lodge. Everything points to success for the organization, and the officers and members are acting together as a single unit in securing a desirable and co-operative membership.

*Harry H. Pence, Est. Loy. Knight,
Chairman, Publicity Committee*

Annual Class Tournament at Elks National Home

The Annual Class Tournament of the Elks Home Golf Club of Bedford, Va., was held on the nine-hole golf course the last week in June. There were four classes, and some 30 members competed for the prizes furnished by the Home through Superintendent Robert A. Scott and his Secretary, Miss Jack.

The prizes in each class consisted of two dollars in cash and a necktie for the first prize winners; fifty cents and a can of tobacco and pipe for the second prize winners; a can of smoking tobacco or a carton of cigarettes for the third prize winners, and a necktie pin and candy favors for the fourth prize winners. The prizes were presented on Friday, June 28, at 6:30 P.M. on the lawn of the National Home by O. L. Badger, Pres. of the Club, in a few appropriately chosen remarks. Mr. Badger emphasized the beneficial privileges of the golf course for the guests of the Home, and congratulated the players and the Tourna-

Prominent Elks who participated in memorial ceremonies attending the unveiling of a monument in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn, N. Y., in honor of Frank J. Reynolds, Founder of the N. Y. State Elks Assn. Left to right: E. T. Boyle, P. E. R., Auburn Lodge; James A. Kinney, P. E. R., Oswego; John Mahley, Hornell; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert, one of the speakers; Supreme Court Justice Benn Kenyon, of Auburn, who delivered the eulogy; Grand Chaplain Arthur O. Sykes, of Lyons, who presented the monument to Auburn Lodge on behalf of the State Assn., and Sidney J. Aubin, E. R., who accepted the monument for Auburn Lodge

John L. Warner

M. B. Leavitt, Pioneer Member, Succumbs in Miami Beach, Fla.

Michael Bennett Leavitt, a charter member of New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1, died on June 27 at his residence in Miami Beach, Fla., at the age of 92. Injuries suffered in a recent fall at his home hastened his death. His widow, Mrs. Lida Elizabeth Leavitt, survives.

Mr. Leavitt's membership in the Order dates back to its earliest days. He was a prominent and beloved member of the Order of Elks virtually from its beginning. He was also a pioneer theatrical manager and author of the autobiographical volume, "Fifty Years of Theatrical Management." Although born abroad—in Posten, West Prussia—his early childhood was spent in New England. His parents came to this country when he was but a year old and he began his theatrical career as a child actor. It was, however, as a manager and discoverer of high talent in the theatrical profession that he won fame and success. Many stars of the stage owed much to him for his training and influence in their early years. David Warfield and David Belasco were in his employ as young men, and Sarah Bernhardt's first triumphant tour in the United States was said to have been due to his efforts in her behalf.

For many years Mr. Leavitt's travels were extensive. He made two trips around the world and was the head of the first vaudeville circuit across the Continent in the United States. About 15 years ago ill health made it necessary for him to take up permanent residence in a mild climate, and he and his wife settled in Florida, finally selecting Miami Beach as their home. There they found happiness and made many new friends.

*C. D. Van Orsdel, Secy.,
Miami Lodge*

Institution of New Lodge on South Side, Chicago

The ceremony of instituting Chicago, Ill., Lodge, No. 1596, on the South Side, Chicago, took place Tuesday, June 11, at the Midway Masonic Temple in Chicago, under dispensation from the Grand Exalted Ruler. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge Floyd E. Thompson, together with D.D. Charles E. Mason, installed the Lodge. Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters acted as Grand Chaplain, and Past State Pres. Judge Frank B. Leonard acted as Grand Esquire. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell delivered a most interesting talk on the history of the Order. Also present at the meeting were Henry C. Warner, former



Past State Pres. Francis P. Boland, of Jersey City Lodge, Happy Stanley, of Providence, R. I., Lodge, and Fredericksburg, Va. Elks place a wreath on the grave of Mary, Mother of George Washington

ment Committee upon the successful conduct of the event.

The winners of the first, second, third and fourth prizes in their respective classes and the scores for the 36 holes played are as follows: Class A: George C. Bailey, 125; S. H. DeHoff, 138; Jos. M. Johnson, 139; O. L. Badger, 144. Class B: P. J. Mallott, 138; J. B. Miller, 144; Gus Robicheau, 145; John M. Smith, 172. Class C: Bill Daly, 157; J. A. Tipton, 158; Edwin J. Erwin, 170; Harry Hunter, 178. Class D: G. S. Heaton, 167; Bill J. Allen, 179; N. J. Galipeau, 183; C. A. Southwell, 221.

*N. J. Galipeau, Secy.,
Elks Home Golf Club*

Welcomes for Exposition Visitors at San Diego, Calif., Lodge

San Diego, Calif., Lodge, No. 168, extends the hospitality of its well appointed Home to Elks and their friends who visit the California Pacific International Exposition, which is at present one of the most popular attractions on the West Coast. The Exposition is being held in San Diego.

F. J. Schroepfer

P.E.R.'s Assn. Formed in W. Cent. N. Y. District

A Past Exalted Rulers Association of the West Central District of New York was formed on June 9 at a meeting in the Home of Oneida Lodge, No. 767. About 40 P.E.R.'s and E.R.'s were present, representing nine of the ten Lodges that make up the District. The purpose of the Assn. is to foster the purposes of the Order, advise with reference to the Grand Lodge and State Associations, discuss legislation and local problems, and to discuss and recommend in inter-Lodge matters and subordinate Lodge activities. At the close of the meeting a luncheon was served by Oneida Lodge.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are Pres., Elmer E. Wolvin, Lyons Lodge; Vice-Pres., John W. Whalen, Watertown Lodge; Secy.-Treas., Charles A. Noble, Lyons Lodge. Trustees: James H. Mackin, Oswego Lodge; John A. Buell, Fulton Lodge; Donald J. Cassidy, Oneida Lodge, and Charles S. Fegley, Seneca Falls Lodge.

Active Social Calendar of West Haven, Conn., Lodge

West Haven, Conn., Lodge, No. 1537, reports that its Entertainment and Publicity Committees have sent out more than 2,000 invitations to social affairs held by the Lodge since last October. Neighboring Lodges and friends of local members were the largest recipients of the invitations. Saturday night dances have been an extremely popular attraction, since the Social and Entertainment Committees have done all in their power to provide for the comfort and pleasure of the local and visiting members. Many celebrations and functions are planned for the coming year.

*Charles O. Blake,
Publicity Committee*

Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon placing a wreath on the tomb of Thomas Jefferson, at Monticello, Va., on Flag Day

Holsinger



Awards Made in D.D. Adams' Florida Essay Contest

In the beginning of his year as District Deputy for Florida, East, P.E.R. Alto Adams, of Fort Pierce Lodge, No. 1520, offered a prize of \$50 for the best essay by a student in keeping with the pro-American movement as advanced by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Miles Warren, also of Fort Pierce Lodge, offered a second prize of \$15.

All the Lodges in the District gave full cooperation. Hundreds of essays were turned in. The judges finally completed their work and the prizes were awarded. Ida Portens, of Lake Worth, won first prize with a splendid essay. Dorothy Lee of Oviedo High School won the second. Her effort very nearly tied with the winner's. This is an activity that has been meeting with keen interest in Florida Lodges.

Alto Adams, D.D.

Members of Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge Lose Cards

The loss of three membership cards is reported by Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge, No. 86. They are described as follows: Card No. 181, Membership 1655, issued to Morton F. Hayman; Card No. 568, Membership 1227, issued to Louis Petzold, and Card No. 275, Membership 1087, issued to W. R. Condon. Lodges are warned against honoring the cards if presented. Finders are requested to return them to the Secretary of Terre Haute Lodge, C. L. Shideler.

C. L. Shideler, Secy.

Conn. P.E.R.'s Assn. Meets at Danbury Lodge

More than 100 members of the Conn. P.E.R.'s Assn. attended an annual summer meeting of the organization recently in the Home of Danbury, Conn., Lodge, No. 120. The business session was opened with an address of welcome by E.R. Lewis W. Johnson. Included in the business transactions of the meeting was the admission of 15 new members, all of whom were Past Exalted Rulers or outgoing Exalted Rulers of Lodges in the State.

Many distinguished visitors were present, among them being William T. Phillips, P.E.R. and Secy. of New York Lodge, No. 1, Past State Pres. of the N. Y. State Elks Assn., and former Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and Arthur V. Dearden, also a P.E.R. of No. 1. Both addressed the gathering. Others who spoke were William D. Cameron, of Stamford, D.D. for Conn. West, and P.E.R.'s Joseph A. Muldoon, Bridgeport; John A. Condon, New Haven, and George H. Lowenthal, Middletown. H. O. Clough, of Rockville Lodge, Pres. of the Assn., presided.

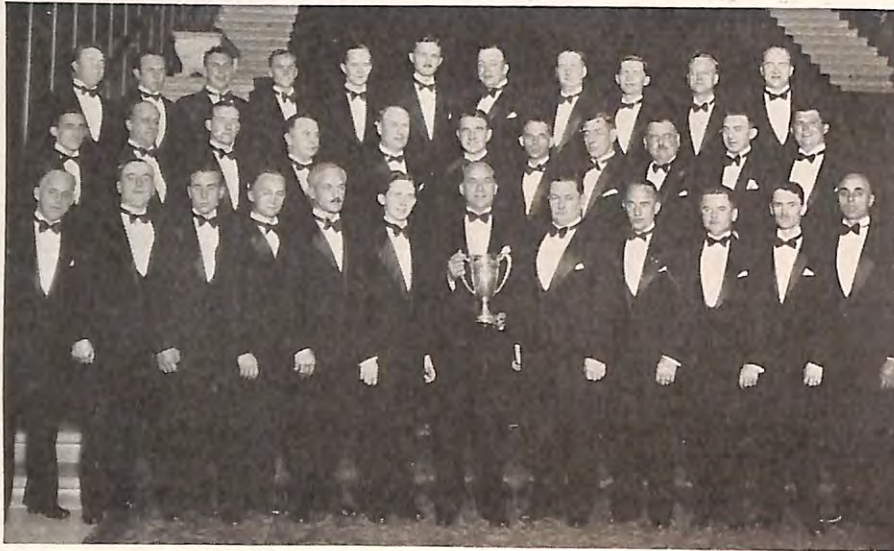
A buffet lunch was served before the meeting and a banquet was held at the close. Music and entertainment were provided by the C.C.C. Band from New Fairfield. This was the first meeting of the Association in many years and the first since the new Danbury Elks Home was constructed. All the P.E.R.'s of Danbury Lodge were members of the Committee in charge.

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Western Edition

This Section Contains Additional News of Western Lodges



The Chanters, of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge, who have the reputation of being one of the finest singing units on the Pacific Coast. Their annual concert, held recently, fully demonstrated this to be a fact

Sudden Death of W. H. Wheadon, Secy. of Denver, Colo., Lodge

William H. Wheadon, aged 76, Secy. of Denver, Colo., Lodge, No. 17, died suddenly of heart failure while sorting the Lodge mail in the Lodge Home recently. The news was received with sincere grief by the entire membership.

Mr. Wheadon was born in Chicago and came to Colorado in 1880. In 1896 he was initiated into Denver Lodge, and in 1903 was elected Secretary. A week before his death he was installed as Secy. for his 33rd term. During his years of service he achieved prominence in the Order, representing Denver at many Grand Lodge and State Conventions. No Elk function in Denver was undertaken without first seeking his suggestions and advice. During his Secretaryship the Lodge grew from a small unit to one of the Order's most important Lodges.

In recent years Mr. Wheadon abandoned, with but one exception, all other activities and interests in order that he might devote his exclusive efforts to Denver Lodge. He still, however, kept his office as the first and sole Secretary of the Craig Colony for the tubercular. Funeral services were held on June 15 in the Home of the Lodge, with interment taking place at the Elks Rest in Riverside Cemetery.

James T. Eagan, Acting Secy.

Santa Monica, Calif., Elks Visit Oxnard Lodge

Some 125 members of Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge, No. 906, accompanied by a 45-piece band, journeyed recently to Oxnard, Calif., Lodge, No. 1443, in four large buses and were fêted with an outdoor barbecue. Several hundred local members were present. Following the barbecue, which this year replaced the Lodge's regular birthday dinner for its members, the Elks adjourned to the Lodge room for a regular weekly meeting. A concert by the band and entertainment by a vaudeville troupe concluded the evening's program. The visit was made in reciprocation of one that the Oxnard members had paid to Santa Monica Lodge.

Harold R. Matthews, Correspondent

Scouts of Vancouver, Wash., Lodge Win Honors

Vancouver, Wash., Lodge, No. 823, is proud of the means it has conceived for spreading the seeds of self-reliance and good citizenship in the youth of the community. In 1925 the Lodge sponsored a Troop of Boy Scouts with this aim in view. Under the benevolent aegis of the Elks the Troop has grown to an institution bringing as much honor and aid to the Elks as they have brought to the Boy Scouts.

In the first year in which it functioned under the sponsorship of the Vancouver Elks, with P.E.R. Ralph A. Dickson as Scoutmaster, the Troop won the trophy offered by the Police Department to the troop winning the rally for Scouts in the Mt. St. Helen's Council of Scouting. During the next five years of Mr. Dickson's leadership the boys walked away with most of the honors at such rallies, winning the Grand Trophy again in 1929.

