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A message from the President
to the Elks War Conference

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1944

Frank J. Lonergan,
Grand Exalted Ruler,
Grand Lodge,
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,
Stevens Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will gird itself for greater and harder work as it assembles this year in National conclave -- the third assembly held under the stress of global war.

Our members have contributed zealously and generously to every activity to advance the war effort. Besides supporting the war loan campaigns they have added to the happiness of men and women in the armed services through recreational centers in all parts of the country. These centers have been of incalculable value in maintaining morale.

My message to all of my brother Elks is to continue with redoubled zeal all of the manifold good works which they have supported ever since war was forced upon us. There must be no relaxation of our present tremendous effort until our foes are beaten to their knees. Unity of effort will hasten the day of Victory.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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We Present—

BELOW is a reproduction of one the most famous paintings of this Century. It is Chabas' "September Morn", which, when it was first shown, raised a storm of shocked disapproval. Prints of it later hung in five out of ten homes in America. Our artist, C. C. Beall, conceived the idea of bringing



"September Morn" up to date. You have his version on our front cover.

"Dry Dock Doctors" is another piece by the man who wrote "The Big Babies" which appeared in a recent issue of your magazine. Harry Botsford again writes of the ships he knows so well. This time he tells the story of the almost incredible speed with which our Navy and civilian repair crews take broken and battered ships and make them whole again.

This is a story that needed to be told. We are proud to present it to you.

Except for our regular features, "In the Doghouse", "What America is Reading" and "Rod and Gun" the remainder of this issue is devoted to news of fraternal interest. We advise you to keep this month's magazine for reference.

Elks In the War appears on page 6 and News of the State Associations on page 8.

The report of the Elks War Conference held in Chicago the first week of August begins on page 9. For those of you who were unable to attend the Conference as well as those who were it will provide an interesting record of the Grand Lodge proceedings.

Incorporated in the story are excerpts from many of the reports delivered to the Grand Lodge. Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett's Speech of Acceptance appears on page 12.—F. R. A.

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Bottled-in-Bond

JAP dive bombers caught the veteran 4-piper, World War I destroyer, the *McFarland*, in a tight spot off Lunga Point, right when things were the hottest in the Guadalcanal sector.

The *Mac* was loaded with gasoline, bombs and ammunition. The Japs trapped her in a spot where it wasn't possible to maneuver. The *Mac*, no stranger to danger, fought back fiercely, knocked several Jap bombers out of the sky. She was doing all right, up to sun-down.

At dusk, one lone Jap broke through the AA barrage, scored a lucky hit when his bomb hit the stern, and hundreds of pounds of TNT in depth bombs racked there went up in a super-explosion that killed a lot of men and almost did for the *Mac*. The stern was a

mass of twisted, tortured metal. Fire broke out, to add to the old ship's misery.

Miraculously, however, the ship remained afloat. The fire was extinguished, the wounded cared for and the dead were given a sea burial. She was even able to crawl a little, in spite of the fact that her stern was blown into a metallic jumble, her rudder gone and the crew reduced to a minimum.

Crawl she did. In mid-October, she came to Tulagi, entered a creek that was soon known as *McFarland Creek*. She was a sick lady, no mistake!

Jap bombers were constantly on the prowl, anxious to make a complete kill. A great ceiling of camouflage was built over the crippled ship, hiding her, but making the heat almost unbearable.

Lieutenant Commander John Alderman called the crew together, talked to them rather grimly. He is a quiet, thin, deeply tanned man, with a gift for leadership. And his men loved him.

"The *Mac* is going to sea again!" he told them. "We have damned little to work with, but we are going to make the *Mac* seaworthy again. Let's get going!"

The men cheered. They had but few tools. They hacked and beavered timbers out of the jungle. They salvaged steel from a captured enemy sub base, twisted it into shape with fire and main strength and awkwardness. They made what they called a jury rudder out of some odds and ends and telephone poles. It was fantastic in appearance—but it worked.

The stern they built would have given a naval architect the nightmares, but it sufficed. The engines hummed sweetly, the turrets worked. The *McFarland* was ready to leave.

On Thanksgiving Day, the *Mac* nosed into a calm sea, a ship back from the grave, a living symbol of what determined, ingenious men can do. The

The men of our Navy and private repair yards deserve a 21-gun salute for keeping our ships at sea.

By Harry Botsford

Official U. S. Navy Photographs

DRY DOCK DOCTORS

A black and white photograph showing the hull of a ship in a dry dock. The ship is positioned on a large, dark, sloping structure. The image is somewhat dark and grainy, with a reddish tint. Large, stylized, serif text is overlaid on the image, reading "DRY DOCK DOCTORS". The text is arranged in two lines, with "DRY DOCK" on the top line and "DOCTORS" on the bottom line. The background shows the complex structure of the dry dock, including various beams and supports.

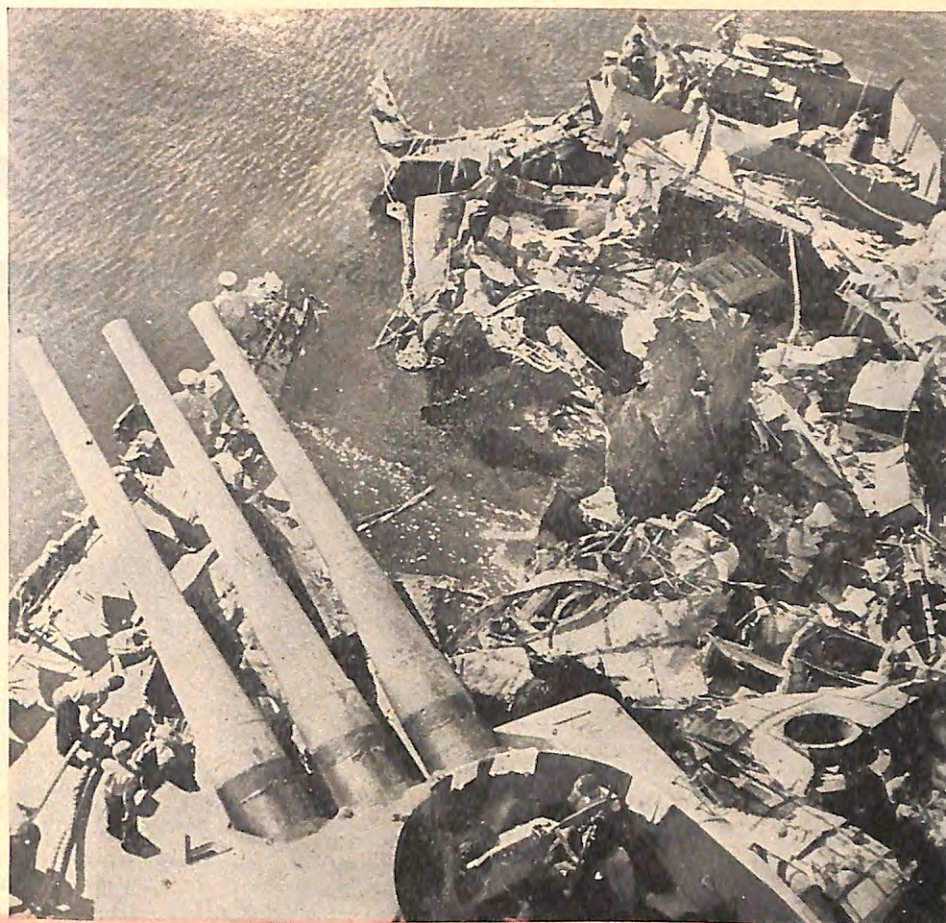
Marines, excellent judges of what constitutes a good job, cheered the *Mac* as she steamed away.

What happened to this ship is only a minor part of the great drama of war; it is only one lone paragraph in the history of the brilliant part played by Americans in salvaging and repairing ships of the Navy and Merchant Marine that have had the appearance of being hopelessly damaged.

Today, our Navy and privately operated ship repair yards have techniques developed to such a degree that we are even able to repair ships 5000 feet in the air!

Months ago, an American cruiser tangled with the Japs and emerged badly battered, after exacting a heavy toll from the Japs. She eventually limped into a West Coast port for fuel and supplies. Meantime, an Atlantic Coast Navy Yard had flown several ship surveyors to the Coast.

While the ship was fueling, they examined and photographed the full extent of the damage. While the cruiser plodded eastward, the men flew back. On the way, they minutely calculated



Above is the twisted mass of wreckage of a U. S. Navy cruiser, badly damaged in action, and now repaired by workers in an American Navy Yard.

Hit by three bombs which exploded her forward magazine, the destroyer *Shaw* and her heavily bombed floating dry dock are now back in service.



every phase of the major repair job.

When the cruiser hobbled into dry dock, the work started almost before the vessel settled on the keel blocks. Everything was waiting: the materials were of the proper size, specifications and shape. Working schedules had been established for the more than 72 skilled trades necessary to repair a warship.

As a result of all this planning, the cruiser was out of active service for a surprisingly short time. She put back to sea and active combat service. As good, if not better than when she was first commissioned!

One of the world's most spectacular photographs shows what happened at Pearl Harbor when the USS *Shaw* was hit by three bombs which exploded her forward magazines. She was in dry dock at the time. The dock was smashed and the *Shaw* took such a terrible beating that her whole bow structure was completely destroyed.

Today, both the *Shaw* and the dry dock are back in service.

Smoke was still rising from Pearl Harbor when the Navy asked for civilian volunteers from mainland shipyards. They responded in heavy num-

bers. They were needed for the most urgent repair and salvage job in the world. The *Shaw* is a case in point.

They built a false bow on her, a crude affair. The forward section was rebuilt. When the job was done, she high-tailed it for the Pacific Coast, under her own power. The spirit of the men was excellent. The *Shaw*, they would have you know, still had a lot of fight in her.

"We are ready, right now, for anything the Japs can send against us!" the crew boasted. She was crippled but game.

She slid into a Pacific Coast dry dock. A new bow section had been fabricated and was waiting. The false bow was burned off, the new section floated into position. It fitted within a fraction of an inch! Today, the *Shaw* is back in service, a proud and active old veteran.

Only three of the ships sunk or damaged at the Pearl Harbor sneak attack are not afloat today. What was accomplished was magnificent, almost unbelievable. It made the Jap victory an empty one.

The USS *Oklahoma* was 150 degrees over, almost upside down. The civilian

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THE Elks IN THE WAR



Above: Lt. Com. Jack Dempsey, surrounded by prominent Houston, Tex., Elks, holds a ringside consultation during the Lodge's Fifth War Loan boxing program.

Twenty-two Million from One Fifty-one!

IT'S not subtraction, it's addition. And, to confuse the paradox further, the figures are provenly correct—22 million from 151. The story is one of the most amazing examples of all-out Elk spirit yet shown in any war bond drive.

On the night of June 21, Houston, Tex., Lodge, No. 151, sold \$22,080,000 of Fifth War Loan Bonds to 11,000 patriotic fight fans who jammed the Houston Coliseum. It was the culmination of the most intensive and successful bond-selling campaign ever waged by a single fraternal unit. Congratulations, praise and queries as to how it was accomplished, poured into Houston Lodge from New York, Los Angeles, Dallas and other points. The country's newsprint-hungry press perked up and heaped flattering editorial comment on the amazing job turned in by the Houston Elks. Even campaign-weary Washington took cognizance of this outstanding contribution to the war—the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury called Houston Lodge and asked how they did it. "What new angle did you use to raise such a phenomenal sum?" was the almost standard question from top-flight Army and Navy men; the War Finance Committee called it new, and plans to use it as a model for future bond drives.

Who are the men responsible for it

all? Heading 36 five-man teams were Brothers C. L. (Pop) Rice, chairman, and Andy Anderson, sports editor of the *Houston Press*, along with Al Lever, veteran theatre executive and a candidate for membership in Lodge No. 151. Completing the committee were Vic Emanuel and Dick Freeman, sports-

It is with pleasure that the Elks War Commission announces the appointment of two overseas representatives, one in West Drayden, Middlesex, England, and one in Rosebury, Australia. It will be the duty and pleasure of these Brothers, both members of Racine, Wisconsin, Lodge, to contribute to the coordinating of activities of and dispense information regarding servicemen who are members of our Order.

The Elks War Commission representatives are:

Arthur B. Carey,
S. C. Johnson & Son, Ltd.
West Drayden, Middlesex,
England. Via London
Telephone: West Drayden 2244

Edward F. Piel
S. C. Johnson & Son
Pty. Ltd. Rosebury, N.S.W.,
Australia. Via Sydney

writers, respectively, for the *Post and Chronicle* in Houston. No slight contribution was the untiring effort expended by Exalted Ruler H. R. Grobe. He worked 'round the clock to make the affair a success, and, together with Robert O'Donnell, national chairman of the War Activities Committee who flew from Washington to see "how the heck these guys did things", Brother Grobe was master of ceremonies.

How did they arrange the event which brought the biggest gate in fight history?

At a meeting of the Lodge some weeks before June 21, the Committee asked for a \$3,500 appropriation to defray expenses incidental to arrangements for the program. They then extended an invitation to Lieutenant Commander Jack Dempsey who acted as referee. Match-making included a ten-round bout for the light-heavyweight crown of Texas, between Corporal Al Hostak, former middleweight champion, and Brother Corporal Glen Lee, former Pacific Coast champion. This, plus three ten-round preliminary bouts.

There was but one means of admission to the fight: purchase of a bond carrying an option on a reserved seat. Ringsides went for \$50,000 each and the gallery admission was a \$25 bond. The

record sale was a million-dollar bond. No pledges were accepted, nor did payroll deductions for bonds allow admission.

The \$3,500 originally given the committee came back, less \$100, and here Brother Holly Brock did his share, securing, from various advertisers in the attractively designed program book, enough money to bring the net Lodge cost of the whole show to \$100.

Others who gave unstintingly of their time included an attractive group of Elkadettes. They gathered some \$300 from the sale of programs, and this was turned over to the Houston Stage Door Canteen. The Elks Band furnished the musical portion of the show; members of the State Guard acted as ushers; auxiliary volunteers policed the Coliseum, and Ladies of the Elks, headed by Mrs. Joseph F. Meyer, Jr., managed the ticket and bond booths.

There's part of the story of one of the greatest, most successful rallies ever put on by a group of determined Americans. . . . Words can't convey the extra bit of effort that each man put into his assignment. . . . A job like that is never done as smoothly as it seems to us who didn't participate, who didn't know of the "extra little bit" that each man must have put into his part of the job. . . . Time away from his office, his shop, his family; passing up dinner or an evening's fun; cancelling an important personal business appointment, perhaps . . . That's what gave Houston Lodge the outstanding distinction it so proudly holds in the Nation today: The only fraternal unit ever to raise \$22,000,000 for Uncle Sam!

The more than 75,000 Elks in uniform all over the world join with those at home to point with pride to Houston Lodge's exceptional accomplishment.

Right: E.R. L. D. Simmons presents Tampa, Fla., Lodge's \$1,000 check to the chairman of the Lodge's committee in charge of rehabilitating service men.

Below: The all-military "Camp Luna Class, Air Transport Command" of Las Vegas, N. M., Lodge.

Right: E.R. Andrew C. McCarthy presents on behalf of Bronx, N. Y., Lodge, a \$1,307 check to Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Elks War Commission, as a contribution to the Elks War Fund.



Below: With the investment of \$4,000 during the Fifth War Loan Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, Lodge's purchase of War Bonds exceeded \$50,000.





Above are former and present officers of the Mississippi State Elks Association at the 1944 Conference.

The new officers are: Pres., W. Wayne Hinson, Waycross; 1st Vice-Pres., Paul E. Henson, Rome; 2nd Vice-Pres., I. V. Hulme, Elberton; Secy.-Treas., R. E. Lee Reynolds, Atlanta. Addresses were made by Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge John S. McClelland.

MISSISSIPPI

A majority of the lodges of the State was represented at the annual convention of the Mississippi State Elks Association at Jackson on June 18. President Fred J. McDonnell, P.E.R. of the host lodge, Jackson, Miss., No. 416, who presided, was given a vote of thanks for the capable administration of the duties of his office during his term.

All of the lodges were active and all showed membership gains, with Biloxi Lodge No. 606 and Hattiesburg No. 599 in the lead. Jackson Lodge doubled its membership.

The State Association donated \$100 to the Elks National Foundation, announced its sponsorship of a crippled children program for the ensuing year, and elected the following officers: Pres., Dewey Lawrence, Biloxi; Vice-Pres.'s: North, Dr. J. B. Price, Canton; South, W. T. Pate, Jackson; Secy.-Treas., L. A. Nichols, Vicksburg; Trustees: North, M. L. Funkhouser, Pascagoula; South, Joe Bell Harbison, Greenville.

MAINE

The Maine State Elks Association held its 17th annual convention on June 3-4 at Portland Lodge No. 188. Elks and their ladies were entertained at a "Guest Night Reception" on Saturday evening.

The meeting was opened at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan and Grand Treasurer John F. Burke were speakers. Past President Daniel E. Crowley, of Biddeford-Saco Lodge, installed the officers for 1944-45 as follows: Pres., Everett A. McGlaulin, Portland; 1st Vice-Pres., Arthur J. Lesieur, Biddeford-Saco; 2nd Vice-Pres., James E. Mulvaney, Bangor; 3rd Vice-Pres., G. Harris McGouldrick, Augusta; Secy.-Treas., Edward R. Twomey, Portland; Trustee for three years, Ernest C. Simpson, Waterville. Mr. Twomey has served the State Association as Secretary since its organization.

Biddeford-Saco Lodge No. 1597 was awarded the 1945 Convention. The Association endorsed its three-point program of crippled children, scholarship and ritualistic work.

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Left: Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett is seated, center, with officials of the Kentucky State Elks Assn. at their recent meeting.



News of The state associations

GEORGIA

The forty-third annual convention of the Georgia State Elks Association at Rome, Ga., on May the 6th and 7th, was the occasion for the exemplification of the Ritual by six of the State's thirty lodges for possession of the J. Bush cup and the honor of representing Georgia in the national ritualistic contest at the Elks War Conference in Chicago. First honors were won by the team from East Point Lodge No. 1617.

One new lodge, Marietta No. 1657, was

instituted during the year. Twenty-eight lodges showed gains in membership. The net gain in membership for the year was 1,275. Under the leadership of President Edward A. Dutton, of Savannah Lodge, the Constitution and By-Laws were revised, and a State-wide plan was adopted for the assistance of all wounded and disabled members of our Armed Forces hospitalized in the four army general hospitals in Georgia. Provision was made for support and maintenance of Aidmore, the Elks Crippled Children's convalescent home and clinic.



The ELKS WAR Conference

Chicago, Illinois, August, 1944



DURING the first week of August, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held a meeting of its officers and members in the Hotel Stevens in Chicago, Ill. The main endeavor of this year's annual conclave was to hold a War Conference to deliberate ways and means by which the Order can further contribute to the national war effort and to determine the methods by which the returning war veterans can be helped to readjust themselves to civilian life. To this effect, speaking at the opening of the Order's Eightieth Grand Lodge Session in the ballroom of the Stevens Hotel in Chicago on Monday, July 31st, Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan said that the Order of Elks must continue to give all its power and strength to the cause of America and thus assure that America will always be American. He further said that the Order must ever and always be the protection and guardian and guide of the youth of this country. His address, the report of which must necessarily be curtailed here, owing to the exigencies of space, was received by the Grand Lodge and the assembled public with a great ovation. Among the others who spoke were prominent middle-western Elks. The opening remarks were addressed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell of East St. Louis, Illinois, who was Chairman of the Convention Committee. After several musical selections, State President Albert W. Arnold of Lincoln, Illinois, spoke, welcoming Mr. Lonergan and his entourage. Other addresses of greeting were delivered by E.R. William F. Clarke, and Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Joseph Burke, of Chicago Lodge No. 4, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, of Moline, Illinois, Lodge. Further musical selections were rendered before Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan delivered his message to more than two thousand delegates and their friends who were gathered to greet him. At the conclusion of his words, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made by the audience and Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Father P. H. McGeough, of Valley City, N. D., Lodge, No. 1110, delivered a benediction.

This Session of the Grand Lodge was conducted with that seriousness of purpose which has characterized those previous meetings of the Order since our Nation was forced into war. During this third Elks War Conference there were many light and pleasant moments, but the general tenor of the meeting concerned itself with how best the Order could assist in the prosecution of the war.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

The first business session of the Elks War Conference was opened at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday morning, August 1st, by Grand Esquire Judge Clayton F. Van Pelt, Fond du Lac, Wis., Lodge, No. 57. Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Lonergan declared the Eightieth Meeting of the Grand Lodge to be in session and proceeded with the opening exercises. Grand Chaplain McGeough led the Grand Lodge in prayer and the assembled delegates joined in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Auld Lang Syne". Mr. Lonergan then, with obvious pleasure, introduced to the assembled delegates those Grand Exalted Rulers who had preceded him in office.

Fifteen Past Grand Exalted Rulers were present at the Chicago War Conference. They were each introduced to the conclave by Mr. Lonergan with heartwarming appraisals of their contributions to the Order and some reminiscences on the part of Mr. Lonergan concerning his association with these gentlemen. The former leaders of the Order who were present in order of their seniority were: John K. Tener, Charleroi, Pa., No. 494; Raymond Benjamin, Napa, Calif., No. 832; James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., No. 61; Edward Rightor, New Orleans, La., No. 30; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., No. 494; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., No. 61; John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo., No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., No. 556; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., No. 878; David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., No. 1141; Dr. Edward J.

McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, No. 53; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., No. 78, and E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., No. 10.

Mr. Lonergan expressed keen regret at the absence from the Convention of the following Past Grand Exalted Rulers: James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., No. 838; Judge Murray Hulbert, New York, N. Y., No. 1; Joseph G. Buch, Trenton, N. J., No. 105; William Hawley Atwell, Dallas, Tex., No. 71; Charles Spencer Hart, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., No. 842, and Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif., No. 99.

Mr. Lonergan next took the opportunity to express the deep and lasting grief of the Order on the loss of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge, No. 309. His absence was most keenly felt by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then read a message from the White House from the Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy. President Roosevelt expressed his confidence that the Order of Elks, of which he is so distinguished a member, will again, as it has in the past, assume the burdens and responsibilities to which it is so eminently suited. Mr. Roosevelt's message appears in full on Page 1 of this issue. His words were received with applause. Mr. Lonergan then announced it as a privilege to read to the assemblage a message from another distinguished member of the Order from Lorain, Ohio, Lodge, No. 1301, Ernest J. King, Admiral-in-Chief of the U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral King's message was:

"I regret that my official duties as Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations prevent my attendance at the National War Conference and Convention of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Though I cannot address you in person, I wish to express my appreciation to you, as citizens representing every part of the United States, for the support you are providing the military services in our mutual fight against Axis enemies.

"No nation can wage a successful war without full support of its men on the

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battle fronts by the people at home. The Armed Forces of the United States, in the current war, as in past wars, are realizing these benefits.

"Even with our successful operations of the last few months, we still have a long way to go—a very long and hard way. The size of the job before us is magnified by the demands of global warfare. Though your Navy is concentrating its major strength and striking power in the Pacific, do not forget that it still has great responsibilities in the Atlantic. Taken in toto, the difficulties are sobering indeed. As realists, we know the Japanese well enough to understand that we cannot regard victory in the Pacific as anything short of the dissolution of the Japanese military machine. To accomplish that dissolution, we must deliver the heaviest attacks of which we are capable, as soon and as frequently as possible, where they will hurt the most. This will require every ship, every landing craft, every airplane and every piece of material—and the trained personnel to man them—that can be brought to bear against the enemy.

"The Navy has every confidence that the citizens of our country will continue to provide our forces with the means in the ever-increasing volume necessary to administer to our enemies the defeat which they so justly deserve. The true measure of the Navy's appreciation of your past cooperation is the record of its achievements. The Navy will better those achievements in the future, in keeping with the continued support and confidence of the American people."

It was then Mr. Lonergan's sad duty to deliver to the Convention the sorrowful news that John M. McCabe, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, No. 53, had been called away from the Convention by the news of the death of his son on the field of action in Italy. Mr. Lonergan asked the assemblage to stand for a moment in silent prayer. The Grand Exalted Ruler's next act was to introduce Chairman Wilbur P. Baird of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, of Greenville, Pa., Lodge, No. 145, who announced that the total number of officers and delegates to date at the conference was fifteen hundred and twenty-six. Mr. Lonergan then introduced to the gathering the members of the Board of Grand Trustees, for whose friendly cooperation he thanked them. They were: Chairman Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., No. 1152; Vice-Chairman Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., No. 28; Secretary John E. Drummey, Seattle, Wash., No. 92; Approving Member Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., No. 299, and Home Member Robert S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va., No. 758. The minutes of the 1943 meeting of the Grand Lodge in Boston having been approved, Mr. Lonergan presented to the Grand Lodge announcement that the reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Trustees, the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary and the Auditing Committee had been presented and he moved that they be approved and filed by the Grand Lodge. He announced that these reports were at hand and could be read and examined by any accredited member of the Grand Lodge who so wished. In each case the reports of the Committee were accepted, approved and filed. In reference to his own report, Mr. Lonergan announced that the Order had broken so many records that he felt as though he were

traveling in a B-29. He earnestly advised the delegates to study his report in order to acquaint themselves with the number of records which had been broken during his term of office. Mr. Lonergan claimed that no other Grand Exalted Ruler had ever enjoyed more loyal support than had he, and he offered to the members of the Order his sincere thanks.

