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POINTS OF INTEREST IN EVERY ISSUE...



Your Elks Magazine, of course, each month covers the activities of our great Order. It also features helpful, constructive departments selected as a matter of general reader interest. From our many letters and our surveys we know how much Elks and their families look forward to reading these features and, just in case you may be missing one of them, we would like to call them to your attention this month on this page. There is **FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL** written by the nationally-known travel writer, Horace Sutton, who each month provides an armchair trip to a vacation spot and at the same time offers practical travel aids based on his personal experiences. Increasingly popular is our **ELKS FAMILY SHOPPER** Section which is devoted to helpful, carefully selected merchandise for the many thousands who enjoy the convenience of shopping by mail. **ROD AND GUN**, written jointly by Dan Holland and Ted Trueblood, is tops in interest to the very high percentage of Elks who like to hunt and fish. **TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON** is a down-to-earth, on-the-spot news coverage by a journalist who knows Washington. Knowing that everyone likes dogs, we have had Ed Faust's popular **IN THE DOGHOUSE** Column regularly in The Elks Magazine for many years. His unique way of writing, backed by his knowledge of dogs, has been a continual source of entertainment and help to dog owners.

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Not a "Gadget"—
Not a "Knick-Knack"—

but a valuable, proved device which
has been sold successfully by business
novices as well as seasoned
veterans.

Make no mistake—this is no novelty—no flimsy creation which the inventor hopes to put on the market. You probably have seen nothing like it yet—perhaps never dreamed of the existence of such a device—yet it has already been used by corporations of outstanding prominence—by dealers of great corporations—by their branches—by doctors, newspapers, publishers—schools—hospitals, etc., etc., and by thousands of small business men. You don't have to convince a man that he should use an electric bulb to light his office instead of a gas lamp. Nor do you have to sell the same business man the idea that some day he may need something like this invention. The need is already there—the money is usually being spent right at that very moment—and the desirability of saving the greatest part of this expense is obvious immediately.

Some of the Savings
You Can Show

You walk into an office and put down before your prospect a letter from a sales organization showing that they did work in their own office for \$11 which formerly could have cost them over \$200. A building supply corporation pays our man \$70, whereas the bill could have been for \$1,600! An automobile dealer pays our representative \$15, whereas the expense could have been over \$1,000. A department store has expense of \$88.60, possible cost if done outside the business being well over \$2,000. And so on. We could not possibly list all cases here. These are just a few of the many actual cases which we place in your hands to work with. Practically every line of business and every section of the country is represented by these field reports which hammer across dazzling, convincing money-saving opportunities which hardly any business man can fail to understand.

Profits Typical of
the Young, Growing Industry

Going into this business is not like selling something offered in every grocery, drug or department store. For instance, when you take a \$7.50 order, \$5.50 can be your share. On \$1,500 worth of business, you share can be \$1,100.00. The very least you get as your part of every dollar's worth of business you do is 67 cents—on ten dollars' worth \$6.70, on a hundred dollars' worth \$67.00—in other words two-thirds of every order you get is yours. Not only on the first order—but on repeat orders—and you have the opportunity of earning an even larger percentage.

This Business Has
Nothing to Do With
House to House Canvassing

Nor do you have to know anything about high-pressure selling. "Selling" is unnecessary in the ordinary sense of the word. Instead of hammering away at the customer and trying to "force" a sale, you make a dignified, business-like call, leave the installation—whatever size the customer says he will accept—at our risk, let the customer sell himself after the device is in and working. This does away with the need for pressure on the customer—it eliminates the handicap of trying to get the money before the customer has really convinced himself 100%. You simply tell what you offer, showing proof of success in that customer's particular line of business. Then leave the invention without a dollar down. It starts working at once. In a few short days, the installation should actually produce enough cash money to pay for the deal, with profits above the investment coming in at the same time. You then call back, collect your money. Nothing is so convincing as our offer to let results speak for themselves without risk to the customer! While others fail to get even a hearing, our men are making sales running into the hundreds. They have received the attention of the largest firms in the country, and sold to the smallest businesses by the thousands.

EARNINGS

Exceptional earnings grossed show the possibilities attainable in this business. A Louisiana man wrote: "My average earnings past 3 years about \$150 a week; last 3 months as much as \$250 weekly." Ohio man's report: "A business man said to me, 'This thing has caught the whole city on fire.' For the first 30 days I worked, I earned \$1343.00." A Tennessee man: "Last year, my average built up to \$200 a week by December, but my earnings January reached \$1,000 net." Space does not permit mentioning here more than these few random cases. However, they are sufficient to indicate that the worth-while future in this business is coupled with immediate earnings for the right kind of man. Some of our top men have made over a thousand sales each on which they earned up to \$60 per sale and more. Many of these sales were repeat business. Yet they had never done anything like this before coming to us. That is the kind of opportunity this business offers. The fact that this business has attracted to it such business men as former bankers, executives of businesses—men who demand only the highest type of opportunity and income—gives a fairly good picture of the kind of business this is. Our door is open, however, to the young man looking for the right field in which to make his start and develop his future.

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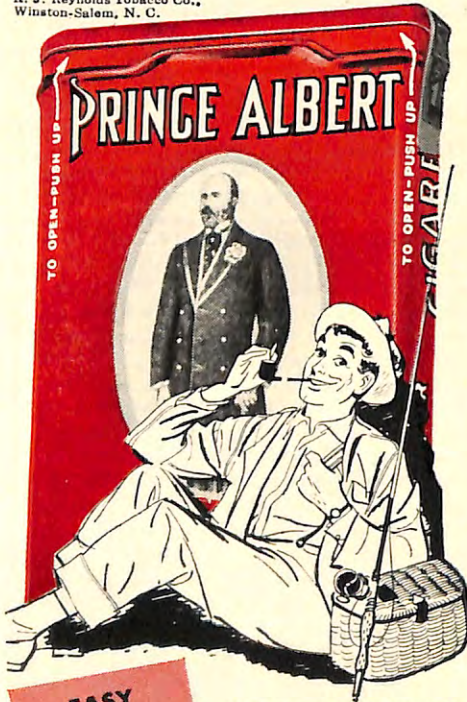
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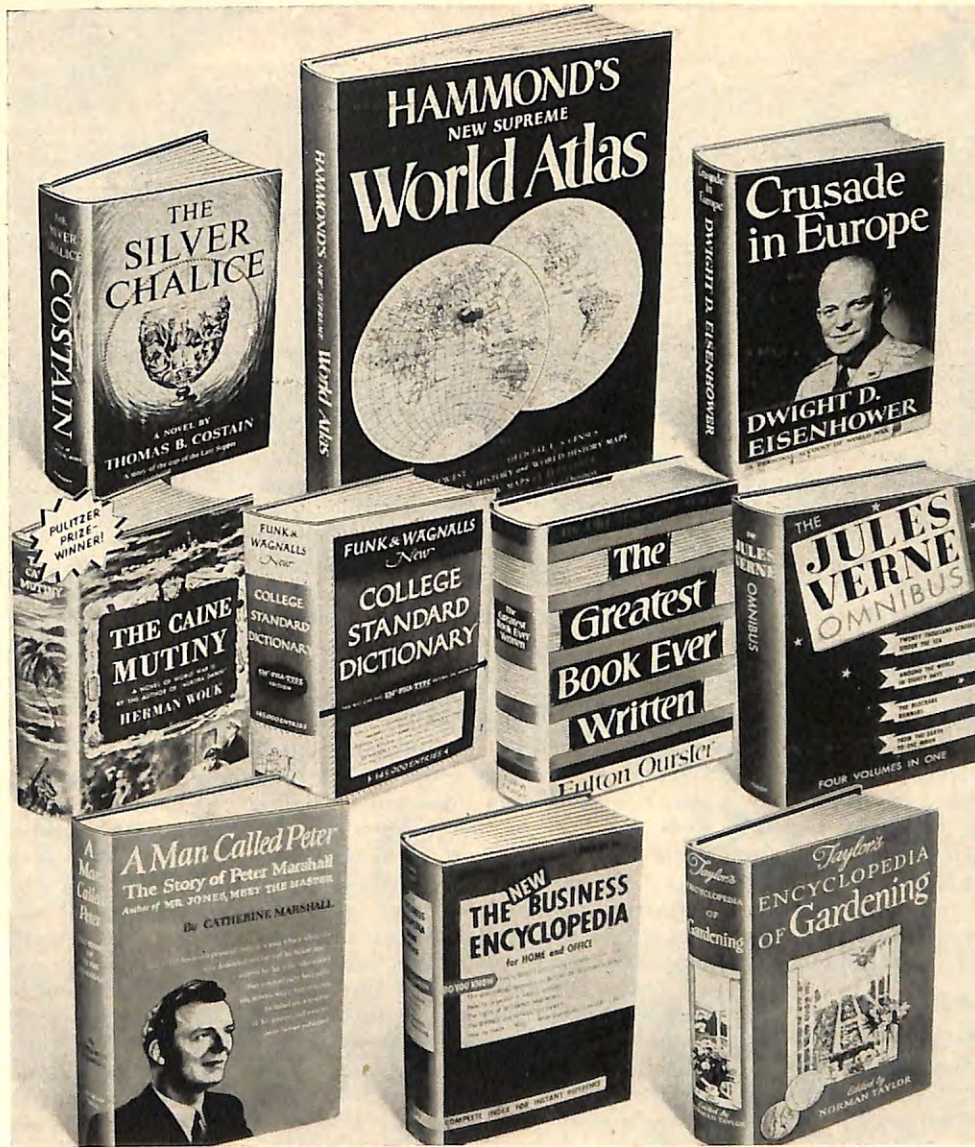
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



