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A letter from the President
to Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner

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The first peacetime convention in five years of the Grand Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, finds the members of the Order still active in manifold good works. That is in the best tradition of the Elks.

The magnificent contribution of the Elks to the achievement of victory over the Axis powers will not soon be forgotten. The Elks War Commission set up more than one hundred fifty fraternal centers of utmost value in maintaining morale and promoting the well-being of the members of our armed forces. The hospital program, including recruitment of some fifteen hundred nurses for veterans hospitals, was of incalculable help.

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Fraternally yours,



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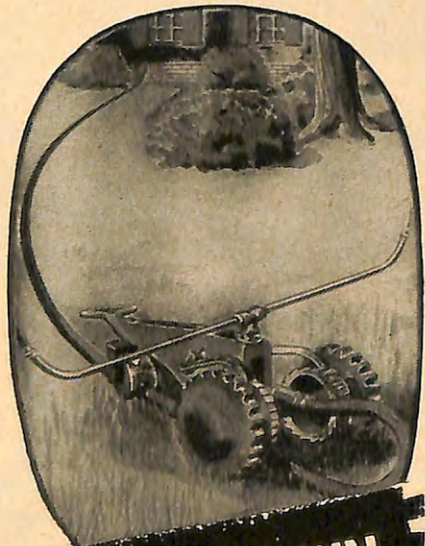
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IN THIS ISSUE
We Present—

THIS month your *Elks Magazine* is devoted primarily to the account of the largest, best attended Convention in many years. New York City turned itself inside out for the Order of Elks and the Press, the most sophisticated in the world, gave full evidence of the esteem in which our Order is held.

On these pages you will find a full account of the Business Sessions of the Grand Lodge and the familiar reports presented by the various Committees and Commissions. As most of these reports were submitted to the accredited delegates in written form, the reports which are herein presented are in most cases excerpts.

On page 4 we have the pleasure of publishing an excellent study of the new Grand Exalted Ruler, Charles E. Broughton of Sheboygan, Wis. His masterful Speech of Acceptance of his election appears opposite it.

There is as usual a fraternal section containing current news of the Order, including the visits of Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner and news of the State Associations, as well as news of the subordinate lodges. In this section appears an announcement of the rededication of the Elks National Memorial Publication Building in Chicago, where a large attendance of Elks can be expected on September 8th.

Other editorial features in this issue include a short and humorous story about our old friend, Brother Crawford. This time it's called "Desmond's Lesson in Life". Crawford is still teaching his younger brother how to get the most out of existence with the least effort. This is also our opportunity to present an article which is fresh and colorful in theme. Called "Ladies from Hades," it concerns itself with the life and times of two vivid "ladies" who roam the Spanish Main. Mr. Walter Osborne, the author, has the light touch and a way with the ladies.

We are made particularly happy by our choice of cover this month. It is a picture done by former Chief Petty Officer John J. Floherty, Jr., of the United States Coast Guard, during his long hitch in the Pacific. It excited considerable comment when it was shown at many exhibits throughout the country, but it took our sharp little eyes to see in it, despite its somber theme, a rattling good magazine cover.

The fact that so many of our pages this month are taken up by the Convention story has not prevented us from including our regular special features. We refer proudly to "It's a Man's World"; "Gadget and Gimmick Department" (he still keeps it funny); Ed Faust and what he lovingly refers to as his "doggies"; Harry Hansen, the bibliophile, and Al Frantz, who roams about the verdant countryside. Trueblue Trueblood is also back on the job with rod and with gun. C. P.

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CHARLES E. BROUGHTON

of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 299, elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Meeting in New York City, July 9, 1946

Speech of Acceptance

by Charles E. Broughton
before the Grand Lodge at New York, N. Y.,
July 9, 1946

GRAND EXALTED RULER, Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Brothers:
The greatest honor that could be conferred upon me comes at your hands, and during the coming year I pledge every effort on my part to sustain the principles of Elksdom.

My appreciation goes to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson of Illinois, and Mr. John Walter of Sheboygan Lodge No. 299, who spoke in my behalf this morning. If I justify in a small measure the tributes paid, it will be more than you or I would expect.

This is a great honor, but in accepting, it calls for leaving the Board of Grand Trustees. I shall miss every member and those fine associations that meant so much to me. There is, however, compensation in knowing that our paths will cross frequently in the future.

We have gathered here in New York determined that our America, which has held high the torch of liberty, shall not be dimmed or our patriotism lessened in the years that lie ahead.

We, here and now, affirm faith in our country, in the principles enunciated in the Constitution, and pledge to those who gave their lives, and those who were maimed in World War II, that we will do our utmost to promote a peace that will ring true to their highest hopes.

This Order, American in spirit, has witnessed four wars. Let us dedicate our lives to work for a lasting peace. Less we cannot do and call ourselves Americans.

No one can stand in this great auditorium without a thrill of pride in the achievements of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks now including in its membership over 800,000. Neither can we forget the inspiring leadership that has been handed down through the years—men of vision who have led us through the 78 years since the birth of the Order. We have had our days of sunshine and rain but through it all we have never lost faith. We are proud of the privilege of meeting in the city where the Order had its origin and may I take this opportunity to congratulate New York Lodge No. 1, so often referred to as "The Mother Lodge".

For a gathering of this magnitude and when housing difficulties are multiplied many times, my sincere thanks go to Past Grand Exalted Ruler James Hallinan, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the 1946 Grand Lodge meeting.

We have built a structure—every Elk a builder—until today the Order stands as a tribute to the living and the dead who had the vision and the foresight to build upon service and to answer the need of human beings.

During the first World War we raised a special war relief fund and placed it in the hands of the Elks National War Relief Commission. That Commission, acting for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,

built hospitals and endeared itself to every serviceman. That same work, only on a larger scale, has been under the direction of the Elks War Commission during World War II and the report from Chairman James R. Nicholson is one that brings credit to the Order.

In World War II, upon a wider field of activity and with funds running into the millions, we created 155 Fraternal Centers, conducted veterans hospital service programs, gave aid and assistance to returning veterans—members and non-members alike—and when the Manila and Guam lodge buildings were destroyed during the Jap occupation, we came to the aid of those in distress and today are assisting in the reconstruction of these buildings. This is due to the fine response from members of the Order.

Another activity of the Elks which has grown with the years is the National Home at Bedford, Va. Overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains, you find a Home that was founded by Elksdom in 1902. The idea of the Home is something different than a state institution—it is a haven of refuge, a gift from the Order to those who have gone down the pathway of life.

Following World War I our National Memorial Building was erected in Chicago and on Sept. 8 it will be rededicated to the veterans of World War II. This Memorial Building, beautiful in its design, lends itself as a temple of freedom. It is the national home and business office of the Order, but in the main it is just what was planned and carried to completion by the Elks National Memorial Headquarters Commission. The rededication program authorized by the Grand lodge will be under the direction of Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman and members of the Commission.

A member of the commission, Governor John K. Tener, Vice-Chairman, will not witness the rededication, having passed to his reward on Sunday, May 19. This Grand lodge is saddened by the news of his passing. He was a true American, beloved by all. Governor Tener was honored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as our Grand Exalted Ruler in 1907-08. He received his enjoyment out of life in helping others. He kept young because he believed in the American traditions and he exemplified the highest type of citizenship. Would that we had more Teners in the country.

Both the Memorial Building and *The Elks Magazine* were authorized by resolution adopted at the Grand Lodge session in 1921. The first issue of the Magazine appeared in June, 1922, and the May number completed 24 years, a period through which both the Order and the Magazine have shown marked strides. The publication is a credit, and its influence has been felt wherever there is an Elks lodge, and more especially in public libraries and reading rooms throughout the nation. During the 24 years, the (Continued on page 33)

Desmond's Lesson in Life

By Jim Kjelgaard

Desmond's three "R's" should have included a fourth—"rookin'!"

MAYBE NOT everybody in Taglatt County, but certainly everybody within ten miles of our farm, knows that my brother, Crawford, is not a well man. He lays on a bed of pain most of the time, and his ailments always seem to hit him hardest in the Spring.

He hasn't been able to do the plowing in several years, but don't think that Crawford's a lazy man, because he is not. He would work very hard if he could.

Aside from being a hard worker, if only his ailings would let him work, he is the kindest man I ever knew. Every year, on my birthday, he tells me, "Desmond, mighty few boys are as lucky as you. You have a home with me as long as you wish. Any ordinary person whose father had kick--, passed on, would be in the Taglatt County Orphan's Home. But, in spite of everything I've done for you, as soon as you're eighteen I'm going to pay you wages. I'm going to pay you six dollars a month."

I'm eight years old now, and for the four years I've lived with him that man has been so good to me! Every month when we go shopping in Iron Mill, he gives me two caramels out of the bag Matilda, his wife, buys. And it isn't often, either, that he asks me for one of them back. But I always save one in case he

wants it. And of course I put in about eight hours a day doing what I can to help around the farm.

I want to be just like Crawford when I grow up. And I was never madder than when everybody along Otter Creek made a conspiracy against him.

IT WAS spring, and Matilda and I were plowing in our north field. Crawford was not helping. The misery had him, and he was all doubled up. But, as he said when he took his trout rod and started hobbling down to Otter Creek that morning, we should always think that he was with us in spirit. That's Crawford all over, he wanted to have us

cheered up while he went fishing.

It was about ten o'clock in the morning, and the furrows were opening up quite easy, when that old John Hartney—next to Jess Nolton he owns the biggest farm on Otter Creek—came up the road in his steel-topped car. It isn't often that he comes to our place. But this morning he pulled in to the yard, and I stopped the horses while Matilda let go of the plow handle and wiped her hands on her apron.

John Hartney, a lean, gray-headed man, came right across the field to us. He scuffed his shoe in the dirt, and smiled at Matilda.

"Is Crawford here?" he asked. Matilda wrung her hands. "Oh dear! Oh dear no, Mr. Hartney! He's went fishin'!"

He said when he took his trout rod and started hobbling down to Otter Creek that morning, we should always think that he was with us in spirit.



"I thought so," John Hartney said. "And I—"

"Oh dear!" Matilda said. "Is there somethin' you wanted off him, Mr. Hartney?"

"Yes!" that mean old John Hartney said. "But it isn't anything you can't tell him! Tell him, when he comes in, that everybody along this creek's sick of seeing a woman and boy do his work! Tell him that we've all got together, and he is not cross our land any more if it's for the purpose of going fishing! Tell him that, if he does, he'll get a coat of tar and feathers and a ride on a rail! He doesn't own any land bordering the creek! And we know that if we can't make him work, we can at least stop his fishing while you do his work!"

"Oh dear! Oh dear!" said Matilda. "Crawford's a sick man!"

But John Hartney had turned and was going back to his car. I wished I was bigger than he so I could have thrown him into it.

IT WAS two hours later, and we had gone in to dinner, when Crawford came from the creek with his fishing rod in one hand and his basket on his shoulder. He was stepping right along, but I could tell his strength had run out and he needed food because he headed right for the kitchen. I didn't want to say anything about the conspiracy, so when he came on the porch I pumped a basin full of water and ducked my face in it like I was washing. But Matilda started to cry, and Craw-

ford asked her, "What's the matter, honey?"

"Oh, C-C-Crawford Crawford! That mean old man!"

"What mean old man?" Crawford said, and I could tell that he was awful mad.

"J-J-John Hartley!"

By now I had stopped pretending to wash, and was looking in the window. I simply cannot tell you how grand Crawford was! He reminded me of a big boar in a drove of hogs, one that can chase all the others around! But all he did was just sit quiet until Matilda finished. Then he called "Desmond."

I went in, "Desmond," said Crawford, "did you know anything about this?"

"Y-Y-Yes." Crawford has never laid a hand on me, but I'm afraid of him when he's mad.

"Desmond," said Crawford, "this will be a lesson in life for you. The enemy has asked for battle. I will accept his challenge. Matilda, I will be back in forty minutes. Have

dinner ready. Come, Desmond."

He got out his Model T pickup and we drove four miles down the road to John Hartney's. Dragging me with him, brave as anything, he went right up to the house and knocked on the door. John Hartney himself opened it and Crawford shoved me in front of him—I suppose that was part of the lesson in life.

"Hartney," Crawford said, and I was so proud of him! He didn't call that old meanie John, or Mister! "Hartney, my wife told me what you said! I'm here to tell you that I'm going to fish Otter Creek tomorrow! What's more, I'm going to make a point of crossing your land! And everybody on Otter Creek can't stop me!"

But all John Hartney did was put his hands on his hips and say, "Maybe not, Crawford. Maybe not. But, boy oh boy, how they can try!"

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TWO

In August of 1720, our heroines found themselves off the coast of Jamaica and the pickings were still good.



ATENTION, you lady lawyers, doctors, atom-busters and gun molls! Clare Luce—and you, too, Dorothy Thompson—please take a back seat. Here is the record of a couple of real he-women who set out all of two centuries ago to beat the trouser-wearing world at its own game. Literally that; and made good at it, too, what's more.

For cold-blooded, downright manishness you'd go a long way to beat the heroines of this chronicle. Piracy on the high seas was their chosen career. Dressed as a pair of young gallants, they sailed with the roughest villains that ever plundered an East Indiaman or made a fat Spaniard walk the plank. And when they finally met the fate that every real buccaneer knew was in store, they went down fighting, while their brother cutthroats of the "stronger sex" quivered with fear below decks.

This is the story of Mary Read and Anne Bonney, female pirates extraordinary, though actually they were not the first of their sex to sail with the jolly rogers. History—or is it legend?—tells us the precedent was set by Alwilda, the medieval pirate princess. Alwilda, daughter of a Gothic king, was plighted to wed a Danish prince named Alf. But being a girl of high spirit, she thought she would have a taste of life first. So, recruiting a band of lusty maidens like herself, Alwilda put to sea on a piratical venture and soon became the scourge of the Danish coast. Alf

was dispatched to put an end to the formidable raider, which he did, although not without a terrific scrap. Of course, he was a bit taken aback when he lifted the helmet of his fallen foe and beheld his betrothed. However, Alf was forgiving and Alwilda for her part was so impressed with her fiancé's valor that they both agreed to forgive and forget and settled down to a long, happy life as the monarchs of Denmark.

The experiences of the Misses Read and Bonney do not follow this classic pattern. Not that they didn't have their romantic interests; they did, and both were comely wenches, from all accounts, and affectionate too when circumstances were appropriate. But they were career girls who would have looked upon Alwilda with the same contempt that a professional social worker today would have for a debutante on a slumming party.

Mary Read was born near London sometime toward the end of the Seventeenth Century. One biographer has aptly described her mother as a "young and airy widow". Mother Read's husband was a sailor of Plymouth who vanished at sea. He left her with a son who died in his infancy. Whatever Widow Read's pangs at losing her first born might have been, the circumstances proved fortuitous for her as in the meantime she had become with child again. Discreetly moving out of town, she gave birth to Mary. Then, dressing

her in boy's togs, returned to Plymouth where by palming her off on her aged mother-in-law as the deceased son, she obtained a crown a week allowance.

Mary was reared as a boy. When she was thirteen, her grandmother died and that source of revenue dried up so she was placed in the service of a French lady as a footboy. In her leisure time, she haunted the Plymouth waterfront and listened to sailors' tales of sea-monsters, shipwrecks and pirates on the Spanish Main. Finally, the livery of the French lady was more than she could bear and she ran off to enlist as a cabin-boy in the Royal Navy.

It was a disillusioning experience. Instead of sea monsters, there was only the cat-o'-nine-tails; of shipwrecks and pirates, she saw nothing; nothing but the routine spit and polish of His Majesty's Fleet. Life at sea soon became as onerous as that in the French lady's menage, and she deserted to become a cadet in the British Army.

Now here was something more like it. As a foot soldier, and later a hussar, Mary served under the renowned Duke of Marlborough in the Flanders campaign and acquitted herself with much distinction. She would have won her commission had she been able to put up the requisite fee. After the British victory at Vendôme, however, her superiors noted that their once zealous cadet was becoming sloppy in such matters as cleaning weapons and tending the horses. The truth was that Mary was in love with the young Fleming who shared her tent. Presently, she revealed her sex to him. Then Fleming, in the words of Captain Johnson, the pirates' historian, was "much surprised and not a little pleased, taking it for granted that he would have a mis-

LADIES from HADES

By Walter Osborne

Being an authentic account
of the piratical exploits
of two lady buccaneers—



Illustrated By HAMILTON GREEN

gress solely to himself". Such was not Mary's plan though. She insisted on the formalities and the pair were married at a ceremony attended by many of their officers who thought the whole affair a huge joke.

Obtaining their discharges, Mary and her Fleming set up inn-keeping in a spot called the "Three Horseshoes" near Breda. Perhaps her already remarkable career would have terminated then and there were it not for the untimely death of her husband. She was left penniless and there was nothing for it but to go back into male attire and pick up where she had left off. She served a short hitch in the Dutch Army, then shipped on board a Netherlands vessel bound for the West Indies. At this low ebb in her fortunes, Mary's destiny was about to catch up with her.

Nearing its destination, Mary's ship was overhauled by British pirates. Frank Shay, in his semi-fictional account, "Pirate Wench," says the captor was Captain Edward England, a buccaneer known for his gentle disposition. Whoever it was, he treated the prize with uncommon civility, and after plundering it, allowed the ship and its occupants to proceed. They sailed without Mary, however. Our heroine had decided to cast her lot with the pirate crew.

Mary found the new life very much to her liking. The crew she sailed with, like many others of the pirate gentry, spent its winters cruising between the smaller West Indian Islands, preying on small merchant traders with an occasional rich prize in the form of a Spanish gold ship or heavily laden Dutch East India-man. At this time, the Bahaman Island of Nassau was the pirate's capital. The English garrison had been driven out in 1700 by the

French and Spaniards and the rules of the colony were free and easy. As many as a thousand pirates at a time could be found in the Nassau settlement living in wigwams or adobe huts. During days ashore, the buccaneers would fill their skins with looted brandy and Jamaica rum then

fall asleep in the nearest available shade. At night, huge bonfires blazed on the beaches where they roasted the meat of turtles and wild hogs in dusk-to-dawn carousing.

When Summer came, they cruised northwards and raided coastwise trade off the North American con-

Suddenly a shot flew through the rigging. The crew scurried for the hatches . . . all but Mary and Anne.



**Cutlass in hand, Mary Read took
her turn at boarding ships**

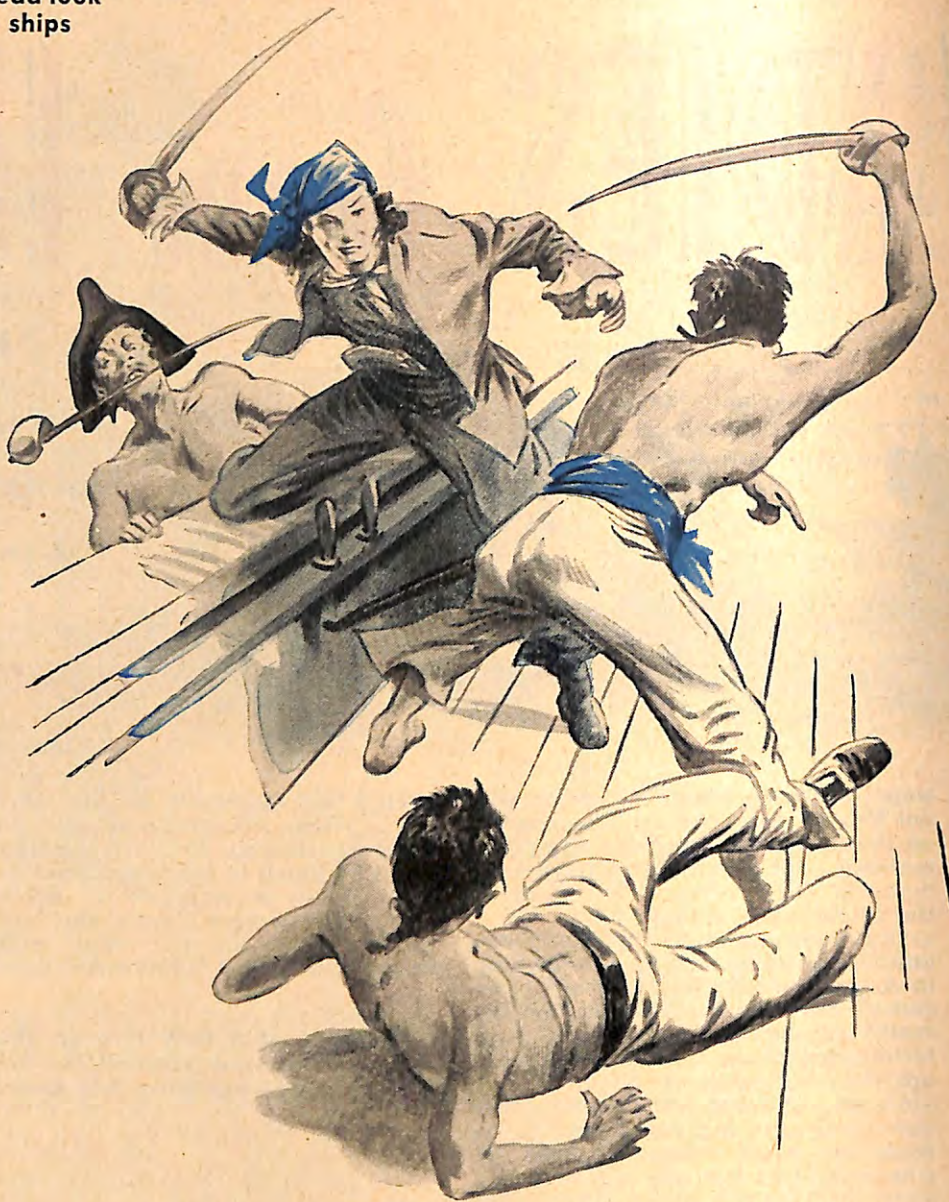
continent. As often as not, the colonists made them welcome and kept them provisioned, for the pirates usually had gold to spend and the pioneers of those early settlements were realists so far as that was concerned.

Mary Read had to maintain her guise as a man for more reasons than the obvious ones. "We want no women" was the accepted dogma of the freebooters. Any man who took a woman aboard ship could be sentenced to death under the "Jamaica Discipline", that strange law of the lawless under which most pirates sailed. Cutlass in hand, Mary took her turn at boarding ships, drew her full share of the loot, and probably cursed the fair sex with the best of them.

In 1717, the crew she was serving with decided to accept the King's Pardon which was extended that year by Captain Woodes Rodgers, Governor of the Bahamas, and promised immunity to buccaneers who would renew their allegiance to the crown. The next best thing to offer itself to her was a job on a privateer then being fitted out by some of the reformed pirates on the Island of New Providence in the Bahamas. Technically, the only distinction between privateering and outright piracy was that the privateer was not supposed to attack British shipping. This deprivation was apparently too great for Mary and her comrades. They were not long at sea before they pulled down the royal ensign and ran up the skull and cross bones.

Few were the pirates who had scorned the King's Pardon tendered by Captain Rodgers and of these, the most notable were Charles Vane and his quartermaster "Calico Jack" Rackham. The partnership of Vane and Rackham was one that was doomed to failure. Vane was cold-blooded, calculating and prudent, while Rackham, who derived his nickname from the gay calico costumes he effected, was a reckless, flamboyant knave. Now it was the practice of the brotherhood that the captain, while he held life and death powers over his subordinates, occupied his position only so long as he maintained a reputation for skill and daring. His decisions could be put to the vote of the crew and he could be removed from his command if he failed to give a good account of himself. So it was with Vane. His downfall came over a powerful French man-of-war which Rackham and a majority of the crew wanted to attack in spite of Vane's more cautious urging to the contrary. A vote was taken. As a result Vane and a handful of his followers were set adrift in the ship's longboat. "Calico Jack" became skipper.

After Mary Read joined Rackham,



she was made a ship's officer. Some accounts say that Rackham appointed her to command a captured sloop which operated as a fast scout for his heavily gunned brigantine. Now Mary was really in her element, perhaps dreaming of the day when she would lead her own pirate band. But in 1719, the Royal Pardon was offered again and this time Rackham and his crew decided to accept it. Mary and a few others were voted down and Rackham put into Charleston to take a commission as a privateer.

The Charleston of those days was a busy colonial port, and except for occasional raids by hostile Indians, it enjoyed the same easy, fun-loving life that it does today. Among the gay and lovely Carolina belles who graced the governor's cotillion, there was none gayer or lovelier than Miss Anne Bonney. Anne Bonney was a native of the Irish town of Cork. Her father was a once respected attorney there; her mother was the family servant girl. The scandal of the elder Bonney's pantry romance had had such an effect on his practice

and reputation that he had been forced to leave Ireland altogether and take refuge in the Colony of South Carolina. Anne and her mother went with him.

The Bonney fortunes prospered in the New World. Anne's father acquired a large plantation and she was introduced in the best colonial society. Except for an ungovernable temper (she once slew her English maid with a case knife in a fit of Irish pique), Anne cut a gracious figure in Charleston. Her father was on the point of arranging an advantageous marriage for her, when she fell in love with an impoverished sailor and married him.

This made Bonney Senior so furious that he cut her off without a plugged farthing, while her husband, finding himself with a liability rather than an asset, abandoned her. With a shrug of her shapely shoulders, Anne promptly started looking for a better lover and presently found one in the person of Mr. "Calico Jack" himself, who at the time was setting Charleston by the heels while awaiting his privateer's commission.

Never much of a man for tradition, Rackham decided to take her with him on his next expedition. He did, however, take the precaution of dressing her in men's clothes.

The meeting of Anne Bonney and Mary Read came about under peculiar circumstances to say the least. Hardly had Rackham weighed anchor and cleared the harbor, when Anne's eye was caught by his handsome lieutenant. Things had reached an interesting pitch one morning when Rackham walked in on his mistress and found her being over-affectionate toward Lieutenant Read. The pirate skipper blustered and swore and brandished his pistols. Finally, there was nothing for Mary to do but reveal her secret. As soon as he found out the real state of affairs, Rackham roared with laughter and swore to keep the secret. Anne and Mary became bosom friends.

Rackham's fealty to his monarch was about as long-lived as was that of the privateers in Mary's earlier experience. Soon the jolly roger was fluttering at his masthead. Rackham probably reasoned that if things became too difficult he could easily obtain forgiveness from the usually supine colonial government. He was not aware that His Majesty's colonial subjects had already been pushed too far by the truculence of pirates like Vane, Blackbeard, and himself, and that great pressure was being brought upon the governors to get rid of this plague on American waters.

But Calico Jack's luck had not yet run out. He captured three large English merchant traders and several smaller vessels before they put into Santiago, Cuba, to dispose of the loot. It had been an especially happy cruise for Mary Read. She had fallen in love with a young sailor they had recruited from one of the captured ships. He was enjoined to Mary's secret and they were married, or, as Mary later told the magistrate, it was as good a marriage "as if it had been done by a minister in a church". She was a great stickler for things like that.

Before they reached port, Mary discovered that her husband had become involved in a duel with one of the brawniest buccaneers aboard. Afraid that he would either be killed or would make an unmanly show of cowardice by not appearing, Mary ascertained the place of the contest and appeared herself a half-hour ahead of time. The custom of those days among pirates was to duel first with pistols. If neither adversary dropped, they would have at it with cutlasses and knives until blood was drawn. Mary apparently was not taking any chances on a recurrence of the quarrel for she struck the ruffian dead with a shrewd thrust of her sword.

When Rackham and his men had spent all their plunder in Cuba, they made ready to go in search of more. From the beginning, this was to be a voyage marked with perils and narrow escapes. Just as they were about to leave the Cuban shore behind them, a powerfully armed Spanish warship hove into sight escorting a little English sloop it had captured as an interloper in Spanish waters. When he sighted Rackham, the Spaniard at once opened fire, but the wily freebooter managed to maneuver behind a small island which afforded him cover from the attacker's guns. Still, by nightfall the situation was desperate as the Spanish ship with its prize anchored in the middle of the narrow strait that was the only avenue of escape. Rackham resolved on a risky strategem: taking Mary and Anne and the others with him, he loaded his longboat and slipped quietly over to the captured English sloop. The Spanish sailors on guard were quickly subdued as the pirates cut the cable and stood out to sea.

In August of 1720, our heroines found themselves off the coast of Jamaica and the pickings were still good. Hugging the shore, they seized and plundered two large sloops and numerous small coasting schooners. Anxious to make the most of this

run of luck, Rackham decided to remain a while longer in the lee of Jamaica. It was a fatal decision. Unknown to the pirates, intelligence of their whereabouts had come to the governor and a fast, well-manned vessel was already on its way to intercept them.

On board the pirate ship, a wild celebration was in full swing to honor nine new recruits who had joined the company from a recently captured lugger. Rackham, with Anne at his side, presided at the punch bowl. The trumpeters, fiddlers and drummers played feverishly and the deck resounded with the clumping of boots as the pirates danced arm in arm.

Suddenly a shot flew through the rigging. The music stopped and Rackham staggered to the rail. A crashing broadside sent the entire crew scurrying for the hatches—all but Mary and Anne. Boiling with impotent anger, these good ladies fired a few shots after their retreating comrades and their ignominious leader, then remained on the poop deck to snipe at the approaching boarding party from the man-of-war.

The less important members of Rackham's crew were hanged at once from the yard-arm of their own ship. Calico Jack with Mary and Anne
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We Recommend:

...ON STAGE



"Around the World"

Left are Arthur Margetson, Victoria Cordova, Larry Laurence and Mary Healy doing their best to put over one of the numerous scenes in the fabulous Mr. Orson Welle's "Around the World", now regaling New York audiences.