The next order of business was the presentation to the Grand Lodge of the preliminary budget by Chairman Joseph B. Kyle of the Board of Grand Trustees. Mr. Kyle explained that a final budget would be presented at a later meeting.

Mr. Lonergan next recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge. Dr. McCormick suggested that since the Grand Lodge already possessed \$35,000 in War Bonds, it be the first order of business of the Convention to purchase an additional \$65,000 worth of the same gilt-edged investment. He moved that the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Treasurer be so ordered. Needless to say, Dr. McCormick's motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Lonergan then seized the opportunity to reappoint to the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission for a term of five years Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson. He then reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation for a term of seven years Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, of Napa, Calif., Lodge. He appointed to the Grand Forum Clyde E. Jones, of Ottumwa, Ia., Lodge, No. 347, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, for a period of five years. Mr. Lonergan next requested that his appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen of Sterling, Colo., Lodge to the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission be confirmed. The Grand Exalted Ruler then appointed his fellow lodge member, D.D. Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Portland, Ore., No. 142, as Pardon Commissioner. It is unnecessary to state that all of Mr. Lonergan's recommendations were unanimously accepted and approved by the Grand Lodge.

A motion was offered by Chairman Bruce A. Campbell of the Elks National Memorial and Publications Commission that the report of his Commission to the Grand Lodge be made the first order of business at the Wednesday morning session and Chairman John F. Malley of the Elks National Foundation also moved that his report be postponed to the second order of business of the same session. Immediately after this, Chairman James R. Nicholson of the Elks War Commission requested that the report of his Commission be made the first order of business at the Wednesday afternoon session. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin then rose to suggest that the Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees follow that of the War Commission. All four of these motions were unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge next turned to the election of officers for the ensuing year. It was moved by P.D.D. William M. Frasier of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge, No. 1331, that the nominating and seconding speeches for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler be unlimited, that the nominating speeches for the other offices be limited to five minutes and that there be no seconding speeches. Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan in calling for nominations for

the office of Grand Exalted Ruler recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78. Judge McClelland opened his nominating address by saying that he was speaking to the delegates because U. S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, a member of Winchester Lodge No. 867, was unable to attend the Conference to nominate his good friend and fellow Virginian, Dr. Robert South Barrett, of Alexandria Lodge, to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. Judge McClelland testified to the loyalty and service to the Order as evinced by Dr. Barrett. He said that he spoke in the cause of a friend whose quality and worth were well known to him. Judge McClelland delivered a brief "profile" of Dr. Barrett and spoke feelingly of the strong desire of his predecessors, the late Past Grand Exalted Rulers Fred Harper and Rush L. Holland, that Dr. Barrett some day succeed them in office. Had his untimely death not stilled the eloquent and soft-spoken words of Fred Harper, he would himself have told the delegates of the virtues and qualifications of his friend, Judge McClelland said. Judge McClelland's nomination of Dr. Barrett was seconded by District Deputy John R. Schafe of Alexandria Lodge, who, as a fellow Virginian, spoke of Dr. Barrett's great humanitarianism and his fine reputation and character. The nomination by Judge McClelland and Mr. Schafe brought forth a burst of applause and Dr. Barrett was forthwith unanimously elected to the high office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order. Dr. Barrett was then escorted to the rostrum by Judge McClelland, Mr. Schafe and E.R. Clyde K. Moore of Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge, No. 44. Adjusting the microphone at the podium, Dr. Barrett delivered an address which expressed his deep appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him. Dr. Barrett's speech of acceptance, which appears on page 12 of this issue, expressed the philosophy of this distinguished Elk and humanitarian. Dr. Barrett spoke with deep emotion of the duties of the Order of Elks in relation to the men overseas and to the problems which face them upon their return to their homeland. Dr. Barrett's acceptance address evoked the greatest applause of the War Conference.

At the conclusion of Dr. Barrett's address, it was announced that he had resigned as Home Member of the Board of Grand Trustees. The next order of business was the election of other officers to the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. All of these officers were elected unanimously. P.E.R. Walter R. Tavernetti, of Salinas, Calif., Lodge, No. 614, placed in nomination the name of F. Eugene Dayton of Salinas for the important post of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. He stressed the many fraternal activities of Mr. Dayton, his interest in the Order, the Boy Scouts and in other laudable organizations. For the office of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, James A. Dunn, Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948, former member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, was nominated by Past State Pres. W. A. Wall, Secy of West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1352.

The name of Past State Pres. James Theodore Moses, of North Tonawanda, N. Y., Lodge, No. 860, for Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, was placed in nomination by Louis R. Dowd of Cortland, N. Y., Lodge, No. 748. Mr. Moses was elected forthwith. It was next the privilege and pleasure of Past Grand

Exalted Ruler John K. Tener to present the name of Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters to succeed himself in office. Mr. Masters' election was assured with appreciative applause.

The office of Grand Treasurer will be filled again during the forthcoming year by Grand Treasurer John F. Burke of Boston, Mass., Lodge. Mr. Burke was nominated by E.R. Edward Powers, Jr., of Boston Lodge. Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight H. Glenn Boyd of Wichita, Kans., Lodge, No. 427, placed in nomination the name of Past State Pres. Ben W. Weir, Pittsburg, Kans., Lodge, No. 412, for Grand Tiler. Mr. Weir was enthusiastically elected to fill that office. The office of Grand Inner Guard will be filled by State Senator Robert W. Dunkle, Chillicothe, Ohio, Lodge, No. 52, who was nominated by Walter G. Penry of Delaware, Ohio, Lodge, No. 76. Mr. Dunkle's qualifications for this office are manifold.

In testimony of his faithful service and of his great value to the Order, E.R. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515, nominated George I. Hall P.E.R. of his Lodge and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, for the office of Grand Trustee for the term of five years. Mr. Hall's election was received with the greatest enthusiasm. To replace Dr. Barrett, it was the unanimous decision of the Grand Lodge delegates that the obvious man for the position was Sam Stern, former member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, of Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260. It was no surprise to the Convention when P.D.D. John J. Coyle, of Minot, N. D., Lodge, No. 1089, placed Mr. Stern's name before the delegates. At the conclusion of the election of officers, it was moved by Past Grand Tiler Michael H. McCarron, of Woburn, Mass., Lodge, No. 908, that the time and place of the next Convention be left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees and the Grand Exalted Ruler. The motion was made and carried. Mr. Lonergan next recognized E.R. Frank L. Fawcett, of Milwaukee, Minn., Lodge, No. 46, who delivered to the Convention the generous and open-hearted invitation of the City of Milwaukee to the Grand Lodge to convene there in 1946.

With a final request to the members that they appear at 9:30 on the following morning, the Grand Exalted Ruler adjourned this first session of the Grand Lodge.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The second business session of the Grand Lodge was opened by Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan at 9:30 on Wednesday morning. The first order of business was the report of the Committee on Distributions by that Committee's Chairman, Arthur L. Allen of Pueblo, Col., Lodge, No. 90. After Mr. Allen's report, it was the pleasure of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell to present the report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission. Mr. Campbell named the other members of his Commission and also introduced to the gathering those members of the staff of *The Elks Magazine* who were present at the meeting. The other members of the Commission are Past Grand Exalted Rulers John K. Tener, James R. Nicholson, Michael F. Shannon and John R. Coen.

Mr. Campbell explained to the assembled delegates that the forms of the September issue of *The Elks Magazine* were being held so that they might contain the reports of the business sessions of the Conference and he announced that in the October issue of the Magazine an account of the Memorial Service and the Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation would appear.

Mr. Campbell then proceeded to deliver a report which included the most encouraging figures that his Commission had been able to present in many years. Mr. Campbell explained that, due to the paper shortage, *The Elks Magazine* was reduced in size and might continue to be so reduced. He called particular attention to the written report of the Commission which was made available to all those present and which would be available to members of the individual lodges through their Secretaries, and from the rostrum he delivered a Supplementary Report as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

During the twenty-two years of the existence of the Magazine, we have turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$3,280,362.07 out of total earnings of \$3,984,168.69; thereby the results have been accomplished which are set forth in our printed report.

We are advised by the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary that if \$125,000.00 is likewise this year allocated for Grand Lodge purposes, the per capita tax can remain at 30c for the coming year instead of being increased, unless this Grand Lodge shall substantially increase its appropriations for the coming year. After this payment is made the Commission will have a surplus as of June 1, 1944, of \$578,806.62.

We are of the opinion that in addition to the \$125,000.00 turned over to the Grand Lodge for Grand Lodge purposes, we can also safely turn over to the Grand Lodge for other purposes an additional \$125,000.00, making the total amount turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of the last fiscal year the sum of \$250,000.00, which, together with the \$29,647.44 paid for the maintenance of the Memorial Building during the last fiscal year will make the total amount turned over out of earnings for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1944, \$279,647.44; and when this amount of \$250,000.00 is paid, it will make the total aggregate amount turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of the Magazine \$3,530,362.07. The amount so turned over will amount to approximately 45c per capita for each member of the Order on the rolls in good standing as of April 1, 1944.

In accordance with the privilege that we have, we therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge that of said \$250,000.00 turned over to the Grand Lodge \$125,000.00 thereof be placed in the general fund, to be paid at such time or times as may be requested by the Grand Secretary and by him placed to the credit of the General Fund.

We further recommend that the balance of said \$250,000.00, viz: \$125,000.00, be used as follows:

That \$25,000.00 be paid direct to the National Foundation Trustees as a contribution of this Grand Lodge to the great charitable and philanthropic work they are doing. That \$100,000.00 be turned over to the Grand Lodge to be earmarked as "Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund" to be used only for the purposes set forth in the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the National Memorial and Publication Commission has turned over to the Grand Lodge out of its surplus earnings the sum of \$100,000.00 with the recommendation that it be earmarked as a "Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund" to be used solely for the purposes hereinafter set forth, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by this Grand Lodge,

1. That there is hereby created a fund of this Grand Lodge to be known as the "Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund".

2. That the \$100,000.00 turned over by the National Memorial and Publication Commission and earmarked for that purpose be paid into said fund, as well as such other amounts as may hereafter be directed to be paid into said fund by this Grand Lodge.

3. That the moneys in said fund be invested from time to time by the Board of Grand Trustees in United States War Bonds and the interest on such investments shall become a part of said fund. Said Board of Grand Trustees shall have full power to sell or dispose of said investments or any part thereof from time to time, but the proceeds of such sales shall remain and be a part of said fund and may be reinvested by the Board, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge.

4. That the moneys in said fund shall be used only in case of an emergency or contingency found to exist by the Grand Lodge and only under its sole direction and authorization."

When these amounts are paid the Commis-

sion will have remaining a surplus of \$453,806.62.

In the report, Mr. Campbell particularly called attention to a resolution by the Grand Lodge that the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago become a Memorial not only to the Elks who served in the first World War but to those who are engaged in the present conflict. A full report of this resolution appears under the heading of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission elsewhere in this issue. This resolution was approved by a rising vote and adopted by the Grand Lodge. Immediately following Mr. Campbell's report to the Grand Lodge, a resolution was offered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson of Moline, Ill. The resolution follows:

RESOLVED, That the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge for use as an emergency educational fund, under the supervision and control of the Elks National Foundation Trustees and in accordance with rules and regulations which shall be adopted by said Trustees, to provide for the proper and adequate education, beyond and supplementary to the usual high or preparatory school courses, of any child of a member of this Order who has lost or shall lose his life or has been or shall be incapacitated seriously from injury received while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during the present World War.

It is almost unnecessary to state that this resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge. It was then Mr. Campbell's privilege and pleasure to announce to the Convention that he was authorized to state that the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission would allocate to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$25,000 in addition to its original contribution to be used as an emergency educational fund under the supervision and control of the Elks National Foundation Trustees. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, then rose and was recognized by the Chair for the purpose of delivering his annual report to the Convention. Mr. Malley summarized the events of the past year, and in eloquent words gave credit to those members of the Order who had contributed most to the magnificent success of the Foundation's work during the past twelve months. He stressed particularly the assistance he had received from the Grand Exalted Ruler and from the field work of the District Deputies and officers of the State Associations. At the conclusion of Mr. Malley's address, which was complete and well-rounded, he announced that since the writing of his report, \$20,000 had been contributed to the Elks National Foundation by State Associations and by individuals. The report of the Elks National Foundation was approved and filed and copies were mailed to the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges. Excerpts, necessarily abbreviated, from Mr. Malley's written report follow:

CURRENT EVENTS

We have the great satisfaction of relating the most outstanding record of any year in the history of the Foundation. When we closed our fiscal year on May 31, 1944, the principal fund amounted to \$836,040.43, an addition of \$165,541.99 to the total donations of a year ago, and representing an increase of \$89,481.99 over the receipts from similar sources in any previous year.

In appreciation we bring to your attention the following notable facts:

Vermont is the first State to record its State Association and all subordinate lodges as paid-up subscribers for Honorary Founders' Certificates.

Iowa is in second place with seventeen new subscriptions through the efforts of the District Deputies and State Association committee.

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Speech of Acceptance.

by Robert South Barrett
before the Grand Lodge at Chicago,
Ill., August 1, 1944

WITH a heart full of gratitude for your confidence and a sincere prayer to our Heavenly Father for guidance in the discharge of the heavy responsibilities to which you have called me, I accept the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

To you, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, who have preceded me in this office and who have given me so many opportunities to serve our Order, I am especially grateful. I shall count largely on your support and advice. To my many friends all over the Country and especially those of my own lodge and my own State who have looked forward with such eagerness to this day, go my sincere and grateful thanks. My only regret is that in this, the greatest hour of my life, those noble souls, Fred Harper of Virginia, Walter Andrews of Georgia, Walter Meier of Washington and Rush Holland of Colorado, so loyal in their desire to see me elected to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, are not here to witness the culmination of their wishes. I feel, however, that they are here in spirit and I earnestly pray that I shall measure up to the high examples which they have set before me.

The office of leader of this great American Fraternity of 600,000 loyal citizens is a challenging one at any time, but this year it affords an opportunity for even greater service. At no previous time in the history of the Nation have we faced greater responsibilities. At no time in the history of our Order have we faced a greater opportunity to be of service. It shall be my endeavor to lead your efforts in three principal directions:

First: To urge a continuation of your war efforts with all our strength until victory, now in sight, is won. We have done much—we have much more to do. Sacrifices will be heavy. We must be prepared for great losses. We must pay in blood for the preservation of our liberties. Thousands upon thousands will die as we continue the invasion of Europe and the final onslaught on Nippon. Every home will be heavy with grief. Golden stars will shine on the roll of honor in every lodge room. The financial burden is the smallest of our sacrifices, but it must be met. Every dollar above actual necessities of life must be poured into the Nation's treasury. We must continue our leadership in the sale of Government securities. Our gifts of funds for the Red Cross and the United Service Organizations must reach ever higher levels. We must continue to support the Elks War Commission in each of its activities. Whenever additional funds are required to carry on its work, every Elk will gladly contribute. Our boys overseas will still need encouragement and material comforts, such as are provided by "G" Boxes and gifts of cigarettes, and we must continue the letter-writing campaign. Those in training camps and traveling to and from ports of embarkation must be welcomed at our clubs and Fraternal Centers. Our program of furnishing entertainment and conveniences to men in hospitals must be continued. Cooperation with the Red Cross in assisting our Brothers who are prisoners of war must be maintained.

Second: To continue our efforts after hostilities are ended until a permanent peace is arranged. Here we face problems even greater than winning the war. Here we must embark on a program that may last for generations. Here we must change the life-long views of people heretofore living in thoughtless security on an isolated continent. There can be no doubt but that a lasting peace depends upon world cooperation, especially of those liberty-loving nations which comprise the Allies, but to secure that cooperation we must be willing to make sacrifices. We may be compelled to keep thousands of our sons on foreign soil for several years. We must be willing to share some of the blessings a generous Creator has given us with the rest of the world. We must put our own house in order. We must restore to the people the liberties which have been taken from them. We must destroy discriminations which divide our people into hostile groups. We must give to the minorities the rights and privileges to which they are entitled.

We must ever remember that the war we are fighting is to preserve liberty, not for ourselves alone, but for all men in all lands, everywhere. As Benjamin Franklin said one hundred and fifty years ago, "Our Cause is the Cause of all mankind—We are fighting for their liberty in defending our own." There can be no safety for us while despotism raises its ugly head anywhere in the world; there can be no freedom for our children while men across the seas are enslaved; there can be no freedom from want when hungry men occupy three-fourths of the globe; our consciences will not permit us to worship God according to its dictates while other men are denied the same privileges.

Third: To see that every man who returns from his services in defense of his country is guaranteed adequate support during the period of his readjustment from military to civil life, and is provided with a job which will furnish a decent living for himself and family. The young man whose education has been interrupted must have the opportunity to prepare himself for the future.

The problem is one of gigantic proportions. Already over a million men have been discharged from military service for physical and other reasons, and before another year is passed we will in all probability face the problem of caring for ten million veterans. There is no doubt the Government will do all in its power to see that every provision will be made for these men. Already plans are well matured and financial support is assured.

But we, as Elks, have a responsibility beyond that of the average citizen. To those of our Brothers now in the service of their Country, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. We must be prepared to extend them the hand of Brotherly Love. We must plan now for their readjustment and rehabilitation when necessary.

A number of lodges have already set up rehabilitation programs. The Elks War Commission has given much thought to this problem. They have *(Continued on page 24)*



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ROBERT SOUTH BARRETT

**of Alexandria, Va., Lodge No. 758, elected Grand Exalted Ruler
at the Grand Lodge Meeting in Chicago, August 1, 1944**



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Oregon is third with 16 and Michigan and Virginia are in a tie for fourth place, with fourteen new subscriptions for each State.

The States which are entitled to honorable mention for progress made in new subscriptions and in reviving old subscriptions are California, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina, Montana and Florida.

In all 468 subordinate lodges are now holders of Honorary Founders' Certificates evidencing full payment of subscriptions of \$1,000 each. Thirty-three State Associations are enrolled similarly as holders of Honorary Founders' Certificates. Thirty-five individual Honorary Founders' Certificates have been issued.

The greatest number of gifts from individual members of the Order came from the State of Maine.

Subordinate lodges and State Associations which now hold Honorary Founders' Certificates have evidenced a desire to make additional contributions as shown by the following:

Tucson, Ariz., No. 385.....	\$1,000.00
Allegheny, Pa., No. 339.....	1,000.00
Greenville, Pa., No. 145.....	500.00
*Portland, Me., No. 188.....	100.00
Bath, Me., No. 934.....	100.00
Lewiston, Me., No. 371.....	92.50

*Initial payment on second \$1,000 subscription. Maine Elks Association has also made a second \$1,000 subscription and is making \$100 annual payments thereon.

In response to our suggestion that one might buy War Bonds in the name of the Elks National Foundation and thus serve the double purpose of assisting in the war effort and contributing to the philanthropic fund of our Order, approximately \$40,000 in United States Savings Bonds have been donated during the past year. We repeat the appeal "Buy War Bonds for your Country and the Foundation"! Buy the Series "G" Bond which is income-producing. Your Foundation must have annual income if it is to function properly. We could not be active in good works if we held only the deferred payment type of bond on which the interest is not collectible until maturity some twelve years later. Therefore, we urge the purchase of United States Savings Bonds, Series "G", 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 total income for the year was \$22,932.86 as compared with \$21,606.34 for last year.

The expenses of administration for the last fiscal period, paid out of Grand Lodge appropriation, amounted to \$5,486.70, the items of which were as follows:

Fiscal Agency Fees.....	\$1,024.90
Travel.....	332.58
Office.....	4,129.22
	\$5,486.70

The balance sheet as of May 31, 1944, shows the details.

In addition to our principal fund of \$836,040.43 we have a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$43,788.46.

DISTRIBUTIONS

The distributions which have been made during the past year from the available income to assist the activities of the State Associations are as follows:

<i>Tubercular Hospitalization.</i>	
Arizona Elks Association, for tubercular hospital at Tucson.....	\$2,100
<i>Educational Funds.</i>	
Connecticut Elks Association.....	\$ 200
Iowa Elks Association.....	250
Massachusetts Elks Association.....	300
Michigan Elks Association.....	300
New York State Elks Association.....	1,000
Pennsylvania State Elks Association.....	1,000
Wisconsin State Elks Association.....	300
	3,850
<i>Crippled Children Rehabilitation.</i>	
Florida State Elks Association,	

for use of Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children.....	\$ 500
New Jersey State Elks Association for use of Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children.....	800
Vermont State Elks Association, for use of Goshen Fresh Air Camp for Crippled Children.....	250
Minnesota State Elks Association, for welfare work at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.....	200

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Board offered for the year 1943-1944 an Elks National Foundation Scholarship of \$250, or its equivalent in money for use in a philanthropy selected by the State Association of such State, to each State in which the lodges were enrolled and paid up to date as subscribers for Honorary Founders' Certificates, according to promulgated eligibility rules. The State Associations of twelve States took advantage of this offer.

Scholarships for 1942-43 paid after the close of the fiscal year ending May 31, 1943, in accordance with requests made prior thereto, are shown as expenditures in the current year.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES (1944)

In the November issue of *The Elks Magazine*, the Elks National Foundation Trustees announced an offer of \$5,000 in cash prizes to be awarded to the "Most Valuable Students" of the school year 1943-44 as follows:

	Boys	Girls
First Prize.....	\$600.00	\$600.00
Second Prize.....	500.00	500.00
Third Prize.....	400.00	400.00
Fourth Prize.....	300.00	300.00
Fifth Prize.....	200.00	200.00
Ten Honorable Mention Awards of \$100 each.....	\$1,000.00	

The decision of our Board with respect to this contest will be announced in a supplemental report to this Grand Lodge Session by a member of our Board.

In happy commentary upon the efficacy of this annual scholarship contest as an agency of helpfulness and encouragement to scholars of real merit, we report with pride and satisfaction that Mr. Paul J. Sanazaro of Berkley, California, the first-prize winner of our 1941 contest, was graduated in June, 1944, from the University of California, a Navy V-12 Medical student, as valedictorian of his class and also was awarded the University Gold Medal as the most distinguished graduate of the year. The President of the University announced that it was the first time in twenty-one years that a graduate had been so "doubly distinguished".

The approval of Mr. Malley's report closed the morning session of the Grand Lodge and the meeting was adjourned while the Grand Lodge prepared for the Memorial Services immediately following.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

The third business session of the Grand Lodge opened on Wednesday afternoon. After a brief biographical sketch, Mr. Lonergan introduced to the delegates Rear Admiral Arthur Schuyler Carpender, Commandant of the Ninth Naval District. Admiral Carpender's distinguished career eminently fitted him to address this conclave of the Elks in a war year. Saying in fact that he was representing the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable James Forrestal, Admiral Carpender expressed the regret of Mr. Forrestal that he was not able to be present.

Admiral Carpender mentioned how impressed he was by the success made by the Order in adjusting itself to the war effort. Admiral Carpender said, in part, "The Navy, and, in fact, the Nation, is indebted to this Order. They are aware of the tremendous responsibilities that you have undertaken", and recalled that the late Secretary of the Navy, the

Honorable Frank Knox, asked for the help of the Elks War Commission in obtaining recruits for the Naval Air Corps. "The record that those boys are making today on the fighting front," he said, "is a tribute to your efforts. I am greatly impressed by the report of the Elks War Commission of the Grand Lodge," Admiral Carpender went on to say. "The work you have done in providing fraternal centers in thirty-five States and in Alaska and in Puerto Rico is a genuine contribution to the morale of our men and women in Service."

"I have read in your report that your Order is greatly concerned at the fate of its members at Manila and Agana on the island of Guam. It is a source of satisfaction to all of us to know that, beyond any shadow of doubt, we are now on our way back to Manila, and Guam is being cleared of Japs. So, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy and on behalf of every fighting man, we thank the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for this true American spirit you have exemplified."

Rear Admiral Carpender's address was received by a rising vote of appreciation from those who had heard him. Mr. Nicholson then thanked Admiral Carpender for his splendid address and read to the assemblage a message from Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson. Secretary Patterson said in his telegram: "I regret sincerely duties make it impossible for me to attend the Elks War Convention in Chicago. Brigadier General Albert Lee Snead, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, will be available for your Wednesday noon program. I am mindful of the cooperation rendered by the Elks Order, particularly in connection with the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight Program and the recruiting for the Army engineers. I desire to extend cordial greetings to the Conference and earnestly encourage the continued assistance of the Elks toward the war effort and its successful conclusion."