In 1930 P.E.R. George B. Simpson, a Judge of the Clark County Superior Court, took over the leadership of the Troop, later enlisting Erwin Reiger as joint Scoutmaster.



Boy Scout Troop 316, adopted and raised to the status of champions under the auspices of Vancouver, Wash., Lodge. At extreme left is George B. Simpson, and at right is Scoutmaster Erwin Reiger

Under their guidance the Troop became the largest and best equipped and trained in the Portland, Ore., Area Council, which it joined in 1932. By special permission the membership was permitted to reach 49 instead of 32.

In 1934 the Elks unit entered the annual camporal of the Portland District in competition with troops from 13 other counties of Oregon and Washington. This was the first time any troop outside Multnomah County had dared compete with the Portland troops. The Vancouver Elk Scouts took fifth place in the contests.

This year they returned in force to steal the show from the Oregon troops. Out of the 97 patrols entered in the big camping and general scouting contests, only 15 qualified for the finals. Four of these finalists were the four patrols entered from the Vancouver Troop in which Vancouver Lodge is so deeply interested. The judges of the competition assured the Lodge that they agreed with the audience in placing the Vancouver Boy Scout patrols far above any others in the meeting from the standpoints of training, conduct and equipment.

As a reward for their excellent showing the Lodge sent the Troop and its Scoutmasters to the beach for a week's outing, where they could use their training in camp cooking to good advantage on fish, clams, oysters and crabs.

Leverett G. Richards, Correspondent

Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge Initiates 29

Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge, No. 1468, recently initiated a class of 29 candidates into the Order through a special dispensation from D.D. Thurman D. Robb of Tonopah. The ceremony took place in the American Legion Hall in Boulder City, Nev. In the class were two brothers—E. O. and C. C. Underhill; three more brothers—Ernest, K. R. and E. E. Myers, and a father and son—D. A. and Jess W. Blakeney.

In the past year, under the capable leadership of E.R. A. G. Blad, Las Vegas Lodge has increased its membership from 300 to over 400 in good standing. The Lodge has 12 Past Exalted Rulers, all of whom reside in Las Vegas with the exception of Past State Pres. Harley A. Harmon. Mr. Harmon's home is in Carson City, Nev., where he is Chairman of the State's Public Utilities Commission.

Pat Gallagher, Secy.

Glendale, Calif., Lodge Mourns its First E.R.—P. L. Ferry

Peter L. Ferry, aged 53, pioneer resident of Glendale, Calif., and the first E.R. of Glendale Lodge, No. 1289, died recently in a Los Angeles hospital following a major operation. Mr. Ferry was a prominent member of Glendale Lodge and a highly respected citizen of the City. His loss is deeply felt.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Ferry went to Glendale in 1909 and engaged in the contracting business. He took an active interest in both fraternal and civic organizations, and was one of the charter members of Glendale Lodge. In addition he served the Lodge as a delegate to the Grand Lodge Convention in his first year of office, and every year since that time was chosen as alternate delegate to the Grand Lodge sessions.

Tribute to Mr. Ferry's memory was paid in a formal ritualistic ceremony conducted by the officers of the Lodge. P.E.R. Albert D. Pearce, former member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, read the eulogy. A letter of sympathy, incorporating a resolution to be placed in the minutes of the meeting, was sent to the family. After the Rosary service, at the residence, the P.E.R.'s of the Lodge conducted their ceremony. Funeral services were held with requiem high mass in Holy Family Church. P.E.R.'s of Glendale Lodge were among those who attended the rites as honorary pallbearers. Three P.E.R.'s served as active pallbearers.

Roy N. Clayton, Correspondent

Celebration of 20th Birthday by Glendive, Mont., Lodge

Tuesday, June 25, was the 20th anniversary of the institution of Glendive, Mont., Lodge, No. 1324, and the occasion was celebrated in gala fashion. The Elks Band, Drum and Bugle Corps and a group of 100 members formed a splendid parade and marched and countermarched on the principal streets of Glendive. At 9 P.M. a dance was held in the Lodge room for members and their ladies.

Nine of the remaining charter members of the Lodge, still residing in Glendive, marched to seats on the rostrum. They were: J. D. Walsh, present E.R.; P.E.R. F. J. O'Malley, Percy Thorpe, R. O. Histed, Ed O'Neil, G. G. Hoole, Judge F. P. Leiper, E. L. Brown and Claude Evans. Judge Leiper delivered a brief address reminiscent of June 25, 1915.

G. G. Hoole

News of Oroville, Calif., Lodge

Oroville, Calif., Lodge, No. 1484, has been extremely active this year, paying special attention to inter-Lodge visits. Within the past few months Oroville Elks have visited the following Lodges: Grass Valley, No. 538; Chico, No. 423; Redding, No. 1073; Susanville, No. 1487, and Marysville, No. 783. They have traveled a total of 1,000 miles in their visiting. In most cases all the officers were in the delegations. During this period the Lodge also entertained a number of visiting Elks from neighboring Lodges, including Red Bluff, No. 1250; Chico, Marysville, Susanville and Grass Valley.

The Drum and Bugle Corps sponsored by Oroville Lodge has had a busy and successful year. They paraded at the State Convention and many in the crowd voted them the snappiest marching outfit in line. They were taken to Gridley for the Armistice Day Celebration, were specially invited to the State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and took an active part in the Mother's Day program and Memorial Services sponsored by Oroville Lodge.



Participants in one of the series of bridge lessons recently sponsored by Pocatello, Ida., Lodge. The lessons were very popular and netted a considerable sum for the Lodge

In past years the Lodge has furnished the flags presented to new citizens of each naturalization class by the Women's Relief Corps in their ceremony for the class. This year E.R. D. W. Baldwin was invited to lead the newly made citizens in their pledge of allegiance to the flag. The incoming E.R., Frank O'Brien, and his officers have decided to incorporate that part of the ceremony into their program and have thus started a worthwhile project which other Lodges may find it advantageous to take up.

O. A. Qualls

Philatelic Section Organized by Oakland, Calif., Lodge

What is claimed to be a pioneer activity for Elk Lodges has been originated by Oakland, Calif., Lodge, No. 171, with the institution of a Philatelic Section. With the aid and encouragement of the officers a movement is under way to enable the Lodge's stamp collectors and philatelic enthusiasts to take an important and outstanding place in philatelic circles in the West. Oakland Lodge is fortunate in its new activity as it has on its rolls some well known collectors. It is expected that the Lodge Home will become the focal point for exhibitors and collectors throughout the San Francisco Bay region.

At a recent meeting the members were treated to an interesting talk made by Horace W. Carter, an international philatelic expert of 43 years' experience. His address was a non-technical discourse on stamp collecting from the historical, educational, financial and international sides of the hobby. Mr. Carter is a specialist on United States, Australian and New Zealand stamps. He was considered a "find" by the Lodge's Philatelic Committee, and his lecture fulfilled all expectations.

An interesting sidelight was introduced when Mr. Carter brought forth a copy of THE ELKS MAGAZINE of December, 1932, carrying an article by John R. Tunis entitled "Stamp Collecting and Collectors." He pronounced the article one of the finest he had ever encountered in his long career as a collector and declared that it was a liberal education for those not versed in the history of stamp collecting. The Magazine had been presented to Mr. Carter, who is not a member of the Order, by an Elk who sent it to him from St. Louis with

some rare stamps. He has since kept it as a part of his philatelic library.

Officers or members interested in organizing philatelic sections in their respective Lodges are invited to correspond with the Philatelic Section of Oakland Lodge, care of the Philatelic Committee. Address Oakland, Calif., Lodge, No. 171, 20th and Broadway.

Edmund Horwinski, E.R.

Passing of P.E.R. Alsap of Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge

Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge, No. 335, mourns the loss of P.E.R. A. Guy Alsap, former Secretary of the Lodge, who died in Phoenix June 13. Mr. Alsap was initiated into Phoenix Lodge in 1909 and the same year was elected to the office of Secretary, a position he held until 1917. In 1919 he was elected Exalted Ruler, completing, in 1920, one of the most active years the Lodge has ever enjoyed.

Mr. Alsap's interest in the Order continued and he was closely identified with Phoenix Lodge up to the time of his death. He also took an active part in the business, civic, fraternal and social circles of the City, and Phoenix citizens in general, as well as the Elks, feel his loss deeply.

Leo C. Gavagan, Secy.

Ogden, Utah, Lodge Receives Permit to Institute Antlers Lodge

Ogden, Utah, Lodge, No. 719, was recently granted a formal permit by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon to organize and institute an Antlers Lodge.

Pasadena, Calif., Lodge Holds Inaugural Ball

On June 8 Pasadena, Calif., Lodge, No. 672, held its Inaugural Ball and Dinner Dance. Two hundred Elks and their friends were present for the banquet which was served at 7:30 P.M., with E.R. Raymond C. Crowell welcoming the guests and P.E.R. Russell A. Stapleton acting as Toastmaster. Novelty dances were offered as entertainment and a special solo was rendered.

The dance was held in the Ballroom of the Home. Mr. and Mrs. Crowell led the Grand March, followed by the other officers with their ladies. The floral decorations and lighting effects were very beautiful.

Herman F. Keller, Correspondent

The Night of Masquerade

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night. What has been keeping you?" But, without waiting for an answer, he fired another question. "What do you say to my domino, Bjelke?"

It was a garment embroidered upon a black satin ground with tongues of flame so cunningly wrought in mingling threads of scarlet and gold that as he turned about now they flashed in the candle-light, and seemed to leap like tongues of living fire.

"Your Majesty will have a great success," said Bjelke, and to himself relished the full grimness of his joke. For a terrible joke it was, seeing that he no longer intended to discharge the errand which had brought him in such haste to the palace.

"Faith, I deserve it!" was the flippant answer, and he turned again to the mirror to adjust a patch on the left side of his chin. "There is genius in this domino, and it is not the genius of Francois, for the scheme of flames is my very own, the fruit of a deal of thought and study."

THAT Gustavus uttered his whole character. As a master of the revels, or an opera impresario, this royal rake would have been a complete success in life. The pity of it was that the accident of birth should have robbed him in the royal purple. Like many another prince who has come to a violent end, he was born to the wrong métier. "I derived the notion," he continued, "from a sanbenito in a Goya picture."

"An ominous garb," said Bjelke, smiling curiously. "The garment of the sinner on his way to penitential doom."

Armfelt cried out in a protest of mock horror, but Gustavus laughed cynically.

"Oh, I confess that it would be most apt. I had not thought of it."

His fingers sought a pomatum box, and in doing so displaced a toilet-case of red morocco. An oblong paper package fell from the top of this and arrested the King's attention.

"Why, what is this?" He took it up—a letter bearing the superscription:

TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING

SECRET AND IMPORTANT

"What is this, Francois?" The royal voice was suddenly sharp.

The valet glided forward, whilst Armfelt rose from the divan and, like Bjelke, attracted by the sudden change in the King's tone and manner, drew near his master.

"How comes this letter here?"

The valet expressed complete amazement. It must have been placed there in his absence an hour ago, he said, after he had made all preparations for the royal toilette. It was certainly not there at the time, or he must have seen it.

With impatient fingers Gustavus snapped the seal and unfolded the letter. Awhile he stood reading, very still, his brows knit.

Then, with a contemptuous "Poof!" he handed it to his secretary.

At a glance Bjelke recognized the hand for that of Colonel Lillehorn, one of the conspirators, whose courage had evidently failed him in the eleventh hour. He read:

SIRE,—Deign to heed the warning of one who, not being in your service, nor solicitous of your favours, flatters not your crimes, and yet desires to avert the danger threatening you. There is a plot to assassinate you which would by now have been executed but for the countermanding of the ball at the opera last week. What was not done then will certainly be done to-night if you afford the opportunity. Remain at home and avoid balls and public gatherings for the rest of the year; thus the fanaticism

which aims to end your life will evaporate. "Do you know the writing?" Gustavus asked.

Bjelke shrugged. "The hand will be disguised, no doubt," he evaded.

"But you will heed the warning, Sire?" exclaimed Armfelt, who had read over the secretary's shoulder, and whose face had paled in reading.

Gustavus laughed contemptuously. "Faith, if I were to heed every scaremonger, I should get but little amusement out of life."

Yet he was angry, as his shifting colour showed. The disrespectful tone of the anonymous communication moved him more deeply than its actual message. He toyed a moment with a hair-ribbon, his nether lip thrust out in thought. At last he rapped out an oath of vexation, and proffered the ribbon to his valet.

"My hair, Francois," said he, "and then we will be going."

"Going!"

It was an ejaculation of horror from Armfelt, whose face was now as white as the ivory-colored suit he wore.

"What else? Am I to be intimidated out of my pleasures?" Yet that his heart was less stout than his words his very next question showed. "Apropos, Bjelke, what was the reason why you countermanded the ball last week?"

"The councillors from Gefle claimed Your Majesty's immediate attention," Bjelke reminded him.

"So you said at the time. But the business seemed none so urgent when we came to it. There was no other reason in your mind—no suspicion?"

His keen, dark blue eyes were fixed upon the pale mask-like face of the secretary.

THAT grave, almost stern countenance relaxed into a smile.

"I suspected no more than I suspect now," was his easy equivocation. "And all that I suspect now is that some petty enemy is attempting to scare Your Majesty."

"To scare me?" Gustavus flushed to the temples. "Am I a man to be scared?"

"Ah, but consider, Sire, and you, Bjelke," Armfelt was bleating. "This may be a friendly warning. In all humility, Sire, let me suggest that you incur no risk; that you countermand the masquerade."

