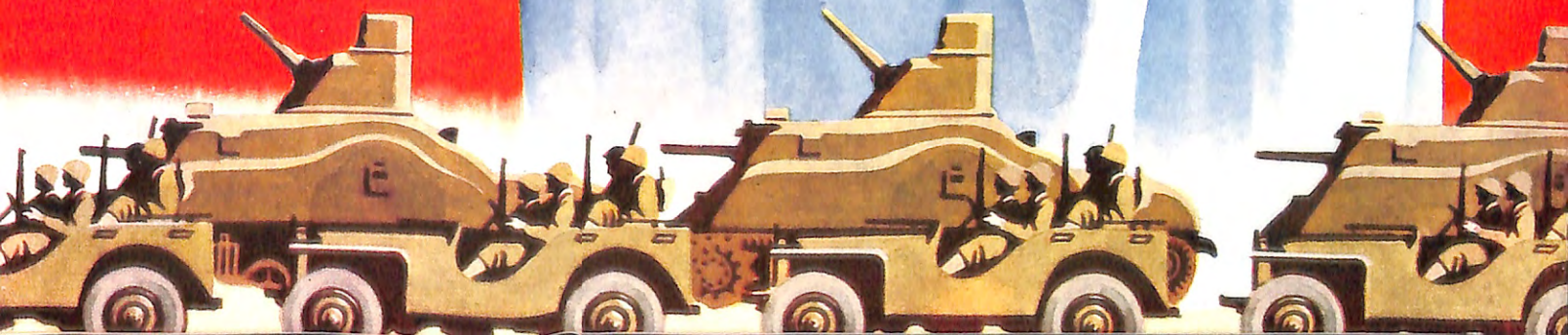


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FLAG DAY: Every subordinate lodge of our Order is expected—indeed, required—to make formal observance of Flag Day. The ceremonial for this occasion is prescribed by the Ritual of our Order and is of a nature, when well and sincerely presented, to portray vividly the principles of Americanism, to fill the hearts of those participating with greater fervor for country and to steel our wills to the performance of our full duty in the preservation and defense of all that the Stars and Stripes represents. "The rule of prayer is the rule of believing." So the degree of fervor that characterizes the exemplification of the Flag Day ritual is a measure of the patriotic fervor of those in charge of it. Every American community seeks adequate expression of its national spirit on such patriotic anniversaries as Flag Day and this it may have in a fitting exemplification of the Elk Flag Day ritual. The eloquence of its lines, the balance and beauty of its every feature, express the pent-up emotions of a people living in a great national tradition. Our Order is distinctively American. Moreover, it stands alone as one truly representative of a cross section of the American people. Hence, it is most fitting that the Order of Elks should summon all citizens to celebrate with it the observance of Flag Day in accordance with the honorable traditions of our Order. Such observances make for national unity of the people that is indispensable to winning this World War.

OUR FLAG—FIRST ON OUR ALTAR: As this Flag is first in our hearts as loyal Americans, so we place it first on our altar as loyal Elks. Thus, in dressing an Elks' altar, with the Flag supporting the Holy Bible, there is symbolized the basic concepts of American democracy: All men are created equal; they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and to maintain and defend these rights governments are instituted among men.

So spake the Continental Congress in the Declaration of Independence. By these concepts it is clear that American democracy is more than a form of government. It is a social philosophy and the Continental Congress so defined it long before the adoption of the form of government by which it was to be implemented.

These eternal principles of social and private rights and their correlative duties the God of nations imposed by the natural law and made them articulate through the utterances of His prophets and evangelists in Holy Writ. This sacred record of human rights and obligations has successfully endured the ancient persecutions of Persians, Huns, Mongols and even the blind hatreds piously perpetrated in the name of religion.

This book of human rights is so placed upon the Elks' altar that the Stars and Stripes seem to look up to it even as the green earth looks up to the sun in the heavens beholding the source of its own life.

Old Glory is not content simply to look up in adoration to this symbol of man's rights, it uplifts and sustains it and is ever ready to defend it. And now once more she goes overseas before her valiant sons to lay low pagan tyrants guilty of profanation the degradation of mankind. As we Elks place these symbols upon our altar, the American Flag and the Holy Bible, they imply the significant representation of the Supreme Being.

WASTING AT THE SPIGOT: Membership needs to be maintained as well as gained. There can be no objection to reminding the officers for the new Grand Lodge year of this. Thousands of new members were initiated into the Order during the Grand Lodge year that ended March 31. But the very measurable net increase in total membership of the Order would not have been attained except for the splendid work of conserving existing membership done by the officers of subordinate lodges whose terms ended on March 31 last. "Filling at the bung and wasting at the spigot" is an old maxim of frustrated human endeavor. Men elected to office in a lodge are expected to lead, and it is, indeed, leadership that matters. Let them build their lodges into the civil and charitable activities of their communities. This will make the very humblest of their members proudly conscious of personal participation in the building of their own social and civil environment. This is the spirit of Elkdom. Lodges that serve their communities well are the ones that best serve the Order. In this way they retain membership already gained and can keep it at a high level both of numbers and of quality. Only as long as quality exceeds quantity is the preeminence of a lodge secure. And by this means there will always be available to the lodge adequate replacements of quality members for inevitable losses in membership.

GRAND LODGE SESSION AT BOSTON: Representatives to the Grand Lodge who are planning to attend the Convention to be held at Boston, Massachusetts, commencing Monday, July 12 next, will do well to secure early their train and hotel accommodations. The headquarters of the Grand Lodge officers and committeemen during this session will be established at the Hotel Statler. Inquiries regarding Boston hotel reservations may be addressed to the Convention Bureau, Boston Chamber of Commerce, 80 Federal Street, Boston, Mass. The streamlining of this session of the Grand Lodge is made necessary by the overcrowded condition of the country's railroads and the taking over of several Boston hotels by the Government for military purposes.

This will be a strictly business session; consideration of the Nation's war effort will be its dominant note. No parades, no elaborate programs of entertainment can be held out as inducement of a large attendance. There are great things to be done this year by red-blooded fighting Americans. Our slogan: "On to Berlin and Tokio!" Six thousand Americans in Manila, including over 400 Elks, are held prisoners by the Japanese invaders. Their liberation must be won!

Sincerely and fraternally,

GRAND EXALTED RULER

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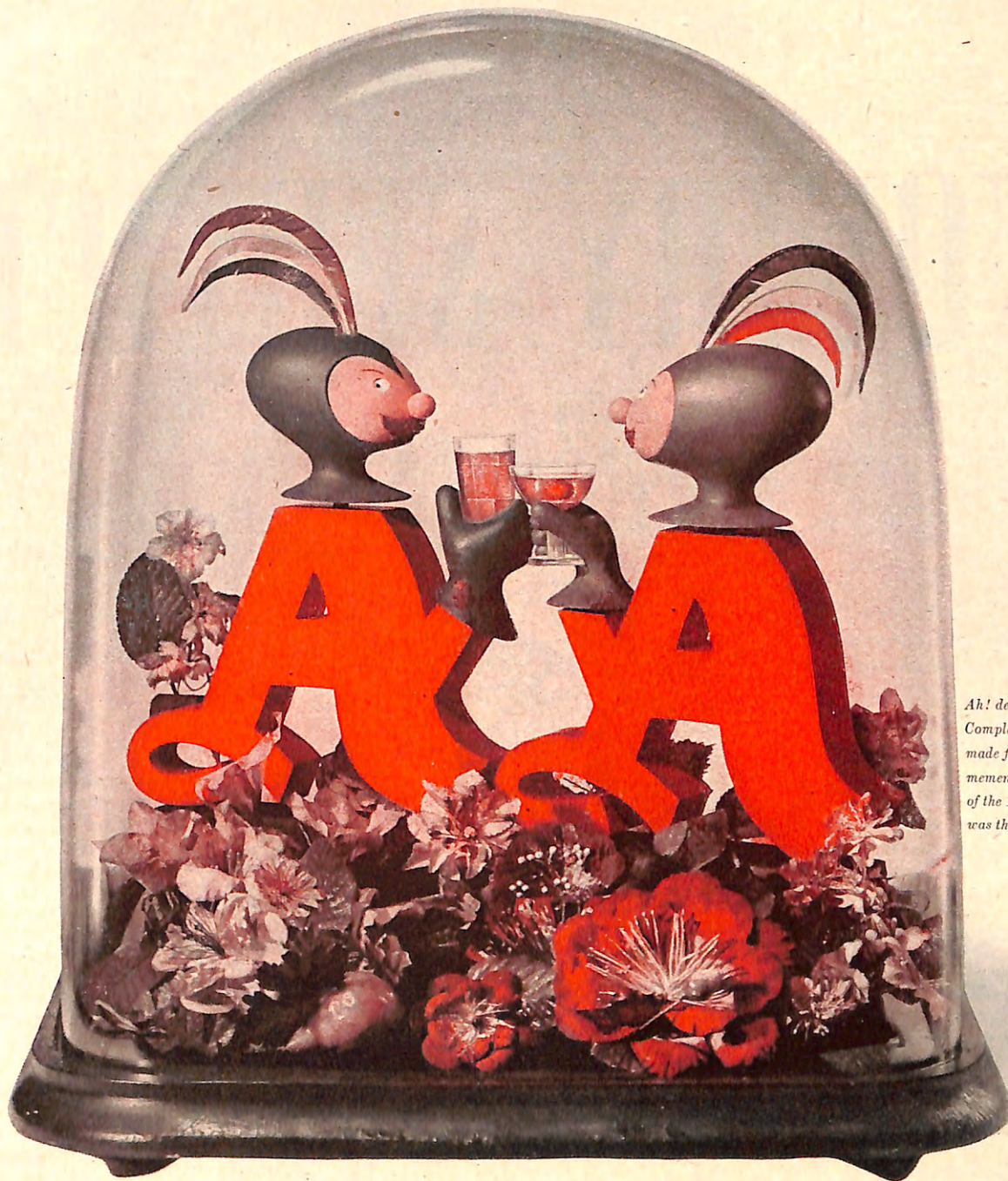
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Complete with garden of hand-
made flowers. Fitting
memento of your "front parlor"
of the 1880's. That, too,
was the good old ancient age!*

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The leisured pace of generations ago... old-fashioned skill in its making... these create this master among whiskies... this exquisite fusion of *body to bouquet*... this union with *flavor*. For an experience that recalls this flavor of the mellow past... try Ancient and Honourable Ancient Age!

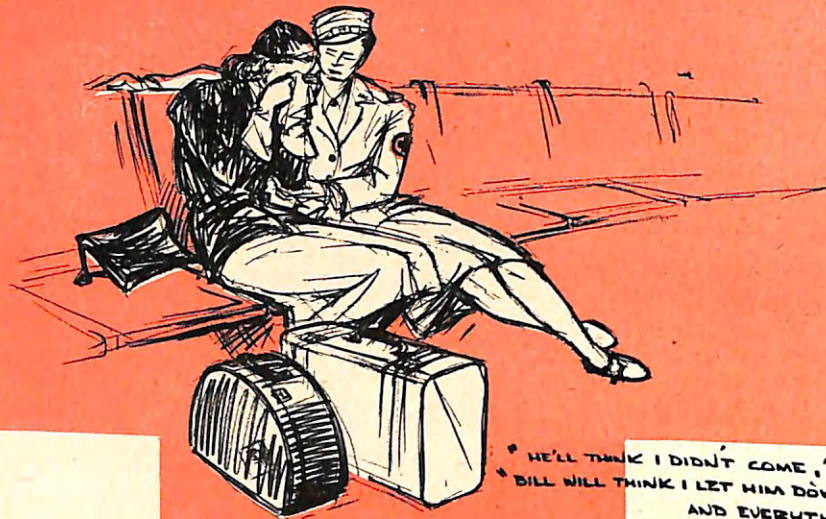
Note: All our distilling facilities are now devoted exclusively to producing alcohol for War. Ancient Age Whiskey was made in peace time. If it is temporarily unavailable, please be patient.



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The INQUIRY SERVICE



"HE'LL THINK I DIDN'T COME," THE BRIDE-TO-BE CRIED
"BILL WILL THINK I LET HIM DOWN. HE HAD THE RINGS
AND EVERYTHING."

**The International Red Cross is the parent company
of history's greatest communication system. It will
make inquiries anywhere in the world for you.**

SPREADING out from Geneva, Switzerland, the greatest communication system in history today reaches behind enemy lines, transmits messages into enemy-occupied territory, and goes into prison camps.

The parent company of this world-wide communication monopoly is the International Red Cross Committee. The main office of the vast enterprise in the United States is located in Washington, D. C. It operates under the name of the "Inquiry Service", American Red Cross.

Before the 150 women workers in the Inquiry Service flashes the ever-changing panorama of the consequences of war upon individuals and families the world over. They know how desperately Tom Pulaske of Portland, Oregon wants to learn what really happened to his brother on Corregidor; they experience the thrill of bringing reassuring word to thousands of American families that

By Harold G. Anthony

their sons are safe and in good health; they pass along information to Herman Goetz of Berlin, who has inquired about the welfare of his sister, a naturalized American citizen living in Milwaukee; they cry a little when a young mother frantically asks for help in locating her husband in a Japanese prison camp.

The Inquiry Service will make inquiries anywhere in the world for you as to the whereabouts and welfare of relatives and friends with whom you may have lost contact. Another service is the delivery of personal twenty-five-word messages between civilians of belligerent nations, and between American nationals interned in enemy or enemy-occupied nations and citizens in the United States. These services are separate and distinct, but more often than not a completed inquiry de-

velops into an exchange of messages.

Shortly after the fall of Bataan, Mrs. John Smith of Ohio asked the Inquiry Service to locate her son. The boy had left home four years ago at the age of 17, and she had not heard from him since. Mrs. Smith had a hunch he might have joined the United States Marines at the outbreak of war.

The Red Cross located Arnold Smith with Marine forces on an island in the South Pacific. Mother and son have exchanged several messages through the Inquiry Service. "I'm glad you found me," Arnold wrote. "I'll be back home after the war."

You have to experience the work of the Inquiry Service to get the thrill of it. You have to spend a few days reading messages and inquiries as they go and come by the thousands from the far corners of the globe.

Practically all communications are



THEY CRY A LITTLE WHEN A YOUNG MOTHER FRANTICALLY ASKS FOR HELP IN LOCATING HER HUSBAND IN A JAPANESE PRISON CAMP.

sent by mail, but the Inquiry Service will send messages and inquiries by cable if you are willing to bear the cost. The use of cablegrams is discouraged except in cases where speed is absolutely essential for unusual morale and emergency conditions. The average cost of a cable to the Far East is \$15; to Europe, \$4 to \$6, depending upon the destination and number of words used.

The Inquiry Service of the American Red Cross was established in 1939 soon after the invasion of Poland. As the Nazi war machine rolled across Europe, constant enlargement of the office was necessary to keep up with the growing demands for its services. After Pearl Harbor the staff was doubled to meet requests from American citizens

wanting to contact relatives and friends in the Far East.

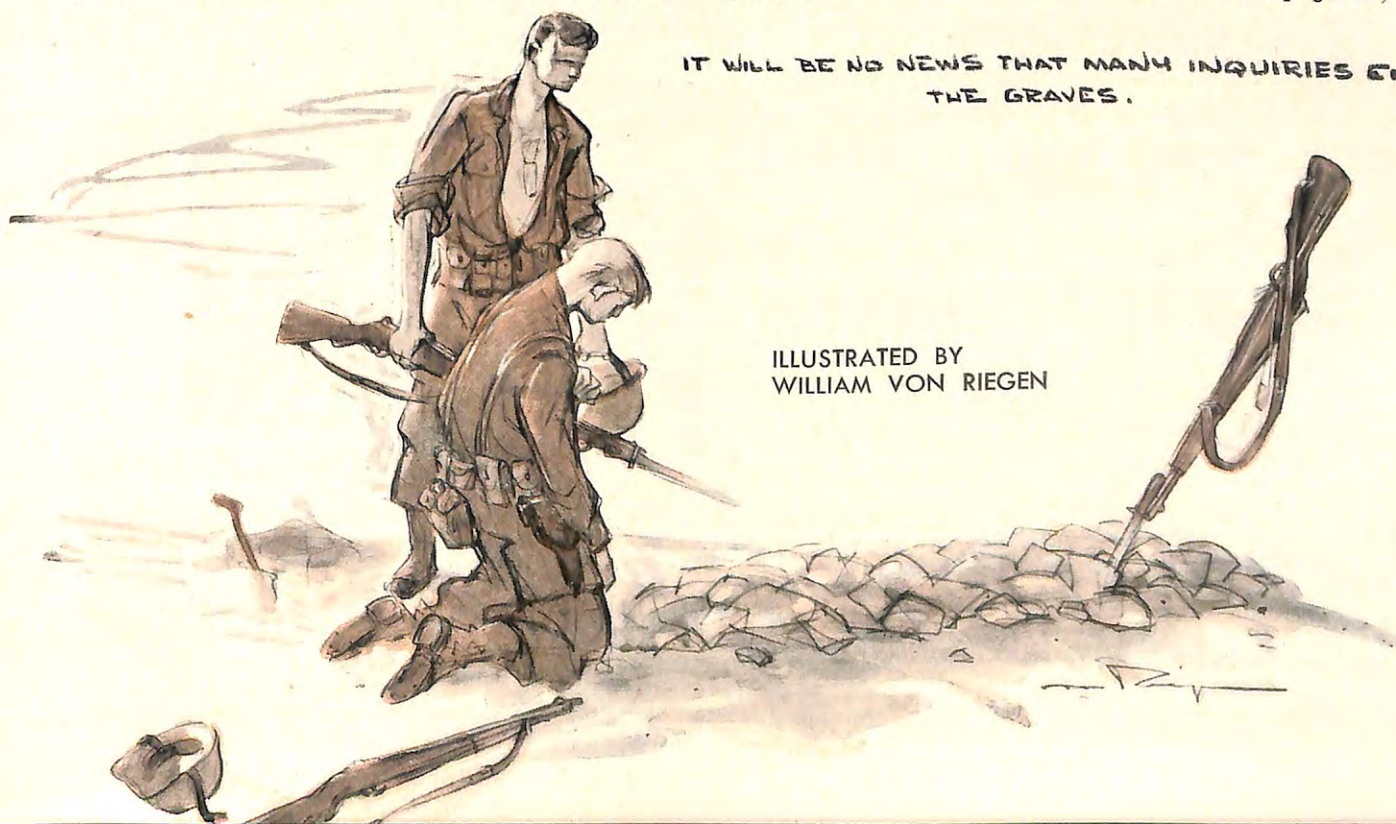
By February, 1943, the Inquiry Service was handling an average daily "business" of 300 inquiries and 2,700 messages. A grand total of over 700,000 inquiries, messages and replies has been handled since the service was established.

Miss Annie H. Lockett, ex-newspaper woman, who also has wide experience in social service administrative work, is director of the Inquiry Service. Miss Lockett comes from Springfield, Ohio.

There is nothing paradoxical about the American Red Cross sending and receiving messages moving between citizens of the United States and their relatives in enemy nations, according to Miss Lockett. A similar service, although not so well organized, was conducted during the World War.