THE STAGE is set for one of the greatest shows on earth—inauguration of the President of the United States. Fronting the East side of our great Capitol, the inauguration stand has been erected. It's the same steel structure used four years ago—like using the same ways to launch a new ship. Yes, and the flags, the Stars and Stripes, thank God, are the same. Only the party emblems and the signs are different. Along the broad avenues which the inaugural parade will travel from the Capitol to the White House a multitude of reviewing stands are being completed. Plans for the Inaugural Ball are finished, along with programs for other gala events. Washington, meaning the Nation, is ready to give General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the greatest Republic on earth, a tremendous, rip-roaring welcome. Some 700,000 visitors, according to conservative estimates, will be here to join with over a million area inhabitants in the big event. Hotels long ago had filled their reservations, on a four-day plus deposit basis. Rooming houses, motels and thousands of private homes have taken their limit of guests. Railroad yards will be filled with Pullman cars. Truly, nothing quite like this has ever happened to the staid city on the Potomac.

COMMIES KEPT OUT

Under the new McCarran-Walter immigration act which went into effect December 24, a blanket exclusion remains for Communists, but former Reds and those of totalitarian parties may be eligible to enter if they have proof of five years of "active opposition" to their parties, or if they can prove they were members against their will. Some 4,000 former Nazis may have opportunity to apply.

BEAUTY NEVER FADES

Twenty-five Washington models say the Internal Revenue Bureau is near-sighted when it holds that beauty does not depreciate. The girls, as members of Shy, Inc., a model agency, asked the bureau to permit them to deduct for tax purposes, the wear and tear, depletion, etc., they suffer through "age, exhaustion, obsolescence or otherwise." They contend that in their business they should be allowed to take a lot off, meaning items, of course. The staid tax experts referred the off-the-shoulder request to the hard-

hearted Technical Ruling Division. There the cold decision said: "It would appear that the value of such corporate assets, which value is undisputed by this office, may not be depreciated. Charm, beauty and talent, while undoubtedly of great value in your business, are not generally recognized as depreciable for tax purposes."

WASHINGTON MONUMENT LEADS

Now that the year is over, figures show the Washington Monument is still top attraction for visitors. Over a million went up and down the elevators, not counting those energetics who climbed up the stairs. Lincoln Memorial is second as a sightseeing attraction, drawing well over 800,000. It's easier on the heart for walkers, too.

STRANGERS WELCOME

Washington is the one city in the nation where it is perfectly proper for a newcomer to receive an invitation to dinner from someone he never knew—maybe never heard of. Moreover, it is normal to accept the invitations. Right now invitations to strangers are being sent right and left as the capital fills up with new people from every part of the land. After all, only a few folks stay in Washington long enough to feel this is their home. The city is forever changing. So, in an effort to be neighborly, folks do not wait for introductions but send out invitations to those they should know. "Please to meet you, so glad you could come, and what is the name please?"

CAVIAR AND VODKA

Perhaps you wonder who goes when the Russian Embassy throws a big party. The Soviets have a beautiful diplomatic building here and they certainly know how to entertain. Everybody has a good time. The service is perfect, the drinks and food are super. Caviar and vodka are featured, but only incidental. Well, you ask, who goes? Not members of the cabinet, not members of the U. S. Supreme Court, not high officials of the government, not the Senators or representatives, who have no truck with Communism. The State Department politely sends the chief of protocol and the head of the Soviet desk. Many of the guests are representatives of the Iron Curtain countries, plus diplomatic officials of neutrals such as

Norway, Denmark, Canada, Britain, Argentina, India, Mexico, Turkey, Afghanistan and Indonesia. American comrades have also been known to appear at these functions.

RIFLE WITH A WALLOP

It cost \$10,000 to develop the Army's new light-weight automatic rifle and its shorter 30-calibre cartridge. The T-65 is 1½ pounds lighter than the Garand, which weighs 9¾ pounds, but it packs a wallop of 2640-2860 foot pounds at the muzzle and has a muzzle velocity of 2,270-2,800 foot seconds. The rifle uses a magazine of 20 and can shoot 100 rounds a minute. The bullet bores right through the best steel helmet at 1,000 yards. Ordnance experts say it is the best military rifle in the world. Cost is around \$90 per gun, same as the heavier Garand.

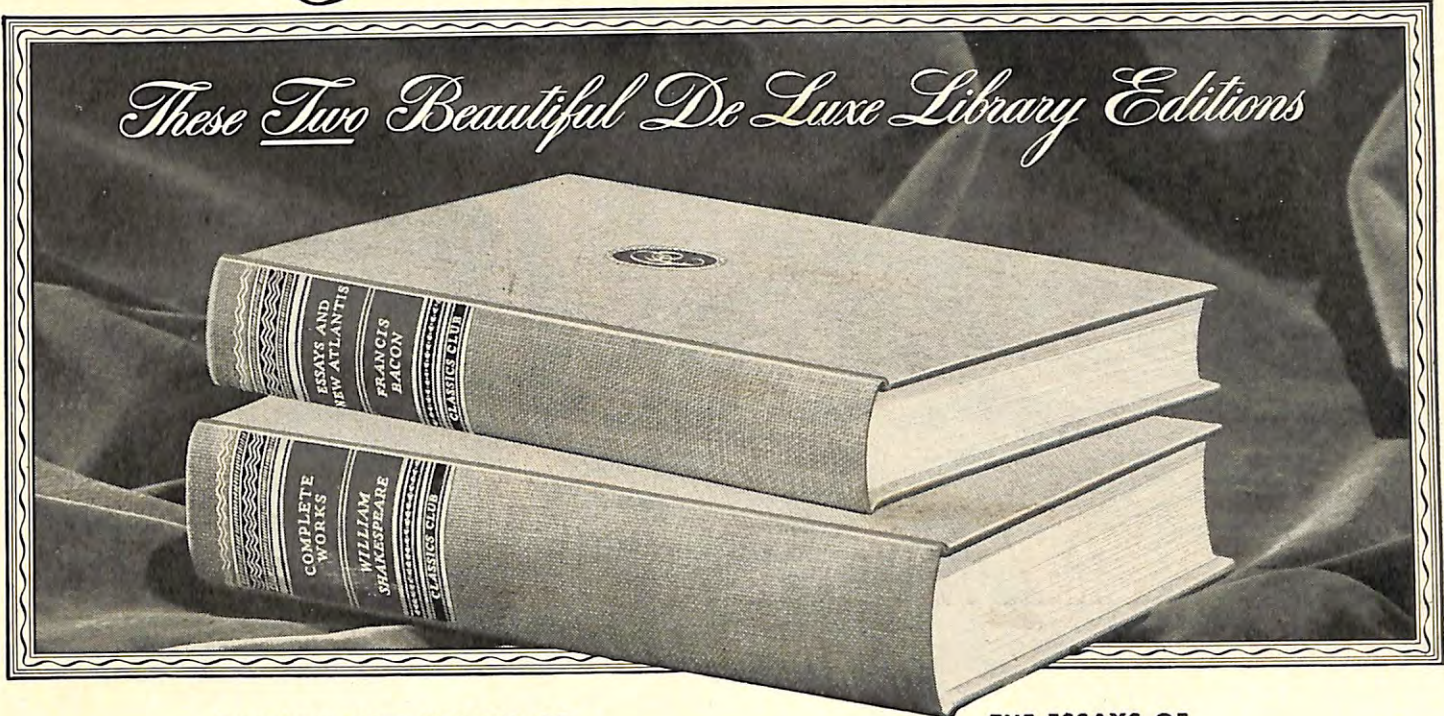
LOWER TAXES—MORE REVENUE

There are definite signs in the Bureau of Internal Revenue that the present tax of \$10.50 on distilled spirits is not raising the added revenue expected. It went into effect in Nov. 1951, and has yielded an increase of only 0.7 per cent. At the same time, records show a big increase in manufacture and sale of bootleg liquor despite efforts of revenue agents to track down the illicit stills. Representatives of distillers and wholesale and retail liquor dealers say legislation will be introduced in the new Congress to cut the tax to the former \$6 per gallon limit. It was \$9 before the last hike. That the move will have powerful support is indicated.