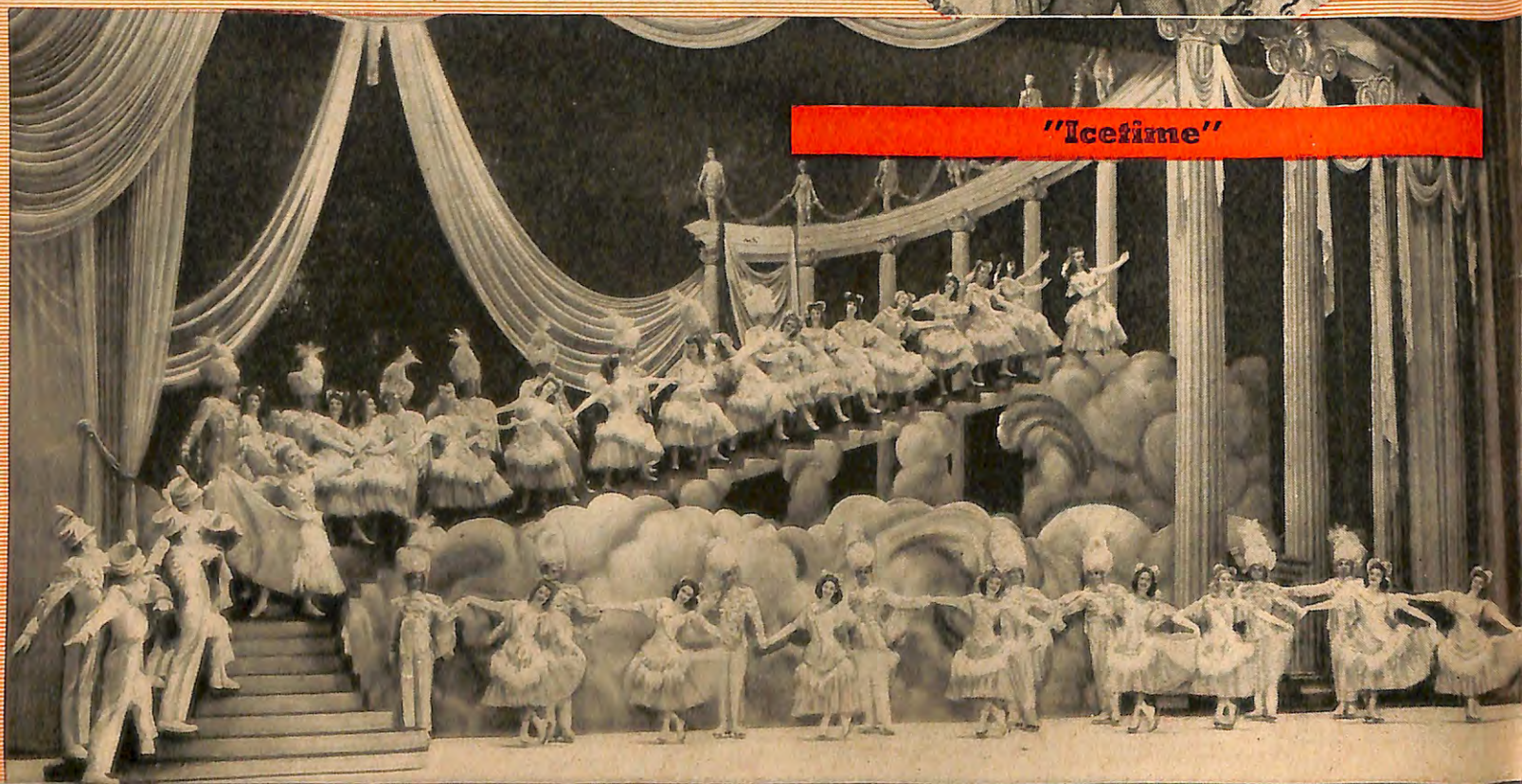
"Song of Norway"

Right: Sonia Orlova and Sig Arno strut through their paces in the well-loved "Song of Norway", which has spent so much time and entertained so many people on Broadway.

Below is the finale of the beautiful "Dream Waltz" number of Sonja Heine's glittering extravaganza, "Icetime", which is doing a superlative job of cooling summer theater-goers in the Big Town.



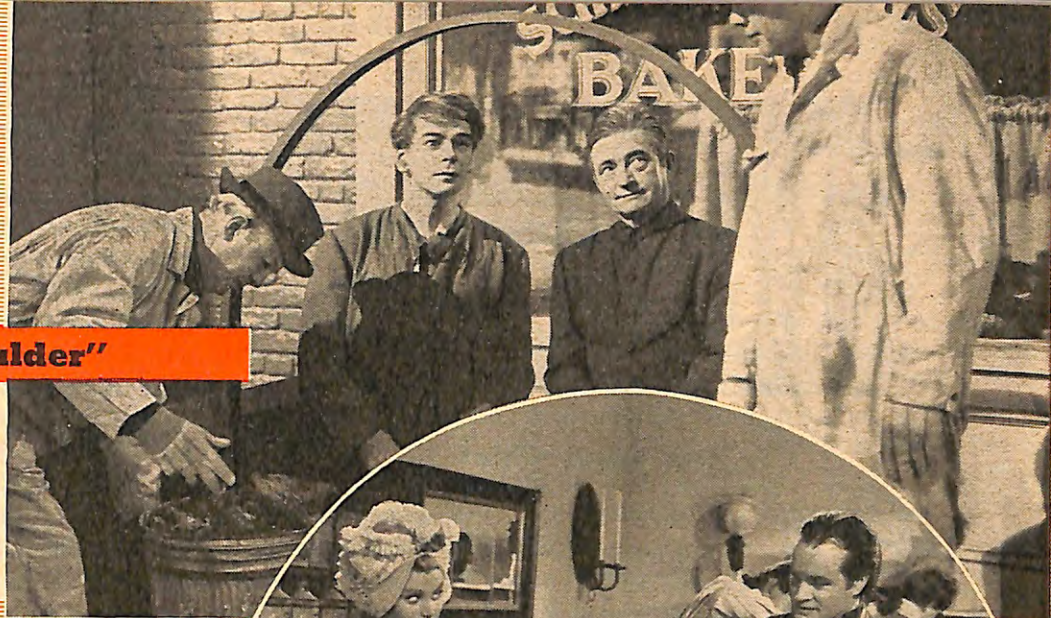
"Icetime"



AND SCREEN

"Angel on My Shoulder"

Right: Paul Muni and Claude Rains, always ready to take advantage of an opportunity, make the best of one of the situations in the fantasy, "Angel on My Shoulder".



"Monsieur Beaucaire"

Right: Bob Hope, this time a fumble-thumb barber in the court of Louis XV, is loving but unloved and being very funny about it in "Monsieur Beaucaire".



"Mr. Ace"

Left: Sylvia Sidney and George Raft get all tangled up in love and politics in "Mr. Ace". Everything gets cleared up satisfactorily after reels of dramatic moments and exciting complications.

Right: The late Jerome Kern's last picture, "Centennial Summer", is a musical to remember with its haunting melodies and extraordinary cast.



"Centennial Summer"

Editorial

Our New Chief



HE career of Charles E. Broughton, the Grand Lodge's unanimous choice for Grand Exalted Ruler, would have delighted the heart of Horatio Alger. It is a typical American story of the kind this author loved to write and the older generation loved to read.

Born in a log cabin at Lamartine, Wisconsin, at the age of seven he was doing farm chores—moving to Fond du Lac he found a job at the La Belle Wagon Works, and at the age of eleven was applying the priming coat to wagon tongues. He quit daytime schooling in the interest of this occupation, but continued his education at night school.

He found opportunity to attend business college, and after finishing his course chose journalism as a profession. He entered this field as a printer's devil for the Fond du Lac *Journal*. In a short time he was doing leg work for "locals", became a full-fledged reporter and finally city editor.

He came to Sheboygan in 1907 to take over the *Sheboygan Press*. It was a struggling sheet with few subscribers, and suffering severe competition from several other dailies. Brother Broughton's editorials soon attracted wide attention. He fought for civic betterment, conservation of the state's

natural resources and improving the lot of the underprivileged. The *Sheboygan Press* became one of Wisconsin's leading newspapers.

Success came to Charles E. Broughton but he never forgets the hard lessons of his own struggles, and never loses an opportunity to help those traveling the same road.

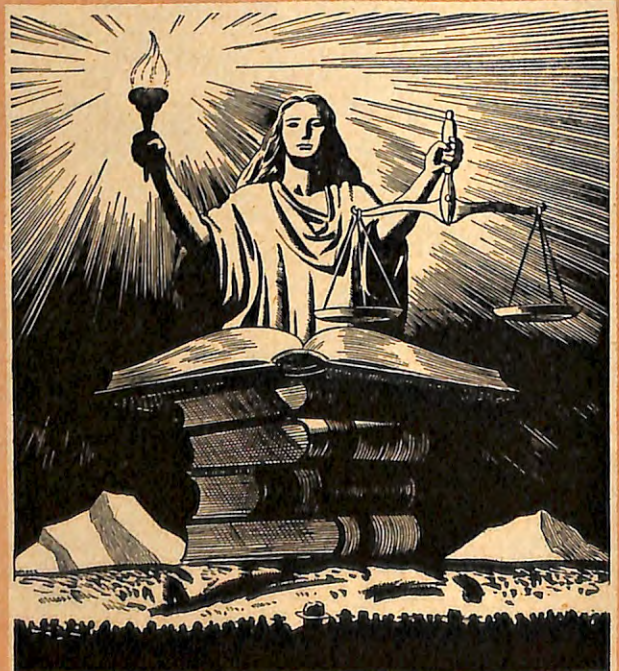
His civic activities are many. He was for two years Chairman of the Sheboygan District Wisconsin Cancer Drive. A member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Sheboygan since 1929, he is one of the first eight persons in the world to receive the Army's Distinguished Service Award. He served as President and Director of the Local Community Fund and Y.M.C.A., he is Trustee of the Mead Public Library of Sheboygan and Vice-President of the Trustee's Division of the American Library Association. He is curator and Vice-President of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Chairman of the Chapter of the Major Disaster Relief Committee of the American Red Cross. He served as Treasurer and is now a Director of the Sheboygan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In recognition of his efforts in securing the restoration of the Sheboygan Marsh, an area of 14,000 acres, the county board has officially named this the Broughton Sheboygan County Marsh Park. In recognition of his outstanding service to the community the beautiful curving drive which skirts Lake Michigan is named Broughton Drive.

Many times Brother Broughton has been endorsed for public office and might have had the nomination for the highest positions the state had to offer. But he has preferred to remain a private citizen, using his influence and his pen for the betterment of his state, city and fellow man.

The new Grand Exalted Ruler has led a busy life, but he has always found time for the Elks. He was initiated into Fond du Lac Lodge No. 57 forty-three years ago and in 1922 he affiliated with Sheboygan Lodge No. 299. He is a Past



Charity



Justice

Exalted Ruler of this lodge, a Past State President, one of the founders of the Wisconsin Elks Crippled Children's Commission, of which he was Chairman for many years.

His career in the Grand Lodge has been equally active. He is a Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, served on numerous Grand Lodge Committees and as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, retiring as Chairman at the 1946 session of the Grand Lodge.

In Charles E. Broughton the Grand Lodge has selected a man who has been active during all the years of his membership. He is widely experienced in the affairs of the Order, understands its problems and looks forward to its great future. A real Elk, a humanitarian, and an American who believes in America first, last, and all the time, under his leadership the Order will continue its forward march.

For the Common Good



WHO live to take part in the tasks of post-war reconstruction will face great tests of courage, vision and the capacity to work together for the common good."

These few words taken from the speech of acceptance of Grand Exalted Ruler Broughton sound a note that will find an echo in the heart of every Elk. The tasks of post-war reconstruction are great indeed, and the world looks to America and the courage and vision of her people to take the leading part in their solution.

The influence of the Elks, a great body of American citizens, working together for the "common good", standing squarely behind the commitments of our leaders for world peace, guarding against the enemy within, must become a potent force in solving the problems of reconstruction.

And Elkdom will continue to keep the faith, come what may.

Progress



ROGRESS is the report of subordinate lodges all along the line.

The Order's membership, since the Grand Lodge met a year ago, has been increased by better than 86,000. More mortgages have been burned during the past year than in any like period, and sound finances are the rule.

This splendid increase in membership, it is gratifying to note, has not been gained through "Drives", or "Membership Campaigns". It represents the voluntary desire of good citizens to affiliate with an American organization that translates patriotism into action.

The Elks made an outstanding contribution to our country's war effort. The Elks War Commission programs have done much to establish cordial relations with press and public. Subordinate lodges have not only rendered fine cooperation with Grand Lodge agencies, but carried on effectively in their local fields.

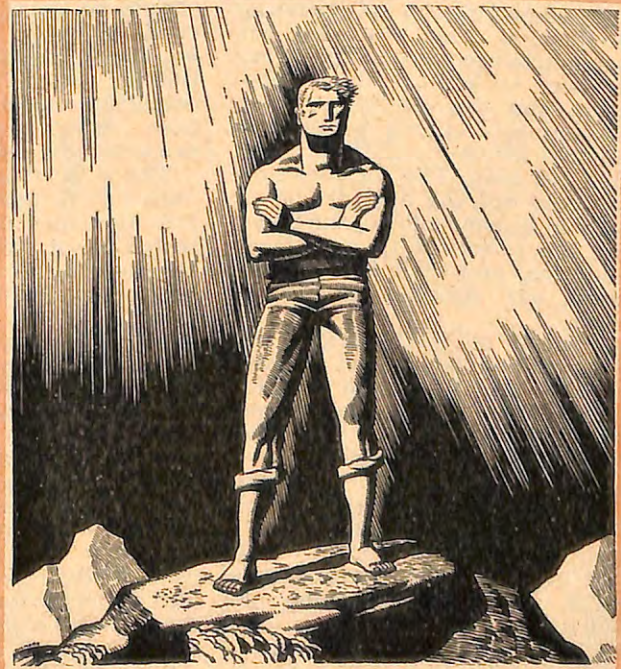
If the present rate of progress is to continue the Order's activity must continue. The hundreds of thousands of good citizens attracted to membership in our Order by the ability of the Elks to carry on in the American way must not be let down.

It is fortunately true that the war is over but grave problems of peace remain. The Order of Elks which played an effective role in arousing the American people to the necessity of preparing for war, can be equally effective in the fight for peace.

As Elkdom marches forward let it catch the torch thrown from falling hands and carry on, not for "America first", but for America, first, last and always, towards the objective for which so many of our Brothers gave their lives—just and enduring peace.



Brotherly Love



Fidelity

It's a Man's World



by Kent Richards

SOME influential people have prevailed upon me to unwind a monograph on the care and feeding of a watch. Poking recent advertisements offering watches for sale in my face they cried, "Men are mad for news of watches."

"Jewels to you," I retorted.

There are watches and watches and most of them, even when they seem American, are Swiss. Only three brands are made in the United States though a fourth is currently making some headway in the delicate art of twisting mainsprings. The war shot the watch market to pieces. The Army and Navy took most of the production and the few tickers left over were sold largely to military personnel which couldn't get them issued for free. The watches now being sold are the first dribble of what will become a flood, the Swiss being too practical to stop their production, and their incomes, by joining our postwar parade of strikes.

A watch is good because its movement is good and not because it looks pretty. Some quality watches turn out to be lemons just as an occasional expensive automobile becomes a chromium-plated bundle of trouble. Though women seldom worry about such trifles, the criterion of a man's watch is accuracy. A pocket watch is the more accurate because it is always carried in the same position and isn't subject to the jolts given a wristwatch by arm-waving, desk-thumping executives. A

wrist watch which varies only one-half minute a day is exceptional. A minute a day variation is good time and two minutes a day meets government standards.

A pocket watch should be wound once a day—in the morning, mind you—at the same hour. For maximum accuracy wrist watches should be wound morning and evening. Taking the back off a watch lets in dust and moisture, which, in the timepiece family, are pure arsenic. Men's watches should be entrusted to a jeweler every eighteen months for cleaning and oiling for the same reason that an automobile should be periodically greased. Neglect in either case eventually produces the same result: disaster.

The cost of an accurate watch varies from around \$40 to \$5,000 but the movement in a \$5,000 watch is not likely to be much better than the movement in one that costs, say, \$350. The rest of the price is in the case, a non-functional detail, which may be diamond-crested or plain old steel. Wise is the buyer who reflects for a moment on what proportion of the price asked is for the case and what for the movement. Important bearings are made of jewels for long wear and seventeen jewels are usually required for enduring accuracy though occasionally a good watch has but fifteen. Standard watches don't have more than twenty-three jewels.

Waterproof, shockproof watches are an illusion. Except as pro-

vocative adjectives they don't exist. The most that should be claimed is that a watch is "moisture" proof or shock "resistant". You'll have to define for yourself what is meant by moisture. In California, for example, the word is often used to describe a four-day downpour. Defining resistant is also tricky. I once dropped a bottle of Scotch whiskey on the sidewalk. I'm confident that the bottle to the best of its ability resisted breaking. Unfortunately for me it did not do so for very long or with any considerable degree of ultimate success.

While the Swiss are humping to meet the demand for watches, the British, or some of them anyhow, are getting back into the hairbrush business. All they lack is bristles. Recently I encountered a substitute they make of whalebone, of all things, which transforms a conventional military brush into something apparently designed for whisking cockleburrs out of grizzly bears. These thick bristles are more than two inches long and stiff as a toothpick. They tame unruly hair quicker than a coal miner can yell for John L. Lewis. A brisk going-over with whalebone a couple of times a day gives, I can testify, the hair and scalp the kind of a workout experts say is needed to stave off that shaved egg appearance which is the enforced fashion among so many of the uncomfortable sex.

Another good bristle substitute—one which may be better than the real thing—is nylon. It's being used by American manufacturers too, and is not only stiff but, unlike the whalebone, won't break off with frenetic use. But, mind you, these brushes won't cure baldness. They are made to curry hair, not scratch life into a billiard ball.

BUT what of our friend the inner man? On this subject I see evidence of the return of some of the primal urges. This trend is probably a reflex reaction to growing doubts that our complex society, with little but shortages to show for a year of peace, is quite what it is cracked up to be. Where our stomachs are concerned the most readily recognized urge is an every-man-for-himself attitude which, though somewhat at variance with the tenets of the United Nations, is gaining adherents like a Tammany clambake.

Men who victory-gardened with a will for the war effort are now hoeing and weeding furiously, but for themselves. The pressure cookers of the nation are hissing night and day, frenziedly processing edibles for canning. Freezing units in which food is indefinitely preserved are selling like—well, like freezing units. The proud owners of these contraptions boast openly that come what will, they intend to accumulate a hoard of frozen stuffs which will insure a

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What America



Emily Hahn, who tells more of her adventures in wartime China in "Hong Kong Holiday".

Photo by Hal Phyfe

is Reading

By Harry Hansen

AT THIS time I need no longer introduce Horatio Hornblower. His friends are numbered by the hundred thousand. You may recall that in "Commodore Hornblower" he was going after Napoleon; in the new novel, "Lord Hornblower", our Horatio is in at the emperor's downfall. He puts down a mutiny; he cooperates with Napoleon's enemies in Paris; he gets into jeopardy during the hundred days after Napoleon's return from Elba and nearly loses his life at the hands of a firing squad. Nearly—for after all, there

is Barbara in the wings, speeding him a bon voyage when he goes and eagerly awaiting his return. Mr. Forester is an excellent entertainer and Lord Hornblower obeys him so well that he has lasted through five novels. (Little, Brown & Co., \$2.50)

CS. FORESTER is now living in California. He was active for the British Ministry of Information during the war, writing and lecturing, and was on a cruise of the United States Navy in the Bering Sea. He has had a spell of illness

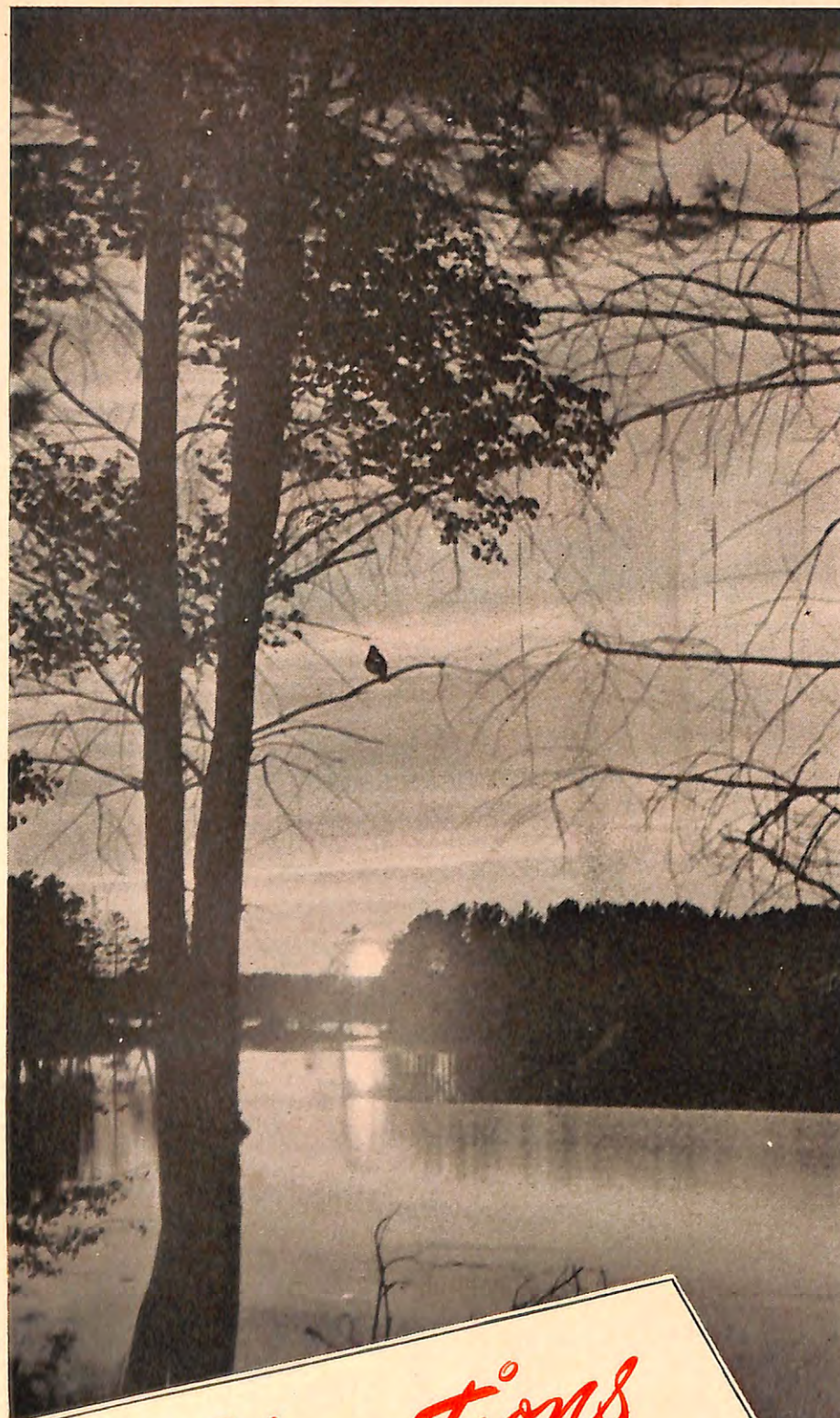
and wrote most of "Lord Hornblower" while in a wheel chair.

THERE are always new slants to take on the Civil War and Constance Robertson has managed to write a novel about one of its more disgraceful phases in "The Unterrified". This title identifies a faction of northerners who fought the war and argued for peace negotiations at the hour of Lincoln's greatest trial. Constance Robertson makes the representative of this movement a senator from Troy, King, who has just married a young Kentucky girl, and who was "a sound Democrat, an old soft-shell, a hunker, a Seymour man and a conservative". Horatio Seymour was a New York leader of this faction. Fernando Wood was confident the North could not defeat the South. Large numbers of dissenters fought the draft, leading to the terrible draft riots in New York, in which 1,000 were killed when the police fired at them. Many of them were anti-Negro. The authoress, a granddaughter of John Humphrey Noyes, founder of Oneida community, has read a great deal of this history and made it the background of her novel. As so often happens the history dominates the characters, who do not seem big enough to hold

the reader's interest. The story does give an excellent picture of the turmoil of the 1860s, but it lacks the impact of a character in whom we can put our trust. The addition of a bibliography of historical texts sixteen pages long seems out of place in a novel, which is supposed primarily to be a work of the imagination. (Henry Holt & Co., \$3)

HELEN HOWE, on the other hand, makes the story the thing, and in her new novel, "We Happy Few", she creates a character in whom you can really believe. Dorothea Natwick is quite proud of herself and the Natwicks are "something special". They live in a snobbish community 30 miles north of Boston and consider Boston "terribly stuffy and stick-in-the-mud". But actually Dorothea is proud of Boston, too, and quite provincial. She also hates to have her way of life interrupted. She enjoys her association with Harvard, through her husband, and thinks only a certain group of cultivated individuals counts. The novel is about her change of heart, through her experiences at home while her husband is in the war, and through the men who provoke her to look beyond her restricted interests. This is Dorothea's story. We become acquainted with all sides of her. She

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Vacations
Unlimited

End of a perfect day on a
Wisconsin lake—

**The woods and lakes
of Michigan, Wisconsin
and Minnesota
attract vacationists
by the thousands**

By Al Frantz

VACATIONING in a region without lakes and streams is, to many people, as pointless as dancing without music or hunting without a gun. A friend of mine, for instance, enjoyed the magnificent mountains and forests of one of the national parks but came away with a definite complaint: there wasn't, he said, a lake within a hundred miles!

Fortunately for the lovers of water, one of America's premier vacation regions is a land of lakes, of thousands of lakes, little ones and big ones, lakes with well developed resorts in one section and, in another, lakes so inaccessible that their shores have never been fully charted and only a handful of people have ever visited them. Minnesota alone boasts more than 10,000 of these lakes; northern and central Wisconsin is sprinkled prodigally with another 7,000, and finally Michigan, which itself has four of the five Great Lakes on its boundaries, is dotted with still another 6,000.

Lakes alone, however, are not enough for a vacation area. Good fishing and good roads are also indispensable to most lovers of water—and all three states have them. Just as important, the resorts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan have an air of informality that appeals to many travelers. In plenty of them a razor is considered an effete instrument at best, and at worst a dangerous implement to be used gingerly and then only for removing paint from windows. In short, these are the places where, as one writer has said, a man forgets to shave and regains his soul.

A word of caution about planning a vacation in the lakes region—or any other—this summer. Be sure before you start that you have hotel or resort reservations, if you are going this month (August). Spending most of one's time hunting accommodations is sorry business and will ruin vacations for many this year. If you have not made reservations two courses are open. You may either pick up Army cots, take your own blankets and plan to rough it (as I

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Black Star

The Grand Lodge

Convention

New York City, New York, July, 1946



During the second week of July the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held a meeting of its officers and members in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

The first convention of its kind to be held in peacetime tradition since 1941, this year's conclave attracted the largest number of delegates in the Order's history—more than 3,300.

In stressing this fact at the opening of the Order's 82nd Grand Lodge Session in the magnificent Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf on Monday, July 8th, Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28, declared war on Communism and "on any organization whose members have to hide their faces behind a sheet". Mr. Kepner told the delegates, "I see the danger of another sneak attack that may be far more formidable than anyone realizes." The Order of Elks, he said, is going to fight every foreign 'ism' that comes to our shore. "We are not for Communism and we are going to fight it."

Official greetings from the nation, the state and the city were offered. Mayor William O'Dwyer, a member of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lodge, No. 22, called on the Order to "help bring us out of the doldrums of the twilight of war into the sunshine of peace that will serve as a beacon to people everywhere". A lei from Mayor Lester Petrie of Honolulu, Hawaii, was presented to the Mayor by P.E.R. Ralph W. Morris of Honolulu Lodge No. 616. Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of New York State, represented Governor Thomas E. Dewey at this session, presided over by George I. Hall, Secretary and Home member of the Board of Grand Trustees, a member of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515. Former Postmaster General James A. Farley of Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge, No. 877, Past State President, was introduced as "one of the great Americans of our time". Mr. Farley spoke to the delegates, remarking that "no other Order has made any greater contribution to the welfare and well-being of this nation", and he cautioned that "we

are living in a troublesome period—probably the most troublesome in the history of our country".

Dr. L. Carson Spier, Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge No. 1, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Mother Lodge, and Municipal Justice John F. Scileppi of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, President of the New York State Elks Assn., led the delegates in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Grand Chaplain the Reverend George L. Nuckolls of Gunnison, Colo., Lodge, No. 1623, delivered the opening prayer.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

The first business session of the Grand Lodge was opened at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, July 9th, by Grand Esquire Frank D. O'Connor, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, after which the invocation was delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner and the delegates joined in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner", and then Mr. Kepner introduced to the assemblage the men who preceded him in office as leader of the Order. All the living Past Grand Exalted Rulers, 22 in number, were presented, with heartwarming appraisals of their contributions to the Order and some reminiscences on the part of Mr. Kepner concerning his personal associations with these gentlemen. They were, in the order of their seniority:

Raymond Benjamin of Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832; James R. Nicholson of Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Edward Rightor of New Orleans, La., Lodge, No. 30; Bruce A. Campbell of East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, No. 664; J. Edgar Masters of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; James G. McFarland of Watertown, S. D., Lodge, No. 338; William Hawley Atwell of Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow of Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2; John F. Malley of Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Murray Hulbert of New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1; John R. Coen of Sterling, Colo., Lodge, No. 1336; Floyd

E. Thompson of Moline, Ill., Lodge, No. 556; Michael F. Shannon of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge, No. 99; James T. Hallinan of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878; David Sholtz of Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1141; Charles Spencer Hart of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Lodge, No. 842; Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, O., Lodge, No. 53; Henry C. Warner of Dixon, Ill., Lodge, No. 779; John S. McClelland of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan of Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan of Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142; Dr. Robert South Barrett of Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758.