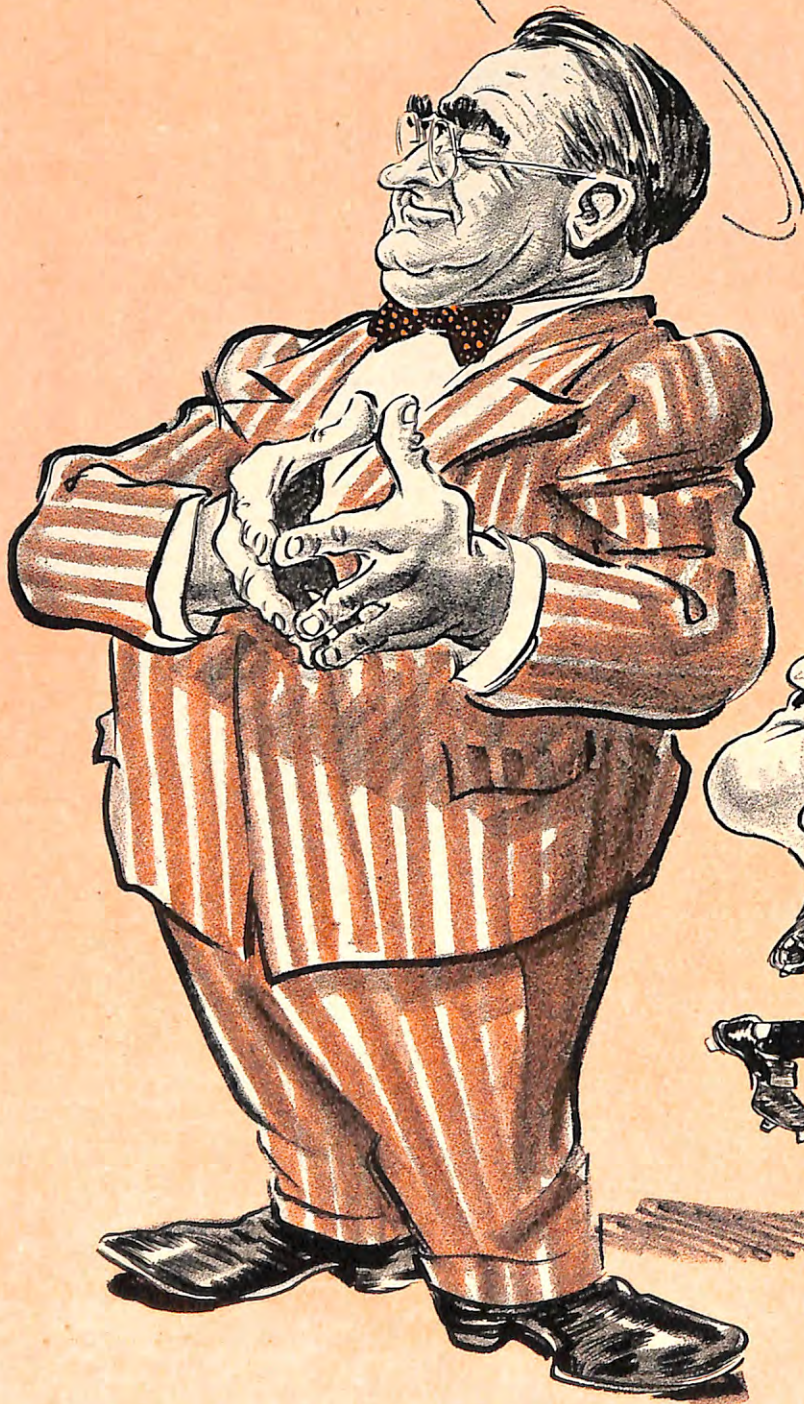
Miss Lockett points out that it is not a primary function of the Service to handle messages between American fighting men and their families, or persons of friendly nations. (Continued on page 26)

IT WILL BE NO NEWS THAT MANY INQUIRIES END AT THE GRAVES.



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Presenting baseball's
braintruster, Brook-
lyn's Mr. Branch Wesley
Rickey.



Braintruster



By Stanley Frank

ALWAYS a ball club of contradictions, the Brooklyn Dodgers now have the topper in contradictions in Mr. Branch Wesley Rickey, their new president and the old brain-truster of baseball. Rickey's actions are at such variance with his orotund preachings from the pulpit that he is forced to lead a double life—one with his conscience and the

other with the employer who pays his salary. The largest salary in the business.

More than forty years ago Rickey, who went into baseball against the wishes of his family, promised his mother he never would play ball or attend a game on Sunday, a promise that has been kept religiously, with one exception. Recently the Dodgers

sold \$75,000,000 worth of War Bonds at a Sunday game. Rickey attended. Brooklyn lost. He will probably never break his promise again. Yet Rickey has done more to attract people to the ball parks on the Sabbath than anyone in the history of the game. He originated the synthetic Sunday doubleheader that accounts

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Wendell Willkie, author of "One World". The map is from the end papers of the book which is published by Simon and Schuster.*

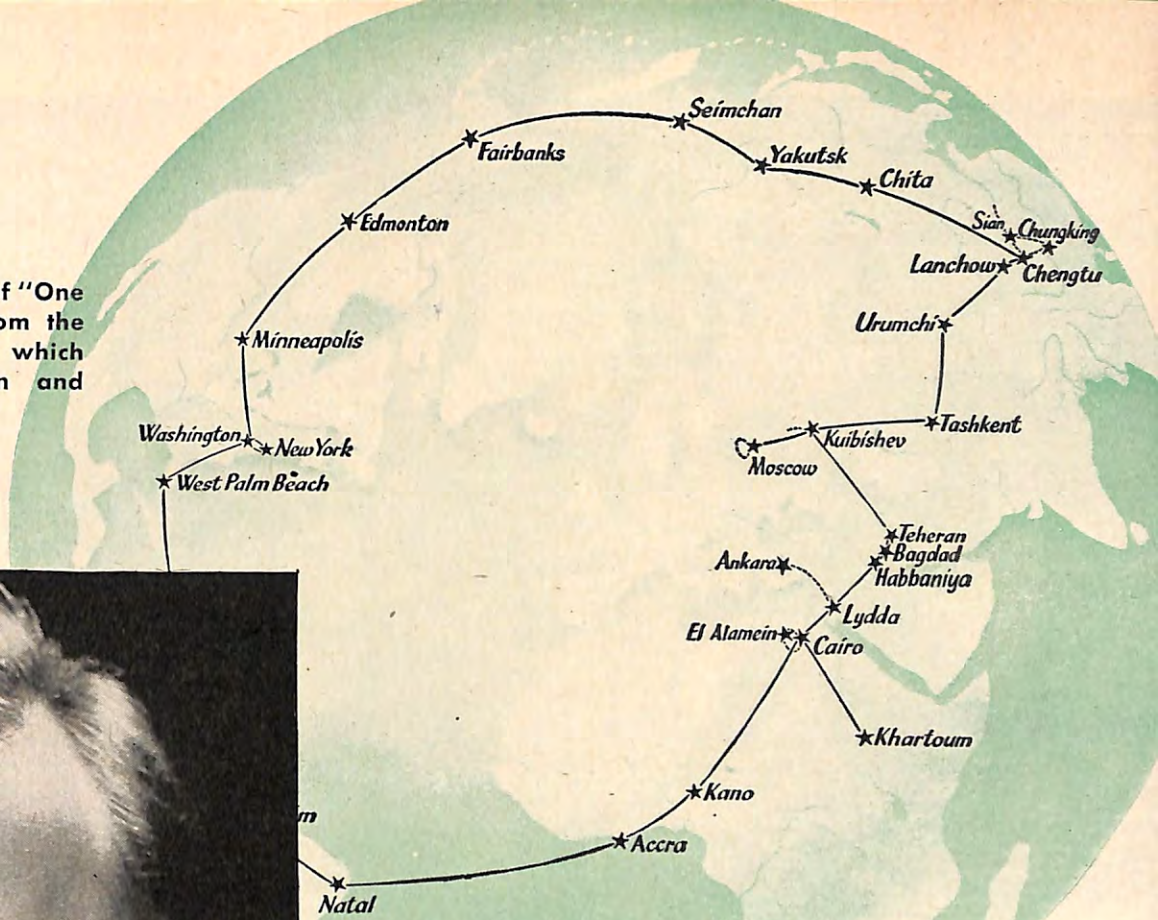


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What America is reading

Mr. Hansen brings to our attention the most interesting books of fiction and fact

By Harry Hansen



IT MUST be tremendously satisfying to Wendell Willkie that his report on the world, "One World", had a printing of over 1,000,000 copies in the first few weeks of its appearance. His account of what he saw on his forty-nine day trip around the world in an airplane as President Roosevelt's emissary has been well received, and by this time all those who were eager to know what stand Mr. Willkie would take must know all about it. They know that he believes isolation is over for the United States; that we must take part in a world order

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of some kind; that he thinks something should be done to lower trade barriers. America cannot be self-sufficient, says he; and "self-sufficiency is a delusion of totalitarians". Great interest was stirred up by his chapter on Russia and his visit to Stalin; he reports that "Russia is neither going to eat us or seduce us" and adds that Russia "cannot be bypassed in any future world". He recognized the Russians as realists; he saw how enthusiastically they worked and, when he inquired why, he learned how proud they were to

be on their own, with tools in their hands and some hope of preferment. He found the speed-up incentives useful in Russia and reported on the advantages of the piece-work system. The Willkie report is of importance because it will affect Republican party policy. Not all Republicans agree with him, but his following is large and influential and will have an important voice when the party determines its attitude toward international cooperation. (Simon & Schuster, paper \$1; cloth, \$2)

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The **EIKS** *in the* **War**

The war story of America's one American Fraternity — how it anticipated World War II and how it has maintained the 75-year-old tradition of one of its highest principles . . . Love of Country.

IT WAS in hospitable Houston, Texas, in July of 1940 that Elkdom, through the Grand Lodge Sessions, took its stand on the controversial question of the day: Assistance to England and China (the two remaining Allied Nations of that time) or —isolation from the rest of the world, its problems and periodic wars. Elkdom's stand was natural, was positive. Its manpower of over half a million loyal Americans was committed to support the ideals and principles upon which both America and the Order were founded.

Torn asunder by discordant factions and the sincere beliefs of many of its leaders, America needed a strong, vibrant, guiding spirit to help lead it by example from the blind paths of indecision into the broad roads of renewed strength and character. America once more found Elkdom ready to take a firm stand for Right based upon the four cardinal points of its credo—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; and the Order set about to call publicly upon every American—Elk or non-Elk—to assert himself to the end that this Country remain the great stronghold of free men.

Such was the American scene as the great body of governing Elks convened at Houston to settle the Order's course and policies. Under

the leadership of incoming Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch of Trenton, New Jersey—himself a great humanitarian—the Grand Lodge created the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission. Named to it were Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson as Chairman; James T. Hallinan, Vice-Chairman; Edward J. McCormick, Secretary; John R. Coen; Michael T. Shannon; David Sholtz, and Henry C. Warner.

In letters to President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Knox and F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover the new Commission pledged the Order to (1) uphold and teach Americanism and our democratic form of government; (2) discover and report trea-

sonable, subversive and fifth-column activities in America, and (3) assist in the physical development of the youth of our country.

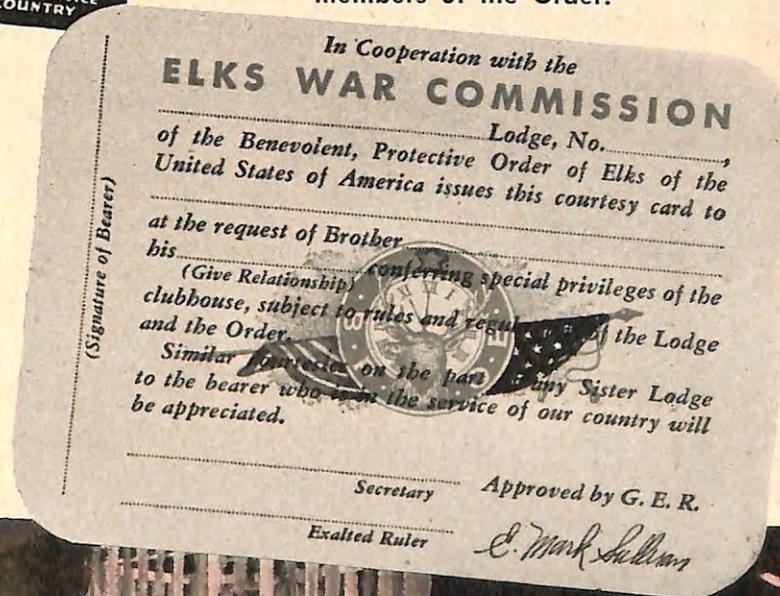
These leaders were quick to accept the offers of Elkdom to assist the Government . . . and thus the new Commission embarked upon a policy of providing a continuing parade of programs in which each subordinate lodge and each member of the Order might participate.

Aliens were helped to become citizens; campaigns were instituted to expand vocational training in the public schools with an eye to the importance of mechanized units in modern warfare; Elks lodge homes were offered for patriotic purposes; more general and constant display of our Nation's Flag was promoted; ex-



Above: The new "Duration" stamp. They are supplied by the War Commission to lodges requesting them.

Below: A reproduction of an Elks Courtesy Card available to close-relatives-in-uniform of members of the Order.



On the opposite page, with the Grand Exalted Ruler, are the members of the Elks War Commission. Left to right, standing, are John S. McClelland; James T. Hallinan, Vice-Chairman and Treas.; Emmett T. Anderson; Joseph G. Buch, and Dr. E. J. McCormick, Secy. Seated are David Sholtz; Mr. Sullivan; James R. Nicholson, Chairman; John R. Coen, and Henry C. Warner, Asst. Treas.



The Elks Fraternal Center of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge, shown as 160 members of the 314th Engineers from Camp Carson, Colo., were entertained.

ELKS



Members of Columbus, Ohio, Lodge shown with a shipment of 2,000 pairs of slippers supplied by the Elks War Commission, under the lodge's supervision, to Army camp hospitals for convalescents.

the White House in January, 1941, by a delegation of prominent Elks consisting of U. S. Senator Robert H. Wagner; Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch, and Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson, James T. Hallinan and Charles S. Hart. Beall's "Uncle Sam" was reproduced in LIFE magazine, widely used as a recruiting poster and, as had been planned, became the theme painting for the National Essay Contest.

Rules of the contest and full-color reproductions of Beall's portrait were distributed to thousands of schools by the Defense Committees of the subordinate lodges, and the State Associations were called upon to serve as coordinating bodies for the Contest in their respective States. Prominent educators served as judges in each State and from the 700,000 entries, the winning essays from each State and Territory were judged by a jury composed of former Governor of Connecticut Wilbur C. Cross, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Los Angeles and Professor Ralph B. Wagner of Washington University.

As a feature of the 1941 Convention at Philadelphia the winners of the first four Grand Prizes were

emption of dues of members called into the armed forces was adopted as a nation-wide policy and in myriad other ways the Order set about its national defense programs.

Early in 1941 the Commission announced to the Nation its sponsorship of a patriotic Essay Contest titled, "What Uncle Sam Means To Me". Open to school children in every town and city in the Country and its possessions, it was designed to promote a greater knowledge of America's vast resources and to induce a

deeper understanding of the principles of Freedom for which America had fought each of its wars.

For use in the Essay Contest, C. C. Beall, noted artist, was commissioned to paint a patriotic poster, a composite picture which, seen at a distance, was a portrait of "Uncle Sam", but, when viewed at close range, clearly depicted the industrial and agricultural strength of the Nation in striking symbolism.

The original of the painting was presented to President Roosevelt at

Officers and members of Irvington, N. J., Lodge with a portion of their contribution to the Elks War Commission's "G" Box program. To date, more than 70,000 have been sent to men in the Service by subordinate lodges.



flown to the Convention City and there received their awards, totalling \$1,850, in U. S. Defense Bonds from Chairman James R. Nicholson.

The Philadelphia Grand Lodge Sessions were honored by a radio address to the Nation by one of our great national heroes and a life member of the Elks, General John J. Pershing. Speaking from his sick-bed at Walter Reed Hospital, he admonished the Elks to continue to promote Americanism against all other "isms" and warned America that only through strict adherence to the philosophies of our forefathers could we remain a free people despite the pressure of the powers of evil rampant upon the face of the earth.

The climax to the Philadelphia Convention was the announcement that Adjutant General E. S. Adams had formally requested the Elks to assist the Army Air Corps in the enlistment of Aviation Cadets and to provide "refresher course" training to young men in order to assist them to pass the rigid mental requirements for admission to the Air Corps as Aviation Cadets.

Thus as America seemed to face an inevitable war, Elks in hundreds of subordinate lodges responded to a new call to duty issued by our Government. Model recruiting and refresher course programs were devised, tested to ascertain average conditions and the results given to District Deputies and subordinate lodges in the form of a "Keep 'Em Flying" manual to guide lodges in fulfillment of the Order's pledge to recruit thousands of America's finest young men for the Air Corps.

The results of the "Keep 'Em Flying" program in obtaining future pilots, navigators and bombardiers are a proud part of the war record of the B. P. O. Elks. In every theatre of war in which American flyers are participating, thousands of young men who answered the call to the skies as the result of Elk recruiting programs are dealing death and destruction to our enemies.

DEFENSE BECOMES WAR

As bombs fell on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, Elks were gathered in every subordinate lodge to pay their annual tribute to their departed Brothers. Shocked and fired to action by the news, Elkdom left its own most sacred ritual and rose to pledge retribution to the treachery of the Japanese and their European partners in world-gangsterism.

Grand Exalted Ruler John S. Mc-

Clelland telegraphed the President the avowal of his Brother Elks to wage total war upon the aggressor nations and to avenge the loss of brave men and fighting ships at Pearl Harbor. The Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission convened in a special meeting at New York on January fourth and as its first step in evolving new programs in keeping with the new war-time conditions, voted to change its name to the Elks War Commission.

During the meeting cables were sent to the Exalted Rulers of subordinate lodges at San Juan, Puerto Rico; Honolulu, T. H.; Manila, P. I.; Agana, Guam; the Canal Zone, and Alaska offering the facilities of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, to the wives and children of Elks in those potentially danger-

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Servicemen make use of the fine facilities of El Reño, Oklahoma, Lodge's Fraternal Center.



A dinner given by Oakland, California, Lodge for Refresher Course students.



Chief Specialist Joseph R. Conboy of the United States Coast Guard treating Rex II for a foot injury after the dog had done patrol duty.



International News Photo

In the DOGHOUSE



Dogs are performing fine service for the United States Coast Guard. Here is an account of a visit to one of their stations.

with Ed Faust

THE night was dark. More than dark. It was black. Sam Kenyon, Seaman First Class, United States Coast Guard, leaned against the wind as he plodded along the beach ahead of his patrol mate. The day before, a gale roared out of somewhere in the Caribbean, cleared a path across Cuba and then swept along the Atlantic coast. This was the tail-end of it.

The sand muffled the men's footsteps and the only sounds were those of the wind and the surf. S. Kenyon, Seaman First Class, thought of the warmth of the mess hall back at the Station. There'd be a couple of card games going on right now. Bee and Shorty'd be at their checkers. Darned silly game. Never could see anything in it. Just as silly as it is for me to go tramping up and down this beach

where nothing ever happens. Sea duty's the stuff. Ask the Skipper for a transfer. Do it tomorrow. Gosh, but this wind is high and mighty.

"Hey, Roy . . .", he said turning to his companion. What he was going to say was left unfinished. As he turned his head he halted abruptly to peer at a series of lights blinking off-shore and not very far away. Both men were tense. Those weren't mast-head lights. Looked more like someone was leaning over the side of a boat with a flashlight.

"Something doing there, Sam."

"There sure is. And it's pretty close to us. Come on, let's get the lowdown but take it easy."

Now they were advancing slowly, cautiously. No telling what might be up ahead. Sam unbuttoned the flap on the holster of his automatic. His mate shifted his tommy gun to

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By Ray Trullinger

YOUR hook and bullet sentinel had a merry little fly-fishin' yarn simmering on the front burner for this month's issue of the Wapiti Gazette, but that fanwing fantasy now must await a later edition. Things have been happening lately—matters of such vital importance to every American that this writer would be remiss in his duty if he neglected a straight job of reporting.

So this month we'll reveal the motives which inspired the "harvest-the-game-crop" campaign and why, if successful, it will jeopardize the lives of an incalculable number of men in the fighting forces, toss a monkey-wrench into the war effort and break down years of wildlife conservation effort in this country. Suppose, therefore, we begin at the beginning:

Readers perhaps will remember that the Government banned further manufacture of sporting ammunition about a year ago, to conserve needed



Photo By E. J. Macdonell

ROD AND GUN

Mr. Trullinger tells us why, if successful, the "harvest-the-game-crop" campaign will jeopardize the lives of an incalculable number of men in our fighting forces.

and admittedly critical metals for the war effort. A buying rush started immediately after the official announcement was made, which witnessed the heaviest purchases of sporting ammunition in this country's history. Trap and skeet shooting clubs, duck clubs, sportsmen's organizations and private individuals bought up and stored away everything they could lay hands on, from .22 shorts to .30-'06s, and from .410 shorts to magnum duck loads.

When hunting season rolled around the last-minute stampede practically cleaned out remaining store stocks,

although many gun shops held back small supplies of cartridges and shells because they still had rifles and shotguns to sell, and obviously had to have some fodder to peddle with these new and used weapons.

As always happens and despite the fact that every serious hunter in the country knew months in advance that ammunition would become increasingly difficult to buy as the war progressed, once- or twice-a-season gunners failed to heed the warnings and were unable to buy all the shells and cartridges they wanted after the season opened. Loud wails of an

"ammunition shortage" followed, although actually there wasn't—and still is no hunting ammunition scarcity. The trouble is merely a matter of uneven distribution. Some hunters bought up too much gun fodder and the result was that others couldn't get enough.

As a matter of cold fact, serious shooters along the Eastern Seaboard have more hunting ammunition in their possession now than ever before in their lives, and from present indications many of them are going to have a heck of a time burning it

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Editorial

Flag Day and Its Observance

PERHAPS some of the newer members of our Order, possibly all of them, do not fully realize why it is that we show such an interest in celebrating Flag Day which occurs on the 14th of this month. There are several reasons why this is marked for special observance by the Order. First and foremost is the fact that the Flag represents all that we hold near and dear as patriotic American citizens—all that we are fighting to preserve in this war of destruction which we all hope and pray will soon terminate in glorious victory over the forces of hate and destruction now rife in the world.

Next is the transcendent importance of our National Emblem in the Ritual from opening until closing of every lodge session. It is not only present but speaks to the members in its own peculiar language understood and appreciated by all. No interpreter is needed as the language is common to everyone.