Mr. Lonergan next introduced Brigadier General Albert Lee Snead, who brought greetings from the Under-Secretary of War and the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces. In his message to the Order, General Snead said: "It is particularly fitting that as a representative of the Army Air Forces I should come before you today. The general public is little aware of the splendid work which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has done in aiding the war effort." He thanked the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Lodge and its delegates for accepting its responsibilities and procuring on a national scale Aviation Cadets. He then said, "I am sure that the Army Air Forces, under the magnificent leadership of General Arnold and his Staff, will continue to guide these fine young men you helped to get into the Army Air Forces until victory is secure." General Snead expressed appreciation for the other activities of the War Commission and said, "There can be no question of the patriotism of this great organization."

Mr. Nicholson then rose to introduce the other members of the Elks War Commission. He also took pleasure in announcing that a list of additional contributions to the Elks War Commission fund brought the total contributed to the Commission to approximately eighty-five percent of the total amount voted to

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it by the lodges of the Order.

Mr. Nicholson then delivered the report of the Elks War Commission to the Grand Lodge. Mr. Nicholson's report, possibly the most important of this Grand Lodge Conference, was also prepared and presented to the Grand Lodge delegates in written form. The delegates were urged to read it at their leisure and copies were made available to them at the office of the Grand Secretary. A condensation of the printed report of the Elks War Commission and supplementary oral report of Chairman Nicholson follows:

Veterans' Hospital Service

Already our boys are beginning to come home, and a saddening percentage of them are in badly injured physical condition. In some cases, they are in an apathetic, shattered mental state.

These are the boys who will need, and receive, the attention of the members of this Order in an increasing degree from now on. Many of them will be in hospitals for a long time before they can be returned to civil life. Some will need more than medical care to bring them back to normalcy. Entertainment and recreation will aid materially in restoring their morale. This offers our Order an opportunity to render another real service—a service to those boys who have sacrificed so much for us. I know of no other organization which is better prepared to give the boys the service they need and deserve, than the Order of Elks.

The State Associations of Massachusetts, Minnesota, Georgia and New Jersey are rendering outstanding service in their respective States. Massachusetts started a Veterans' Hospital Service during the first World War and their work was so sincerely appreciated by the veterans and hospital staffs alike, that they have carried on continuously.

A number of subordinate lodges are also sponsoring splendid programs in other sections.

We recognize that our greatest opportunity for patriotic and humanitarian service in the year ahead is in contributing to the comfort and happiness and morale of our disabled soldiers, sailors and Marines.

We believe that you will wish to concentrate on this work of brightening to such extent as is possible the lives of those brought back from foreign lands, injured in body, grievously disturbed in mind, and often greatly weakened in spirit.

The report of the Commission has been printed. A copy of this report has been placed in the hands of each of you, and shows that contributions have been received in the amount of \$886,327.63. As of April 1, 1942, and April 1, 1943, this gives us a per capita contribution of 85 percent.

Recruiting Service

Among the outstanding services performed by the members of this Order in the present war was that of qualifying young men for the Flying Cadet course of the Army and securing enlistments for special branches of service in both the Army and the Navy.

At the time of the last Grand Lodge Session, this Commission reported to you the conclusion not only of the magnificent "Keep 'Em Flying" Campaign in connection with which the subordinate lodges of this Order established hundreds of refresher schools throughout the Country where thousands of young men were qualified to enter the Flying Cadet Corps, but also the successful conclusion of the recruiting campaign for personnel for Army Air Corps mechanics. In connection with that campaign the Army, through the Adjutant General, had asked us for 45,000 men and in a short period of time we had given them 97,000 recruits for Army Air Force mechanic personnel.

At the same time we reported that the Adjutant General and the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel of the Navy had placed in the hands of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks the problem of securing enlistments of Army Engineers and Navy Seabees.

As soon as the Army and the Navy had secured the permission of the War Manpower Commission to accept these enlistments, they advised us that they wanted 9,000 Army Engineers and 9,000 Seabees per month.

It developed soon after that members of this Order quickly went so far beyond that goal that both the Army and the Navy requested us to discontinue our enlistment campaign long in advance of the anticipated closing date.

As a result, telegrams and letters of commendation for such swift execution were received from the Army and Navy.

Elks Fraternal Centers

Our Fraternal Center Program continues to render outstanding service to our men in uniform.

Today we maintain a total of 119 Centers located in 35 States, Alaska and Puerto Rico. There hundreds of thousands of our boys find recreation and comfort.

Thousands of letters of appreciation have been received and in many instances requests from our boys asking for information as to how to become members of our Order.

New York Elks Fraternal Center

In December of last year, the Commission, to meet a great need in New York City, opened a Fraternal Center at 39th Street and Madison Avenue, which has proved to be the most popular in New York.

In the eight months the New York Center has been in operation, we have had as overnight guests, over 19,000 men of the Armed Forces. Approximately 380,000 service men have used the facilities of this Center.

Cigarettes to the A.E.F.

More than 16,000,000 cigarettes and over 700,000 packages of pipe and cigarette tobacco have been sent to our fighting men overseas. These shipments are being continued each month.

The full import of these figures is realized when we note that we have received letters and cards expressing how deeply they are appreciated when they arrive on the far-flung battlefields of the world, not alone for their material value, but also for their expression of remembrance.

We have received over 2,000 letters from Chaplains, Morale Officers and the men themselves.

The Disabled Servicemen's Slipper Program

The disabled servicemen's slipper campaign was inaugurated by Columbus, Ohio, Lodge.

When it became apparent that that Lodge could not begin to meet the great need for the slippers, the Elks War Commission appealed to the State Associations to assist. Massachusetts, Maine, New York and Washington responded and have produced 65,000 pairs of slippers. They are producing a constantly increased quantity.

We again remind all State Associations, not yet engaged in this great work, of this increasing need, and earnestly appeal for their cooperation in this program.

Overseas Fraternal Centers

A year ago we reported that an effort would be made to open Fraternal Centers in foreign countries where large numbers of American boys are stationed. A Government regulation confines the operation of overseas centers to the American Red Cross. However, we do hope to find a way to contribute to the social enjoyments of our Brother Elks overseas. At present, efforts are being made to provide a place where overseas members may hold unofficial meetings at least once a month.

We recently contacted the heads of the Red Cross and the Salvation Army and both organizations agreed to make every effort to secure fraternal privileges overseas for the members of our Order.

Overseas Representatives

Letters have been sent to many of our civilian members, suggesting that they act as

representatives of the Elks War Commission. We have received favorable replies from England and Australia.

Rehabilitation

Your newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler said in his speech of acceptance:

"We, as Elks, have a responsibility beyond that of the average citizen. To those of our Brothers now in the service of their Country, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. We must be prepared to extend them the hand of Brotherly Love. We must plan now for their readjustment and rehabilitation when necessary."

Alexandria Lodge's Rehabilitation Plan, suggested by our Grand Exalted Ruler, may serve as a model for all other subordinate lodges. This will undoubtedly become a major activity in the immediate future. Therefore, we urge all lodges to start a rehabilitation plan now.

Manila and Agana Lodges

Manila and Agana Lodges are victims of the present global struggle. A large percentage of their members are interned as civilians or as prisoners of war.

This report will tell you of our attempts to locate and communicate with these Brothers and our success in doing so in some instances.

We shall continue our efforts in this direction and be watchful to take advantage of the first opportunity to bring them a measure of relief.

Mr. Nicholson's report was accepted and adopted by the Grand Lodge with great enthusiasm.

At this juncture, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, on behalf of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, announced to the Elks War Commission a gift of \$4,025. Judge Hallinan's gift was immediately topped by that of Nave G. Lein, of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, of Spokane, Wash., Lodge, No. 228, of \$4,050, on behalf of Spokane Lodge. Judge Hallinan bowed to his "defeat" with grace. This friendly sort of rivalry in contributing to the Elks War Commission fund was shown by many substantial contributions made by other subordinate lodges and individuals subsequent to the printing of the report.

A resolution was next offered by Past State Pres. J. Clayton Burke, of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, endorsing the accomplishments and aims of the Elks War Commission and suggesting that the Order further contribute to the entertainment, comfort and personal needs of our Armed Forces. The resolution contained an assurance that the Order would further its endeavor and would do its part in the rehabilitation work facing the Nation.

Another resolution was offered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan of Boston Lodge on behalf of the officers and members of the Massachusetts State Elks Association that the Order make a solemn pledge to go forward and adapt itself, and dedicate its life and fortune to the furtherance of the successful termination of the war. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan's resolution was accepted and passed with the acclaim of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Lonergan then introduced Col. George E. Ijams, Assistant Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, who represented Brigadier General Frank T. Hines whose commitments in Washington prevented him from accepting the invitation of the Grand Lodge. Col. Ijams said he had never seen any fraternal organization react so generously and unselfishly as had the Order of Elks, and called it an inspiring demonstration.

Col. Ijam's address made an appeal that the Order assist in recruiting nurses and clerical assistants in the administration of veterans' affairs. The speech was received with the sincere, heartfelt reaction of the delegates and a response by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, offering all the resources of the Order, was enthusiastically received.

The next report on the agenda was that of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin, Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees. Mr. Benjamin presented to the assemblage the names of the winners of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Contest. He announced that in previous years the winner of this contest had been introduced to the delegates, but that this year this pleasure would have to be foregone because of the difficulties of transportation. A complete report of Mr. Benjamin's remarks will appear in the October issue of *The Elks Magazine* under the heading of "Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees", with biographical accounts of the winners of these awards. The report was approved by the Grand Lodge and filed.

The next order of business was the announcement by J. C. Travis, of Omaha, Neb., Lodge, No. 39, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, of the contestants in the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest. They were in order of their scores:

Ritualistic Contests

1—Fitchburg, Mass., Lodge No. 847.....	96.03
2—Glendale, Cal., Lodge No. 1289.....	95.82
3—Lyndhurst, N. J., Lodge No. 1505.....	95.72
4—East Point, Ga., Lodge No. 1617.....	95.36
5—Decorah, Iowa, Lodge No. 443.....	95.24
6—Painesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 549.....	95.13
7—Sycamore, Ill., Lodge No. 1392.....	95.10
8—Idaho Falls, Idaho, Lodge No. 1087.....	94.93
9—Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152.....	94.79
10—Grand Junction, Colo., Lodge No. 575.....	94.66
11—Tallahassee, Fla., Lodge No. 937.....	93.96
12—Tri-Cities, Texas, Lodge No. 1649.....	93.93
13—Manistee, Mich., Lodge No. 250.....	93.56
14—Appleton, Wis., Lodge No. 337.....	93.42

The winning team of Fitchburg, Mass., Lodge made an appearance on the rostrum before the Grand Lodge to accept its prize and received an ovation befitting their accomplishment.

The last order of business on the agenda of this Eightieth Session of the Grand Lodge was the reading of the report of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary by Chairman Clyde E. Jones.

Excerpts from Mr. Jones' report appear below:

Report of the Committee on Judiciary

During the current Grand Lodge year, the Chairman of your Committee has considered approximately 660 separate and distinct cases or matters submitted to him as herein detailed, representing an increase of 65% of similar cases presented during the preceding Grand Lodge year.

To this date, 302 opinions have been written interpreting the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge and the by-laws of subordinate lodges;

Two Hundred Ninety (290) amendments and revised by-laws have been submitted, to which consideration has been given, opinions written as to the legality thereof, and finally approved in most instances;

Applications for building permits submitted by 17 lodges were examined and returned to the Board of Grand Trustees with comment and recommendation;

House Rules of 9 lodges and Articles of Incorporation of 6 lodges were approved;

Publication of lodge bulletins by 11 lodges were likewise approved;

Tax problems have been submitted by 20 lodges and advice and counsel given with reference thereto; and Three (3) Grand Forum cases have been given attention upon the request of the Chief Justice of the Grand Forum.

The foregoing classified activities represent the principal part of the work of the Committee on Judiciary during the current Grand Lodge year, and required approximately 2000 pieces of mail.

The Constitution and Grand Lodge Statutes of our Order are revised annually, immediately after the close of each Grand Lodge Session, by the Publication Com-

mittee as provided in Section 42, G.L.S., and printed through the office of the Grand Secretary. Following each provision thereof which has heretofore been interpreted by the Grand Forum or a Committee on Judiciary, will be found certain numbers which refer to pages of Opinions and Decisions, 1937 Edition. Due to the fact that some time will yet be required to edit, proof-read and print the new revised edition of such opinions and decisions if authorized by the Grand Lodge, the first edition of the 1944-45 Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes will still contain the interpretative numbers of the 1937 Edition of Opinions and Decisions, but later reprintings thereof will contain page references to the newly revised edition of Opinions and Decisions as soon as its publication is completed, if authorized.

It is the recommendation of your Committee on Judiciary that the publication of this newly revised edition of opinions and decisions be authorized by the Grand Lodge.

It is very pleasing to report the ready disposition of many subordinate lodges to bring their by-laws up to date in full conformity with the provisions of Section 173, G.L.S., by use of the latest edition of the Guide By-Laws as prepared by the Committee on Judiciary.

It is the long established policy of the Grand Lodge that the by-laws of the various subordinate lodges should be uniform. The provisions of the current edition of the Guide By-Laws as prepared by the Committee on Judiciary are in conformity with the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge at all times. They contain the minimum of provisions which must appear in the by-laws of each subordinate lodge.

When preparing revisions of by-laws or amendments thereto, lodge officers are urged to consult first the latest edition of the Guide By-Laws, which may be obtained from the office of the Grand Secretary and follow the instructions therein contained.

Your Committee urges compliance with Section 173, G.L.S., as to lodge by-laws at all times and that the District Deputies be instructed to inspect the by-laws of all subordinate lodges on the occasion of their official visitations to ascertain such compliance.

During the past year, several resolutions have been submitted to the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Judiciary for examination and recommendation.

Amendment to Section 125, G. L. S.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission that Section 125 of the Grand Lodge Statutes relative to the duties of the Secretary of a subordinate lodge be amended so as to provide a more efficient method to keep the current membership list in the office of *The Elks Magazine* in an up-to-date condition.

Your Committee therefore recommends that Section 125 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 125. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all sessions of the lodge; correct accounts between the lodge and its members; assign to each member a number, and place the same opposite his name on his membership card; keep a correct mailing list of the members; and furnish to the *Circulation Manager of The Elks Magazine* an accurate roll of the members of his lodge, with the home address of each member indicated thereon.

Corrections of the mailing list at the office of *The Elks Magazine* shall be made immediately upon the Secretary's acquiring knowledge of the necessity therefor, on printed forms supplied by the Magazine Office for that purpose, in the following manner: A New Member Form for each new member initiated into the lodge or affiliated therewith; a Cancellation Form for the removal of the name of such members as shall have died, been demitted, expelled or dropped from the rolls, and a Change of Address Form for the new address of each member who shall have changed his address.

He shall receive all moneys due the lodge from any source whatever, and all moneys due the Grand Lodge from the members of his lodge as annual dues; pay the same to the Treasurer at the earliest moment practicable, and take his receipt therefor; attend to all correspondence, subject to the approval of the Exalted Ruler; formally present all communications received by him to the lodge, first submitting the same to the Exalted Ruler; issue all certificates pertaining to the business of the lodge; inform persons elected to membership of such fact, and notify rejected applicants.

He shall notify the members of all committees of their appointments, together with the subject given into their charge. He shall perform all such other duties as are inherent in and pertain to the duties of his office, or are required by the laws of the Order or the by-laws of his lodge. He shall on or before the first day of each year make an annual report to the Grand Secretary as required by law. He shall also report to the Grand Secretary all expulsions and suspensions of members, giving the name, age, birthplace, residence and occupation.

He shall be required to give bond in such sum as the lodge may fix in its by-laws, and shall present a written report of the transactions of his office semi-annually at the first regular sessions in the months of April and October.

He shall receive such compensation for his services as the lodge may fix by By-Laws. Any such by-law may be altered or amended by a majority vote of such subordinate lodge."

Your Committee also concurs in a further recommendation made by the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission to the effect that the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended so as to provide for the creation and administration of a new fund to be known as the "Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund", which is to be raised by transfer to the Grand Lodge of a portion of the profits of *The Elks Magazine*.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends that for the purpose of creating this new fund, Section 51 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 51. The funds of the Grand Lodge shall be classified as follows:

- a. General Fund
- b. Emergency Charity Fund
- c. National Home Fund
- d. National Memorial and Publication Fund
- e. Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund."

and that Section 52 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be likewise amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 52. The General Fund shall include all the moneys of the Grand Lodge except the Emergency Charity Fund, the National Home Fund, the National Memorial and Publication Fund and the Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund, and shall be deposited to the credit of the Grand Lodge in banks or depositories designated in writing by the Board of Grand Trustees, and may be withdrawn only by checks signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Grand Exalted Ruler."

Your Committee further recommends that to provide for the administration of this additional fund a new statute be enacted to be known as Section 55a and to read as follows:

"Sec. 55a. The Grand Lodge—Reserve Fund provided for in Section 51 hereof shall be established, administered and disbursed in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine and direct by resolution."

Amendment to Section 171, G. L. S.

Your Committee further concurs in the recommendation of the Elks War Commission that Section 171 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended. As now existing, that section provides that no lodge shall have power to loan any of its funds to any of its members.

A part of the general program of rehabilitation for service members of our Order, after their return and as being provided in various forms of resolutions adopted by subordinate lodges, consists of the creation of a fund from which loans are to be made to such members for rehabilitation purposes where direct aid is not required.

Your Committee therefore recommends that Section 171 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 171. No lodge shall have power to loan any of its funds to any of its members; provided, however, that a lodge may establish by appropriate by-law, a special rehabilitation fund from which loans may be made to members in good standing honorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America for rehabilitation purposes."

Amendment to Section 225, G. L. S.

During the past two years, frequent inquiries have been made of your Committee as to the legality of organizations or associations of Past Exalted Rulers.

Section 225 of the Grand Lodge Statutes now prohibits such organizations and makes membership therein an offense under our fraternal law, subjecting any member thereof to expulsion from the Order.

It is common knowledge that such organizations exist in many subordinate lodges, and in some States, there is a state-wide association. Generally, these organizations are rendering a valuable service to the lodges in which they exist and an ever-increasing interest is being shown therein.

Accordingly, for the purpose of eliminating all penal features of membership in such associations, your Committee recommends that Section 225 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 225. No Elk shall organize or become a member of any society or organization limiting its membership to Elks, which is not expressly authorized by the Constitution or Statutes of the Order and any Elk organizing or becoming a member of any such organization or society, shall upon conviction thereof, be expelled from the Order; provided, however, that the provisions of this Statute shall not be considered applicable to Past Exalted Rulers' associations or organizations."

Although such statutory amendment will relieve a Past Exalted Ruler from being subject to a charge preferred against him for such membership, organizations of Past Exalted Rulers can be legalized only by an amendment to the Constitution of our Order.

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Your Committee is of the opinion that organizations of Past Exalted Rulers in a lodge or on a state-wide basis should be authorized.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends that Article III, Section 19, of the Constitution of our Order be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 19. There shall be no branches or degrees of membership in the Order, nor any insurance or mutual benefit features, nor shall there be other adjuncts or auxiliaries other than the optional organization and maintenance of State Associations and Past Exalted Rulers' Associations."

The report of his Committee was received and accepted and with its filing this session of the Grand Lodge was recessed until the following morning.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

The first order of business of the fourth session of the Grand Lodge was a resolution, delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, that a special commission of three members be appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler to review and revise the rituals of the Order and to devise any additional rituals that may seem advisable. This resolution was unanimously accepted and approved by the Grand Lodge. Mr. Lonergan said that he would leave the appointment of this Commission to his successor, Dr. Barrett. The final report of the Committee on Credentials was then offered by Chairman Wilbur P. Baird, of Greenville, Pa., Lodge, No. 145. After the other members of Mr. Baird's Committee had been presented to the Grand Lodge, he delivered a report which announced that a total of 1,767 delegates was registered at the Conference. This was one hundred and sixty delegates more than those registered at the previous meeting in Boston. Mr. Baird's report was received, approved and filed.

It was the suggestion of E.R. Floyd A. Doty, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge, No. 309, that the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler appoint a committee of four to prepare a memorial to the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland, of Colorado Springs Lodge, and that a preliminary sum of \$1,500 be set aside for that purpose. This resolution was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge. It was then Mr. Lonergan's privilege to appoint a committee for this purpose, the members of which are: Past Grand Exalted Rulers John R. Coen and Dr. Edward J. McCormick, and P.E.R.'s C. B. Horn, of Colorado Springs Lodge, and Ambrose A. Durkin, of Washington, D. C., Lodge, No. 15.

Charles T. Reynolds, of Vallejo, Calif., Lodge, No. 559, Chairman of the Antlers Council, of the Grand Lodge, delivered the report of that body. Mr. Reynolds listed the notable activities of the Council and stressed the need for youth guidance programs of this kind. He announced that there were from ten to fifteen active Antlers Councils and that one at Sacramento, Calif., Lodge, No. 6, had joined the list of Antlers Lodges. Mr. Reynolds' report was heard with great interest by the Grand Lodge; it was approved and filed.

Mr. Lonergan then took the opportunity to present to the Grand Lodge delegates from Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone. They were greeted with applause.

J. C. Travis, of Omaha, Neb., Lodge, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, next delivered his report, excerpts of which follow:

Report of State Associations Committee

This Committee is happy to report that during the year the Arkansas State Elks Association re-organized and that now there is a State Association covering all jurisdictions within this Country.

Last Fall this Committee conducted a survey through a questionnaire sent to the Presidents and the Secretaries of all State Associations.

The survey shows some of the State Associations to be excellently organized, officered and functioning and adequately financed. Many sponsor programs of outstanding civic merit.

To aid backward Associations, this Committee has made a summary of the survey. A copy of this analysis will be sent to the Presidents and Secretaries of all State Associations. Extra copies will be available to those desiring them through the Grand Secretary's office.

Throughout the year an almost constant stream of printed, multigraphed and mimeographed matter issued by State Associations has come to this Committee. This literature tells such a complete story of the programs and policies and methods of putting them into effective action that this Committee determined that it would be well that each State Association have such literature as speedily as possible.

The survey showed an almost unanimous desire on the part of the State Association officers to be better acquainted with the programs of other Associations.

Dues range all the way from 5c to 50c a member. In addition to dues a majority of the Associations raise additional moneys for such activities as crippled children, eradication of tuberculosis, ritualistic contests and multiplicity of other activities.

There is no definite yard-stick by which to measure the question of dues rates. Such questions are problems for the individual Associations. This Committee does recommend, however, that each State Association measure its dues and other income in terms of raising adequate funds to properly finance itself and its activities.

In some States the situation seems to be that the Association is wanting funds with which to launch a program; whilst the Lodges are waiting the active launching of that program before arranging adequately to finance it. Such a policy, of course, merely marks time.

As stated, the problem is properly one for each individual Association. This Committee merely points out that State Associations should be properly financed so as to be virile cogs in the great wheels of Elkdom.

After the acceptance of this report, the Grand Exalted Ruler announced that it was the decision of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Exalted Ruler that the Eighty-First Meeting of the Grand Lodge be held at Chicago. The Grand Exalted Ruler, before the next order of business, took the opportunity to compliment the City of Chicago on the splendid manner in which this Conference had been held. He particularly stressed the activities of Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of the Convention, Floyd E. Thompson and Henry C. Warner. Other prominent members of the Order who were instrumental in the success of this splendid Conference were: Grand Trustee Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind.; P.E.R.'s Joseph Burke and Harry S. Ditchburne, of Chicago Lodge, No. 4; Grand Esquire Clayton F. Van Pelt, of Fond du Lac, Wis., Lodge; Past State Pres. Dr. H. J. Raley, of Harrisburg, Ill., Lodge, and P.E.R. Bede Armstrong, of Waukegan, Ill., Lodge. It was the consensus of opinion of the delegates that the precision and smoothness with which this convention was conducted was in large part due to the efforts of Mr. Kyle and Dr. Raley. The unceasing efforts of Mr. Kyle and his committee

made this meeting outstanding in the memories of those who have attended other such affairs.

The Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, George I. Hall, next delivered his report to the conclave and it was received with acclaim by the Grand Lodge, approved and filed. Excerpts from this report follow:

Continuing the program of our prior Lodge Activities Committees, we were most successful this year in having our subordinate lodges arrange programs that not only attracted members to their meetings and homes but, in addition, won the heartiest commendation of the citizenry of our Nation, and resulted in the greatest gain in membership in Grand Lodge for a period of twenty-five years. The happiest news of this increase was the great number of former Brothers who sought and secured re-instatement with the result that 18,812 former Brothers are now active members of our Order.