POTOMAC PATTIES

Bureau of standards perfected a high speed clutch which works in one third of a thousandth of a second. . . . A pretty girl of the Capitol Optimist Club had a hard time trying to give away 25 silver dollars on a street corner. Fourteen sourpusses refused to accept one. . . . Under new Agriculture regulations the holes in domestic Swiss cheese are standardized at ½ and 5/16 inches or less. The ¾ inch holes are unfair. . . . The Christmas tree you are now throwing out was one of 30 million, costing \$50 million, and 44 per cent of them came from small farms, netting good revenue. . . . There will be more potatoes in 1953, an estimated 350,000,000 bushels from 1,568,000 acres says Agriculture.

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repayment of a long-standing debt**

THE native village nestled in the lap of the great rice fields, like an oval jewel, with the rising terraces in the background forming row upon row of necklaces, now gleaming in the twilight and waiting for the soft moonlight to fall upon the corrugated tin roofs and the thatched-roofed huts. Beyond the rice fields to the north sprawled the vast jungles and forests, the ravines and the mountains, while to the south stood the town with its church and the mills. Early every morning the young and old would rise with the call of the church bell, and they would hurry to church for a brief prayer with Father Miguel before beginning their toil in the fields and in the mills. The big days, the days when work was forgotten and the monotony jarred, were when everyone from the villages around came to the dance.

Since the passing of his good mother, Rafael had learned how to keep the little house clean and how to keep out of trouble. He did not comprehend the political issues over which so many of the excitable young people at the mill argued; Rafael considered himself fortunate, for he had work and he had a pair of shoes to wear to the dances. At the moment, however, he was occupied with a serious business and did not have the dance on his mind. For a long time Rafael had craved a chance to repay an old debt, and to this end he was now working in the little house, late this Friday evening.

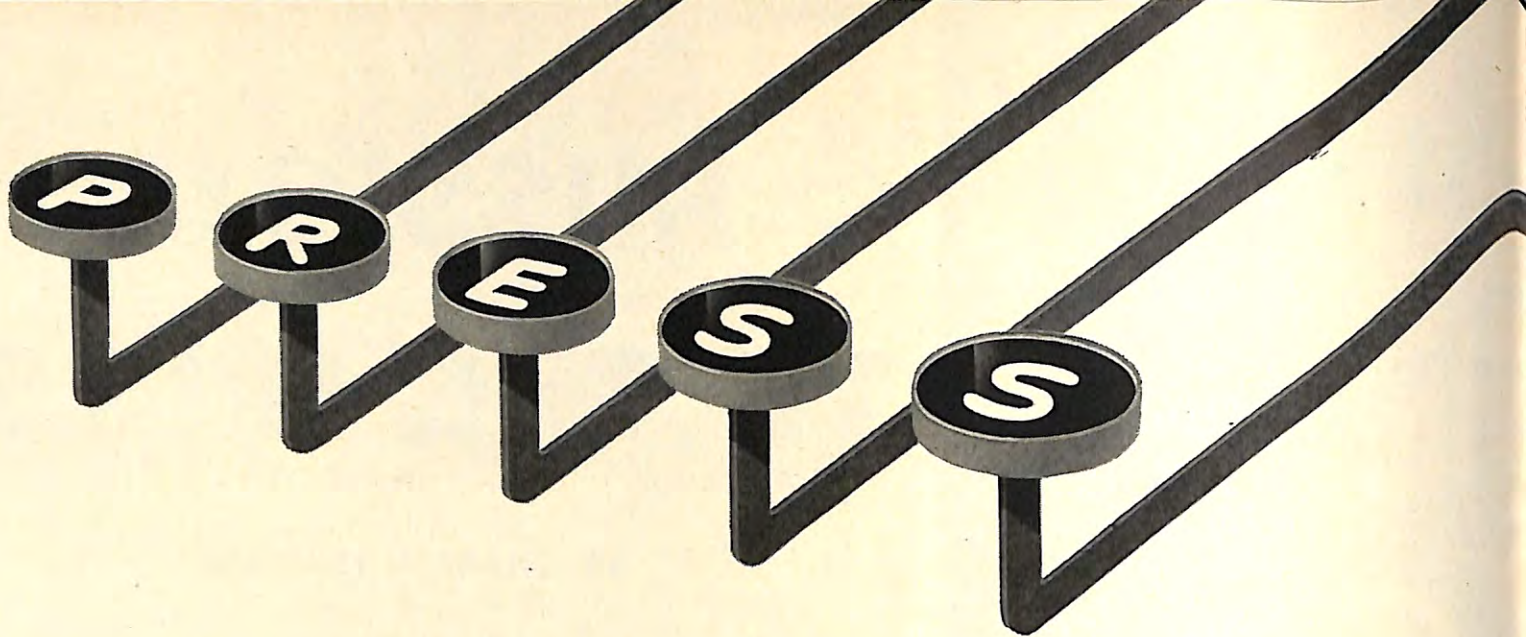
He worked by the light of the moon. He could think back to the war years when everyone in the village had made these same things; it was different then—there was a war and everyone had helped the Americans fight the enemy. Now, if he were seen making this thing, it would lose him his life.

Rafael was making a bomb.

Rafael was twenty-three, and he fully understood what he was doing. The sense of obligation that had tormented him since the death of his good father during the war, and the knowledge that a debt had to be repaid, had grown within him and had sought escape. While the war had been fought, Rafael had believed the opportunity would somehow come to balance the scales in his father's (Continued on page 45)

**His head appeared as a silhouette in
the doorway, looked, and then was gone.**

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On Rails

BY JAMES E. WARNER

Washington Correspondent for New York Herald-Tribune

Ever wonder how the news of the President comes to you so fast and completely? Here's one answer.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER is inheriting one piece of slightly used equipment from President Truman which the newspaper and radio fraternity sincerely hope the new President will continue in service.

It is a big red railroad car with the name CARROLL S. LINKINS emblazoned on its sides. It honors the man who usually rides in it—Carroll S. Linkins, White House man for Western Union and veteran of thirty-nine years in the telegraph business covering Presidents, conventions and every item of big news no matter where in the United States it occurs.

Although it is nothing more than a converted and re-furbished coach, equipped with a central desk and telephone, tables and chairs and a radio and loud speaker system, the car is just about the best thing that ever happened to newsmen who have to cover the President when he travels by train. This was proved when it made its first trip, on the special train which carried President Truman on his 12,000-mile coast-to-coast whistle stop tours during the campaign.

When President Eisenhower travels by rail it is virtually a sure bet that the LINKINS will be a part of his train, be-

ing hauled just forward of the President's own car and those of his immediate staff, for the press car is the nerve center of the train so far as the newspaper reading and radio listening public is concerned.

The car, with the veteran Linkins sitting at his central desk, is a ninety-miles-an-hour city or newsroom. Correspondents representing newspapers, news agencies and radio networks in all parts of the world cover a President of the United States when he travels, and in this car they unlimber their typewriters and pound out the news.

"You've got exactly seven minutes to the next filing point: after that its fifty-five minutes to the next one, and that isn't a very good one," the PA system in the car will boom as the train rolls along. (And "rolls" is a good word: the roadbeds of some American railroads caused some nautical correspondents, trying to write with one hand while clutching a skittering typewriter with the other, to wish they were at sea, even in a pitching destroyer.)

Up to fifty men—and women—may be pounding away in the car when this word comes over the speaker. The increase in their tempo is visible. They know that

"Link", although Western Union pays his salary and he has made all possible arrangements—often at great expense—to handle their copy all the way across the continent, gives them the "straight dope" when he says a filing point isn't "so good." That may mean he hasn't been able to place enough telegraph operators ahead at the spot. More likely—because he always has two or three skilled operators riding with him—the physical wire facilities at the spot are insufficient to handle anything more than the merest dribble of copy. And when the LINKINS rolls the file is 200,000 words a day in many cases.

If this fails, Link shoves one or more of his reserve telegraphers off at the next stop. Once he pushed one off with an overcoat over his pajamas, his clothes on his arm, in such a hurry that the man didn't realize until the train had sped away that it was carrying his false teeth with it.

Frequently Link himself will leave the train with particularly hot copy, race ahead by automobile to a filing point, and rejoin the train later by dint of police escort on the highway. Although he is known to newsmen from coast to coast, Link—like the reporters themselves—is

not always so well known to over-zealous local police. Frequently they have tried to stop him from reaching the President's train or platform, to be told off in no uncertain terms by the Secret Service men who guard the President and who know Link and everyone else who is travelling with him.