"And permit the insolent writer to boast that he frightened the King?" sneered Bjelke.

"Faith, Baron, you are right. The thing is written with intent to make a mock of me."

"But if it were not so, Sire?" persisted the distressed Armfelt. And volubly he argued now to impose caution, reminding the King of his enemies, who might, indeed, be tempted to go the lengths of which the anonymous writer spoke. Gustavus listened, and was impressed.

"If I took heed of every admonition," he said, "I might as well become a monk at once. And yet—" He took his chin in his hand, and stood thoughtful, obviously hesitating, his head bowed, his straight, graceful figure motionless.

Thus until Bjelke, who now desired above all else the very thing he had come hither to avert, broke the silence to undo what Armfelt had done.

"Sire," he said, "you may avoid both mockery and danger, and yet attend the masquerade. Be sure, if there is indeed a plot, the assassins will be informed of the disguise you are to wear. Give me your flame-studded domino, and take a plain

and inconspicuous black one for yourself."

Armfelt gasped at the audacity of the proposal, but Gustavus gave no sign that he had heard. He continued standing in that tense attitude, his eyes vague and dreamy. And as if to show along what roads of thought his mind was traveling, he uttered a single word—a name—in a questioning voice scarce louder than a whisper.

"Ankarström?"

Later again he was to think of Ankarström, to make inquiries concerning him, which justifies us here in attempting to follow those thoughts of his. They took the road down which his conscience pointed. Above all Swedes he had cause to fear John Jacob Ankarström, for, foully as he had wronged many men in his time, he had wronged none more deeply than that proud, high-minded nobleman. He hated Ankarström as we must always hate those whom we have wronged, and he hated him the more because he knew himself despised by Ankarström with a cold and deadly contempt that at every turn proclaimed itself.

That hatred was more than twenty years old. It dated back to the time when Gustavus had been a vicious youth, and Ankarström himself a boy. They were much of an age. Gustavus had put upon his young companion an infamous insult, which had been answered by a blow. His youth and the admitted provocation alone had saved Ankarström from the dread consequence of striking a Prince of the Royal Blood. But they had not saved him from the vindictiveness of Gustavus. He had kept his lust of vengeance warm, and very patiently had he watched and waited for his opportunity to destroy the man who had struck him.

That chance had come four years ago—in 1788—during the war with Russia. Ankarström commanded the forces defending the island of Gothland. These forces were inadequate for the task, nor was the island in a proper state of defence, being destitute of forts. To have persevered in resistance might have been heroic, but it would have been worse than futile, for not only would it have entailed the massacre of the garrison, but it must have further subjected the inhabitants to all the horrors of sack and pillage.

IN the circumstances, Ankarström had conceived it his duty to surrender to the superior force of Russia, thereby securing immunity for the persons and property of the inhabitants. In this the King perceived his chance to indulge his hatred. He caused Ankarström to be arrested and accused of high treason, it being alleged against him that he had advised the people of Gothland not to take up arms against the Russians. The royal agents found witnesses to bear false evidence against Ankarström, with the result that he was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment in a fortress. But the sentence was never carried out. Gustavus had gone too far, as he was soon made aware. The feelings against him which hitherto had smouldered flamed out at this crowning act of injustice, and to repair his error Gustavus made haste, not, indeed, to exonerate Ankarström from the charges brought against him, but to pardon him for his alleged offenses.

When the Swedish nobleman was brought to Court to receive this pardon, he used it as a weapon against the King whom he despised.

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"My unjust judges," he announced in a ringing voice, the echoes of which were carried to the ends of Sweden, "have never doubted in their hearts my innocence of the charges brought against me, and established by means of false witnesses. The judgment pronounced against me was unrighteous. This exemption from it is my proper due. Yet I would rather perish through the enmity of the King than live dishonored by his clemency."

Gustavus had set his teeth in rage when those fierce words were reported to him, and his rage had been increased when he was informed of the cordial reception which everywhere awaited Ankarström on his release. He perceived how far he had overshot his mark, and how, in seeking treacherously to hurt Ankarström, he had succeeded only in hurting himself. Nor had he appeased the general indignation by his pardon. True, the flame of revolt had been quelled. But he had no lack of evidence that the fire continued to burn steadily in secret, and to eat its way further and further into the ranks of noble and simple alike.

It is little wonder, then, that in this moment, with that warning lying there before him, the name of Ankarström should be on his lips, the thought of Ankarström, the fear of Ankarström looming big in his mind. It was big enough to make him heed the warning. He dropped into a chair.

"I will not go," he said, and Bjelke saw that his face was white, his hands shaking.

But when the secretary had repeated the proposal which had earlier gone unheard, Gustavus caught at it with sudden avidity, and with but little concern for the danger that Bjelke might be running. He sprang up, applauding it. If a conspiracy there was, the conspirators would thus be trapped; if there were no conspiracy, then this attempt to frighten him should come to nothing; thus he would be as safe from the mockery of his enemies as from their knives. Nor did Armfelt protest or make further attempts to dissuade him from going. In the circumstances proposed by Bjelke, the risk would be Bjelke's, a matter which troubled Armfelt not at all; indeed, he had no use to love Bjelke, in whom he beheld a formidable rival, and it would be to him no cause for tears if the knife intended for the royal vitals should find its way into Bjelke's instead.

SO Baron Bjelke, arrayed in the domino copied from the penitential sack, departed for the Opera House, leaving Gustavus to follow. Yet, despite the measure of precaution, no sooner had the masked King himself entered the crowded theatre, leaning upon the arm of the Count of Essen, than he conceived that he beheld confirmation of the warning, and regretted that he had not heeded it to the extent of remaining absent. For one of the first faces he beheld, one of the few unmasked faces in that brilliantly lit salon, was the face of Ankarström, and Ankarström appeared to be watching the entrance.

Gustavus checked in his stride, a tremor ran through him, and he stiffened in his sudden apprehension, for the sight of the tall figure and haughty, resolute face of the nobleman he had wronged was of more significance than at first might seem. Ever since his infamous trial Ankarström had been at pains to seize every occasion of marking his contempt for his Prince. Never did he fail upon the King's appearance in any gathering of which he was a member to withdraw immediately; and never once had he been known deliberately to attend any function which was to be graced by the presence of Gustavus. How, then, came he here to this ball given by the King's own command unless he came for the fell pur-

pose of which the letter had given warning?

The King's impulse was to withdraw immediately. He was taken by a curious, an almost unreasoning, fear that was quite foreign to him, who, for all his faults, had never yet lacked courage. But, even as he hesitated, a figure swept past him in a domino flecked with flames, surrounded by revellers of both sexes, and he remembered that if Ankarström were bent on evil his attention would be held by that figure before which the crowd fell back, and opened out respectfully, believing it to be the King's. Yet none the less it was Gustavus himself that Ankarström continued to regard in such a way that the King had a feeling that his mask was made of glass.

AND then quite suddenly, even as he was on the point of turning, another wave of revellers swept frantically up, and in a moment Gustavus and the Count of Essen were surrounded. Another moment and the buffeting crowd had separated him from his grand equerry. He found himself alone in the center of this knot of wild fellows who, seeming to mistake him for one of themselves, forced him onward with them in their career. For a moment he attempted to resist. But as well might he have resisted a torrent. Their rush was not to be stemmed. It almost swept him from his feet, and to save himself he must perforce abandon himself to the impetus. Thus he was swirled away across the floor of the amphitheatre, helpless as a swimmer in strong waters, and with the fear of the drowning clutching now at his heart.

He had an impulse to unmask, proclaim himself, and compel the respect that was his due. But to do so might be to expose himself to the very danger of whose presence he was now convinced. His only hope must lie in allowing himself to be borne passively along until a chance opening allowed him to escape from these madmen.

The stage had been connected with the floor of the theatre by a broad flight of wooden steps. Up this flight he was carried by that human wave. But on the stage itself he found an anchorage at last against one of the wings. Breathing hard, he set his back to it, waiting for the wave to sweep on and leave him. Instead, it paused and came to rest with him, and in that moment some one touched him on the shoulder. He turned his head, and looked into the set face of Ankarström, who was close behind him. Then a burning, rending pain took him in his side, and he grew sick and dizzy. The uproar of voices became muffled; the lights were merged into a luminous billow that swelled and shrank and then went out altogether.

The report of the pistol had been lost in the general din to all but those who stood near the spot where it had been fired. And these found themselves suddenly borne backwards by the little crowd of maskers that fell away from the figure lying prone and bleeding on the stage.

Voices were raised, shouting "Fire! Fire!" Thus the conspirators sought to create confusion, that they might disperse and lose themselves in the general crowd. That confusion, however, was very brief. It was stemmed almost immediately by the Count of Essen, who leapt up the steps to the stage with a premonition of what had happened. He stooped to rip away the mask from the face of the victim, and, beholding, as he had feared, the livid countenance of his King, he stood up, himself almost as pale.

"Murder has been done!" he roared. "Let the doors be closed and guarded, and let no one leave the theatre." Instantly was his bidding done by the officers of the guard.

Those of the King's household who were in attendance came forward now to raise Gustavus, and help to bear him to a couch.

There presently he recovered consciousness, whilst a physician was seeing to his hurt, and as soon as he realized his condition his manner became so calm that, himself, he took command of the situation. He issued orders that the gates of the city should be closed against everybody, whilst himself apologizing to the Prussian minister who was near him for issuing that inconvenient but necessary order.

"The gates shall remain closed for three days, sir," he announced. "During that time you will not be able to correspond with your Court; but your intelligence, when it goes, will be more certain, since by that time it should be known whether I can survive or not."

His next order, delivered in a voice that was broken by his intense suffering, was to the chamberlain Benzelstjerna, commanding that all present should unmask and sign their names in a book before being suffered to depart. That done, he bade them bear him home on the couch on which he had been placed that he might be spared the agony of unnecessary movement.

Thus his grenadiers bore him on their shoulders, lighted by torches, through the streets that were now thronged, for the rumor had now gone forth that the King was dead, and troops had been called out to keep order. Beside him walked Armfelt in his suit of shimmering white satin, weeping at once for his King and for himself, for he knew that he was of those who must fall with Gustavus. And, knowing this, there was bitter rage in his heart against the men who had wrought this havoc, a rage that sharpened his wits to an unusual acuteness.

AT last the King was once more in his apartments awaiting the physicians who were to pronounce his fate, and Armfelt kept him company among others, revolving in his mind the terrible suspicion he had formed.

Presently came Duke Charles, the King's brother, and Benzelstjerna with the list of those who had been present at the ball.

"Tell me," he asked, before the list was read to him, "is the name of Ankarström included in it?"

"He was the last to sign, Sir," replied the chamberlain.

The King smiled grimly. "Tell Lillesparre to have him arrested and questioned."

Armfelt flung forward. "There is another who should be arrested, too!" he cried fiercely. And added, "Bjelke!"

"Bjelke?"

The King echoed the name almost in anger at the imputation. Armfelt spoke torrentially. "It was he who persuaded you to go against your own judgment when you had the warning, and at last induced you to it by offering to assume your own domino. If the assassins sought the King, how came they to pass over one who wore the King's domino, and to penetrate your own disguise that was like a dozen others? Because they were informed of the change. But by whom—by whom? Who was it knew?"

"My God!" groaned the unfortunate King, who had in his time broken faith with so many, and was now to suffer the knowledge of this broken faith in one whom he had trusted above all others.

Baron Bjelke was arrested an hour later, arrested in the very act of entering his own home. The men of Lillesparre's police had preceded him thither to await his return. He was quite calm when they surged suddenly about him, laid hands upon him, and formally pronounced him their prisoner.

"I suppose," he said, "it was to have been inferred. Allow me to take my leave of the Baroness, and I shall be at your

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disposal."

"My orders, Baron, are explicit," he was answered by the officer in charge. "I am not to suffer you out of my sight."

"How? Am I to be denied so ordinary a boon?" His voice quivered with sudden anger and something else.

"Such are my orders, Baron."

Bjelke pleaded for five minutes' grace for that leave-taking. But the officer had his orders. He was no more than a machine. The Baron raised his clenched hands in mute protest to the heavens, then let them fall heavily.

"Very well," he said, and suffered them to thrust him back into his carriage and carry him away to the waiting Lillesparre.

HE found Armfelt in the office of the chief of the police, haranguing Ankarström, who was already there under arrest. The favorite broke off as Bjelke was brought in.

"You were privy to this infamy, Bjelke," he cried. "If the King does not recover—"

"He will not recover." It was the cold, passionless voice of Ankarström that spoke. "My pistol was loaded with rusty nails. I intended to make quite sure of ridding my country of that perjured tyrant."

Armfelt stared at the prisoner a moment with furious, bloodshot eyes. Then he broke into imprecations, stemmed only when Lillesparre ordered Ankarström to be removed. When he was gone, the chief of police turned to Bjelke.

"It grieves me, Baron, that we should meet thus, and it is with difficulty that I can believe what is alleged against you. Baron Armfelt is perhaps rendered hasty by his grief and righteous anger. But I hope that you will be able to explain—at least to deny your concern in this horrible deed."

Very tense and white stood Bjelke.

"I have an explanation that should satisfy you as a man of honor," he said quietly, "but not as chief of the police. I joined this conspiracy that I might master its

scope and learn the intentions of the plotters. It was a desperate thing I did out of love and loyalty to the King, and I succeeded. I came tonight to the palace with information which should not only have saved the King's life, but would have enabled him to smother the conspiracy for all time. On the threshold of his room this letter for the King was delivered into my hands. Read it, Lillesparre, that you may know precisely what manner of master you serve, that you may understand how Gustavus of Sweden recompenses love and loyalty. Read it, and tell me how you would have acted in my place!"