A short and concise report of our program adopted and so well carried out this year is as follows:

1. During the month of November, the initiation of an "On to Victory" Class of candidates.
2. Conducting a "Spirit of '76" Class, initiated during the month of February, to commemorate the Seventy-Sixth Anniversary of the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.
3. Adoption of a program for re-instatements and the prevention of lapsations.
4. Urging each lodge to formulate a program of extensive, planned activities, and assisting them to do so through the issuance again this year of the Exalted Ruler's Handbook, which contains numerous suggestions for various activities.
5. Reminding the subordinate lodges of the necessity, under Grand Lodge Statutes, of the proper observance of Elks Memorial Day and Flag Day, and to impress upon them that these exercises should not be carried out in a perfunctory manner but with a true realization of the fine and patriotic thought behind each of them.
6. Soliciting the full support of the subordinate lodges in the programs of our Grand Exalted Ruler, the Elks War Commission and the National Foundation.

We are pleased to report that all of the literature we sent out in connection with the "On to Victory" Class, the "Spirit of '76" Class, Memorial Day and Flag Day, was very well received and the results obtained were most gratifying. It is our happy privilege to report that during the year 1943-44, there was a net gain in membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of 79,795 members. A break-down of the figures representing this gain follows:

New Members	85,068	
Dimit	7,146	
Reinstatements	18,812	111,026

Members expelled	46	
Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues	16,429	
Dimit	5,285	
Deaths	9,471	31,231

	79,795	NET GAIN
In dollars and cents, my Brothers, here are the moneys involved in this gain of membership: 85,068 members initiated at an average fee of \$30.	\$2,552,040.00	
7,146 members affiliated by dimit @ \$3.00 (average)	21,438.00	
18,812 members reinstated @ \$7.00 (average)	131,684.00	
The average dues of \$15.00 for each of these 79,795 new or re-instated members	1,196,925.00	
	\$3,902,087.00	

In addition, a total of \$107,723.25 is received by the Grand Lodge in the form of \$79,795.00 for subscriptions to *The Elks Magazine* for the new members, and \$27,928.25 payable to the Grand Lodge at the rate of 35c for each of the 79,795 members.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE I. HALL,
Chairman.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hall's report, Mr. Kyle arose to announce the final budget of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Lonergan then took the opportunity to introduce to the the Grand Lodge the members of the Board of Grand Trustees and Robert A. Scott, Superintendent of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va. Next, Wade H. Kepner, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, arose to present the report on assessments, which was approved and adopted. After Mr. Kepner had conducted the routine orders of business, he moved that the Grand Lodge grant charters to lodges in Dodge City, Kans., No. 1406; Paintsville, Ky., No. 1658; Flora, Ill., No. 1659; Seminole, Okla., No. 1660; San Benito, Tex., No. 1661, and Lebanon, Ore., No. 1663. Mr. Kepner's recommendation received the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Charles E. Broughton, Approving Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, took this occasion to arise and announce that the Board must report with deep regret the end of the term of its Chairman, Joseph B. Kyle. Mr. Broughton recommended that a suitable testimonial be made concerning the contributions made by Chairman Kyle in recognition of his faithful service.

The next order of business of the Convention was another report of the Board of Grand Trustees delivered by its Secretary, John E. Drummey of Seattle, Wash., Lodge, No. 92. This report was received and adopted.

As this Eightieth Session of the Grand Lodge drew to a close, Mr. Lonergan, as Grand Exalted Ruler, arose to thank the Grand Lodge for the opportunity which had been offered to him to serve in the capacity of Grand Exalted Ruler. He told the assemblage that it was a rare occasion which offered the opportunity to serve so distinguished a body. Mr. Lonergan recognized the unstinted support lent him by the subordinate lodges of the Order and told the as-

sembled delegates that his successor would undoubtedly receive the same heartfelt cooperation.

Mr. Lonergan then turned over the gavel to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen to assume the office of Grand Exalted Ruler to install the newly elected officers of the Grand Lodge. Immediately upon the investiture of office Mr. Coen recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin who arose to express to the meeting the heartfelt thanks of the Order, the congratulations and the homage which, he said, were rendered with love and enthusiasm to Mr. Lonergan by the Grand Lodge. Mr. Benjamin's remarks were received with a standing vote of approval.

One of the most pleasant duties of the Grand Lodge Conference was next enjoyed by the delegates. The District Deputies who had served under Mr. Lonergan seized this moment to present to Mr. Lonergan a token of their esteem and affection. E.R. Harry B. Simpson, of Portland, Ore., Lodge, then arose to present to Mr. Lonergan another gift on behalf of his lodge. Still wearing the insignia of Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Coen appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick to act as Grand Secretary for the installation of the newly elected officers.

With befitting ceremony, the officers elect were escorted to the rostrum and took the oath of office. The new officers of the Grand Lodge are: Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett of Alexandria, Va.; Grand Esteemed Leading Knight F. Eugene Dayton of Salinas, Calif.; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight James A. Dunn, of Miami, Fla.; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight J. Theodore Moses of North Tonawanda, N. Y.; Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa.; Grand Treasurer John F. Burke, of Boston; Grand Tiler Ben W. Weir of Pittsburg, Kans.; Grand Inner Guard Robert W. Dunkle, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Grand Trustees George I. Hall for a pe-

riod of five years, and Sam Stern, of Fargo, N. D., for a period of two years.

Dr. Barrett, upon assuming office, took pleasure, as his first order of business, to appoint as a member of the Elks War Commission Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan. The motion was offered by Nave G. Lein, of Spokane, Wash.

Another order of business conducted by the new Grand Exalted Ruler was the announcement of a check for \$4,145 contributed by 817 subordinate lodges of the Order to a fund administered by the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, to provide motion pictures for the residents of the Home. The check was presented by P.E.R. Charles Hawthorne, of Baltimore, Md., Lodge, No. 7. The Grand Exalted Ruler presented the check to Robert Scott, Superintendent of the Home, who took the occasion to rise and acknowledge the gift on behalf of the two hundred and fifty residents of the Home.

Next on the agenda came Dr. Barrett's appointment to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee of James L. McGovern of Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge, No. 36, as Chairman; Dr. H. J. Raley of Harrisburg, Ill., Lodge, No. 1058; Walter G. Penry of Delaware, Ohio, Lodge; Harry E. McClain of Shelbyville, Ind., Lodge, No. 457, and Howard R. Davis of Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173. The new Grand Exalted Ruler then appointed as his Secretary Milton R. Greenland of Alexandria, Va., Lodge. Then Dr. Barrett closed the Eightieth Session of the Grand Lodge with a moving acceptance of office and address to the Order. He expressed his devout hope that his year in office would see the return to their homeland of many of the Armed Forces and that any desired rehabilitation would be undertaken by the Order. With a closing benediction by Grand Chaplain Father McGeough, Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett then adjourned this outstandingly important War Conference of the Grand Lodge.

Excerpts from Annual Report to the Grand Lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan

MY BROTHER ELKS:

In compliance with the laws of our Order, I submit to you, as your Grand Exalted Ruler, an accounting of my stewardship during the past year.

Printing conditions make necessary a streamlined report.

More than a year has elapsed since I was installed as Grand Exalted Ruler on July 14, 1943, at the War Conference and Grand Lodge Session in Boston.

I received the torch of Elkdom from my immediate predecessor, the illustrious E. Mark Sullivan. He had carried it high. He had carried it with zeal and fidelity. He established a fine record.

Inspired by the achievements of our great Order and the accomplishments wrought by a long line of distinguished Grand Exalted Rulers, and with full faith and confidence in the unity, co-operation and loyalty of a devoted membership, I entered into the duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. I have not been disappointed nor deserted.

It has been a glorious year and I have been infinitely enriched by the "coin of service".

I have visited practically every State in the Union. I have had meetings with more than two hundred subordinate lodges and had direct and personal contact with officers and members from hundreds of other subordinate lodges.

Never have I known or witnessed a greater spirit of willingness to render service for the Order than now prevails throughout our membership.

On February 16th last, our Order observed its 76th Anniversary and during all the years that have elapsed since our happy beginning, we have written a record that is outstanding and resplendent in service rendered to our country and our fellow man.

America is now in its third year of global warfare to preserve the ideals and principles upon which our country was founded and to establish freedom for humanity everywhere. In recent months our Country and our Country's Allies have made great progress against the enemies of civilization, religion and culture; against the enemies of human liberties and human rights. All good Americans, as well as the peoples of the United Nations, are hopeful that victory may soon come with the unconditional surrender of our enemies.

In this World War our country has taken its place to preserve the American way of life, and to make certain that freedom and justice will not perish from the earth. In this terrible conflict, our Country has demonstrated to the world, as never before, its tremendous energy and resources; its unity and cooperation; its courage and strength; its power and genius. It has called for years of work

and toil and sweat; years of mechanical production so stupendous as to challenge the imagination; years of inspiring efforts and patriotic zeal by the people of America.

This war, too, has brought sorrow and heartaches to thousands of American homes whose sons have given the last full measure of devotion to the cause of America. We are determined that those noble patriots by their service and sacrifice shall not have died in vain. Pearl Harbor will be avenged and the enemies of America brought to judgment!

In this time of great national trial, the Order of Elks has been in the vanguard in giving wholehearted and unselfish support for all the needs of our Country. We have every reason to be justly proud of our achievements and the service rendered by our membership in this great American crisis.

Ours is the first and only fraternal organization ever selected to serve as a recruiting agency for the Army and Navy.

During the forepart of this administrative year our lodges under the direction of the Elks War Commission recruited Construction Engineers for the Army and Seabees for the Navy and more than filled the quota three months ahead of scheduled time.

More than 70,000 of the members of our Order are now serving in the Armed Forces of America, and the sons and

daughters of our members who are serving the colors must be numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Our Order is now maintaining, under the supervision of the Elks War Commission and by the voluntary contributions of our membership, one hundred and nineteen fraternal centers. Located in different parts of the country, these centers are open to the men and women in the military service extending to them recreational facilities and open-handed hospitality. In addition to this service, hundreds of the subordinate lodges have opened their doors for the men and women of the Armed Forces and for other patriotic and war activities.

Our members throughout the country have responded gladly and willingly to the call for donors for the blood banks. Blood plasma is needed now as never before. The "G" Box program, inaugurated under Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, has not been neglected and has been faithfully adhered to by our lodges, in order that our members in the Service may know that they have not been forgotten. Many millions of cigarettes have been distributed to the men in Service outside of continental America by the Elks War Commission and the "write-a-letter" campaign has been most gratifying. The furnishing of slippers to the convalescent veterans in the hospitals has been an outstanding service by the Order of Elks.

To help finance our Government in these trying times, our subordinate lodges are now the owners of more than twenty-four millions of dollars in war bonds. This is a notable achievement and I sincerely trust will bring real satisfaction to the members of our lodges as a duty well performed.

During the year I have repeatedly called to the attention of our members the serious problem of juvenile delinquency. Many of the lodges are now endeavoring to cope with this grave problem, and it is my hope and prayer that the Order of Elks will take its proper place in the front ranks in helping to solve this great evil.

Membership Increases

The official reports of subordinate lodges for the year ending March 31, 1944, show a net increase in membership of our Order of 79,795, and thus established a total membership of 627,513, exclusive of Agana and Manila Lodges.

This is by far the greatest net increase in membership in any one year that our Order has ever enjoyed, with the exception only of the years 1919-1920 and 1920-1921. Every State, as well as Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, showed a substantial gain during the year ending.

This outstanding achievement in membership gain during the year ending March 31, 1944, and the splendid increase since that time have been due almost entirely to the loyal cooperation of our membership, the faithfulness and ardor of the District Deputies, the helpful and important suggestions and work of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, the zeal and interest displayed by Membership and Lapsation Committees, the untiring and unselfish efforts of the officers of the subordinate lodges and the notable accomplishments in the field of patriotic, benevolent and national activities carried on by our Order throughout the year.

The membership tables incorporated in this report cover the period from April 1, 1943, to March 31, 1944. An examination of the membership figures show that during the last membership year our Order received through initiation and affiliation 111,026 members. The number of members dropped for non-payment of dues was 16,429. This was 6,645 less than the previous year, and the least number that have lapsed in any one year since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

Our Order lost 9,471 members by death, being 593 more members than were lost by death last year.

There were more than 13,000 applicants elected to membership and awaiting initiation on April 1, 1944. With these new members, together with many others who have since been elected and initiated up to July 1st, it is conservatively estimated that an additional 30,000 members have been received into the Order since April 1, 1944. These additional members will, of course, be added to the report on membership for the next year.

New Lodges

Convinced that new lodges are desirable where conditions are right and proper, I instructed my District Deputies to ascertain by a careful survey what the prospects might be for establishing new lodges in their jurisdictions. It was my belief that there were many cities where an Elks lodge could well be instituted, if the matter was properly broached to the leading citizens in such cities. After a year of travel and observation, I am more convinced than ever that there is a large field still open in America for the institution of Elks lodges. I do not believe, however, that lodges should be instituted indiscriminately, but only in such cities of our Country where careful examination indicates the right desire and enthusiasm to participate in the work of Elkdom by the right type of citizens.

Elks War Commission

Through the creation of the Elks War Commission, our Order has made an outstanding contribution to the war effort. The activities inspired, conducted and supervised by the Elks War Commission during these trying times of war have added lustre to the name of Elkdom and has demonstrated through its efforts and work one of the most important and essential purposes and objects of this greatest American fraternity. Our members everywhere have been inspired by the splendid leadership of the War Commission which has been evidenced everywhere throughout our land, yes, and abroad too.

I have already pointed out some of the activities conducted through the foresight, ability and efficiency of the members composing the Elks War Commission. You will have the benefit of a full and complete report of the work and program of the Commission during the past year before the conclusion of this War Conference and Grand Lodge Session. I commend that report to you for your careful attention and consideration.

I must, however, express my thanks and appreciation, as well as, I am sure, the gratitude of more than 650,000 Elks, to Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Elks War Commission, and to each and every member of that Commission and to the Commission's staff of loyal, devoted, energetic and capable workers for services rendered beyond price, and for the honor and glory they have brought to our Order in the field of patriotic and fraternal endeavor.

Elks National Foundation

At the Grand Lodge Session held in July, 1928, at Miami, Florida, the Elks National Foundation was born. It was the brain child of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley. It is no longer a child for it has grown to considerable size since the time of its creation.

The Elks National Foundation is now looked upon as one of the great philanthropies of America. It was so incorporated that the principal fund or corpus, derived generally from subscriptions, donations and bequests, is held in

trust by the Foundation Trustees. Only the income earned from the principal fund is used for works of charity, benevolence, education, and other like and similar undertakings as may be approved by the trustees of the Foundation. The expense of administration is paid by the Grand Lodge.

Through the administration of the Elks National Foundation many young men and women of America have been afforded the opportunity of attending institutions of higher learning, and hundreds of crippled children have been made well. Needed help, too, has been extended to many suffering from that dread disease, tuberculosis. Other forms of benevolence are also recognized.

The members of our Order are now becoming more interested in and attached to the fine work rendered through the Foundation, as evidenced by the fact that subscriptions to the Elks National Foundation were far greater during the past year than in any other like period of time. Every lodge in the Order should subscribe for a "Founders' Certificate" and thus participate in the noble cause.

The principal fund of the Foundation is now closely approaching the one million dollar mark, and I am hopeful that this mark may be reached before the end of this Grand Lodge Session. The members of this Grand Lodge will be privileged to hear the report of the trustees of the Elks National Foundation and I know that you will be edified and impressed by the work of the trustees and the manner and form of awarding the scholarships.

Elks National Home

To visit the Elks National Home is indeed a real treat. Beautifully located at Bedford, Virginia, in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains, this haven of peace and comfort should be a joy to every Elk. Its commodious dwellings, its broad acres and extensive landscape present every aspect of a large, fine country estate.

I visited the Elks Home last May in company with the Grand Secretary and Board of Grand Trustees and enjoyed a most hospitable and gracious reception. The superintendent and his splendid organization of co-workers are entitled to great credit for the very efficient, courteous and affable manner in which the Elks National Home is conducted.

I talked with many of our Brothers residing at the Home and was delighted, of course, to find them happy and well satisfied with the beautiful surroundings and the many conveniences of their Home.

There are not as many residents there now as in former years but the true ideals of Elkdom that inspired the creation of the Home are as real now as ever and this great heart of Elkdom should be nurtured and cherished.

Elks National Memorial Building

Much has been written and said in praise of the Elks National Memorial Building. Located close to the shore of Lake Michigan on Lake View Avenue in Chicago, its architectural beauty and design and its artistic decorative style denote at once that it is a shrine dedicated to the memory of our Brothers who made the supreme sacrifice for America in World War I. May it ever stand as a lasting monument to the loyalty and patriotism of our heroic dead.

Thanks and appreciation are due to those responsible for its fine upkeep and operation. They have been faithful to their trust.

The Elks Magazine

The excellence of our national publication is known to all.

Despite the hardships of paper shortage and printing difficulties, *The Elks*

Magazine has continued to grow in popularity and usefulness. It keeps our members informed on Grand Lodge affairs; it covers interesting events of the subordinate lodges; it tells what the State Associations are doing; it contains clean and wholesome stories and useful information; it is a serviceable advertising medium. It may be read with profit by young and old. It should have its place on the library table of every member of our Order and should continue to be available to the public.

The members of the Publication Commission, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, and the editorial, business and circulation staffs are to be highly commended and congratulated for a most successful and masterful job.

Conclusion

I am fearful that this report exceeds the bounds of brevity. I must bring it to a close.

Let us, as Americans and as Elks, be ever mindful of our duty and obligation to take our place in the watch-towers of Americanism and be willing and ready always to guard and protect and defend all our sacred rights and cherished privileges.

Let us be ever mindful, too, that our Country is now engaged in an all-out global warfare against dangerous, treach-

erous and ruthless foes, and is confronted with the greatest crisis in its history.

In this awful period of world conflict, our duties and responsibilities are clear, definite and certain. All our resources and manpower are pledged to our country. That pledge is our most sacred covenant and must be kept inviolate.

Today in the camps throughout America—on the grey seas and in the air, in the frozen north, in tropical jungles and swamps, on the desert wastes, in the mountains and on the beachheads of Europe—many thousands of our Brothers watch and guard and fight. These are the men of Elksdom, in whose hearts is the Flag of our Country—in whose souls is the love of God—and who stand forth now as the Antlers of Protection for the great cause of America.

To these, our Brothers everywhere—in the camps at home, on the high seas, winging their way through the skies, beating their way through the tropic jungles, bivouacking on the desert wastes, on the mountains and the plains—we promise unswerving loyalty and support, to the end that victory may soon crown their valor and that they may return to us again to enjoy the fruits of liberty and justice, and a lasting peace. They shall not be forgotten; never forsaken.

When I was clothed with authority as your Grand Exalted Ruler, I at once embarked on a most wonderful and thrill-

ing voyage upon the beautiful sea of Elksdom. That voyage has ended now, and my ship is about to dock on the shore of fraternal charity and affection.

I am very happy to anchor at this port, for I bring to you a rich cargo of priceless jewels.

I bring to you love, pure and clean, from the hearts of our people. I bring you fidelity straight from the souls of our members everywhere.

I bring you truth and justice from the minds of countless millions of friends and neighbors. Above all, I bring to you the prayers and the hopes and ambitions of the little children of our land—heavenly jewels are these.

My hour has come and I shall soon fling to my worthy successor the torch of Elksdom that was entrusted to me a year ago. This I shall proudly do, for the torch still burns brightly. It is undimmed and unstained.

I tried to hold it high—"high as Hope's great throbbing star above the darkness of the dead"—high for our God, for our Country, for our beloved Order, for our fellow man.

My heart is full and running over with gratitude and sincere appreciation for the opportunity you gave me to serve this greatest American Fraternity.

To one and all I say, thank you. May God bless you and keep you safe, always.
FRANK J. LONERGAN
Grand Exalted Ruler

Excerpts from Annual Reports Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Chicago, in August

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

Membership

During the year ended March 31, 1944, subordinate lodges added to their membership rolls 85,068 new names by initiation; 7,146 by dimit; and 18,812 by reinstatement. In this same period, they expelled 46; dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues 16,429; granted dimit to 5,285, and lost by death 9,471. Our membership as of March 31, 1944, shown by reports filed, is 627,513, showing an increase of 79,795 members.

Grand Lodge Finances

The total income of the Grand Lodge for the year ended May 31, 1944 amounts to \$393,033.82; expenses amount to \$330,313.65, showing an excess of income over expenses of \$62,720.17.

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$480,935.70; fixed assets are \$1,209,599.49, making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$1,690,535.19.

Subordinate Lodge Finances

Reports filed in this office show that subordinate lodges of our Order had, at the beginning of the year just closed, cash on hand in the amount of \$6,723,040.92. During the year, they received from all sources \$36,614,422.87 and expended \$34,971,837.99, leaving their cash balance as of March 31, 1944, \$8,365,625.80. Reports filed also show the total assets of subordinate lodges to be \$104,971,837.99.

As of March 31, 1944, subordinate lodges were the owners of War Bonds in the amount of \$21,787,108.00.

The figures given above show that today there is general monetary prosperity in our lodges. They have become thrifty conscious. They have not been carried away by prosperity, but are laying away funds to meet any contingency that may arise after the close of the war.

Especially does the investment in War

Bonds out of the income expansion of subordinate lodges provide a basis for optimism with respect to the part our Order will play in the eventual conversion from war to peace time.

Growth of the Order

This has been a great year in the history of Elksdom, not only financially but also numerically. The net gain of 79,795 members is the largest since the year ended March 31, 1921.

More lodges report fully paid-up membership than in any previous year, and 6,645 fewer names have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues than last year. Reinstatement work has brought back to our lodges 18,812 former members, the largest number in any single year of our history.

The outlook for the present is most encouraging. On April 1 our lodges had 13,070 candidates elected to membership and awaiting initiation; and, it is safe to say that, since that date, an additional gain of at least 12,000 members has been made.

It is suggested that a careful study of the appended membership tables be made. Such a study will show that 1,304 subordinate lodges, and all States and Special Jurisdictions registered membership gains. This statement does not apply to Manila and Agana Lodges, as both are in the hands of our enemy, Japan.

In another part of this report will be found a detailed statement of the amounts expended by subordinate lodges in charitable and welfare activities. With pride, we point to the fact that \$3,003,974.89 so expended is evidence that Elks are most generous in their care for the needy, and that they take a leading part in all movements that are of benefit to the communities in which our lodges exist.

Patriotic Activities

The mighty conflict now being waged has received a full measure of support from the members of our Order. More than 75,000 Elks have responded to the

call to arms, and over 500 of our Brothers have made the supreme sacrifice.

In every campaign for the sale of War Bonds, our lodges have taken a leading part. Generous contributions have been made to the Red Cross, the USO, and the Salvation Army.

Total contributions to the Elks War Fund amounted to \$845,407.01 as of May 31st, and additional contributions are being received daily.

More than 65,000 Gift Boxes have been sent to members in the Service by their home lodges, and membership cards are furnished all such men without charge.

The complete story of "Elks in the War" will be found in the report of the Elks War Commission published elsewhere in this issue, which was presented at the Chicago Session of the Grand Lodge.

Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which subordinate lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for same:

Activities	Amount
Relief of Members, their Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, Etc.	\$395,526.12
Summer Camps, Outings, etc. . .	22,879.65
Milk, Ice and Fuel	26,504.77
Crippled Children	211,697.97
Medical Aid	44,265.54
Hospitals	96,637.02
Miscellaneous Charities	503,256.29
General Aid for Needy Families ..	54,104.14
Thanksgiving Baskets	20,496.86
Christmas Baskets	262,188.02
Boy Scouts	42,470.91
Girl Scouts	11,521.76
Big Brother Work	66,178.92
Play Grounds, including prizes ..	33,915.07
Scholarships, Text Books, etc. . .	26,073.10
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. . .	477,087.19
Veterans' Relief	142,978.63
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc. . .	410,061.71
Elks National Foundation	156,111.22
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	\$3,003,974.89

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES**

Elks National Home

Despite war conditions, which have brought many problems, the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, operated under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees, has continued its magnificent work of caring for the aged members of the Order without serious inconvenience. The Board wishes to express its gratitude to Superintendent Robert A. Scott, and his staff, who have carried on so successfully under adverse conditions. Although all costs of operation have risen sharply, the Home has been operated within its budget.

During the year an average of 245 Brothers were given every comfort. In addition, 6 sons of members living in Puerto Rico, who left the Island at the commencement of the war, were guests of the Elks War Commission at the Home.

The management of the Home is one of the most pleasant duties of the Board of Grand Trustees. It is really a "home" in every respect of the word. Located in the mountains of southwestern Virginia, on the Norfolk & Western Railway, half way between Lynchburg and Roanoke, its situation is ideal. The property consists of 143 acres of land, the larger part of which is given up to the raising of food for the fine herd of dairy cattle that supplies all the milk consumed.