Mr. Kepner, in introducing these Grand Lodge officials, expressed his profound sorrow at the recent death of the Dean of Past Grand Exalted Rulers, John K. Tener.

It was next the pleasure of Judge Scileppi to extend the fraternal hand of welcome on behalf of all the New York State Elks.

Mr. Kepner presented to the assemblage those members who had come from far-off points of the globe. There were members present from Honolulu, Manila, the Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and Alaska. It was a sad reminder of the war that there were no representatives present from Guam.

Mr. Kepner then announced to the Convention that he had appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Governor Tener as a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland, and he requested that the delegates confirm this appointment. Another announcement made by the Grand Exalted Ruler told the assembled Elks that the term of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Coen as a member of the same Commission had expired and Mr. Coen was appointed to succeed himself on this Commission for a term of five years. These appointments were unanimously confirmed.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett was appointed as a member of the Elks National Foundation Trustees for a period of seven years upon the motion

THE GRAND LODGE Convention

Michigan Elks Association	300.00	
Montana Elks Association	250.00	
New York State Elks Association	1,200.00	
Pennsylvania Elks State Association	1,200.00	
Wisconsin Elks Association	300.00	\$5,750.00
Children's Homes and Camps		
North Carolina Elks Association	250.00	
Ohio State Elks Association	250.00	\$ 500.00
Convalescent Home		
Idaho State Elks Association		\$ 250.00
Welfare Work		
Minnesota State Elks Association		\$ 300.00
1944-45 Appropriations paid after close of books		
		600.00
		\$11,550.00

For Scholarships allocated to States or equivalent amount for special use.

Associations of the respective States took advantage of this offer in the following manner:

Arizona		
Scholarship to Oren McLaughlin, Clifton	\$300.00	
California		
Scholarship to Donald A. Edwards, Alameda	300.00	
Connecticut		
Scholarship to Kathleen M. Hausmann, Torrington	300.00	
Florida		
Scholarship to Charles Garrison, Tampa	300.00	
Idaho		
Scholarship to Mary Florence Martineau, Pocatello	300.00	
Illinois		
Scholarship to Richard Langford Peppers, Belleville	300.00	
Indiana		
Scholarship to Dorothy E. Weddell, New Castle	300.00	
Iowa		
Scholarship to Eugene V. Krogmeier, Fort Madison	300.00	\$2,400.00
Kansas		
Scholarship to Tennyson Collins, Manhattan	300.00	
Maine		
For Crippled Children Program	300.00	
Massachusetts		
Scholarship to Phyllis Henry, Hopedale (Milford)	300.00	
Michigan		
Scholarship to David G. Anderson, Iron Mountain	300.00	
Minnesota		
For welfare work at Rochester	300.00	
Missouri		
Scholarship to James Clark Haslett, Nevada	300.00	
Montana		
Scholarship to Mary L. Pfohl, Missoula	300.00	
Nebraska		
Scholarship to Doris N. Gautier, Omaha	300.00	
Nevada		
For Crippled Children Program	300.00	
New Mexico		
Scholarship to Zepha Mae McCan, Portales (Santa Fe)	300.00	
New York		
Scholarship to Marie T. Cain, Lockport	300.00	
North Carolina		
For Boys Summer Camp	300.00	
North Dakota		
For Crippled Children Program	300.00	
Oklahoma		

Scholarship to Conrad Moore, Oklahoma City	300.00	4,200.00
		\$6,600.00
Oregon		
Scholarship to Byron Boyce, Grants Pass	300.00	
Pennsylvania		
For Student Air Fund	300.00	
Rhode Island		
Scholarship to Mildred Patenaude, Pawtucket	300.00	
South Dakota		
For Crippled Children Program	300.00	
Tennessee		
Scholarship to Robert Battle, Nolinsville	300.00	
Texas		
Scholarship to Henry Paul Kelley, Galveston	300.00	
Utah		
Scholarship to John Merle Nielson, Ogden	300.00	
Vermont		
For Fresh Air Camp at Goshen	300.00	
Virginia		
Scholarship to Rebecca J. White, Newport News	300.00	
West Virginia		
Scholarship to Margaret A. Bonar, Parkersburg	300.00	3,000.00
		\$9,600.00

Scholarships for 1944-45 paid after the close of the fiscal year ending May 31, 1945, in accordance with requests made prior thereto, are shown as expenditures of the current year as follows:

Colorado		
Scholarship to Susan Gonzales, Florence	250.00	
Illinois		
Scholarship to June Carolyn Baker, Dixon	250.00	500.00
		\$10,100.00
Maine		
For Crippled Children Program	250.00	
Maryland		
Scholarship to Margaret J. Chatham, Salisbury	250.00	
Michigan		
Scholarship to Patricia Hannagan, Grand Rapids	250.00	
Montana		
Scholarship to Phyllis Biddle, Butte	250.00	
New Hampshire		
For Golden Rule Farm	250.00	
New Mexico		
Scholarship to Wayne Smith, Santa Fe	250.00	
New York		
Scholarship to Margaret Goggin, Oneonta	250.00	
North Dakota		
For Crippled Children Program	250.00	
Ohio		
Scholarship to Martha J. Hall, Cambridge	250.00	
Puerto Rico		
Scholarship to Sonia Garcia Barnes, Ponce	250.00	
West Virginia		
Scholarship to Evelyn Herbold, Sistersville	250.00	
Wisconsin		
Scholarship to Edwin Levine, Sheboygan	250.00	
Wyoming		
Scholarship to June Walsh, Laramie	250.00	3,250.00
Total		\$13,350.00

Other eligible States have made request for their 1945-46 allotments. However, since payment thereof had not been made at the time our books were closed on May 31, 1946, they do not appear as expenditures of this report.

Summary of Distributions 1945-46

To State Associations	\$11,550.00
For scholarships allocated to States or equivalent for special use	13,350.00
Most Valuable Student Contest Prizes for 1945	5,000.00
	\$29,900.00

Most Valuable Student Contest Prizes, 1946

In the November issue of the *Elks Magazine*, the Elks National Foundation Trustees announced an offer of \$8,000 in cash prizes to be awarded to the "Most Valuable Students" of the school year 1945-46 as follows:

	Boys	Girls
First Prize	\$700	\$700
Second Prize	600	600
Third Prize	500	500
Fourth Prize	400	400
Fifth Prize	300	300
Five \$200 awards	1000	1000
Five \$100 awards	500	500

These prizes were offered to the students of the country who are outstanding in scholarship attainment, in character, in citizenship and in extra curriculum activities. Any student in the senior or graduating class of a high or preparatory school, or in an undergraduate class of a recognized college, and resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, was eligible to become a candidate for these awards.

Emergency Educational Fund

This fund to assist children of Elks killed or incapacitated in World War II was established by resolution adopted at the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago in August 1944, on recommendation of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett.

The rules and regulations for the administration of the fund were prepared by our Board and published in the January, 1945 issue of the *Elks Magazine*.

We have to report that we have received no applications for assistance from this fund up to the present.

This report was enthusiastically approved and adopted.

On a motion made by L. M. Lippert of McKeesport, Pa., Lodge, No. 136, former member of the Grand Lodge Antlers Council, and subsequently seconded, a special Committee, composed of three members, was appointed to provide in suitable form a memorial to the last Past Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener, and \$1,500 was appropriated to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

The Grand Lodge then received a report by Charles G. Hawthorne, of Baltimore, Md., Lodge, No. 7, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Antlers Council, which outlined the activities of this Council and offered suggestions concerning its future. Further recommendations with regard to the Antlers Council will be found under the report of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary elsewhere in these pages.

It was moved by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner that the Grand Lodge of Sorrow conduct its Memorial Service beginning at 11 a.m., at the conclusion of which the Grand Lodge would recess without further motion. An account of the Grand Lodge of Sorrow will appear in the September issue of the *Magazine*.

Third Business Session

Prior to the opening of this third Grand Lodge business session at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the brass band of Glendale, Calif., Lodge, No. 1289, ren-

dered several selections which were very well received. Mr. Kepner opened the session with the introduction of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Elks War Commission, who made his Report after introducing the other members of the Commission: Vice-Chairman and Treasurer James T. Hallinan; Secretary Dr. Edward J. McCormick; Assistant Treasurer Henry C. Warner; John R. Coen; David Sholtz; John S. McClelland; Emmett T. Anderson; E. Mark Sullivan; Frank J. Lonergan, and Dr. Robert S. Barrett.

MR. NICHOLSON delivered a Report which was distinguished by the recital of the remarkable achievements of his Commission. He announced that since the printing of his Report additional contributions had been made to the Elks War Commission which brought total moneys received from the members of the Order to \$1,620,176.63.

At the conclusion of the Report, Mr. Nicholson read a resolution that the Order create a Commission consisting of seven members to be known as the Elks National Veterans Service Commission to serve until such a time as the Grand Lodge may otherwise order. The Commission was to be directed to carry on the hospital program and its Army enlistment campaign and all other uncompleted activities now supervised by the Elks War Commission. It was also directed that this Commission devise other plans and promote such other activities as may be deemed essential to the aid and comfort of war veterans and to cooperate with the national Government. The Elks War Commission was directed to transfer all assets, files and records now in its possession to the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. This resolution was adopted, following which a rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Nicholson for his untiring efforts and wonderful work. Excerpts from the Report follow:

Report of the Elks War Commission

Mr. Nicholson announced that now that the fighting was over, the work of the Elks War Commission was drawing to a close, and it was felt fitting that the Commission should present a brief resume on the war activities of the Order, which began with the appointment of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission in the year 1940.

One of the outstanding activities of the War Commission, as indicated in the Report, was the Elks Fraternal Center program which came to an end following V-E and V-J Days. A year ago the Commission reported 94 Centers still operating. With the number gradually dwindling and the Elks War Commission disbanding, it was considered advisable to discontinue contributions to the Lodges after June 30th. All Lodges receiving financial assistance were so notified.

Millions of servicemen and women enjoyed the hospitality, entertainment and recreation provided for them in the various Fraternal Centers spread over the United States and its possessions.

New York Elks Fraternal Center

More than 90,000 servicemen spent a night in the comfortable dormitory which opened two and one-half years ago on Madison Ave. in N. Y. C. and which was known as the New York Fraternal Center. The servicemen were outspoken in their praise and expressions of appreciation for the comforts and the special entertainments provided. Buffet luncheons and suppers were served gratis; an orchestra provided music for dancing on Saturday and Sunday evenings and these parties drew capacity crowds.

The New York Fraternal Center, which was operated entirely by the Elks War Commission, is one of the most beautiful old mansions left in New York City, with all that that implies. There is a luxurious lounge, canteens, snack bar and a game room for cards. Large, airy dormitories provided 110 double-decked, comfortable beds. Shower baths, laundry with set tubs and drier, as well as electrical equipment for pressing, were always available. Other features of the Center were a powder room for the use of hostesses and women of the Armed Forces, a ping-pong room, a well-stocked library and a fully-equipped writing room.

The Report took particular pains to pay tribute to the services rendered by the ladies who served so loyally and faithfully as senior and junior hostesses. For more than two and one-half years these ladies worked in four-hour shifts, starting at 8 a. m. and continuing till 11 p. m. The War Commission extended its sincere gratitude to the senior hostesses—the wives and mothers of members of New York Lodge No. 1, Brooklyn Lodge No. 22, Bronx Lodge No. 871, Queens Borough Lodge No. 878 and Lynbrook Lodge No. 1515. The junior hostesses, who were the daughters and sisters of members of the five lodges in Greater New York also received the deep thanks of the Elks War Commission.

The Report of the Commission also made special mention of the services performed by Mrs. Frank L. Rain, wife of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler, who was Chief Hostess, and Manager Joe Steiler, who gave freely of their services since the opening of the Center.

Slipper Program

Another service rendered by the lodges of the Order was the provision of bedroom slippers to wounded servicemen. More than 200,000 pairs of slippers were furnished and more are still being shipped as rapidly as production permits. The War Commission expressed its appreciation to members of Columbus, Ohio, Lodge, for their continued interest in its program, and to the State Associations of Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Washington for their helpful contributions to its success.

Hospital Service

Since its last report, the War Commission announced, eleven additional State Associations have adopted a program furnishing entertainment and recreation at Government and Veterans

Hospitals in 43 States. As new Veterans Hospitals are constructed in the five remaining States, no doubt the Elks Associations in those States will join in this work. To date there is not a single Government or Veterans Hospital in the country which is not included in the State Association program, if it is at all possible for the State Committee to get to them. Programs are set up to meet the needs of each hospital.

The Elks War Commission strongly expressed its opinion that the quarter of a million dollars spent each year on this activity is most worthwhile and it believes that the program should be continued under the supervision of the new Commission to be known as the Elks Veterans Service Commission.

Certificate of Appreciation

Since the many activities of the Elks War Commission in cooperation with the country's war effort were made possible by the subordinate lodges and their generous contributions to the War Fund, a handsome Certificate of Appreciation was presented by the Elks War Commission to each lodge that contributed its full per capita quota for the four war years.

"G" Boxes

The Commission reported that one of its most popular activities, the shipment of "G" Boxes to members who served in the World War, had almost ceased. It announced that the Grand Secretary still possessed a small supply of the boxes which were available without cost to any lodge which wished to continue mailing them to members overseas.

Courtesy Cards

The Report called attention to the fact that many of the membership have willingly given up the personal privileges of their clubs to make room for servicemen holding Courtesy Cards. It was recommended in the Report that with the end of the war Courtesy Cards be discontinued unless they are in the hands of men still in uniform.

Duration Stickers

The remittance of dues for members of the Armed Forces was a voluntary action taken by most of the subordinate lodges, the Report explained. A duration Sticker, designed and furnished by the Elks War Commission, made uniform all membership cards of those in the service. The Report recommended that those members who have been discharged from service and returned to civilian life, start paying dues at the next dues-paying period—either April 1st or October 1st. This was, it pointed out, a matter for the subordinate lodges to determine for themselves, although it recommended the discontinuance of the Duration Sticker.

Rehabilitation

The Report of the Elks War Commission expressed deep concern with that major problem which, for want of a better term, is generally referred to

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as "rehabilitation," and it requested that the subordinate lodges appoint Rehabilitation Committees for Elks returning from the service. 1150 lodges met this request and those which did not, because local conditions and few members in the service obviated the necessity, expressed a willingness to cooperate in every way possible. It was urged in the Report that personnel of the committees be selected for familiarity with veterans' problems to help make the proper contacts between the veteran, the Veterans Administration and other agencies which will facilitate the veterans' return to civilian life. This program has so far met with the wholehearted support of the subordinate lodges.

A survey by the Elks War Commission, it was reported, indicates that 718 Veterans Advisory Centers are functioning in communities where subordinate lodges are established, some conducted by the State, City or County, and others by combined local organizations. Elk lodges are cooperating wherever their assistance is needed in the operation of these Advisory Centers.

Manila Lodge Relief

The rehabilitation of Manila, P. I., Lodge, No. 761, the Elks War Commission reported with enthusiasm, is proceeding apace under the general direction of D. D. G. E. R. Thomas J. Wolff. The first general meeting since the liberation of Manila was held August 11, 1945—Forrest H. Myers was elected Exalted Ruler and J. L. Manning, Secretary. At this meeting it was decided to give Mr. Wolff the authority to carry on negotiations in the United States with the Grand Lodge or with the Elks War Commission to secure funds, plans or any other cooperation required for the rehabilitation and rebuilding of Manila Lodge and its home.

The Elks War Commission was happy to report that this rehabilitation is well under way. Work will be begun on the site of the home, which was completely destroyed by the Japs, in short order, and to this effect the sum of \$50,000 was remitted to Manila Lodge. Manila Lodge is now occupying temporary quarters which will serve until building operations are completed. The lodge itself has prepared claims for property damages and losses suffered through the war, which will be filed with the Philippine Rehabilitation Commission.

Agana Lodge

A less happy report was made by the Commission concerning the rehabilitation of Agana Lodge No. 1281 on the Island of Guam. The city of Agana, including the lodge home, was completely destroyed and up to this time the city itself has not been rebuilt.

The membership of Agana Lodge is widely scattered and only a few of the original members are now on the Island, most of them still suffering from their war experiences. The Elks War Commission corresponds regularly with these members. It hopes that eventually Agana Lodge will be reorganized when the bill before Congress, providing for the city's rehabilitation, is enacted.

Medal of Valor

The Report went on to say that 1,674 Medals of Valor were sent to the next of kin of those members of the Order who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II. These Medals were presented at public ceremonies on Memorial Day and Flag Day. It was with the most profound sorrow that these Medals were awarded.

Nurses for Veterans

During the past year, the War Commission reported, its efforts to assist the Veterans Administration in recruiting nurses for duty in Veterans Hospitals were brought to a successful conclusion. More than 1,300 nurses were secured, with most of the credit for this large number going to the efforts of the subordinate lodges. A letter from Omar N. Bradley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, expressed the appreciation of the Veterans Administration to the Order for its fine cooperation.

Recruitment—Army of Peace

The Elks War Commission reported that the Order has again been called upon to aid our Government in a recruiting campaign; this time to secure young men for the peacetime Armies of Occupation. Mindful of the War Commission's success in recruiting Aviation Cadets, Seabees, Army Engineers and Nurses for Veterans Hospitals, the War Department again appealed to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for aid, and on behalf of the Order the Elks War Commission accepted the challenge. A letter to this effect from Major General H. N. Gilbert, United States Army, Assistant The Adjutant General for Military Personnel Procurement, Washington, D. C., was published in July issue of *The Elks Magazine*, as was the War Commission's acceptance of this assignment on behalf of the Order at large.

Publicity

One of the duties of the Elks War Commission, the Report went on to say, is that of maintaining and expanding public relations. That is to say, the dissemination of information concerning the activities of the Order that will acquaint the American public of its principles and purposes.

To implement this program thousands of news releases and photographs were distributed directly to the members or to Exalted Rulers of subordinate lodges who were requested to release the information to their local newspaper editors. The Exalted Rulers cooperated splendidly in the Commission's public relations program and results indicate that a keen sense of the value of such public relations prevails throughout the Order. Newspapers throughout the country, too numerous to mention, ran feature stories of the Elks' activities and the many and widespread visits of the Grand Exalted Ruler. The Elks War Commission's report listed many worthwhile stories which, through this program, have become news of national interest.

Conclusion

The members of the Elks War Commission, in making their final report, expressed thankfulness that the dangers to our country that were responsible for the creation of the Commission have come to an end, and indicated that they close their service with a greatly increased appreciation of the loyalty to their country which marks the members of the Order, and their eager desire to participate in any service available to them. The Commissioners also express their deepest gratitude to members, from those holding the highest offices in the Order to the rank-and-file, for making it possible for the work of the Elks War Commission to reach such a degree of success as has been reported.

A printed copy of this report was distributed to each Grand Lodge delegate.

Mr. Nicholson offered another resolution on behalf of the Elks War Commission that the public relations and publicity work of the Order heretofore conducted by the Elks War Commission be hereafter conducted and handled by and under the direction and control of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

This resolution was accepted with enthusiasm.

THE Degree Team of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, at the request of Mr. Kepner, then escorted the guest of honor, Major General Harold N. Gilbert, Assistant The Adjutant General for Military Personnel Procurement, to the rostrum, after which the Grand Exalted Ruler called upon Past Grand Exalted Ruler Col. Charles S. Hart to introduce the General to the delegates. In words befitting the occasion, Colonel Hart briefly outlined the distinguished career of General Gilbert, who, after a tremendous ovation, addressed the Convention.

Maintaining that the Army is now recruiting "on the basis of realism," Major General Gilbert said that War Department policy now favors selective induction and enlistment of men able to absorb technical and scientific training.

Discussing the Army's current large-scale recruiting program, General Gilbert held that technological advances made during and since the war have brought home to War Department officials the need for trained men who can understand scientific and technical instruction for application to the highly specialized jobs that will face our armed forces.

He told his audience that "a strong peacetime Army will make a threefold contribution: to the peace of the world, to our nation's scientific and technological advancement, and to education.

"We are recruiting on the basis of realism," General Gilbert declared. "We know what's in the cards for the near future—at least. We are constantly raising our standards. Our whole tendency is toward selectivity."

General Gilbert disclosed that the Army Air Forces are actually "over strength today" in numbers, including inductees and volunteers, but the bulk of these forces, he added, is untrained.

The General was optimistic over the results of the Army's recruiting program. Never before, he explained, have so many volunteers been obtained in so short a period of time. With a goal of 1,550,000 men, the voluntary enlistment program has brought 850,000 into the service up to the end of June.

General Gilbert explained that a total of 13,000 men enlisted during the third week of June. Incomplete reports, he continued, for the last week of June show more than 23,000 enlistments with one Army area still unreported. He attributed this sharp rise in the number of enlistments to the increased pay voted recently by Congress, and to the educational opportunities now being made available.

Citing statistics to bear out this latter contention, General Gilbert disclosed that the fourteen male graduates of the Mechanics Falls High School in Maine all enlisted, while in the Second Army Area, the male graduates of three Maryland high schools all volunteered. He said that in the nation at large 20 per cent of all high school graduates have signified their intention of enlisting in order to take advantage of college training opportunities. General Gilbert estimated that 100,000 boys will become available by Oct. 5 in this way.

He also pointed out that of the 821,884 enlistments from Oct. 5, 1945, through June 21, 52.24 per cent volunteered for three years; 1.33 per cent for two years; 25.74 per cent for eighteen months; and 20.69 per cent for one year. This latter term is open to men who have had six months previous military service.

To aid the Army's recruiting program, General Gilbert declared, the War Department has sought help from the Elks.

Following the General's address, the Grand Lodge, on a motion made by Judge Frank J. Lonergan, pledged the continuation of the Order's past activity and support to recruiting men for the Armed Service. Individual lodges have set quotas calling for one volunteer for each 100 members.

THE next order of business was the recognition of Chairman Bruce A. Campbell of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission who summarized his report which appears elsewhere in this issue. He also submitted a supplementary report as follows:

Supplementary Report of the Elks National and Memorial Publication Commission

Since coming to New York, the Commission has prepared a supplementary report. I desire to present this report to you, and it is as follows:

Due to the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Tener, Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland was appointed as his successor on the Commission, and therefore the by-laws of the Commission required its reorganization. The Commission, on July 5, 1946, effected this reorganization by the election of the following officers: Chairman, Bruce A. Campbell; Vice-Chairman, John R. Coen; Secretary, John S. McClelland; Treasurer, James R. Nicholson, and As-

sistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Michael F. Shannon.

Practically all of the arrangements for the rededication of the Memorial Building at Chicago have been completed. The program will be an elaborate one, and we again urge all Lodges who can do so to send large delegations to these ceremonies. We have not yet definitely secured the principal speaker for the occasion but we can assure the Order that we will have present a man of national standing and reputation as the principal speaker upon the occasion.

While it is probable that previous resolutions of the Grand Lodge take care of the matter, we deem it advisable that this Grand Lodge pass a further resolution authorizing the Commission, for the Grand Lodge, to pay the expenses of the rededication ceremonies.

By previous direction of the Grand Lodge, the Commission, many years ago, prepared a beautiful memorial book for sale at the Building to those who desired to purchase a copy. Fifteen thousand memorial books were printed and all but about nine hundred of these have been sold. If the sale of this book is to be continued, it will be necessary to print an additional ten thousand copies, which will cost about \$26,000.00. Experience has shown that visitors do not want to pay more than one dollar for these books, and the Commission believes that that should be fixed as the price of the book. This will necessitate a loss to the Grand Lodge.

We recommend that the Commission be given authority by this Grand Lodge to have printed ten thousand memorial books, the same to be prepared and edited by the Commission but to be delivered to the Grand Secretary for sale under his direction at the Memorial Building, and that the Grand Lodge astutely, we have decided to turn over to books over and above the amount that will be received from their sale. We therefore submit a resolution to that effect.

During the twenty-four years of the existence of the Magazine, we have turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$3,967,783.52 out of total surplus earnings of \$4,769,015.99; thereby accomplishing the results set forth in our printed report.

After consultation with the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary, we have decided to turn over to the Grand Lodge this year out of surplus earnings and for Grand Lodge purposes the sum of \$300,000.00. When this payment is made, the aggregate amount turned over to the Grand Lodge during the twenty-four years of the existence of the Magazine will be \$4,267,783.52. After this payment is made, the Commission will have a surplus as of June 1, 1946 of \$501,232.47. The Commission feels that it is necessary to keep this surplus in its treasury, in view of the uncertainty of postwar conditions, emergencies and contingencies, and believes that good business judgment requires that we should maintain the surplus at this level, not only that we may have sufficient working capital for our purposes, but also so that we can take care of all postwar emergencies and contingencies, both as to the Magazine and the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the privilege that we have, we recommended to the Grand Lodge that said \$300,000.00 so turned over to the Grand Lodge be paid to the Grand Secretary at such time or times as he may request, and when received by him, be distributed, allocated and credited as follows:

\$100,000.00 to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge;

\$100,000.00 to be appropriated for the uses and purposes of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission;

\$25,000.00 to be appropriated to the uses and purposes of the National Memorial and Publication Commission for the purpose of carrying on the public relations and publicity service for the Grand Lodge heretofore carried on by the War Commission;

\$25,000.00 to be appropriated to the National Memorial and Publication Commission for the purpose of purchasing ten thousand memorial books, as heretofore recommended in this report;

\$50,000.00 to be turned over by the Grand Secretary to the Board of Grand Trustees to become and be a part of the "Grand Lodge Reserve Fund" established by the Grand Lodge at its meeting at Chicago in 1944.

We further call the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the August issue of the Magazine will contain full and complete reports of the business transacted by this Grand Lodge, and that the September issue will contain other news of this Grand Lodge session.

I move that the printed report and the supplementary report of the National Memorial and Publication Commission be approved, that the two resolutions in relation to expenses in connection with the rededication of the Memorial Building and in relation to the printing and sale of memorial books be specifically and separately adopted, and that the Commission be authorized and directed out of its surplus earnings to make the payments aggregating \$300,000.00, as hereinbefore recommended, to the Grand Secretary, to be by him distributed, credited and allocated, in manner and form as set forth in this supplementary report.

During the course of making his report, Mr. Campbell introduced the members of his Commission, reorganized after the death of Governor Tener. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kepner, the supplementary report, as well as the two resolutions contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The supplementary report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees regarding scholarships, was then presented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin. This report will appear in the September issue of *The Elks Magazine*. When this order of business was completed, the winners of the first prizes of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Contest, 17-year-old Elaine Pearl Tanner of Brookline, Mass., and 18-year-old Frank Joseph Lionette of Everett, Mass., were introduced and presented with their scholarships.

The supplementary report was thereupon approved and adopted by the delegates.

Mr. Kepner then introduced Howard R. Davis of Williamsport, Pa., Lodge,

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No. 173, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee. After introducing his fellow Committeemen—Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Ky., Lodge, No. 8; Ed. D. Baird, Boise, Ida., Lodge, No. 310; Frank A. Small, St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge, No. 541, and B. A. Whitmire, Hendersonville, N. C., Lodge, No. 1616—Mr. Davis presented his report, excerpts from which follow:

Grand Lodge State Association Committee Report

State Associations which found their activities greatly restricted and their social contacts virtually wiped out during the war years, are definitely returning to normal functioning since war restrictions were lifted last summer.

Especially is this true of State Association mid-winter meetings and annual conventions scheduled since the first of the present year.

More than 20 of these annual State Association conventions were held during the months of May and June—old-time conventions, lasting from two to four days—Attendance at these sessions matched, in some cases exceeded, those of pre-war years. Enthusiasm ran high, and business session progress indicated greater realization of the problems facing our Order, and a keener interest in those phases of social and welfare work which has been commanding the attention of Elks in various parts of the nation.

Interest in state ritualistic contests has also widened considerably in the last six or eight months, with a large increase in the number of teams, entered in state-wide contests, and a consequent increase in the number present here in New York for the national contest.

With war restrictions removed, and State Associations again resuming their normal functioning, there is evidenced a desire by some of those organizations to consider some new form of philanthropic or welfare work, or to enlarge and increase present programs of such nature.

It is as an organizer and a director, not as an active operating agent, that State Associations can find their great opportunity in philanthropic and welfare work.

Examination of the records written by many State Associations in their own fields of welfare effort shows that their results were obtained in such manner. Time will not permit a complete review of all such activities, but it would be unfair to omit mention of such State Association activities as that of:—

California, which during the war period sold a grand total of more than \$200,000,000 in War and Victory Bonds;

Michigan, whose scholarship work both as a State Association and for the Grand Lodge has been outstanding;

Iowa, for the very thorough job of organization and actual work it is doing in combatting juvenile delinquency in that state; Pennsylvania, for the worthwhile effort it continues to make in the hundreds of cases of training or retraining physically handicapped young men for jobs in their restricted field of work so that they may become self-supporting, self-respecting citizens;

New Jersey and Florida for continu-

ance of the task to which they have set their hands—that of aiding crippled children.

MENTION should be made here of the obligation of State Associations with welfare programs to the Elks' National Foundation for financial assistance granted them in this work. Nearly a score of State Associations are now beneficiaries of Foundation allocations, aside from individual scholarships, and Foundation funds thus distributed go a long way in making possible the overall financing of such philanthropic work.

The State Associations have been glad to be of service to the Elks' War Commission in the Grand Lodge work in Fraternal Centers and Hospital Service programs. The report of the War Commission covers this work in detail. But it is interesting to note that, while financing was done by the War Commission, the actual work of providing and presenting entertainment programs, especially in veterans' hospitals, was done by district or individual lodge committees set up by the State Associations.

The report a year ago revealed that hospitals in 32 states were covered in this manner. During the last year 11 additional State Associations have undertaken this task, so that today 43 of our State Associations are operating these veterans' hospital programs for the War Commission. There are no veterans' hospitals at present in the other five states.