Link gets little sleep on a presidential trip. Time zone differentials being what they are, he hasn't finished with afternoon paper copy when AM leads start pouring in. And when he gets through with them there are "overnights" to contend with (stories written at night to cover early editions of afternoon newspapers the following day). Then, even if there isn't an unexpected news break or midnight announcement, there will be the advance text of a speech the following day on which stories and texts must be moved.

The car also has a darkroom where news photographers can work while covering the President, and a rail and air express representative rides in it to route the pictures back to headquarters by the fastest possible means.

Linkins himself—one of the few living persons for whom a special railroad car has been named—is an unusual man in his own right. He has travelled more than half a million miles with American Presidents since 1933 in trains, but he doesn't hibernate in his new special car. Whether the President travels by boat, ship, plane or motor, Link is there—and he has made advance arrangements to have local Western Union people meeting him all along the line with increased wire facilities set up to handle the flood of copy.

Some one should write a book about Linkins: there are anecdotes enough. There was the incident, for example, at Pueblo, Colo., last fall. The Presidential Special was pulling into the station, still moving eight or ten miles per hour. Link had 10,000 words of press copy in his left hand. His right hand was clutching the rail of his car (the platform had long since been raised and he was on the lower step).

He started a running descent while the train was still moving, a practice frowned upon in ordinary railroading for very good reasons of safety, but a necessity for newsmen on specials. He had overlooked an ice field, however. Cakes of ice, spread out on the platform to re-supply the train when it stopped, were in his path. Without skates, with his precious copy in one hand and the other clutching the rail of the still-moving train, Link skated without skates over the ice. He landed with a thud on the platform at the end of the ice—somewhat to his own surprise unhurt and on his feet instead of another portion of his anatomy—let go of the still-moving train and scrambled for the Western Union office with his copy.

Reporters say the toughest part of their transcontinental travels last year was whistle-stopping through the wide reaches



Mr. Linkins at his desk in press car, with newsmen filing their stories.

of North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington. There, sometimes for hundreds of miles at a stretch, the only wire communication was the slender railway line paralleling the tracks. Link had made all the advance arrangements he could, but he wasn't too sanguine about them.

"This was the toughest of all," Link says. "I had to get the copy out immediately without resorting to smoke signals or carrier pigeons. We did all right, thanks to advance arrangements."

There were a couple of other tough spots, which reporters don't talk about.

One was the last stop outside of San Francisco, where Governor Earl Warren, a Republican, made an unannounced appearance aboard the train of the Democratic President to welcome him officially to California. It was only a five-minute stop. The President spoke, and so did the Governor. Reporters banged out their copy, handed it to Link as the train moved out—next stop Oakland, ninety minutes later.

A crestfallen Link returned to the inside of his car to announce that none of the copy had gotten off. His aide had
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Carroll S. Linkins stands beside the Presidential press car named in his honor.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



Pictured before the home of Springfield, Mass., Lodge are the Order's leader and Elk luminaries who joined him there. Front row, left to right: D.D. Wm. R. Burns, former Grand Lodge Committeeman Ed. A. Spry, Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, E.R. D. A. Clancy, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, Mayor Daniel B. Brunton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Secy. R. L. Atkins.

FOLLOWING his trip through the New England States, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern visited lodges in New York State. On Oct. 23rd, he was the guest of **SCHENECTADY LODGE NO. 480** at a gala banquet attended by a large crowd of Elks from lodges throughout the area.

On the following day, **TICONDEROGA LODGE NO. 1494** was host to the Order's leader. A very full schedule was planned, which included visits to the many points of historical interest in that part of the State, as well as a tour through the International Paper Company plant. In the evening a cocktail party was followed by a banquet in the lodge home attended by

more than 300 representatives of lodges from the North and Northeast Districts. Accompanied by E.R. William P. Joubert, D.D. Harold Roeseman and P.D.D. Raymond T. Madden, the distinguished Fargo, N. D., Elk inspected famous Fort Ticonderoga and enjoyed thoroughly the incomparable view from atop Mount Defiance.

The afternoon of Oct. 27th, Sam Stern arrived by train in Milwaukee, Wis., and was greeted by a delegation of officers and P.E.R.'s of **MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 46** who escorted him to the lodge home where he was welcomed by the famous Elks Plugs Drill Team in full regalia. A

reception preceded a Stag Banquet in Mr. Stern's honor when Gov. Walter J. Kohler, Jr., a member of Sheboygan Lodge, addressed the 350 diners. A class of 44 was initiated later in the presence of 600 Elks from lodges throughout the State, as well as visitors from Newark, Ohio, and Waukegan, Ill. The Elks Military Band and the Chorus entertained at this time, and the Elks Plugs put on a fine drill, all of which was greatly enjoyed by the many dignitaries on hand, among them Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and J. Edgar Masters; Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson; Hon. William I. O'Neill of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge; D.D.'s Alfred E. LaFrance, Andrew W. Parnell and A. C. Brezinski, and several officers of the Wis. State Assn., including Pres. E. H. Lattimer who addressed the crowd after his introduction by E.R. Arthur J. Chadek. Judge O'Neill introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler who delivered one of his very fine addresses on Elkdom.

Nov. 7th and 8th were spent at the **ELKS NATIONAL HOME** in Bedford, Va., where Mr. Stern attended the annual two-day session of the Board of Grand Trustees. Joined there by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis and Past Pres. H. Earl Pitzer of the Pa. Elks Assn. on the 9th, he traveled with them into Pennsylvania for a week-long tour of lodges of the Keystone State, accompanied by State Pres. Harry T. Kleean, Vice-Pres. Barney Wentz, Past Pres. Lee A. Donaldson, former Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and D.D.'s Lewis S. Sober and A. Lewis Heisey.

On the evening of Nov. 10th, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern was the guest of **CARLISLE LODGE NO. 578** at a dinner attended by 350 Elks with E.R. Marshall W. Spotts as Master of Ceremonies. Robert Pitzer was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for this program.

On Nov. 11th, Mr. Stern and his party toured the battlefield at Gettysburg where, at 11 a.m., they stood with bowed heads at the foot of the knoll from which Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous address. That afternoon, they drove to **LEWISTOWN LODGE NO. 663** where they were welcomed cordially by E.R. George



These dignitaries were on hand for the New Hampshire State Elks Assn. banquet at Laconia Lodge. Those seated are, left to right: E.R. Elmer J. Ramsay, State Pres. Maurice A. Jacques, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Sam Stern, P.D.D. Fred A. Tilton and D.D. C. H. Barnard.

Below: At Schenectady, N. Y., Lodge's reception for Mr. Stern, left to right: P.D.D.'s Wm. R. Eger, and Raymond T. Madden, E.R. Abraham Hershman, the Order's leader, D.D.'s Leo J. Fairbanks and Harold Roseman.



Above: At Millinocket, Me., Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, left, presents to State Assn. Pres. Gerard Ferland checks totaling \$800 for scholarships and crippled children's work. Third, fourth and fifth from left are E.R. W. G. DeCourcy, Mr. Stern and Wm. Praught.

H. Herbster. In the evening, 450 Elks gathered at the lodge home to attend a testimonial dinner in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler, with P.E.R. John Wilson as Toastmaster. It was here that Past State Pres. Edward D. Smith joined the party.

WILLIAMSPORT LODGE NO. 173, the home lodge of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, was the next branch of Elkdom to receive the Order's current leader. The luncheon guest of the city's chapter of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Stern was the guest of honor of No. 173 at a banquet late in the day when E.R. Cecil Crafts extended his lodge's welcome to the distinguished visitor and the more than 650 members and ladies who were on hand to pay him tribute. P.E.R. Carl C. Gehron, who was in charge of the arrangements, also acted as Master of Ceremonies for the program which included some splendid musical entertainment by the band and chorus of the lodge and closed with dancing and a floor show.