The fireproof buildings, erected at a cost of \$1,000,000, are located in a magnificent grove of oak trees. Each guest has his private sleeping room in one of the numerous cottages. The administrative building contains the office, lobby, dining room, library, game room, and a small lodge room. In a well-equipped hospital, under the direction of a resident physician and a staff of graduate nurses, every care is given to residents who have become ill after their admission to the Home. No cases of chronic illnesses are accepted. In the Harper Memorial Theatre, moving pictures are shown several times a week.

The Board calls attention to the fact that quite a number of additional guests can be accommodated. Applications should be made through the subordinate lodges on blanks obtained from the Grand Secretary, who will also be glad to supply full information.

Funds at the Home

In addition to the financial operation as shown in the attached tables, there are certain funds held at the Elks National Home for operation of various purposes, which are not included therein.

These funds are deposited in the name of R. A. Scott, Superintendent, and are not otherwise included in the assets of the Grand Lodge.

On May 20, 1944, the cash balance of these funds amounted to \$11,534.06, deposited as follows:

Checking account	\$ 3,534.06
Baxter Legacy Account (Building & Loan Deposit)	3,000.00
Savings Account	5,000.00
	\$11,534.06

Maintenance of Home

The total amount paid by Grand Lodge for operating the Elks National Home during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1944, was as follows:

Operating Expenses of Home, per attached statement	\$139,520.51
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To arrive at the base figure upon which per capita cost of maintenance is to be charged to subordinate lodges, the following expenses are deducted:

Building Maintenance \$6,471.54

Grounds Maintenance	1,660.21
Equipment	
Maintenance	3,762.33
Insurance	2,642.98
	14,537.06

Balance to be used for apportionment to lodges

\$124,983.45

The average number of residents at the Home during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1944, was 251.

The average cost per resident, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1944, was \$497.94.

The following table shows the average number of residents during the past five years, with average maintenance cost per member during such years.

Year Ended	Average No. of Residents	Average Cost per Resident
May 31 1940	284	\$392.59
1941	265	423.56
1942	251	450.06
1943	255	469.08
1944	251	497.94

**Report of
Elks National Memorial
and Publication Commission**

The Elks National Memorial Building

The Commission reports with deep regret the death of one of its members, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge, No. 309, who passed away at Washington, D. C., on January 16, 1944. The Commission finds it difficult adequately to express its sense of loss on Mr. Holland's death. To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Holland, the Grand Exalted Ruler has appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen to the Commission.

The Elks National Memorial Building at Chicago was erected by the Order as a memorial to the Elks who served in the first World War, and particularly to those who made the supreme sacrifice in that conflict. Ten thousand persons visited it during the past year, and since the time of its erection many more than a million persons have visited and have acclaimed it as dignified, impressive and worthy of the Order which erected it.

Last year at Boston the Commission recommended that at some future session of the Grand Lodge the Memorial Building be rededicated so as to include the members of our Order who serve in the present great World War, and especially those who have made or who shall make the supreme sacrifice in the defense of their Country. The Commission is of the opinion that this action should be taken by this Grand Lodge so that whenever this global conflict is ended, rededication ceremonies may be held soon thereafter. The Commission therefore recommends the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America that:

1. The Elks National Memorial Building at Chicago be and the same is hereby declared to be a memorial not only to the Elks who served in the first World War, and particularly to those who made the supreme sacrifice in that great conflict, but also to the members of our Order who serve in the present great World War, and especially to those who have made or who shall make the supreme sacrifice in the defense of their Country.

2. Rededication of the National Memorial Building for the purpose aforesaid shall be held at the Building at such time as may be determined by the Grand Exalted Ruler and the National Memorial and Publication Commission, who are hereby given full, complete and plenary authority in behalf of and in the name of the Order to conduct such rededication exercises and ceremonies as in their judgment shall seem proper and fit.

The Memorial Building has been maintained in splendid condition, and the Commission proposes to maintain it so that it may endure forever and continue to serve the purpose for which it was erected.

In February the Commission sent to each lodge, with the compliments of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Lodge, the Commission and *The Elks Magazine*, an enlarged print, suitable for framing, of the Memorial Building. The results have been gratifying. The Commission has already at the time of the preparation of this report received acknowledgments of the receipt of the print from nearly 1300 lodges of the approximately 1,400 lodges in the Order, and in each instance the lodges advised the Commission that the print would be suitably framed and hung in the lodge quarters.

By previous resolution of the Grand Lodge, your Commission was authorized to pay from surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine*, and charge the same to the Grand Lodge, the expense of the maintenance of the Memorial Building. The amount so paid by the Commission out of surplus earnings during the fiscal year from June 1, 1943, to May 31, 1944, is \$29,647.44

The Elks Magazine

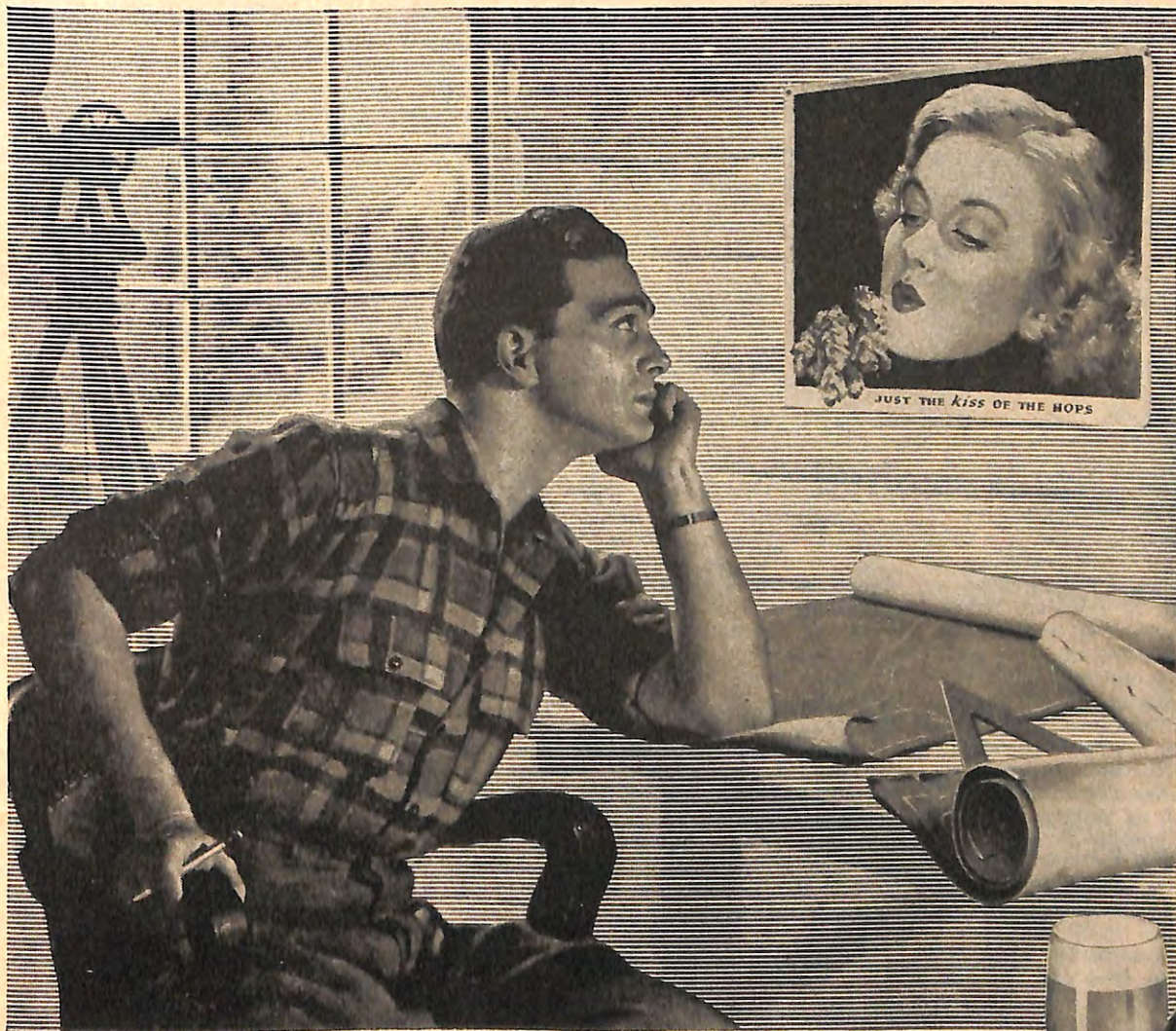
With the May, 1944, issue, *The Elks Magazine* completed twenty-two years of continuous and successful publication.

During the past year we are able to report surplus earnings of the Magazine of \$337,007.30. This amount is \$134,128.36, or approximately 66%, more than surplus earnings for the previous fiscal year. This increases the surplus earnings of the Magazine for the twenty-two years of its existence to \$3,984,163.69. Part of this increase is due to increased revenue from subscriptions, part of it is due to increased net advertising receipts and part of it is due to economic and efficient management by members of our staff. Likewise, in spite of the much larger number of copies of the Magazine printed, there was some slight saving in paper costs by reason of the reduced size of some of the issues of the Magazine. Some justly due increases in salary were given members of our staff; due to the increased business, it was necessary to employ additional help and the printing costs by reason of additional circulation and a new printing contract were materially increased. With all of these elements entering into the picture, the expenses of publication for the last fiscal year were only increased \$935.48 over those of the previous fiscal year. This in view of the much greater number of books printed was really a substantial decrease in the cost of publication per copy. While the size of the Magazine was decreased, the circulation increased tremendously. In June, 1943, the first month of the fiscal year, there were printed 556,442 copies of the Magazine, while in May, 1944, the last month of the fiscal year, there were printed 623,075 copies of the Magazine, an increase during the year of 66,633 copies. In June of this year, there were printed 624,664 copies of the Magazine—an increase of 69,514 copies over the number printed in June, 1943. Putting it in another way, during the last fiscal year just ended we printed 7,008,558 books as against 6,401,604 books in the previous fiscal year, an increase of 606,954.

Effective January 1, 1943, Government rationing of paper was put into effect. Magazines like ours were limited to 90% in weight of paper used by them during the calendar year 1942. Since that time an additional cut has been made in the allotment of paper, which limits us to 75% by weight of the paper used during the calendar year 1942. The Grand Lodge will readily appreciate the difficulties of the Commission in printing during the year approximately a million more magazines with 25% less paper. To illustrate the increase in the number of copies of the Magazine now printed with 25%

Memories of a kiss

Brewed with just the *kiss* of the hops, none of the bitterness, Schlitz captures the affections of those who really love fine beer. Once you taste Schlitz, the memory of its famous flavor will remain with you always



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JUST THE *kiss* OF THE HOPS

*.. none of
the bitterness*



THE BEER THAT MADE MILWAUKEE FAMOUS

less paper we call attention to the fact that in December, 1942, in the rationing basic year we printed 535,505 copies of the Magazine while in May, 1944, we printed 623,075 copies, an increase of 87,570 copies. This makes more than a million copies each year over the rationing basic year.

Last year the Commission reported net advertising receipts for the fiscal year of \$89,504.58. For the fiscal year ending May 31, 1944, we are able to report net advertising revenue for the fiscal year of \$179,585.16, an increase over the preceding year of more than 100%. For the June issue of 1944, not included in our report because it is the first month of the present fiscal year, our net advertising revenue was \$18,237.05, an increase of 35.8% over the previous June. The June issue is the biggest advertising revenue producing issue since 1935, and the last fiscal year was the biggest revenue producing year from advertising sales since 1934-35. We are hopeful that this condition will continue to improve, but we make no predictions in regard thereto. Advertising selling costs were \$49,816.22, or less than 28% of net advertising revenues. This percentage is far below the usual selling cost for magazines of this character.

During the twenty-two years of its existence, the surplus earnings of the Magazine have amounted to \$3,984,168.69. The Commission out of its earnings, has already turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$3,250,714.63, and in addition

has paid the maintenance of the Memorial Building for the last fiscal year, amounting to \$29,647.44, making \$3,280,362.07 already turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge, or an average of about \$150,000.00 per year. The money heretofore turned over to the Grand Lodge has been used for various purposes, such as the building of an addition to the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, the decoration of the Memorial Building with murals and statues and other decorative features, and for general Grand Lodge purposes. If it had not been for the earnings of the Magazine so turned over to the Grand Lodge, the per capita tax would for many years past have been materially increased; but as a result of the amounts turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge out of earnings, the budget has been balanced and the per capita tax for each year has been approximately 30¢ lower than it otherwise would have been.

The Commission will be able this year to place a substantial sum at the disposal of the Grand Lodge for application to such specific purposes as the Grand Lodge may seem proper. We are of the opinion that a sufficient sum at least will be turned over, which, together with other available funds, will again balance the budget and avoid the necessity of increasing the per capita tax, unless the Grand Lodge at this Session should materially increase its appropriations.

On June 1, 1944, the beginning of the

present fiscal year, our surplus was \$703,806.62, representing the difference between our total earnings for the twenty-two years of \$3,984,168.69 and the amount of \$3,280,362.07 heretofore turned over to the Grand Lodge. Complimentary copies of *The Elks Magazine* are still being sent to each army camp and to each U.S.O. club.

With this report, and as a part thereof, there is filed a financial statement to May 31, 1944, for the fiscal year ending that date. This report is certified by Ernst and Ernst, Accountants and Auditors, 19 Rector Street, New York 6, N. Y., and approved by the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to our entire staff, both at the Memorial Building and at the Magazine, for the loyalty, energy and ability with which they have discharged their duties.

Detailed financial reports have been printed and delivered to each Exalted Ruler and have been mailed to Secretaries of all lodges where they are available to anyone who wishes to study them.

Fraternally submitted,

NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION
COMMISSION

JAMES R. NICHOLSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.
BRUCE A. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.



The Grand Exalted Ruler's Speech of Acceptance

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furnished the subordinate lodges with a copy of the plan of my own lodge, Alexandria Lodge No. 758, as a model that might well be followed. This plan provides for the appointment of a Rehabilitation Commission of five members with terms of three years, who will have charge of the matter. An appropriation of \$10.00 for each member of the lodge provides the Commission with funds to carry out its program. If all lodges adopted a similar program we would have \$6,000,000 for rehabilitation purposes. Far beyond the responsibility for those returning from the war is the care of the families of those of our Brothers who have made the supreme sacrifice. I am sure that our Government will make generous provision for their needs. Ninety-five percent of all men in the Armed Service are protected by federal insurance. But there are always cases that cannot be covered by set plans. Red tape often interferes. If required, our Order should make generous provision for these cases, and I am sure this will be done. I am particularly interested to see provision made for the education of children of Elks killed in the Service.

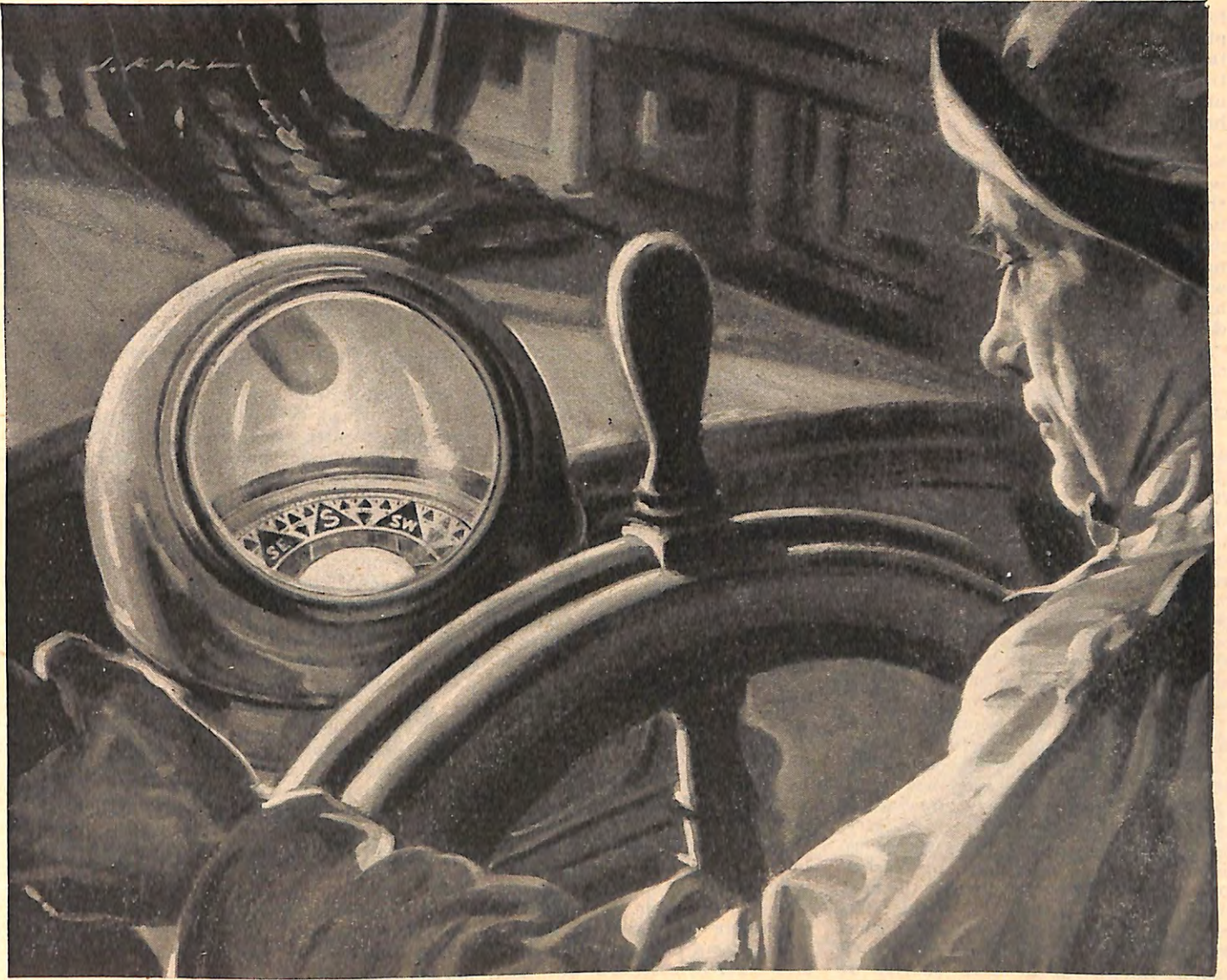
I am happy to say that little lies in the way of administrative duties to prevent the devotion of much time to these

objectives. The Order is in splendid condition. Under the great leadership of Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Loneragan, it has reached new heights. Eighty thousand loyal Americans have been added to the rolls. The affairs of no fraternal organization are better handled than our own under the administration of J. Edgar Masters, our Grand Secretary. Our Board of Grand Trustees is composed of men of keen ability. Our Past Grand Exalted Rulers continue their wise supervision of our important commissions and are a tower of strength to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

THERE is little left for one to propose. In my nearly forty years of Elks membership, I have seen all of the great projects which make our Order the outstanding American Fraternity brought into being. Among them is the erection of the handsome group of buildings at Bedford, Virginia, where amid every comfort as our honored guests, our aged Brothers spend their last days; the construction and dedication of the magnificent Memorial on the banks of Lake Michigan at Chicago, a superb testimonial of the love in which we hold the memory of those of our Fraternity who gave their lives for their country; the services of the Elks War Commis-

sion in the first World War and by a similar Commission in the present war, both of which have so loyally supported the Government and given such comfort to millions of men in the Armed bodies; the founding of *The Elks Magazine*, the finest fraternal magazine in the world, which has done so much to keep our members informed as to the activities of the Order, and at the same time furnished to them and their families much literary enjoyment; the creation of the Elks National Foundation, one of the greatest charitable activities ever conceived, through which the Elks can put into practice their desires along benevolent and educational lines; the strengthening of the State Associations and the fine part they are taking in the building up of our membership and undertaking notable charitable and educational projects.

During my long membership I have seen these and similar undertakings of the Elks at work. Year after year I have gone to Bedford and heard fall from the trembling lips of Brothers, once leaders in their communities and now bereft of relatives and worldly possessions, expressions of gratitude for that beautiful haven in which they are spending their last days. Tears have come into my eyes more than once as I



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have walked through the wards of hospitals for crippled children and seen tiny victims of infantile paralysis take their first uncertain steps which led to ultimate recovery. More than once I have sat by the bedside of a Brother in a tubercular sanitarium and watched his painful breathing as he fought his way back to health. I will ever recall the pride in our Order as I think of the hopeless young cripple, with the cruelly misshapen body, in Pennsylvania, whose hands and brain were trained as a watchmaker and is now a self-supporting and valuable citizen. At every Grand Lodge Session in recent years my heart has beat with pride as I have heard the stories of young Americans who have gained one of the Elk scholarships.

This you may say is sentiment, but sentiment after all is one of the finest things in life. It is sentiment which carries our soldier boys across the seas, it is sentiment which fills your heart when you look at the Stars and Stripes, it is sentiment which gives you happy hours at home, it is sentiment which has builded the temples of Elkdom, it is sentiment, my Brothers, that I want you to carry in your lodge rooms during the coming year . . . a sentiment that will make our members more charitable and more patriotic than ever before.

For charity and patriotism are the foundation stones of our Order. From the beginning they are woven into its life. Our founders were members of the theatrical profession. They knew better than anyone the meaning of charity, both of purse and mind. There were members of a precarious profession. One day they dined luxuriously, the next they supped on a crust of bread. But, in riches or poverty, they divided what they had with their companions. They equally knew the need of charity of opinion. They were often the targets of scorn and innuendo. Their slightest deviation from the conventional paths was magnified into a deed of viciousness. So charity became the first foundation stone of our Order and remains so until this day.

Our charity is a charity which thinketh no evil, heareth no evil, speaketh no

evil—a charity which hushes the scandalmonger; a charity which throws a mantle of forgiveness over the faults of others; a charity which responds to the cry of Cain with the answer, "I am my brother's keeper"; a charity which seeks to make every act of life a benediction of joy. But Elks also believe in a practical charity which extends a helping hand to all in need; to all in an ever-widening circle far beyond our own doors. The world needs financial help as well as sympathy. The hungry must be fed, the sick must be cured, the crippled must be aided to walk, the unlearned must be taught, and the blind must be helped to become self-supporting.

The need of a vigorous patriotism was almost equally present in the minds of our founding fathers. We came into existence in a critical hour of our country's history. The Civil War had just ended; the soil was still wet with the blood of brothers who had fought on opposite sides; a bitter sectionalism was eating into our very vitals; reconstruction was destroying the last remnant of Southern pride. A great American Fraternity, which was to join the Nation into a harmonious whole, was born when the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks came into existence seventy-five years ago. Its every instinct is American; its every heart throb is patriotic; it is saturated with the love of Country. This patriotism is not inferential, but a positive principle. It is declared in our Ritual and manifest in our lodge work. We have taken the Flag of the Republic and draped it lovingly over every altar. Before it all must stand when they take the obligation of the Order. Its silken folds and streaming beauty keep ever in mind the sublime mementoes of our history. It suggests lessons of the past, keeps fresh our historic annals, invokes gratitude for benefits not forgotten, stimulates a just appreciation of all our glorious achievements. It nourishes in the hearts of all the reverence for the principles which it represents and the memory of those who fought beneath it. But as our charity is practical as well as spiritual, so is our patriotism practi-

cal as well as ideal. We work unceasingly for our Country's good. Our lodges are centers from which spring every patriotic movement. At the present hour more than 75,000 members are wearing the uniform of their country; our lodges have subscribed more than \$30,000,000 of War Bonds; our Fraternal Centers throughout the land give comfort and convenience to hundreds of thousands of men in the Service.

What a different world it would be, my Brothers, if, to the fullest extent possible, we made these two principles of Elkdom the rule and guide of our lives. Our Country would take its place as the greatest of all nations; we would give time to study conditions at home and abroad and vote for the public good instead of furthering our own selfish interests as we so often do; we would deprive the unscrupulous and wily politician of his leadership and retire the incompetent from public office; we would drive the crafty hangers-on from the Court of Justice and see that every man, irrespective of race or religion, received the full rights to which he was entitled. Justice would be enthroned. Democracy would work!

There would come an end to all the discriminations that divide the human family. Men would live together in peace and happiness, and would worship God according to the dictates of their conscience; poverty would be banished; slums would be destroyed; delinquency would largely disappear; jails would be emptied; great hospitals would be established where the sick would be cured; illiteracy would no longer exist; training of mind and hand would be provided for every boy and girl. We would approach that blessed day for which we all pray in that prayer learned at our mother's knee, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in Heaven." When God's Kingdom is established on earth, as it surely will be, there will be an end to the sorrow, unhappiness and suffering which now bears so heavily upon the world, and all men will live in that atmosphere of friendly intercourse which is so characteristically the true object of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

News of the State Associations

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NORTH CAROLINA

The annual convention of the North Carolina State Elks Association, held in Hendersonville on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, was reported to be by far the biggest and best State meeting in years. Seventeen of the lodges were represented by some 350 delegates, many of whom were accompanied by their wives. President Curtis Perkins, of Greenville Lodge, presided.