By reason of the Order's devotion and its feeling that something was lacking in that no day had been set aside for a tribute to the Flag, the Order devoted itself to the establishment of Flag Day as a national holiday. Many lodges of the Order had recognized June 14th as Flag Day and celebrated it with solemn and appropriate exercises, but this did not satisfy the Order's patriotic concept, nor was this achieved until the Congress gave it recognition as a national holiday. This should have been done at a much earlier date.

Then there was the question as to whether or not the observance of the day should be made mandatory. It seemed to

some that mandatory observance was not desirable or necessary; certainly that it was not necessary, but clearly it was desirable and thus it was decided by the Grand Lodge. A ritual was provided in order to secure that the observance of the day would be more uniform than otherwise would have been the case. Thus it transpired that the day is observed by every subordinate lodge of our Order in a uniform and dignified ceremonial.

The Jefferson Bicentennial

THE recent bicentennial of Thomas Jefferson was celebrated by the dedication by President Roosevelt of the magnificent Memorial to the third President, on the Tidal Basin in Washington. The Anniversary has brought into sharp focus the principles and credo of the great democrat.

At no time in history has it been more fitting to do honor to the man who said, "I have sworn on the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man," and who was the steadfast champion of the rights of all the people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We know what Lincoln would have thought of the teachings of Hitler. We do not need to ask what Jefferson would have thought, for he was to the maximum the kind of man we call a democrat and he called a republican.

On this two hundredth anniversary of Jefferson's birth there has already been published a multitude of books and editorials concerning the life and the political thinking of the author of the Declaration of Independence, and they illustrate some of the many facets of his acquirements and achievements. Much has properly been said of his philosophy of democracy and the bitter fight he made to make ours definitely a democratic republic.

It has been pointed out that Jefferson's whole life was devoted passionately to the liberation of the mind from superstition and prejudice, and the freeing of the human spirit that man might have the natural right to work out his own



Decorations by John J. Floherty, Jr.

salvation as the master of his fate and the captain of his soul.

It is well that so much has been said and written of Jefferson in this critical year, for at no time in history have the rights of man stood in such jeopardy. It is only with the strength of conviction of the essential truth of Jefferson's philosophy that this war, and after it a just peace, can be won.

The Late Egerton Swartwout

WORD of the recent passing of Egerton Swartwout, the renowned architect who designed the stately Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago to the dead of World War I, has been received with the deepest regret by the entire membership of our Order.

It was at the invitation of the Elks National Memorial Headquarters Commission in 1921 that seven of the most distinguished architects in the United States competed to design an edifice that would be accorded a place among the famed memorials of the world. That submitted by Egerton Swartwout, of New York, was unanimously selected as the most beautifully distinctive and as most completely fulfilling the purposes to be served.

Architecture, to Mr. Swartwout, was life. About it he built not only his fifty-two-year professional career, but also his friendships, his ardent enthusiasms and his equally strong dislikes. A tireless worker himself, Mr. Swartwout expressed vocally and in print his disdain for those of his colleagues who took credit for the work of unknown subordinates, and worked ceaselessly to see that the profession's talented youths were brought out and given a chance to prove themselves.

Mr. Swartwout specialized in the type of building of which our Memorial is an example of outstanding importance. The Memorial itself is Mr. Swartwout's acknowledged masterpiece to which has been accorded unstinted praise by his professional confreres and the general public alike as one of the great memorial buildings of the world.

Mr. Swartwout received numerous professional honors dur-

ing a distinguished career which continued uninterrupted until his last illness began. His passing is most keenly felt by all who knew him and his work.

Absenteeism

MUCH has been said and much written on the vital question of absenteeism in our war plants. It has been pointed out that a great amount of absenteeism is due to ill health, and not to shirking, although statistics so far shed no real light on the question. In its report setting forth a plan to control absenteeism, the Aircraft War Production Council, East Coast, Inc., indicates that the absentee rate for this war is lower than the rate for the first World War.

The report informs us that, contrary to much of the public talk on the subject, there are reasons for absenteeism involving factors other than illness, negligence, lack of interest in the job or high wages. While there are workers whose reasons for absenteeism coincide with those mentioned, it appears that the majority is absent due to other conditions. These include lack of shopping facilities and lack of time in which to conduct the ordinary business of living.

As things are today, a man frequently may feel obliged to take a day off to visit his dentist or doctor, see his lawyer or buy a pair of shoes. Bills must be paid and shopping must be done. It will be argued that a worker's wife can attend to some of these details of living, but in many cases the wife is as deeply engaged in war work as is her husband.

We, as a group of small business and professional men, can do much to help correct this condition in the cities and towns where war plants are functioning. It is possible to make our services available to these workers by extending or changing our own working hours to coincide with the workers' free time. This will undoubtedly be an inconvenience to many, but it will constitute a definite contribution to the war effort.



RECENTLY INITIATED ELKS

On this and the following page are classes of candidates recently initiated into the Order. Many are shown with their lodge officers



Hartford, Vt., Lodge



Houston, Tex., Lodge



Lewistown, Pa., Lodge



La Grande, Ore., Lodge



Eau Claire, Wis., Lodge



Kankakee, Ill., Lodge



Williamsport, Pa., Lodge



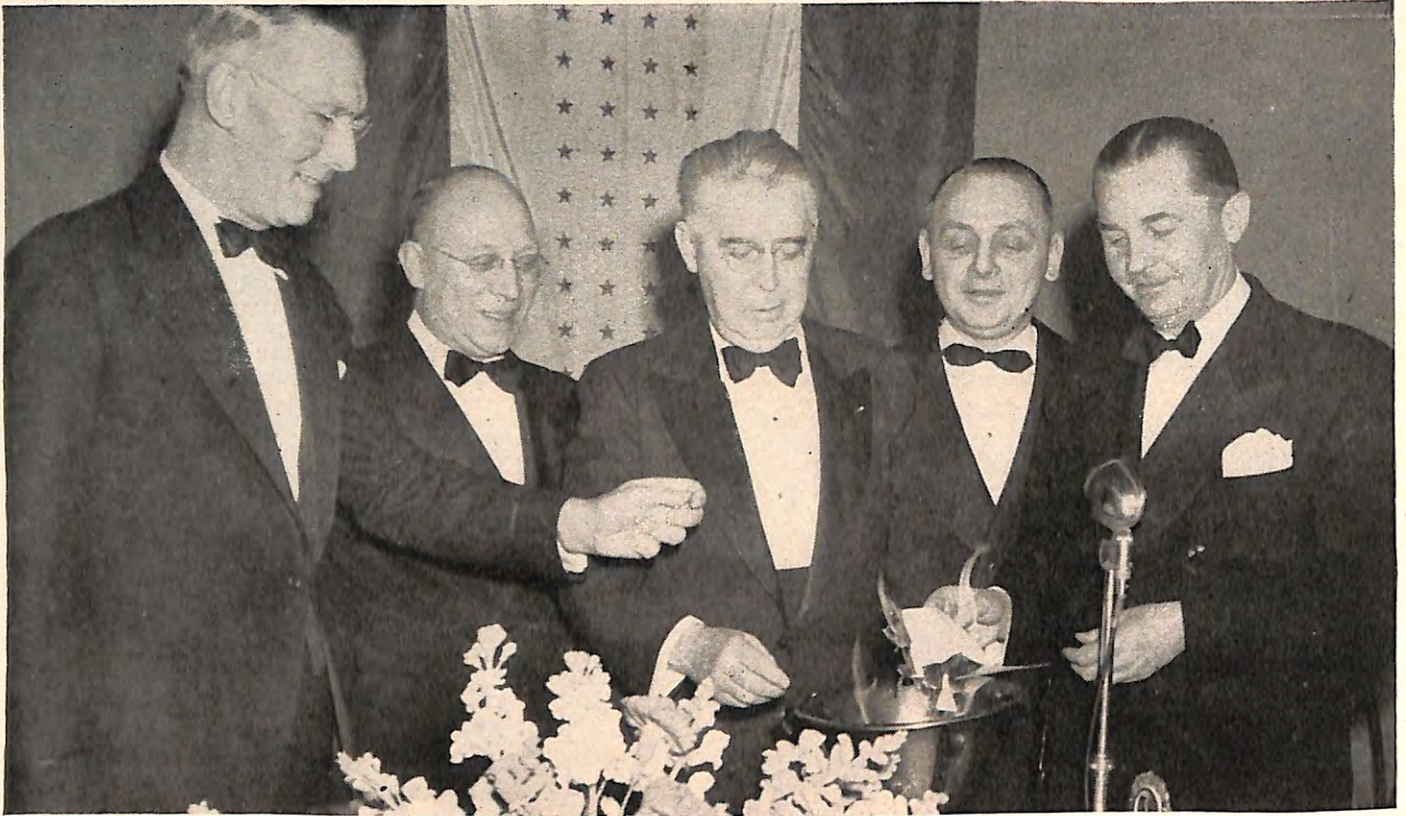
Elkhart, Ind., Lodge



Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge



Plattsburg, N. Y., Lodge



Above: Mr. Sullivan attends the mortgage burning of Hamilton, Ohio, Lodge when he paid a formal visit there.



GRAND EXALTED RULER'S

Visits



GRAND Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, having left Boston on Monday, March 29, was met at the railroad station in St. Louis, Mo., the next day by Exalted Ruler Henry J. Borgmann and Secretary Foster L. Bennett, of **ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 9**, and Fred Rheim, of Belleville, Ill., and escorted to the lodge home where he spent the afternoon. That evening he was driven to Belleville.

Mr. Sullivan was met by a welcoming party which included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, of East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, and Mrs. Campbell, a delegation from the local lodge and many of the townspeople. The Grand Exalted Ruler was the guest of honor and principal speaker at a dinner-meeting, at which time the 43rd anniversary of **BELLEVILLE LODGE NO. 481** was observed. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and D.D. R. G. Borman, Carlinville. Approximately five hundred attended. Brigadier General Walcott T. Hayes, commanding officer of Scott Field, with the members of his staff and their wives, were special guests. The meeting was in charge of E.R. Homer J. Liebig. Entertainment on a high cultural plane was furnished by the special service division of Scott Field. A Bond Sale was held during the evening at which a total in excess of \$12,000 worth of War Bonds was sold.

On Sunday, April 4, Grand Exalted

Left: Mr. Sullivan is present when E.R. John J. Gallagher, Jr., of Winthrop, Mass., Lodge presented to Mayor Maurice J. Tobin of Boston a check for \$25 as a contribution to the "Sullivan Shrine" to the five Sullivans, the brothers who were lost in a naval disaster.



Above: Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan is greeted by a large number of Hamilton, Ohio, Lodge members when he paid an official visit to that Lodge.

Right: Mr. Sullivan receives the key to the city of Newark, Ohio, on the occasion of his official visit to the Newark Elks Lodge.



Ruler Sullivan and his Executive Secretary, John F. Burke, of Boston Lodge, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, of Springfield, Mass., Lodge, witnessed the installation of officers at **EVERETT, MASS., LODGE, NO. 642.**

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Malley visited **BOSTON, MASS., LODGE, NO. 10,** on Wednesday, April 7, and were present at the installation of the new officers of that lodge.

The next evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler was present at the installation of the new officers of **MEDFORD, MASS., LODGE, NO. 915.** The ceremony was performed by Andrew Biggio, P.E.R. of **WINTHROP LODGE NO. 1078,** assisted by Past State President Daniel J. Honan and a suite composed exclusively of members of Winthrop Lodge.

The presence of Mr. Sullivan and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, shown at right with other prominent Massachusetts Elks, made the installation ceremonies of Lowell, Mass., Lodge one of its most signal events.

Below: The officers of Everett, Mass., Lodge are shown with Mr. Sullivan and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley when they made an official visit there.

On Sunday afternoon, April 11, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Malley and Mr. Burke were present at the installation of the new officers of **LOWELL, MASS., LODGE, NO. 87.** The installing officer was Felix O'Neill, P.E.R. of **LAWRENCE LODGE NO. 65,** heading a suite of members of his lodge. Grand

Exalted Ruler Sullivan was the guest speaker at a dinner after the meeting.

On Tuesday evening, April 13, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Malley and Mr. Burke attended the installation of officers of **QUINCY, MASS., LODGE, NO. 943.** Mayor Charles Ross is the new Exalted Ruler.

Lowell, Mass., Sun





Above are those who were on the rostrum at the annual presentation ceremonies of charitable gifts amounting to \$40,000 to various organizations by Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge. Left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan is shown as he presented checks to Captain S. Maginnis of the Salvation Army, Rev. Peter W. Fox of the Queens Catholic Charities and Rev. Wm. C. Bennett of the Queens Federation of Churches.

GRAND LODGE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO ATTEND CONVENTION

The Grand Exalted Ruler has requested that *The Elks Magazine* inform its readers that all Grand Lodge officers and all members of the Grand Lodge, as well as representatives of subordinate lodges, are entitled to attend the 79th Session of the Grand Lodge to be held during the week of July 12th at Boston, Mass.

Whenever possible, representatives of the subordinate lodges are expected to attend this Session.

Under the ANTLERS



News of Subordinate Lodges Throughout the Order

Bronx Lodge Initiates Diamond Jubilee Class on P.E.R.'s Night

On Past Exalted Rulers Night, Bronx, N. Y., Lodge, No. 871, initiated a Diamond Jubilee Class in observance of the Order's 75th birthday. Under the direction of Past District Deputy David E. Livingston, the evening started auspiciously with an excellent dinner of banquet proportions, beautifully served to a gathering of 200 persons.

At the beginning of the meeting, Seymour Mork, dean of the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers, took over the gavel from E.R. A. W. Boettcher. Assisting Mr. Mork were P.E.R.'s Sydney H. Wennik, Albert G. Schildwacher, Jack N. Cooper, Charles T. Rudershausen, Charles V. Halley, Jr., Fred Vettel and Mr. Livingston. The first speaker, P.E.R. William T. Phillips, of New York Lodge No. 1, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, delivered an interesting ad-

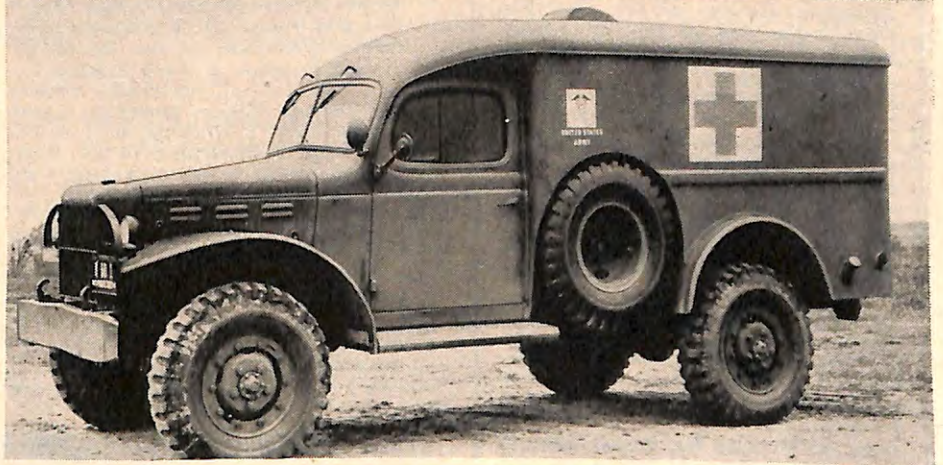
Left: Officers and trustees of Jackson, Mich., Lodge are photographed as they burned the mortgage on their Lodge home.





Above are distinguished members of the Order who attended the installation ceremonies of New York Lodge No. 1. Among those seated are Past Grand Exalted Rulers Murray Hulbert and David Sholtz; former Postmaster General James A. Farley; Judge Ferdinand Pecora; William T. Phillips, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; E.R. Judge John J. Sullivan, and President Justice Pelham St. George Bissell.

Right is an ambulance purchased by voluntary contributions from the Iowa teachers. Carroll, Ia., Elks donated tools and medical equipment.



dress on the inception of the Order and its growth and progress. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, of Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, gave a splendid talk, emphasizing the value and privilege of membership in the Order of Elks. Received by the members as a special treat was a talk made by a guest of the lodge, "Spike" Howard, Chairman of the Blood Donors Committee of Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2. Mr. Howard, who has himself donated 981 transfusions, appealed to Elks to donate blood to the Red Cross and to urge their families and friends to do likewise.

The five members of the Diamond Jubilee Class initiated were Robert C. Jackson, Executive Secretary of the Elks War Commission, Nathan Davis, Charles A. Loreto, Emile J. Cavanagh and Roy Lichti. After the meeting, a collation was served.

Distinguished Elks Participate In Meeting of the Mother Lodge

A recent meeting of New York Lodge No. 1, which drew an exceedingly large attendance of members and visiting Elks, was an outstanding event. The Grand Lodge was represented by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Murray Hulbert, P.E.R. of No. 1, and David Sholtz, of Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, Grand Inner Guard Frederick Schrecker, Gloversville, N. Y., Henry G. Wenzel, Jr., of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, a member of the Grand

Forum, Samuel C. Duberstein, Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, and George I. Hall, of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, Chairman, and James L. McGovern, Bridgeport, Conn., a member, of the Lodge Activities Committee.

The speakers were the Honorable James A. Farley, P.E.R. of Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge and Past Pres. of the N. Y. State Elks Assn., Judge Hulbert and Mr. Sholtz. A feature of the meeting was the installation of officers. Mr. Farley, called to the Chair by the retiring Exalted Ruler, Pelham St. George Bissell, officiated as the installing officer. Practically all of the lodges in the South-east District were represented and many

Below are members of Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge who were present at "Old Timers Night".





COURTESY CARDS

One of the most patriotic and commendable projects of the Elks War Commission and of the subordinate lodges which are following the Commission's program is the issuance of the Elks Courtesy Cards, extended to service men who wish to visit Elk lodges near the posts to which they are attached. This program has done an immeasurable amount of good in giving comfort and hospitality to service men. It is an opportunity for the subordinate lodges to show their gratitude for the service rendered our Country by these young men, whose relatives at home procured for them Elks Courtesy Cards.

It is my sincere hope that these Courtesy Cards, when presented by men in the Service, will be honored. More than anything else, these Cards show exactly what the words "Benevolent and Protective" mean to the Order of Elks.

E. Mark Sullivan

GRAND EXALTED RULER

Right: The members of Lake Worth, Fla., Lodge present an American Flag to a local school.

Below is a picture taken when Santa Fe., New Mex., Lodge was presented with a unique and distinctive Service Emblem as the gift of Ernest Thompson Seton, well known artist and naturalist.

Above are prominent South Dakota Elks who attended the initiation of a class of candidates into Sioux Falls Lodge. Among those shown are Past Grand Exalted Rulers J. Edgar Masters and James G. McFarland, and former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees J. Ford Zietlow.

distinguished Elks, including senior P.E.R. William T. Phillips, of New York Lodge, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, were present. E.R. John J. Sullivan was a speaker.

Jersey City Lodge Loses Veteran Tiler in Death of Bartley Coyle

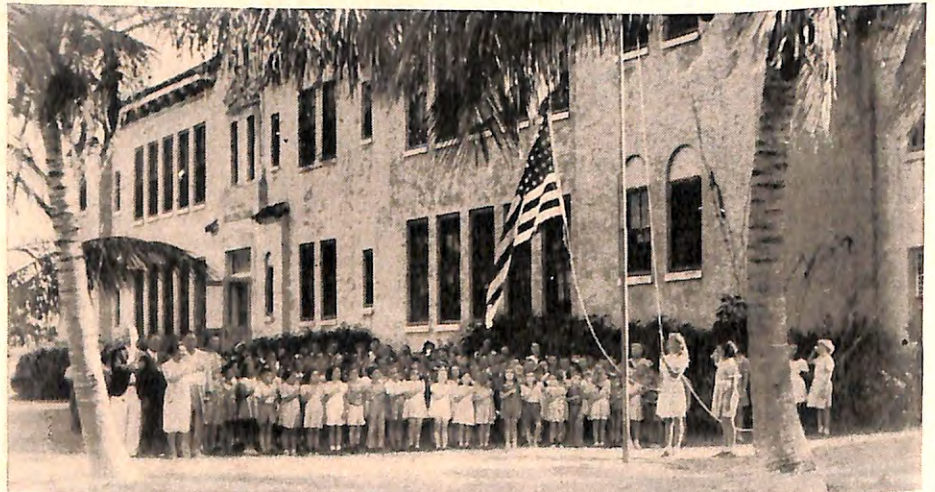
Jersey City, N. J., Lodge, No. 211, mourns the loss of its Tiler, Bartley Coyle. Mr. Coyle was one of the lodge's oldest members and officers, both in age and in length of service. He was initi-

ated on November 9, 1896; his death occurred on February 7, 1943. Nearly all of his forty-six years of membership were spent in serving his lodge as Tiler and it is believed that he was one of the oldest Tilers for length of service in the Order, and perhaps the oldest.