The interest and time of hundreds of active Elks in these 43 states has been enlisted by State Associations in this program for veterans, both of World War I and World War II. It has been a continuing service, running from month to month, and State Associations can be proud of the assistance they have been to the War Commission in this activity. Your State Association Committee knows it is justified in offering the continuing interest and efforts of State Associations in such further program of this nature as may be decided at this Grand Lodge session.

Your State Associations Committee also wishes to commend all State Associations for the important part they played in urging subordinate lodges to greater membership. Virtually every State Association had an active lodge membership committee, and we have also urged upon State Associations during the year the importance of having an equally active State Association lapsation committee, to direct and encourage lapsation work among the subordinate lodges, in order that we may retain that which we have gained. We have tried to preach the doctrine that proper assimilation of membership is just as important as an increase in the number on our membership rolls.

Your State Associations early determined that it would attempt to gather from all the subordinate lodges of our Order, at the State Association level, a more complete picture of what the lodges and their members did for our nation in World War II.

To this end a carefully prepared questionnaire was sent all subordinate lodges, through State Association presi-

dents and secretaries. On this each lodge could, by answering the questions asked, set down a complete record of their war work between Pearl Harbor Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941 and Jan. 1, 1946.

We suggest to the new officers of all State Associations that they do their best to push this survey to completion in the months ahead. We believe that if and when the complete record is written, we shall be astounded at the total contribution made by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to the successful prosecution of the war in which we were so recently engaged. And we further believe that each State Association should have for its official files, to be kept for all time, this summary of the war work of the lodges in its jurisdiction, something that no State Association now has covering Elk activities in World War I.

We respectfully recommend to our successors on this Grand Lodge State Association Committee the completion of this important work we undertook.

Your Committee also attempted to interest State Associations, especially those who have procured and paid for Founders' Certificates in the Elks' National Foundation, to follow this up with the purchase of a Permanent Benefactors' Certificate. We have had some success with this effort, and we respectfully suggest to State Association officials here today that a Permanent Benefactors' Certificate, taken out in honor of those Elks in your state who gave their lives in defense of our nation in the recent war, would be as fine a memorial as can be set up in memory of their sacrifice. We also make this same suggestion to all subordinate lodges of our Order.

During the year your Committee has met with considerable success in interesting State Association presidents to establish among past state presidents of State Associations a committee which the Grand Exalted Ruler or the Grand Secretary can call upon to meet with and work out the problems of subordinate lodges that may need assistance. Grand Lodge officials can now find in virtually every state such a committee to assist in such efforts, one willing to work at the call of the State Association president.

There are 46 State Associations, covering every state in the union, now organized and functioning. While exact figures are not available, by reason of recent State Association conventions, it is certain that at least 98 per cent of the 1,417 subordinate lodges of our Order are members of such associations, and contributing in some measure to the activities and support of these organizations.

The final paragraphs of this report have to do with the national ritualistic contest, completed yesterday morning. This was one of the largest, as well as the best, contests of such nature ever held by the Grand Lodge. The 20 entries, from that many different states, necessitated three days of contest hearings, beginning last Sunday.

Your Committee is under obligations to those fine members of our Order who gave many hours of careful attention to the ritualistic work as presented by the various teams. The three judges

of the national contest this year were Brothers Cyril A. Kremser, of Cleveland, Ohio; Arthur M. Umlandt, of Muscatine, Iowa, and Walter H. Hill, of Everett, Massachusetts. The two checkers were Brothers Thomas J. Dowd, of Lowell, Massachusetts, and William J. Vannucci, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard R. Davis,
Chairman.

First Prize—Wakefield, Mass., No. 1276,	96.70%	\$500
Second Prize—Sycamore, Ill., No. 1392,	96.35%	\$250
Third Prize—Conneaut, Ohio, No. 256,	96.03%	\$125
Fourth Prize—Idaho Falls, Ida., No. 1087,	95.95%	\$75
Fifth Prize—Gary, Ind., No. 1152, 95.71%		\$50

Other lodges which competed, in the order of their placing, were:

Greeley, Colo., No. 809	95.35%
Santa Barbara, Calif., No. 613	95.05%
Trenton, N. J., No. 105	94.96%
Tucson, Ariz., No. 385	94.57%
Boone, Ia., No. 563	94.30%
Elberton, Ga., No. 1100	93.91%
Kalamazoo, Mich., No. 50	93.91%
Tallahassee, Fla., No. 937	93.84%
Aberdeen, S. D., No. 1046	93.43%
Sistersville, W. Va., No. 333	93.40%
Clearfield, Pa., No. 540	93.38%
Sanford, Me., No. 1470	93.34%
Tri-Cities, Tex., No. 1649	92.82%
Queens Borough, N. Y., No. 878	92.31%
Annapolis, Md., No. 622	92.25%

The report was adopted and filed by the Grand Lodge.

Chairman Joseph W. Fitzgerald of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, a member of Canton, Ohio, Lodge, No. 68, was next recognized by Mr. Kepner and presented the report of his Committee, introducing his fellow Committeemen: Dr. H. J. Raley, Harrisburg, Ill., Lodge, No. 1058; Louis R. Dowd, Cortland, N. Y., Lodge, No. 748; George W. Hickey, Willimantic, Conn., Lodge, No. 1311, and L. Grant Kellogg, Santa Rosa, Calif., Lodge, No. 646. Excerpts from Mr. Fitzgerald's report, which was unanimously adopted and filed, appear below.

Grand Lodge Activities Committee

The Lodge Activities mapped out a program which it thought would be of benefit to the subordinate lodges and to the order in general. It was decided:

1. To have a Victory Class in December.

2. To have the 78th Anniversary Class in February and that the subordinate lodges should hold a monthly initiation.

3. To request subordinate lodges to concentrate on lapsation and reinstatement.

4. To have a prominent member of the Lodge address each class, explaining to the newly made members what the order does and stands for. Such an explanation should eliminate the possibility of members dropping out because they do not understand their status in the lodge and in the order. It was with this idea of having no membership drives but to have an educational program and to assimilate the newly made members into our Lodge as we feel in doing this we would not have the Lapsation for non-payment of dues and the requests for obsolete demits.

5. To impress upon every lodge the importance of participating in the mandatory observances provided in the Grand Lodge statutes, Memorial Day and Flag Day stressing the benefits to be derived from having our fraternal and veterans organizations join with us in these services. Provision must be made for the right kind of publicity through the press and other channels, welcoming the general public to attend and publicizing the order. From letters received from subordinate lodges all over the country, it is apparent that we did ourselves proud this year in the Flag Day exercises. Most of the lodges planned large community affairs, tying in with the Flag Day program a 'Welcome Home' for veterans.

6. To have a Visitation Program. Your committee feels that this can be one of your best activities and should be given a lot of consideration.

7. To help make our cities Elks conscious by having members wear an Elks lapel pin. The pins are inexpensive and should be given to every new member along with the Flag book which can be obtained from the Grand Lodge with the bylaws of your own Lodge, and with the constitution and bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

8. To recommend the annual revision and re-issue of the Exalted Rulers handbook. We feel that this is a big help to the Exalted Ruler in outlining a planned program of activities for his year as Exalted Ruler.

This year we sent out frequent letters on the various activities rather than a bulletin carrying every activity and calling attention to what the Grand Lodge would like to have done. We also mailed out posters on our two named Membership classes, suggesting that the subordinate lodges pick quality rather than quantity. Feeling that they have done so, we are proud to report that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the year 1945-46 has a net gain of 86,769. A breakdown of this is as follows:

New Members	100040	
Demits	8421	
Reinstatements	14422	
Total	122833	
Members Expelled	50	
Dropped for non-payment		
of dues	15812	
Demits	9303	
Deaths	10949	
NET GAIN		86769

With a holdover of a good many thousand we feel that the present gain to date is approximately 100,000 net gain. It is our belief that this large increase in members is the result of the splendid leadership of our G.E.R., of the outstanding work of the War Commission, of the Exalted Rulers and officers of the subordinate lodges, and of the order in general. We of the committee appreciate the splendid work that each and every one has done.

At the suggestion of Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner we checked on the Bowling Tournament Program to find out if the Grand Lodge might be of help or assistance to the bowlers and discovered that you must comply with the American Bowling Congress ruling that any bowling committee has to be elected by the bowlers. We also found out that

the recent Elks Bowling Tournament held in Detroit was operated on a moral sanction and a number of the Bowlers that I talked with feel that it would be better to be operated on a straight sanction because by running on a straight sanction then all accounting and everything is carried out according to A.B.C. rules. We also found out that they have a President, 8 Vice Presidents, and a Secretary and Treasurer and also associate members. Found out that the greater part of the work falls upon the shoulders of Sec.-Treas. John J. Gray who did a splendid job at the tournament.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Wm. Fitzgerald, Chr.
Lodge Activities Committee

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

After the adoption of several routine resolutions offered by Vice-Chairman John E. Drummy of the Board of Grand Trustees, concerning the allocation of contingent funds and the fixing of Grand Lodge dues for the coming year, the Board of Grand Trustees presented its report on the applications for the granting of new charters to subordinate lodges, which report was also approved and filed.

These resolutions were followed by other resolutions offered by Grand Trustees Sam Stern and George I. Hall, and Past Grand Exalted Rulers David Sholtz and Frank J. Lonergan authorizing the restricting of lodges in their various states.

A report of the final budget was then given by Mr. Hall of the Board of Grand Trustees and was approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Hugh W. Hicks, a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, of Jackson, Tenn., Lodge, No. 192, then rose to express the regret of the Trustees on the retirement of the new Grand Exalted Ruler from the Board, but also expressed that body's delight that a former associate had ascended to the highest office in the Order.

Lee A. Donaldson, of Etna, Pa., Lodge, No. 932, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, came to the rostrum to announce the final report of that committee. It appeared that there were present at the Convention 22 Past Grand Exalted Rulers and in all 3,320 accredited delegates present at this largest of all Grand Lodge Conventions.

The next report delivered to the Grand Lodge was that of Chairman John E. Mullen of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, a member of Providence, R. I., Lodge, No. 14. Excerpts from Mr. Mullen's report follow:

Report of Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary

Statistical figures will give some idea of the volume and type of matter handled by the Committee. Since last September, we have given 238 Opinions and Decisions. We have acted on By-Law Amendments and General Revisions submitted by 333 subordinate lodges. We have also acted on 52 appli-

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cations to build or buy homes or clubs and six applications to purchase or sell land and other property. We have given consideration to four applications for approval of incorporation papers, House Rules of 11 Lodges and eight requests for approval of Lodge Bulletins.

The following matters were referred to us by the Committee on Distribution and our recommendations as to each is indicated herein.

Amendment to Section 144.

Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner, in his report, recommended that the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended so as to remove the requirement that an applicant for membership be in possession of the five human senses. In order to accomplish this purpose, your Committee on Judiciary recommends that the first paragraph of Section 144 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 144. No person shall be accepted as a member of this Order unless he be a white male citizen of the United States of America of sound mind and body, of good character, not under the age of twenty-one years and a believer in God."

ANTLERS COUNCIL: The Grand Exalted Ruler also recommended that Antlers Lodges be no longer sponsored by the Grand Lodge. To accomplish this it will be necessary to abolish the Antlers Council of the Grand Lodge, leaving to the subordinate lodges the right to continue the lodges of Antlers which are now in existence. Your Committee on Judiciary, therefore, recommends that Section 47a of the Grand Lodge Statutes, entitled "The Antlers Council", be repealed, that Section 41 be amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 41. In addition to the Committee on Charity and Emergency, there shall be the following standing Committees:

- A Committee on Judiciary, consisting of five members;
- A Committee on Auditing Accounts, consisting of three members;
- A Committee on Lodge Activities, consisting of five members;
- A Committee on Credentials, consisting of five members; and
- A Committee on State Associations, consisting of five members."

and that Sec. 183a of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 183a. No new Antlers Lodges shall be organized, but such Antlers Lodges as are now in existence may continue their activities with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, and they shall be subject to such rules and regulations as are adopted by the subordinate Lodge sponsoring such Antlers Lodges, providing that such rules and regulations shall first be approved by the Committee on Judiciary."

CONTINGENT FUNDS: The Board of Grand Trustees has presented a resolution amending Section 56 of the Grand Lodge Statutes to increase the contingent funds of the Grand Secretary from

\$6500 to \$8000 and of the Board of Grand Trustees, for the maintenance of the Elks National Home from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Your Committee on Judiciary recommends that this resolution be adopted.

MAILING LISTS FOR ELKS MAGAZINE: The National Memorial and Publication Commission has presented a resolution amending Section 125 of the Grand Lodge Statutes. This section now provides that Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges shall furnish the Elks Magazine with the names and home addresses of the members. The amendment changes this portion of the Section so that the Elks Magazine will be sent to the mailing address of each member, which may or may not be his home address. Your Committee on Judiciary recommends that this resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted:

John E. Mullen, Chairman

THE report of the Committee together with the statutory amendments recommended therein were adopted and filed.

The next order of business was the granting of permission to introduce to the Grand Lodge Mrs. Jo Wilcox, who was escorted to the stage by the Texas delegation and introduced by Dr. Robert South Barrett. Mrs. Wilcox made a moving appeal for the cooperation of the Order in aiding crippled children throughout the country and thanked the Order, and particularly the Texas Elks, for the work they had done in this direction. Mrs. Wilcox's plea was met with enthusiastic response, some of which voiced itself in a tangible nature in the form of donations by Dr. Barrett who tendered a personal check for \$5,000 and George W. Loudermilk of Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee made a contribution of the same amount.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan delivered a ringing tribute to Mr. James R. Nicholson for his four years of outstanding work as Chairman of the Elks War Commission and for his extraordinary service in general to the Order. Mr. Nicholson responded with a few modest remarks in expression of his appreciation of gratitude for the opportunity to give service. He also paid tribute to the other members of his Commission, mentioning particularly Judge Hallinan's close and whole-hearted cooperation.

P.E.R. Arthur Mason of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge No. 9, offered a resolution expressing the appreciation of the delegates for the extraordinarily successful Convention offered by New York.

Several interesting and attractive gifts were then presented to both incoming and outgoing Grand Exalted

Rulers by members of Panama Canal Zone (Balboa), Lodge, No. 1414; Cristobal, C. Z., Lodge, No. 1542; Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge; Honolulu, T. H., Lodge; Dallas, Tex., Lodge; and Lewistown, Pa., Lodge, No. 663. During the course of these presentations it was revealed that the day was the 44th birthday of retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner, which brought forth a standing ovation and the presentation of a \$1,000 check to the Elks National Foundation Trustees in honor of his birthday. Other donations to the Foundation were subsequently made and will be reported in this magazine at a later date.

STILL wearing the insignia of the Order's highest office, Mr. Kepner appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin to act as Grand Secretary for the installation of the newly elected officers. With befitting ceremony the officers-elect were escorted to the rostrum by the smartly-uniformed Degree Teams of Wheeling and Charleston, W. Va., Lodges, and the uniformed delegation of the famous "Elks Plugs" of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge No. 46. The new officers of the Grand Lodge are: Grand Exalted Ruler, Charles E. Broughton; Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Emmet T. Anderson; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, George Strauss; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Daniel E. Crowley; Grand Tiler, Douglas E. Lambourne; Grand Secretary, J. Edgar Masters; Grand Treasurer, John F. Burke; Grand Inner Guard, William Duffield.

Mr. Broughton, upon assuming office, took pleasure in announcing the appreciation of the new officers for the honor bestowed upon them. His first action as Grand Exalted Ruler was the appointment of Judge James T. Hallinan as Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. He also named to that Commission the following Past Grand Exalted Rulers: Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Henry C. Warner, David Sholtz, E. Mark Sullivan, Frank J. Lonergan and Wade H. Kepner. Mr. Broughton took this opportunity to appoint as his Secretary Roy C. Heinlein of Sistersville, W. Va., Lodge.

He named to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee the following prominent Elks: Bert A. Thompson, Green Bay, Wis., Lodge, No. 259; Cyril A. Kremser, Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge, No. 1350; George A. Swalbach, Rochester, N. Y., Lodge, No. 24; E. A. Dutton, Savannah, Ga., Lodge, No. 183, and C. B. Mudd, Salem, Ore., Lodge, No. 336.

After Grand Exalted Ruler Broughton expressed his appreciation to the Grand Lodge Convention Committee for the fine program offered, he closed this 82nd and most memorable Convention of the Order, after a benediction given by Grand Chaplain George L. Nuckolls.



Excerpts from the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner

MY BROTHER ELKS:

A year ago I pledged that I would do everything in my power during my term in office "to leave our beloved Order just a little better because of my stewardship. Any mistakes that are made will not be of the heart." Whether or not I have fulfilled my pledge can be testified to by others rather than by myself. I have given my best to Elksdom!

Shortly after my installation in July, 1945, the news came of V-J Day. I got off a train in New Orleans and wired President Truman that the Order of Elks still stood at the side of America in peace and accompanying post-war problems. While our Order had been geared for war, it now became necessary to abandon these activities slowly and to become re-tooled for post-war problems facing us.

If this year has been a success and has accomplished that which we set out to do, the success is due largely to the support that I have received from members and officers all over the country.

District Deputies

I have been blessed with as fine a group of District Deputies as any Grand Exalted Ruler could ever hope to have. They have been men of judgment, men who love the Order, men who wanted to serve. At the start of the Grand Lodge year, I called these men together in seven groups and invited the state association officers as well as other leaders to meet with them. At each place we sat down together, rolled up our sleeves, loosened our collars, and really discussed the problems of the Order.

State Association Officers

The State Association Officers, without exception, have been more than cooperative. They have carried our program over their respective states. The importance of their activities cannot be measured. State Associations are thriving in almost every state and deserve all of the praise that can possibly be given to them.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers

Our Order should be eternally thankful for the continued interest of those men who have served our Order so ably in the past as Grand Exalted Rulers. Without their help and guidance it would be impossible to do the work of Grand Exalted Ruler as well as it can be done with their willing cooperation and counsel. We can be thankful that the interest of these men does not wane following their own term of office.

Grand Lodge Officers

Our Order should be justly proud of the men who have served in all of the offices of the Grand Lodge, namely: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight F. Eugene Dayton, Salinas, California, Lodge No. 614; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Arthur J. Baker, Lewistown, Montana, Lodge No. 456; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Oliver F. Ash, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri, Lodge No. 9; Grand Treasurer John F. Burke, Boston, Massachusetts, Lodge No. 10; Grand Tiler Morey L. Goodman, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Lodge No. 460; Grand Inner Guard Charles T. Durell, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Lodge No. 97; Grand Chaplain Reverend George L. Nuckolls, Gunnison, Colorado, Lodge No. 1623

and Grand Esquire Frank O'Connor, Queens Borough, New York, Lodge No. 878. Each and every one of them is able and competent and has rendered assistance whenever he has been called upon to do so. These officers represent us well!

Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. E. Masters, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 494, deserves special recognition for his work in the interest of our Order. He and his able staff have been more than cooperative with my office. He richly deserves the love and affection that so many members of our Order have for him.

My personal secretary, Mr. Roy C. Heinlein of Sistersville, West Virginia, Lodge No. 333 has been untiring in his efforts and has been of untold help to me. Few people realize the details that have been handled for me by Mr. Heinlein and my office staff. Long hours have been necessary in order that all correspondence might be promptly handled.

Board of Grand Trustees

It was my privilege to serve as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees for over five years. During that time I learned to know how important this position is to our Order. The Board of Grand Trustees this year has been made up of men of exceptional ability. Their duties have been many.

The Board has met on four occasions during the year and has handled various matters almost daily by mail. The report of the Board will speak for itself and should be read by every member of our Order. The Grand Trustees handle much of the business of Grand Lodge and manage the Elks National Home.

Brother Charles E. Broughton, Chairman, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 299 has been ably assisted by the four other members of the Board: John E. Drummey, Vice-Chairman, Seattle, Washington, Lodge No. 92; George I. Hall, Secretary and Home Member, Lynbrook, New York, Lodge No. 1515; Sam Stern, Approving Member, Fargo, North Dakota, Lodge No. 260; and Hugh W. Hicks, Member, Jackson, Tennessee, Lodge No. 192.

Grand Lodge Committees

It would be impossible for any group of men to work harder for the interest of Elksdom than have the members of the various committees. They have done a good job without exception. Few people realize how much committee work really means. These men have worked for the good of Elksdom and not for personal glory. Acting as chairman of any Grand Lodge Committee is a major position, and this year each chairman has given many hours of faithful service. John E. Mullen, Providence, Rhode Island, Lodge No. 14, has been Chairman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 932, Chairman of Committee on Credentials; Joseph W. Fitzgerald, Canton, Ohio, Lodge No. 68, Chairman of Grand Lodge Activities Committee; Murray B. Sheldon, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Lodge No. 289, Chairman of Grand Lodge Auditing Committee; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 173, Chairman of State Associations Committee; and Charles G. Hawthorne, Baltimore,

Maryland, Lodge No. 7, Chairman of Antlers Council. They deserve the greatest amount of praise that can possibly be given to them.

Grand Forum

While there has been little work necessary for the Grand Forum during the present year, this fact does not lessen the importance of the Grand Forum. It insures justice to each and every member of our Order. Able men serve in this capacity. Members of the Grand Forum are: George W. Bruce, Montrose, Colorado, Lodge No. 1053, Chief Justice; Allen B. Hannay, Houston, Texas, Lodge No. 151; L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, California, Lodge No. 1345; Clyde E. Jones, Ottumwa, Iowa, Lodge No. 347; and Alto Adams, Fort Pierce, Florida, Lodge No. 1520.

Elks War Commission

Everywhere I have traveled during the year, officers and members of Subordinate Lodges have had nothing but praise for the work of the Elks War Commission. Discharged service men are knocking at the doors of our lodges and seeking to become Elks because they have been so well treated by our Order. To go into detail about the various activities of the Elks War Commission would be repetitious and, therefore, superfluous. Outstanding has been the work done in the many fraternal centers and in the hospital program for veterans. While the War Commission as such will probably disband, it is my hope that a definite program can be set up to continue the hospital work. The Order of Elks cannot forget the boys who must be confined to hospitals for many years to come. For them the war is not over!

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Elks War Commission, is one of the most able leaders in our Order. He has devoted many hours of conscientious service without compensation. He deserves the sincere thanks of every member of our Order.

Elks National Foundation

The Elks National Foundation has had one of its most successful years under the able leadership of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley. There is no question but that the Foundation will continue to be the great charitable organization of Grand Lodge.

During this Grand Lodge year not only myself but every District Deputy has worked hard to increase the funds in the Foundation. While we have been successful in getting many subscriptions, the real work has been done by Mr. Malley and the members of the Commission.

The Elks Magazine

Without a national publication it would be impossible to carry on the great program of our Order. There is no question but that we have the finest of all fraternal publications. Shortage of paper during war years has made it necessary to cut down the size of the Magazine. While many have been critical because certain articles or pictures could not be published, they have forgotten their criticism when they were made to understand that with considerably less paper than that available in March, 1942, several hundred thousand

more members had to be served. Our staff has done an excellent job under very trying circumstances.

The National Memorial and Publication Commission, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, has not only ably supervised the publication of the Magazine but also has had complete charge of our beautiful Memorial Building in Chicago. Members of this Commission have been men of sound business judgment and we can be thankful that we have such men to serve in such an important capacity.

Elks National Home

I desire to pay personal tribute to Robert A. Scott, Superintendent of the Elks National Home, for the able way in which he has administered the affairs of the Home. His problems have been many during days of rationing and scarcity. No one except an administrator of his ability could have carried on so successfully. The per capita cost at our Home is still smaller than any home of its type in the United States.

I urge every member of our Order who can possibly do so to visit our Home in Bedford, Virginia. It is impossible to make such a visit without being inspired and without having a personal pride in being a member of an Order which maintains such an institution.

Every lodge should have a personal stake in the Elks National Home by sending there one or more of its members. Grand Lodge still pays two-thirds of the maintenance cost.

Membership

I am happy to report that our net gain in membership up to April 1, 1946 was 86,769. While I have had no reports since that date, my conservative estimate would be that between twenty-five and thirty thousand new members have been added during the past four months.

Our official membership as of April 1, 1946 stood at 792,339 members. It is safe to say that our total membership is over 815,000 at the present time.

While we can have pride in achieving such a substantial gain, Elksdom can take even greater pride in knowing that care and selectivity have been used throughout the year. There have been no membership drives! From the very beginning of my administration, I urged lodges to assimilate their new members and to "educate Elks in Elksdom." I sincerely urge my successor to continue this program. Mushroom growth is not conducive to stability. The banner of Elksdom must always be kept high. We lower it when we seek members just for numbers.

Finances

The report of the Grand Treasurer will show that our finances are in excellent condition. The Board of Grand Trustees has been exercising care in setting up a Reserve Fund for possible future emergencies. Government Bonds have been purchased in large numbers, and safeguards have been placed so that reserve funds cannot be spent without the vote of Grand Lodge itself. Exact figures are shown in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Board of Grand Trustees.

Subordinate Lodges are mostly financially sound and have wisely been setting up reserve funds. Over forty-five million dollars has been invested by them in Government Bonds. This is commendable. Most of our lodges have now paid off all existing mortgages.

New Lodges Instituted

The following list of 36 new lodges

speaks for itself. A conscientious effort has been made to start good Elks Lodges. Many have been turned down because they would not be, in my opinion, a credit to the Order. No community can afford to be without a good Elks Lodge and no community can afford to have a poor one.

Miami, Oklahoma, No. 1320
Silver Spring, Maryland, No. 1677
Salem, Illinois, No. 1678
Sanford, North Carolina, No. 1679
Burns, Oregon, No. 1680
Henderson, North Carolina, No. 1681
Boulder City, Nevada, No. 1682
Weiser, Idaho, No. 1683
Oak Ridge, Tennessee, No. 1684
Alexandria, Minnesota, No. 1685
McAllen, Texas, No. 1402
Milton, Massachusetts, No. 1686
Escondido, California, No. 1687
Broken Bow, Nebraska, No. 1688
Crescent City, California, No. 1689
Ontario, Oregon, No. 1690
Auburn, California, No. 1691
Childress, Texas, No. 1113
Southern Pines, No. Carolina, No. 1692
Riverton, Wyoming, No. 1693
Asheboro, North Carolina, No. 1694
Polson, Montana, No. 1695
Shelby, Montana, No. 1696
West Warwick, Rhode Island, No. 1697
Point Pleasant, New Jersey, No. 1698
Barnesville, Ohio, No. 1699
Wauchula, Florida, No. 1700
St. Marys, West Virginia, No. 1701
Massena, New York, No. 1702
Leesburg, Florida, No. 1703
Hawthorne, Nevada, No. 1704
Newberry, Michigan, No. 1705
Danielson, Connecticut, No. 1706
Bedford, Pennsylvania, No. 1707
Marblehead, Massachusetts, No. 1708
Dalhart, Texas, No. 1159

Visitations

During the year I have made visits in every one of the forty-eight states and in the Panama Canal Zone. I have returned into many of the states on several occasions. I tried to visit many lodges that had not had visits from a Grand Exalted Ruler for many years. Some of the best lodges in our Order are located in places that are comparatively inaccessible.

By holding meetings not only in the evenings but often at the noon hour and even breakfast meetings, I have been able to visit approximately 400 lodges. It would be impossible to give statistics concerning mileage traveled. It would have been impossible to cover the territory had I not used airplanes a great deal of the time. Often private planes were used when regular air lines did not reach my destination.

In my travels I have been greatly impressed by the spirit of Elksdom that exists everywhere. Our Order can well be proud of its membership and of the charity that is dispensed by Elks in every nook and corner of these United States.

Moving Picture

"Twixt Dream and Deed" is the title of the moving picture that has been produced during my administration. It has been produced in order to carry out my thought that we needed to "educate Elks in Elksdom". This film will portray Elksdom at work and should be used by every one of our lodges. It is obtainable in either sound or silent version and is made on 16 mm color film. A further description of the film may be found in my Message written for the June issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Recommendations

1. I recommend that the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended so that they do not exclude from membership in our Order any man just because he may lack one of the "five senses". Boys returning from war cannot help it, viz; if they have lost their hearing.

2. I recommend that Antlers Chapters be no longer sponsored by Grand Lodge.

They have not proved beneficial as a whole. Their sponsorship, however, could be continued by individual lodges where they have proved successful.

3. We should continue to assimilate the members that we have and attempt to teach them that there are things in Elksdom besides club sociability. Work for local community welfare must be kept ever paramount in Subordinate Lodge programs.

4. Our hospital program for veterans should be continued indefinitely.

5. Special emphasis should be placed upon the establishing of sound business practices in every Subordinate Lodge. Careful audits should be demanded periodically.

6. A continued effort should be made to increase the corpus of the Elks National Foundation in order that it may become one of the greatest charitable foundations in America.

7. No laxity should be permitted in our efforts to combat foreign "isms" and their influences. Their danger is ever present.

8. Closed memberships should continue to be permitted, as there are some communities in which this is necessary. Closed memberships should be discouraged, however, in most cases, because this practice does not exemplify the true spirit of Elksdom.

9. Special emphasis should be placed upon keeping Elksdom the great cross-section of American manhood that it represents. There is no place in our Order for religious or political bigotry.

Necrology

On May 19, 1946 our Order lost the Dean of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers. I, personally, lost my closest friend in Elksdom. John K. Tener inspired me many years ago to take an active part in Grand Lodge work. He personally sponsored me in every position that I have held in Grand Lodge. He has been my closest advisor. I miss him greatly at this Session and it is a keen disappointment not to have him at my side until the hour at which I hand my gavel to my successor.

Men of Governor Tener's type have added untold prestige to the Order of Elks. No one can measure their influence.

We mourn the loss of many other members of Grand Lodge who have died during the current year.