The opening session on Friday afternoon was devoted to organization work, and convention committees were named by President Perkins. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, of Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, and Grand Trustee Dr. Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Va.,

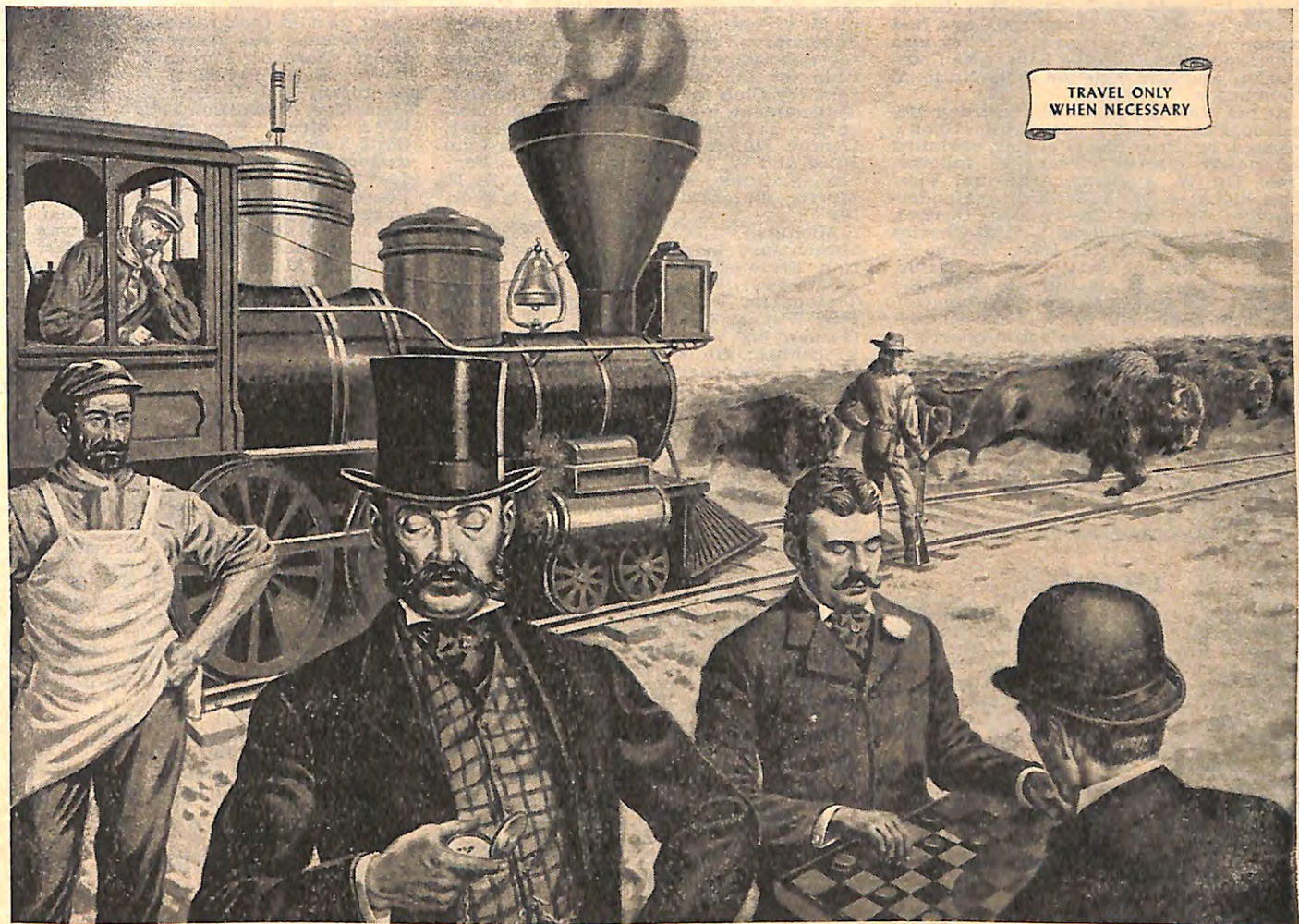
Notice Regarding Applications for Residence At Elks National Home

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.

Lodge, now Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, spoke briefly. Dr. Barrett, introduced by Mr. Sholtz, was the principal speaker that evening at the convention banquet which was followed by a dance. Dr. Barrett spoke at length on the part the Order is playing in aiding the Nation's war effort, and urged the lodges to give active support to the Elks War Commission and to adopt his rehabilitation program for Elks coming home from war.

The program at the Saturday morning session was featured by committee reports. Ed. W. Davis, of Wilson Lodge, Chairman of the Activities Committee, reported that the lodges represented showed a net increase of 641 during the year, that they held \$128,600 in War



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Today, if the train, plane or bus is late, if reservations are hard to get or we can't squeeze into the dining car,

we can still take comfort in the fact that America is moving at a pace that has astounded the world.

When this war is won, the transportation facilities of our country will have hung up an incredible record for efficient movement of fighting men and freight—and civilians, too. Meanwhile, public opinion is agreed that we should not travel unless absolutely necessary and, if we must go, take inconveniences cheerfully and patiently—like good soldiers.



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Bonds, had sold \$2,327,000 in War Bonds in their respective communities, and had expended \$16,033 on charities. They also contributed \$2,997 to the Elks War Commission and \$2,000 to the Elks National Foundation.

At the closing session on Saturday afternoon, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sholtz, assisted by President Perkins, installed the newly elected officers as follows: Pres., Dr. W. A. Sams, Asheville; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, B. A. Whitmire, Hendersonville; District Vice-Pres.'s: Central, John F. Prescott, Raleigh; West, Charles D. Thomas, Charlotte; East, George T. Skinner, Kinston; Secy., Ed. W. Davis, Wilson; Treas., W. S. Burruss, Raleigh; Trustee, C. David Jones, Wilmington. Charlotte Lodge No. 392 was chosen host lodge for the Association's first quarterly meeting, to be held this month, at which time the lodge will open its new home. Dr. Barrett, the new Grand Exalted Ruler, will be the principal speaker. Burlington was selected as the 1945 convention city.

Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616 was warmly congratulated for its fine hospitality. The efforts of Past District Deputy C. C. Oates and Sidney E. Powers contributed largely to the convention's success.

INDIANA

The 44th annual convention of the Indiana State Elks Association at La Fayette on June 10-11 was voted the best held in recent years. More than 600 registered. In peacetime the convention, with a huge, civic parade as a feature, lasted four days. Many Elk dignitaries were present, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters, of Chicago, Ill., Grand Secretary, Robert A. Scott, Linton, Superintendent of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va., Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Claude E. Thompson, Frankfort, former Chairman, and Glenn L. Miller, Logansport, a present member, of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and the five District Deputies of the State, John A. MacLennan, Gary, Ralph W. Griest, Garrett, Eldo Robertson, Columbus, Ira G. Davis, Anderson, and Bruce Hitch, Evansville.

For the fourth successive year, Gary Lodge No. 1152 won the ritualistic contest, held on Saturday afternoon, beginning at two o'clock. The lodge was awarded the Scott-Masters Trophy along with the first cash prize. Second prize was won by Terre Haute Lodge No. 86 and third prize by La Fayette Lodge No. 143. Approximately 1,500 persons attended the delightful dance and party given by the host lodge that evening at the La Fayette Elks Country Club. That evening a dinner was given for all of the ladies, both local and out-of-town, covers being laid for 500. The Grand Lodge and State officers, the Elks Chanters, and the La Fayette officers were entertained at the Town Club at a dinner.

On Sunday morning, led by Carl Jones, of Terre Haute Lodge, the Indiana Elks Chanters, holders of the Elks Glee Club national championship, gave a concert in the lodge room, attended by members of the Order and their ladies. The convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by State President Harry E. McClain, of Shelbyville Lodge, whose work throughout his entire administration was thorough and effective. Through his efforts and those of his associate officers, the District Deputies, and the officers and members of the subordinate lodges, Indiana added 27 lodges to the list of subscribers to the Elks National Foundation. A total of 53 subscriber lodges was reported. Past State President Frank E. Coughlin, South Bend, Deputy Attorney General of Indiana, delivered the memorial address. The presentation of a \$250 check from the Foundation was presented to Miss Alice French, of Whiting, winner of first prize in the Indiana

Elks Scholarship Contest, by J. D. Kessel, of New Castle, Chairman of the Indiana Scholarship Committee. The official meeting was followed by a dinner at the Town Club for the men and a dinner at the Country Club for the ladies. In the Golf Tournament, men's blind bogey, 18 holes, seven participants, Edwin Dewenter, George Hoffer, N. O. Neiburger, John Blied and W. P. Sullivan, all of La Fayette, E. Stout, Terre Haute, and H. F. Morris, Tipton, tied for first place, scoring 72.

Michigan City Lodge No. 432 was chosen host lodge for the 1945 convention. State officers elected for 1944-45 are as follows: Pres., William J. McAvoy, Tipton; 1st Vice-Pres., Paul G. Jasper, Fort Wayne; 2nd Vice-Pres., L. E. Yoder, Goshen; 3rd Vice-Pres., A. A. Pielemeier, Vincennes; 4th Vice-Pres., Simpson M. Stoner, Greencastle; Secy., C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute; Treas., Eddie L. Adair, Crawfordsville; Trustees: Walter F. Easley, Greensburg, Chairman; J. L. J. Miller, East Chicago; Thomas E. Burke, La Fayette; Jere Goodman, Linton; Cecil M. Rape, Union City. The appointive officers are the Reverend Father John Dillon, La Fayette, Chaplain, P. W. Loveland, Jeffersonville, Tiler, and Al Schlorch, South Bend, Sergeant-at-Arms. The members of the La Fayette Convention Committee, W. C. Knowles, Chairman, Thomas E. Burke, Walter Dixon, William Dewenter and Robert B. Shaw, and the officers and members of La Fayette Lodge, did a fine job in making the 1944 convention an unqualified success. The lodge has entertained the State Association at three previous conventions, in 1907, 1913 and 1930.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The 34th annual convention of the South Dakota State Elks Association, was held on June 4-5 in the newly decorated home of Mitchell Lodge No. 1059, with a total registration of 376 Elks. Twelve out-of-state lodges were represented by one member each. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Pres., Freeman F. Otto, Yankton; Vice-Pres.'s: George Crane, Aberdeen, James M. Campbell, Deadwood, C. L. Morgan, Mitchell; Secy., M. G. Murphy, Huron; Treas., M. M. Korte, Aberdeen; Trustees: five years, Clayton B. Smith, Brookings; two years, Pierce McDowell, Sioux Falls.

Typical Mitchell hospitality was enjoyed on Saturday evening when a pre-convention Open House was held for the arriving delegations. The Yankton Hayshakers, an "old-time" band, entertained. The convention proper was opened the next morning with the ritualistic contest, won by Aberdeen Lodge No. 1046. Huron Lodge No. 444 was second. In the bowling contest, Team No. 3 of Mitchell Lodge, the members of which were George Courtney, J. W. Bryant, N. A. Norton, Floyd Walker and William Plante, won the five-man event with a score of 2,816. Floyd Walker and D. T. Becker, Jr., of Mitchell, placed first in the doubles with 1,195 pins, and H. L. Hayes, also of Mitchell, won the singles event with a score of 679.

The business sessions were well attended. Action was taken to continue support of the Crippled Children Clinics, the War Commission program and the Dalthrop American History merit system. Expenses incurred at the clinics are underwritten by the State Association; the local lodges stand the expense of bringing the children to the clinics. Past State President E. C. McKenzie, of Huron Lodge, Chairman of the State Elks War Commission, stated that those recruited in the July Wave Recruiting Campaign would be sent together as a South Dakota unit. Six lodges qualified for the Honor Roll of lodge activities for the year.

Public exercises, held in the famous Corn Palace, were opened with a concert by the band from Sioux Falls Lodge No. 262, directed by Russ Heneger. The

Huron Elks' Male Chorus took a prominent part in the program. The address of welcome was delivered by Exalted Ruler Clarence Borchard, of Mitchell Lodge; State President George Crane, Aberdeen, and District Deputy H. H. Holdridge, of Madison Lodge, responded. N. E. Steele, President of Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen, introduced by J. Ford Zietlow, of Aberdeen Lodge, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, stressed the work that the Elks, local, state and national, are doing in aid of the war effort. Former State Secretary Carl H. Nelles, of Madison Lodge, Chairman of the Association's Foundation Committee, presented awards to Mary Lorraine Kangus, of Mitchell, and Elizabeth Johnson, of Mt. Vernon, two of the four winners in the State "Most Valuable Student Contest." Their papers, with those of Phyllis Sherwood, of De Smet, and Donna Marie Sweeney, Sisseton, were entered in the national contest.

A luncheon-meeting was held by the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the lodges for discussion and exchange of ideas. The meeting was conducted by State Secretary F. F. Otto, now President of the Association.

The annual Memorial Services were held under the chairmanship of Past State President William R. Danforth, of Mitchell Lodge. Tribute to the memory of last year's president of the S. D. State Elks Assn., the late Dr. L. A. Young, P.E.R. of Deadwood Lodge, was paid by Past Pres. C. L. Doherty, of Rapid City Lodge. The memorial address, delivered by the Reverend Father Henry Kolbeck, of Mitchell Lodge, honored departed Elks, especially those who have made the supreme sacrifice in this war.

The meeting, which ended with the initiation of 28 candidates, was dedicated to the more than 2,000 South Dakota Elks in the Nation's Armed Forces.

NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the New Jersey State Elks Association, held under the auspices of Elizabeth Lodge No. 289 on June 18, was one of the best attended in recent years. Annual reports received from all the committees denoted a successful year of accomplishment. A substantial increase in membership of the Association was reported by Edward W. Ladd, Ridgewood, Chairman of the Membership Committee. In what was the outstanding report of the convention, submitted by Abraham M. Herman, Orange, Chairman of the War Activities Committee, the splendid work being done by the Elks of New Jersey at all the service hospitals in the State was described, and a good financial balance was reported for the continuation of the work on the possibly an even larger scale during the coming year.

The highlight of the convention was the inspiring message delivered by Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, who was at that time a member of the Board of Grand Trustees. He called to the attention of the subordinate lodges their tentation of the subordinate lodges their responsibilities to returning members now in the Armed Forces, praised the lodges for their patriotic work and lauded the State Association as an organization of which the Order is justly proud. The ritualistic contest was won by Lyndhurst Lodge No. 1505, winner of last year's national ritualistic championship.

The State Association elected officers for the coming year as follows: Pres., Russell L. Binder, Hackensack; Vice-Pres.'s: Bloomfield Phrampus, Millville, William F. McManus, Bergenfield, George E. Block, Dunellen, Charles E. Crawley, Montclair; Secy., (reelected) Howard F. Lewis, Burlington; Treas., (reelected) William H. Kelly, East Orange; Trustee, Charles Wibiralski, Perth Amboy. Installation of the new officers was presided over by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch, of Trenton, N. J., Lodge.

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What America is

Doing



Provocative books on post-war problems prevail.

By Harry Hansen

THE U. S. Cruiser *Astoria* fought its last fight in that terrible night battle with the Japanese fleet off Savo island in August, 1942. It was there with the *Quincy*, *Cincinnati* and the Australian cruiser *Canberra*, trying to protect the Marines who had just landed on Guadalcanal, in the days when the Japanese fleet was superior—in numbers. The *Astoria* was a fighting ship and the spirit of its men was superb. Joe James Custer, the correspondent for the United Press, was on board during that battle and writes a thrilling account of it in "Through the Perilous Night". (Macmillan, \$2.75). He was 33 then and had started reporting the war the morning the Japs bombarded Pearl Harbor. He seems to have had no fear of bombs or bullets, one reason why a piece of shrapnel landed on his left eye and ruined it.

Before that he had been on the destroyer *Bentham* when it was assigned to escort the *Hornet* to an undesignated spot in the Pacific, and like the men on the other ships Mr. Custer wondered about the sixteen brown-colored army airplanes on the deck of the *Hornet*. By the time the planes were ready to take off, the scuttlebutt had passed word around that Tokyo was their destination. Mr. Custer counted the planes as they rose, one after another, from the *Hornet's* deck and saw the sixteenth plane fumble at the edge and nearly fall over. It was pulled back by the main force of all the men on deck, one of whom lost an arm in its whirling propeller. But his real story deals with the *Astoria* and we get a picture of what it means to fight against odds, in the sky and on the

water. We were weaker then, and at Savo island we lost the *Astoria*, *Quincy* and *Vincennes* and had the *Chicago* put out of commission; the Australians lost the *Canberra*. Three U. S. destroyers were damaged. You can understand what it meant to hear the cry: "Bandits! Stand by to repel air attacks!" And then the bombs and fire starting in the ship and Mr. Custer, straining to get a look at the airplanes burning on their catapults, getting that blow in the face that he describes so well. It took a long time to get well, and at the end he felt he was lucky to have lost only one eye. As the nurse in the hospital of Honolulu reminded him: there was that officer who had lost both arms and legs and still had his fine mind in working order.

Some of the best tales that war correspondents—and peace correspondents—have told are to be found in "They Were There", edited by Curt Riess. (Putnam, \$5). Going back to the reports about Germany and Italy that were sent by American reporters in the 1930's, Mr. Riess culls the best and gives us a running account of how Europe slid into war. Back in 1933 H. V. Kaltenborn was interviewing Hitler in Berchtesgaden and reporting: "He knows the mob mind and has gone out to win it." Then John Gunther reported the Reichstag fire trial, Webb Miller told how Mussolini marched into Abyssinia, Jay Allen described his talk with Petain, "the man who quit", and Dorothy Thompson told how she was invited to leave Berlin and Germany, immediately after her arrival there. One of the finest articles is William L. Shirer's account of how Hitler humiliated the French in the

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famous armistice car at Compiegne. The book comes down to the day of Pearl Harbor and our own entry into the war. It is an excellent compendium of drama and, since it includes the high spots of many books, never loses its force and interest.

Our leaders are just beginning to recognize what a hard job they have ahead to get a post-war arrangement that will guarantee peace. They know it will be hard enough to get the United Nations to agree, and just as hard to get the people of the United States behind what they do. This ought to make us less critical of the failure of Woodrow Wilson and the peace of Versailles. If you want to read just what obstacles Wilson faced in Paris, and how much the political situation and his own stand complicated matters, read "Woodrow Wilson and the Lost Peace", by Thomas A. Bailey, professor of history at Stanford University. It helps us to get a perspective on Germany's injured feelings, France's emphasis on security of frontiers, the Japanese appetite for territory and the British battle to control. Clemenceau said of Wilson: "How can I talk to a fellow who thinks himself the first man in 2,000 years to know anything about peace on earth?" (Macmillan, \$3) . . . Another book, "Woodrow Wilson", by Gerald W. Johnson, is a book of pictures of Wilson, "as the camera saw him then". The comment is clarifying but not critical. This is Wilson, the man, and those with memories of the campaigns of 1912 and 1916 and the activities of the last war will find refreshment in these pages. (Harper, \$2). One of the most curious comments on Wilson that I have found in any book appears in the autobiography of Walter B. Pitkin, "On My Own". Mr. Pitkin calls himself "a social misfit". He was associated for thirty-eight years with Columbia University and is known to many hopeful readers as the author of "Life Begins at Forty". Mr. Pitkin pictures Woodrow Wilson as a mystery man and then lifts the veil—Wilson suffered from deformed feet, which made walking difficult and affected his whole disposition. Abnormally sensitive, he permitted no mention of his trouble. Mr. Pitkin heard the truth from an orthopedist and became convinced that this was the basis of the president's ill health and unsocial disposition. (Scribners, \$3.50)

Two momentous questions are before the American people and deserve the most careful study: the terms of the settlement with Germany and the nature of our cooperation in a postwar international organization. Both affect our future in peace and war and cannot be settled in heat. President Roosevelt mentioned them in his first tentative suggestion for a post-war plan. Both Walter Lippmann, in "U. S. War Aims", (Little, Brown, \$1.50) and Sumner Welles, in "The Time for Decision", (Harper, \$3), discuss these subjects in detail. Mr. Lippmann's experiences go back to the Paris peace conference, when he was a valued expert in the group around Woodrow Wilson; Mr.

Welles has had a lifetime of experience in diplomacy and only last August resigned as Under-Secretary of State.

Both men are exceedingly careful in avoiding too specific programs for the future international order. Like President Roosevelt, they are aware that anything in the form of a super-state, with a police power, won't meet the approval of the American people. They also know that no sovereign nation will let other nations vote on the use of its military and naval arms. Mr. Lippmann says that the Woodrow Wilson plan of creating a league and placing it over the nations is impossible now. He believes in developing regional groups to watch over regional affairs. He wants peace established and guaranteed by the might of the victorious powers, so that Germany and Japan cannot undo the settlement or divide the victors. This organized power, says he "can bring to an end the frightful wars of our age. If it cannot, then nothing can, certainly not some pale, thin, abstract, generalized blueprint of a mechanism."

Sumner Welles, like Mr. Lippmann, endorses the regional idea. His experience with South America leads him to suggest regional groups like the "inter-American system", which, he believes, has been a force for understanding and good will in the Western Hemisphere. He, too, wants international cooperation to grow out of a continuation of the United Nations, with a provisional executive council in which representation would be by regions. This avoids some of the failures of the League of Nations. A small European state could not vote on the subject of order in Panama, which would be an American problem and settled regionally. Nor would American troops be called upon to serve every time there is a flare up in the Balkans. Mr. Welles also has specific suggestions about mandates. The League gave one mandate to one nation; thus Japan was able to defy the League and fortify its mandated islands in the Pacific. Mr. Welles thinks the mandate system should be replaced by international trusteeships, in which several powers would have charge and no one could abuse the right.

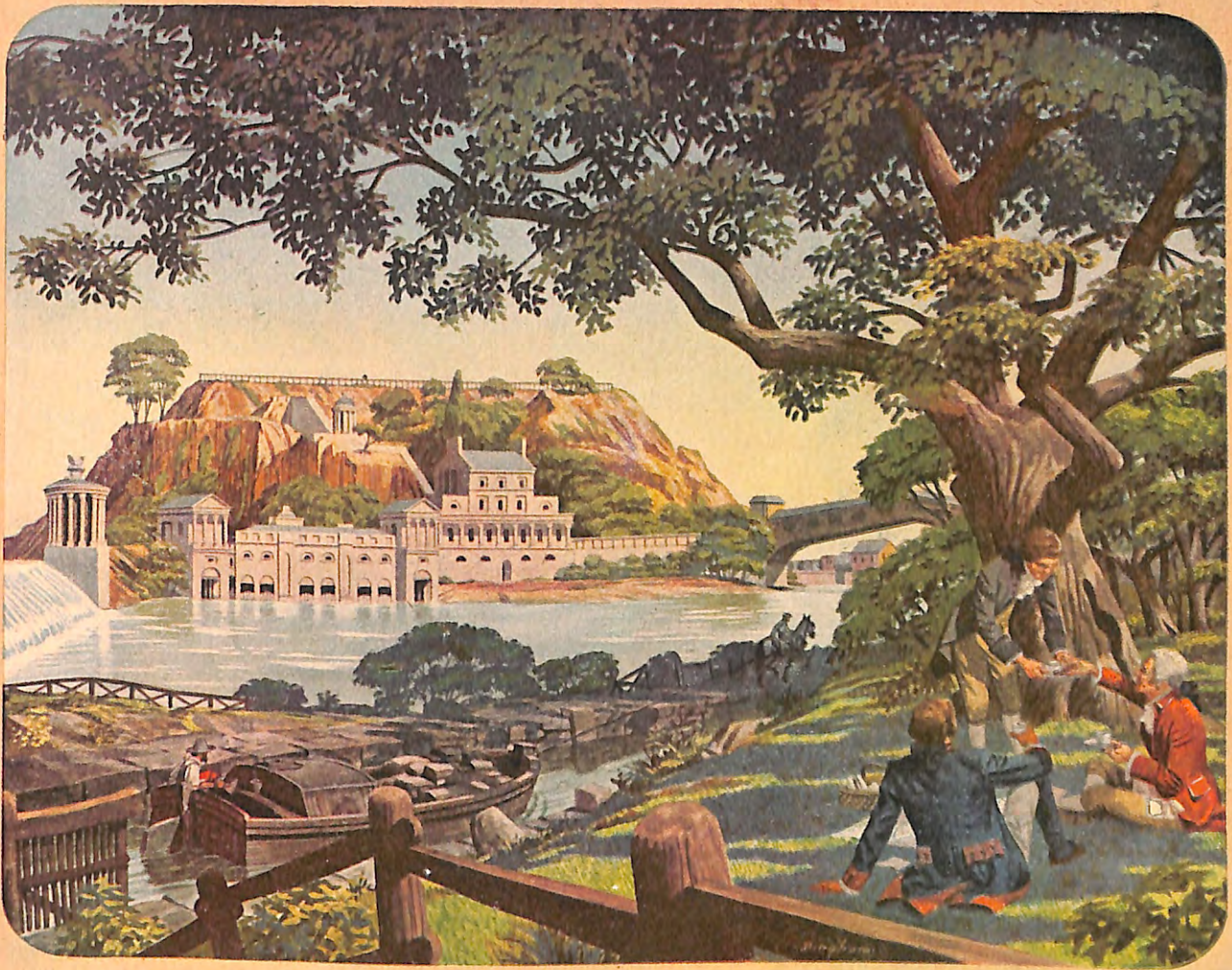
What to do with Germany also puzzles Mr. Welles, and like other students of foreign affairs he knows how difficult it is going to be to get Germany and Japan to live without grudges and revengeful policies. Both will blame the United States specifically for their defeats; thus it will be wise, thinks Mr. Lippmann, if we let other nations take the lead in applying punishments. Mr. Lippmann wants Germany disarmed and developed as a maritime nation; Mr. Welles says he has come reluctantly to the belief that Germany must be divided into three parts, with Prussia, Mecklenburg and Saxony in one, to prevent centralization of power. But anyone can see that this is one of the grave problems of the future.