Mr. Coyle was a familiar figure at Grand Lodge Conventions. He numbered among his personal friends most of the men who served as Grand Exalted Ruler, as well as many other Grand Lodge officers. Until within a few days of his death, Mr. Coyle had enjoyed excellent health, continuing his practice of attending lodge meetings and other Elk functions in various parts of the State.

"All State Night" Is Observed By Sioux Falls, S. D., Lodge

Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, was the





Above is the Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps, sponsored by Dallas, Tex., Lodge, which competed at the Texas State Elks Convention.

special guest of Sioux Falls, S. D., Lodge, No. 262, when the annual "All State Night" meeting was held this Spring. The program began with a band concert followed by a dinner, the initiation of a class of candidates, which included many of the city's business men, and the presentation of professional entertainment. The ceremony was conducted by District Deputy William R. Danforth, of Mitchell Lodge, assisted by Past District Deputies H. Glee Tarbell, Watertown, E. C. McKenzie, Huron, C. L. Roy Doherty, Rapid City, J. Ford Zietlow, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Aberdeen, E. B. Peterson, Sioux Falls, A. A. Harris, Brookings, and Carl H. Nelles, Madison.

Mr. Masters, introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, of Watertown, S. D., was the main speaker. Lieutenant Commander G. R. McDonald and Lieutenant Gordon Tucker, of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, Minneapolis, explained the V-5 recruiting program in which the Elks of South Dakota have been actively interested for many months.

The idea of "All State Night" was enthusiastically endorsed by Mr. Masters. Each year the lodge invites Past District Deputies from all the lodges in the State to officiate as officers in the initiation ceremony, with the present District Deputy as acting Exalted Ruler.

Grand Junction Lodge Buys War Bond In Elks Foundation's Name

Grand Junction, Colo., Lodge, No. 575, purchased recently a \$1,000 Series G War Bond in the name of the Elks National Foundation Trustees in payment for an Honorary Founder's Certificate of the Elks National Foundation. It is the first lodge in the Order to have adopted this novel method of payment. The Certificate has been framed and hung on the wall where, with the prized charter of the lodge, it is proudly exhibited.

The subordinate lodges have shown in a substantial way their desire to perform a patriotic duty by investing their surplus funds in War Bonds. At the same time, it is the wish of every lodge to own an Honorary Founder's Certi-

ficate. The plan carried out by Grand Junction Lodge was originally proposed by District Deputy Ernest L. Milner, and was regarded as the perfect solution. It met with the full approval of the Foundation Trustees who consented to the exchange through their Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley. Any lodge desiring to make a purchase of this kind should have the Bond registered as follows:

"Elks National Foundation Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, a corporation"
Address: Merchants National Bank
Trust Department A 201
Box 2197, Boston, Mass.

The exchange took place at a regular meeting on March 22, with more than 100 visiting Elks and members of No. 575 present. A large delegation from Montrose Lodge No. 1053, including George W. Bruce, a member of the Grand Forum, Frank H. Buskirk, Secy. of the Colo. State Elks Assn., and District Deputy E. L. Milner, attended. Mr. Milner,

Left: E.R. Frank Peyton of Klamath Falls, Ore., Lodge turns over the keys of the new ambulance donated by the Lodge to the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps.

Below: Elks of Renovo, Pa., Lodge are photographed at the burning of the mortgage on their Lodge home.





Above are those who attended a Citizenship Class sponsored by Elmhurst, Ill., Lodge and held in the Lodge home.

Right: Members of Miami Beach, Fla., Lodge, shown as they burned the mortgage on their Lodge home.

introduced by retiring Exalted Ruler Medford R. Klein, presided. The Certificate was presented to P.E.R. E. B. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Grand Junction Lodge. Judge Bruce spoke at length on the Foundation's charitable, philanthropic and scholarship work. Mr. Milner, in commending the lodge for its action, surmised that the step taken by No. 575 would more than likely be followed by other lodges of the Order.

Under Mr. Klein's leadership, Grand Junction Lodge showed a large gain in membership for the year. Interlodge visits were successfully featured, with occasional changes of officers for initiatory work.

A Host of Elks Attends Ceremony At Home of Lowell, Mass., Lodge

In the home of Lowell, Mass., Lodge, No. 87, on Sunday afternoon, April 11, a

Right: The ladies whose husbands are members of Denver, Colo., Lodge are shown as they presented a check to Buckley Field Officers to purchase a public address system for the Field's Service Club.

Below are those who were gathered before the Recreation Room and Hospital at Camp Adair at the climax of a drive for furnishings and equipment which was sponsored by Eugene, Ore., Lodge.



capacity audience of Elks, a large percentage of whom were representatives of lodges within a wide radius of Lowell, Lawrence, Medford, Haverhill, Winthrop, Boston and Everett, was addressed by Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan. Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, of Springfield,

Mass., Lodge, and John F. Burke, Boston, Past Pres. of the Mass. State Elks Assn., Mr. Sullivan visited the lodge officially. Both the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. Malley, who also spoke, were given ovations.

The business session at 3 p.m. was presided over by the retiring Exalted





Above are candidates who were initiated into Illinois South District lodges as the "Walter E. Miller Wind-Up Class", in honor of the State Association President.

Ruler, Joseph J. Slattery. The program was one of the most elaborate ever undertaken by the local lodge. So great was the attendance that tables for the seven o'clock banquet were set up on three floors. A highlight of the afternoon was the ritualistic work performed superbly by P.E.R. Felix L. O'Neill and a suite of fellow members from Lawrence Lodge No. 65 in the installation of No. 87's newly elected officers.

Music was provided by an Elks' orchestra under the direction of P.E.R. Francis V. Redding. Gift presentations were made to Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan,

Acting Esquire Bart Galvin, E.R. of Lawrence Lodge, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Slattery. John J. Flannery, beginning his 17th successive year as Secretary, recounted the achievements of Lowell Lodge. Joseph Gilley is serving his 23rd successive year as Tiler.

Watertown, N. Y., Lodge Observes The 75th Birthday of the Order

Watertown, N. Y., Lodge, No. 496, celebrated the Order's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary by burning the mortgage on its \$75,000 home and initiating nine can-

didates. A beefsteak dinner was served before the meeting which was attended by 200 members and addressed by the guest of honor, P.E.R. Harry R. Darling, of Rochester Lodge No. 24, Pres. of the N. Y. State Elks Assn.

Mayor Charles A. Winslow, a charter member of No. 496, held the mortgage which was ignited by the Exalted Ruler, Claude H. Dunk. Taking part in the ceremony was another charter member, P.E.R. George W. Ryan, present secretary of the lodge.

Watertown Lodge is 44 years old. It has 650 members in good standing, of whom 74 are in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Death Takes F. B. Wheeler, Treasurer of Winsted Lodge

Frank B. Wheeler, aged 54, Treasurer of Winsted, Conn., Lodge, No. 844, for many years, passed away on April 23. He had been reelected treasurer earlier in the month.

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Left are regulation Red Cross splints and bandages to equip civilian defense first aid stations, which were recently contributed by Elkhart, Ind., Lodge.

Below are some of those who attended the 54th Anniversary banquet held by Reading, Pa., Lodge in the dining room of the Lodge home. National Civilian Defense Director James M. Landis was the principal speaker.



THE INQUIRY SERVICE

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tions. Regular mail channels of the Allied Nations and remaining neutral countries and the Army V-Mail are open for those categories of correspondence. In cases of emergency, the Inquiry Service does accept inquiries from wives, mothers and sweethearts who are worried and distraught for news of the welfare of men in the armed forces. Understandably enough, these emergencies arise in such volume that the service has established a special unit to "process" such inquiries.

Tom Renfrow wrote his mother from England that he was a hospital patient. He explained nothing of his illness. For two long months Mrs. Renfrow waited anxiously for more news. She imagined all kinds of things. Struggling to keep back the tears she finally went to the Red Cross Chapter in her Mississippi town. The situation from the standpoint of Mrs. Renfrow's morale was critical. A letter by clipper to the Red Cross Field Director attached to Tom's outfit brought this answer:

"Tom Renfrow out of hospital weeks ago; illness not serious, athlete's foot. Well and back on duty. He will write at once."

You cannot send a message through the Inquiry Service for delivery to prisoners of war until a name appears on the government's official prisoner-of-war list. These lists are transmitted to the governments of all warring nations by way of the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva.

The real heart-break center of the communication's work is found in

the 3,748 Red Cross Chapters and 6,000 Branches located throughout the United States. Here are reports, picked at random, which were made to the Inquiry Service by local volunteer workers:

"Tears streamed down the wrinkled face of the little old lady. 'Look, it's from Emma; her own handwriting. See!' A trembling finger pointed to the name. 'Oh, thank you, thank you so much,' she sobbed, holding the yellow form to her lips.

"The message didn't say much: 'Am well, food scarce, need clothes. Trust in God we will see happier days. Your sister, Emma.' But it ended long months of tense anxiety for the Greek woman, who several months before had started an inquiry to learn the whereabouts and welfare of her sister in Greece."

Another volunteer worker wrote from North Carolina: "I used my

own precious gasoline to drive 90 miles into the mountains to give Harry Lavikos the information about his daughter. If you could have seen his face when I told him the Red Cross had located

her safe in Rome, you would agree that the trip was worth the wear and tear on my tires. Lavikos was profuse in his thanks, and was at a loss to understand why I wouldn't accept money for bringing the good news to him."

Unusual circumstances surround many of the human problems brought to the Inquiry Service for unraveling. Bill Harrison's outfit was moved over-night a few weeks ago to a city on the East Coast. Bill was sure this meant he was headed overseas. He telephoned his sweetheart—a 17-year-old girl—in a small town in Utah. "Come at once," he urged, "so we can be married before I ship."

The girl talked with her mother. Within a few hours she was on her way.

When she reached the port city, she couldn't locate Bill or his company. The young girl appealed to the local Red Cross Chapter, which learned that Bill Harrison's outfit was on the high seas bound for an undisclosed destination.

"He'll think I didn't come," the bride-to-be cried. "Bill will think I let him down. He had the rings and everything." With a heavy heart she left for the return trip to Utah.

"She asked only one thing of us," the report to the Inquiry Service said. "She asked us to get word to



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Bill that she had come to him, and that she would be waiting for him when he gets back."

A short time later Bill Harrison's ship docked at a foreign port. The Inquiry Service was notified of the Army Post Office number of his company. A message was dispatched to Bill; a second message went to the girl in Utah giving her Bill's address. This is an example of what the Red Cross means when it says that the Inquiry Service builds morale!

"One of our toughest jobs," Miss Lockett says, "is handling messages between foreign seamen, who dock at United States ports, and their families. The difficulty, of course, is one of location since seamen are forever on the move and their routings are secret."

The foreign language press in the United States is of great help in locating and keeping track of Norwegian and Greek seamen. This is particularly true of Greek newspapers in New York. Among other good sources are the Belgian Consulate General, Danish American Greenland Commission, Netherlands Shipping Committee and Seamen's Church, all of New York.

The Inquiry Service always knows when crews of foreign seamen reach American ports. A flood of inquiries and messages originating in a coast city and directed to Greece, Belgium and Norway is sure evidence that a ship is in.

All messages and inquiries handled by the Red Cross are closely cen-



THEY PASS ALONG INFORMATION TO HERMAN GOETZ OF BERLIN, WHO HAS INQUIRED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF HIS SISTER, A NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN LIVING IN MILWAUKEE.

sored. Outgoing messages are checked and classified before being sent to the censor. The Inquiry Service does no censoring, but saves time for the censors by checking messages against certain censorship rules. Where necessary, they are returned to the senders along with information on how to make them conform to regulations. This does not happen often because local Red Cross Chapters catch censorship errors before the messages come into Washington.

Messages coming into the United States go first to the censor and then to the Inquiry Service for delivery through local Red Cross Chapters.

The censors are forever on the lookout for hidden meanings in messages. Sameness in messages originating from one locality is checked closely. In a single day recently thirty-five messages from an eastern city contained the word "baby". That was too much "baby" for the censors. The messages were held up. A New Englander sent a note to a relative in an enemy-occupied country in which he observed there was "grand sugaring this year." The censor, definitely not from the maple sugar country, questioned the statement as having hidden-meaning possibilities.

The volume of inquiries and messages "processed" by the Inquiry Service closely follows the news. A newsreel showing Japanese brutality scenes increases the number of messages to the Far East by airmail or cable. A picture magazine story on starvation and hunger in Greece brings a large number of inquiries for persons in that country. An air raid over Bremen, Germany, doubles the inquiries from German Americans concerning their relatives in that city.

The Inquiry Service and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva cannot guarantee delivery of messages or successful completion of inquiries. With entire populations shifting and on the move in Europe and the Far East, the difficulties of locating individuals are at times impossible to overcome. It will be no news that many inquiries end at the graves of hapless refugees.

A close record is kept on all inquiries. They are followed up periodically and remain in the "active" file until completed, or a report comes back that all possibilities have been exhausted. This may require weeks, months or even a year. The Red Cross does not give up so long as there is the faintest clue to track down.

A Captain of the Yugoslav Army, held prisoner by the Nazi at Nurnberg, Germany, sent a letter requesting that a message be delivered to his sister in New Mexico. The message was addressed to a town that did not exist. It was sent to the Red Cross Chapter of a town of similar pronunciation in another State. A reply came back that a

family of the name was located, but had no relatives in Yugoslavia. The human bond of identical names was of such strength, however, that the U. S. family advised the Red Cross it would send the clothing requested by the prisoner. The Inquiry Service is continuing the search for the man's sister.

Like other services of the American Red Cross the facilities of the Inquiry Service are yours for the asking, absolutely free. This branch of the Red Cross is maintained as a part of the regular work during war. Messages are limited to one every four months. This limitation is necessary to hold the volume within reasonable bounds.

The Red Cross is particularly interested in that phase of its work bearing upon the morale of United States fighting men and their families. With American forces meeting the enemy on widely-scattered fronts, the value of the Inquiry Service becomes increasingly important. Here, for example, is the type of very serious morale problem that comes to the Red Cross in one form or another by the hundreds:

New England Town

Dear Mr. _____
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

I am writing this letter as my only hope for help. To begin with my name is _____ and I am 22 years old.

My husband was drafted in September 1941, and was stationed at _____ Air Base. He was to have his furlough on Christmas when all leaves were cancelled Dec. 7. I then got his letter to come up to _____ in January. I visited him and we were married in camp by Chaplain _____.

I was with him about 20 days when orders were given for him to send me home, that he was leaving for foreign service. That was in Feb. I received 4 letters since he left; he is in Australia. Now, Mr. _____ my last letter I got was June 1. While a friend of mine whose husband is with my husband receives mail very often. I've been very ill, Mr. _____, I'm about all in. I work to support myself. And I've missed many days which will cause me my job if I don't hurry and get well. As long as I don't hear from him I don't know what will happen.

I work in a defense plant, and my superiors have tried to help me to see if I could find my husband. Please see what is wrong. I can't stand it much longer. I don't know whether something is wrong or what. I write

him 4 or 5 times a week. And no reply has come.

I'm praying that you will have some news for me. Please answer me as soon as possible. My husband's name is _____.

Mrs. _____

The Inquiry Service swung into action. In the meantime the Home Service worker of the local Red Cross Chapter called on the young bride to try to cheer her up and offer any help that she might need.

Three months later a report came back from Australia. The husband had been ill; he was despondent and didn't write. The message from the Red Cross Field Director said, "He is writing at once."

If you have occasion to use the Inquiry Service, here are a number of things to remember:

The first step is to get in touch with your local Red Cross Chapter. There you can secure detailed information on your particular problem. To help the Inquiry Service hold down an ever-mounting volume of work, inquiries and messages should be sent only by members of the immediate family. Friends and interested persons can secure information from relatives.

Your local Red Cross Chapter will furnish you with an official blank for either a message or inquiry. Use this blank. In making inquiry for a person of whom you have lost track, give the last known address.

If you are sending a message that goes into an enemy or enemy-occupied country, don't mention financial transactions or business conditions. Don't try to send legal information or power of attorney. Don't mention war work, weather, or make reference in any way to the war. Don't address a message to one person and ask that he pass it on to another. Don't mention epidemic or disease. You may say a person died of cancer, but not of typhoid. If you write over 25 words your message will be cut down in the office of the Inquiry Service.

Once you have made an inquiry or sent a message don't become impatient for an answer. The person addressed may have moved, or been uprooted by the war. If an American fighting man, he may be on some far-away post which mail reaches only periodically. Do not write the Inquiry Service at Washington. Keep in touch with your local Red Cross Chapter.

Messages may be written in a foreign language, but must be accompanied by an English translation. This saves the time of volunteers who work as translators in the library at Red Cross national headquarters.

On the day this is being written, 7,500 replies to messages and inquiries originating in the United States were received by the Inquiry Service. They came through Geneva from half a dozen European countries—mostly enemy territory.



The Elks in the War

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ous war zones should it become necessary or advisable to evacuate them to the mainland of the United States.

At the same meeting the Elks War Fund was created to finance whatever programs the Elks War Commission should decide to sponsor in behalf of the Order's intensified war efforts. First contributions to the fund were \$25,000 by the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, \$5,000 by the Elks National Foundation and \$5,000 by Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878. An appeal to all subordinate lodges to contribute to the War Fund brought immediate, liberal and enthusiastic response. It was quickly apparent that the great heart of Elkdom still beat as it did in 1917-18 when the Order rose to great humanitarian heights in its efforts to assist in winning World War I.

Thus, less than a month after the declaration of total war there was started a succession of programs designed to assist the Government in the conduct of the war and to keep alive the great traditions of the Fraternity in promoting and spreading the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

THE WAR COMMISSION PROGRAMS

AS THE Nation girded its loins for battle, unity of purpose displaced national discord. Our Army, Navy and Flying Forces of both branches grew in might and numbers at an amazing pace.

Quick to sense the morale needs of all our men in uniform—Elk or non-Elk—whether in training camps at home or in the far-flung arenas of war, the Elks War Commission was first to crystallize public opinion to the fundamental psychology that "a letter from home means most to the man in uniform". The War Commission's "Write 'Em A Letter" program graphically portrayed to millions of Americans, through the medium of publication of prize-winning cartoons drawn by enlisted personnel of the Army and Navy, how the boys felt about mail from home and loved ones. With genuine pathos and bright good humor the prize cartoons did their work in more than 650 co-operating daily newspapers and other important media, and America responded with a deluge of mail to the boys in uniform. To the Elks went credit for the creation and completion of a vital propaganda campaign.

Concurrently came the Elks "G" Box program instituted by Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland. Designed to present to every Elk in uniform a gift package containing smokes, sweets and personal requisites as a reminder from his own lodge that "an Elk is never forgotten", the "G" Box program met with instant ap-

proval. To date more than 70,000 have been sent to Elks in the Service for their own enjoyment and to share with their buddies. From the thousands of letters which attest the appreciation of the recipients this excerpt has been chosen as typical:

HEADQUARTERS
216th COAST ARTILLERY (AA)
San Francisco, California
June 27, 1942

B.P.O.E.
Hudson, Wisconsin
Elliott Jones, Secretary.
Dear Elliott:

When I received your big Elks "G" Box (and I mean big), I really felt a lump in my throat. I don't think a person fully appreciates your home town fellowship until you leave and spend a year or more away from home.

I shared the box with most of my fellow officers here, and I wish you could have heard the good remarks.

It may be just a small thing to you boys back home, but that "G" Box required a two-ton truck to bring it to my quarters here in the Aquatic Building, and you know what I mean. All I can say is that it was a grand brotherhood gesture on your part. As for me, all I can say now is, *Thank You Sincerely*. I hope and know that blessings will follow after every act of charity and goodwill. I hope to do something in return.

I am very proud of the Elks and of my membership card, which I also owe a thank-you for. I only wish there were more organizations like the Elks, and especially the Hudson Elks. . . .

Sincerely,
David E. Dahl
C.W.O. 216th C.A. (AA)
Band

IN MAY, 1942, the Elks War Commission embarked upon its most far-reaching undertaking—that of cooperation with subordinate lodges in providing recreational facilities for the rapidly swelling roster of Elks donning the uniform.

The majority of large Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine training camps are adjacent to small cities. Lodges in these communities were anxious to provide hospitality for Elks and their friends stationed nearby, but they soon discovered the inadequacy of their facilities and finances in coping with the manifold problems involved in entertaining increasing numbers of visiting Brothers.

In recognition of the determination to provide traditional Elk hospitality to all Elks in uniform—and as far as practicable to their non-Elk friends—the War Commission created the Elks Fraternal Center plan of cooperation with lodges.

Two Grand Lodge field representatives were assigned to visit lodges which had reported their entertainment problems to the Elks War Commission. Their instructions were to survey local conditions, work toward a solution of local lodge problems and to make reports and recom-

mendations for cooperation and financial assistance to the Elks War Commission for its consideration.