D.D. Sober, a P.E.R. of the lodge, was official host at the luncheon reception held on Nov. 13th by **SUNBURY LODGE NO. 267**. Highlighting the affair was the appearance of Little Jack Little, famous radio pianist and Mr. Stern's long-time friend. In the evening, the Order's top official was the guest of **GETTYSBURG LODGE NO. 1045**, the home lodge of H. Earl Pitzer who had the Grand Exalted Ruler as his house guest during the greater part of his tour of the State. An overflow crowd of 400 Elks, led by E.R. James S. Shenk and City Burgess W. G. Weaver, greeted the visitor and Mr. Pitzer acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The following evening, Mr. Stern was the guest of E.R. Edward H. Snyder and the members of **HANOVER LODGE NO. 763**. A pleasing feature of the dinner which was attended by 200 members and ladies was the appearance of the famous Hanover Male Chorus, which has won the National Championship for several years.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Pitzer escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler to the home of **BALTIMORE, MD., LODGE, NO. 7**, on Nov. 15th, where he was the guest of honor at



The Grand Exalted Ruler, center, is greeted at Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge by Hon. William I. O'Neill, member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, left, and Exalted Ruler Arthur J. Chadek.

the lodge's 75th Anniversary Celebration. The banquet, attended by 650 diners, was held in the ball room of the Emerson Hotel, with the city's four-term Mayor, Howard Jackson, acting as Master of Ceremonies following the official welcome extended by E.R. Vernon H. Wiesand. Others who participated in this gala event included Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Dr. Robert South Barrett, Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, and Pres. R. Edward Dove of the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn., and Pres. John R. Schafe of the Virginia Elks' group. A dance followed the dinner program, with Grand Exalted Ruler Stern leading the Grand March. The following day, the Order's leader left for New York City.



When Mr. Stern visited Ticonderoga, N. Y., he was pictured with lodge dignitaries. Seated, left to right: State Vice-Pres. R. T. Wiles, E.R. Wm. P. Joubert, Mr. Stern and D.D. Roeseman.

Business Outlook

AS INDICATED in previous articles in *The Elks Magazine*, it is always extremely hazardous to prognosticate the future; it is particularly so at the present time. After twenty years the Republican Party has returned to power in a period of great international political uncertainties but with business activity in the United States at a very high level. International political developments undoubtedly are bound to exercise a powerful influence on business activity, and all indications are that some time in 1953 the present boom may come to an end.

Even without the gift of prophecy, an analysis of economic conditions and a description of the forces in operation in the economy will enable one to draw certain definite conclusions for the future.

Business activity at the end of 1952: Toward the end of 1952 business activity in the United States was at a high level. The gross national product, i. e., the sum total of all goods and services produced in the country in the third quarter of 1952, was running at the annual rate of \$350 billion. The disposable income, i. e., total income of individuals after taxes in the third quarter, was at the annual rate of \$235 billion. Both figures represent new high points in peacetime. Employment was at a high level and the total number of unemployed was about 1.3 million. Wages were higher than perhaps ever before.

The reasons for this boom are quite evident and may be summarized as follows:

1—Military expenditures which were

steadily increasing and were running toward the end of the year at the annual rate of \$57 billion. Military expenditures create a demand for raw materials, machinery, equipment and labor, yet the products produced do not enter the consumer stream.

2—Capital expenditures were at a high level and for the year 1952 are estimated to amount to \$27,500,000,000—a new high record. Capital expenditures also create a demand for raw material and labor as well as machinery and equipment, yet until the factories are completed they do not produce commodities for civilian consumption.

3—The construction industry is booming and the total value of the cost of construction in 1952 is estimated at \$32 billion—a new high record.

All these factors combined, plus the high level of employment and satisfactory farm income have contributed to the present boom.

The Outlook: It is generally understood that all booms come to an end. Indications are that the present boom will come to an end some time during 1953 or early in 1954 because of the tapering off of military expenditures, a reduction in capital expenditures by corporations, increased competition from abroad, declining exports and the possibility that total expenditures by the Federal government in the second half of 1953 may be reduced.

Moreover, the great pent-up demand for housing and for durable consumers' goods



BY DR. MARCUS NADLER

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Looking over the economic horizon into the difficult

year of 1953, Dr. Nadler sees evidence of a need for

caution and strengthening of position in business.

has to a large extent been met. In the meantime the productive capacity of the country has increased considerably and by the end of 1952 will be about 50 per cent greater than at the end of 1945. These factors combined will bring the boom to a halt and will set in motion a downward readjustment in business.

The only uncertainty that prevails at the moment is when this will take place. This question obviously nobody can answer because a great deal will depend on human psychology. It may come soon and it may not come until the early part of 1954. The real question, however, of the utmost importance to business men all over the country is whether the downturn in business will be minor in character, somewhat similar to what was witnessed in the first nine months of 1949, or whether it will be a serious downward readjustment assuming the character of a depression, accompanied by large-scale unemployment.

There are those who believe that the termination of the boom will be followed by a serious decline in business activity. They have history and experience on their side because history teaches us that every major war was followed by a boom, which in turn was followed by a serious depression.

In spite of the fact that history and experience teach us that every major boom is followed by a depression, there are valid reasons to believe that the business pattern that will develop when the present boom comes to an end will not assume the character of a serious depression but will be merely a readjustment of relatively minor importance. Business, to be sure, will continue to have its ups and downs but the major swings in the business cycle, particularly a sharp downturn, is not to be expected in the foreseeable future.

Reasons Why No Serious Depression: The economy of the United States today is entirely different from the one which existed at the end of 1930. At that time it was generally believed that the economy of the United States had matured, that the increase in population would be slow and soon level off and that the greatest effort should be made not to invest in plant and equipment but rather to in-

crease consumption. The undistributed profits tax was an example of this type of thinking.

At present it is fully realized that the American economy is dynamic. The dynamism arises out of the following factors:

1—There has been a great increase in population since 1940. Since the census in April 1950 the population of the United States increased by 6,400,000 people. Whereas the annual growth of the population in the United States during the '40's was at the rate of 1.4 per cent, since 1950 it has been at the rate of 1.7 per cent. Not only is the population rapidly increasing but there have also been great regional shifts in the population from one part of the country to others and there is a strong decentralization movement away from congested metropolitan areas to the suburbs. This movement of population creates all kinds of new demands for goods and services. It makes necessary the spending of billions of dollars for new public works, notably roads, parking facilities, schools, hospitals, etc. As soon as the present boom comes to an end and money rates are somewhat lower than at present, one may expect the flotation of large amounts of tax-exempt bonds the proceeds of which will be used to meet the huge demand for all kinds of public works estimated at about \$100 billion.

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The Order Salutes The Press

ONCE again taking the lead in a worthwhile nationwide observance, the subordinate lodges of the Order came through last October with outstanding programs in which they paid tribute to the members of our press during National Newspaper Week.

The Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge did a thorough job in compiling the wealth of material submitted for their consideration; we give their selections of the nine most commendable events, with a list of the lodges whose observance deserved Honorable Mention.

Following the usual pattern of separat-

ing the lodges into three groups, according to the number of members in each lodge, the first award in Group I, in which lodges of more than 1,000 members are listed, went to Altoona, Pa., Lodge whose program was carried over radio station WRTA on the Mutual Network. Publishers and managerial personnel of every newspaper in the county were guests at the affair which began with a banquet, followed by a discussion forum.

INQUIRING PRESS VITAL

The panel members, well versed in constitutional matters, emphasized the importance of an inquiring, inquisitive press as one of the main bulwarks between the people and a domineering government. Robert C. Haberstroh, a Blair County solicitor, was moderator, and the panel was made up of J. E. Holtzinger, Vice-Pres. and General Manager of the *Altoona Mirror*; Gen. Benjamin C. Jones, former publisher of the *Tyrone Herald*; *Altoona Tribune* Editor R. W. Boyer; State Sen. C. R. Mallery, Congressman James E. VanZandt, and lawyer R. B. Campbell. Following the discussion period, a pleasant entertainment program was enjoyed.

Another Pennsylvania lodge, *Sunbury*, took second-place honors in this category. A special invitation to a banquet in their honor was sent to every employee of the *Sunbury Daily Item* and radio station

WKOK, in appreciation of their part in "keeping alive the Freedom of Press and Speech". During the week, the *Item* published guest editorials written by civic leaders, all of whom gave high praise to the splendid action the Elks had taken in this observance.

The third-place winner in Group I was Bismarck, N. D., Lodge which won the same title in the Newspaper Week observance last year. Over 350 Elks and their families attended this program at which newspapermen and women from both Bismarck and Mandan were guests. E.R. Gordon Engen extended the welcome of his lodge, and Mayor Tom Kleppe, a fellow member, introduced the principal speaker, Harold Schafer, local industrialist and an Elk. P.D.D. J. S. Fevold and State Assn. Vice-Pres. W. F. Kunz also spoke. Later the lodge's talented band gave a concert.

Honorable Mention in this section went to Des Moines, Ia., Gary, Ind., Holyoke, Mass., Miami, Fla., Moline, Ill., San Pedro, Calif., and Scranton, Pa., Lodges.

GROUP II SELECTION

The Committee had great difficulty making its decisions in Group II, finally giving highest rating to Mount Carmel, Pa., Lodge, with second place to McAllen, Tex. The Mount Carmel Elks had run a full-page advertisement in the local paper, stressing the importance of a free press.

"Your Right to Know . . . a Constitutional Guarantee"

Elks Will Mark Newspaper Week
In a message to Philip M. Foster, Exalted Ruler of Sunbury Elks Lodge, Sam Stern, Grand Exalted Ruler, called the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press "one of the most precious birthrights a free people should have."