For the average American, who cannot be an expert on foreign affairs, Sumner Welles' book, "The Time for

Decision", is like a window opening on a mysterious world. Based on his experiences as Under-Secretary of State, it is filled with reminiscences of his activities in official capacities through the years, but it is also a book of opinion and argument, defending his views on foreign policy and recommending specific action toward South America, Europe and the post-war world. It convinces me that Sumner Welles is a pretty practical statesman who has confidence in the good intentions of human beings. In some matters he bows to expediency, especially if he sees light ahead; thus he defends the President's foreign policy before the war, including that of "babying" the Japanese before Pearl Harbor. In looking ahead, he seems ready to let the Soviet take all the territory it needs to get security in eastern Europe, although he has some doubts about Russian intentions. His most emphatic statements have to do with our attitude toward South America and specifically Argentina. Here he differs completely with the State Department's policy of not recognizing the government of Gen. Farrell in Argentina, and asserts that our aloofness endangers the whole Good Neighbor policy and gives support to the Falangists and pro-Nazi forces in southern lands. Here Mr. Welles goes farther than most American diplomats in advocating the acceptance of the so-called Estrada doctrine, which would give recognition automatically to any government that reaches power.

I can sympathize with a reader who writes me: "It is all right to tell us about the new war books, but can't you give use some books that don't mention the war? Not to avoid it, but just for relaxation." Yes, indeed, although the war, which touches all our lives, also holds authors spellbound. You'll find a real, lively, riproaring western tale in Charles Morrow Wilson's novel, "A Man's Reach", (Holt, \$2.50) the story of the rise of a backwoods lawyer to the federal bench and the governorship of Arkansas, but wait—there's a war in that, too—Old Hickory's fight against the Creek Indians and the British at New Orleans. However, wars that far away are almost romantic reading now.

A compact and useful record of events is to be found in "Facts on File Yearbook, 1943", edited by R. L. Lapica and published by the Person's Index-Facts on File, Inc., of New York City. The average business man has great difficulty collecting important data, even if he subscribes to weekly magazines. Facts on File is a weekly, of which the Yearbook is a compilation, but it condenses events to essentials, covering national and foreign affairs, finance, economics, education, religion, sports, theatrical and literary events and obituaries. The business indexes of the Federal Reserve System are reproduced. One commendable feature is the listing of valuable or outstanding books in addition to best sellers, for the editor knows that many excellent books do not necessarily achieve a wide sale.



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Dry Dock Doctors

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repair gang worked hand-in-hand with Navy personnel. She must come up! They built heavy concrete anchors on the shore and applied a complicated system of leverage to the vast hulk of the battered battleship. Slowly, she inched upright.

The ship carried vast stores of gasoline. No sooner was she upright than the gasoline exploded. The bow settled and the salvage crew swore wearily. This was on Sunday. The crew had promised to have the big ship in dry dock by Wednesday.

"She's gonna be there, too, in spite of the explosion!" they boasted.

They made the boast good, by working like supermen.

They were a hard-bitten crew, the Pearl Harbor repairmen. There was danger at every turn. Toxic gases generated in the polluted waters where it was necessary to make more than 3,000 separate dives. Sewer gas killed a Naval officer and a CPO on the USS *Nevada*. So the men invented an underwater ventilation system that worked. One by one, they whipped every physical hazard.

Some day the entire saga of the aftermath of Pearl Harbor will be written. All that can now be said is that it was a magnificent job. Every sunken or damaged ship, with the exception of three, has been raised or salvaged.

Into our Navy Yards come the battered fighting ships of the United Nations. Many of them have been savagely mauled. One, a British cruiser, came to a certain yard.

The Commanding Officer sadly explained, "Our British yards tell us that it will take two years to put this ship back into good condition. We are in bad shape; got knocked about a bit roughly on the way to Malta. One-fifth of my port side has been blown away completely. I lost 72 men in the action. My armor plating is out of line and in bad shape. Some of the inner compartments are terrifically messed up. We want to get back into action as soon as possible. What can you do for us?"

Three Navy yards sent experts to study the damaged cruiser. They marveled that she was able to make port at all. When they were through with their survey, they rendered a terse report.

"We can have you back in service in eight months!" they promised.

"My word, that's impossible!" said the British.

Even though unfamiliar with British design, the ship repair people accepted the job as a distinct challenge. It was a whale of a job. Over 500 tons of steel had to be replaced, 35 miles of new wiring installed. That was only a part of the involved task.

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Let's look at the other side of the picture. Switch from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Switch from warships to merchant ships. In the Atlantic, it has been the merchant ships that have taken it—and hard!

Take the tanker X. She was a slim, swift shadow knifing through the South Atlantic. It was dusk and a faint afterglow sullenly glowed in the sky. A mile away, a periscope split the water, suddenly changed direction. Five minutes later an Axis torpedo smashed into the tanker, squarely amidships.

The sky was lighted with a blinding flash of red and the thunder of the explosion rolled across the darkness. The periscope warily edged closer. What the German officer saw pleased him greatly.

The tanker was a mass of flames. A ragged hole, 150 feet in length, showed in the hull. The ship was a dead duck. The officer nodded briefly, made a neat entry in a little black book, ordered the sub to submerge.

Later, Berlin proudly and arrogantly listed the tanker as a complete loss and the sub commander and crew were suitably honored and bemedaled.

The tanker, however, wasn't down in Davy Jones' Locker. It was, as a matter of fact, recovering from what had appeared to be a fatal injury.

Fires had been extinguished, casualties grimly counted and the wounded given proper attention. The ship was afloat, that was all. The propeller shaft was twisted and warped. Fully 150 feet of the mid-ship section was literally dead, blasted into a tangle of shredded metal. Other vital areas were also damaged.

"We will wait for help!" said the Captain.

It came, eventually. To use the radio would have been fatal. She was towed to a South American port. Hardened dockside folks, accustomed to seeing damaged ships, shook their heads. This ship had no business to survive, to reach port.

They performed a major operation, cut away the whole damaged area, pushed the stern and bow together, joined them firmly but not too neatly. There she was, foreshortened by ruthless steel surgery.

She steamed north, two ends of a

ship, a tanker without a middle. She came to a privately operated American ship repair yard. Her queer appearance didn't freeze the repair people. They are hardened to all phases of enemy damage.

They popped her into dry dock, cut the old girl in half with blow torches, separated the bow and stern sections, floated in a repair section 150 feet long. They pushed all three parts together and found that they fitted snugly. After that it was largely a matter of welding and riveting.

She's gone to the wars again.

The launchings of ships call for applause, music and headlines. Ship repair yards create miracles as a matter of routine.

Last year, about 1,869 new merchant ships were built in American yards, a world's record. In the same interval, ship repair yards turned out over 23,000 ships, ready for active service again.

The enemy doesn't directly cause all of the damage. Storm takes a toll. When ships travel in large convoys, dodge erratically and in unison during black nights and in the face of heavy gales and high seas, collisions will happen. They are inevitable.

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A big ship is the most complicated structure in the world. When a torpedo explodes in the interior, the layman has only a vague idea of the extent of the damage that is done. It may involve the complete or partial destruction of the motive and steering equipment, the destruction of the ventilating system, miles of piping, refrigeration equipment. Steel is buckled, twisted, cut to ribbons. Yet, a high percentage of damaged ships manage to reach port under their own power, or by towing.

No two repair jobs are ever alike. They never know what is coming.

"We can't plan or prepare for any jobs," a repair yard superintendent explained. "A damaged ship can't radio us. That would be an open invitation for Axis subs to pounce on it. We've got to be ready for anything, all the time!"

Ships, aside from a few American types, are not standard as to type or construction. Often a ship comes to dry dock and no master drawings are available. The ship may have been built in Kobe, Rotterdam, Glasgow, Liverpool. The electrical system may have come from Germany, the engines from Holland, the electrical system and motors from France. It's a real trick to make duplicate parts under such circumstances.

A large merchant ship is nicely balanced, and to destroy that balance is to ruin the efficiency of a good ship. Consequently, ship repair men make parts that fit . . . not an easy task without

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Some of the repair jobs are fantastic. A tanker was blown in two by a torpedo. The halves sank. This is a story in two parts, if the pun is forgiven. The halves were raised, brought to dry dock, weeks apart. The repair people grinned and went to work. In a few weeks the halves were joined, the ship nudged out of dry dock and back into service. Each ship is a challenge to the ingenuity of the repair yards—and they have not been stumped as yet.

They are constantly coming up with a new method, a device that is ingenious. There's a handy little tool carried by many ships, for example. It weighs less than 16 pounds and is about a yard in length. There's a bullet-shaped rivet at one end. The tool is really a gun. It is charged with from 15 to 30 grams of powder. When the trigger is pulled, the explosion drives the rivet through a steel patch and partially into the sound hull area. It is then hammered and the rivet "heads" deep in the solid steel area. The opposite end is threaded, a nut screws down, holding the patch snugly to the plate. The gadget can shoot a rivet home every 40 seconds.

Ship repair people are realists. They are very close to the war, closer, probably, than any other industrial group in the country.

The work they do must be carefully planned, minutely executed and perfectly timed. A thousand men may work on a single merchant ship repair job. One group of artisans follows another. It looks incoherent. But it isn't.

A great liner, a ship with a famous name, recently came to a repair yard. Large as she was, she had her bridge smashed by a tremendous wave. It was a job that normally would have taken 48 days.

"We must be out of dry dock in twelve days!" was the edict.

The job was done in the required time.

Sea-borne traffic is the backbone of this war of distances. The importance of repairing ships quickly and well attains new importance under such circumstances.

The importance of the work that is being done in our Navy and private repair yards has largely been overlooked by Americans.

Without these yards, our sea-borne traffic would shrink to a small dribble. The efforts of the United Nations would be crippled beyond comprehension.

They deserve a 21-gun salute, do the ship repair people.

News of the State Associations

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KENTUCKY

A feature of the three-day convention held by the Kentucky State Elks Association at Newport, beginning June 12, was the purchase of Fifth War Loan Drive Bonds in the amount of \$5,000 by the Association. Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Va., then a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, was a guest and speaker. Three hundred and fifty Kentucky Elks registered.

At the annual banquet, arranged by the ladies of St. Paul's Church, Arthur Hyde, of Newport Lodge No. 273, acted as Toastmaster. Among those at the speakers' table were Dr. Barrett, State Pres. Paul O. Campbell, of Owensboro Lodge, Past State Pres.'s Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Past Grand Tiler, and James A. Diskin, Newport, Convention Chairman, State Vice-Pres.'s J. S. Breitenstein, Louisville, and Oscar Hesch, Newport, and William Henley and Joseph T. Raaker, Exalted Ruler and Secretary of Newport Lodge respectively. The dinner was preceded by Flag Day exercises, with Judge Raymond L. Murphy of the Campbell County Circuit Court as the orator of the day, and followed by the annual Grand Ball at the home of Newport Lodge. Music was furnished by the "Kentucky Colonels". The ladies were delightfully entertained at several social functions, including a luncheon at the Netherland Plaza, after which they attended the Ice Show in the Florentine Room.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Pres., J. S. Breitenstein, Louisville; 1st Vice-Pres., Oscar Hesch, Newport; 2nd Vice-Pres., Robert F. Morton, Owensboro; 3rd Vice-Pres., Dr. G. P. Salyer, Paintsville; Secy.-Treas., Richard H. Slack, Owensboro; Trustees: William M. Sellmeyer, Covington, J. T. Duncan, Owensboro, and Paul J. Smith, Covington.

OREGON

Although the thought existed in the minds of some of the members that their State Association should forego its annual meeting this year, a majority thought otherwise. The Executive Committee of the Oregon State Elks Association, therefore, decided to hold a streamlined convention at Grants Pass on June 23-24. As it turned out, the convention was one of the most interesting and successful of any yet held.

Headed by P.E.R. Charles J. O'Neill, who had as his assistant chairman P.E.R. Howard Lowd, the Convention Committee of Grants Pass Lodge No. 1584 did an excellent job in providing entertainment and housing for some 216 delegates and visiting Elks. The convention was conducted with dispatch by President Harry E. Nicholson, Secy. of Astoria Lodge No. 180. The following is a list of the new officers, elected and appointed: Pres., Lott D. Brown, Baker; 1st Vice-Pres., Louis G. Stidham, Grants Pass; 2nd Vice-Pres., John N. Mohr, Hood River; 3rd Vice-Pres., Richard J. Jones, Portland; Secy., Ernest L. Scott, Medford; Treas., E. L. Hatton, Eugene; Trustees: John E. Blair, Lakeview, William Stollmack, Bend, and William L. Olson, Tillamook; Chaplain, A. N. Nicolai, Oregon City; Sergeant-at-Arms, Howard Lowd, Grants Pass; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Hugh Croner, Lebanon; Tiler, Lynn Skillington, Klamath Falls; Resolutions Committee: Earl T. Newbry, Ashland, Lew Wallace, Portland and H. H. DeArmond, Bend.

Twenty of the 24 lodges of the State were represented by 114 delegates. The subject that probably received the greatest amount of consideration and commendation was the idea that the Association publish an official bulletin in order to keep the lodges informed of each other's activities and of those carried on by the Association itself.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids Lodge No. 48 was host to the Michigan State Elks Association on June 9-10-11 during its annual reunion, the largest in the Association's history.

The first business session was called to order at noon on Saturday, June 10, by President Benjamin F. Watson, of Lansing Lodge. Reports of officers and committeemen were received. An outstanding feature of the session was the presentation of a \$250 cash scholarship award to Miss Patricia Hough, of Adrian, and one of \$150 to Robert Kleinschmidt, of Royal Oak. Past Grand Treasurer John K. Burch, P.E.R. of Grand Rapids Lodge and Chairman of the Michigan Elks National Foundation Committee, reported that 14 additional lodges had subscribed to the Elks National Foundation during the past year, making a total of 34 subscriber lodges in the State. Reports of District Vice-Presidents indicated that all of the lodges were in a flourishing condition, showing a net membership gain during the fiscal year of 3,364.

The War Commission, headed by Vice-Pres.-at-Large Owen J. Gavigan, reported that nearly 150 portable radios, several phonographs, and a large number of records and jig-saw puzzles had been delivered to Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek for the use of the service men there. The Commission also reported purchases and sales of War Bonds by the lodges of the State approximating \$1,000,000 during the fiscal year. President Watson thanked the officers, the committeemen and the subordinate lodges for their splendid cooperation during his administration.

The following officers were elected for the year 1944-45: Pres., Owen J. Gavigan, Ludington; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Albert C. Lyon, Flint; District Vice-Pres.'s: N. W., Claude C. Curtiss, Traverse City; N. Cent., Dean Walker, Midland; S. W., Arthur Karsen, Three Rivers; Cent., S. Glen Converse, Lansing; West, Richard R. Hawley, Ionia; East, Jay H. Payne, Ann Arbor; North, Arthur J. Goulais, Escanaba; Secy., Joseph M. Leonard, Saginaw; Treas., James G. Shirlaw, Battle Creek; Trustee, Herbert A. Karrasch, Alpena.

The President's Banquet, honoring retiring President Watson, was held on Saturday evening in the Hotel Pantlind Ballroom, with E.R. Dr. James D. Glerum presiding. Three hundred attended. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson delivered a stirring address, and E.R. Michael Carland, of Owosso Lodge, Chairman of the State Ritualistic Committee, presented cups and awards to the ritualistic prize winners as follows: Manistee Lodge No. 250, first prize; Niles No. 1322, second; Lansing No. 196, third; Jackson No. 113, fourth; Ludington No. 736, fifth; Kalamazoo No. 50, sixth; Muskegon No. 274, seventh; Battle Creek No. 131, eighth. Niles Lodge won the John K. Burch Trophy for the best Esquire's escort in the contest, and a suitable cup was awarded the best officer officiating at each station during the competition. The Saginaw Elks Glee Club of 30 voices sang to a highly appreciative audience.

The final session was held on Sunday morning, and at eleven o'clock, the annual Lodge of Sorrow was conducted impressively by the Degree Team and officers of Jackson Lodge. E.R. E. J. O'Connor presided. Appropriate selections by the Saginaw Glee Club, under the direction of Forrest A. Rinehart, and a general eulogy delivered by Trustee Herbert Karrasch, were features of a beautiful program.

Grand Rapids Lodge more than lived up to its reputation for genuine hospitality. A bridge luncheon for the ladies on Saturday was well attended, and entertainment at the lodge home was excellent.



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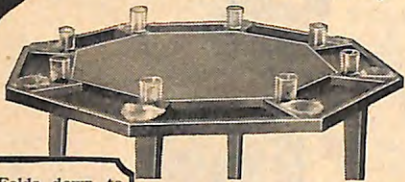
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A windfall of wildfowling "do's" and "don'ts"—

By Ray Trullinger



THIS month's effort, m'lads, will be a sort of wildfowling pot-pourrie. Pearls of gunning wisdom. Helpful hints. Strategy in a duck blind. How to come home with the limit, avoid chilblains and pneumonia and set yourself up as the smartest duck hunter in Siwash County. Plus a few "don'ts", all learned the hard way. All set? Well...

The best time to go duck hunting is whenever you feel like going. Pay no attention to wind, weather or tide and don't worry about your job or business. Don't give the little help-mate's squawks a second thought, either. When the urge seizes you, go hunting. You won't kill any ducks sitting around the house listening to your arteries harden; besides, your correspondent often has shot just as many ducks on a bluebird day as when a roaring northeaster was blowing.

Incidentally, the experts all claim a northeast storm is real ducking weather. Sometimes it is and sometimes it ain't, so don't put too much faith in that tradition. If you're smart enough to locate yourself in the right place at the right time, you can shoot a limit in any kind of weather. Assuming, of course, you can hit what you shoot at.

A raffish old character of our acquaintance, a professional duck guide, once remarked that a guy had to be awfully dumb if he couldn't fool a duck. Mull that crack over this Fall whenever you come home skunked.

We always enjoy a quiet snicker when some six-foot, 200-pound gent declares he has difficulty handling a standard, eight- and one-quarter-pound, 12-gauge duck gun, is troubled by the

weapon's "kick", and for those reasons shoots a lightweight 16 or 20.

What gives us the laugh is the fact that 95-pound gals and ten-year-old schoolboys swing and shoot standard 12-gauges all day at big league skeet matches and aren't troubled at all.

Constructing and properly spotting a blind is nothing more than the booby trap principle applied to duck shooting. If everything looks natural and there's nothing to excite suspicion, excellent results are obtained. A cluster of evergreen boughs, for instance, stuck up in a grassy marsh where no evergreens grow, is as obvious to a blind-shy and suspicious quacker as a waved hat.

Nor will you kill many birds around a carefully hidden blind if the spot is littered with discarded sandwich wrappers, empty pint bottles and fired shotgun shells. The effectiveness of a blind depends on naturalness. In short, the only blind that's worth a whoop is a blind that doesn't look like a blind.

A typical novice's boner is the business of passing up an easy chance at a single or pair which often breaks away from a wary, circling flock and wings in over the rig. The idea behind this cock-eyed strategy, of course, is that it's smart to pass up a sure thing and gamble that the big flock will decoy.

The almost invariable result is that the circling flock finally wings away without coming within range, and with it departs the setup single or pair. Result: One chance, no shots, one error.

A large number of wildfowlers cherish the curious delusion that steady gnawing on a pint slab of rye is conducive to accurate shotgun shooting.

This belief is of course 100% false. Although the effect of strong drink varies with the individual, it's a well established fact that one slug of booze will cut down a gunner's shooting form about 25 percent, and two belts will reduce his chances of hitting a duck by half. After three drinks the shooter not only is a menace to himself, but to everyone else within range of his gun.

So if you must guzzle something in a blind, take along a quart Thermos bottle of hot pea soup or coffee. You'll keep warmer and your gunning form won't be affected.

A shell vest festooned with 50-odd shells makes you look like a fashion editor's conception of a duck hunter, but we've never seen a real duck hunter wearing one and don't expect to. There are three main reasons why this useless garment should not be worn. First, they're awkward and weighty. Second, you can't get shells out of 'em in a hurry. Third, if you go overboard in deep water wearing one, that'll be all, Brother.

Carry spare ammunition in a shell bag or metal box, but if Mr. Morgenthau has stripped you clean, a five-pound lard pail, with cover, serves equally well.

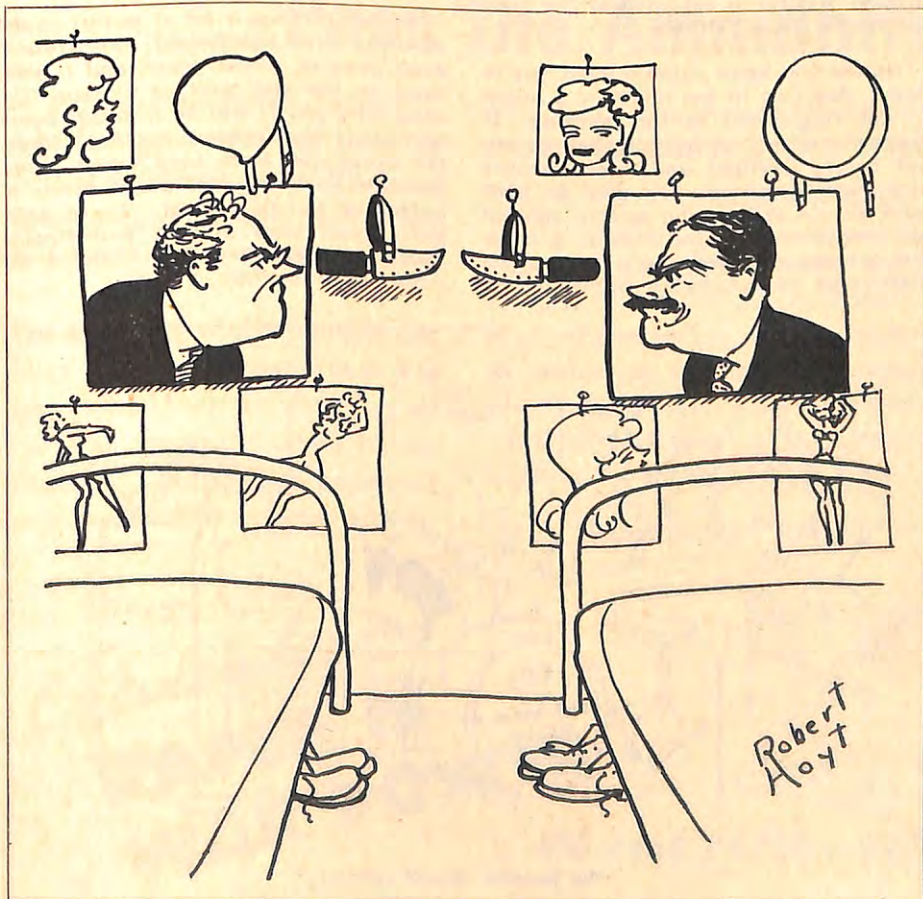
Ducks aren't particularly bright, but neither are they dopes. So shift the scene of gunning activities daily, if possible. After the first few days of the open season "native" ducks quickly get hep to danger points and avoid them. When a flight's on and a steady stream

of "green" ducks is pouring through, it isn't so important that this rule be observed. On the average, however, heavily gunned blinds are poor producers.

There are many Tarzans who wear cotton underwear next to their hairy hides in cold weather and pile a lot of sweaters and shirts on the outside, which explains why medicos are kept so busy during the duck hunting season. We'll not attempt to explain the mysteries of heat radiation in this essay. Suffice to say that any duck hunter who doesn't wear 100% woolen underwear in cold weather is a plain, unadulterated sap.