Appointment To National Memorial and Publication Commission

The death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener created a vacancy on the National Memorial and Publication Commission. To fill this vacancy, I have appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Georgia, Lodge No. 78; and I ask that the Grand Lodge confirm this appointment.

Conclusion

I sincerely appreciate the many courtesies extended to me throughout the year. The good wishes and kindnesses on the part of everyone with whom I have come in contact have made my task a most pleasant one.

I sincerely wish continued health and happiness for the more than 800,000 men who are now members of our great Order. I have given a year of my life in serving to the best of my ability and trust that, at least to a small extent, my efforts have not been in vain.

Fraternally,
WADE H. KEPNER
Grand Exalted Ruler

Excerpts from Annual Reports Submitted to the Grand Lodge at New York, in July

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY Membership

During the year ended March 31, 1946, Subordinate Lodges added to their membership rolls 100,040 new names by initiation; 8,421 by dimit; and 14,422 by reinstatement. In this same period, they expelled 50; dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues 15,812; granted dimit to 9,303; and lost by death 10,949. Our membership as of March 31, 1946, is 792,339, showing an increase of 86,769 members.

Membership figures of Manila Lodge No. 761 and Agana, Guam, Lodge No. 1281 are not included in the above-mentioned figures, as it was impossible to obtain reports from these lodges, which are at present in the process of reorganization.

Grand Lodge Finances

The total income of the Grand Lodge for the year ended May 31, 1946 amounts to \$459,944.04; expenses amount to \$343,567.24 showing an excess of income over expenses of \$116,376.80.

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Securities in the following amounts:

In the Reserve Fund	\$250,000.00
In the General Fund	200,000.00
In the Home Fund	50,000.00

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$979,010.70; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98; other assets are \$62,628.44, making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$2,251,024.12.

Subordinate Lodge Finances

Reports filed in this office show that the Subordinate Lodges of our Order had, at the beginning of the year just closed, cash on hand in the amount of \$10,925,956.56. During the year, they received from all sources \$47,839,854.06 and expended \$44,200,287.21, leaving their cash balance as of March 31, 1946, \$14,565,523.41.

These reports also show the total assets of Subordinate Lodges to be \$141,084,412.54.

On March 31 last year, our lodges had invested in War Bonds thirty-five million dollars. This year that total is more than forty-five million dollars.

Contributions Received from The Elks Magazine

At the New York Session of the Grand Lodge, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge from the surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine* the sum of \$350,000.00. By direction of the Grand Lodge, this contribution was allocated as follows: \$150,000.00 was turned over to the Board of Grand Trustees to be added to the Reserve Fund of the Grand Lodge, with instructions to invest this sum in Bonds or other Securities of the United States of America; \$25,000.00 was turned over to the National Foundation Trustees, to be added to the Foundation Fund; \$25,000.00 was turned over to the Elks War Commission, to be added to its fund; \$125,000.00 was placed in the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, the receipt of which amount made it possible for the Board of Grand Trustees to balance the budget. The remaining \$25,000.00 was placed in 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.

Growth of the Order

The year just closed has been one of unusual activity and splendid progress. The gain of 86,769 members is most gratifying, and the fact that on April 1, 1946, 16,632 applicants had been elected to membership and were awaiting initiation makes the outlook for the present year most encouraging.

ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL BUILDING TO BE REDEDICATED

The Elks National Memorial Building at 2750 Lake View Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is to be rededicated on Sunday, September 8, 1946, at three P.M., Chicago Daylight Saving Time.

The Memorial was dedicated in 1926 to the memory of those members of the Order who served and sacrificed their lives for their country in the first World War, and by this ceremony it will be rededicated to include those Elks who likewise served and sacrificed their lives in World War II.

There will be prominent speakers who will address the meeting, and an elaborate musical program has been prepared. The meeting will be attended by large delegations of Elks, the general public and representatives of patriotic and civic organizations. It is the request of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, which is undertaking the rededication ceremonies, that lodges in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin appoint committees which will arrange for the attendance of as many Elks as can find it possible to represent their lodges.

It is hoped that these members of the various lodges will march in a body, and that they will carry their lodge banner if they have one. The famous Chicago Board of Trade Band has been acquired for this occasion.

It is also requested that each lodge from more distant parts of the country than those mentioned above will send as large a delegation as possible.

The expenditure by our Subordinate Lodges of more than four million dollars in charitable and welfare work is the largest in the history of our Order.

Both the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges are in excellent financial condition and better able than ever before to render the type service demanded from the leading American Fraternity.

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.	\$ 488,632.95
Summer Camps, Outings, etc.	61,621.13
Milk, Ice and Fuel	25,384.19
Crippled Children	352,952.10
Medical Aid	61,499.92
Hospitals	330,054.67
Miscellaneous Charities	1,108,623.63
General Aid to Needy Families	81,684.16
Thanksgiving Baskets	26,896.31
Christmas Baskets	322,927.64
Scout Work	102,158.54
Big Brother Work	60,388.10
Play Grounds, including Prizes	116,993.77
Scholarships, Text Books, etc.	42,434.36
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	353,850.31
Veterans Relief	298,304.90
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc.	196,156.48
Elks National Foundation	177,970.00
	\$4,208,533.16

The following table shows the amounts expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction during the period from April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946:

Alabama	\$ 21,776.22
Alaska	12,081.28
Arizona	56,454.86
Arkansas	4,724.86
California	370,468.06
Canal Zone	3,260.89
Colorado	120,166.41
Connecticut	64,006.82
Florida	99,419.30
Georgia	116,251.06
Hawaii	7,474.79
Idaho	155,533.34
Illinois	161,290.41
Indiana	142,867.29
Iowa	164,856.48
Kansas	52,663.09
Kentucky	35,208.13
Louisiana	7,842.74
Maine	14,684.03
Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia	41,208.76
Massachusetts	185,518.89
Michigan	142,495.52
Minnesota	46,073.61
Mississippi	8,325.71
Missouri	22,183.47
Montana	61,380.47
Nebraska	69,467.37
Nevada	14,983.89
New Hampshire	20,179.78
New Jersey	194,581.24
New Mexico	22,880.25
New York	297,979.27
North Carolina	41,376.24
North Dakota	42,846.48
Ohio	173,992.19
Oklahoma	19,612.13
Oregon	85,259.35
Pennsylvania	426,557.39
Puerto Rico	1,413.86
Rhode Island	32,525.36
South Carolina	22,758.22
South Dakota	28,612.41
Tennessee	31,469.64
Texas	122,261.25
Utah	46,895.68
Vermont	31,959.75
Virginia	40,737.13
Washington	137,782.20
West Virginia	71,479.51
Wisconsin	97,643.77
Wyoming	15,562.36
Total	\$4,208,533.16

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Purchase of War Bonds

In November, 1945, the Board of Grand Trustees purchased \$150,000.00 in 2 1/4% United States Treasury Bonds for the Reserve Fund of the Grand Lodge, and \$100,000.00 in United States 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness Series "K" for the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

All of these bonds, together with the bonds already in the hands of the Board of Grand Trustees, have been deposited in safety deposit box 40478, rented from the National Safety Deposit Box Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Building Applications of Subordinate Lodges

During the current Grand Lodge year, your Board has issued permits to Subordinate Lodges for the purchase of and additions to Lodge buildings in the amount of \$1,651,874.19. Authorization has also been granted for the sale of Subordinate Lodge property amounting to \$183,000.00. This has been done in accordance with Section 208 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, which requires all Subordinate Lodges to obtain a permit approved by the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Board of Grand Trustees before they can acquire property for constructing a Home, make substantial alterations, refinance, or sell property.

Elks National Home

The Elks National Home, nestled at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, has a beautiful setting and is more like a hotel than an institution.

Located at Bedford, Virginia, the Home is under the management of Brother Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, with the Board of Grand Trustees supervising. Of all the institutions in the country—and there are so many worthwhile—none does a finer piece of work than this, our Home. It is laid out with individual rooms for every occupant, and the administration building contains a lounge, a reading room, a pool and billiard room, and a dining room having a capacity of 300. The second floor is given over to the rooms for the superintendent and the members of the Board who meet there periodically. One unique feature is a lodge room on the second floor—the only Elks Lodge in the entire jurisdiction that does not carry a number. The lodge officers are members residing at the Home, and it is always inspiring to attend the meetings. The Home operates its own laundry and bakery, and every effort is put forth to make the members cognizant of the fact that this is their Home and that the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges are all interested in their welfare.

During this past year, several improvements have been made at the Home, including interior painting, and the building of black top roads at the back of the Home from the back gate to the barns and also to the railroad switch. The barns on this farm, some of the most modern in Bedford County, have been repainted. It is a beautiful sight to stand at any point on the farm and view the beauty of the Home and the surrounding grounds.

The death rate has been exceedingly high during the past year, but the replacements have kept in line with the losses. Within the past several weeks, inquiries indicate a substantial growth during the coming year. If we could have every member of the Order visit the Elks Home and if we could have every Exalted Ruler familiarize himself with the real "home" environment provided, there is no question but that the population of the Home would soon be on the increase.

Supervising the Home has been a labor of love on the part of the Board of Grand Trustees, and the meetings throughout the year have been attended by the full membership. The Board takes this opportunity to thank Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner and Grand Secretary J. E. Masters for their interest and for the counsel they have given.

A great deal of credit goes to Brother Robert A. Scott, our Superintendent, who has so efficiently managed the Elks National Home for nearly twenty years.

His broad experience over the years has been an asset, and he has a most efficient staff. As we have said, the Home and its supervising staff have at all times had in mind the welfare of our Brothers living at the Home.

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 entertainment and 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, 1946, the cash balance of these funds amounted to \$12,672.21, deposited as follows:

Checking Account	\$ 4,672.21
Baxter Legacy Account (Bldg. & Loan)	3,000.00
Savings Account	5,000.00
	\$12,672.21

Maintenance of Home

MAY 31, 1946

Net Operating Expense of Home, per following statement.....	\$128,602.23
To determine the base figure upon which per capita cost of maintenance is to be charged to Subordinate Lodges, the following expenses are to be deducted, in accordance with Section 69 of the Statutes of our Order:	
Maintenance of Buildings	\$8,269.25
Maintenance of Grounds	1,575.71
Maintenance of Equipment	3,939.56
Insurance	13,784.52
Balance to be used for apportionment to Lodges	\$114,817.71

The average number of residents at the Home during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1946, was 234.

The average cost per resident, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1946, was \$490.68.

The following table shows the average number of residents at the Home during the past five years, with average maintenance cost per member during these years:

Year ended May 31	Average number of Residents	Average Cost per Resident
1942	251	\$450.06
1943	255	468.08
1944	251	497.94
1945	232	502.06
1946	234	490.68

In addition to the Net Operating Cost of \$91,062.44, as shown in the attached statement for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1946, Grand Lodge expended the following sums for the Home. These amounts are considered as fixed assets or expenditures in lieu of depreciation and, therefore, were not provided for in the annual budget of the Home and are not included in the attached statement:

New Truck	\$1,378.15
Bread Slicer and Mixer	820.49
42 Sets Bread Pans	104.58
Hospital Equipment	771.31
Decorating, Painting and Remodeling	2,982.53
Rebuilding and Repairing Roads, etc.	4,620.49
	\$ 10,677.55
Net Operating Costs, per attached statement	91,062.44
Total Cost to Grand Lodge	\$101,739.99

Report of Elks National Memorial and Publication Committee

The Elks National Memorial Building

The National Memorial Building at Chicago has been maintained in splendid condition, with but little deferred maintenance caused by the scarcity of material and labor during the war.

With the removal of travel restrictions and gas rationing, the number of visitors to the Building has increased. The Commission hopes that everyone present who passes through Chicago on the journey home will visit and inspect this great Memorial Building, of which every Elk can justly be proud.

In accordance with resolution passed by the Grand Lodge, the Memorial Building will be rededicated to include not only those who served and sacrificed in the first world war but likewise those who served and sacrificed in the recent world war. The rededication ceremonies will be held at the Memorial Building in Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, September 8, 1946, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., Chicago Daylight Saving Time. It is hoped and believed that these ceremonies will be largely attended not only by members of the Order but by the general public. Further details of the rededication ceremonies will appear in our supplementary report. The Commission urges that each member of this Grand Lodge, especially those from the States in the neighborhood of Chicago, take up with his local Lodge upon his return home the matter of sending as large a delegation as possible to these ceremonies.

The expense of maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building for the last fiscal year was \$33,263.36, which was paid from surplus earnings of the Magazine, and, in accordance with previous resolutions of the Grand Lodge, charged to the Grand Lodge.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE

With the May, 1946 issue, *The Elks Magazine* completed twenty-four years of continuous and successful publication. During the war, by reason of paper rationing and constantly increasing circulation, the size of the Magazine was greatly reduced, as was its literary content. With the ending of the war the size of the Magazine has been increased, in many instances so as to exceed its pre-war size. During the last fiscal year we published 156 pages of the Magazine more than in the previous fiscal year, or an increase of over 25%. During the last fiscal year two issues of the Magazine contained 48 pages, one issue 52 pages, three issues 64 pages and six issues 72 pages. During the last fiscal year 834,984 more copies of the Magazine were printed than during the previous fiscal year, or more than 10% increase. This was due to the large increase in membership. During the last fiscal year there were printed 114,365,008 pages of the Magazine more than were printed during the previous year. There are now being printed more than 80,000 more Magazines each issue than were printed a year ago, and the Magazines printed for June 1946 contained nearly 16,000,000 more pages than did the Magazines printed for June 1945. Furthermore, in the last four issues of the fiscal year, the page size of the Magazine was increased to pre-war size.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES: The surplus earnings of the Magazine for the last fiscal year were \$373,754.14. This makes the total surplus earnings for the twenty-four years of the existence of the Magazine \$4,769,015.99. The surplus earnings for this year were \$37,339.02 less than the surplus earnings for the previous fiscal year but are over \$170,000.00 more than the earnings for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1943, and over \$36,000.00 more than the earnings for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1944.

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surplus earnings of the Magazine totaled \$4,769,015.99 and during that period \$3,967,783.52 has been turned over to the Grand Lodge. This in itself is a fine tribute to the management of the official publication.

The Elks National Foundation became a part of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks through a constitutional amendment adopted in 1928 and during the succeeding 18 years it has justified its existence in the field that it has covered, in charitable, educational and benevolent purposes.

In passing let me say that it has been administered by a Board of Trustees, drawn from Past Grand Exalted Rulers who have given unstintingly of their time to the end that it has reached a position of stability unsurpassed and unequalled in the field in which it operates. It has furthered higher education among deserving young men and young women of the nation. State Associations, and the numerous lodges of the Order, along with individual members, have made the Foundation stronger year by year.

Education should be one of our major objectives. We have done much through scholarships—let us continue educational projects, realizing that through an informed group we will emphasize democratic ideas and ideals and bring about the peace of the world which depends on human understanding.

In building a peaceful world our work will be more important than in time of war. We who live to take part in the tasks of post-war reconstruction will face great tests of courage, vision, and the capacity to work together for the common good. In the postwar years ahead our world will undergo great social changes. Developments in atomic energy, radar, plastics and television, to mention a few, present enormous changes in our future. These new forces will revolutionize our thinking, our habits, our way of life. They mean that we are living in a world of increasing responsibilities—increasing responsibilities for all of us. We, of the Elks, must assume our individual and collective obligations. We have many future service opportunities.

Let us do our part toward fair-playing, healthy citizens among our young people, by close cooperation with community agencies and furthering wholesome recreation.

Let us progress through doing our part as scientific discoveries are made that have bearing on the various aspects of our welfare.

We have heeded the call of crippled children. This is a work that every lodge can share in and every Exalted Ruler during his term will feel a degree of pleasure in knowing that he has sought out some deserving youth and added a little ray of sunshine. In fact, there is no finer

service that an Elks lodge can render than to establish its own Kiddies Camp for undernourished children. I would like to see our Activities Committee working through the State Associations and the lodges in a movement to encourage the establishment of summer camps for undernourished children during the school vacation period.

Our Order is flourishing both in its membership and in its financial condition. We must keep it so. We must make our meetings attractive. Let me say, however, that lodge activities must never be submerged to the point where social activities predominate. Together each has a place and together we can build a greater fraternity. We have built a lasting memorial in the biggest and greatest American fraternity. During the coming year I would ask that we increase our activities in retaining members and encouraging new ones, and put less stress on drives.

Following in the footsteps of Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, and those who have preceded him, I realize that my job is no easy task. In the prime of life and vigorous, Brother Kepner has made a great contribution in spreading the spirit of Elkdom throughout the nation. He has been subject to call, and he has visited a greater number of lodges than can be expected from his successor.

Another point I wish to make, and this is equally as vital if we are to preserve our present financial standing. Lodges have been highly successful during the past years and in some instances our buildings are becoming overcrowded. Before building or remodeling, however, study your financial needs. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I have noticed many applications for buildings that to the minds of the members or the Board have seemed excessive in the amount that is to be expended. You are the judges. We can only act as a guide abiding by the constitution. It is better to work with caution, having in mind that a lost building is the worst liability that a lodge can have.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has thrived because it is truly American and in these trying times that lie ahead when peace is in the making, we can give this as a lesson to nations that want freedom and are willing to subscribe to a doctrine of liberty. You cannot have liberty where tyrants exist or where the people have little choice or voice in their government. To preserve our liberty we have a job ahead. We cannot allow the voice of an enemy, whether within or without, to preach against the principles we have so valiantly fought for and be true to those who gave their lives in World Wars I and II. We are willing and stand ready to aid suffering humanity the world over, but when

some foreign group attempts to spread un-American propaganda to undermine our government, we rebel. That is our fight, and to a finish. This sort of seed is foreign to our teachings and patriotic duty; let us keep it foreign. I, here and now, promise you, my sponsors, to defend our system of government, with all the strength I have. This I owe to you and to the greatest of all American Orders. Our Order did not grow or prosper from inactivity. It grew because we stood for certain principles and we have implanted those principles in the hearts of individuals. We stand for the four essential freedoms. We believe in the brotherhood of man and down through the ages we have kept the faith.

Each lodge is a home, because we have made it a home. True, people think the Elks are not serious. The serious side comes in our meetings, when we lay plans for a better tomorrow. You cannot do your best work without dividing it with play. So we have planned a home in each city where men can congregate—the best in every community. You cannot make an Elks lodge a living creation without giving more than you receive. In that respect it is like a bank account. You must put in more than you take out, if you are to leave behind something in concrete service to humanity.

How well the founders of this nation built, time has demonstrated. We have prospered because our country and its welfare have been the keystone of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We are nearing a million membership—and our growth will be measured in the future, not by what we have done, but by what we do in the future. Let us unfurl our Flag and hold it high as a symbol of freedom to all the world. The Flag is ours because men on land, sea and in the air have been faithful to their trust. They are coming back and we as members of this great Order must see that the fight for peace is strengthened by our undying devotion to a cause for which they fought, thousands gave their lives, while others face years in hospitals. This debt we can never pay. But we can remember that we have great responsibilities. As a young aviator from Connecticut, killed overseas, wrote: "If the country takes these sacrifices with indifference, it will be the cruelest ingratitude the world has ever known. You will, I know, do all in your power to help others keep faith with those few who gave so much."

Our duty in time of peace is as great as in time of war. We will never be satisfied, neither should we be, until "The Lights Go on Again All Over the World".

As your Grand Exalted Ruler for the coming year and working together we must not, we cannot, we will not fail.



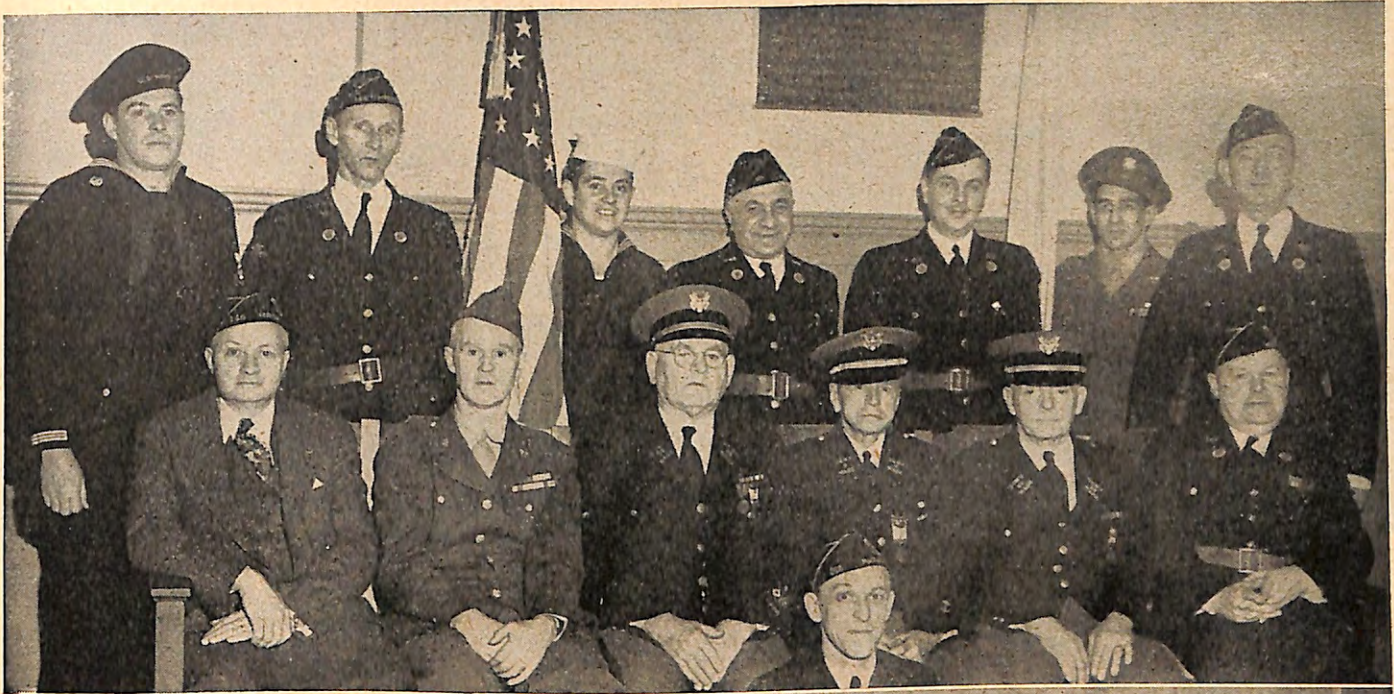
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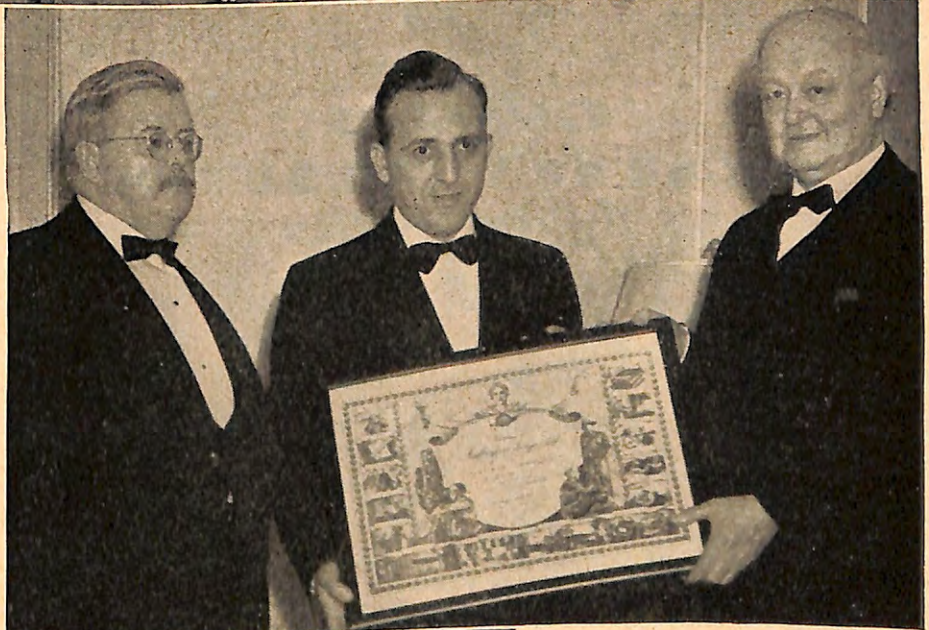
Above are those who distributed 1,017 Easter baskets, on behalf of the North Carolina State Elks Hospital Committee, to servicemen and women at Oteen Veterans Hospital.

Below are convalescent soldiers from Fitzsimmons General Hospital who recently enjoyed themselves as guests of Denver, Colo., Lodge.

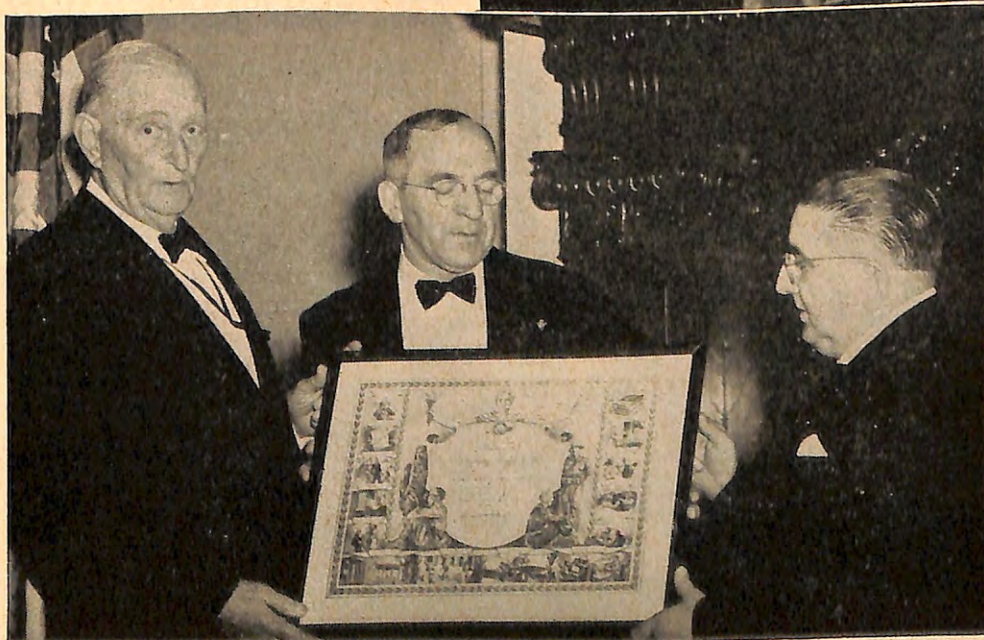




Above are members of Winthrop, Mass., Lodge in their uniforms representing military affiliations, who assisted at the unveiling of a bronze tablet in memory of the eight Life Members of the lodge who served in the Grand Army of the Republic.



Above: Wm. T. Phillips, right, representing the Elks War Commission, presents the Elks National Foundation's Certificate of Appreciation to Rutherford, N. J., Lodge in the presence of a large class which included two fathers and sons, a pair of brothers and five sons of members.



Left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin presents the Elks National Foundation's Certificate of Appreciation to Danbury, Conn., Lodge.



Above: Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, second and third from left respectively, enjoy dinner during their visit to Great Bend, Kans., Lodge.



**GRAND
EXALTED RULER'S**
Visits

Past Exalted Rulers and committeemen. Exalted Ruler Fred J. Schmid welcomed the Order's distinguished leader and District Deputy Jay H. Payne introduced him to those present.

After a brief but well chosen address, Mr. Kepner and his party left for **LANSING LODGE NO. 196** where they attended a special meeting. This was reported in the July issue of the Magazine.

On the following day, Mr. Kepner and his entourage flew to **MARQUETTE LODGE NO. 405** where they met representatives of the several lodges of the Northern Peninsula, a section of Michigan which had not been visited by a Grand Exalted Ruler in 17 years.

BROKEN BOW, NEB., LODGE, NO. 1688, was formally instituted on May 2nd, the first new lodge in the State in 20 years. Mr. Kepner was on hand to give it a fine send-off and delivered a splendid address to the 550 Elks who attended the banquet held in conjunction with the institution. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Assistant Treasurer of the Elks War Commission, addressed the luncheon meeting given by the new lodge for officers of the State Elks Association.

Below: Mr. Kepner is welcomed by a group of Michigan Elk officials on his arrival at the airport at Marquette, Mich.

GRAND Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner drove from his home in Wheeling W. Va., April 22nd and arrived late that afternoon at Norton where a delegation from **ELKINS, W. VA., LODGE, NO. 1135**, met him and escorted him to the Tygart Hotel. A banquet that evening preceded a reception when Mr. Kepner met scores of local and visiting Elks from West Virginia and Maryland lodges.

Cyrus S. Kump was Toastmaster on this occasion and Past Exalted Ruler B. M. Hoover delivered the address of welcome. The Grand Exalted Ruler discussed the war activities and other programs of the Order, complimenting the

members of Elkins Lodge on their work.

After spending the night in the city, Mr. Kepner enjoyed an eleven o'clock breakfast at the lodge home and was escorted from Elkins by the local high school band.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., LODGE, NO. 325, had as guest on the 29th the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Michigan State Elks Association officers and District Deputies who accompanied him. Mr. Kepner requested, on his noon arrival, to be shown the University of Michigan and other points of interest in and near the city. The luncheon was served in the lodge home and was attended by No. 325's officers,





District Deputy H. L. Blackledge of Kearney, Neb., was in charge of the proceedings and was assisted by officers of the State Association who represented all lodges in western Nebraska. Delegations from 15 lodges in the State were present, together with representatives from South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Colorado.

The Grand Exalted Ruler and his party were met on the outskirts of town with a Wild West reception, and were escorted into Broken Bow in a stagecoach, surrounded by cowboys in full regalia. No. 1688 presented a full Western riding outfit, complete from high-heeled boots to ten-gallon hat, to Wade Kepner.