And he flung the letter on to the writing-table at which sat Lillesparre.

The chief of police took it up, began to read, turned back to the superscription, then resumed his reading, a dull flush overspreading his face. Over his shoulder Armfelt, too, was reading. But Bjelke cared not. Let all the world behold that advertisement of royal infamy, that incriminating love letter from Bjelke's wife to the king who had dishonored him.

Lillesparre was stricken dumb. He dared not raise his eyes to meet the glance of the prisoner. But the shameless Armfelt sucked in a breath of understanding.

"You admit your guilt, then?" he snarled.

"That I sent the monster to the masquerade, knowing that there the blessed hand of Ankarström would give him his passport out of a world he had befouled—yes."

"The rack shall make you yield the name of every one of the conspirators."

"The rack!" Bjelke smiled disdainfully, and shrugged. "Your men, Lillesparre, were very prompt and very obdurate. They would not allow me to take leave of the Baroness, so that she has escaped me. But I am not so sure that it is not a fitter vengeance to let her live and remember. That letter may now be delivered to the King, for whom it is intended. Its fond messages may lighten the misery of his remaining hours."

His face was contorted, with rage, thought Armfelt, who watched him, but in reality with pain caused by the poison that was

corroding his vitals. He had drained a little phial just before stepping into the presence of Lillesparre, as they discovered upon inquiries made after he had collapsed dead at their feet.

This caused them to bring back Ankarström, that he might be searched, lest he, too, should take some similar way of escaping them. When the search was done, having discovered nothing, Lillesparre commanded that he should not have knife or fork or metal comb, or anything with which he might take his life.

"You need not fear that I shall seek to evade the sacrifice," he assured them, his demeanor haughty, his eyes aglow with fanatic zeal. "It is the price I pay for having rid Nature of a monster and my country of a false, perjured tyrant, and I pay it gladly." As he ceased he smiled, and drew from the gold lace of his sleeve a surgeon's lancet. "This was supplied me against my need—to open a vein. But the laws of God and man may require my death upon the scaffold."

And, smiling, he placed the lancet on Lillesparre's table.

UPON his conviction execution followed, and it lasted three days—from April 19th to 21st—being attended by all the horrible and gradual torturings reserved for regicides. Yet possibly he did not suffer more than his victim, whose agony had lasted for thirteen days, and who perished miserably in the consciousness that he deserved his fate, whilst Ankarström was uplifted and fortified by his fanaticism.

The scaffold was erected on the Stora Torget, facing the Opera House of Stockholm, where the assassination had taken place. Thence the dismembered remains of Ankarström were conveyed to the ordinary gallows in the suburb of Södermalm to be exhibited, the right hand being nailed below the head. Under this hand on the morrow was found a tablet bearing the legend:

*Blessed the hand
That saved the Fatherland.*

Inflation Time Is Selling Time

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simple and incomplete. They would be likely to say either that:

1. Inflation is a process which reduces the purchasing power of money.

Or;

2. Inflation produces an abnormal rise in prices by causing the currency of a country to buy less and less.

Yet most of our business is done on credit, not currency. We could keep our present 59 cent dollar (which means merely that the gold backing of the dollar was reduced approximately 41%) and still have a big credit inflation. When it is realized that our supply of gold, which is our currency base, has reached the tremendous value of \$8,000,000,000 and that the over-expansion of 1929 was financed on a base of slightly more than \$4,000,000,000, the credit inflation possibilities today are seen to be enormous.

We have had in the past not only many examples of the type of wild inflation mentioned above, but also credit inflation, as in the years from 1922 to 1929. Therefore, another definition of inflation could be put down for business men to consider:

3. It is a process of expanding credit, sometimes excessively, that is not based on the needs only of sound enterprise or on bona fide demand.

In this connection we must not forget that sound credit inflation through private business based on genuine demand and true progress would be welcome. It is entirely possible that we cannot have good business again without that type of credit inflation, which means in reality that business men are getting more confidence.

In the years 1922 and 1929 the reserve banks kept in use far more credit than business actually required. This helped the Treasury of the United States by making the refunding of war debts easier, but some of that excess credit found its way into the brokers' loans which built up the false security markets of 1928 and 1929.

The credit inflation with which we are concerned here will be undoubtedly a creeping process. Let us grant to those men who want credit inflation at this time, at least as great a sincerity of purpose as those who would have put us all through the wringer of chaotic deflation to the bitter end. Let us assume that stabilization on a lower currency basis between countries is ahead. Our country is in a good position either to fight for markets by further devaluation or to create stabilization between the pound, the franc and the dollar when the proper time comes. Let us assume then, also, that while printing press inflation is improbable, bank

credit inflation is not only probable but somewhat inevitable.

When two men with widely divergent viewpoints—such as Professor Kemmerer of Princeton and Major Angus of Great Britain—agree that credit inflation is inevitable, let us agree with them both and see what it means to the business man. Added to the views of these and scores of other economists, we have a definite policy in this country of boosting prices by forcing more credit and spending more money.

What is the ordinary business man to do if credit inflation starts its process? He is in a far different position from the big capitalist who must decide whether to sell his bonds and buy farm lands, city property or common stocks.

The business man has gone through inflationary periods before. If he will look back on those times he will see that they were the best periods of all in which to bring out new products, adopt new selling methods and expand his business. The business man with courage and imagination will be going ahead making sales and profits during inflationary periods just as he did, although in lesser degree, during the time when the banks were closed. What he did during times of deep fear he will do again the moment he realizes that the start of an inflationary

period is here. It is the ideal time to set full speed ahead.

Ingenuity has made sales at all times. Remember that it was just when there was near panic in those dark days of March, 1933, that Knox and Company brought out a totally new idea. They had been making a study of the consumer for some time and realized that the hat buyer would respond to a new idea in selling. The Company introduced, during the worst period in recent commercial history, its Ovalized Sixteenths, and sales boomed at a time when most business men were acting as if nothing could be done except go into the cyclone cellar.

It is true that many another sales idea would not work at that time, but this one is as good an example as any to give courage to a man who is full of uncertainty as to what inflation may do. Sales will always be made by the man who doesn't get too worried about general conditions, and who spends his time concentrating on the economic sector over which he has some control—his own business.

American business men have never lacked ingenuity in making sales. During almost every phase of the economic cycle they have kept the wheels of business turning in spite of all. Their chance is coming soon to use the same ingenious sales ideas that have worked in the past. Here are a few more of them:

THERE was a man who manufactured ice picks in Southern New Jersey. He advertised for agents and also to impress the name of his ice pick on the public. He managed to secure a group of house-to-house canvassers. He talked business to them every night for several weeks. At one of these sessions a canvasser told how he had not missed a store or a house in his district except one. This happened to be the local branch of a well known electric refrigerator concern. Obviously there was no chance there, the salesman pointed out, so he hadn't made a call.

The manufacturer of the ice picks thought differently. He told his canvasser to go back with an idea. His idea was to tell the branch manager that many a prospective buyer of an electric ice machine didn't have the money right then and didn't know when he was going to get it. The salesman of the ice picks was to tell the local manager for the electric refrigerators that he could keep people reminded of the object they wanted by means of the ice pick.

The salesman called a few days later and proposed to the electric refrigerator man that he print his name and address on the handle of the ice picks and add the following words, "To chip while you wait." This, the salesman pointed out, would be offering a continual reminder that it was a hard job to chip ice and that when the time came to buy a refrigerator, the ice pick owners would think of his brand. On the third call after that the salesman sold 900 ice picks made up as he suggested.

This is a typical case of idea selling on the part of a manufacturer and a salesman who had brains enough to carry it out.

The manufacturer of a seasonal product will find the coming period of credit inflation a mighty good time to bring out a new product for his off season. One New England manufacturer, who had been making coal scuttles and ash cans, has recently been experimenting with the same machinery to produce a new type of good looking automatic garbage receptacle especially designed for summer camps, of which there are hundreds in his vicinity.

The man who makes garden tools will work to see whether he cannot produce skates and sleds for winter use.

It is a very good time now, before our credit inflation starts, for manufacturers to think of ideas to improve their methods of

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packaging. Perhaps it is a simpler design, a new color, an idea that will turn a package into a silent salesman for the retailer's counter. Such ideas—good ones—do not evolve merely from wishing.

The kind of ideas that are going to produce profitable business in the days just ahead, as they have in the past, will come from going where the consumers are, talking to them and producing something they will want if they are told about it often enough and hard enough. It took a close study of consumers, for example, and a high brand of courage, for an oil burner company to give away coal shovels, yet that is just what a big manufacturer of oil burners did. He advertised that he would give away coal shovels and in turn secured almost 6,000 coupons. These led, in turn, to building a prospect list of more than 16,000 home owners. The free offer of a coal shovel to home owners enabled the company to find out who its prospects were and, in addition, gave an opportunity for the salesmen to get in the houses and tell their story.

On each shovel were the words, "Less cost, no shoveling," burned indelibly. The salesman remarked with a smile, "You'll never wear it out, I only hope it won't wear you out." This introduction usually led to some talk about the cost of heat and the job of shoveling. Many a sale was made at a time when the public was definitely not buying high priced merchandise from people who merely wanted to sell it and who didn't use a really creative idea in order to make a sale.

DURING a period of sound credit expansion diversification helps some businesses. Many a firm will bring out a new product in order to diversify its line. It is not possible to tell in just what direction the expansion may go, so many firms add a full line when it starts. Just as a varnish company finds it necessary to go back to its primary market and get into the manufacture of the dry colors and pigments used in its processes, other concerns follow the same general course.

A paint manufacturing company, because soy bean oil, tung oil and other similar raw materials are used, might go out and purchase a vegetable oil-crushing mill. One such concern did exactly this. Finding that the same machinery could be used in crushing vegetable oils, it soon began to crush copra, sesame seed and other food-bearing products, and to merchandise vegetable oils. This particular concern then went further and turned these crude oils into commodities for which there was a big demand. This led to the establishment of an oil refinery and several food plants which began to make shortening, margarin, salad oil, coatings for confectioners and similar products. Later on this concern took over several manufacturers which used to be customers for its salad oils.

Since this concern had also become a large consumer of cocoanuts and copra in making its cocoanut oil, it purchased a cocoanut company and added that output to its line of products.

This case happens to be that of a large manufacturer, but similar ideas apply to the smaller business man. A medium sized manufacturer of radio speakers, for instance, manufactured paper hats as a side line. They were used by another manufacturer as premiums. The speaker company started to improve and make them on a large scale, retailing at 25 cents. They were modeled after the tropical helmets which have been used so long in hot countries. Here is a case where a manufacturer jumped into a totally new line of business. Without the inhibitions that naturally go with long experience in one line, this concern may do a whole lot to offset the fashion for going

bare headed, for it intends to try and popularize tropical helmets by telling the American public about them on a large scale.

Again drawing examples of what manufacturers will do when credit inflation comes from records of the past, consider the Rome Manufacturing Company. They brought out first a copper tea kettle with a molded brass handle and a bird's head which whistled loudly when the water began to boil. They also brought out a whistling egg cooker. More than a million of these items were sold on a novelty basis and they helped the whole line.

A large manufacturer of automobile bodies started to make other products that could be made by the same machinery. He used his own city as a testing ground to see if buyers of the new devices liked them or not. This led to the making of kitchen sinks, kitchen cabinets and similar products.

ANY manufacturer who is thinking of launching a new product, changing the design of his old one or packaging it in a new way, will find it a mighty good idea to try it out among its neighbors. Just as it is only your "best friend" who will tell you about halitosis, so your neighbors are likely to tell you what is wrong with a new product because they feel they know the members of the company well enough to speak out freely and frankly.

It is a good idea to test a new idea out locally before jumping into its manufacture on a broad scale. A very good plan to use in deciding whether or not to bring out something new is to ask whether it supplies a need that is not already being supplied, or if it can supply it better or less expensively than it is now being supplied.

The old firm of Cadbury Brothers, British chocolate makers, in planning a new package to prepare for coming credit inflation, offered a sound suggestion along try-out lines. A more attractive box was needed. Consumers had told them so. They decided to offer a prize for a new design, and asked prominent artists, sculptors and designers to compete. But they picked as judge, not a great artist, but a noted eater of chocolate candy, the beautiful Edith Evans, recipient of hundreds of boxes of candy from love-smitten Oxford and Cambridge students.

There is sound psychology in that. Salesmen who ask consumers what better way a product can serve them may get a suggestion which will revolutionize a line.

Never forget that there is always room for improvement in the product, or in its container. Even nature can be improved upon, and what could be more difficult? Ask Miss Elizabeth White, who, in Southern New Jersey, produced a much larger and better tasting blueberry which she called Tru-Blu. She packed it in an attractive way and sold it extensively at a price more than twice as high as that for the ordinary variety.

Out in Akron the Goodrich Company recently made the first improvement in a wheelbarrow since Leonardo da Vinci invented it in 1496. The Ohio Company developed a big, doughnut tire for the wheelbarrow which makes pushing it much easier in mud and sand.

If the blueberry and the wheelbarrow can be improved after all these years, it is a warning to every maker of a product that old customs and habits are no excuse for staying put on product or package—especially now, just before credit inflation starts its work.