When the Grand Lodge convened at Omaha for the number one purpose of setting the course of the Order in continuance of its pledged part in winning the war, there were 16 Elks Fraternal Centers in operation. As another war-time, streamlined Grand Lodge Session looms ahead at Boston, more than 75 subordinate lodges are operating Elks Fraternal Centers. The policies of all are guided by the Elks War Commission's cooperation with the subordinate lodge's officers and War Committee and all but six receive financial support from the Elks War Fund provided by the voluntary subscriptions of the subordinate lodges in accordance with the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge Sessions at Omaha in July, 1942.

Through this system of providing material assistance and traditional Elk hospitality to the now more than 50,000 Elks in uniform—and to thousands of their service friends—every subordinate lodge which has contributed to the \$500,000 Elks War Fund voluntarily created at Omaha must feel pride in the work its dollars are doing to provide a typical home lodge reception to its own absent Brothers. More than 200,000 Elks in the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard are being entertained at Elks Fraternal Centers each month and the total of soft drinks, sandwiches, coffee and milk consumed and other service men's needs provided would warm the heart of any Coney Island concessionaire.

Typical of the letters of appreciation received from men in our armed forces is the following:

Mr. J. R. Nicholson,
292 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Recently had occasion to enjoy the facilities made available to men in the service by the El Reno, Okla., B.P.O.E. I was one of several hundred boys who were required to spend three hours at El Reno between trains.

I am proud to be an Elk but never was I as proud of this fact as I was at El Reno when I saw the eyes of soldiers fairly pop out of their heads when our brothers at El Reno took the group I was with in hand.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Brother Edgar B. Maggi,
Co. D, 61st Br., 13 Rgt.
Camp Robinson, Okla.

Member B.P.O.E.
Sapulpa, Okla., No. 1118

At the Omaha meeting of the War Commission, Judge John S. McClelland, retiring Grand Exalted Ruler, was named to membership on the Commission and Emmett T. Anderson of Tacoma, Washington, became the ninth member succeeding Past

Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon of Los Angeles who had resigned to accept appointment to the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

Another plan jointly sponsored by Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan and the War Commission is the Courtesy Card available to close-relatives-in-uniform of members of the Order. Thus the tradition of Elk hospitality is further extended and now Elks' sons and brothers may be admitted to many lodges to participate in their hospitality programs. To date more than 75,000 Courtesy Cards have been sent to lodge Secretaries to fulfill their requirements.

In addition, the War Commission has furnished stationery printed in four colors for the use of service men visiting Elks Fraternal Centers. Thousands of letters written on these handsome letterheads have found their way to families and friends of service men—each bearing testimony that Elkdom is carrying on in best tradition.

The new "Duration" stamp furnished by the War Commission to lodges requesting them are to be attached to Membership Cards of Brothers in the Service. This project has received wide approval. The appearance of a stamp on a Card indicates that it is "Paid Up" for the duration.

Other activities of the War Commission have included financial assistance to Columbus, Ohio, Lodge No. 37's "Disabled Men's Slipper" program. To date more than 70,000 pairs of house slippers made from renovated carpeting and other materials have been shipped to Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard hospitals in the States and Alaska for the use of convalescents. Each pair bears a card reading, "Supplied Gratis by the Elks National War Commission".

Twelve children of Elks who reside in war zones have been evacuated to the Elks National Home at Bedford, are maintained in special quarters and provided with educational and cultural advantages as nearly like those at home as possible.

The War Commission, through the cooperation of the War Committee Chairmen of the subordinate lodges, carried to a successful conclusion two additional recruiting programs

in 1942 before the general enlistment freezing order of December 5th went into effect. At the request of Secretary Knox, the War Commission set up a program to obtain Naval Aviation Cadets which was patterned after the Army "Keep 'Em Flying" program, but the December freezing order cut it short as it was hitting its true stride. The program to enlist ground crew personnel for the Army Air Forces during the late summer and autumn of 1942 brought further recognition to the Order's ability to organize and conduct comprehensive recruiting campaigns for the Services. As this is written new plans are under way which will call upon the Order again to cooperate with both the Army and Navy.

As the Diamond Jubilee of the founding of the B. P. O. Elks approached, the Public Relations Department of the Elks War Commission set up a nation-wide publicity program designed to convey to all America the highlights of the Order's 75-year history. Special news releases and feature stories were prepared and sent to the Exalted Rulers of the subordinate lodges for inclusion in their local newspapers. Arrangements were made with the Columbia Broadcasting System to broadcast the Anniversary Address of Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan to the people of America through 59 affiliated Columbia stations in 32 States on February 16th. Tie-ups were effected with more than a dozen commercially sponsored radio shows during the week of February 14-20 and highspots of the Order's war work were broadcast to millions of listeners at home and to our armed forces overseas through short-wave. A 12-inch double-face recording of excerpts from some of the Diamond Jubilee radio tie-ups was produced and offered gratis to the subordinate lodges by the War Commission as a memento of the 75th Anniversary.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

To Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan the War Commission is deeply grateful for the constant interest he has taken in each of the programs carried out during his year of splendid leadership. In his many visits to subordinate lodges in every section of the country he has

missed no opportunity to point to the war work of the Order in addressing lodges and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have heard his radio interviews. His cooperation with the War Commission has been both inspirational and of material assistance.

Any account of the Order's war activities would be grossly inaccurate if it did not lay particular stress upon the excellent cooperation which the subordinate lodges provided in putting into effect the War Commission-sponsored programs. The policy of centering the lodge's war work in a War Committee Chairman and Committee Members has proved an efficient device.

In addition to the War Commission, sponsored programs, all lodges have conducted numerous and varied local war programs of their own devising. Millions of dollars worth of War Bonds have been purchased... breakfasts, luncheons and dinners have honored thousands of men as they departed to take up arms, and throughout the length and breadth of the land Elkdom has maintained its position of civic and patriotic leadership by its constant cooperative contributions to the war effort in every community. For the reports of these myriad activities and for the invaluable suggestions which have come from the subordinate lodges, the War Commission is ever grateful.

Thus the Elks War Commission gratefully acknowledges to the Exalted Rulers and War and Defense Committee Chairmen who have served from the late summer of 1940 to date its deep appreciation of so many tasks well performed. It is with a spirit of genuine confidence and enthusiasm that the Commission views the future.

THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

What the coming year may hold for Elkdom in the way of further and perhaps greater opportunity to be of service to more than 50,000 members in uniform and to our Government in winning the war—none may say. Certainly, as the Nation's might continues to increase and the day of crushing defeat for our foes draws nearer it must remain clear to all in the Order that our own efforts shall not diminish.

Brain Truster

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for almost half the total major-league attendance.

A God-fearing, church-going-and-speaking man, the Reverend Rickey is an absolute terror in the market place and the temples of the money changers. He has sold more than two million dollars' worth of ball players and among them were some of the very worst lemons ever foisted upon a gullible purchaser. He was the pious peddler of a package known as

Dizzy Dean that cost the Cubs \$185,000.

No man sings of the simple life more sweetly than the Reverend. The joy supreme of working toward a common goal with happy hands, sustained by pride, love of fellow man and not too much money, was sold so convincingly to the Cardinals, with whom Rickey was associated for twenty-five years, that the St. Louis organization now is celebrated

for its pennants and coolie wages. Rickey, however, had the presence of mind to fortify his own parish so well that he has drawn more money from baseball than anyone ever connected with it—and that includes Babe Ruth and Judge Landis. Roy Stockton, St. Louis baseball writer, estimates that Rickey was paid \$88,000 a year, in salary and percentage of player sales, in 1941 and '42. He now is working on a five-year con-

tract in Brooklyn calling for \$65,000 a year, plus certain bonus commitments.

The best judge of ball players in America, proved repeatedly by the spectacular success of the farm system, his brain child, Rickey was a monumental bust as a manager. A stern realist in the office, he was an incredibly naive and dewy-eyed visionary during the seven years—1919 to 1925—he managed the Cardinals. He conducted blackboard drills for his beetle-browed athletes in the clubhouse before the game and, in theory, won every day. His theories were splendid, but something unexplained in the blue-prints usually happened on the field.

Rogers Hornsby, a tough-talking, hard-riding bloke and the antithesis of the Reverend, was appointed manager of the team and promptly pitched the blackboard into the back alley. The Cardinals won the world championship the following season and racked up four pennants in the next six years. Under Rickey, the team never finished better than third.

The non-alcoholic Rickey's strongest expletive is "Judas Priest!" used only on occasions that try the soul of a long-suffering man. Yet one of Rickey's tailor-made creations, and perhaps his most famous, was the Gashouse Gang of 1934, the most profane, abusive and arrogant team of recent years. The closest runner-up to the Gashouse Gang in sheer cussedness was the Brooklyn team of last year, the flock the Reverend inherited when he succeeded Larry MacPhail as general manager.

Although St. Louis is not a particularly good baseball town, the Cardinals regularly paid eight percent dividends during the last ten years of Rickey's regime. Wealthier clubs such as the Giants and Cubs, with far greater populations to draw upon, encountered financial difficulties during that period. Even the fabulous Yankees had to retrench after the death of Col. Jake Ruppert. But the Cardinals, dancing to the pastoral played by Rickey, continued to show profits annually.

IT ALL adds up to the conclusion that Rickey is an exceedingly smart gent who does well by his employer and very well for himself. More pertinently, he has performed invaluable services for baseball through the origination of the farm system, the one revolutionary development in the game since the turn of the century.

The last ball player St. Louis bought on the open market was Jess Haines, a pitcher who cost the Cardinals the modest sum of \$10,000 in 1919. Larry MacPhail spent \$1,200,000 for players in his five years at Brooklyn and had one pennant to show for it. Tom Yawkey has bought close to a million dollars' worth of players for the Red Sox and hasn't won a pennant yet. Only the Yankees, whose payroll doubles the Cardinal's, have won more pennants than the

Red Birds since 1926. And the Cardinals, unquestionably, would have been the Yankees of the National League if they had not sold the players developed for them by Rickey.

The 61-year-old Rickey does not know more baseball than Ed Barrow of the Yankees, Connie Mack of the Athletics or Clark Griffith of the Senators, a statement he would be the first to corroborate. But he was the first to dream up the farm system, a scheme for the mass production of players and, characteristically, the only substitute for money known to baseball. At the peak of its effectiveness, the Cardinal empire controlled more than 500 sweaty slaves in every league of organized baseball. The St. Louis chain owned a team in each of the four top minor leagues (Rochester in the International, Columbus in the American Association, Sacramento in the Pacific Coast, Houston in the Texas) and either owned outright or had a working agreement with a team in each of the lesser leagues.

The farm system produced such enormously successful results that even the Yankees, backed by Col. Ruppert's limitless millions, went into the cultivation of home-grown players as opposed to the traditional practice of buying stars on the open market. The last minor-leaguer the Yankees purchased was Joe DiMaggio, a steal at \$25,000 from San Francisco in 1935; their last large expenditure for a player was the \$25,000 bonus given Tommy Henrich when he was declared a free agent in 1937. Tom Yawkey, who once believed pennants could be bought, had to admit defeat and started belatedly the founding of a farm system to achieve his heart's desire.

"The farm system was no lightning flash of genius," the Reverend says with pious modesty. "It simply was necessity, a distant relative. There are two ways of getting a winning team. One is to buy players as you need them. The other is to develop players for the future. When Sam Breadon bought the Cardinals in 1920, we just did not have the money to buy players—and it was a terrible handicap. The club was running so close to insolvency that an unwise or unfortunate investment of \$25,000 in one player would have made us bankrupt. We took the only obvious course in that predicament. We went out and got young players who might, with careful coaching in the minor leagues, develop into stars at some later date."

As Rickey describes it, the whole thing sounds disarmingly simple and logical, but nurturing the farm system to its peak of efficiency involved an amount of sheer physical labor and a degree of concentration that would have done in anyone but a citizen with a prodigious capacity for work, a thumbnail description of the Reverend. He gathered unto himself a staff of scouts who scoured the backwoods, back alleys and by-paths of the country looking at youths who

fancied themselves as ball players. The Cardinals set up camps in every section, bidding one and all to come and show their talents, frequently giving the once-over to 300 boys in one day. Rickey's standards were not too high; he proceeded along the theory that a boy able to run fast and throw hard could be taught the refinements of the trade.

In effect, the program was baseball's cradle-to-the-grave plan. Rickey got 'em young and discarded 'em—usually for a price—when they were dead professionally. He watched the progress of a \$65-a-month kid as closely as he followed a star. An emergency call from a Class D team, in need of another pitcher or a new groundkeeper, gave him as much concern as the slump of the mother team, the Cardinals. He juggled and shifted players continuously, repaired broken fences constantly. He was the works of the far-flung organization. He was here and he was there, and everywhere he made speeches. Making speeches is the Reverend's flash act.

THE spectacular late-season surge of the Cardinals to the pennant last year, climaxed by their highly astonishing triumph over the Yankees in the World Series, was a stirring testimonial to the pure-thoughts-and-morality sermon the Reverend has been preaching for years. To begin with, each of the 25 players on the roster were graduates of the farm system. Rickey assembled the team with loving care and he nurtured the soul spark that enabled it to win when its chances appeared to be as worthless as an Italian lira in Libya.

In August, the Cardinals were ten and a half games behind the Dodgers, whose gambling for high stakes, rowdy tactics on the field and general hell-raising offended mightily the Reverend's sense of the fitness of things. He could use the Brooklyn defeat as a parable to convince the congregation that frustration is the sinner's ultimate reward, but the Reverend now is working in Brooklyn and playing the harp on the subject merely advertises the shortcomings of his new team and the need for reform.

"For single-mindedness of purpose," Rickey says tremulously, "the Cardinals of 1942 were the greatest team I ever saw. They won the pennant because they thought only of the pennant. They had pride of achievement. The Dodgers did not. And that," he adds in a throaty whisper, "is why the Dodgers lost."

By single-mindedness of purpose, Rickey means a group of high-minded young men, uncluttered by thoughts of wordly possessions, resolved to win for the greater glory of the management. The Brooklyn pay-roll under the flamboyant MacPhail was the highest in the National League. It appears there will be seen some unseasonable flying of fur at Ebbets Field this summer.

"Leggo, I said!"



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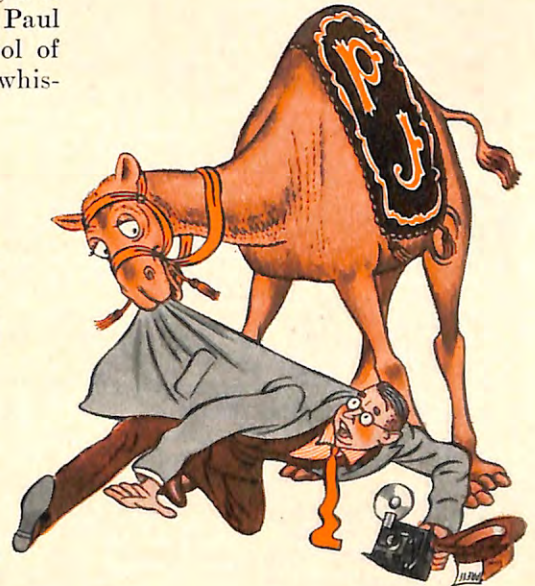
REPORTER: Awright, okay, I'm a reporter. But, please, Pal, I'm busy—City Hall's on fire, the bank's been robbed, somebody just blew up the postmaster, an' the mayor's running around biting dogs. So leggo the coat, Bub . . . Leggo!

CAMEL: But, Pride of the Press, I've got news for you too! I'm the Paul Jones Camel! The living symbol of the *dryness* in dry Paul Jones whiskey and—

2.

REPORTER: Jeepers! Listen, you Bedouin Barnacle: leggo my coat and tomorrow I'll plaster you all over Page One! But leggo me *now!*

CAMEL: Will you say that this *dryness*, this lack of sweetness in the superb Paul Jones brings out *all* its flavor? And that for all Paul Jones' magnificence, for all its superlative *dryness*, it is most moderately priced?



3.

REPORTER: I'll tell 'em it's a *pearl* among whiskeys! Listen! Did you say *moderately priced*? A *dry* whiskey and moderately priced?

CAMEL: Go to *any* liquor store, O Soon-to-be-Grateful! You'll find that dry Paul Jones is *most* moderately priced!

REPORTER: Well, for the *luvva* Mike! Say, I'm not only gonna put this on Page One. It's goin' in Society, Sports, and Letters to the Editor! So long, Chum! See you in the papers!

Paul Jones



*The very best buy
is the whiskey that's dry*

A blend of straight whiskies—90 proof.

Frankfort Distilleries, Inc., Louisville & Baltimore

What America Is Reading

(Continued from page 7)

SINCLAIR LEWIS is himself again in "Gideon Planish", although the novel lacks the depth and scope of those books that made his reputation as a satirist of the American scene, "Babbitt" and "Arrowsmith". But those who enjoy his tilting at American manners that we take for granted will get a great deal of amusement out of this spirited caricature of a man who practices the money-raising racket. Gideon Planish is a middle western product with more oratory than ideas in his system, but oratory counts in American life. He teaches rhetoric and speech at Kinnickinick College in Iowa, becomes a dean, talks to Rotarians and women's clubs on every conceivable subject, edits a magazine called Rural Adult Education in Des Moines, becomes the secretary of the Hesketh Foundation in Chicago and gradually joins the big time in New York City, where Col. Marduc, magazine publisher and supporter of organizations and movements, runs the Dynamos of Democratic Direction. Though Gideon is a superficial little fellow and makes a living beating up trade (that is, getting contributions) for these organizations, he is never quite convinced that they are important. This permits the author to portray the ludicrous antics of all sorts of uplifters as Planish meets them. When Sinclair Lewis really gets going on all these people he packs his story full of laughs, and some of our laughs come because we think we recognize the characters. Most of them have outlandish names that would have pleased Dickens; there is Deacon Wheyfish, for instance, who shook contributions out of the rich and the poor, boosting the Family Prayer Crusade and the Blessed to Give Brotherhood; there is Governor Blizzard, who made farm implements in Waskeegan and lived most of the time "at his humble twelve-room log cabin on Park avenue in New York," and there is that remarkable woman, Winifred Homeward, who could talk anybody to a standstill on any subject and invariably did. "She was the American woman careerist and it is a reasonable bet that in 1955 she will be dictator of the United States and China. She was an automatic, self-starting talker. Any throng of more than two persons constituted a lecture audience for her, and at sight she mounted an imaginary platform, pushed aside an imaginary glass of water and started a fervent address full of imaginary information about conditions and situations that lasted till the audience sneaked out. . . . She had the wisdom of Astarte and the punch of Joe Louis, and her eyelids were a little weary." Well, if you have been wondering just how all these various people and organizations fit into the American scene, you may be as worried as Sinclair

Lewis seems to be about all the pressure groups, of which he says, "Each of these private armies led by devout fanatics, not always on salary, who believe that the way to ensure freedom for everybody is to shut up every one of their opponents in jail for life . . . God save poor America!" So you see there is some bite to this novel after all. (Random House, \$2.50)

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN, who has been writing about the theatre as long as I can remember, is 61 years old and looks as if he had just received his college degree. Mr. Nathan is a confirmed bachelor, which may or may not qualify him to give advice to parents on how to treat their children. He calls it "Beware of Parents", which ought to be a guide to what is inside. And, frankly, reading it as a parent, I don't think he makes a bad job of it. He must have had plenty of opportunities for observation, without getting his emotions involved. And he reminds us that some of the best books for children were written by unmarried men and spinsters, including such authors as Daniel Defoe, Jacob Grimm, Charles Lamb, Louisa May Alcott, Lewis Carroll and Johann Wyss—and if you don't know who Johann Wyss was and what he wrote there's a gap in your knowledge (as there was in mine until George enlightened me).

Mr. Nathan is against goo-goo talk; youngsters know a great deal more than their parents believe and deserve to be treated with dignity. When a lad gets low marks in school parents jump to the conclusion that he is backward, whereas he may be merely uninterested in the subject. Parents are unduly concerned with prolonging a child's innocence, says Mr. Nathan, but part of a boy's fun is in not letting on that he knows all about the stork. And why, he asks, make a boy practice at the piano for long hours when he wants to beat the drum, blow the cornet or tootle the saxophone? It is better for a boy to play these instruments, says our authority, than to grow up into a pianist so bad that people will heave beer bottles at him.