Two State Association Conventions—**KENTUCKY** and **WEST VIRGINIA**—had the Grand Exalted Ruler as a guest; **COVINGTON LODGE NO. 314** was host to the Kentucky delegation on May 5th, and **CLARKSBURG LODGE NO. 482** hosted the West Virginia group May 26th, 27th and 28th. A report of the latter meeting is given elsewhere in this issue.

Some 500 Elks and their ladies attended the dinner-dance which closed the Kentucky meeting.

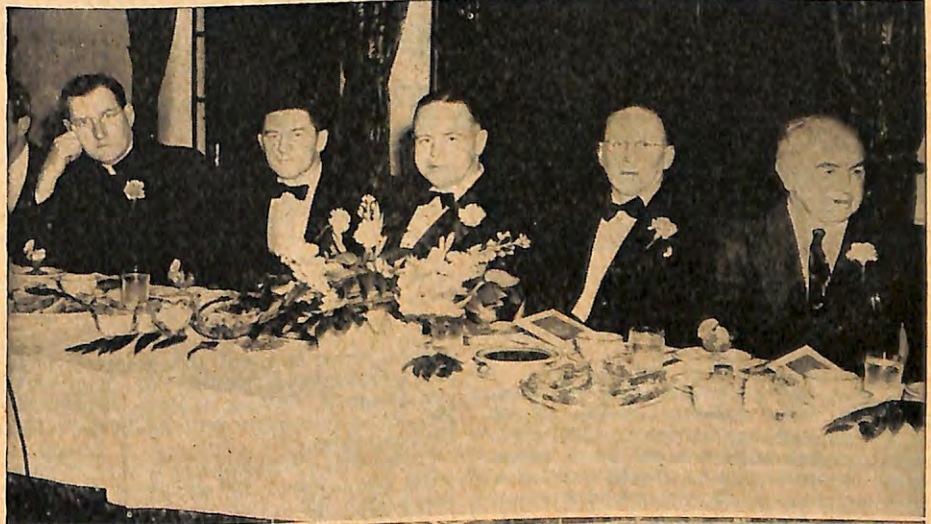
Right: Mr. Kepner, center, is pictured with dignitaries at the dinner held in conjunction with his visit to Beckley, W. Va., Lodge. Among those who took part in the festivities were 175 members of the Order who have returned from service.

SISTERSVILLE, W. VA., LODGE, NO. 333, celebrated its 50th Anniversary June 21st, 22nd and 23rd and the event was greater than anything the lodge had ever seen.

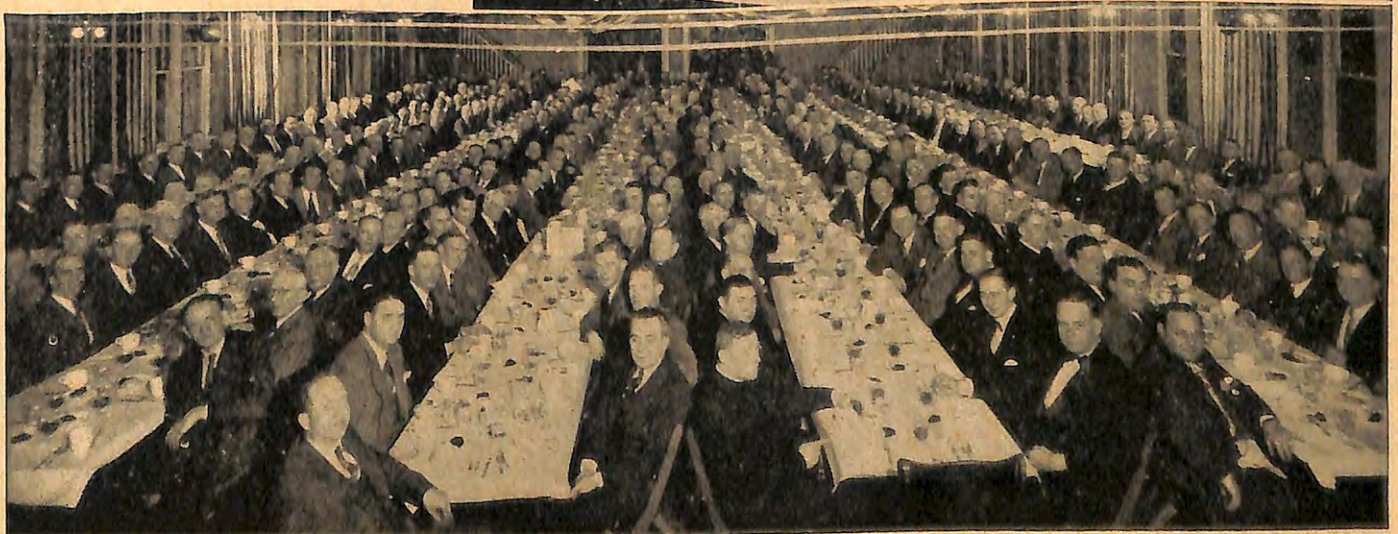
Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner; Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Charles E. Broughton, who was elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1946 Meeting of the Grand Lodge in July; Secretary George I. Hall of the Board of Grand Trustees; Chairman Joseph W. Fitzgerald of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, and Cy Kremser, Chairman of the judges for the 1946 National Ritualistic Contest in New York City, headed an impressive delegation of Elk dignitaries. More than 1,000 members of the Order were on hand for the gala three-day celebration, climaxed with a public program on Sunday afternoon in the high school auditorium, when Cumberland,

Above is the large class which was initiated into St. Louis, Mo., Lodge on the occasion of Wade H. Kepner's official visit there. Seated in the first row are the many officials of the Order who attended. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell is seated sixth from left, Mr. Kepner eighth from left and Grand Est. Lect. Knight Oliver F. Ash, Jr., fifth from left.

Md., Lodge's famous quartet sang. At this time, Past State Pres. Roy C. Heinlein, who has served during the past year as Secretary and Special Deputy to Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner, was given an Honorary Life Membership in No. 333. Mr. Kepner made the presentation for Sistersville Lodge.



Below is a photograph showing some of the 450 members of the Order who attended the dinner held by Clarksburg, W. Va., Lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner recently.





Above is a view of the impressive parade held during the recent Convention of the West Virginia State Elks Assn. at Clarksburg.

News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS

ARIZONA

The 31st annual meeting of the Arizona State Elks Association May 23, 24 and 25, was something for the 700 delegates and their guests to write home about. A special 11-car train carried a large contingent of southern Arizona Elks to Winslow, to be met by the world-famous Santa Fe All-Indian Band.

One of the important business actions taken care of was the changing of the War Commission Committee to the Veterans Welfare Committee, under the Chairmanship of Alex W. Crane of Phoenix Lodge. Members of this Committee were selected from the three cities in Arizona in which veterans' hospitals are located.

The Association has pledged full support to the Arizona Elks Hospital at Tucson, as evidenced in the report of M. H. Starkweather, Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight. The distaff side of the Order in Arizona has contributed more than \$6,000, as well as other gifts, to this Hospital.

Six lodges competed in the Ritualistic Contest, with the officers of Tucson Lodge No. 385 placing first for the third consecutive time, thereby securing permanent possession of the Hosfield Trophy.

Filmore C. Stanton of Clifton was

chosen President for the coming year; H. E. Williams, Phoenix, Vice-President, and Peter M. Pollock, Clifton, Secretary. Mr. Pollock's lodge will be host to the 1947 meeting.

Climaxing three days of fine entertainment provided by the members of Winslow Lodge, May 25th marked the end of the meeting with a banquet served in the La Posada Hotel Terrace. An all-star Hollywood cast put on an excellent show and a Grand Ball followed at the lodge home.

The State Associations Committee Reports the Following Convention Dates for 1946

Association	City	Date
Virginia	Portsmouth	August 11-13
Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia	Frederick, Md.	August 11-14
Wisconsin	Millwaukee	August 22-24
Ohio	Cedar Point	August 25-29
Pennsylvania	Allentown	August 26-29
Colorado	Canon City	September 6-8
Michigan	Port Huron	September 6-8
Vermont	St. Johnsbury	October 18-19
California	Los Angeles	*
Tennessee	Columbia	*

*Date not yet set

WEST VIRGINIA

Clarksburg Lodge No. 482 knocked itself out to entertain the delegates to the 38th Annual Convention of the West Virginia State Elks Assn. May 26th, 27th and 28th. It was quite a job, too, considering that there were 1,704 registered guests, the largest number in the history of the Association, membership in which has increased from 11,331 to 12,832. Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner was there, with Chairman Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee.

West Virginia's lodges have contributed \$63,972.47 to charity and \$3,450.12 for hospitalization work at Newton D. Baker and Ashford General Hospitals, besides contributing \$16,110 to the Red Cross and \$11,493 to the USO War Fund. Newspapers to servicemen cost these West Virginia Elks \$354.90 and they sent 3,156 "G" Boxes and 450 doz. packs of playing cards to men in the service. During the year they invested \$280,500 in War Bonds. At this meeting the delegates approved the expenditure of \$1,735.08 for relining the swimming pool and repainting and refurbishing the Association Ward at Morris Memorial Crippled Children's Hospital.

Sistersville Lodge's Degree Team sewed up the Ritualistic Contest and planned to compete in the National Contest in New York. Morgantown Lodge took second honors and Beckley, third.

An estimated 20,000 persons saw the annual parade through the city's business section. The floats were an eye-ful and if the parade itself—two miles long—wasn't the largest on record, no one remembers a bigger one. One of the main attractions were the 30 Arabian horses owned by "Wig" Bickel, a member of Parkersburg Lodge. Twelve of these steeds performed at Norward Park before hundreds of spectators May 26th.



Above at the speakers' table, are, left to right, State Secy. S. A. Thompson; Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell and Henry C. Warner; Past State Pres. Marcus Archer; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, State Pres. Byron Zea, and Clyde Jones, a member of the Grand Forum, at the dinner held in conjunction with the 1946 Convention of the Illinois State Elks Assn.



Left are the officers who will head the Maine State Elks Assn. for the coming year.

Other social highlights were the Past Exalted Ruler's Banquet, the ladies' dinner meeting and, of course, dancing each evening. The President's Dinner and Ball for Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner brought the meeting to a close, 1947's Convention will take place at Huntington.

Officers for the coming year are: Pres., Richard McCreary, Wellsburg; Vice-Pres.'s: J. W. Rickey, Moundville, E. B. Heiskell, Morgantown, A. E. Kallmerten, Huntington, and W. Cody Fletcher, Princeton; Treas., Jesse L. Skidmore, Clarksburg; Secy., Walter A. Durkin, Wellsburg; Chaplain, O. T. Stafford, Huntington, Tiler, Philip Gongo, Mannington, Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Chandler, Bluefield, and Inner Guard, S. A. Peters, Sistersville.

Below is the State Championship Drill Team of Kalamazoo, Mich., Lodge.

GEORGIA

The month of May saw a great many State Elks meetings, the least successful of which was not Georgia's, in Savannah the 18th, 19th and 20th.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge John S. McClelland, a member of the Elks War Commission, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Atlanta, Albany, Augusta, Athens, Buckhead, Dalton, Douglas, Moultrie and Waycross Lodges for their full contribution to the war effort.

Secy. R. E. Lee Reynolds reported that the 30 lodges have invested \$493,401.50 in War Bonds and had 1,591 members in the Armed Forces during World War II. Pres. J. Clayton Burke of the Elks Crippled Children's League reported that seven lodges had made full contributions of \$30 a member to the foundation fund for the new million-dollar orthopedic hospital at Aidmore, the Elks Crippled Children's Convalescent Home and Clinic, and that

receipts from the Easter Seal Sale had exceeded \$96,000.

Elberton Lodge's Degree Team won the State Ritualistic Contest in competition with teams from Atlanta, Augusta, Athens, Buckhead and East Point Lodges. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz of Florida delivered the principal address at the banquet and dinner-dance at the De Soto Hotel. Past Pres. E. A. Dutton was General Convention Chairman and was ably assisted by the officers of Savannah Lodge. Rev. Father Thomas A. Brennan, Life Member of Albany Lodge, conducted the memorial services.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Paul E. Henson, Rome; Vice-Pres.'s: L. J. Knight, Jr., Augusta, A. B. White, Jr., Newnan, and Wallace Haggard, Americus; Chaplain, Dr. James B. Lawrence, Americus, and Secy.-Treas. (reelected), R. E. Lee Reynolds, Atlanta.

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Left: May Needham receives the \$1,000 college scholarship awarded by Sarasota, Fla., Lodge from E.R. G. E. Ludwig as Everett Carr looks on.

NEWS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES THROUGHOUT THE NATION

ROME, N. Y., Lodge, No. 96, is sponsoring a very musical organization. Boasting the only all-scout band in the city, the boys of Troop 2 can compete with the best of them, with more than half the troop toting an instrument in the 19-piece band. No slouches when it comes to jive, the boys made their debut by playing at a troop dance recently.

INDIO, CALIF., Lodge, No. 1643, celebrated its fifth anniversary with a big ham dinner and had as its guests the officers of Ontario Lodge who initiated the Anniversary Class into the Order. Almost every lodge in the Southern District was represented at the party, including Vice-Pres. W. P. Rouse of the Southern California Elks Assn. and P.D.D. Carl J. Hase.

LEBANON, PA., Lodge, No. 631, is one of the most active and charitable in the State. It was recently obliged to close its charter at 750 members, due to lack of space to handle additional members satisfactorily. A waiting list in excess of 50 applications is now on hand, with sons of members and World War II veterans given priority as applications are accepted.

No. 631 is without debt, with a building, furniture and equipment valued at more than \$125,000. A sizable cash balance is available for additions and alterations to the lodge home, besides a nest-egg of \$150,000 in War Bonds. The Lebanon Elks are both fully-paid Founders and Permanent Benefactors in the Elks National Foundation, and support the Hospital, Student Aid, Red Cross, Lebanon Valley College, Y.M.C.A., Community Chest and many other local charities.

RIVERTON, WYO., Lodge, No. 1693, the ninth lodge of Elks in its State, began its career with more than 141 charter members and about 20 dimits from other lodges, late in April.

D. D. Lachlan McLean and members of Casper Lodge No. 1353 were in charge of the ceremonies. E. R. Dr. T. J. Drew of No. 1353 presented the Flag and standard to the new branch of the Order and Judge Bryant S. Cromer was the chief speaker.

Nearly 500 Elks from all over the State attended the ceremonies and the banquet served later.

WINTHROP, MASS., Lodge, No. 1078, in a desire to perpetuate the memory of eight of its Brothers who were honored members of the Grand Army of the Republic, held ceremonies recently during which a beautiful bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, was placed in a prominent spot on the wall of the lodge room. The tablet will serve as a shrine to these Elks, all Life Members since September, 1923.

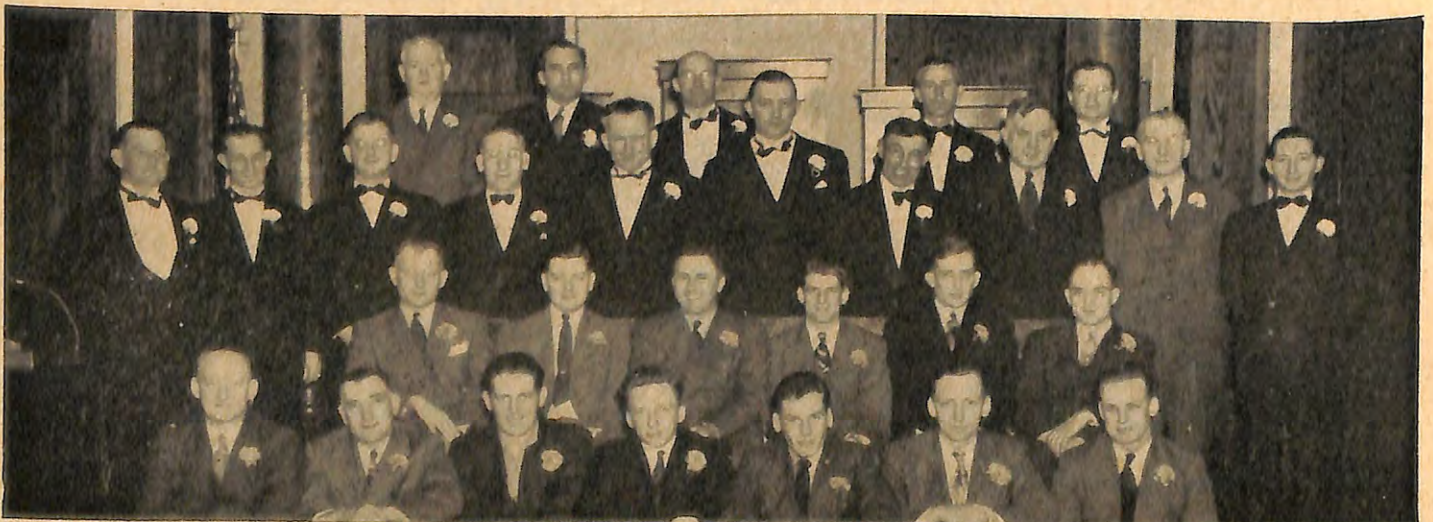
D.D. Dr. Henry I. Yale attended the impressive services, commending the Winthrop Elks for the exemplary fashion in which they were carried out. A group of Elks, wearing their uniforms representing the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion and the Army and Navy of World War II, took part in the moving program.

MAYNARD, MASS., Lodge, No. 1568, hasn't been sitting back taking life easy. These Elks presented a beautiful American Flag and flag pole to the city at ceremonies which followed a parade participated in by the local police, Girl and Boy Scouts, school children, and members of various veterans associations, besides the local Elks.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan spoke at this patriotic affair which was held at Alumni Field in Maynard.

The members of No. 1568 recently purchased a hospital bed which they presented to the Maynard Board of Health. It will be used wherever designated by the Board and is the second gift of this nature made by the local Elks during the past year.

Below are the officers and new members of Punxsutawney, Pa., Lodge.





Above: Some of those who were on hand for Niles, Mich., Lodge's Father and Son Banquet.

KOKOMO, IND., Lodge, No. 190, got together about 240 boys of the city's school patrols this year for the annual picnic at Highland Park. The patrol system is one of the finest organizations ever instituted out there, and because of the boys' skill and care, many accidents to school children have been avoided. To show their appreciation the Elks have sponsored this picnic for several years, and always see to it that there is more than enough hot dogs, pop, ice cream and candy for all of them. This year the boys enjoyed two softball games, as well as a program of magic.

ELKS NATIONAL HOME. A simple yet impressive Flag Day ceremony took place at the Home at Bedford, Va., early in the morning of June 14th.

The members of the Home lodge gathered at the flag pole on the beautiful lawn at Bedford and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the raising of the Flag.

Chaplain Malcolm E. Landberg, Green Bay, Wis., offered a prayer; William Martens of New York Lodge No. 1 recited the history of the banner and Thomas McGrew, Washington, D. C., delivered an eloquent patriotic address.

HAMILTON, MONT., Lodge, No. 1651, hasn't been around long, but it's definitely headed for a big year. The first in a series of monthly stag dinners was held in May and a crowd of 175—more than half the membership—sank its teeth into a roast beef dinner and then sat back to enjoy Hamilton High School's prize-winning one-act play, the cast of which included sons of three Elks.

On Stag Night, the officers of Missoula "Hellgate" Lodge No. 383 initiated nine candidates for No. 1651; less than a month after their installation the Hamilton officers had initiated a record class of 49 for Missoula Lodge. Last year's officers also had the pleasure of initiating 40 members for Salmon, Ida., Lodge, No. 1620, early in 1946. The 1946-47 officers competed in the District Ritualistic Contest at Anaconda, placing less than a point behind the winner, the team from Missoula.

Left: E.R. Dr. C. S. Johnson, State Vice-Pres. W. P. Rouse and P.D.D. Carl Hase take part in cutting Indiano, Calif., Lodge's cake on its fifth anniversary.



Below is a photograph taken when Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge presented a \$10,000 check to the Annie M. Warner Hospital for the purchase of a deep therapy X-ray machine.





Above: Pictured with their officers are the 30 men who made up a recent class initiated into Billings, Mont., Lodge.

RED LODGE "BEARTOOTH", MONT., Lodge, No. 534, which gets the Beartooth part of its name from the mountain range surrounding the city, has directly contributed to the saving of at least four lives as a result of its action in sponsoring a blood bank.

Typing of blood at the expense of the lodge and furnishing donors with transportation to Billings for the typing was started in the Fall of 1945 and No. 534's records and transportation facilities were made use of by 25 donors to four critical cases. The service is now being expanded so that, if possible, all residents of the county may be typed.

P.E.R. F. H. Alden, one of the two surviving charter members of this lodge, was recently installed as Treasurer for the 39th consecutive year.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1, held a meeting April 27th for the purpose of coordinating Welfare and Community Activities of all lodges in the Greater New York Area. Officials of Mount Vernon, Yonkers, Huntington, Southampton, Bronx, Brooklyn, Lynbrook and New Rochelle Lodges joined forces with No. 1 in this important meeting.

As an aid in combatting juvenile delinquency, a motion was unanimously adopted that every lodge in this area endeavor to organize, equip and provide for a boys' baseball team for youngsters from 14 to 18 years of age. If at least seven lodges succeed in doing so an Elks' League will be established.

At the regular meeting of New York Lodge May 8th an athletic committee was appointed and a resolution presented that a sum not to exceed \$400 be appropriated

from the lodge treasury to defray the expenses of such a team.

No. 1 Lodge has had many distinguished visitors turn up at some of its recent meetings. On May 1st Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, former Governor of Florida, was present and delivered a fine address on Americanism. Judge Ferdinand Pecora, P.E.R. of No. 1, also spoke. On May 8th State Pres. Judge Ronald Dunn of Oneida Lodge attended the lodge session and spoke on the work of his Association, stressing the philanthropic nature of its activities and its scholarship funds.

SAN RAFAEL, CALIF., Lodge, No. 1108, has wasted not a moment planning for a big future. The new Exalted Ruler, Robert G. Anderson, has set a goal of 800 members—an increase of 135—for the coming year, and plans are being made to double the present club facilities.

During the war No. 1108 entertained 100 wounded veterans from Hamilton Field each month with dinner and a show.

Left: Officers and Trustees of Deadwood, S. D., Lodge destroy the mortgage on their lodge home.



Below: Members of the Ritualistic Committee of the Northeast District of the New Jersey State Elks Assn. with their friends at the annual dinner following the completion of ritualistic visitations.



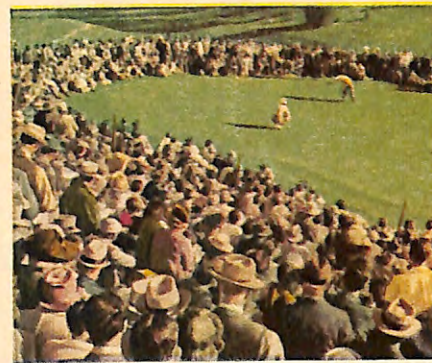
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But he *is!* The bright-faced, eager kid who used to run errands is home from war! And how he's *changed!* There's a different set to his shoulder, a new pitch to his voice, a new strength to his handclasp! For Mac's a *man*, now! Yes, Mac's a man! Disciplined! Self-reliant! Strengthened in body, mind and character, he's home now, for good! He won't be asking for favors or sympathy. All he'll ask of you is a job!

"BUT," you say, "how will he fit in my picture *now?* He's a grown man, not an errand boy!" True enough. But wait . . . remember how you used to say to yourself: "that kid might make a great salesman some day?"

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No matter whether you employ two men or ten thousand, start thinking now how you can use this new maturity, this added drive,

to your *mutual* advantage. Analyze the jobs performed in your business. Be ready to give this type of veteran a better job immediately . . . or his old job, plus additional training wherever necessary, to enable him to move to a *better* job as soon as possible.



Remember this Emblem! It stands for honorable service to our Country.

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Above: The third-graders of Las Vegas, N. M., hold class in the basement of the lodge home when one of the local schools burned down.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Lodge, No. 36, the first in New England to become eligible for the Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the Elks War Commission, received the Certificate recently in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin and James L. McGovern, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Mr. Benjamin made the presentation and delivered a splendid address. John P. Golden accepted the Certificate as his last official act for No. 36, on retiring as Exalted Ruler.

MASSENA, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1702, was launched on May 23rd before over 1,000 well-wishers. The old silk mill, the largest place in the village, was transformed into an Elks lodge to accommodate the crowd who came from all over the surrounding territory for the institution.

The charter class numbered about 250 men, with a large number of dimits. A buffet luncheon was served before and after the ceremonies.

Right: The alert judges and checkers of the Ritualistic Contest held in connection with the Spring Conference of the Ohio State Elks Assn.

Below are some of the 102 candidates initiated into Galesburg, Ill., Lodge to celebrate the burning of the mortgage on the lodge home.

DU BOIS, PA., Lodge, No. 349, started off its 50th Anniversary program with a reception at five o'clock for the Degree Team and District and State Elk officials, as well as officers of neighboring lodges. At six p.m. a dinner was served to all the 500 Elks who participated in the affair, and at eight a class of 50 candidates was initiated, bringing No. 349's membership to more than 800. The social part of the evening was such a success that no one left until very late.

ONEIDA, N. Y., Lodge, No. 767, watched its new officers show off their knowledge of the Ritual recently when a class of candidates was initiated. State Pres. Ronald J. Dunn was present and addressed the new members of his lodge.

P.E.R. Edward J. Murphy, on completion of his term of office, was voted a Life Membership in No. 767 for outstanding success in the conduct and progress of the lodge under his leadership.

WEST WARWICK, R. I., Lodge, No. 1697, popped up recently as the State's first new lodge in 35 years.

D.D. Alfred H. Chapman presided at the ceremonies at the local Country Club, when officers were installed and 80 members had their names placed on the rolls. An announcement was made after the meeting that 40 new applications have been received. The home of No. 1697 was the residence of ex-Senator Bowen.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers E. Mark Sullivan and John F. Malley, and Grand Treasurer John F. Burke, Chairman John E. Mullen of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee and State Pres. Major Edward Spry came from out of town to join distinguished Rhode Island Elks, including State Vice-Pres. Anthony F. Lawrence, in congratulating the new lodge and addressing the gathering.

While all this was going on, the wives and guests were entertained, and later dinner was served to 300.





Left: Members of the Elks War Committee of the Missouri State Elks Assn. visit a convalescent serviceman Elk at the U.S. Veterans Hospital in St. Louis.

Below: The Elk Junior Hostess Group of the N. J. State Elks Assn. Hospital Committee entertains servicemen at one of the many hospitals visited by this group regularly.



Above: At Dibble General Hospital in Palo Alto, with members of the Order, is Miss Ruth Denas, who toured the ETO with Bob Hope and visited 20 military hospitals in California under the Elks' banner.



Above is the all-Scout band sponsored by Rome, N. Y., Lodge.

GREENFIELD, OHIO, Lodge, No. 717, held a reception May 30th which was attended by a great many members, most noteworthy of whom was the guest of honor, Lt. Gen. John Edwin Hull, Chief of Operations, War Department General Staff.

General Hull, a native of Greenfield, became a member of the Order that evening, along with six other candidates, all veterans of World War II. The General received a Life Membership in No. 717 and made the response on behalf of the class. He also gave the principal addresses at two other civic ceremonies that day.

While in town, General Hull was assigned by the War Department as Commanding General of U. S. Army Forces in the Middle Pacific and of the Hawaiian Department, effective July 1st.

Right: The members of Gloucester, Mass., Lodge present a \$1,000 check to the Addison Gilbert Hospital for the latest type of operating table, shown in the picture.

Below are some of those who attended a recent dinner given by Chicago (North), Ill., Lodge in honor of P.E.R. Joseph Power.

**Notice Regarding
Applications for Residence
At Elks National Home**

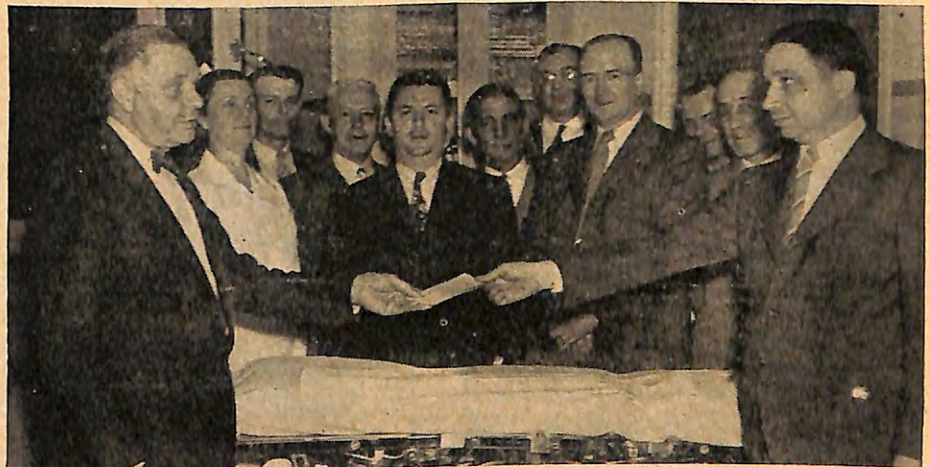
The Board of Grand Trustees reports that there are several rooms at the Elks National Home awaiting applications from members qualified for admission. Applications will be considered in the order in which received.

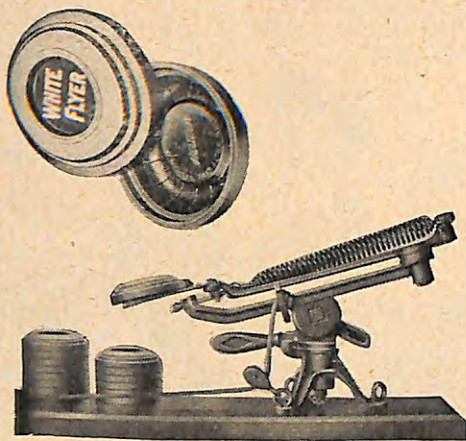
For full information, write Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.