Another fact for a manufacturer to consider in contemplation of inflation ahead, is that with more leisure people are going to become lazier than ever. Labor-saving devices have always sold well, not forgetting such examples as canned apple sauce, the insides of pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes in cans, ready-made

fruit salad and similar products. A man in Pittsburgh dries molasses with flour, baking powder, spices and other ingredients. When the housewife pries open a can, she finds a powder. She adds water, stirs and either gingerbread or devil's food is ready to put into the oven.

Taking some material or product one step nearer the final lazy buyer, doing something to the material which makes it easier for the final consumer, is almost always a sure-fire sales stimulant. It is indicated as a particularly good course of action now.

A man who is willing to create a good product which people want, and who is willing to go out and work his head off to sell it, has a great advantage over his more unwieldy competitors in a period of credit expansions. Many a fine business has been started at a time like this.

Markets are fickle. People are always ready to try a new product which ministers to their wants. A newcomer with no great fixed charges to meet, no obsolete machinery to worry about, no bond holders on his neck, has a brilliant opportunity.

The individual salesman will find that once the ball starts rolling, those extra calls and his ability to fight—if he kept it during the depression—will stand him in good stead. I remember an incident which happened a few years ago in a typewriter company. A senior salesman received a lead from the sales promotion department informing him that a little company up in the Adirondacks had written in asking for information. It was the 29th of January and the snow was thick. But the salesman knew that orders weren't going to come to him so he went out after this one. He arrived at the small grocery store, demonstrated a machine and sold one.

Did he then rush for the home office with the order in his pocket and reach there just before a blizzard arose? Not at all. He went still further into the mountains looking for the orders he needed. He was laid up in his car alongside the road for an hour in a blizzard, but eventually reached the next town, demonstrated to a garment shop, sold another machine. He demonstrated once more in that same town and got another order.

The snowstorm was increasing in intensity and it looked as though he might have to put his car up and remain idle until the blizzard subsided. But luck always favors the fighter and when a snow plow broke the road through, he journeyed down to Plattsburg, sold two more machines there and then trailed another plow back to his home port.

It would have seemed permissible under the circumstances for him to have called this a good trip, but this salesman happened to be one of those people who believe in the old duck-shooting adage, "The time to shoot ducks is when they are flying." So he made one more call in his home town before putting his car up for the night. Another signed order from a man he hadn't been able to sell previously topped off the day's work.

ALSO up to the individual salesman at a time of credit inflation is the problem of the calls he is forced to miss. As new plans start up, many a prospect will be out, too busy to see you, or away on a trip. It is said that almost 35% of all sales calls are unproductive because the salesman doesn't get a chance to see his prospect.

Following up on these missed calls is a good way to add to business. The long-distance telephone call, the telegram, the letter, the newspaper clipping of interest to the missed prospect and mailed to him from the next town, can be used with ingenuity and good effect. One man I know carries a bunch of telegraph blanks with him. When his man is out he attaches his card

to the blank with his next town's address on it and requests that his prospect send him a wire. Sometimes he even writes a part of the suggested message.

Another man writes a letter from the next town, telling how sorry he was to have missed his prospect and sending by parcel post a sample of some special item, together with the prices and sales arguments on it. Sometimes he wires his home office, giving them the facts in the case of an important missed call, and asks an officer to write a strong letter along the lines indicated in his wire.

A weather-beaten sign, or some detail about the window trim in the dealer's store is always a good excuse for the home office to follow up a call. In a big rubber company in Akron every salesman carries a booklet of form letters which have been written to meet every conceivable situation. In his report from the field the salesman refers to this book and tells the home office just what letter fits the call he has missed. The whole matter of following up these missed calls intelligently is going to become more and more important this fall.

To sum up, the manufacturer and his salesmen are going to find that good, old-time hard work and ingenuity will produce better results during a period of credit inflation than at any other time. Many a man is going to make strides upward in the financial scale during the period just ahead, and other people are going to call him lucky. But the lucky men seem to be those who keep appointments on the dot and turn up opportunities with thought and a shovel instead of waiting for something to turn up by itself. The lucky concerns seem to be those that go out after business with new ideas.

I remember the story of the rich old lady who used to feed squirrels. She noticed it was pretty hard for the little animals to crack the nuts in order to get the meat inside. In her will she left an endowment which provided that the squirrels in her favorite park should be fed cracked nuts so that they wouldn't have to work so hard. Six months later all the squirrels in that park had died from physical inertia and bad teeth. A bunch of tough squirrels who had been cracking their own nuts moved in and took possession of the trees and squirrel houses, and cracked nuts were not fed any more. The lucky squirrels were not the ones mentioned in the will of the old lady.

There is always meat inside the nut of business. Those who crack it themselves with ideas and hard work will do well in any period. That, it seems to me, is the sum total of what the average man should do during a period of credit inflation.

The Clown

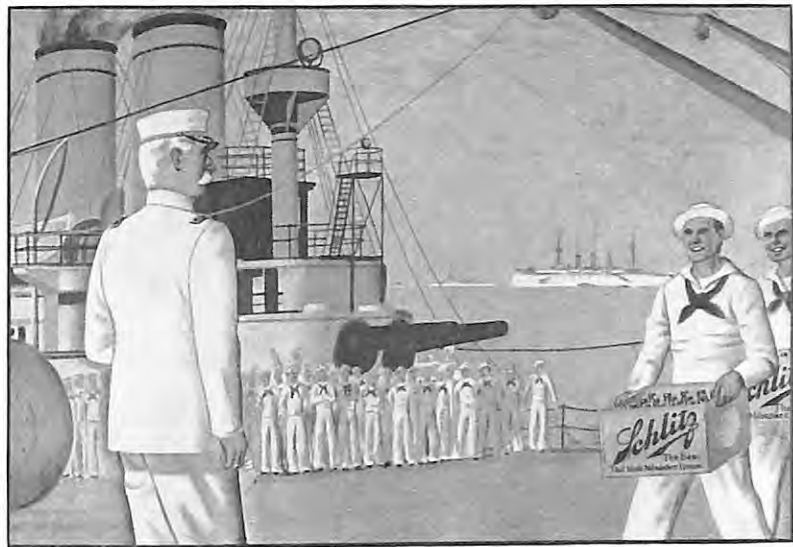
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afternoon?" he asked, looking Ham over. "Sure."

"It's against my better judgment to break you in your first day with us," said Eddie, "but I'm up against it for a catcher."

"Sure," said Higgins with his goofy grin. "Just gimme the lowdown on some o' these Hawk hitters an' we'll make bums out of 'em for you."

It may have been because he was catching Walter Dennison, our speed ball artist and one of the fastest pitchers in the game; it may have been because he was in much speedier company; it may have been the unwonted size of the crowd; or it may have been, and probably was, a combination of the three. The fact remained that the play of Ham Higgins was a disappointment. He let three of Dennison's fast ones get



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away from him—to score one run; he over-threw second base twice; and at bat he struck out four times in a row.

Watching him, Eddie frowned.
"I don't know," he mused, chewing on a match. "What do you think, Joe?"
"I think," I replied, "that I know the answer."

Eddie looked at me. "Well?" he asked after a moment.

"Wait," I told him.
But during the week that followed I began to think that I didn't know the answer, after all. True, Higgins was playing a better brand of ball than he had displayed in that first game, but he was nowhere near the form of the Dixville-Southport affair, and it was with extreme difficulty that I persuaded Eddie Fiske to hold him over for another week. However, Eddie reluctantly agreed to give him further trial, and the very next afternoon as the boys were dressing for the game with the Boston Terriers things a plenty began to happen.

Jiggers Haley, our big first-baseman, came busting out from behind his locker, his eyes on fire.

"Who done this?" he roared, holding out a pair of baseball shoes. The lacings were gone from the shoes and in their place were long ribbons of vivid pink.

"If I catch the guy that done this," said Jiggers angrily, "I'll bust him in five pieces."

A few quiet chuckles went around the locker room, but nobody laughed because Jiggers was too mad. I glanced over to where Ham Higgins was rolling his pants, and you never saw a more innocent-looking lad in your life.

"Eddie" I said as the boys took the field, "I've got a hunch you're going to get a surprise today."

NOT only Eddie got the surprise but the whole crowd of six thousand fans. In the second inning with the Bluebirds two runs behind, Ham Higgins came to bat and got his first hit—a Texas leaguer that fell in short field just beyond the short-stop's straining hands. Grinning in a way he hadn't grinned since he came to the club, Higgins took a lead off the bag and on the first ball pitched went down to second, hooking the bag neatly under the throw from the catcher. And then—get this, brother—and then, I swear I'll eat this hat if, on the next pitched ball, that crazy-headed yazoo didn't turn right around and *steal first base*. Well, say, an airplane dropping bombs on the diamond couldn't have caused greater consternation. Eddie Fiske sat on the bench with his mouth open and his eyes hanging out a foot; the Terriers' catcher put both hands on his hips and glared through his mask; and an unbelieving hush fell over the stands—a hush that lasted until Higgins ran to the Terriers' astounded first baseman who was standing on the bag, threw both arms around his neck, kissed him loudly on both cheeks, and in a voice you could have heard for ten blocks, yelled: "Surprise! Ain't you glad to see me back, dearie?" Immediately, as if that wasn't enough, Higgins turned like a flash and dug for second again, sliding safely into the bag before the second baseman could take the wild heave from the catcher and tag him out.

Funny? I wish you could have heard the bellow of glee that went up as Ham Higgins stood on his head on second base and waved his heels in the air. Honest, I thought the top of the grandstand was coming off. They roared, they howled, they pounded each other on the back, and they laughed until the tears rolled down their cheeks and wilted their collars.

I looked at Eddie Fiske.

"What did I tell you?" I said.

Color was coming into Eddie's face, his breath was beginning to whistle through his nostrils, and his blue, ordinarily twinkling eyes to blaze. Suddenly he exploded.

"The damn fool!" he roared. "The brainless, sap-headed, thick-skulled idiot! What the so-and-so does he want we're putting on here—a vaudeville act? By the gods I'll fire him for this so fast it'll make his head swim! I'll yank him out of there and heave him on the first freight that comes along."

I put my hand on Eddie's arm.

"Cool down," I said. "Promise me you won't do anything until this game is over."

"Promise nothing!" howled Eddie. "No guy is going to clown my ball games that way. I don't care who he is! I'll pull that bird's uniform off; I'll blacklist him from here to Frisco—"

I LET him rave on until he ran out of breath. Then I said: "Listen to me, Eddie. For the rest of this game that kid's going to play baseball, and I mean *baseball*. The way I size him up he can no more help clowning out there now and then than he can help eating his meals. It helps his game, and you wait and see if I'm not right. In the second place the crowd loves that stuff, and if you don't believe me just take a look at the mob that will jam in here tomorrow after reading about this in the papers. In the third place we're in the cellar and can't go any lower. This kid, Higgins, may pep the boys up. At least, under the circumstances he can't do any harm. Think it over, Eddie."

"Oh, all right," snapped Eddie. "But if he doesn't show something blamed special in the next seven innings, out he goes!"

"Fair enough," I said, and sat back to watch.

Well, it happened that I was right on all three counts. Ham Higgins looked like a different man out there from then on. He took each of Dennison's fast ones with a certain confident flip of his mitt that he had hitherto lacked; he talked incessantly and loudly to the infield; and once he caught a runner off third base with a lightning snap-throw that caught the man flat-footed.

In the fifth inning he came to bat and smacked out a pretty double, scoring a moment later on Haley's single to right. In the seventh he stepped to the plate again and with two men on bases nailed the first ball pitched to deep left for three bases—the hit that put the game on ice for us.

I looked again at Eddie. One thing that Eddie likes is a long hit with men on bases.

"How about it?" I asked.

His thoughtful frown slowly turned into a grin. A great guy, Eddie Fiske, ready to admit it when he's wrong.

"Joe," he said, "maybe we'd better let him clown some more."

The following day we played the Terriers again, and around nine thousand people crowded through the turnstiles to see the Bluebirds' new catcher in action. Higgins had a field day, too, getting four out of five at bat and taking every chance that came his way. Inspired by his play, the rest of the team took on a new lease of life, and we walloped the Terriers by a score of 8-0.

So the season went on with our boys climbing out of the cellar and working their way to within three games of the league-leading Badgers. Everything looked hotsy-totsy for a whirlwind finish with all of us getting a cut of series money, when suddenly trouble came in the form of a letter to Ham Higgins.

I happened to be standing in the hotel lobby when he opened it, and I knew instantly by the expression on his face as he read it that something was very wrong.

"Bad news, kid?" I asked, walking over

to where he stood looking at the letter. "Bad!" he groaned. "Gosh, it's worse'n that—it's awful!" He held the letter out to me. "Read this."

Of course it was from Priscilla Lane. In it she stated in her precise manner that she had read about his clowning until she was sick and tired of it, that she had hoped the new position would straighten him out but apparently it had made him worse than ever, and that she was hereby serving notice on him that everything between them was off. "Oh, Oh!" I said, handing back the letter.

He took it, folded it carefully and put it in his pocket.

"Ain't there a noon train for Dixville?" he asked.

"What do you mean—a noon train?" I said. "We got a game this afternoon."

"To hell with the game!" said Ham Higgins, his face set in lines of anguish. "To hell with everythin'! I'm goin' to Dixville!"

With him we had a chance to take the Wolves—the remaining barrier between us and the Badgers—without him, well, I hated to think of it.

"What nice times you pick to go traveling!" I said.

Then I went to work on him. I pleaded, I argued, I threatened—and I got exactly nowhere. He didn't give a tinker's dam whether or not he ever saw another baseball just so long as he got home to patch things up with Priscilla.