This book is not written for children. It is written for grown-ups and men ought to get a kick out of the chapter in which Mr. Nathan recalls some remarkable situations in old plays. He cites them to prove "the everlasting kid that exists in all men", and is probably right. I know that I thrilled to Sherlock Holmes' lighted cigar, blazing in a darkened room; to Lincoln J. Carter's trains rushing across the stage with sparks pouring from their funnels; to Francis Wilson falling down stairs in "Erminie". Mr. Nathan recalls a famous scene in William Gillette's

"Secret Service", in which the Union spy, recognizing his brother in the Confederate uniform and observing that he is about to betray him, shoots him down—and it seems a bit ironic that we once applauded what we now consider a typical piece of Nazi brutality. But I think you'll get fun out of reading Mr. Nathan's book. (Farrar & Rinehart, \$2)

STEFAN ZWEIG was one of the cultured men whose roots were deep in the soil of the old Austria. He had been born in "the golden age of security", when the Hapsburgs were still ruling, after 1,000 years, and the Viennese citizen who owned a house knew that his children and his grandchildren would live in it. These were the days when the arts flourished and young Zweig began to write poetry. In his autobiography, finished in the United States a short time before his tragic death in Brazil in February, 1942, and called "The World of Yesterday", Zweig not only describes the social and intellectual factors that shaped this golden age but reveals himself as a keen, generous and sensitive judge of the men and women who influenced his thinking. It was a heaven for the artist. Zweig became acquainted with Theodor Herzl, then a Vienna editor, and associated himself with the pacifist movement of which Romain Rolland was the moving spirit; in Paris he met Rainer Maria Rilke, the German poet, and James Joyce, the Irish author of "Dubliners" and "Ulysses". He had a deep admiration for Rolland and his chapter about him, describing him still working for peace in Switzerland while the war was on, is a glowing tribute; he calls Rolland "the moral conscience of all Europe". Zweig also wrote a libretto for an opera by Richard Strauss and he tells how Strauss forced the Nazis to produce it with full credit to Zweig, against the wishes of the anti-Semitic faction. Strauss has remained in Germany and is considered pro-Nazi, but Zweig explains his difficult situation and suggests that maybe Strauss is not having things easy there. The tragedy of this fine book is the growing hopelessness of Zweig as he sees his world disintegrate. He had no suspicion that Hitler would engulf Austria and let loose barbarism and brutality. He is glad that his aged mother, who was over 80, did not long survive the conquest of Vienna by the Nazis. The "war of all upon all" broke his spirit; at 61 he saw no hope ahead for him and the things he loved best. His book is a fine personal story, an analysis of the culture that died when the barbaric instincts of man burst forth again, the story of an age that was murdered. It is one of the most distinguished autobiographies of our time. (Viking Press, \$3)



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AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY of another kind is Harold Ickes' account of his career as an independent progressive, "The Autobiography of a Curmudgeon". Secretary Ickes is not afraid of name-calling, so he begins by calling himself the worst names, reminding us that he is "Horrendous Harold". He has been on the firing line since Theodore Roosevelt became the ideal of middle-western liberals. Born in Pennsylvania, he had a boyhood in Altoona but went to school in Chicago, where his first big battle was the campaign he managed for Charles E. Merriam, professor of the University of Chicago, who challenged Carter H. Harrison for the mayor's job and lost. Mr. Ickes learned much about trading politicians during that campaign and some of his most scathing remarks deal with the careers of men who left the progressive cause. Mr. Ickes was one of the last to leave; he is proud to record that when a motion was made to make the nomination of Warren Harding for president unanimous, he voted a loud "No!" Thus Mr. Ickes' book is valuable as a window on the progressive campaigns, but he has told little enough about the later New Deal era, declaring that he cannot speak out at this time. (Reynal & Hitchcock, \$3)

WHEN Henry Seidel Canby writes that Mark Aldanov is a "real novelist of the great Russian tradition", he prepares us for something that may be full of meat, but also rather slow going. That is exactly true of Aldanov's book, "The Fifth Seal", which gets its title from the Revelation of St. John the Divine, which tells that under the fifth

seal were "the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimonies which they held". The characters of this story are middle-aged Russians whose revolutionary faith is growing weak as they get farther away from the days of Lenin; now they are being sent by Moscow to a European embassy and they are plagued by fears and a bad conscience. Kangarov, the ambassador, is greatly disturbed by the purge trials in Moscow, for the men on trial were once his associates and "Lenin's right hand". Tamarin is a former czarist officer who is now a general in the Red Army; Wislicenus is another much-worried Soviet official. A number of others are rather unsure of themselves. The French author, Vermandois, is concerned about the changing world and groping for a philosophy and the only carefree person seems to be the young secretary, Naida, who has never been outside of Moscow and now resents finding Paris a little better than Moscow. A vast amount of living and talking goes on in the story, to no great end except to show how muddled these men have become. It will please those who bring to it a certain amount of patience and interest in men whose convictions are going to pieces. This book aroused much interest before publication because it was the object of a concerted attack by partisans who objected to it because it did not place the Soviet officials in a good light. They feared it might injure Soviet-American relations. No matter what we think of the men here described it is quite unlikely to have any effect whatever on international relations. (Scribner, \$3)

IF YOU opened a book of poems by Robert Frost for the first time and wanted to know how he came to write with such intimacy and understanding of homely New England themes, you would find Louis Untermeyer easily the best guide and interpreter. For Mr. Untermeyer has written about Robert Frost's poetry for many years in his anthologies, and has always accorded him a distinguished place in American letters. It was a happy thought of Mr. Frost's publishers to ask Louis Untermeyer to introduce Robert Frost to many new friends in a book of poems and comment: "Come In and Other Poems", by Robert Frost, with commentary by Louis Untermeyer. For Mr. Untermeyer believes that "the creator, the artist, the extraordinary man, is merely the ordinary man intensified". Robert Frost is not a remote, aloof intellectual; he is an "ordinary man" with a deep, intense, creative impulse, and he writes in the plain words of our homely speech, the undefiled English that is understood on the farm and in the town, and that means what it says.

Mountain slopes, fields and roads and the people on them; little farmhouses with men and women who talk slowly about the seasons, about their lives and memories; a poet's reflections on men and their ways—all these are in this book. "We love the things we love for what they are," said the poet, who has never looked for outlandish things to describe. "Earth's the right place for love; I don't know where it's likely to go better. . . ." This book is a useful and rewarding key to the treasure of Robert Frost's poetry. (Holt, \$2.50)

Under the Antlers

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Compton, Calif., Elks Lift Debt On Home In Less Than a Month

Complete liquidation of a \$4,800 debt on its building in just three weeks is the truly amazing record of Compton, Calif., Lodge, No. 1570. The entire amount was raised within the membership, which is comparatively small. The lodge credits Melvin J. Neel and his assistants with the success of the achievement. Actually, more than \$5,000 was realized and with its home all paid for, Compton Lodge has cleared the way for other activities, especially those along patriotic lines.

A unique method was adopted when the drive was planned, and the members went forth to bring down 4,800 "enemy aircraft", one for each dollar standing against the building. Gold wings were awarded those who "shot down" 50 or more "planes". Silver wings went to those "bagging" from 30 to 49. Blue wings were the reward for one to 29. The citations of colored cardboard, attractively printed by a member of the lodge, were presented in true military fashion. The campaign was never permitted to lag, and cash on the line rather than a pledge for future payment was the ruling, but no attempt was made to "high pressure" the members.

"Wake Up, America" Salutes B.P.O.E.

On Sunday, June 13, over the coast-to-coast Blue Network, the American Economic Foundation will pay tribute to B.P.O.E. on its "Wake Up, America" radio program.

This popular radio forum is heard each Sunday from 3:15 to 4 PM (Eastern War Time). It is designed to inform the listening public about vital problems of the day.

Unique feature of the broadcast is the "telephone city". Listeners call local radio stations and later hear their questions answered on the air.

"Wake Up, America" will mention the special activities of the Elks in connection with Flag Day which occurs the day after the broadcast.

A delegation from the Los Angeles area will attend the broadcast and will submit questions from the studio. Members in other parts of the country are invited to listen and to send their comments to Fred G. Clark, Moderator of "Wake Up, America," 295 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Full details have been mailed to all lodges.

Durango Elks Use Novel Method In Raising Money for War Fund

Durango, Colo., Lodge, No. 507, initiated its Diamond Jubilee Class in the presence of a capacity crowd. The ritualistic work was splendidly performed, although the officers had occupied their respective Chairs but six weeks due to the fact that Exalted Ruler A. James Turner had entered the Service and one other officer had gone into defense work in another city.

The meeting was followed by a turkey dinner, served at beautifully decorated V-shaped tables. The piece de résistance was a huge birthday cake with "Victory" inscribed on the top frosting. Upon the conclusion of the program, the cake was auctioned piece by piece, and the sum of \$80 was realized, to be added to the amount already raised for the lodge's contribution to the Elks War Commission. In addition to what had been forwarded to the Commission, Durango Lodge's subscription to the Elks War Commission fund was \$387.75, fifty dollars over its quota, all of which was to be sent on to the Commission.

Forty members of No. 507 are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces. The membership increase during the lodge year was highly satisfactory.

Bradford, Pa., Lodge Concludes A Successful Year of Activity

During the fiscal year which came to a close on March 31, Bradford, Pa., Lodge, No. 234, carried on an extensive program of patriotic and charitable endeavor with great success under the leadership of E.R. James F. Butterworth. Activities having to do with the war effort were given precedence, and charity work was not neglected. "G" Boxes were sent recently to the 46 members in the Services. A tonsil clinic was operated last summer and 600 underprivileged children had their tonsils removed free of any charge. Generous distributions of food were made among needy families. Approximately 200 children were provided with shoes, stockings and rubbers for the winter months.

Despite the misfortune of losing his eyesight during his term, Exalted Ruler Butterworth not only completed his year of office but assumed the chairmanship of the lodge's War Committee when the chairman, Captain J. L. Waterman, was called to active duty with the U. S. Navy. Mr. Butterworth is in every way an active citizen of the community. With the aid of his Seeing-Eye dog, he attends meetings and social functions and continues his work at a local bank.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Butterworth's father, the late James F. Butterworth, Sr., served as Exalted Ruler of No. 234 twenty years ago. This is the only instance in the lodge's history of the service of a father and his son in the Exalted Ruler's office.

The State Associations Committee Reports the Following Wartime Convention Dates for 1943

Association	City	Date
North Carolina	Wilson	June 4-5
Iowa	Burlington	June 5-6
Connecticut	Hartford	June 6
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	June 6-7
Indiana	Terre Haute	June 12-13
Nebraska	Grand Island	June 12-13
Maine	Augusta	June 13
Idaho	St. Maries	June 18-19
Michigan	Manistee	June 19-20
Massachusetts	Swampscott	June 19-20
Mississippi	Jackson	June 20
Washington	Bellingham	June 25-26
Minnesota	St. Paul	June 27
New Jersey	Union City	June *
Pennsylvania	Williamsport	August 23-24
Ohio	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	August 29-30-31-Sept. 1-2-3
Wisconsin	Janesville	August *
Nevada	Reno	October 8-9

*Date not yet set.

Harry S. Joseph, Prominent Utah Elk, Dies at Salt Lake City

Past Exalted Ruler Harry S. Joseph, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, mining engineer, promoter and developer of mining enterprises and an enthusiastic participant in all movements designed to attract favorable attention to the State, succumbed to a lingering illness on March 13. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Joseph had been a member of No. 85 since 1903. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1931-32. He was prominently identified with various committees and was especially active in the welfare work carried on by the lodge. For many years he led the pilgrimages made by Salt Lake City Elks to subordinate lodges in adjoining States where annually memorial flag poles were raised. Funeral services, under the direction of the Past Exalted Rulers Association, were conducted at the lodge home on the Tuesday afternoon following his death. Interment took place in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Orphaned at the age of ten, Mr. Joseph sold newspapers on the streets of Cin-

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PRINCE ALBERT

CRIMP BUT LONG BURNING PIPE AND CIGARETTE TOBACCO

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cinnati, earning enough to obtain an education in the public schools of his native city. At the University of Cincinnati, he was awarded a gold medal for efficiency as a civil engineering student. Shortly after graduation, he became a resident of Utah. He was active and successful in the mining industry for three decades. At the time of his death, he was President and General Manager of the Silver Shield Mining and Milling Company.

Mr. Joseph also gained recognition in the fields of writing and music. Long interested in civic enterprises, he was one of the organizers of Salt Lake's first Covered Wagon Days program and a proponent of the movement to make the observance an annual event.

Members in service overseas

are urged to keep both the Secretary of their lodge and the magazine office informed of their correct mailing address.

Under the new postal regulations, copies of the Magazine may not be forwarded as third-class mail to A.P.O.'s overseas by the member's family.

If you are serving in our Armed Forces stationed outside continental United States, send us your complete address together with the name of your lodge, and, if possible, your membership number.

Several Successful Programs Are Completed by Minot, N. D., Lodge

Having conducted two major programs simultaneously, Minot, N. D., Lodge, No. 1089, recently completed one of the most successful months in its history. The lodge assumed responsibility of the "Buy a Bomber" campaign for the city of Minot and at the same time conducted a membership drive for its Diamond Jubilee Class, commemorating the 75th birthday of the Order.

Under the direction of E.R. C. E. Reed, V. A. Linington, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and P.E.R. T. J. McGrath, head of the Elks War Commission of No. 1089, a total of \$781,906.50 in issue value of Series E, F and G Bonds were sold. As a result of the drive, a bomber is to be named for the city of Minot. The sale of War Bonds totaled seven per cent of the entire amount sold in the State of North Dakota during the "Buy a Bomber" Campaign, and were sold in an area which has only three and one-half per cent of the State's population. Hence the city was oversubscribed one hundred per cent. The maturity value of the Bonds is \$943,900. The drive was the seventh important project of the war effort in which Minot Lodge has either participated or acted as sponsor since Pearl Harbor.

A third major effort on the part of the lodge during the same period was conducted by the Lapsation Committee. As a result, Minot Lodge now has no delinquent members. One hundred and eleven new members were obtained for the Diamond Jubilee Class. One hundred and twelve members of the lodge are serving in the Nation's Armed Forces.

Murals Are Unveiled in the Lodge Room of Delta, Colo., Lodge

Murals set in two panels, designed to fit into arched niches on either side of the Exalted Ruler's station, were unveiled at exercises held by Delta, Colo., Lodge, No. 1235, on February 17. The

public was invited and the lodge had as special guests District Deputy Ernest L. Milner and Frank H. Buskirk, Secy. of the Colo. State Elks Assn., P.E.R.'s of Montrose Lodge.

The background and resources of western Colorado are depicted in the murals. One is a rich autumn harvest scene on a typical Gunnison Valley farm, with Grand Mesa Mountain beyond; the other is a beautiful summer scene in the high peaks north of Crested Butte, suggesting the recreational season for which the region is famous. The cardinal points of the Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, are clearly presented in four smaller outline panels below, separated by the Greek symbol of Wisdom. Earl G. Hammock, who painted the murals, has been a member of Delta Lodge for more than 15 years. His art career had a local beginning, and soon his talent won recognition in many of the southwestern States. Much of his work and study in recent years has been with the Santa Fe-Taos School of Painting.

When Past Exalted Rulers Night was observed the following week, the lodge celebrated the Order's 75th birthday with the initiation of a fine class. On March the 10th, the mortgage on the home was burned.

Delaware, O., Lodge Celebrates Its Fifty-Fifth Anniversary

Delaware, O., Lodge, No. 76, celebrated its 55th birthday on George Washington's Birthday and as is its annual custom, gave a banquet for the members. One hundred and fifty attended. Hugely enjoyed was the "inside dope" on the 1942 World Series given by Billy Southworth, Manager of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals. Mr. Southworth is a life member of the Order.

The banquet, held in the American Legion quarters, was followed by a social session at the lodge home. Greetings were extended by E.R. Eugene L. Robinson. Bruce Burgess was Toastmaster. The history of the lodge was outlined by P.E.R. Walter G. Penry, Pres. of the O. State Elks Assn.

Delaware Lodge has long been known as the "George Washington Birthday Lodge", having been instituted on February 22, 1888. The lodge is active in war work. Its financial affairs and membership status are the best in its history. Two charter members are living.

New Kensington Lodge Celebrates The Order's 75th Anniversary

The initiation of its Diamond Jubilee Class on Past Exalted Rulers Night brought 46 new members into New Kensington, Pa., Lodge, No. 512. Two former members were reinstated. Charter Members Night was celebrated at the same time. Five of the seven living charter members and 11 of the 19 Past Exalted Rulers were present.

Wilbur G. Warner, of Leighton, Past Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn., was the speaker, and P.E.R. Otto R. Grotefend, of New Kensington Lodge, sketched the history of the lodge. Two hundred and sixty-seven members were present for the initiatory ceremonies which were conducted by Past Exalted Rulers and followed by a banquet and a dance attended by 650 members and their ladies.

Leighton, Pa., Elks Celebrate The Order's 75th Anniversary

One hundred members of Leighton, Pa., Lodge, No. 1284, celebrated the 75th

Anniversary of the Order with a buffalo dinner served in the beautifully remodeled grill room of the lodge home. They had as their guest Sergeant John Kobal of the U. S. Marines, back from active duty in the Pacific area. After dinner, adjournment was made to the lodge hall where Exalted Ruler W. H. DeHaven and his officers initiated a Diamond Jubilee Class of sixteen candidates. A buffet supper followed the meeting.

Under Good of the Order, Wilbur G. Warner, Past Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn., gave a detailed report of the charitable work carried on by Leighton Lodge in supplying destitute families with food, clothing and fuel, sponsoring a student in the State Teachers College and another in a nursing college, and examining needy children and providing them with eyeglasses. P.D.D. Alfred A.

Notice Regarding Applications For Residence At Elks National Home

The Board of Grand Trustees reports that there are several rooms at the Elks National Home awaiting applications from members qualified for admission. Applications will be considered in the order in which received.

For full information, write Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.

McCabe, of Easton, Pa., Lodge, delivered an address on the war work of the Order, past and present.

With the initiation of the anniversary class, the lodge rounded out a successful year. Many candidates were initiated and the indebtedness on the lodge home was reduced by approximately \$14,000.

Dickinson, N. D., Lodge Honors Service Members Home on Leave

Dickinson, N. D., Lodge, No. 1137, initiated a Victory Class at a regular meeting on March 3. After the ceremonies, 450 Elks and their ladies shared in the pleasure of honoring two members of the lodge, Edward Fox and Harry Binek, who had been wounded in Guadalcanal and were home on sick leave from a San Francisco hospital.

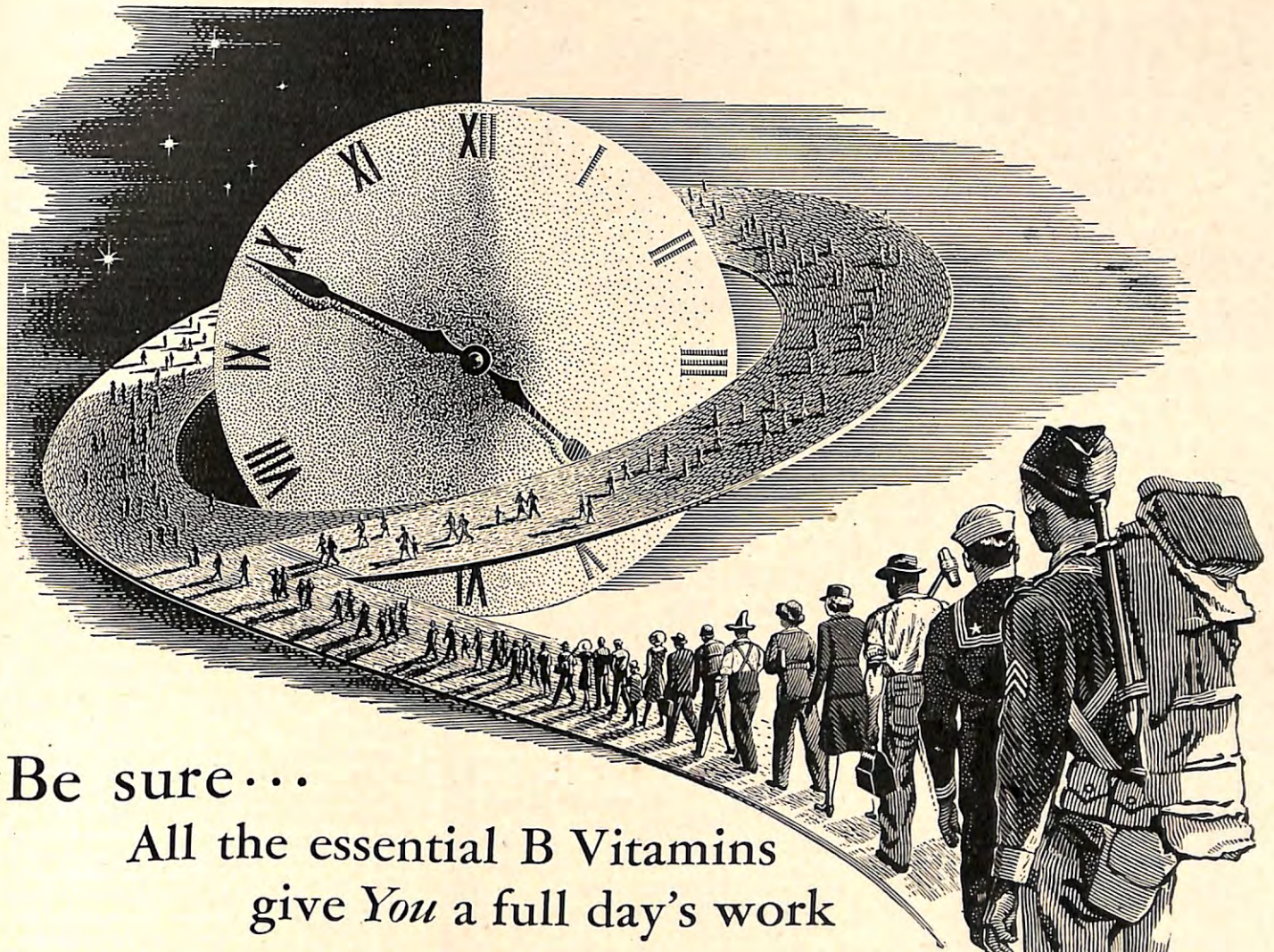
During the evening, E.R. Ansl Suckerman presented Mrs. Fox, a recent bride, with luggage, and Mr. Fox and Mr. Binek with service kits. A fried chicken dinner was served at midnight after which festivities were resumed. Chairman W. A. Brown and his special Program Committee were assisted by the Elks' ladies and members of the Entertainment Committee.