Ducks sometimes will decoy to anything. We've seen bluebills wing in to cedar net floats and have watched geese pitch to large balls of clay, decorated with an upright stick and a wisp of toilet paper to simulate a neck and head.

But that doesn't mean a haywire rig of decoys is the thing to use. The best decoys money will buy are a cheap investment in the long run, if you haven't the skill and savvy to make 'em yourself. Today good commercially-made decoys aren't to be had, so it's up to the shooter to turn out his own. After the war you can write to Ted Mulliken, Saybrook, Conn., and buy some dandies. To the best of our knowledge his decoy factory, now turning out sub-machine-gun stocks for the Government, is the only one that produces a real duck hunter's decoy.



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Field glasses aren't absolutely essential on a duck hunt, but there are times when they come in handy. The writer likes to have a pair dangling within convenient reach in a blind to keep track of fleeing cripples the partner is chasing, identify flying birds at a distance or to see what the guys in the other blind are up to. If you own a pair, take 'em along.

Restrain that impulse to do a quick ducking act in the blind when suddenly decoying birds wing in and catch you standing upright in your cozy ambush. Quick movement frightens ducks and if you "freeze" when you're caught off base chances are some of the birds won't notice you until it's too late.

Don't waste standard duck loads of 4s, 5s or 6s when trying to smack over a fleeing cripple. Instead, carry a box of 7½s or 8s for that purpose. You get a closer shot pattern and lose fewer cripples. In addition, you save a lot of shells.

The time to be ever alert and watchful is not when the quackers are flying like crazy and there's no doubt about a limit kill, but on the dull day when chances are few and far between.

It's no trick to shoot a limit when birds wing in every few minutes. On such occasions the shooter can afford to be careless and take things easy. But he can't when the going is slow. Stay awake on bad days. It pays off.

Rainy weather is supposed to "be good weather for ducks". It ain't.

Unless you know exactly what you're doing, don't be in too much of a hurry to get rigged out in the morning. It makes you feel awfully foolish to rig out before daylight and later discover you guessed wrong. We used to hunt with an old gaffer who seldom spotted his decoys before nine o'clock, a habit which frequently drove us nuts until we discovered he invariably rigged out in

the right place and got all the best shooting.

He would study the morning flight note where others were gunning and what luck, if any, they were having. When he'd cased the situation to his satisfaction, he'd make his decision. And we don't recall that he ever made a mistake.

It's almost impossible to over-lead a crossing, fast-flying duck. When you miss such shots this Fall, increase your lead and don't check that swing as the trigger is pressed. Keep following through.

Good shots almost invariably are fast shots. Don't get into the habit of "riding" a duck, or any other moving target. Swing ahead of the bird from behind until your brain tells you you're right, then shoot.

Good wingshooting hinges on several factors, the most important of which are correct timing and the ability to estimate speed and distance. And do it in split-seconds over a shotgun sight.

There's always a right time to accept any variety of shot and that's something the shooter must learn from experience—you don't get it out of books. In short, the way to become a finished duck shot is to do a lot of duck shooting. There are no shortcuts.

Some shooters develop faster than others. The reason is that they either get a good deal more practice than the other fellow, or have a better sense of timing.

There has been a lot of swivel chair shooting with lightweight, short-tubed duck guns in recent years, and if you want to use that sort of weapon it's okay with us. It will be recalled, however, that the greatest wildfowl shots the world ever knew used heavy, long-barreled fowling pieces which threw a hatful of 4s, 3s and 2s. Those lads knew their way around, ballistically speaking, and were not addicted to swivel chair hunting.



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Mr. Faust's mailbox contains some interesting items.

PART of the business of writing a page like this—and it's a good part, too—consists in keeping tabs on the monkeyshines of Mr. and Mrs. Fido as they find their ways into print. It means maintaining a sizable file of news clips and records—yes, and every letter that comes to this department from readers. Need I say that such letters are always answered as promptly as possible? Well, they are and not because your reporter is a bear-cat for correspondence but in almost every instance they contain an appeal for help or advice which means that in back of each letter there is a dog in distress or one that has a problem to be solved.

Once in a while there comes a missal entirely different from the usual run. Here, for example, is one I received that gave me a very real laugh. Being anonymously written, I of course don't know who sent it but I do know that I'm not acquainted with the writer because it came from a part of these United States where I don't know a soul.

Here it is:

"My dear Mr. Faust:
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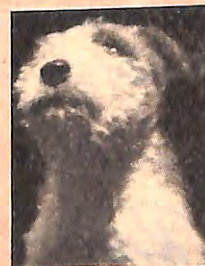
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Now I don't claim to be Mr. America of 1944 or 1904 but on this page you'll find my map and a picture of that purp. Modesty forbids me to say who is best looking. Incidentally, the pup is a wire-haired little scallywag who owns one Doris Day, one of the country's most expert lens-sharks specializing in photographing dogs and kids.

So my constant reader thinks I might take exception to the note. Heck, no. As I said, it gave me a laugh. Besides, who am I to take offense at a customer who is good enough to read my stuff and buy the book which I wrote? Never had a better chance to plug that book.

Perhaps you who read this may think that such a letter is a rarity. Brother, it isn't. Only some may start off by asking: "Whoever told you that you know anything about dogs . . . ?" To that I have only one answer which is—Nobody."

Not only did this letter afford amusement but it reminded me that in the file to which I have referred there are quite a few not-too-old news stories about our friend Fido which may interest you as much as they intrigued me. All, of course, in keeping with the theme of this month's sermon pertaining to the unusual—as related to dogs.



Suppose we take a look-see at a few of them:

Here's one—

George Anderson, blind but aided by one of those dogs that have been trained to guide the sightless, reports that his dog, Lady, was twice bitten by a rattlesnake in her successful effort to shield him from danger. It seems that George, resident of Great Falls, Montana, while walking with his dog heard the snake rattle but being blind could not locate the reptile. Lady did and refused to move forward at her master's command because it was in that direction that the snake lied coiled. The dog was bitten but the story didn't tell whether or not she recovered.

Associated Press

Here's another. No drama. Pure farce—

A gal in Charleston, West Virginia, was hauled to the clink because of too much dalliance with the bottle. With her went her dog. Next day, Judge Harold Neff, surveying the pair, was confronted by the problem that if he sentenced the woman the dog would have to go to the pokey too as it refused to leave its mistress. "What will we do with the dog?" one of the patrolmen who arrested the lady asked. His companion patrolman said "Put it in jail with her." The judge decided that that would never do and so the gal was given 90 days probation. This is what Judge Neff said, "Dog's case dismissed with a warning that he is in bad company—and 90 days probation. Don't let me see either of you before me again."

Charleston, W. Va., *Gazette*

Here's an interesting bit about an ex-army dog;

Pal, a black spaniel, property of Mrs. H. L. Brown of Oakland, California, was mustered out of service with this citation from his commanding officer; "He has served his country—faithfully and well. Pal is said to be the first dog hero of the present war, is privileged to wear the service ribbon which he has and was also given a formally written honorable discharge. He saw considerable action on one of the fighting fronts (where, I'm not permitted to say). His discharge was ordered after his soldier master with whom he had been trained for sentry duty was reported missing. As dogs are not discharged from the Armed Forces unless wounded or found unsuited for duty it is presumed that Pal's master was either killed, captured or wounded. Pal himself shows no signs of being wounded. The practice of the service is to return such dogs to their former owners, the reason being that it has been found easier to train a new dog than to accustom a trained dog to get used to a new soldier master. With the shipment of Pal there was another dog crate upon which was lettered this legend: "Please handle me carefully. I have been wounded in action." After arriving home Pal plainly showed the results of his service training. Before he left, his home was a kennel and a yard

enclosed by a seven-foot fence. Pal was never before able to surmount that fence but after his return he easily climbed over it. (Part of army dog training is in leaping obstacles and climbing.) Next Pal was given various commands used when he was employed as a hunting dog. He failed to respond and apparently forgot what they meant. His owners were told by army officials that his having been trained as a sentry dog might make him tough on strangers but his master evidently finds that he can successfully reconvert Pal to civilian life. When he left for the army he weighed 76 lbs. On his return he tipped the beam at 82 and is as hard as a trained athlete. Yes, they gave him a GI haircut just before shipping him back but his coat is again growing and is glossy as glass.

Post Enquirer, Oakland, California

How'd you like to have a handy purp like this one?

One Frances McMillen while on her way home with her dog Fatso lost her purse containing \$60 without realizing it. She retraced her journey only to be told that her dog was seen with something in his mouth and warding off those who attempted to stop him. Believing that she'd never see that purse again she returned home to find Fatso on her front porch guarding the purse and growling at those who passed by.

Journal, Pensacola, Florida

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In Beverly, Massachusetts, there's a canine shoplifter. Not long ago a shepherd dog invaded a department store of that city. He headed for the pet department and reaching up to the counter he purloined a box of dog food and dashed out of the store. When last seen he was galloping down Cabot Street with another dog following him. (The newspaper adds that perhaps the second pooch was a police dog).

Times, Beverly, Massachusetts

There's one inhabitant of London who, if he loses his dog, is going to lose his car keys. Passersby one day recently were amused to see that man climb out of his car and let a small brown dog out of the back of it. He tossed the car keys to the dog and proceeded to walk away. The only ones not astonished were the man and his dog.

Free Press, London, Ontario

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This dog's principles suits me to a T: There's a pup named Blondie that lives in Somerville, Massachusetts, and is owned by a postman who regularly picks up his sack of mail at the Belmont post office. Now Mr. Ormes, the postman, works six days a week but not Blondie. She believes in the 40-hour-five-day-week and sticks to it. No amount of coaxing can get her to accompany Ormes when Saturday comes around. She just won't leave the house although she has every inducement because on all other days of the week when she joins her master on his rounds she often is rewarded by some special tidbit from those who receive mail. Her custom is to wait until the postman has rung the doorbell and after he moves on to another stop she is right there to greet the recipient of mail. A canny dog

that looks for a hand-out. During the week, every day regularly at 3:30 in the afternoon, Ormes blows Blondie to a dish of ice cream. But even that fails to lure her out on Saturdays.

Traveler, Boston, Massachusetts

I could go on and on with this, giving odd fact after odd fact about the strange doings of some of our four-legged friends. And if you want more of the same just drop me a line and, with your editor's approval, I'll be glad to oblige. But how about your telling me any unusual fact or occurrence you've seen relating to dogs? If it is the sort of yarn that I can use, I'll be glad to print it in this department in the near future. Perhaps you may own a dog that has done something out of the ordinary. If so, come on, let's have it.



Under the Antlers

INDIANA NORTH BOWLING LEAGUE. Plans are progressing for the continuation of the Indiana North Bowling League through the 1944-45 season. A new trophy will be presented to the winning team.

The League was formed in 1938 by P.E.R.'s Roy Jorg, Ligonier, Fred C. Colyer, South Bend, Casper Murphy, Elkhart, and John G. Eyan, Whiting; the member lodges were Kendallville, Goshen, Ligonier, Elkhart (2 teams), and South Bend, in the Eastern Division; in the Western Division, East Chicago (2 teams), Gary, Valparaiso (3 teams) Whiting, Chicago, (South), Ill., Hammond and La Porte. Ligonier Lodge No. 451, a three-time winner, is now in permanent possession of the first cup put up for competition. East Chicago Lodge No. 981 was the championship winner in the 1939-40 season, Elkhart No. 425, 1940-41, and Valparaiso No. 500 (with Team No. 2), 1942-43. The League was successful from the start and the matches have helped greatly to cement interlodge relations.

LANCASTER, CALIF. During recent months, Lancaster Lodge No. 1625 has sent a total of 500,000 Chesterfield cigarettes to our fighting men overseas through the contributions of the citizens of the community. The cooperation of the manufacturer enables the lodge to send the cigarettes for five cents a pack.

Small glass jars are placed in various business houses, with signs requesting donations and explaining the purpose. On the sign is a notation that gives the sponsoring organization credit for the project, in this case, Lancaster Lodge of Elks. Scores of fine letters and cards have been received from the men on the fighting fronts, and Secretary Tom Dearth has selected the following letter as an example of what they think of the lodge's program:

Mr. Thomas A. Dearth, Secretary
E. P. O. Elks No. 1625
Lancaster, California

Today at mess each and every member of this organization received a carton of fresh cigarettes. (Please note the word fresh). The letter

that came with the shipment finally reached my hands and I was more than pleased when I learned that your Lodge was the donor. So as a brother Elk, member of Elyria Lodge (Ohio) No. 465, I am writing to let you know how much the men and myself appreciate your thoughtfulness. So many stories about the lack of feeling back home for the men overseas circulate that your kindness served a double purpose. It assures us that we are not forgotten and also adds to our enjoyment. So once again for the entire 23rd Field Hospital, I wish to thank you for the cigarettes. Hoping for a speedy victory, and that some day I may pay you a visit, I am,

Fraternally yours,
M-Sgt. James B. Carson
South Pacific.

TAMPA, FLA. Tampa Lodge No. 708 was the first local fraternal organization to complete plans for post-war rehabilitation of members now in the Armed Forces. The lodge has set \$10,000 as the goal for a fund earmarked for the project.

The first thousand dollars was contributed from the lodge treasury to the rehabilitation fund, to be administered by a committee composed of the following Past Exalted Rulers: Ernest Maas, Sr., Chairman, D. B. McKay, P. J. Harvey, Judge Tom O. Watkins and Past State President L. B. Sparkman, E.R. L. D. Simmons stated that the goal would be reached through contributions by the lodge as an organization and by the members individually.

The purchase of two \$1,000 Bonds during the Fifth War Loan Drive increased to \$12,000 in maturity values the lodge's investment in War Bonds.

MARSHALLTOWN, IA. Listed as No. 3 on his membership card and a member of Marshalltown Lodge No. 312 since its institution in 1895, C. W. Nelson was honored recently as the lodge's only living charter member at a dinner held in the lodge rooms. Also honored were others of the remaining first 500 members of the lodge by reason of the fact

that they were on the membership rolls at the time of the erection of the present lodge home. E.R. C. H. Kemler presided during the presentation of the after-dinner program. P.E.R. F. E. Northup was Master of Ceremonies. J. R. Thomas who, at 86, is the oldest living member of the lodge, and Dr. A. C. Conaway, P.E.R., were among the five hundred entertained.

The speaker of the evening was Lloyd Maxwell, P.E.R. of Marshalltown Lodge and former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, who traveled from Chicago for the occasion. More than 200 members and guests attended. Music was furnished by Boyers' Orchestra. Mr. Nelson was presented with an appropriate plaque, bearing the emblem of the Order, as a token of esteem and appreciation.

ATLANTA, GA. Lieutenant Mark L. Moseley, whose decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and several Oak Leaf Clusters, was one of a small group of boys who took an Air Corps Refresher Course sponsored by Atlanta Lodge No. 78 a few years ago. An Atlanta boy, Lt. Moseley attended Joe Brown Junior High School and Commercial High and finished his high school education at Central Night School. Upon completion of the Elks Refresher Course, he took the Air Corps examination and was accepted. He entered the Service in 1942.

The 25-year-old Lieutenant was among those who scored hits from the air while providing cover for the Allied invasion forces. He has been in England since February, 1943.

LA FAYETTE, IND. Members of La Fayette Lodge No. 143 turned out en masse recently for ceremonies on "Shaffer Night", honoring Floyd A. Shaffer, who had retired as Secretary of the lodge after 25 years of efficient service. Attorney Roy C. Street presided at the presentation of an honorary life membership to Mr. Shaffer, who was also presented with a handsome gold wrist watch and a gold card case. Mr. Street lauded the recipient for his faithful and loyal work in the lodge and cited his achievements since his initiation in 1904. A luncheon was served after the ceremonies.

LANCASTER, N. Y. A \$395 resuscitator for local emergency use has been presented to the village by Lancaster Lodge No. 1478. Having learned that a resuscitator acceptable to the Village Board had been found and demonstrated satisfactorily at a meeting of the Board the Elks offered at once to underwrite the amount of purchase and to give the equipment to the village as their contribution to the health and welfare of the community.

Lancaster Lodge burned the bonds and mortgage on its lodge home not long ago, celebrating the event by giving a banquet for Elks and their ladies. E.R. Stanley A. Zokaitis welcomed the guests. Major Winston V. Morrow, President of the Army Air Force Examining Board, whose staff was given the use of Elks' lodge rooms in the district during the summer months to examine 17-year-old Air Force recruits, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, of Queens Borough Lodge No. 878, George I. Hall, Lynbrook No. 1515, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and George J. Wendel, No. 1478's first Exalted Ruler, were speakers. Trustees William F. Dougherty, Emil C. Scherer and Joseph H. Klee officiated in the mortgage-burning ceremonies. D.D. Al. F. Voegele, P.E.R. of No. 1478, was Toastmaster, and the invocation was given by the Reverend John Donohue, Salamanca, a former Chaplain of the N. Y. State Elks Association.



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Editorial

Hail to the Chief

DR. ROBERT SOUTH BARRETT, unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler at Chicago, takes over at a time when the Order is enacting a vital role in the war effort, and brings to the office a record of experience and service, insuring a steady hand on the wheel, and no deviation from the path followed since war has been increasingly stepping up the militant patriotism of the Elks.

Dr. Barrett is a Virginian, on the maternal side a direct descendant of John Waller, who landed at Jamestown with Capt. John Smith. His mother, Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, was a famous physician, and founder of the Florence Crittenden Mission, a national institution for the rehabilitation of unmarried mothers. His father, an eminent Episcopal divine, was also born in the Old Dominion.

He was educated at the University of the South, receiving the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws, and at George Washington University. Then followed ten years of newspaper work in Mexico, where he edited and published the *Mexico City Daily Record*. On his return to the United States he became Washington correspondent for various Latin-American publications, and conducted a weekly column for a chain of American newspapers. He was editor and publisher of America's oldest newspaper, *The Alexandria Gazette*, from 1912 to 1916, and during the latter year President of the Virginia Press Association.

When World War I became imminent Dr. Barrett offered his services to our Country and was appointed Trade Commissioner of the Department of Commerce for Argentina, and commercial attaché of the American Legations at Paraguay and Uruguay. During the war he represented the U. S. Shipping Board at Buenos Aires. When hostilities ended he became first vice-president of a great international banking and commercial company with offices in New York, London, Paris and Buenos Aires. He retired from business in 1924, hoping to devote his time to travel. While making a second tour of the world, in 1925, he was recalled from Palestine by the death of his mother, and induced to take her place as head of the Florence Crittenden organization. This assignment, which he then considered temporary, has continued through the years, much to the advantage of the finances and operations of this splendid philanthropy.

Dr. Barrett is a member of many organizations, and a Past Grand Master of Masons, of Virginia, but his fraternal interests have centered in the Elks. A member of Alexandria Lodge since 1907, he has been through all the chairs, and maintained an active interest down to the present time. His Grand Lodge career is well known. He was twice District

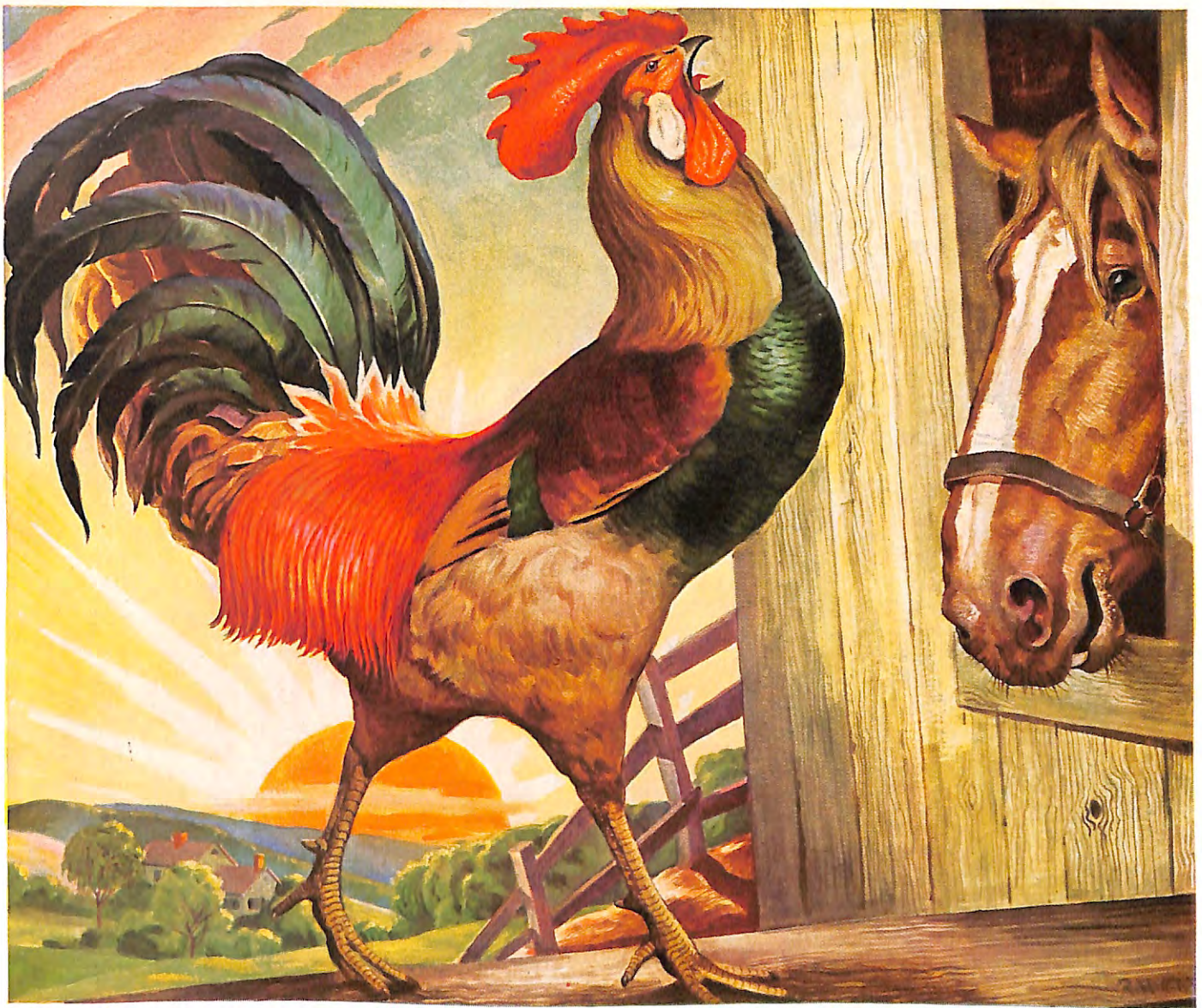
Deputy, has served on most of the Grand Lodge Committees, and held three elective offices, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Grand Treasurer and Grand Trustee, from which post he retired to become Grand Exalted Ruler. That he carries the spirit of Elkdom into daily life is attested by the fact that his contributions made possible the buildings of the Children's Hospital, at Richmond, The Boys Club, and Public Library, at Alexandria, the Harper Memorial Auditorium, at the Elks National Home, (erected in memory of his close friend Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper) and the Kate Waller Barrett Fund, established as a tribute to his mother, for the educational assistance of young men and women.

A charming wife and a daughter constitute the distaff side of Dr. Barrett's family, and three sons are in our Country's service, the eldest, a colonel with our Army in Italy; the second, a \$1.00-a-year official of the United States Shipping Board; the third, a graduate of Annapolis, is a commander with the North Atlantic Fleet. His brother, Maj. Gen. Charles D. Barrett, U.S.M.C., recently made the supreme sacrifice in South Pacific fighting.

This brief commentary can only touch the highlights of an interesting and varied career, but it is sufficient to indicate the manner of man chosen to lead the Order in trying days to come, and it must inspire confidence that his leadership will be along forward paths, and guided by the Star of Fidelity.

Rehabilitation

AN outstanding service of the Order of Elks during, and after the close of World War I, was rendered in the field of veterans' rehabilitation. The Elks War Commission, aware that this is a major problem confronting the American people today, is making an intensive study of the problem, seeking ways and means to bring all the resources of the Order of Elks to bear upon its solution. The welfare of the returned soldier is not only the concern of the Order of Elks, with thousands of members in the Armed Forces, but of every citizen of our country. It is the right of these veterans on their return to civil life to find adequate means provided to cushion the reaction which must follow the transition from strict discipline, and the shocking adventures of war. There must be no period of aimless drifting, no fruitless search for employment, none of the injustices which followed World War I. The veteran must come home to a land prepared to receive him with every evidence of the gratitude his sacrifice has earned. Rehabilitation is not a post-war problem. It is here now, and growing greater each day, as increasing numbers are returned from active service. They must find the machinery for their readjustment to civil life functioning for current needs, and capable of expansion to meet ever-increasing demands. The War Commission recommends to each subordinate lodge the appointment of a Rehabilitation Committee. It has referred this recommendation to the Exalted Ruler, together with a copy of a resolution adopted by Alexandria Lodge No. 758, which may form the basis of a workable plan for those lodges which have not already acted.



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