A Free Press Means A Free People
One of the first steps of a free people is to abolish the dictatorship of a few men. Proof of this is seen in the recent history of Germany, Italy, and Spain during the war, and more recently in Russia and Argentina. There have been thousands of people who have been killed and millions of people who have been enslaved.

Stern Urges Elks Lodges to Observe Newspaper Week
Sam Stern of Fargo, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, this week called on members of the various lodges throughout the state to observe National Newspaper Week Oct. 1-8. In a message to Gordon Engen, Exalted Ruler of the Bismarck Elks Lodge, Mr. Stern called the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press "one of our most precious rights as Americans," and urged that the lodge conduct a week celebration in cooperation with the newspaper publishers of the community. The adm. of the lodge is by Joseph M. Phillips, an Illinois Elk who has been publishing the newspaper in the community for 25 years.

FREE PRESS UP TO THE PEOPLE, ELKS ARE TOLD
The people's right to know the truth may be a Constitutional guarantee but only the people themselves can protect it. Gary Elks of the newspaper industry told last night that the lodge will observe National Newspaper Week Oct. 1-8. The adm. of the lodge is by Joseph M. Phillips, an Illinois Elk who has been publishing the newspaper in the community for 25 years.

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Elks Honor ITEM Staff
to emphasize National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8, lodge 356 Benevolent Order of Elks, firm of States Congress the press

Elks Newspaper Week Essay Contest Winner
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At left is a photograph taken during the forum at Altoona, Pa., Lodge.

Its dinner program was attended by a great many members of the staff of the *Mount Carmel Item*. One of them, E.R. Walter Stanton, was Master of Ceremonies; another was William Penn Kemble, the *Item's* editor and publisher who is a P.E.R. Two other *Item* staff members, both P.E.R.'s, also gave impromptu talks. They were Ray J. Howells and John Casper.

The McAllen, Tex., Elks come through with an outstanding program taking second-place honors for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members. Featuring their observance was a dinner with 45 members of the press and radio as guests of honor. Sen. Rogers Kelley was the principal speaker at this affair which received wide publicity in the newspapers throughout the Valley area.

ESSAY CONTEST FEATURED

Scottsbluff, Neb., Lodge's Newspaper Week observance, to which the Grand Lodge Committee awarded third-place plaudits, featured an essay contest on "What A Free Press Means to America's Future Citizens", open to journalism students of the local high school. The three prizes offered by the Elks were all won by young ladies, with 17-year-old Barbara Comes taking the first award.

In Group II, Annapolis, Md., Asbury Park, N. J., Bellefonte, Pa., Ilion, N. Y., Salida, Colo., San Juan, P.R., and Tren-

ton, N. J., are the lodges which received Honorable Mention in this category.

Greensboro, N. C., Lodge arranged a topnotch affair which brought it the highest honors among lodges of less than 500 members. E.R. Robert S. Nelson presented a handsome plaque for "outstanding service to the community and state" to the Greensboro *Daily News* and the *Record* at a dinner when the entire editorial and reporter staff of the two newspapers were honored. An interesting sidelight of the Greensboro observance was an original cartoon drawn by a member of the lodge and published in both newspapers.

THREE CITIES REPRESENTED

The members of Clearwater, Fla., Lodge will be pleased to know the Activities Committee decided their affair rated second honors for lodges in this category. Newspapermen representing the *Clearwater Sun*, the *Tampa Tribune* and both St. Petersburg dailies heard their work praised by Mayor Herbert Brown. A special feature of this event was the presentation of a certificate of excellence in sports writing which E.R. Charles Pride handed to Don Schuck, sports editor for the *Sun*.

We go back to North Carolina again to report the name of the third-place winner in Group III—Shelby Lodge. This observance had a unique twist which

warmed the hearts, and pleased the appetites, of the staff of the *Daily Star*. A huge cake, made in the form of a double-page spread from the newspaper, decorated with news titles and subheads, and including the Elks Emblem and a photograph, even a cartoon, was baked by Knox Caton on an order from the local Elks. Measuring 35 inches in width and 24 in depth, the cake was delivered to the *Star* office for the enjoyment of the entire staff.

Lodges which received Honorable Mention in this group were Alexandria, La., Baytown, Tex., Escondido, Calif., New Rochelle, N. Y., Price, Utah, Sycamore, Ill., and Weehawken, N. J.

All in all, Newspaper Week, 1952, proved that the Order agrees with Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern that. "As Elks, we appreciate the fact that the Constitution guarantees a free press, not as a privilege for the newspapers, but as a protection for our liberties. National Newspaper Week should help to awaken us all to be on guard against any attempt to muzzle the press from any quarter."

EDITOR REPLIES TO CLERIC Freedom of Press Questioned

Scranton's newspaper men were sharply rapped on the knuckles for their handling of the news when they gathered last night at the fourth annual national newspaper dinner in the lodge's Rainbow Room.

The criticism came from the Rev. Richard J. Grady, S.J. of the University of Scranton, English department and dean of the evening sessions.

Approximately 150 persons attended the dinner at which Tribune carrier Joseph Loncola, 13-year-old son of Mrs. Francis year-old 605 Oak St., Old Forge, was guest of honor as outstanding Lackawanna County U. S. Bond Attorney Jerome I. Myers, and presented his thanks in a brief address in which he said he expressed his thanks in a challenge award to meet.

THE ELKS BAKE US A CAKE

That enormous and cleverly made-up cake in the form of a newspaper which the Elks had made up as their tribute to National Newspaper week was as gracious a recognition as has come The Star's way in quite some while, and we're genuinely appreciative to Shelby's BPOE Lodge for a tribute to a free press.

the Elks nationally observance of National Newspaper Week.

as successful as any from the ap- tion it has evoked among Star fo friends.

It is heartening to those operate as trustees for a fre- cing attention to National paper Week.

A committee have demonstr- the Thom-

Other Freedoms Depend On Strong, Active Press

By LLOYD E. WILLIS
(Former master sergeant with the 40th Division in Korea
"O'er the land of the free."

and read dissertations on the more ob- incomparable country. F ve now enjoy and how dom the press?

National Newspaper Week Being Observed By McAllen Elks Lodge

National Newspaper Week will be observed in this area Oct. 1-8 under sponsorship of the McAllen Lodge, Exalted Ruler C. H. Kopetzke has announced, featuring the local observance a dinner for members of the and radio on last night at em M. in the new Elks build- Week h State Senator Rogers the main speaker. was in charge of the H. C.

Kopetzke has received word from Sam Stern of Fargo, N. D., calling on members of the Elks to observe National Newspaper Week.

In a message to the local of- ficial, Stern called the Constitu- tional guarantee of freedom of the press "one of our most precious birthright-

Elks Sponsor A 'Free Press' Essay Contest

Scottsbluff Elks lodge and the journalism dep- tment of the local high school at- tending in an essay con- test, sponsored by the Elks, on the theme of National Newspaper Week. The Elks Or- der has made celebration of National Newspaper Week a tradition.



Above: On behalf of the city's two newspapers, the *Daily News* and the *Record*, C. O. Jeffress, left, Genl. Mgr. of the Greensboro News Co., accepts Greensboro, N. C., Lodge's plaque for outstanding service from host E.R. R. S. Nelson.

Elks Host Newsmen At Annual Session

San Pedro Elks last night paid homage to more than a dozen newsmen of the harbor area as the lodge held its fourth annual

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW—A Constitutional Guarantee

Second of Series
By JULIAN H. HYMAN
Esteemed Leading Knight Elks Lodge 756

In these days of angry propaganda, controlled news and the big lie, it is most commendable that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the largest fraternal organization in the United States, should set aside a week to reexamine and reemphasize that great Constitutional guarantee, the right to know.

ELKS PLAN TO HONOR PRESS NEXT MONTH

"Your Right to Know—A Constitutional Guarantee" is the slogan of National Newspaper Week, to be celebrated Oct. 1 through 8.

In Clearwater, Lodge 1525, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will again, as it does each year, take the lead in calling attention to National Newspaper Week.

A committee of the lodge has been formed to coordinate the observance of National Newspaper Week.

DEMPSEY—A LEGEND

BY WILLIAM FAY

The fighter who had everything—color, ring instinct, courage and a lethal punch.

SOME months ago, a cautious man who is one of Camden, New Jersey's more repeated parents became the heavyweight champion of the world. This was accomplished with a blow that would have decapitated a dinosaur, that mountainous but extinct beast known to have roamed the earth at about the same time Jersey Joe Walcott is alleged to have been born.

The new champion is a soft-voiced, courteous young man known as Rocky Marciano, a resident of Brockton, Mass. He has dark hair to spare on both his chest and the top of his head, a jaw as stubborn as a platinum mule, and a stirring appetite for violence within the confines of a ring.