Twelve members of Dickinson Lodge took part in the fighting at Guadalcanal. The lodge has more than 60 members in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Fort Collins Elks Make It Easy For Citizens to Donate Blood

To facilitate the donating of blood by local citizens to the Red Cross, Fort Collins, Colo., Lodge, No. 804, instituted a plan recently through which volunteers are accompanied to the blood bank in Denver. A committee of ten members is selected each week by E.R. Julius Wagner. The committee assumes the responsibility of assembling the group, makes arrangements with the bank for reservations, and transports the donors to Denver.

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up between now and the war's end, transportation and other wartime difficulties considered. And there's little reason to suppose the same general condition doesn't prevail elsewhere in the United States.

However, these denuded ammunition shelves in thousands of the Nation's hardware and sporting goods stores didn't remain long unnoticed by the "business as usual" guys. After all, they reasoned, the war wasn't going to last forever and there was money to be made if those shelves could be replenished. The hitch was that a serious obstacle confronted that utterly cynical ambition, as follows:

Millions of pounds of desperately critical war metals, mainly lead and brass, would have to be diverted from the manufacture of military rifle and machine-gun cartridges to the manufacture of this nonessential sporting ammunition, along with the skilled labor necessary to produce it. That obviously would be a serious hurdle to surmount because the War Production Board, and the American public with millions of its sons in the Service, weren't likely to approve something which placed "business as usual" above the war effort and the value of human life. However, those trivial details didn't throw the sterling patriots who were seeking a way out of this impasse.

Before much could be done, they reasoned, it first would be necessary to create a public clamor for more ammunition, and do it through stooges. If an ersatz public demand could be whipped up, obviously some pressure could be brought to bear on the War Production Board.

At this stage of the proceedings, some genius had a real inspiration. Meat rationing was just around the corner; housewives soon wouldn't be getting those luscious sirloins and maybe not even hamburger. Why not hook up the "more ammunition" drive to the impending meat shortage? People wanted and needed meat, didn't they? There are millions of pounds of wild game in this country, aren't there? It takes shells and cartridges to shoot that game.

Why, the idea was a natural! It couldn't miss! Of course, there were conspicuous drawbacks to the plan, but these were not considered insurmountable. The fact that the country was loaded with sporting ammunition had to be soft-pedaled, or, better still, ignored completely. Another rather important angle was that it was obviously impossible to divert tons of brass and lead to the manufacture of sporting ammunition without sacrificing military ammunition, which, of course, meant that a lot of mothers' sons in the foxholes of Africa, New Guinea or the Solomons wouldn't be getting all the .30-06s and .45s they needed to do a job.

And very likely would be killed as a result.

Then, too, there was the conservation angle to consider. For years every right-thinking sportsman and conservationist had been working to build up our national wildlife, and it would be difficult to convince them that even a war justified wholesale game slaughter. Obviously it would be necessary to enlist the cooperation of state conservation department officials to smooth out that angle. As it developed later, this was easy, as state game officials, already alarmed by reduced license revenue, were eager to support any plan which promised to maintain them in the style to which they'd become accustomed. Even if the plan involved tossing a dornick into the war effort and placed pheasant shooting "as usual" above the value of American soldiers' lives.

The opening gun in the "more ammunition" drive was fired at the eighth annual North American Wildlife Conference, which was held at Denver, Colo., back in February, pleading for the "harvesting" of our game crop. Space limitations preclude reprinting the more absurd statements in this speech.

This trial balloon at Denver was followed by an editorial in a nationally circulated magazine, titled "Harvest the Crop". The editorial urged that our next Fall's duck crop be "harvested", to save the quackers from the depredations of market hunters and other imaginary horrors, and also to prevent ducks from eating farmers out of house and home. The accuracy of many statements in that piece was perhaps best revealed by one which pointed out that wild ducks can be shot for approximately eight cents a pound, a revelation which will come as a stunning shock to veteran duck hunters who figure they're getting out cheaply if the birds don't cost them over five bucks apiece by the end of the season.

In addition to the editorial campaign, the magazine also began laying down a publicity release barrage, aimed at newspaper rod and gun columns throughout the Nation. Statements in these publicity blurbs were even more ridiculous than those in the Denver address, and editorials. The following is a prize example, gleaned from a release dated March 24:

"If Government agencies do not permit the release of sufficient shotgun shells for this purpose, (Ed. note: To 'harvest' the duck and game bird 'crop'), there is going to be a return of the 'market hunter' and the poaching game hog, and those were the guys who were directly responsible for the low ebb at which real sportsmen found their hunting six years ago."

The mastermind who dreamed up

that statement either was grossly misinformed or deliberately chose to ignore the truth to further the "more shells" campaign. The facts are that market hunters haven't been a factor in this country for over two decades, and certainly were not responsible for the wildfowl decline which reached its lowest ebb about 1937. What brought on that duck decline was a succession of disastrous hatching seasons, complicated by botulism. Market hunters had no more to do with the wildfowl decline than your Aunt Minnie.

THE total of critical war metals this faction wanted the WPB to release for the manufacture of sporting ammunition wasn't disclosed until late in March, when the Izaak Walton League and Outdoor Writer's Association of America met in Chicago for annual conventions. There the feline was let out of the bag by Seth Gordon, of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Gordon revealed to this reporter that pressure was being put on WPB officials for the release of enough metal to produce "one-third of this country's normal production of shotgun shells and metallics". After that interesting disclosure, your agent got himself a pencil and retired into a corner to work out a few simple problems of arithmetic, and what follows are what that effort revealed:

Roughly, this country's normal production of shotgun shells is 600 million annually. One third that total would be 200 million shells, or 400,000 cases, containing 500 shells per case. A single case of 12-gauges weighs over 50 pounds, and the great bulk of that weight consists of lead and brass. Hence, 400,000 cases of shotgun shells would call for diversion of 20 MILLION POUNDS OF LEAD AND BRASS FROM THE WAR EFFORT TO MANUFACTURE THE SHOTGUN SHELLS ALONE.

The same total of brass and lead, converted into .30-'06 rifle and machine-gun ammunition, would produce at least 225 million military cartridges. It must be obvious that 225 million cartridges, turned over to our fighting forces, would liquidate a gratifying number of Japs and Krauts, and save an incalculable number of American lives.

ANOTHER strong advocate of this drive turned up in the person of Nash Buckingham, from Memphis, Tenn., who introduced a resolution at a business meeting of the Outdoor Writers' Association rally urging the WPB to release the metal needed to make this nonessential sporting ammunition. It didn't seem possible that any American in his right senses would vote for such an obscene thing, but, believe it or not, the resolution was passed by a narrow margin! Furthermore, J. Hammond Brown, the OWAA president, announced that he would have tendered his resignation had the

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resolution been turned down!

A final fey touch was added at this meeting by an OWAA member who arose to offer an amendment to Buckingham's resolution. He didn't want a "single cartridge or shotgun shell made if it would add even so much as one day to the length of the war". How metal for 200 million shotgun shells, plus millions of center and rimfire metallics could be diverted from the war effort without causing some repercussion, was ignored. It was obvious the boys had received their orders and were carry-

ing them out to the letter, and it was equally obvious the Outdoor Writer's Association had been taken over by outside interests and could no longer function as an independent group of sportswriters.

Summed up, the "harvest-the-game-crop" campaign can be described as 100 percent ersatz; dangerous from any angle and deserving to be smacked down, not only by every intelligent American sportsman, but by every man, woman or child in this country with a relative or friend in the fighting forces.

In the Doghouse

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a ready position. Was there something, someone? They'd darned soon find out soonere, if it wasn't so dark. Suddenly the dog lunged. To Kenyon, that was enough. Couldn't fool the dog. There is somebody. But how many? How far away? Fifty feet. A hundred and fifty. Might be that or more. Now they were edging themselves forward, step—step—step—stop. There he is! Right at the edge of the water. Looks like he's the guy those signals were for. Looks like he expects more of them. Staring straight out to sea. The two guards exchanged a brief glance while Kenyon put one finger across his lips and then motioned for Roy to remain where he was. Drawing his gun Kenyon began to advance in a wide circle on the right.

"Throw up your hands." It was Kenyon speaking from the other side of the man.

With a violent start, the man turned to face the speaker. Then he slowly raised his hands. Both guards moved closer.

"What are you doing here?" Kenyon asked.

No answer.

"Were those signals for you?"

"Playing dumb, eh? All right, we'll take you back to where you will loosen up."

Giving the dog's leash to his partner, Kenyon put his gun back in the holster and rapidly felt the outside of the prisoner's pockets. No weapons so far as he could feel.

Back at the Station, the suspect refused to give any accounting of his presence on the beach at that hour or any explanation of the signals. Later, when he did speak his answers were contradictory to the point of confusion. He was held for the arrival of government agents who when they searched him found several letters written in German. When these were translated they were found to be simple communications from friends but under the sharp eye of a code expert they furnished sufficient information to cause the round-up of three other individuals as enemy aliens. As this is written all four of these men are being held for indictment. What further evidence has been uncovered

since then, I wouldn't know.

Nor am I permitted to tell you exactly where this little drama began. I can say this—it was along the Jersey coast and that the heroine is the German shepherd female, Donna, from the kennels of the Coast Guard Station skippered by Chief Bos'n Elisha V. Bunting.

How many other such incidents—that's what the Coast Guard calls them, incidents—have occurred, well, your guess is as good as mine, probably better because I don't read newspapers as regularly as I should. I have heard of others and I don't doubt that in the archives of the headquarters of this branch of the Service there is many a similar incident on record. The one I write about here was gathered first-hand during a visit I made to one of the New Jersey Stations. It was one of the most interesting experiences I have had in a long time in connection with dogs. Perhaps you'd like to know what goes on at such a Station in relation to the dogs that are kept for guard purpose.

It began with a telephone call from Ray Doyle, publicity manager for Dogs for Defense, the sole official procurement agency for dogs for the Army and the Navy. The Marines have selected the Doberman Pinscher as their official combat dog and thus clear their requests for canine recruits through the Doberman Pinscher Club. I'm not certain with whom the idea originated but at any rate an invitation went out from Coast Guard Public Relations office in New York City for the press and some few dog writers to visit one of the Stations. There we were going to see the dogs put through their paces.

Our party, Chief Specialist Foley in charge, was top-heavy with camera men although there were a few reporters, veteran newsmen. I'll not soon forget that day for the weather, if nothing else. It had you wishing one time that you had brought your snowshoes and within the next hour hoping you could find a palm leaf fan. At least, those were my thoughts when we later in the day were out on the beach watching the dogs go through their routine.

At the start we were shepherded

into the office of the Coast Guard and then were led to the street and put aboard an official C. G. bus. Unfortunately, I'm not allowed to tell you the location of the Station we were headed for. It was somewhere along the New Jersey coast. It took quite some time to arrive despite the fact that there were moments when I wasn't sure whether we were speeding or merely flying low.

We arrived while the chow (brother, am I getting nautical) was being served. We were greeted like a passel of rich relatives. We had lunch and then went out on the beach to watch the dogs do their stuff. We didn't have long to wait. First they paraded in single file. These were six dogs but that number was sufficient to demonstrate just what they could do. Sixty wouldn't have served the purpose any better.

The men wore their service uniforms, windbreakers, the pot-like type of iron hat and short leggings. They were armed just as they are when they go out on patrol. All had automatics and several carried guns. They looked capable and I was assured that they were, this given to me by their Big Boss Chief Bos'n Bunting. "They've got to be good to stay in the Coast Guard," said the Chief.

Next we were shown how well the dogs have been taught to jump, which is important in their line of duty, particularly when pursuing a suspect. One dog with only a short running start easily leaped upon a bulkhead that was at least five and a half feet high. No, Junior. I didn't say blockhead. What? Oh, well a bulkhead is a fairly broad partition separating, in this instance, two beaches. It's wood and it's elevated.

The dogs are patrolled one dog to two men. The dog is led by the leader of the patrol who keeps it on a short leash. Choke collars are used. The second man follows. He carries a gun. The leader is armed only with an automatic. When this particular Station first began to use dogs the patrol was for three and a half miles. This has now been increased to four. They only started to use the purps about a year ago. After talking with some of the men, I was surprised to find that they don't dislike patrol duty—if they did, naturally they'd not be in the Coast Guard. The only time they find it tough, of course, is on the coldest nights—some don't even dislike that—and during very violent weather. A patrol of only two men goes out at a time and their shift is for four hours. Now you might think that four hours of walking would be tough on the dogs, but it isn't. Bear in mind that the going is on soft sand all the time. They can even stand an eight-hour stretch if necessary. The patrol is constant throughout the twenty-four hours but the dogs are only used at night unless daytime visibility, due to fog or heavily overcast skies, is poor. The primary purpose is detection to put the guard on the alert.

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Several of our party were warned many times to stay away from the dogs because they were—the dogs—vicious and capable of moving swiftly to attack. They are used to men in uniform and to their handlers but even then have been known to try to bite and in some cases successfully so. Although many of these dogs were at one time Mommas' darlings their training after being accepted for Service changed all that. Part of the training was to develop aggressiveness and most of the dogs that graduate are anything but house pets today. The basic training school for this area is at Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. The schooling is premised upon the same principles employed to teach dogs to perform in the obedience rings at the dog shows—obedience training. They are taught to walk at "heel" with their heads no farther advanced than the handler's knee, to sit on command, to lie down when told, to come when called, etc. Training for attack calls for a system of teasing, baiting. The method is for one man to keep a tight hold on the dog's leash while another wearing a heavy leather gauntlet on his right arm, slaps and paws at the dog's face trying to irritate and excite the animal as much as possible. It isn't long before the dog becomes savage toward his tormenter. These lessons persist for some few weeks in a few instances but usually the pup's dander is permanently aroused toward all men wearing civilian clothes. The man doing the teasing is dressed that way which gives the dog the idea that only the uniformed man is his friend. But as I said earlier, he'll sometimes even forget that. I should have explained earlier that the gauntlet mentioned is for the purpose of letting the dog grab the man's arm, thus further exciting the animal and helping give it the idea that it has been successful in the attack.

In training for alertness, dogs are taken for walks, while along the route

several men will be hidden at spaced intervals. As the dogs pass them each man lightly switches them. According to an authority it only takes a few nights of such practice and Fido quickly gets the habit of being on the lookout at all times when being walked, which is highly necessary for patrol duty.

THE only things known about the dogs when they arrive at the Coast Guard Station are their names and official numbers. Other than this their background is purposely kept a mystery. The reason for this is that some fond former owner may want to hunt up his or her dog to see how it is doing in Service or may accidentally encounter it. If the dog has been someone's pet and most of them have been, this would throw the whole training schedule out of gear or might cause the dog thereafter to ignore everything it has learned. In other words, it just wouldn't be a good thing. In the Service these dogs are very definitely not considered or treated as pets. While they're very well cared for, their purpose and duty are considered too serious to make pets of them. This is as it should be.

The reason why two men are picked for each dog for patrol—and they are always the same two—is that in the event of an emergency there can be a transfer of authority over the dog. Once these two men have the dog assigned to them, neither the men nor the dog is changed. The same two men get the same dog from the kennels each time—it's their dog. They feed it and help take care of it. Many of the men have had prior experience with dogs.

By far the majority of these purps in Service are males and these are preferred to the females. Some of the latter are serving and doing pretty well, but as a rule are not quite as aggressive. I may add that the lady dogs are never patrolled when in season.

When we returned to the Station, we next visited the kennels. Now I've been in many a dog boarding house in my time but have seen none better equipped for its size than that one. Naturally, there wasn't the chrome and plush trimmings atmosphere that you find in the kennels of a multimillionaire. But everything was adequate and as clean as Grandma's kitchen—cleaner. Each dog has a large, comfortable, individual box stall with an outside pen. There was equipment for hospitalization and the food given was horse meat supplemented by one of the best commercial foods to be bought. This as well as all matters pertaining to training is under the supervision of Chief Specialist, Dr. Joseph Conboy, a veterinarian of many years' practice and one of the most pleasant men I've met in a long time. The way the boys get moved around the country makes this all the more odd (California service man goes to New York; New York man to Texas).

Most of the dogs I saw were German shepherds, although many other breeds are used. The larger number have been recruited by Dogs for Defense, which I said previously is the sole procurement agency for dogs for Army and Navy. Dogs for these Services must stand twenty inches at the shoulder and weigh at least fifty

pounds. They must be in sound health and not timid. The preference is given to pure-breds. If you have a dog that conforms to these specifications and you want to volunteer his or her services, drop me a line and I'll be glad to tell you how to go about it. The enlistment is only for the duration.



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Under the Antlers

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West Side Country Club Is Sold To LaFayette, Ind., Lodge

The West LaFayette Country Club in Wabash township has been purchased by LaFayette, Ind., Lodge, No. 143, to be operated as an Elks' Country Club for members and their families. The more than 100 acres of land, the building and the equipment, were bought for \$15,735.36, and a cash payment was made for the entire amount.

A deed for the real estate and a bill of sale for the personal property have been turned over to the lodge. The purchase of the 18-hole course and its assets was made after long consideration of the practicability of the idea and after the Grand Lodge had approved the plan.

La Grande, Ore., Lodge Dedicates A Class to P.D.D. J. H. Peare

Twenty-nine residents of northeastern Oregon were initiated into La Grande, Ore., Lodge, No. 433, on March 25. The class, the largest in recent years, was dedicated to P.E.R. J. H. Peare, Past District Deputy and the only living charter member of the lodge.

The initiation was conducted by Mr. Peare, invited by E.R. Homer Leffel to officiate in the ceremony. Mr. Peare, who is 76 years old, is still one of No. 433's most active members. He served as Trustee at various intervals over a period of 15 years and represented the lodge at two Grand Lodge Conventions.

H. B. Maynard, Popular Elk Of Waterloo, Iowa, Is Dead

P.E.R. Herbert B. Maynard, of Waterloo, Ia., Lodge, No. 290, Assistant Secretary of the Iowa Public Service Company and a former railroad construction engineer of prominence, died on March 23 at the age of 84. He was born in Washington Courthouse, O., but for 37

years he resided in Waterloo where he developed a wide circle of friends and devoted his energies to the growth and progress of the community.

For years Mr. Maynard was one of Iowa's most active Elks. He served as President of the Iowa State Elks Association in 1916-17. In 1900-01, he served as Exalted Ruler of Ottumwa Lodge No. 347, the first lodge of the Order in which he held membership.

Freeland, Pa., Lodge Holds an Impressive Initiatory Meeting

The officers of Hazleton Lodge No. 200 officiated in the initiation of Pfc. Joseph Balon into Freeland, Pa., Lodge, No. 1145, on April 14. The Ritual was exemplified with a solemnity befitting the occasion. The climax of the evening was the purchase of a \$4,000 War Bond by Freeland Lodge.

The Elks National Home Lodge Holds a Well Attended Meeting

The Monday evening meeting on April 5 at the Home Lodge at Bedford, Va., drew a large attendance and was most enjoyable. The following officers were installed: E.R., Daniel F. Edgington, Wichita, Kans.; Est. Lead. Knight, James H. Fleming, P.E.R., Providence, R. I.; Est. Loyal Knight, Robert M. Navin, Peru, Ind.; Est. Lect. Knight, Arthur W. Johnson, P.E.R., Chicago, Ill.; Secy., George Wolfe, Bluefield, W. Va.; Treas., Harry M. Sanders, Tulsa, Okla.; Esquire, Edward E. Otten, P.E.R., Allegheny, Pa.; Inner Guard, James D. Cameron, Bay City, Mich.; Tiler, William L. Smith, Sr., Bedford, Ind.; Chaplain, Thomas H. Hughes, P.E.R., Adams, Mass.; Organist, David Fraser, P.E.R., Monessen, Pa.; Soloist, Anthony F. Pelstring, Ashland, Pa.

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regard for his efficiency as a leader was expressed in a vote of confidence and appreciation taken at the meeting. P.E.R. J. Bell Smith, of Fremont, O., Lodge, was the installing officer.

As is to be expected, deaths occur among the aged from time to time. Most of the officers of the Home Lodge are Past Exalted Rulers of their original lodges and are therefore familiar with the ritualistic work. They have been praised many times by Grand Lodge officers, visitors and relatives of deceased residents for their conduct of the services at the Lodge of Sorrow.