DES MOINES, IA., Lodge, No. 98, on May 8th lost one of its most valued members when Walter S. McKee, a member since 1913, passed away at his home as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage, after being bed-ridden for nine and one-half years.

Mr. McKee became Secretary of his lodge almost immediately after joining the Order, serving in that capacity for 20 years. He was elected Exalted Ruler in 1934, doing a splendid job for No. 98.

Interment took place at Glendale Masonic Cemetery with a large number of Elks among the hundreds of mourners. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maude McKee.





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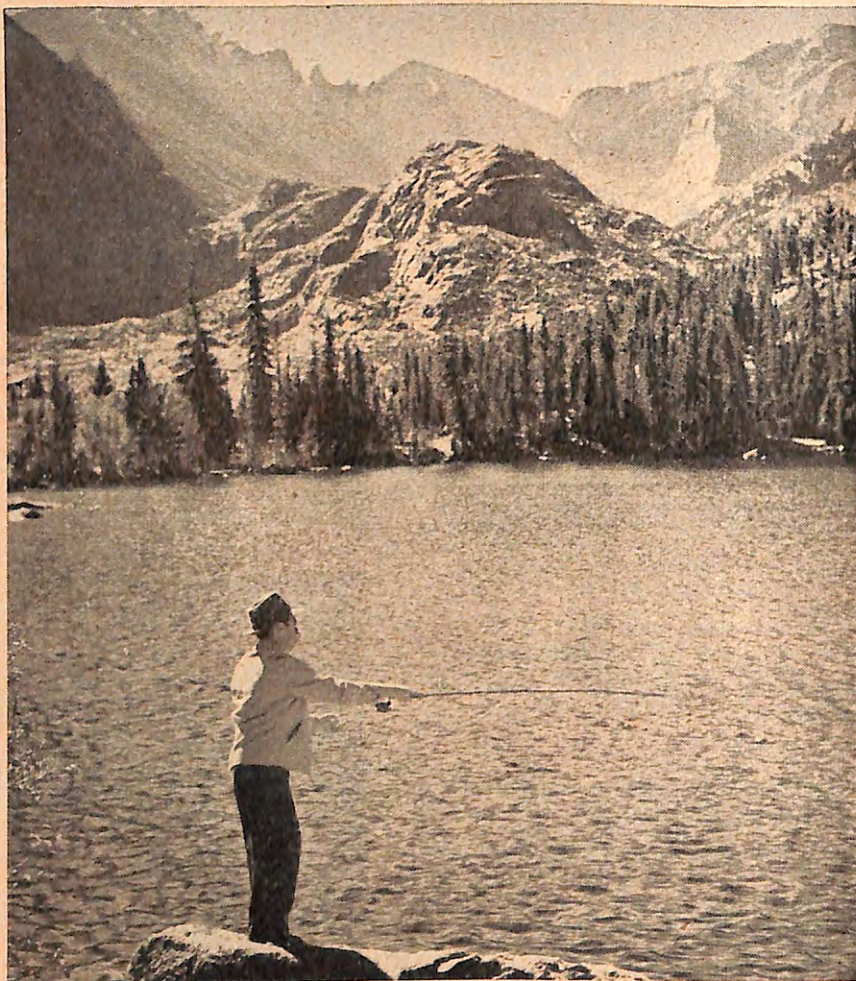


Photo by Don Bryan from Black Star

By Ted Trueblood

**Here is fishing so good
that you won't be able to stand it**

MOST fishermen long to find the mythical spot "where the trout bite so fast you have to get behind a tree to bait your hook". I've been there, and it ain't fun. An angler in such a spot soon begins to feel like Frank Sinatra feels about girls. (At least, like I assume he feels about girls.) Women were meant to be chased and fish were meant to be caught, and when the women (or the fish) do the chasing the average man gets bored.

Actually, I've never had one hop out on the bank and take my

lure away from me. But I've had 'em try. (I'm speaking of fish, now.)

I've read a lot of stuff by Eastern writers lamenting the fact that good trout fishing is a thing of the past; that all the streams are polluted or fished out, and that there are no more wild trout. Those lads just ain't been nowhere nor seen nothin'. Horace Greeley told them what to do a long time ago, but most of 'em haven't been West yet. I got no sympathy for 'em.

I'd say the great trout fishing

states are Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, and the last-named is the first one an easterner comes to when he lights out for God's country. Most of 'em don't get any farther. If they want to catch trout it's far enough.

I was standing on the shore of a lake in Colorado one day last summer with a chap from New Jersey who never had caught a trout. He was a photographer, and for three days he had been taking pictures of Ed Hunter, of Denver, and me as we hooked and played cutthroats and rainbows, and then turned them loose. He wasn't operating his camera at the moment, and he said: "I've never caught a fish in my life. Do you suppose I'd have a chance to catch a trout?"

I said, "Back in New Jersey it would take you about three years, but it shouldn't take you over three minutes here." I flipped a cast out and said, "Reel it in."

He made about three turns of the reel handle and a two-pound cutthroat nabbed the spoon. I don't know who was more surprised, Bill or the fish, but Bill finally won. He stretched that rosy sided battler on the shore and then he sat down weakly. The expression on his face looked as though he had just won the Irish Sweepstakes.

Right then and there he was bit by the bug. In about a minute, after admiring his fish, he jumped up and tried to cast the spoon across the lake. Of course, he got a backlash, but I picked it out for him and showed him how to cast. Then he started catching trout. Unaided, unabated and alone, he caught his limit of rainbows and cutthroats running from 14 to 18 inches long, and it didn't take him more than an hour to do it.

That kind of fishing is all right for a fellow like Bill. It's all right for picture taking. It's wonderful—for a while—to the easterner who has never seen any good trout fishing. But it gets mighty boring to a good fisherman, once the wire edge is worn off. On that particular lake Ed and I averaged about three trout out of every five casts, all day long. It got downright tiresome. It took the element of chance out of the sport because we knew that if we didn't hook a trout on one cast we would on the next.

There are plenty of lakes that good in Colorado and the other Western States, but, fortunately, they're not all so full of trout. There are waters where a good fisherman has to work for his fish—which is the way it should be—providing, of course, that once he figures out the way to get 'em he can catch enough to make it interesting.

Colorado would be a big state if so much of it weren't turned on end. There are something more than 50 peaks higher than 14,000 feet. In spite of the wrinkles—virtually every one of which has a trout stream in

it—the 104,000 square miles within her borders gives a man room enough to turn around without backing. The easily accessible streams, such as the South Platte River, the Big Thompson, the St. Vrain, the Colorado, the Gunnison and the Rio Grande, take a pounding. They're fished a lot, and an angler earns what he catches. At the same time, Cleland Feast, the boss of the Colorado Fish and Game Department, is a ring-tailed terror when it comes to raising trout, and the heavily fished streams are likewise heavily stocked. The fish are there if you can catch 'em. Some of these streams afford dry fly fishing that is unbelievably good by eastern standards.

A man has to duck pretty low to be less than a mile high 'most anywhere in Colorado, and the spring runoff lasts well into June. The time to visit the state if you're a dry fly man, is between the middle of July and the middle of September. The streams are low and clear then, and they never get too hot for good fishing, as eastern streams frequently do in August.

The same flies will work there that will catch trout anywhere, but Ed Hunter's favorites—and he's been tossing a dry fly around the state for 30 years—are the Red Variant, Ginger Quill, Pink Lady, Hardy's Favorite and Gray Hackle Yellow Body in sizes 14 and 16. Those flies are small, and some angling writers say small dry flies always are necessary in the West. 'Taint so; you'll take trout on Woolly Worms and "Strawman" flies that are big enough for bass.

If water conditions aren't just right or if you want to catch big fish (ordinarily you won't get anything over two or three pounds on dry flies) fish minnows, a small Colorado spinner, a Flatfish, or break out your casting rod and start chunking a little Dardevle around. You may hook a brown or rainbow that will take you to the cleaners. Just one word of caution, if you happen to catch a six- or eight-pounder, don't get excited about it and rush to town to have your picture taken. The boys catch 'em that size right along out there, and they'll just laugh at you. When you land one that pulls the scales down past 10 pounds then you can start talking.

If you're going West this summer by all means take your bait-casting tackle. Then when you meet up with a big, tough, fast stream that you can't wade you can get out the plug rod and go to town. The ideal outfit for trout consists of a light six-foot rod, a small, light-spool reel and six- or nine-pound-test line. Use a nylon leader about as long as the rod.

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Judge the distance you cast upstream by the speed of the current. If the water is flowing slowly (which it usually ain't) you can cast nearly straight across. If it's ripping along faster than a tall Indian can run, cast well upstream to give your lure time to sink.

Big Colorado and Bear Valley spinners can be handled better on a casting rod than they can on a fly rod. Use a sinker about eight inches up the leader if you need it to help you cast. The best spinners are solid nickel and solid brass. Nickel-copper blades are thicker than the one-metal ones, and don't spin so well. Never bait the Colorado. If you think you must use bait on your spinner—which usually does little if any good—use the Bear Valley type.

For lake fishing, go up on Grand Mesa, near Grand Junction. There are about 100 lakes to choose from. You'll be about 9,500 feet above sea level and the humidity won't bother you to speak of. After you've caught your limit you can sit around and feel sorry for the relatives back in

Kansas. Take plenty of wool blankets and mosquito lotion, however. It'll frost at night and those high-country mosquitos are handy with their diggers.

In some of the lakes your casting tackle will take the most fish, but in others a small, dark wet fly, fished deep and slowly retrieved in a series of short jerks, will do better. Good patterns are Mosquito, Gray Hackle and Gray Hackle Yellow Body, Red Ant and Black Gnat. Sometimes size 10 will work, but usually 12 and 14 are better. Once in a while you'll get good lake fishing with dry flies and when you do it's top-flight sport. Drift around slowly in a boat or on a raft and cast to the rises. With either wet or dry flies the ability to cast a long line is a great advantage.

In fact, virtually any place in the West, you should be able to cast a fly 75 feet or more. Easterners sometimes wonder at the nine-foot, six-ounce rods used in the West. The prime reason for this heavy tackle is the necessity for long casts on the gin-clear lakes and the big rivers. If you don't already have one, get a three-diameter line to balance your rod and learn to cast with it. With properly balanced, modern tackle you can cast 60 or 80 feet easier than you could 40 with a willowy rod and a double-tapered line. The front taper on your three-diameter line should not be less than 10 feet long. Otherwise, you won't be able to lay down a dry fly gently.

Of course, you can use light fly tackle, and many expert western dry fly anglers fish with seven-foot, three-ounce rods. They don't use 'em for bait, spinners and bucktails, however, and every man who uses tackle in the feather-weight class also has a heavy outfit to fall back on when

he has to cast a long line in order to stir up any business.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that all western trout are ignorant. In the heavily-fished streams the browns, particularly, are plenty cagey. You'll need the same light terminal tackle that you do in the East. Nine-foot, 3x leaders are just about standard for dry flies, although on some of the fast streams with lots of broken water you can get by with 7½-foot, 1x leaders for dry flies. In lakes a long, light leader always will put more fish in the basket. For bait or spinner fishing, when the water is discolored, you can use five-pound-test nylon.

If your baser nature gets the upper hand, and you want to take advantage of plumb ignorant trout, make a pack trip into the White River primitive area from Meeker. You'll find fishing that will pop your cork.

Just in case your wife and family get the upper hand, and you have to make your trip in June, by all means plan to be on the Gunnison about the middle of the month. The willow flies (local name for a big stone fly) will be hatching then, and the fishing is something to put down in the book.

These insects come out by the thousands and the fish gorge on them. You'll find plenty of local competition, but the fish are there, and you'll never forget the experience. As a matter of fact, it will be so good you may not be able to stand it.

Mary Reisman of Kansas City established a new woman's record for Tampico, Mexico, last spring when she caught a tarpon weighing 126½ pounds during the annual Tampico Tarpon Rodeo. She was using nylon line.

News of the State Associations

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SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota Elks Association's 36th Annual Convention brought 576 Elks to Mitchell June 2nd and 3rd. Each lodge in the State was represented by its Exalted Ruler and Secretary. Many members of the Order from outside South Dakota were registered, including one from Fairbanks, Alaska, Lodge, No. 1551. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner of Dixon, Ill., was on hand for the meeting.

The Mitchell Elks were excellent hosts, putting on a fine dinner for Mr. Warner, State Association officers and the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries. A continuous Dutch lunch was served all delegates and visitors throughout the meeting.

Aberdeen Lodge No. 1046 won the Ritualistic Contest as well as the Chorus and Band trophies. The golf tournament closed with Madison Lodge No. 1442 on top, and Brookings Lodge No. 1490 carried off the bowling honors.

All business sessions were well attended, with aid to veterans and crippled children the main topics of interest insofar as charitable plans were concerned. A \$100 scholarship was voted to the State winner in the National Foundation Scholarship Contest.

Officers elected are as follows: Pres.,

M. G. Murphy, Huron; Vice-Pres.'s: Norman R. Mathers, Sioux Falls; James M. Campbell, Deadwood, and Max Austin, Brookings; Secy., M. A. Calles, Watertown; M. M. Korte, Aberdeen, was re-elected Treasurer. Trustees for three, four and five-year terms respectively are Frank Collins, Mitchell; Wescott G. Smith, Yankton, and Rudolph Gaeckle, Madison.

At a public meeting in the Mitchell Corn Palace, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner delivered a most inspiring address to about one thousand listeners. At this meeting the \$100 Scholarship was awarded to Miss Alys Dorraine Cleveland of Conde, winner in the Foundation Scholarship Contest in South Dakota. The Aberdeen Chorus and the Bands from Sioux Falls and Aberdeen entertained.

The 1947 delegates will meet at Deadwood, although the exact date is undecided. During the late summer the newly appointed District Deputy will meet with Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of all lodges, as well as the officers and Advisory Committee of the Association.

ALABAMA

Montgomery Lodge No. 596 was host to the 1946 meeting of the Alabama State Elks Assn. May 17, 18 and 19. About 350

of these Alabama Elks, who have always been deeply and actively interested in giving assistance to crippled children, registered. Judge Leon McCord of the U.S. Court of Appeals, New Orleans, La., was a guest.

A Dutch lunch followed all meetings, and the President's Purple and White Banquet and Ball was the main social event. It was decided that the 1947 Convention will be held in Mobile in May and a mid-term meeting will probably take place in Birmingham this September.

The officers elected for the coming year are: Pres., Gilbert Mayer, Sheffield; Executive Vice-Pres., A. W. Stroecker, Mobile; Secy., John F. Antwine, Birmingham; Tiler, J. A. McKee, Florence; District Vice-Pres.'s: E. Romano, Mobile; Frank Russell, Montgomery; E. H. Saunders, Bessemer; Tom Frazier, Gadsden, and Carter Dobbs, Decatur; Trustees: Wm. M. Fex, Birmingham, one year; Sherman Powell, Decatur, two years, and M. E. Barganier, Montgomery, three years. Appointed officers are: Chaplain, W. T. Harrison, Birmingham; Sergeant-at-Arms, T. V. Doyle, Tuscaloosa; Historian, Joe Marques, Mobile; Organist, Tom T. Davidson, Birmingham; Inner Guard, J. Fred Wald, Birmingham, and Outer Guard, J. W. McFarland, Ensley.

It's a Man's World

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steady flow of palatable food for their family.

The social implications of all this are for the politicians to ponder. But as the possessor of some thirty cubic feet of freezer space I speak from experience when I say that, 1) a freezer is highly desirable for some people and, 2) for others it is a white and very cold elephant.

The small amount of freezer space offered in the new home refrigerators is usually put there strictly for sales appeal. It wouldn't hold enough frozen food to make a meal for a voracious midget, let alone provide a food backlog for a family. The space had better be used for additional refrigeration.

Home freezing should be developed extensively or not at all. If you can't fill twelve cubic feet you're

probably piddling around. That is about what is required to give a family of three or four an appreciable quantity. In a home freezer that amount of space costs around \$400 and will hold several hundred pounds.

Space is also offered by frozen food locker organizations. A six-room house may be easier to rent at the moment, but if you luckily get a locker, it provides a satisfactory method of storage provided you live within a few miles of the plant and don't mind a trip a week to replenish the home larder.

The facilities of such a plant are practically essential for those thousands who have an option on a likely piece of beef which is now fattening up into winter steaks. If the beef is delivered to them in quarters, these locker plants will hang it for season-

ing and then, before freezing, cut it up into portions sized for convenient home use. The system being followed all over the country is for three or four families to chip in on the purchase of a steer which, when divided up, gives each of them around 200 pounds of dressed beef for future eating. That comes to about four pounds a week for a year which is pretty good supplementary rations the way the food situation shapes up.

Incidentally, prices on both vegetables and meat are likely to be at their lowest for the year within the next sixty days. As soon as the pasture season ends, summer-fattened beef moves to market. This is the time to get yours.

Operating a home freezer is fun for the whole family, especially, bless her dear soul for Mother.

Desmond's Lessons in Life

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CRAWFORD WAS gone before I got up the next morning, and after breakfast we went back to our plowing. But, try as we would, we could not get anything done. Before eight o'clock all fifteen people who lived above us on Otter Creek had gone, either on horseback or in cars, towards John Hartney's. Five minutes after the last one passed Matilda started crying.

"I ca-. I can't stand it any more, Desmond!" she said. "I got to know what's happenin'."

"I'd like to myself," I told her.

I was thinking of Crawford, brave as a lion, marching down to John Hartney's with his fishing rod, fighting off all those people, crossing the field, and going fishing. Oh, but that was a wonderful thought! And I itched to be there so I could see Crawford win out once more. Finally I could stand it no longer.

"I am going down to see," I told Matilda.

"Y-. Yes, Desmond," Matilda said. "Do that."

I walked, and as soon as I rounded the bend where I could see John Hartney's house I saw that everybody who lived on Otter Creek, except Crawford and Matilda, was there. Men, women, children, and even old Grandpa Theron, were gathered in the yard. There was a big kettle of tar warming over a fire, and basket after basket of chicken feathers setting around. I wanted to go back. But I could not. I had to wait, and see Crawford go through those people like a whirlwind through leaves. John Hartney saw me.

"Hi, Desmond," he said. "Down to see the fun?"

"You should be ashamed of yourselves!" I told him. "My brother, Crawford, is the kindest and best

man in Taglatt County!"

I thought he was going to hit me for saying that. But all he did was shake his head and say,

"Desmond, no doubt you will be a very smart man some day."

I sat under a tree, still not wanting to stay but not able to leave. I had to see Crawford come along, and fight, and walk across that field. But nothing happened except that Peter Smith got up on a box, crowed like a rooster, flapped his arms, said, "Where the dickens is that man who can't be stopped?" and everybody laughed. About noon Mrs. Hartney spread a picnic lunch under the trees. But I wouldn't eat. Their food would gag me.

Nothing happened all afternoon, either.

IT WAS evening when I got home, and the first thing I saw was Crawford. He was eating, and Matilda was sitting near him holding his hand. Crawford turned around.

"Why hello, Desmond," he said. "Don't you think you might better have been plowing, instead of wasting time at Hartney's?"

"Uh-. Uh-. Huh?"

"Look in the ice box, Desmond," Crawford said.

I looked, and there were fifteen rainbow trout. The smallest would weigh a pound and a half, and the biggest must have gone all of four pounds. It's the nicest mess of rainbow trout I ever saw.

"Out of Jeb Bolens' reservoir," said Crawford—Jeb Bolens lives clear at the upper end of Otter Creek. "After all, this is a democracy. He's got no right to keep trout like those all to himself. Eat your supper, Desmond, and—"

"Yes, Crawford?" I said, amazed that anyone could be so smart.

"I will give you another lesson in life. We will go tell Jeb Bolens that I am going to cross his land tomorrow."

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HAVE a friend who is a rabbit and he said to me the other day, he said, "Hey, Faust, why don't you tell the customers something about keeping their dogs neat and tidy or don't you give a you-know about how a dog looks?" "Listen kid," I told him, "maybe you haven't caught up on your reading. I did do an article on grooming, although I'll admit it was quite some time ago, perhaps long enough for a whole lot of new readers to have been added to the Doghouse roster." "Well, that may be so," he said. Besides, I can't be bothered with reading. What with gardens and what-not us rabbits is kept pretty busy in the summer and in winter we're even busier trying to hustle a living." Thinks I, "Faust, the little guy's got something there and come to think more about it, it was 'way back when, when I wrote on the subject of tailoring a pooch." Yessir, back in 1940, plenty long enough for a heap of new dog-owning readers to have joined the Order. If you haven't gone completely crazy following this thus far, read on if the business of grooming a dog holds any interest for you.

The first thing, of course, is the matter of giving your purp his Saturday night. Now there are two ways to dunk a dog—the easy way and the way that will make both you and the dog wish you'd never met each other. Let's take the easy way. We won't talk about the hard way—it's already too familiar to too many people. No matter what you use for the dog's tub it should be comfortably large for him. He'll be more reconciled

to the tubbing if he isn't cramped in a tub too small and besides, a proper tub size makes the job easier for you. Use lukewarm water and test this by dipping your bare elbow in it. The only exception I'd make to this would be to suggest that cold water—not too cold—could be used if you are giving the pooch a bath during very warm weather. Next, be sure to use a good dog soap which you can get at any drug store. But don't fall for an unknown make. Play safe and buy one of the standard, advertised brands. Don't try to use ordinary house or toilet soap. Many such contain ingredients harmful to the dog's skin and because of absorption may be harmful to the dog himself. Don't put any disinfectant in the water unless the dog has a strong B.O. and then be very sparing as to how much you put in and, I'll add, use only the mildest kind. Have all your equipment laid out before you begin. This should be the soap, the towels, or any old clean cloths for drying, and perhaps a comb for tangled hair that once wet can be managed. At all other times tangles should be separated by hand and not combed because of the danger of combing out too much live hair. You'll need a bailing can too. Now, where is that dog? Yes, where is he? If he's been bathed before, bathed the wrong way in water too hot or too cold or handled roughly, scolded or slapped he hasn't forgotten it and he probably vanished at the first sound of running water and your first mention of a bath for him. When putting him into the tub do it gently if you can and

avoid shouting or scolding which will get you nothing anyway and will only make your friend dislike the bath the more. Begin by putting a collar of soap around his neck, this to prevent any boarders in his coat from climbing out on your purp's schnozzle to avoid drowning. Soap the dog right down to his skin and work up a good lather, one as heavy as the lather around his neck. Rub briskly. Then use your bailing can to rinse him off. Pour the water on—don't throw it. Repeat this process but in your second rinsing use clean water. I should have advised you to have a pail of water to one side for this purpose. Next, soap the dog's head. A hand over his eyes will keep out any soap. Rinse the head as you did his body. With a soft, wet cloth wash out the insides of his ears. But do this very gently as a dog's ears are easily injured. Don't make the mistake of wrapping the cloth around some hard object to clean the ears. Now your dog is through with his bath and out of the tub and he's going to try to dry himself the only way he knows and that's by a good series of shakes which is why you'd best wear only your old clothes at this time. A bathing suit would be better. If he's a fairly small fellow, stand him on a table for the drying and so avoid a crick in the back for yourself. Dry him thoroughly right down to his B V Ds and rub vigorously. After this induce him to play, let him race around or better still play with him—a game with a ball, a tug-of-war with a rope, anything that will keep him stepping around fast to promote greater blood circulation and thus quicker drying. Don't allow him to lie around where it is drafty as this is a pretty sure way for him to catch cold and a cold sometimes is a forerunner of that dread disease, distemper. If the day is sunny and not cold, then try to make this play period outdoors; the sunlight will do him good—and you too for that matter.

If the whole business of a soap and water bath seems like too much trouble, then you can use one of the several dry baths that are on the market. If you'll write to me I'll be glad to tell you the names of these and where you can get them. For a dog that has considerable white in his coat you might put a few drops of bluing in the final rinsing water. This will make him all the whiter. How often should your dog get tubbed? Much depends upon how dirty he gets but it's been my experience in knowing many dog owners, that most dogs kept for house pets are bathed entirely too much. Once every three weeks should be sufficient, once a month is better. Incidentally, most show dogs are never bathed. You see too much bathing robs the dog's skin of essential oils which in times makes both skin and coat too dry with the coat becoming harsh and brittle.

Now for the grooming. But first, let's go into the matter of the dog's coat. It's the most important thing

in the world to him—by far, more important to him than even his teeth. I can hear some who read this say, "The guy's nuts." Admitted but I want to inform anyone who does this here and now, that they haven't made an original discovery. But in the matter of Fido's dental equipment it is fact that this is not the most important thing to him and this because dogs don't chew their food—they do what little Willie gets in bad for doing—they gulp it. The digestive processes for our friend take place in his stomach and intestines where strong pancreatic and gastric juices do the work. In fact I've seen scores of purps that had no more teeth than a hen or teeth so worn down with age as to be useless, live happily and well nourished.

AS TO coat, there are roughly five kinds, the short haired, the medium, the wiry, the long haired and the silky. With most dogs you'll see an outer coat and an inner one, the latter usually soft and short. Occasionally you'll find a dog that has only an outer coat and if it is one of the wiry haired breeds that dog will be the dickens to pluck. In certain breeds such as the poodle and Chesapeake Bay retriever the inner coat is so dense that these dogs can swim in the coldest water for unbelievably long periods. In fact they're darned near water proof which is one reason why they are used so often for water game. The poodle of course is not so widely used for this purpose in the United States. You didn't know that the poodle was a hunting dog and not a prettified sissy? Well, he is a huntsman and a right good one. Actually that was what the breed was developed for long, long ago. So dense is his coat that his rear end has to be clipped otherwise the weight of the water-soaked coat would slow him up in the water to the point where he'd not be of much use to bring back the fowl that had been shot.

The proper care of the coat begins with the dog's diet, believe it or believe it not. An unhealthy dog can't have a healthy coat. The quality of coat depends upon the nourishment it gets from the dog's body. A poorly fed dog invariably shows it in the condition of his coat. Impoverished blood cannot supply the oils that keep the coat healthy, hence your dog's dinner pail is mighty important in relation to his clothing. Nor does a sick dog enjoy good coat. At such times it will become harsh and dry. Yes, the coat is a sure index to the dog's physical condition. The dog that is shedding heavily will have poor coat. If you have one of those kind of fellows be sure to add some fats or oils to his diet—not much but a sufficiency to offset the strain of shedding. Some dogs shed twice a year, some very few once a year and others undergo a constant, mild shedding process throughout the year. If your pup is a heavy shedder you might give him a laxative at that time—milk of magnesia is excellent—a tablespoonful for a large dog, a teaspoonful for the

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small dog and a half teaspoonful for the very littlest. Strangely enough, the lady of the species among dogs frequently changes her clothes twice a year and does this too when the stork arrives; the shock to her system no doubt influences this. If you have a heavy shedder that happens to be a furniture climber, I can tell you about a colorless powder that you can sprinkle on your best-liked upholstery. It's designed to put a damper on this habit for Fido. If you drop me a line I'll tell you the name of it and where you can get it. Usually, with the coming of warmer

weather our friend begins to change his clothes. A sick dog frequently sheds too as do dogs that in winter-time are kept in overheated rooms or permitted to park close to heating units, radiators, etc. Heat is always bad for the dog's coat.

LOOK to the dog's teeth. Do they need cleaning? Then use a fairly soft toothbrush and almost any toothpaste. Best not use a powder as the dog may inhale it. The teeth should be examined and cleaned whenever they need it and tartar should not be allowed to accumulate. If there is

much tartar this should be scraped off with a dull bladed knife or similar instrument. The dog's ears should be cleaned with a soft cloth wrapped around your finger.

Toenails should be examined and if too long should be cut but don't you try to do this unless you know how. Properly it's a job for a vet. But if you do know how to do this you'll also know how and will know enough not to cut too closely. For you who do not know how Fido's tootsies should be manicured I want to warn that before you cut into the nails, there is a fine art to it, so be careful.

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Magazine during the last fiscal year was \$610,887.05, or an increase of \$142,161.40 over the previous fiscal year. More than 90% of this increased cost was due to additional printing, more and better paper, more and higher priced engravings, additional postage and increased and better literary content and illustrations, nearly all occasioned by the increase in number and size of the books printed and by extra advertising selling costs in securing increased net advertising revenues. With the additional cost, created largely by the increase in number of books and pages of the Magazine, the Commission is of the opinion that the showing is an excellent one and that there is nothing disturbing in the slight decrease in earnings herein reported.

The Commission is of the opinion that expenses will be even higher during the coming year. This will be due to increased membership, increase in printing costs due to wage increases by the printer and other matters beyond the control of the Commission.

No one can tell what the paper situation will be during the coming year. It has been desperate for some time, and the detailed situation relative to paper is set forth in our printed report.

ADVERTISING: The net advertising receipts for the last fiscal year were \$257,606.50 as against \$238,524.12 for the previous fiscal year, or an increase of about 8%. This is a splendid showing, in view of the fact that the net advertising receipts for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1944, were only \$179,585.16, while for the next preceding fiscal year they were only \$89,504.58.

No predictions can be made as to advertising revenues for the current fiscal year. Reports show that millions of dollars in advertising space and radio time have been cancelled during the last month or two. Our Magazine has had some cancellations. We are hopeful that we can hold our own in this matter but are fearful that the next year will for the first time in many years show a reduction in net advertising revenue over the previous fiscal year.

Advertising selling costs for the year were \$97,768.99, or about 37.9% of the net advertising revenue, which is below the usual selling costs for magazines of the character of ours.