Finally I had a smart idea. "Wait a minute, kid," I said. "Has she ever seen you play ball?"

He shook his head. "She's never seen *anybody* play ball."

I took another wind-up and let fly. "Then that makes matters simple," I told him. "What people have never seen they can't understand, and what they can't understand they usually don't like. That's why Priscilla doesn't like your clowning—because she can't understand it. But—I leaned forward—"but suppose she was to see you play this afternoon, suppose she was to sit in the middle of a big mob of people and hear 'em yelling for you as you cracked one out—wouldn't that kind of appeal to her?"

Slowly he digested that one. Going purely on the premise that any man likes to have his girl see him at the work he does best, I knew it would appeal to him.

"It might," he admitted, and then added: "But that's out."

"Why?"

"Because she's workin' this afternoon."

I GLANCED at the clock in the lobby. Ten-thirty. And Dixville was nearly seventy miles away. That meant I'd have to do some tall driving to get there and back for the game, but, barring accidents, I could do it.

"Kid," I said suddenly, "if I give you my word that Priscilla will be sitting in the stands during the game will you stay here and play?"

"I told you she was—"

"I know. Answer my question."

"Why sure, Joe, but—"

"She'll be here," I said. At exactly twelve-thirty I hopped out of my car and ran into the Dixville library. I'd have made it five minutes sooner only I had to stop once long enough to write out a couple of passes for a motorcycle cop who wanted to argue about the speed I was making.

Priscilla Lane, as prim and severe as ever, was standing behind the counter sorting over some books. Back among the shelves I could see her assistant rummaging around.

"May I help you?" said Priscilla. Then she glanced up, and in a far different tone said: "Oh."

"I'm fine," I said. "Get your hat. We're going to a ball game."

She was the type of young woman whom nothing seems to surprise.

"We're going to do nothing of the kind," she said coldly.

Rapidly I explained to her just how matters stood. She listened without change of expression.

"The fortunes of the Bluebirds do not concern me," she stated. "Neither do the wishes of any of its members."

You would have got mad and desperate, too.

"Is that so!" I snapped. "Well if you think I've driven seventy miles just to listen to your opinion of the Bluebirds you've got another think coming."

The assistant was still out back and the only other occupant of the place was an old man who was browsing over some newspapers at the far end of the reading room. I reached across the counter, caught Priscilla by the elbows and hoisted her over to where I was. She let out an alarmed little yelp which was echoed, as I rushed her out the front door, by the wild screams of her assistant.

I EXPECTED that Priscilla would do some yelling once we got outdoors—which would have been exceedingly bad for me. To my surprise she didn't. In fact she didn't speak until we had cleared the town limits at sixty miles an hour. Then she said in a voice quivering with rage: "I suppose you know you will be arrested for this."

"Probably," I said grimly, watching the road. "But you're going to see that ball game, young lady, if they hang me for it."

After that we said no more. Once I glanced at her out of the corner of my eye and noticed that color had come into her cheeks. Boy, was she mad!

The Bluebirds were just coming to bat in the second half of the first inning as an usher led us down to a box halfway along the third base line. Lefty Flynn ducked into the first ball pitched and trotted to his base rubbing the upper part of his arm. Squint-Eye Ferguson fled out to center field, and Lefty, taking a chance, slid safely into second. Ham Higgins approached the plate, grinning over in our direction. I had told him where we'd be sitting and I knew he'd been watching for us. As he stepped to the plate the crowd gave him a big hand. I glanced warily at Priscilla, saw that her lips were tightly compressed. Nor did she change expression at the howl that went up when Higgins belted a hot single over second to score Lefty.

It was one of those close games featured by perfect fielding and free hitting. For seven innings no other score was made and for seven innings Ham Higgins played cautious, sober baseball. Then at the very finish of the game the realization hit him full force that Priscilla was there watching him play. There was only one way he could express himself, and express himself he most certainly did when the opportunity presented itself.

In the first of the ninth the Wolves were at bat, two men were out, nobody was on, and Leo Smith was up. The first pitch was close in, but in backing away from it Leo got tangled up with his bat and accidentally dropped a bunt that rolled several feet in front of the plate. Like a tiger, Higgins flipped off his mask and pounced on it. And then, instead of whipping the ball to first for an easy out as any sane catcher would have done, I'll be darned if he didn't start on the gallop after the flying Smith.

Picture the thing yourself. Ham Higgins, wild-eyed, bow-legged, and looking infinitely clumsy by reason of his shin guards and protector, plunging like a juggernaut after

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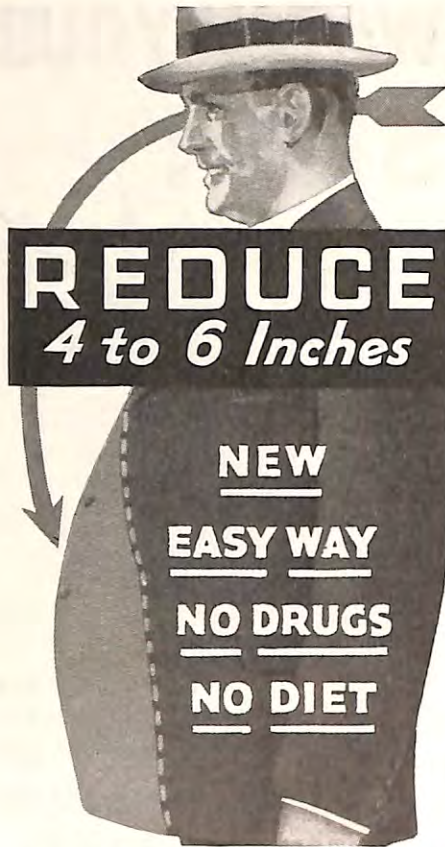
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one of the fastest runners in the League! With a great bellow of glee the crowd came to its feet!

Startled, Smith saw what was taking place, turned first and sprinted for second. Over second he went and headed for third with Higgins five strides behind and yelling at the top of his voice for Smith to stop and be tagged. I stood with the rest and joined in the uproar by bawling encouragement to Higgins, aware that Priscilla was standing silently by my side. I stole a glance at her. More color had come into her cheeks and now her lips were half-parted.

Of course Higgins could never have run Smith down, although I'm positive the blamed idiot would have chased him all the way rather than throw the ball to Jiggers Haley who was covering the plate and howling.

But as Smith went over third he caught his spikes in the bag and fell headlong. Into the dirt alongside him plunged Ham Higgins. And then, propping himself up on one elbow, chin resting coily on the back of his mitt hand, grinning goofily from ear to ear, Higgins reached over and tapped Smith daintily on the shoulder with the ball, the while he roared: "Tag!" Comical? Maybe you'll get an idea how comical it was when I tell you that Eddie Fiske, who takes his baseball seriously, was bending backward and slapping his sides.

Between chuckles I said to Priscilla: "Now you can see how popular he is!"

I could swear that there was a twinkle in her eye, but still she didn't say anything. She simply stood looking at Higgins while

he made his shame-faced way over to the box. "Honest, honey, I dunno why I pulled that stunt," he apologized. "I—I just couldn't help it."

Then, for the first time, Priscilla smiled, a quick, half-breathless little smile.

"It was really quite exciting," she said. "But, Hamilton, when you ran after that man weren't you being just a trifle adventurous?"

Adventurous! I got it then, the reason why she hadn't called out to the cops we met on the way to the game. For most of her life she had been cooped up in that library, knowing of adventure and romance only from the pages of books. This kidnapping, if you must call it that, and the resultant excitement, had been something drastically apart from the hum-drum routine, something that in her secret heart she had longed for. More important than that, it had given her a new viewpoint.

"Maybe I was," agreed Higgins—adding in self-defense—"but they like it."

Priscilla nodded. "Yes, one could easily see that," she said, and proceeded to groove a fast one: "In fact, Hamilton, you—you wowed 'em!"

Higgins' jaw dropped. "What did you say?" he stammered.

"I said you wowed 'em," explained Priscilla sweetly.

He bent upon her an accusing gaze. "Listen, baby," he said sternly. "Here-after I'll do the clownin' for this family."

Sure, Higgins is up with the Giants now, and his wife wouldn't think of missing a game.

Excerpts from Annual Reports

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Publication Inventory — written off		
\$4,603.00	10,832.00	1,854,539.54
Balance		\$ 498,249.92
The balance thus obtained is made up as follows:		
Inventory of invoices (printing paper, stories, articles, cover designs, illustrations, etc.) already paid for, but applicable to future issues of the Magazine		\$40,306.81
Less—		
Advertising receipts on account of future issues ..	20,553.60	19,753.21
Securities		32,000.00
Working Capital ..	222,483.64	
Closed Banks	24,013.07	
Reserve	200,000.00	446,496.71
		\$ 498,249.92

From the Report of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee

FULLY conscious of the value of the time of this Grand Lodge, and also that actions speak louder than words, we have condensed the report of your Grand Lodge Activities Committee into as brief a space as possible.

As in previous years, your Committee consisted of five members appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler from various sections of the United States. We therefore divided the country into five divisions under the jurisdiction of these Committee members. In addition to this, with the sanction of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the assistance of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, an Associate Committee of 21 members was appointed to cooperate with the five active members of the Committee.

I want to stop at this time to pay tribute to my associates on this Committee, both the active and the associate members. These Brothers, who were selected because of their leadership, ability and great service to the Order in times gone by, were picked from various parts of the country so that there might be a complete coverage by the Committee in contacting the officers of the subordinate Lodges. Without one cent of expense to the Grand Lodge, these men have given freely and wholeheartedly of their abilities during the last year.

There is no Committee of the Grand Lodge that you Exalted Rulers can do more to assist than the Lodge Activities Committee. Its effectiveness depends upon the cooperation it receives from you and succeeding Exalted Rulers.

This Committee does not really create activities; rather it gathers information that

WITH this report and as a part thereof, there is filed a financial statement to June 1, 1935, of the receipts and disbursements of the Funds of the Commission, under the official audit of West, Flint & Co., New York, N. Y.

The Grand Lodge Auditing Committee also audited the accounts of the Funds under the control of the Commission and has certified its approval of them in its report to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
 NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION,

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Secretary-Treasurer, JOHN K. TENER, Chairman.

is furnished by subordinate Lodges and endeavors to place this information in proper form for the assistance of other Lodges.

The first action of this Committee after its appointment was to place in the hands of every Exalted Ruler a chart of suggested Lodge activities indicating how every meeting during the year could be successfully organized and promoted.

This chart met with such unanimous approval that it was decided to reprint it again during the last month and place it in the hands of the incoming Exalted Rulers for the ensuing year. You delegates to this Convention have received that chart, and if there are any additions or suggestions which you care to make in regard to it, they will be gratefully received by this Committee at its rooms in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. In fact, every present Exalted Ruler will be more than welcome for a personal discussion of the problems which confront him during his present administration.

The second activity of your Committee was the promotion of the Christmas Stocking Fund idea which has been so successfully operated by Tacoma, Wash., Lodge. Transcriptions of Christmas music for local radio broadcasts were furnished to 322 Lodges upon request and with no expense to them. Over 300 Lodges reported the successful operation of this particular plan.

THE next activity of your Committee was the promotion of a selective membership campaign to subordinate Lodges with the help of the Publishing Commission of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. Ten thousand individual Lodge officers and 17,000 members of the Grand Lodge were addressed with the request that they send in the name of a substantial American citizen who might be interested in joining our Order. Page announcements were run in THE ELKS MAGAZINE coincident with this, offering to send the publication to a prospective member for three months without charge, provided his application was signed by a member in good standing of a subordinate Lodge.

As a result of this plan 33,462 names were received. These prospective members were then put on the complimentary list of THE ELKS MAGAZINE for three months and their names were sent to the Exalted Rulers of each Lodge whose members had submitted these names to the Committee. Within the last two months we have made a rather complete check-up of the results of this program and we are glad to announce that approximately 6,000 of these men have become members of our great Order. It is the recommendation of your Committee that this plan be continued during the coming year.

THE next activity of your Committee was the publication and distribution of the History of the Order, a copy of which you gentlemen received upon registration. Publication of this History has filled a long-felt need, and it is believed that it will be most valuable in giving a proper understanding of the background and principles of the Order when placed in the hands of prospects and newly elected members. Our suggestion is that it can be read with profit and inspiration by every member of the Order.

The initial copies were sent to subordinate Lodges with the compliments of the Grand Lodge. It is the recommendation of your Committee that this Publication be made a permanent part of the equipment of every new candidate, and that it be furnished subordinate Lodges at cost through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Another activity of your Committee was the furthering of the splendid program of Americanism which was so ably inaugurated and carried through by Grand Exalted



Snapshot of Dr. K. E. Schurr of Kirksville, Mo.

IT JUST RUBS ME THE WRONG WAY

Gentlemen:

An unlucky experience happened to me in Michigan last year. I had moved there from Missouri, driving through in my 1930 Willys Knight. I had never used anything in the crankcase except Quaker State Oil. Being a stranger, I dropped in at a station where they didn't carry Quaker State and let myself be sold another brand.

The oil I bought was highly recommended—and as the attendant told me, it was 10c a quart cheaper. He said there wasn't any better oil, and that no oil was worth 35c.

But, to my sorrow, I found that by adding several quarts between changes, the cost really added to more than 35c a quart—for an inferior oil. It just rubs me the wrong way to waste money like that!