"He is another Jack Dempsey," the writer was solemnly informed one day at Stillman's Gym.

"He is what?"

The compliment was carefully repeated.

"Another Jack Dempsey. Except maybe Rocky hits a little harder."

Such heresy is very hard for ancient men to digest. "Dempsey," I stated with solemn faith, "would have eaten this boy like a *pizza*."

"You prove it, Mac; I'm listenin'."

"Well, it's not a thing you can prove," I said. "It's just that Dempsey—well, he was Dempsey. There was never anybody like him."

"There was never anybody like Satchel Paige or Albert Einstein, either," I was reminded. "Tell me more about your superman."

So I did the best I could.

There are no supermen, really. They exist only in the minds of people like myself, who should know better. Even the manufacture of an enduring myth takes years of time and tons of talk, and perhaps the right hand that dethroned old Jersey Joe would have flattened Dempsey too.

Yet Dempsey's name has remained a kind of standard. It's the symbol most often used for ring ferocity. It has retained the million dollar magic it possessed thirty years ago, and there must be some good reasons why.

It's a long way back to Jack Dempsey's beginnings as a fighter—back through most of the troubles of our modern epoch to 1914, when a tall, skinny kid, with a pain in his stomach from a lack of meals, first tried to mine gold with his fists. He called himself Kid Blackie, though exactly whom he fought in those early days in his native West, nobody seems to know—not even Nat Fleischer and his inexhaustible record books.

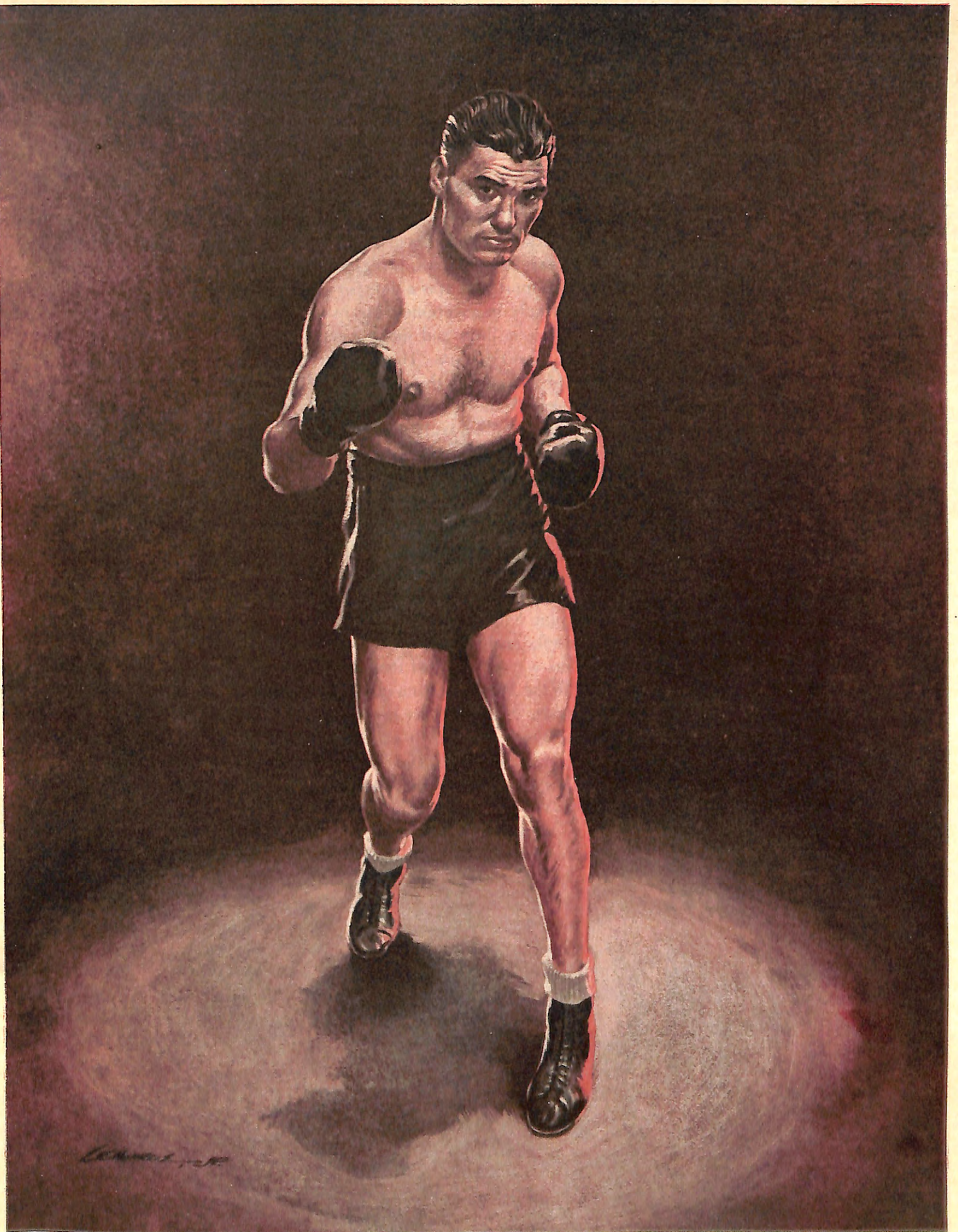
Such records as do exist show that Kid Blackie, or Wil-

liam Harrison Dempsey, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born at Manassa, Colorado. Later on, either truthfully or else to fatten the romance, a touch of American Indian was introduced to this ancestry, though Jack was never a lad to linger long on any reservation. Rough and tough as a dollar's worth of gravel, he took his fights where he could find them—one for the princely sum of \$2.50, and many for not much more. He rode the rods and the box-cars, living in the hobo jungles when things were really tough. Contrary to the paths of true artists, he even exposed himself to work—fruit-picking, hod-carrying and a couple of stints in the Colorado mines.

SOMEWHERE in this period he forgot about Kid Blackie and returned to the honest name of Dempsey, choosing this time to call himself Jack. This was in honor of "Nonpareil" Jack Dempsey, a peerless middleweight who had fought his last battle in 1895, the year that William Harrison Dempsey was born.

Many times in 1915-16 he was tempted to chuck the whole glamorous business of prizefighting into the first ashcan he could find. He fought often enough, and with consistent success. His trouble was that he failed to earn much more than the price of the liniment he sometimes rubbed on his bruised and aching hide. He acquired, in succession, almost as many managers as the unfortunate Primo Carnera was destined to have in one cluster. A gentleman known as John the Barber was the last of many brief alliances, and Dempsey has testified that John gave him a close shave with a dull blade more than once. They did not grow in mutual love and esteem. It was under the Barber's auspices that Jack made his debut in New York against a chocolate giant named John Lester Johnson. Mr. Johnson, while losing, managed in the course of ten rounds to bash in a few of Dempsey's ribs. It was not a happy time. The Barber and Jack disagreed on future plans. The young man went back west to what looked like bleak obscurity.

The Dempsey we know more about—the Dempsey, that is, who causes memory to twang like a steel guitar, is the two-legged tiger who came from the hobo jungles a second time to hunt and destroy large carcasses named Homer Smith, Carl Morris, tough Bill Brennan, Arthur Pelkey, Kid McCarthy, Porky Flynn and a tree-tall specimen of large reputation known as "Furious" Fred Fulton, whom the Manassa Mauler chopped down in a savage eighteen seconds. This time his affairs and future (*Continued on page 50*)



Jack Dempsey about the time of the Carpentier fight. Painting by C. E. Monroe, Jr.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

WE STAND upon the threshold of another year, looking out of the darkening shadows of 1952 into the dawning light of new horizons. The year 1953 arrives, bringing with it new problems and changes of world importance. It is a time for all good citizens to take an active interest not only in government but in community affairs.

To the million and more members of the great fraternity of Elks every New Year is a "Happy" one, for we are optimists. We ring out the old and ring in the new with abiding faith in our country and with unshaken confidence in our ability to make America ever stronger and ever more united, truly the land of the free and the home of the brave.

In our own Order, as we continue to grow and become more powerful with each passing year, we are mindful that our responsibilities correspondingly increase. Our program of helping others becomes broader and we gladly assume new obligations, seeking no reward and no credit. We share our blessings with all.

Close to our hearts is the health and welfare of children, the boys and girls of today who will be our leaders of tomorrow. Gladly we extend a helping hand to those who suffer from sickness, those who are physically handicapped and those who are among the underprivileged.

Thus we are mindful that the first month of this new year is given over to the March of Dimes, to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis. Since the very beginning of this unified fight by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis I have been the chairman from my home state of North Dakota.