PER CAPITA COST OF THE MAGAZINE: The per capita cost of the Magazine for the year was about 80c, which was an increase of 7c over the previous fiscal year. The reasons for this have been explained in other sections of this report. Advertising income

contributed about 42c per capita, leaving the net cost per capita to the membership of only 38c, which for the reasons hereinbefore set forth is only 2c per capita over that of the previous fiscal year, and with the exception of that year is the lowest net cost per capita to the membership in the history of the Magazine.

DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS: During the twenty-four years of its existence, the surplus earnings of the Magazine have amounted to \$4,769,015.99. The Commission, out of its earnings, has already turned over to the Grand Lodge \$3,967,783.52, or an average of about \$165,000.00 per year. That money has been used for various purposes, including the maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building; the building of an addition to the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia; the decoration of the Memorial Building with murals, statues and other decorative features; general Grand Lodge purposes; contributions to the Elks War Commission and the Elks National Foundation, and for the establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$250,000.00. Had it not been for these amounts turned over to the Grand Lodge, the per capita tax for many years would have been materially increased, but as a result thereof the per capita tax for each year has averaged at least 30c lower than it otherwise would have been. For the fiscal year ending May 31, 1945, more than 50c per member was turned over to the Grand Lodge for its purposes out of surplus earnings of the Magazine.

In a supplementary report we will turn over an additional substantial sum to the Grand Lodge, with recommendations for its disposition.

SURPLUS: On May 31, 1946, the surplus of the Magazine was \$801,232.47.

AMENDMENT TO GRAND LODGE STATUTES: The Commission has filed with the Judiciary Committee an amendment to Sec. 125 of the Grand Lodge Statutes so as to make it optional with the member as to what the mailing address of his Magazine shall be. The statute now requires the Magazine to be mailed to the home address of the member.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AT NEW YORK: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Commission, has been appointed special representative of the Commission at New York. As such special representative Brother Nicholson, subject to the rights and powers of the Commission, and subject to the pow-

ers and authority heretofore or hereafter conferred upon the Chairman, has full and complete supervision of the publication of the Magazine and performs the duties usually performed by and incident to the position of publisher and general manager of a magazine of similar kind and character. Brother Nicholson made a condition to his acceptance of the position that he receive no compensation of any kind for his services except his actual expenses and disbursements. This situation applies equally to the other members of the Commission. Each and every member of the Commission will perform all services they may be called upon to perform without any compensation of any kind, either directly or indirectly, and with only reimbursement for actual expenses and disbursements incurred in the discharge of their duties.

AUDIT OF COMMISSION'S ACCOUNTS

The accounts of the Commission for the fiscal year just ended have been audited and approved by the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee and by Ernst & Ernst, Accountants and Auditors, New York. We call the attention of any member of the Grand Lodge who is interested to the financial tables appearing as an appendix to the printed report.

EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

The Commission has been in existence twenty-five years. Some of our employes have now been with us for twenty-five years. At its February meeting the Commission established an Employees Pension Plan, applicable to all employes after twenty-five years continuous service and the attainment of the age of sixty-five years, with the right in the Commission under special circumstances to grant a pension to an employe prior to the attainment of the required age and service. The pension provides for an amount equal to 2% of the monthly salary of such employe at the time of retirement, multiplied by the number of years of service. No contributions are made by employes to the pension fund, but the Commission has reserved full power at any time to alter, amend, revoke, cancel or discontinue the pension plan or any payments made thereunder. A summary of the pension plan appears in the printed report.

Respectfully submitted
Bruce A. Campbell
Chairman

Gadget & Gimmick Department

By W. C. Bixby

WITH Apologies to Don Marquis, it is a terrible thing boss, we were having a meeting the other night and mehitabel was arguing with davy the rat. i got so upset i didnt sleep at all. mehitabel said we were progressing and davy said we werent. mehitabel said when she was queen of sheba, society was very primitive, and that today there was exciting progress going on. they had split the poor little atom and davy said the atom had put up a good fight. it all seems so silly to me boss i cant help think of the strange things we do these days. its very sad boss and it made me cry in that beer you left me last night. by the way could you please leave some cracker crumbs to go with the rest of the beer which i will drink tonight. we are having a party to celebrate some new inventions listed below.



IF YOU'RE a small person trying to put out a large fire you will have use for this small, eight-ounce fire extinguisher. It claims to do the work of two one-quart extinguishers and has many weird and unheard of advantages. It is only seven inches high and was subjected to what were described as "vigorous" tests such as setting drapes afire and puddles of gasoline, then putting them out with this extinguisher. The really weird test came when they sprayed the dousing fluid on clothes, walls and bread, of all things. It didn't stain the walls or clothes and several brave people munched the soaked bread with no ill effects. It seems it's a secret sort of fluid and is disastrous only to fires.



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Vacations Unlimited

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do), or better still, delay your trip until September or early October, when northern resorts are comparatively uncrowded, the weather still fine, the fishing good and the hunting season starting.

One of the most important gateways to the lakes region on the west is Brainerd, Minnesota, in Crow Wing county, which alone has over 460 lakes. Scores and scores of resorts dot this section, and excellent wall-eyed pike, bass, crappie, northern pike and muskellunge fishing is available. Park Rapids, to the northwest, is also in a region of lakes, with more than 300 nearby. To increase the ardor of fishermen—if more than good fishing is ever needed—it offers a grand prize of \$100 each summer to the person catching the largest fish by weight.

A stop at Itasca state park, only 18 miles from Park Rapids, is worthwhile, for here the Mississippi begins its course to the Gulf of Mexico, more than 2,550 miles away. Now it is only a matter of a few miles more to Bemidji and the Arrowhead country, one of the most famous resort areas in the nation. Just a short time ago Bemidji was a center of the lumber industry and around it sprang up many of the legends of Paul Bunyan, heroically proportioned lumberjack, and his blue ox, Babe. His 18-foot statue and a statue of Babe today grace the shores of Lake Bemidji.

Over half of Minnesota's lakes are located in the Arrowhead country, as are two national forests, Chipewewa and Superior, which together comprise some 4,000,000 acres. Brook and lake trout, walleyed pike, crappies, bass and muskies abound in the waters of the region.

But the Arrowhead country is known for more than its scenic and vacation attractions. Hibbing, one of its resort centers, is at the same

time famous for the largest open-pit mine in the world. This pit stretches for more than three miles and is about a mile wide. More than 80 per cent of all iron ore mined in the United States comes from this area and nearby regions of Wisconsin and Michigan. So important is the industry that when iron ore was discovered beneath Hibbing a couple of decades ago the entire town—churches, homes and even graves—was moved to a new site. The moving "day" lasted for more than three years.

Duluth, at the tip of the Arrowhead country, is also a gateway to Wisconsin, for it is joined by toll bridge to the nearby city of Superior. Northern Wisconsin is sprinkled with national and state forests, all of them either containing summer resorts and camping places or boasting such facilities close at hand. The Northern Highland state forest alone contains more than 150 lakes and affords fine bathing, hiking and boating.

The state is justly proud of its conservation program: in a single year it has hatched and planted more than a billion fish in its lakes and streams. Famous for its muskellunge—no other region is believed to have so many—it also has excellent fishing for bass, walleyed pike, trout and panfish of all varieties.

Southern Wisconsin offers a different type of vacation. Travelers have long admired the beauty of the famous Wisconsin Dells and the charms of Madison, which succeeds in being both state capital and educational center, for it is home of the University. Thence come the famous Badgers, to challenge in football each autumn the equally famous Wolverines of Michigan and the Golden Gophers of the University of Minnesota.

Perhaps the greatest oddity of this

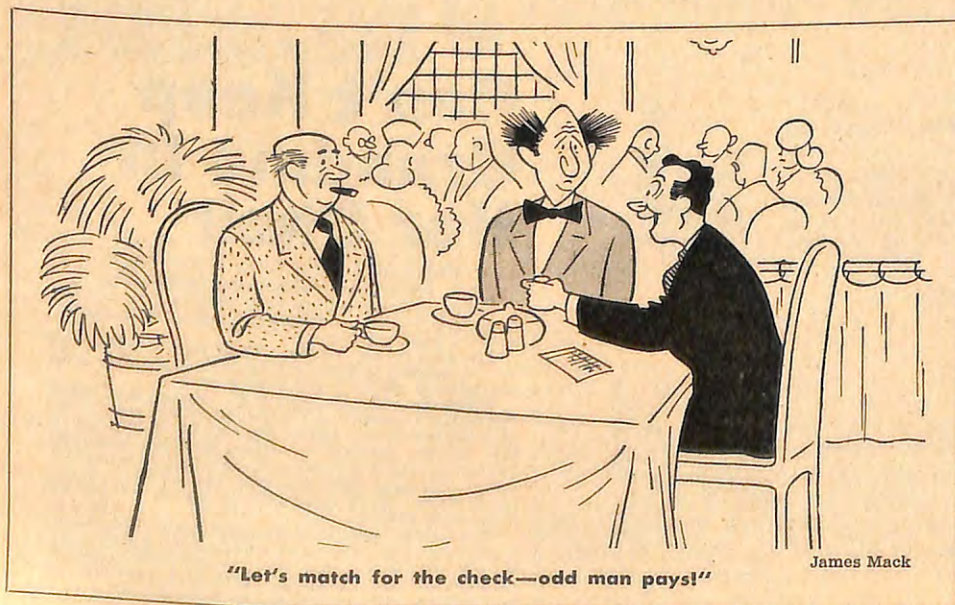
section of the state is "Little Norway," a museum-village some of whose dwellings might have been transplanted bodily from Norway itself. A few miles west of Madison, at Mount Horeb, it brings instantly to mind the outdoor museums at Lillehammer and Oslo, and is a fascinating reminder that the United States is made up of people from many nations. (Besides the Norwegians and Swedes of Minnesota and the Germans of Wisconsin, representatives of about 30 nationalities have settled in these two states alone.)

For those traveling between Wisconsin and Michigan, one of the most pleasant ways of making the trip is by ferry across Lake Michigan. There are excellent connections via the S. S. Milwaukee Clipper, for instance, between Milwaukee and Muskegon and by Pere Marquette ferry service between Ludington (Michigan) and Milwaukee, Manitowoc and Kewaunee. Farther north a service operates between Frankfort and Kewaunee and Manitowoc.

Week-end and mid-week cruises in Great Lakes waters are offered by the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co. from Detroit. They have as ports Harbor Springs; Midland, Ontario (mid-week cruise only); and Mackinac Island, that autoless paradise in the straits between Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas. Fort Holmes and the restored Astor fur post are among its travel attractions, but it's the leisurely life of long carriage or bicycle rides and well-run hotels and resorts that appeals most to visitors.

Michigan again is fishing and hunting country (proud hunters bring back some 70,000 deer each fall from its woods). In the western part of the state, Grand Traverse county alone has more than 90 lakes, where bass, pickerel, bluegills and walleyed pike abound. Trout too—brown, rainbow and speckled—lure fishermen to this section, as they do also to Ludington and to the upper reaches of the Pere Marquette River. Ludington itself fronts an excellent stretch of beach on Lake Michigan and is historically important as the death place of Pere Jacques Marquette, explorer of both this state and Wisconsin.

No trip to Michigan would be complete without a stop in Detroit or Flint, world centers of automobile manufacturing; at Ann Arbor, seat of the University; or Grand Rapids, furniture making capital whose Furniture Museum is one of the most interesting sights of this region. But never far away, even from these cities, lie woods and lakes and streams, and it is the spell of these that brings travelers by the tens of thousands annually not only to Michigan but also Wisconsin and Minnesota as well.



What America Is Reading

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is not unsympathetic, just a busy, alert young woman who hasn't had time to look around. A good, entertaining story. (Simon & Schuster, \$2.75)

Ann Bridge, who won a prize and much popularity over a decade ago with "Peking Picnic," has written a new novel, "Singing Waters," that ought to please readers tired of the old romantic patterns. This is the story of a young widow, Gloire Thurston, daughter of an English father and an American mother, who has lost interest in life because her husband died from neglect after an injury sustained while mountain climbing. She is not only the possessor of a large income, but she has the landlord's attitude toward tenants. While approving designs for the general welfare, she takes no part in them, and her interest in people is superficial. On the Orient Express she meets Nils Larsen, a Swedish factory expert who travels for the International Labor Office, and he challenges her to make herself useful. Through his influence she visits Albania, and through the influence of an American novelist, Susan Glanfield, she gets into the mountainous districts.

The reader, expecting a new love story, will be surprised to find that people become Mrs. Thurston's major interest, and that love of humanity can be a potent force in rebuilding a distracted soul. Of course you will have to make concessions—become interested in Albanian customs and listen to talk about social conflicts and the value of village life in the Balkans. Tirana, the "rag-time capital," was hardly the place for a glamorous society; Gloire thought it a hick town, but there was much to interest her. Getting your Albanian history by way of a novel—even in conversation between Gloire and Warren Langdon, is something new. It is a novel written on a higher level than many and sacrificing some of the suspense and love interest of the romantic tale, but it is also a pleasant relief from the obvious. (Macmillan, \$2.75)

Emily Hahn is one of the few writers who can describe the effect of war conditions on people with a light touch. This does not mean that she makes fun of them, but that she often writes amusingly of human foibles. Her sketches of American, British and Chinese people in "Hong Kong Holiday" are written out of understanding of human motives. In an occupied city, so full of confusing interests, many lead devious lives. A Chinese woman, "Bubbles," marries a Japanese, takes over a restaurant by force, makes a failure of it and then, as the Japanese tide recedes, sits wondering what will happen to her when the Chinese guerillas come. In Chungking an un-

conventional girl, Maris, must be forgiven for her light fingers because she has such good manners. The prisoners in the enclosure and the wives who visit them and bring them food, lingering briefly outside the wires, develop their own routine of communication. And then there is Carola, the author's baby, and the stories about that infant's first birthday and experiences in a topsy-turvy world are unique. War or no war "Hong Kong Holiday" is a happy combination of sketches about people. (Doubleday, Doran, \$2.75)

Henry J. Taylor, the business man who became a war correspondent, has some fantastic stories to tell about Hitler and Germany at the breaking point in his new book, "Men and Power." (Dodd, Mead & Co., \$3). Like many other people I am fed up on Germany, but Mr. Taylor demonstrates that there is still much to tell. Moreover I believe his account of Hitler's last days and hours is so extraordinary, as a revelation of a nation driven to its doom by a crackpot, that it will be reprinted in years to come in books about nations at war. Mr. Taylor has put together everything he gleaned in talks with Goering, Jodl and other captive German officers and from reading the transcripts of the phone messages to and from Hitler, which the Americans intercepted. Hitler and his staff met in a cone-shaped concrete bomb-shelter, located above ground in Berlin, and there he daily told the officers what to do, for "he knew better." When one Gestapo colonel reported to him that the commander of an army group objected to orders given by the Fuehrer, Hitler replied: "The commanding general is sentenced to death," but twelve hours later he reversed his decision and put that general in command of all armies in the southern zone. "What can you do with a man like this?" Jodl asked of Dr. Morrel, Hitler's physician. "Nothing," answered Morrel.

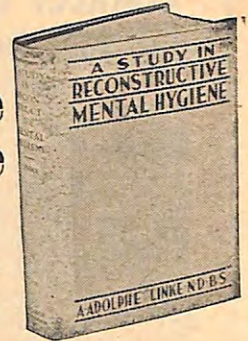
But there is other good reading in Mr. Taylor's book and his dramatic—and sometimes dogmatic—manner accelerates the tempo and gives one a sense of urgency, even in these days when we have lost count of the days the Nuremberg trial has dragged on. Mr. Taylor has a point to make: that power and government by violence can't last. He has confidence in the desire for freedom that human beings cherish, even when they are most war-weary.

When the ballet moves on, we can take a porch chair and read about the ballet. There's nothing like reliving pleasant experiences by means of a book, and the ballet is pleasant, isn't it? At least when it remains the art of the dance and doesn't get into frustration or the subconscious. Grace Robert has made such reading

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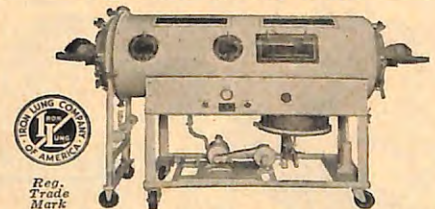
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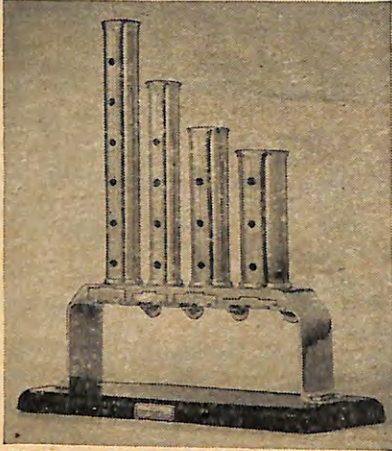
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a welcome task in her work, "The Borzoi Book of Ballets." (Alfred A. Knopf, \$4.50). While music uses Italian terms, the ballet uses French. The French fashion in ballet dancing first reached New York in 1826 and from what Miss Robert says it created a flurry. "When the graceful danseuse (Mme. Hutin) came bounding like a startled fawn upon the stage, her light and scanty drapery floating in air, and her symmetrical proportions liberally displayed by the force of a bewildering pirouette, the cheeks of the greater portions of the audience were crimsoned with shame, and every lady in the lower tier of boxes immediately left the house." It is remarkable how often scanty drapery has shocked audiences, but it shocks them no longer. They can take almost anything now, even the fantastic delving into the subconscious by Salvador Dali and Antony Tudor.

If you are interested in the ballet as a form of entertainment, Miss Robert's book will tell you about the action of 67 representative ballets currently performed by repertory companies. She will describe the leading dancers, historic and current. Ballet has changed with the years but the classic steps are still the fundamentals of good programs. Giselle, which dates from 1841, was the hit of the last two seasons in New York. Novelty has come with the adaptation of stories from American history, such as Union Pacific, written by a Russian; Fancy Free, a gay and wholly American sketch of three sailors on shore leave; Rodeo, a cowboy ballet and the story of Billy the Kid, a western.

Without any warning a group of books about sports, and especially prize fighting, appears to disturb the literary pond. Frankly, sports stories are hardly literature, but you can't deny they are Americana, and that their writers do not tolerate dull passages or trite remarks. Biggest bargain, because of the variety it offers, is "Best Sports Stories of 1945," edited by Irving T. Marsh and Edward Ehre, in which you can probably find your favorite author and your favorite sports yarn, for here are Jimmy Powers writing about the Tigers, Tom Meany describing the baseball scouts as "The Chorus Men of Base Ball"; Kyle Crichton describing Steve van Buren, the football player; John Lardner on boxing; Tom Shehan recalling stories of the turf, and a dozen others writing about notable events in golf, basketball, golf, tennis, swimming, wrestling and even reporting sports events among the GIs. (E. P. Dutton & Co., \$3)

From the evidence in "Don't Bring That Up!" which Bob Broeg and Bob Burrill describe as dealing with skeletons in the sports closet, fans love to discuss mishaps almost as much as victories. Well, this is all about stumbles and fumbles, the serious kind that lose games and matches and break reputations. Sports ought to be fun, but they get pretty serious when errors defeat the home team. And again, such irrelevant matters as the absence of a coach may defeat a team. There was the day when Knute Rockne decided the Notre Dame team could easily defeat Carnegie Tech, and thus give him a chance to see a great Army-Navy game at Chicago. Notre Dame lost, and Rockne never got over it. But that is easy. Much more serious are upsets as the result of stupidity, false pride and plain carelessness. As the authors tell it, James J. Corbett never got over two defeats, one at the hands of Fitzsimmons and another from Jeffries, whom he had taught to box, and football mishaps live forever because the alumni keep recalling them. (A. S. Barnes & Co., \$2.50)

Then James R. Fair, a Pittsburgh sports writer, has completed an unconventional, snappy and pretty frank biography of a prize fighter, Harry Greb, calling it "Give Him to the Angels." (Smith & Durrell, \$2.50). Harry Greb, who was called the Iron City Express and the Human Windmill, was a wild man of the ring who once pounded Gene Tunney so hard that he trained to overcome all his liabilities and eventually licked Greb—and Dempsey. Harry Greb was hardly a man fighting fans could be proud of, for he was always being called to task for fouls and in training he broke all rules for diet and abstinence. But whatever he was, Mr. Fair has made him vivid, a strange, unruly fellow who died at 30 because of a hemorrhage induced by an operation for remodelling his nose, which had been flattened by his opponents.

The fourth book in this exhibition of sports is largely pictures. It is called "Come Out Fighting" and is by John Durant and Edward Rice, with an introduction by Quentin Reynolds. It portrays some of the picturesque figures of the ring and describes their battles; it also gives a sequence of pictures showing how a young boxer gets his training. The authors are quite realistic about the business and make no attempt to choose pretty poses or romantic pictures. Fighting for exhibition is a tough business and thus it appears in these pictures. (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, \$3)



Two Ladies from Hades

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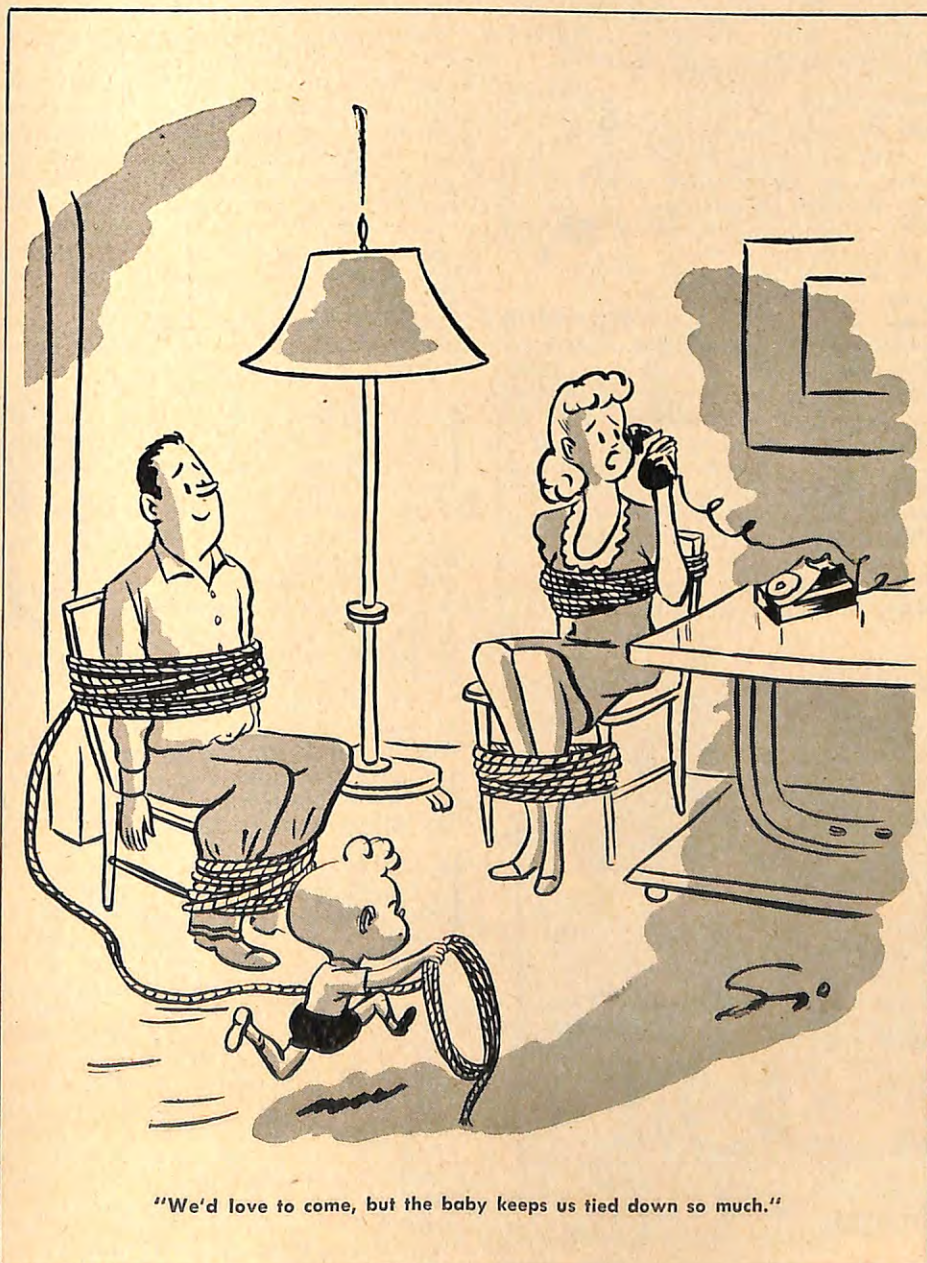
were taken to St. Jago de la Vega, where on November 16, 1720, they were sentenced to hang.

Anne Bonney, who was in a family way, was given a temporary reprieve. The court gave her permission to visit Rackham just before the sentence was executed on him but all she could find to say to her once dashing lover was: "Well, Jack, if you had fought like a man, you needn't have been hanged like a dog." She thereupon disappeared into an oblivion from which no authentic history has ever been able to rescue her, although it has been intimated that friends of her father's in Jamaica interceded and finally had her released.

As for Mary Read, she accepted her fate realistically. As she had once told Rackham, "Hanging? I don't care so much about that; were it not for hanging, every cowardly

fellow would turn pirate and so unfit the seas that men of courage would starve." She stubbornly refused to give her "husband's" name, and he, for whose life and honor she had once fought, played the low dog and saved his neck by pleading that Rackham and the others had pressed him into their service.

Crowds came to gape at the celebrated female pirate as she strode to and fro in her cage, still clad in boots and breeches. But Mary too cheated the hangman. The night before her execution was to take place she was smitten by a tropical fever and died. Accounts of the day tell us that she bequeathed the jailor's wife a wardrobe of the most exquisite feminine attire which she had collected from her victims in the hope that someday she could retire as a real lady of quality.



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Gadget & Gimmick

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or the sink faucet. What happens to the cord? Well, it is on a reel and winds up or unwinds depending on which way you move the razor. That gadget is really a "Magnificent Possession".

LL BET the introduction of this next item will start in Hollywood. New developments in rubber processing will place before our startled gaze automobile tires and overshoes of colored rubber. The new development avoids using carbon black as a strengthening agent in rubber and is, as a matter of fact, white. This



will permit you eventually to roll down the street in your new (if you can get one) car of beautiful color with tires of muted chartreuse to match or to give a two tone effect. I've a hunch Crosby will give this a try. The colored overshoes will have to be introduced somewhere else as I believe there is a state law in California about wearing overshoes.

THE other of the two items puts the pair in the genuine pioneer class. It's a portable bar to be set up at camp or on the trail or wherever you want. It too is neatly foldable and is made of dura lumium metal parts which are hand polished to a "satin" finish. (Ah Wilderness!) It possesses a rack which holds glasses and decanters. Purchase of this gadget includes glasses but no decanters. The source of my information also failed to

mention whether the glasses would be full or empty when the parcel arrived. Least they could do is start the thing off right and send a high-ball with the glasses. Obviously they lack the correct sales approach.

DURING summer months when summer porch lights attract hordes of unwanted flying pests, all of us have at one time or another felt like swatting away with newspapers and towels. This is no longer necessary. The porch bulb can now be surrounded by a wire screen attachment which is dripping with DDT crystals. So when the moths and mosquitoes rush to the light they get a quick dusting of DDT by rubbing against the crystals. After this treatment, I am happy to relate, they will die. You can get a designed lamp or snap on screens to fit porch lights already installed.



FRIENDS, avoid the Evils of Gingivitis, the Pitfalls of Pyorrhea and loose teeth. All of these physiological maladjustments and loathsome diseases are claimed to be overcome with the new, the one and only **TOOTHMASTER**, which massages the gums vigorously. The machine has a brush attachment and a massage attachment plus alternate ones of various colors for other massage-minded members of the house. Everyday toothpaste can be used with this contraption which should be employed twice a day. If any other electric attachments are brought forth the modern bathroom will take on the appearance of a Westinghouse testing laboratory.



IF YOU really want to head for the woods and rough it for a few days there are two items you definitely should have. One is a new portable charcoal broiler. It is made of steel, all welded steel by the way, so that nothing will come loose like bolts, nuts or rivets to fall in your stew or on your feet. It also has a wooden side table. Thrown in for good measure is a heat resistant grate and a nice spit to barbecue meat. The really progressive part of this is that it folds up compactly and fits a carton measuring 34"x18"x4" which according to my slide rule is 1.42 cubic feet.

IT'S not too early to be thinking about winter cold and snow. We have with us always such emergencies as possible shortages and John L. Lewis to make foresight well worth while. This new heat control will not only make things comfortable but will save fuel for you. This automatic gadget not only takes into consideration the inside temperature but also the outside weather. As the weather outside changes, this gadget adjusts itself to take care of the situation. It starts the heat in the morning and turns it off at night, always with due regard to how cold the weather is. There is no wasted fuel with this control so you can save a lot of coal you probably don't have anyway.

INSTEAD of rushing around with an old hand-spray gun ridding the house of summer pests (insects) you might try this new form of sprayer containing the overworked insecticide DDT and Pyrethrins, plus a solvent which keeps the poisonous mixture from hurting paints or plastics that might be in your home. It seems you stand calmly in the center of your room and give the cap of this small container a twirl. Out sprays a fine mist to slay the bugs. The manufacturers of this thing call the spray lovingly "Magic Mist".



IF YOU aren't about to buy a power mower to do your lawn cutting for you this summer, there's a new light-weight mower coming out which might ease your aching back. It is cast from aluminum and has a tubular steel handle. The wonder of it is that the mower is as nearly a self-sharpening instrument as possible and requires no tools for adjusting parts of it. Perhaps even Junior can be persuaded to trundle it about on a hot day. If it's light enough, he may be willing to work—for a price.



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