I have always driven Quaker State a thousand miles before changing, and rarely ever add oil between times. The next change will find me back with Quaker State—and this time it's "for keeps."

Sincerely,

Ruler Shannon during the last year. We wish to pay our tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon and his militant and inspiring patriotic leadership. He has brought a greater respect for our Fraternity into the minds of literally millions of our citizens who have become acquainted with the patriotic activities of our Order through the press and radio descriptions of our anti-Communist activities under Brother Shannon's leadership.

In this connection the Committee sponsored a six-months' lecture tour through the Central and Eastern industrial sections of the United States, where Communists are most active. This lecture tour was financed by a patriotic member of the Order and conducted by the Lodge Activities Committee. Many of you present have heard the lecture by Brother and Mrs. Waters who described most vividly their experiences while employed by the Soviet Government

for a period of two years in the Communist Republic.

This Committee also cooperated with the Grand Exalted Ruler in the distribution of the booklet "From Gardens of Friendship," which is a permanent although necessarily incomplete record of the splendid Acts of Friendship of the Lodges during the last year.

We would like to recommend for future consideration of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Exalted Ruler and future Committees a definite program to be adopted during the coming year for reinstatement and lapsation work. We suggest that a specified period be set aside for this work during the months of November and December. There are approximately 400,000 unaffiliated Elks in the United States today. Certainly there are 100,000 who under the present better economic conditions can be persuaded to rejoin the ranks of Elkdom.

We recommend also a very definite new

membership program and it is our understanding that our Grand Exalted Ruler-elect has such a program in view, and has made such recommendations to you.

In conclusion, I desire to express on behalf of this Committee our great indebtedness to Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, Grand Secretary J. E. Masters and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning, Editor and Executive Director of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, for their splendid cooperation, advice and encouragement during this year of service; but above all, to you men who are leaders of your respective Lodges, who have worked with us and given us a helping hand at every turn—we give our greatest tribute and our heartfelt thanks. It is you alone who have made and will continue to make by your efforts the Order of Elks the greatest Fraternity in America.

CHARLES SPENCER HART,
Chairman

News of the State Associations

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New Jersey

The Annual Reunion of the N. J. State Elks Assn., Pres. Richard P. Hughes of Burlington Lodge, No. 996, presiding, was held in the Home of Long Branch Lodge, No. 742, on June 21-22. Fifty-nine of the 62 Lodges in the State were represented, with a total attendance of more than 600, including 11 Past Presidents.

The first day's session was devoted to the business of the Association, terminating with a shore dinner served in a large tent especially erected for the occasion alongside the Lodge Home. The second day was given over to a parade, social activities, games and contests of various kinds, under the direction of a capable committee headed by P.E.R. Charles Rosencrans of Long Branch Lodge, Treas. of the State Assn. Reports submitted by the four District Vice-Pres.'s indicated increased interest in Lodge ritualistic contests, general charity and especially in crippled children work. On behalf of the Ritualistic Committee, Chairman Nicholas Albano delivered the Joseph T. Fanning Ritualistic Trophy Cup to Westfield Lodge, No. 1585, winner of the 1934-35 contests.

Chief interest in the business session centered on the annual report of the Crippled Children Committee submitted by Chairman Joseph G. Buch, showing expenditures for this work by 57 Lodges during the year of \$115,268.42, making a grand total for the past eight years of \$1,161,373.16. Interest in this activity has been aroused among Elk Lodges in many other States and the New Jersey plan has been highly commended by President Roosevelt, who has directed several cases to the State Committee for attention. Mention was made in the report of the erection of a physio-therapy pool similar to the one at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation—the first in New Jersey—in the Home and Hospital for Crippled Children at Newark, under the supervision of Grand Trustee Henry A. Guenther. THE ELKS MAGAZINE was also thanked for valuable publicity regarding this newly installed pool.

The first quarterly meeting of the State Assn. will be held in the Home of Englewood Lodge, No. 1157, on Sunday, Sept. 8. The 1936 Reunion will be held in the Home of Atlantic City Lodge, No. 276, the date (in June) to be fixed by the State Trustees.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the year 1935-36: Pres., Nicholas Albano, Newark; Vice-Pres.'s: N.E., John Killeen, Weehawken; N.W., Orville V. Meslar, Morristown; Cent., Harold W. Swallow, Bound Brook; South, Dr. Clinton O. Fogg, Lakewood; Secy., John A. Flood, Bayonne;

Treas., Charles Rosencrans, Long Branch. Trustee, five years, Joseph G. Buch, Trenton. The following appointments were announced by Pres. Albano: Sergeant-at-Arms, John F. Betz, Newark; Chaplain, the Rev. Francis H. Smith, Trenton; Organist, Max Bernhardt, Bayonne; Inner Guard, James H. Driscoll, Orange.

The festivities on Saturday, favored with perfect weather conditions, were participated in by nearly 10,000 Elks, members of their families and friends. More than 30 Lodges paraded with as many bands. Among the numerous dignitaries present among the on-lookers was Governor Harold G. Hoffman, a member of Perth Amboy Lodge, No. 784. Appropriate and colorful costumes, with uniformly decorous marchers, again confirmed the N. J. State Elks Assn.'s boast of setting an example for Elk parades.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Lodge bands—1st prize, Elizabeth Lodge, No. 289; 2nd prize, Trenton Lodge, No. 105; golf tournament—team prize, Long Branch Lodge; individual prize, Arthur Sussman; best decorated buildings—business, Bennett Block; residence, Mrs. Rita Elliott.

Frank A. Brazo, Secy.,
Long Branch Lodge

New York

The 23rd Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Association was held in Elmira June 23-26, with Elmira Lodge, No. 62, acting as host, and Pres. Daniel A. Kerr of New York Lodge No. 1 presiding.

The opening exercises took place in the Strand Theatre with Acting-Mayor Frank H. Parks and Dr. Louis J. Lodico, E.R. of Elmira Lodge, extending a welcome. Responses were made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert, Benn Kenyon, a member of the Grand Forum of the Grand Lodge, and Pres. Kerr. Other Grand Lodge officers in attendance included Judge James T. Hallinan, Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees, who has since been elected Grand Exalted Ruler; Grand Chaplain the Rev. Dr. Arthur O. Sykes, a Past State Pres.; Charles Spencer Hart, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, and Paul Van Wagner, member of the Credentials Committee. U. S. Postmaster-General James A. Farley, a Past State Pres., and Pres. Scott E. Drum, of the Pa. State Elks Assn., also attended.

The business sessions were held in the Strand Theatre, and after the early reports the election of officers took place and Poughkeepsie was selected as the place of meeting for the 1936 Convention.

The report of the Special Elks Welfare

Committee, rendered by Past Pres. William T. Phillips of New York Lodge, No. 1, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, disclosed that the Committee was now functioning and assisting members who comply with the requirements. The Scholarship Committee reported upon the activities of the year, indicating a healthy development of this undertaking in which the State Assn. and the Elks National Foundation are jointly participating. The report of the Secretary revealed that all of the 90 Lodges in the State are members of the Assn. and that the tide of membership is expected shortly to reach the high water mark of several years ago.

The entertainment features of the Convention were varied and thoroughly enjoyed by the large attendance. An outstanding feature was a Golf Tournament, conducted by Charles Spencer Hart, Chairman of the Golf Committee of the Assn. The closing attraction of the State meeting was the parade in which many Lodges of the District turned out. Floats were also supplied by the Rotary, Kiwanis, Masonic, Lions and Exchange Clubs.

Winners in the Golf Tournament were: Championship Flight, William H. Phillips, Elmira; Runner-Up, John Fox, of Yonkers; Second Flight: Victor Beach, Elmira; Runner-Up, Roland Crowe, Glen Cove; Third Flight: Edward Liddy, Elmira; Runner-Up, Geo. Laubach, Rochester; Fourth Flight: William Millard, of Saratoga.

The officers of the N. Y. State Elks Assn. in 1935-36 are: Pres., George W. Denton, Gloversville; Vice-Pres.'s: Edward J. Murray, Yonkers; Ernest J. Hoos, Liberty; Matthew T. Lee, Norwich; Isaac G. Bramer, Water-vliet; Leo J. McCue, Seneca Falls; Francis J. Lawler, Rome; Albert F. Kleps, Jr., Batavia, and Herbert R. Ninesling, Great Neck; Secy., Philip Clancy, Niagara Falls, (re-elected); Treas., John T. Osowski, Elmira, (re-elected). Charles Jones, Jr., of Iliion Lodge, was elected Trustee. The following Trustees were re-elected: J. Theodore Moses, North Tonawanda; Eugene F. Sullivan, Fulton; Peter A. Buchheim, Albany; Dr. Francis H. Marx, Oneonta; Myron C. Altng, Port Jervis; Robert L. Dymes, Ossining, and Gustave H. Papenmeyer, Hempstead. The following appointments were made: Frank J. Hogan, Troy, Tiler; Warren S. Hastings, Albany, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Frank R. Wassung, Norwich, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. William T. Phillips of New York Lodge No. 1 continues as Chairman of the Special Elks Welfare Committee.

Philip Clancy, State Secy.

Under the Spreading Antlers

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Lakeland, Fla., Lodge Holds Charity Party

Lakeland, Fla., Lodge, No. 1291, recently gave its annual party for the benefit of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home at Umatilla, Fla. A substantial sum of money was realized and turned over to the Home. The splendid cooperation of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Lakeland Lodge, headed by Mrs. Freer, wife of P.E.R. John D. Freer, helped considerably in making the party an unusually successful one.

Since the organization of the Auxiliary, the ladies have been active in the beautifying of the Elks Park—a project sponsored by Lakeland Lodge.

William Steitz, Secy.

News of Washington, D. C., Lodge

One of the most successful seasons in recent years for the Entertainment and Dance Committees of Washington, D. C., Lodge, No. 15, was brought to a close with a testimonial dinner given by the Lodge at Griffith Farms, Prince Georges County, Md., on June 20. The dinner was held two days before the official opening of this attractive dining place, now being operated by Trustees James T. Edwards and Thomas A. O'Donnell of Washington Lodge. Secy. William S. Shelby acted as Master of Ceremonies. The chairman and members of the Committees were lauded for their effective work during the year. After dinner dancing was enjoyed.

The 25th annual orphans' summer outing was held at Glen Echo Park. More than 800 children were the happy guests of the Lodge. The amusement facilities of the Park were free to them from 10 A.M. until sunset, and they were served all the good things to eat that go with an old-fashioned picnic. Among the local institutions participating were the Baptist Home for Children, German Orphan Asylum, Jewish Foster Home, St. John's Orphan School, St. Joseph's Home and School, St. Vincent's Home and School, Washington City Orphanage, and the Washington Home for Foundlings.

Philip U. Gayaut, Chairman,
Public Relations Committee

Explorers Are Not Adventurers

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following day we were taken to another yurt, traveling until after dark. Still another day's travel brought us to another military post, where we were hailed before an officer of higher rank early the next morning. Again we produced our passports and other papers, but no one could read them. The upshot of this 'trial' was that we were ordered to report to Kobdo, twelve days distant by caravan.

"We arrived at this post on December 23, after a journey of ten days in below-zero weather. Our moustaches and beards (we had not shaved in months) were usually covered with ice, and our horses were a mass of frost. We slept in yurts along the way, alongside Mongols who were infested with 'ooties.' But they were no dirtier than we were.

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"At this fort we were again branded as spies—until a Russian could be found and we could show him our travel permits and our letters to the Russian Consul. We were then taken before the Governor General, who gave us our freedom but refused to allow us to continue through Mongolia.

We were, however, permitted to make our way northward to the nearest branch of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

"We made the journey of six hundred miles by wagon and sleigh, with the temperature averaging from 25° to 60° below zero."

READERS of THE ELKS MAGAZINE may recall my article "Wilkins Goes Over the Top"—a description of his flight from Alaska to Spitzbergen—which appeared in the June, 1928, issue. Wilkins (now Sir Hubert), also subscribes to the Stefansson-Andrews-Morden doctrine—No Adventures! Yet he has had more than his share, despite every precaution.

He is best known to Americans for his exploration in the Arctic and the Antarctic. But he also led an expedition into the northern part of Australia for the British Museum. There he collected everything—from kangaroos ten feet tall to butcher birds which look as if they wear an apron. They actually kill a greater number of smaller birds than they require for their immediate needs and impale their victims on the thorns of trees where they are left hanging until the butcher bird is hungry. Wilkins found diamond sparrows that have the power of a ventriloquist, and aborigines (bushmen) equipped with two or three joints of the lower vertebrae in the form of a tail.

Wilkins also circulated freely among the Groote Eylandt (Great Island) cannibals. These bushmen couldn't quite place a man who was neither government engineer, trader, fisherman, policeman nor missionary. But they trusted him, and one day a friendly native explained why the natives in a nearby district refused to hunt for specimens. They had heard that Wilkins wanted the skins and skeletons of every living creature and that when they had furnished these specimens the white man would collect the skins and skeletons of several natives!

Once, when he went aboard a coastwise vessel, lugging several bags filled with squirming specimens, he told the steward he would like to have two bottles of whiskey, right away. The steward brought them, but at the same time he spread the story among the officers and passengers, and before long the explorer's cabin was crowded with uninvited guests.

"Sorry," he told them. "I haven't any alcohol, and I've got to use this whiskey to preserve my specimens."

"Well," one of them volunteered, "I don't believe in wastin' good likker on such foolery."