Aspen, Colo., Elks Mourn Passing Of Secretary John L. Bowman

Tribute was paid the sterling qualities of the late John L. Bowman, Secretary of Aspen, Colo., Lodge, No. 224, by his fellow members at funeral services held in the lodge home on April 13. The body of Mr. Bowman, who died in Denver on April 8, was brought to Aspen for burial in the family plot at Red Butte Cemetery. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Bowman was secretary of No. 224 for nearly twenty years, serving his lodge faithfully and well. Only recently, he was presented with a life membership.

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Klamath Falls, Ore., Lodge Buys Ambulance for Volunteer Corps

As the result of several months of effort on the part of the trustees and individual members, Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247 has presented an ambulance, costing more than \$3,000, to the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps. The Corps is a volunteer organization whose work in the community is outstanding.

The new ambulance meets a critical need, as no facilities for handling welfare cases have been available in the city or county. It is kept at the city hall and operated on funds subscribed by the city.

Renovo, Pa., Elks Climax Program With Mortgage-Burning Ceremony

Renovo, Pa., Lodge, No. 334, celebrated the Order's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary with a four-day program, climaxed by the burning of the mortgage representing the lodge's indebtedness of \$30,000. Trustees Frank J. Healy, W. E. Frable and P.E.R. Carl K. Pflugfelder, who officiated in the ceremonies, were presented with honorary life memberships in recognition of their consistently fine work, especially that performed during the period in which the mortgage was being reduced, and each was given a pen and pencil set, suitably engraved. Past State President Howard R. Davis,

of Williamsport Lodge, a former member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, was the speaker of the evening. P.E.R. W. E. Reifsnnyder, No. 334's only living charter member, was introduced. The attendance was the largest at a regular meeting since the lodge was instituted. Tribute was also paid the young Exalted Ruler of the lodge, William E. Brunner, 25 years of age, whose administration was most successful.

The celebration began with a Saturday night semiformal dance followed by open house and entertainment on Sunday for Elks and their ladies. On Monday evening 192 ladies were guests at a banquet at which the men reversed the usual procedure by serving the dinner. The members' banquet in the grill room preceded the regular meeting on Tuesday evening at which time the mortgage-burning ceremonies were held. More than 200 Elks were present. No charge was made at any time for refreshments, entertainment or dancing. The program was arranged by the officers of the lodge and trustees in appreciation of the excellent cooperation and support extended by the membership during the past six years.

East Liverpool, O., Elks Observe Their Lodge's 50th Anniversary

The Golden Anniversary of East Liverpool, O., Lodge, No. 258, was celebrated on March 17 with a dinner-dance attended by 250 Elks and ladies. Music was furnished by Benny Burton's Orchestra from Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Honorable Brooks Fletcher, of Washington, D. C., gave an interesting talk, after which Stanley Hilbert, a member of No. 258, presented the lodge with an Honor Roll which he made himself, working many hours during his spare time on its construction. Sixty-seven East Liverpool members are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Millville, N. J., Elks Committee Aids Many Afflicted Children

The Elks Crippled Children's Committee of Millville, N. J., Lodge, No. 580, recently appointed to serve another year, performed a vast amount of work during the past twelve-month period. Expenditures, as shown in the financial report, amounted to \$4,120.10. Medical cases handled totaled 5,358. Chairman Eugene Gallaher has headed the Committee for more than twenty years.

Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge Dispenses \$40,000 at Meeting

The annual distribution of charities by Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, took place this year on March 30. Exercises were held in the lodge home and a total of \$40,000, raised at No. 878's annual bazaar, was divided among numerous worthy organizations and hospitals. After he had opened the meeting, E.R. Albert E. Short turned over the gavel to Supreme Court Justice James T. Hallinan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order and Past Exalted Ruler of Queens Borough Lodge. Judge Hallinan presided as Chairman during the presentation ceremonies.

P.E.R. Frank F. Adel spoke on behalf of the hospitals which received checks of \$750 each from P.E.R. Frank J. Rauch, Chairman of the Bazaar Committee. A check for \$10,000 was presented to the Queens Borough Elks Committee for service men and women, one for \$8,400 to the lodge's Charity and Service Relief

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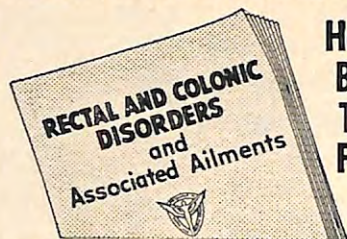
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Fund, one for \$5,000 to the lodge members serving in the U. S. Armed Forces and a check for \$1,000 to the Elks War Commission. Checks for \$750 each were presented to the Jewish Federation of Charities, Queens Federation of Churches and Catholic Charities. Other donations were distributed as follows: \$500 each to Central Queens Chapter, American Red Cross; North Shore Chapter, Red Cross; Queens Council, Boy Scouts of America; \$250 to the Greater New York Fund; \$150 to the United Hospitals Drive; \$100 each to the Salvation Army and the Queens Council of Girl Scouts. The lodge voted to contribute \$250 to the USO Drive.

Houston, Tex., Lodge Initiates Another Class of More Than 200

Houston, Tex., Lodge, No. 151, not satisfied to stop with the initiation of its Pearl Harbor Class of 220 on December 7, 1942, and its District Deputy W. J. Quinlan Class of 23 the following month, came through again on April 6 with the initiation of the L. J. Kubena Class of 232, honoring the retiring Exalted Ruler. Under his popular leadership, a net gain of 395 members was shown, placing No. 151 among the largest lodges in the Order.

An additional investment of \$40,000 in maturity War Bonds was made recently by Houston Lodge. This brings its total holdings in these securities to \$100,000. The lodge home is free of debt and a satisfactory balance in the bank is maintained.

A large attendance witnessed the initiation of the Kubena Class. Inspiring addresses were delivered by the guests of honor, Frank Holaday, E.R. of Dallas Lodge and Pres. of the Texas State Elks Assn., and State Secretary H. S. Rubenstein, of Brenham Lodge.

The Tulsa Elks Fraternal Center Adds a Home Touch

A large range with two ovens has been installed in the kitchen at the Elks Fraternal Center, sponsored by Tulsa, Okla., Lodge, No. 946. Servicemen visiting the Center in the morning enjoy the aroma of baking cookies as well as the pleasure of eating them when they are fresh.

Permission to obtain spice, raisins, nuts, chocolate, et cetera, was obtained from the ration board, and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary donned aprons and stepped in to turn out cookies, doughnuts, sandwiches and coffee. Everything is served free to the men in uniform who frequent the Center. Regular Saturday night and Sunday afternoon dances are held, hostesses being provided by the local Defense Recreation Supervisor.

Watervliet Elks Entertain Young Men Entering the U. S. Services

The tenth farewell party for young men leaving Watervliet, N. Y., to join the Nation's Armed Forces, was given by Watervliet Lodge No. 1500 on April 15. The program included entertainment and a dinner. The 60 guests present were given packages of cigarettes and folding checkerboards.

A talk on baseball was given by James (Ripper) Collins, manager of the Albany Senators of the Eastern League. Other speakers were Thomas C. Sullivan, of the City Council, who represented the Mayor, Eugene Kennedy, of Watervliet Lodge, a member of the Board of Education, and E.R. Martin Walsh. John J. Stanton acted as Master of Ceremonies and

Martin Schanz was Chairman.

The parties are regular features on the lodge's social and patriotic program. Each month finds more men seated at the tables and more gifts placed in readiness to be given out with best wishes and friendly words of farewell.

Watertown, S. D., Lodge Burns Mortgage and Initiates Class

As the principal speaker, Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, of Chicago, Ill., Past Grand Exalted Ruler, addressed the members of Watertown, S. D., Lodge, No. 838, on Friday evening, March 26. The three-point program, which began with a seven o'clock supper, was highlighted by a mortgage-burning ceremony and the initiation of a class.

J. Ford Zietlow, of Aberdeen, S. D., Lodge, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, who is now serving as a field representative for the Elks War Commission, was present. The guest speakers were introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, P.E.R. of No. 838.

New Castle, Pa., Elks Junior Commandos Are Honored

Four hundred members of the New Castle, Pa., Elks Junior Commandos, with their organizer, leader and advisor, Colonel Katherine Christofer, assembled on the stage in the auditorium of the local senior high school on Monday evening, March 29. During special exercises, awards of distinction were made personally by Captain M. O. Brock of the Shenango Replacement Center at Transfer, assisted by a staff of lieutenants. The Commandos upon whom honors were conferred were singled out because of exceptional merit in the performance of their duties. The procedure was carried out in army regulation before a large audience of parents, friends and interested citizens.

Master of Ceremonies Jack Bruce introduced Exalted Ruler William D. Richards and Exalted Ruler-elect F. M. Houk, of New Castle Lodge No. 69, and R. H. Blewitt, Frank Robinson and P.E.R. E. J. Ryan, members of the Elks' committee which sponsors the Commandos. Colonel Christofer introduced Miss Nellie Ringer, who was presented with a gold cup in behalf of her unit which surpassed every other unit in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps. Also introduced was Commander-in-Chief Frank Murray who is over all Junior Commandos in Pittsburgh and who has shown a continuous interest in the local group. Captain Brock was made an honorary member of No. 69's Junior Commandos. Prayers were offered and taps sounded for two of the Junior Commandos who have passed away, Patty Shields and John Skundor.

Colonel Christofer presided at a dinner held at The Castleton before the exercises. Among the guests were Captain Brock and his staff, members of the Elks' committee and Commander-in-Chief Murray.

Officers of Plattsburg Lodge Excel In Ritualistic Work

An exceptional exemplification of the Ritual by newly installed officers was given at the regular session of Plattsburg, N. Y., Lodge, No. 621, on April 1. The new officers were installed during the meeting. On that same evening, they initiated a class of candidates. Although some irregularities in the performance

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of the work were to be expected, none occurred. Experienced checkers disclosed a score comparable to some which have won the State Ritualistic Championship.

With more than 60 members serving in the Nation's Armed Forces, and in the face of adverse conditions due to the war, Plattsburg Lodge progressed during the fiscal year recently concluded. A substantial gain in membership, exceeding increases of previous years, was obtained, and large contributions were made to the Red Cross, USO, YMCA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Social and Community Welfare Committee more than doubled its efforts.

Miami Beach Elks Cancel Long-Term Mortgage in 22 Months

Through the efforts of the officers of Miami Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1601, and the Lodge Activities Committee, the 11-year mortgage on the lodge home was paid off in 22 months. Among those who officiated in the mortgage-burning ceremonies held on April 1 were the first Exalted Ruler of No. 1601, Val C. Cleary, Mayor of Miami Beach, Exalted Ruler Charles F. Oliver, First Class Petty Officer, U. S. N., and the retiring Exalted Ruler, Milton Weiss.

The cornerstone of the new home was laid March 13, 1941. The beautiful building, the lot and the furnishings are valued at \$50,000. Miami Beach Lodge, only seven years old, has 450 members, 60 of whom are in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Ashland, Ore., Elks Subscribe \$40,000 Worth of War Bonds

One hundred and thirty-two members, assembled in the home of Ashland, Ore., Lodge, No. 944, on Past Exalted Rulers and Old Timers Night, demonstrated their patriotism by subscribing \$40,000 worth of War Bonds. Thirty one-thousand-dollar Bonds were sold. P.E.R. William Briggs presided. Another highlight of the meeting was the burning of the last notes of indebtedness, giving the lodge a clear title to its beautiful home, valued at \$100,000.

The rest of the evening was spent in honoring the Old Timers. Service buttons were presented to one hundred and eleven who had been members of the lodge for 25 years or more.

Elmhurst, Ill., Lodge Sponsors An Effective Patriotic Project

Elmhurst, Ill., Lodge, No. 1531, having learned through statistics furnished by the Department of Justice that 2,500 residents of Du Page County, including 800 residing in Elmhurst, were not citizens of the United States, assumed the sponsorship of what was designated the National Citizenship Education Program. For the past nine months, the lodge has sponsored a series of Tuesday afternoon and evening meetings, open to all foreign born residents who wish to become citizens. Only a few attended at first, but soon an attendance of eighty or more became the rule.

The work is carried out with the aid of competent and qualified instructors from the Department of Immigration and Naturalization of the United States Government.

Passing of E.R. Lawton Swan Grieves St. Petersburg Lodge

St. Petersburg, Fla., Lodge, No. 1224, mourns the loss of its Exalted Ruler, Lawton Swan, prominent insurance broker and civic leader, who died on February 24 at the age of fifty after

a short illness. His funeral, one of the largest ever held in St. Petersburg, was attended by a large delegation of Elks among whom was Grand Trustee Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Va., Lodge.

Mr. Swan, one of the most popular Exalted Rulers ever elected by the lodge, had served his entire term with the exception of a few weeks. He was born in New York City and educated there and in Mount Vernon, N. Y. During his nineteen years of residence in St. Petersburg, Mr. Swan was active in Boy Scout, church and club work. He was a past president of the local Optimist Club, the first president of the Scoutmasters Association in St. Petersburg, and a director of the Florida Insurance Agents Association and of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

The 1943 Elks National Ritualistic Contest

Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan has announced that the Elks National Ritualistic Contest will take place this year as usual. It will be held in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Convention at Boston on July the 12th. The Grand Lodge State Associations Committee states that the contest will be conducted under the rules as forwarded under date of November the 27th, 1942. One thousand dollars in cash prizes will be awarded to the first five teams as determined by the contest judges.

Stockton, Calif., Elks Initiate Class on District Deputy Night

Stockton, Calif., Lodge, No. 218, initiated 28 candidates and accepted three reinstatements and one affiliation at the last meeting of the fiscal year. The class was initiated in honor of D.D. Donald Cox, of Sacramento Lodge, who made his official visitation that evening. The regular officers, headed by E.R. Willard Giottonini, exemplified the Ritual before an attendance that filled the lodge room to capacity. Altogether, 96 new members were initiated during Mr. Giottonini's term; there were also 15 reinstatements and seven affiliations.

P.E.R. Frank W. Quinn extended a welcome to the new members and P.E.R. John K. Tener outlined the history of the Order and the local lodge of Elks. Mr. Cox was a speaker and Est. Lead. Knight L. L. Ventre gave the Eleven O'Clock Toast. A buffet supper was served in the club rooms.

Members of the Fourth Estate Are Guests of Glendale, Calif., Elks

Glendale, Calif., Lodge, No. 1289, held its Annual Press Night recently. E.R. John E. Michelmore welcomed the visiting newspapermen and then turned the meeting over to Roy N. Clayton, Glendale Lodge's veteran Publicity Director. Mr. Clayton has handled the Elks' Press Night entertainment and programs for the past eleven years.

The principal speaker, P. E. Ritcha, publisher of the *Alhambra-Post-Advocate*, using as his subject "Belgium and Its Newspapers", described the activities of newspapers in publicizing war activities under operating difficulties, and told of the survival of a Belgian underground paper which was established during World War 1 and is again being published despite Gestapo efforts to kill it.

The program also honored the new

Mayor and members of the City Council of Glendale who were installed earlier in the evening in a public ceremony held at the City Hall, after which they repaired to the lodge home for the rest of the evening's festivities. Mayor Lawrence E. Olson, a member of No. 1289, gave a short talk, after which he introduced the five members of the Council, four of whom are members of Glendale Lodge. Many other city officials were present, all of whom were introduced by Mr. Clayton. Among the representatives of various newspapers introduced, who in turn presented members of their staffs, were H. C. Burkheimer, publisher of the *Glendale News Press*, Corporal Jack Cleland, former Editor of the *Glendale Star*, now on military leave, Joe Hernandez, of the *Los Angeles Examiner*, Darsie L. Darsie, of the *Los Angeles Herald-Express*, and others from adjacent communities. The program included the presentation of a vaudeville show, and special refreshments were served. The attendance of members and guests was one of the largest of the year.

A Class of 57 Is Initiated By Hartford, Vt., Lodge

Hartford, Vt., Lodge, No. 1541, initiated its E. Mark Sullivan Class of 57 candidates in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler on the last Sunday afternoon in March. The ceremonies, held in the high school auditorium, were preceded by an hour's program presented by entertainers from Boston, Mass. One hundred and fifty Elks and candidates attended.

At seven o'clock, a banquet was held in the rainbow room and grill at Teddy's Inn. A songfest, led by Brad Long, of Dartmouth, was a feature of the social session in the lodge rooms later in the evening. Congratulatory telegrams were received from Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan and Governor William H. Wills, of Bennington Lodge. Captain Harold J. Arthur, of Burlington, Vt., Lodge, Past State Pres., sent a wire from Maxwell Field, and Captain Alfred Guarino, of Hartford Lodge, Past State Secy., telegraphed from Fort Bragg. Twenty-one members of No. 1541 are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces.

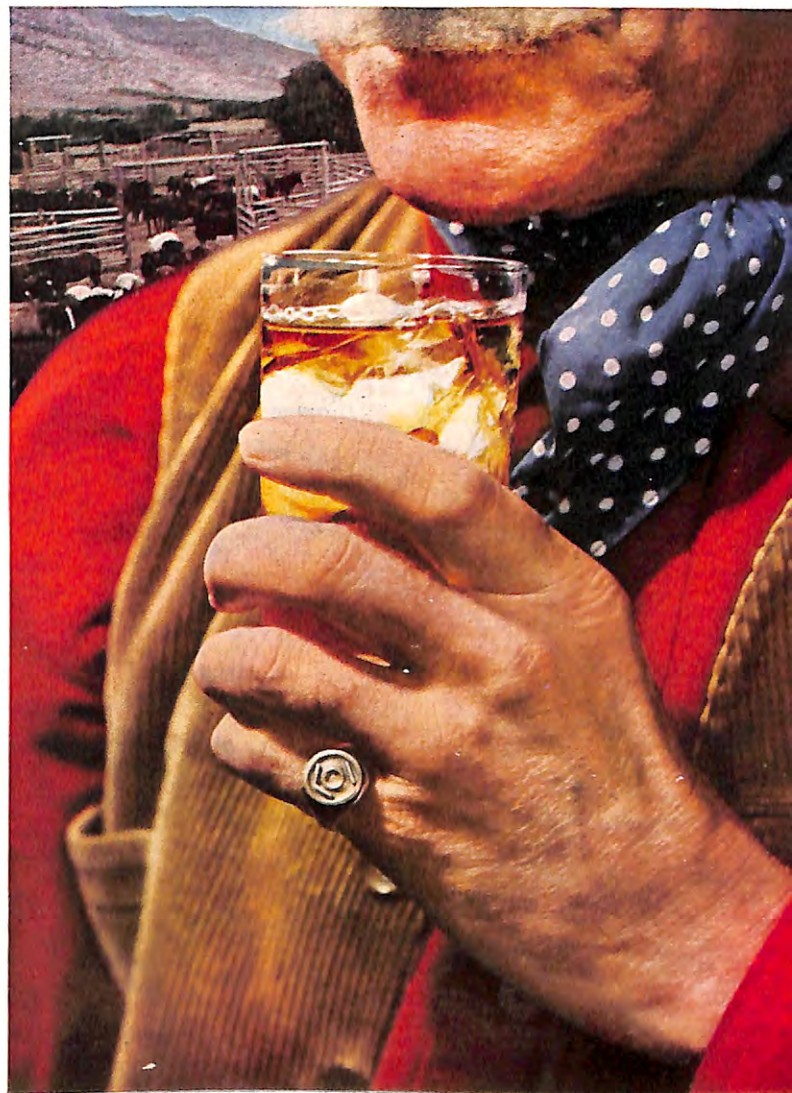
During the meeting, P.E.R. Alfred E. Watson, Past Pres. of the Vt. State Elks Assn., generalized on the cardinal principles of the Order. P.E.R. Daniel J. Hickey presented a check for \$1,000 to Hartford Lodge, suggesting that his gift be used for the purchase of a War Bond. At the next regular meeting, the lodge voted unanimously to follow Mr. Hickey's advice.

Eugene, Ore., Elks Collect Furnishings for Camp Adair

Eugene, Ore., Lodge, No. 357, put on a drive covering the entire county recently for used furniture and equipment with which to furnish recreation rooms and the hospital at Camp Adair, Corvallis, Ore. E.R. E. L. Hatton headed the Executive Committee. The success of the undertaking exceeded expectations. The quota was set for forty rooms, but enough was collected to furnish fifty.

Only usable furniture and equipment were accepted, and everything was repaired and reconditioned by the Elks' committee before delivery at Camp Adair was made. The list of donations included 100 writing tables, 59 davenportes, 180 easy chairs, four pianos, 85 phonographs, 8,000 records, and draperies and other articles too numerous to mention in a limited amount of space. Cash donations amounted to \$1,817.26.

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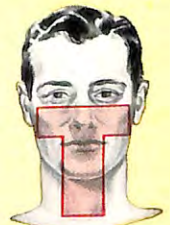
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