Disembarking from the vessel, Wilkins went among the Prince of Wales Island tribe of blacks, who have lured many a

pearling and trading schooner onto the beach where the crews have been overpowered, cooked with wood from the wrecks, and eaten by the cannibals. At the time he arrived on the north shore of Australia, police were investigating the rumor that sixteen white men, survivors of a recent wreck, had been killed and eaten, and two white women passengers held captive.

As he sailed along the coast, smoke signals, warning other tribesmen of the approach of white men, were sent up at regular intervals by the natives. When Wilkins and his native interpreter did succeed in approaching a camp, they usually found many of the natives stark naked. Some of the men would be wearing the proverbial "gee" string, and the women a strip of grass matting. At the first sight of their horses, the men of the village would grab their spears, and prepare to sell their lives dearly, while the women and children would hide in the bush. They had never seen or heard of a horse!



"You might at least fix me up with a little parsley or something!"

THE chief reason for the prevalence of cannibalism, Wilkins believes, is the lack of fats and sugar in the diet of the natives. One native told the explorer, in a moment of confidence, how he had killed a man who had stolen his wife. His body, of course, was eaten by the members of the tribe. Another described how he and several other natives had killed a visitor to their camp while out hunting, because they felt that they had no blood in their veins.

During this sojourn on Groote Eylandt, Wilkins was alone one night in camp near the beach. He had seen no natives during the day, but he felt certain that somewhere in the bushes sharp eyes were watching his every movement. In making a complete circle of his camp, Wilkins came upon the tracks of two natives; he saw where they had followed him at a distance; where they had stood while he made camp. Undoubtedly they were watching him at this moment—or perhaps only one was watching while the other went back to the tribe and reported the presence of a white man.

Well, it was too late in the day to move camp; the only thing to do was to put on a bold front. He pondered the advisability of making a fire, going through the motions of retiring, then stealing out into the bush and sleeping in the open; of sitting by the fire and watching all night; of firing his rifle at frequent intervals to warn the cannibals that he was on guard. All of these he dismissed as childish. After all, he was a scientist. He had even argued, back in Sydney and Melbourne, that Australian bushmen would not kill an unoffending white man in cold blood. Here was his opportunity to prove it. Wilkins did, however, take the precaution to blaze a tree, and to bury beneath it a record of the situation.

HANGING a lantern at the head of his cot, he read a book for a couple of hours. Several times he was startled by the leap of fish out of water, or the crackling of a twig.

As he tells the story:

"Without the book to distract my attention, my nerves began to get on edge. I was morally certain that these two blacks were watching me from the bush. I knew that their aim with a spear was deadly; that to kill a man while he slept was a mark of distinction. Soon I heard the 'grish-grish' of stealthy footsteps in the sand. My skin grew tight and cold. My hair, I am sure, stood up. This business of lying there, waiting to be punctured by a spear, hurtling unseen out of the velvet darkness, was much harder on the nerves than any experience I ever had in the air during the World War. The lamp threw my shadow on the wall of the tent, making me a perfect target, but I was unable to see in

the deep outer darkness.

"The steps hesitated—then came nearer.

"Who's there?" I yelled, although I was certain that these aborigines knew no English. There was a rattle of spears and a quick rush of feet into the darkness. Then my lantern went out. While it had made me a conspicuous target, I now felt quite helpless without it.

"For perhaps ten minutes I lay there, undecided as to whether I should get up and refill my lantern or lie still and prove my theory. Before I could come to a decision, the footsteps were heard again; this time they were approaching from both sides. This was serious; if the first spearman missed, or if I broke and ran, the other one would get me. My skin became a mass of 'goose-flesh' and a cold sweat broke out all over me. I wondered just where the spear would penetrate. The cannibals were now so near that I could distinguish the odor of their black bodies, yet I dared not speak for fear of a sudden spear-thrust. As for moving—that was out of the question; I was simply paralyzed by fear. It seemed that I lay for hours, scarcely daring to breathe. And that is probably what saved my life. The bushmen probably thought I had sneaked away in the darkness

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and might at that moment be planning to kill them. Luckily for me, they weren't brave enough to come any closer, or to risk throwing their spears at a victim they could not see.

"When daylight finally came, I followed the tracks. I went empty-handed, for after all I was in that country to study the natives, not to kill them. When I came upon one of the bushmen, I advanced, showing him that I had no weapons. The other joined us, and we had a little pow-wow. Then I signalled them to follow me to camp, and gave them tobacco and tea. In fact, we became great friends, and they took me to their tribe. As far as I know, this is the first time a white man has ever lived in a Groote Eylandt camp when their women were present. These cannibals are very jealous of their women, and go to extremes to prevent them from coming in contact with white men."

AT the Explorers Club, in New York City, Dr. Herbert S. Dickey is known as the most meticulous explorer of them all, when it comes to making preparations for an expedition. He prepares as carefully for a voyage to the headwaters of the Amazon as he would for a major operation. In the jungle, hundreds of miles from the nearest settlement, says Dr. Dickey, one simply cannot afford to have adventures. Yet he has had them—the kind that make your hair curl.

On a recent expedition to the country of the head-hunters, in South America, Dr. Dickey was accompanied by his bride. Moreover, the Dickeys came back, not only with their own heads intact, but with the much-prized head of a Jivero (He-var-o) Indian, shrunk to the size of an indoor baseball, and preserved by the remarkable methods of these primitive people. Now, we often hear of a man losing his head over a woman. But in the Jivero country, says Dr. Dickey, it actually happens; it is more than a figure of speech.

Dr. Dickey has spent the last 33 years, with the exception of two and a half, in South America. He has lived in, visited, or explored every South American republic except Paraguay. He has crossed the Andes Mountains five times, and has made nine journeys the full length of the Amazon. On his most recent expedition, Dr. Dickey traced the Orinoco to its source—the last great river in the world to yield the mystery of its origin.

ON his return, the good doctor did a bit of debunking of South America in general. He maintains that, as a boy in Orange County, N. Y., he saw more snakes during huckle-berry time than he has seen in 30 years in South America; that in 25 years of active medical practice in the southern continent, he has treated exactly two cases of snake-bite. He has yet to see a deadly boa-constrictor hanging from a tree-limb, ready to crush out the life of the unwary traveler. In fact, he has seen only half a dozen of these huge snakes—and only two tarantulas.

Not that Dr. Dickey has not had his share of adventure; he has. Once he was captured by some Indians, who mistook the doctor for a white slave-driver who had compelled some of their tribesmen to collect rubber. The natives tied Dr. Dickey to a tree, hacked a chip from the trunk near his head, and left him. In a short time, sap began to come from the cut. This rare

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delicacy attracted thousands of huge ants, which swarmed over his scantily clad body, stinging as they came. Fortunately, his predicament was discovered by the children of some friendly natives, and the Doctor's life was saved, but not before he had been painfully stung in a hundred different places.

On another occasion Dr. Dickey was wounded by the poisoned dart from a blow-gun when his camp was attacked at night. In the cold, damp forest, where the sun never penetrates, he has been bitten by mosquitoes an inch long, capable of penetrating the stoutest cloth; by gnats which collect in the membranes of the nose, eyes and mouth. Ants have eaten his boot-laces while he slept, giant crickets have crawled down his back, and cock-roaches (five times the size of our domestic "Archie") have crawled onto his table. He has experienced temperatures of 135° in the sun and 110° in the shade.

Once he was brought to the hut of a dying Indian woman—for Dr. Dickey is by profession a physician, and by avocation an explorer. He found—but let him tell the story:

"I found that in order to save her life, an operation must be performed at once. I laid out my instruments and explained to the husband the necessity for an immediate operation.

"All right," said that worthy. Then he went to the wall of the hut and took down a big machete. "This," he said, "is to kill you with if she dies."

"Well, we got through the operation, and she lived. You see, a wife is

a great asset to a South American Indian; she does all the work. A man's wealth is usually measured by the number of wives he possesses. Mrs. Dickey used to be the object of universal sympathy in the jungle; she was an only wife, therefore her husband must be very poor.

IN most tribes, marriages are arranged while the contracting parties are little children. They are married at the age of 10 or 11, and have great-grandchildren by the time they are 45. When they are old and toothless, and are no longer self-sustaining; when they are cold and miserable, and cannot chew the tough meat which the hunters provide, their children and grandchildren seem to think they would be better off dead. The death sentence is pronounced by the *Quirichaua* (chief) of the group. The old and infirm are taken into the jungle, placed upon a raised platform or litter, and their bodies shot full of poisoned arrows.

"The Guaharibo Indians go about unhampered by clothing of any kind. Both men and women paint their glistening bodies with strange designs. Gigantic serpents are portrayed, starting at the neck, winding around and around the body, and ending at the abdomen. The children are covered with pictures of small mammals and birds.

"When a Guaharibo youth, already having

a wife or two, finds another maid who appeals to his fancy, he sets out to procure her in a rather original manner. It doesn't matter whether or not she is married. If she is, he undertakes to negotiate with her husband; if she is single, with her father. First, he selects a stout club. This he hands to her father—or to her husband, as the case may be. If either man is willing to part with the young woman in return for a few weapons, feathers, or skins, he signifies his willingness by hitting the suitor a terrific wallop on the head with the club. Thus the bargain is sealed, and the groggy bridegroom staggers away with his newest chattel.

"We were camped in the Jivero country one day when a runner arrived with the news that one of his tribesmen had been bitten by a poisonous snake. Mrs. Dickey



"I just dropped in to tell you what I think of him!"

and I got our instruments and serum together, and set out for the village immediately. We found the man's foot badly swollen, and of course administered the serum immediately. Soon the witch-doctor of that particular group came into the hut.

"We were in a rather serious predicament; if the patient died, our lives wouldn't be worth two cents. The witch-doctor would rid the Jivero country of a potential competitor, and at the same time bolster up his own reputation for infallibility. He set to work on the patient, ostensibly to supplement my efforts, for the snake-bite victim was writhing in pain. This, we were told, was caused by the evil spirits that had gained the ascendancy. The witch-doctor proceeded to apply his lips to the patient's swollen foot, and to draw from the wound a dried frog. He had secreted the frog in his mouth, of course, but the patient didn't know this—and naturally he felt much relieved. Fortunately for us, he got well.

"Moreover, he was grateful. It seems that one of his women relatives had been stolen by a member of another tribe, named Angushi. The women of this tribe, incidentally, like to be carried away in cave-man fashion; it is a sign they are appreciated. But the men folks resent it rather forcefully; they kill the abductor whenever possible. My snake-bite patient had

slain his enemy and was engaged in putting the head through a mummifying process at the time of our visit. The face and scalp had been removed intact, and shrunk to the size of an indoor baseball. The wrinkled features, hard and black, were well preserved. This head, with its mane of long, coarse black hair, was presented to us as a mark of our patient's appreciation.

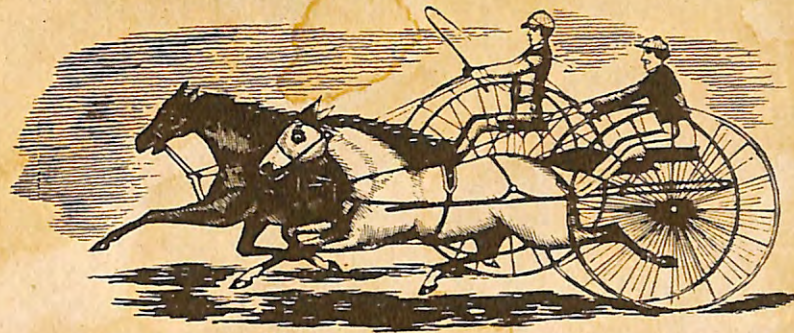
I once had another interesting experience at an Arapica village. We arrived to find the natives sitting around, groaning. One of them informed us that the stork was in the offing, and naturally I began to wonder if the woman would need my services. But the native witch-doctor was on the job; he was keeping evil spirits away from the expectant mother. He explained that elaborate pains must be taken to deceive these evil spirits, which surround the South American Indian from the day he is born until he dies; and that the most effective way was to fool them into thinking that the father, not the mother, was about to give birth to the child.

"The father's task was quite simple; all he had to do was lie in bed during the last four weeks, groaning and twisting—to attract the evil spirits away from the mother. In fact, we could hear him at that moment, in a nearby hut. His wife walked in and out among the group, as if nothing unusual were about to happen. In a short time she disappeared into the woods, and about an hour or so later she returned to the village with the new baby.

"Did the father then go about his hunting and fishing? Oh, no; that would be taboo. For another month he must lie in bed, subsisting upon all the delicacies the tribe could provide. During this time he would refrain from bathing, and from eating animal food. He would touch no weapons, and do no work. He would receive the best of care, yet continue to have a terrible time, twisting and groaning at intervals to fool the evil spirits. Meanwhile, his wife would do the cooking and he would be shown every attention. This, says the witch-doctor, is necessary if the child is to be protected from alligators later in life.

"At the end of the month, the witch-doctor announces that all evil spirits have been driven away, and that the father may leave his bed. This he does, obviously none the worse for his experience."

ONE could continue almost indefinitely to cite instances of how explorers with international reputations make every effort to avoid untoward incidents such as we have described. The greater the man's experience, the greater care he is sure to exercise in planning every detail of food, clothing, equipment, and transport. Nevertheless, an expedition into any uncivilized country is sure to bring forth a crop of adventures. These are inconvenient at the time—but they furnish us stay-at-homes something to read about!



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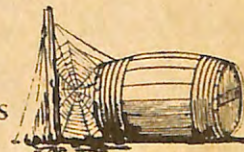
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