Many Elks, like myself, are proud to volunteer in the fight against polio. We are conscious of the help which the National Foundation has given to thousands of children and grownups, too, who have been stricken with the crippling disease. We appreciate the assistance given members of our own order, our wives and our children. Once again we support the March of Dimes, and we always will until polio is conquered. Scientific Research is now closing in on this disease.

What better start can we make in this year of 1953 than to do our part in helping provide the medical aid for the thousands afflicted during the past year, the worst in history. We go forward into 1953 with a New Year Resolve to make this the best year in doing for others. Let all of us who have enjoyed the rich blessings of good health and good fortune help those around us.

Sincerely and fraternally,



SAM STERN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES at BRONX, N. Y., KINGSBRIDGE VA HOSPITAL

This is the first of a series of views of the many Veterans Administration Hospitals all over the United States where you and your lodges, through the Elks National Service Commission, are making life more pleasant for your country's wounded. This is an air view of the VA Hospital in the Bronx Borough of New York City, where hundreds of servicemen are being entertained regularly by the Elks of Bronx, N. Y., Lodge, No. 871, and New York Lodge No. 1, at interesting and stimulating sports events. The letter which accompanies the picture speaks for itself as to the therapeutic value of these shows.



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November 19, 1952

Honorable James T. Hallinan, Chairman
Elks National Veterans Service Commission
292 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Judge Hallinan:

On behalf of the Special Service Division of the Bronx Veterans Hospital we wish to express our sincere thanks to you and the Elks Veterans Service Commission for the outstanding Boxing Show on November 12, 1952.

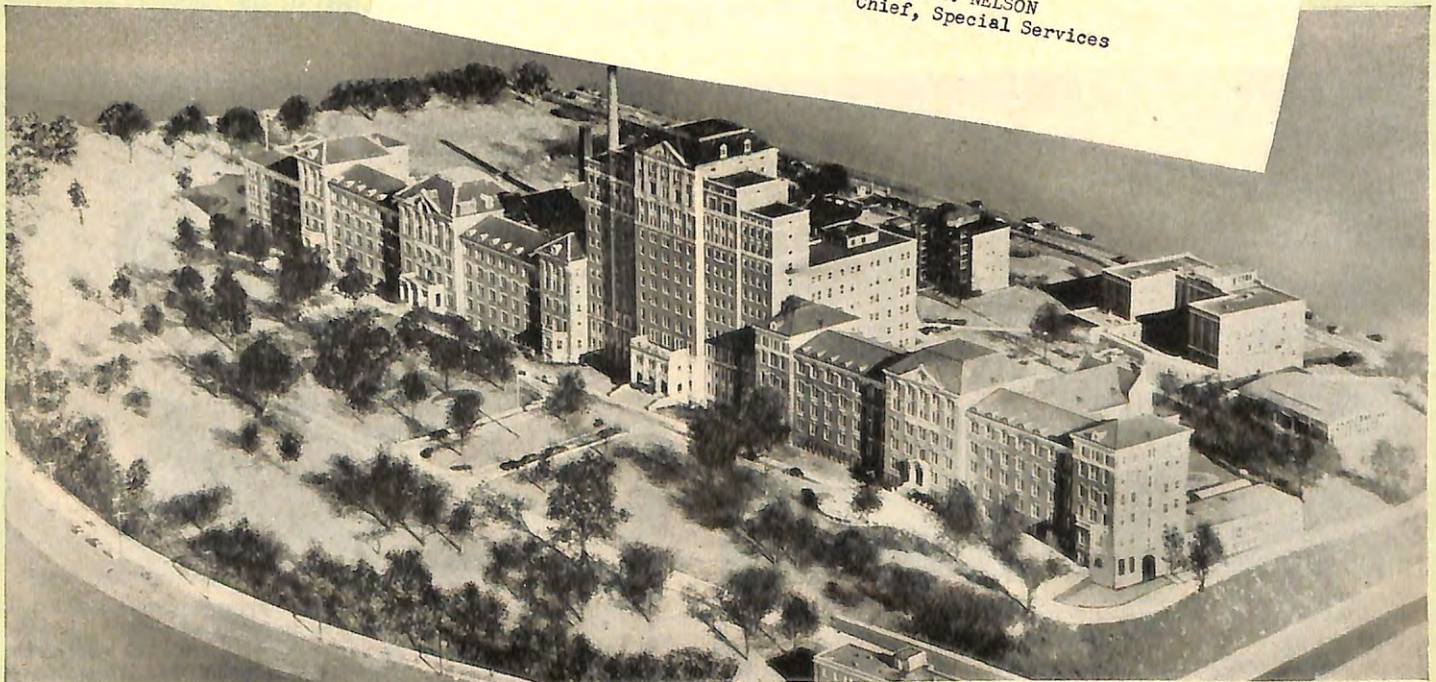
This boxing show was witnessed by a large group of patients, in our Recreation Hall. The patients' reaction was terrific, judging from their spontaneous applause and praiseworthy comments. The fact that they can join the program by rooting for their particular favorite contestant has contributed in a great measure to their high morale.

The willingness and cooperation of Mr. Charles McGuire of Lodge #1 and Mr. Sid Wennik of B.P.O.E. #871 to make this a most enjoyable evening is most praiseworthy.

Again may we offer our appreciation for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR A. NELSON
Chief, Special Services



News of the Lodges



E.R. Wendell Wilson, right, presents Seaside, Ore., Lodge's \$500 check to Denny Holmes, representing the local high school students, as a contribution toward the school's band uniforms.

Lincoln, Neb., Elks Provide Flags for Polls

Learning that 75 of the city's 96 polling places were without flags to display election day, the members of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 wasted no time in purchasing the banners, feeling, with Election Commissioner H. L. Gillett, that "a more appropriate place than the polls could not be found for the display of the American Flag".

The American Legion Auxiliary No. 3 of Lincoln volunteered to place and retire the donated flags at the voting places each election day, and this unit will preserve the flags between elections.

Lincoln Lodge Secy. Ralph E. Connell reports that the purchase was made at a cost of \$135.

Georgia Elks Expand Services at "Aidmore"

Not long ago the Board of Trustees for "Aidmore", the Georgia Elks Hospital for Crippled Children, adopted a policy which has made its service to handicapped children of the State very complete. It has extended hospital care

to Negro patients from infancy to 14 years of age. The first floor of one of the Hospital's two buildings, with a 17-bed accommodation, has been turned over to this group.

The other three types of service rendered by "Aidmore", have always been open to these youngsters; this includes assistance to the Crippled Children Division of the State Health Department in its clinic operation, the payment of travel expenses for children not otherwise able to make necessary trips for medical aid, and the purchase of appliances, such as wheel chairs, hearing aids, and so on.

Charter Presentation Celebrated by Los Gatos, Calif., Lodge

The members of Los Gatos Lodge No. 1857 staged a dinner-dance as an appropriate gala back-drop to the official presentation of its official charter. The affair, held in the lodge's attractive headquarters, was attended by more than 400 Elks and guests.

Chaplain Morton Harvey arranged the program at which he was Master of Ceremonies. P.D.D. Norman Goodrich, who presided at the lodge's institution in



Photographed when Boulder, Colo., Lodge presented \$500 to the United Fund Drive are, left to right: Est. Leading Knight Howard O. Ashton, Secy. Charles S. Lough, E.R. Joseph C. Stancato, Fund Drive Chairman L. F. Newkirk and P.E.R. Francis W. Reich, Fund Drive Secy., all Elks.



Members of Savannah, Ga., Lodge recently paid tribute to Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton with a program attended by 500 persons. Mr. Dutton, left, is pictured as he was welcomed by Exalted Ruler James LeRoy Cole, right, and Rev. Father James E. King, former Grand Chaplain.

June of last year, made the presentation. The charter was accepted by E.R. Thos. J. Malatesta who led the Charter Member Class of 250 men. No. 1857 now has 300 names on its roster, and is considering the possibilities of several sites which have been offered as the location of permanent home and club rooms.

Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge Pays Tribute to T. J. O'Rourke

More than 800 persons gathered on the Hotel Astor Roof in New York City not long ago to participate in the testimonial Queens Borough Lodge No. 878 paid to its Treas., Thomas J. O'Rourke. The occasion marked his 25th Anniversary as handler of the lodge's finances, and his fellow members, through E.R. Edward S. St. John, presented a diamond ring to the guest of honor.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan was Toastmaster at the dinner, and John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum was Chairman. The invocation was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Quinn, N. Y. State Elks Assn. Chaplain, and the Rev. Thomas J. McGee gave the benediction. Other speakers were Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Hon. James Lundy, Borough Pres. of Queens, and Mr. St. John.

Tallahassee, Fla., Lodge's Camp Operation a Hit

Silver Lake Camp, the beautiful recreation spot taken over by Tallahassee Lodge No. 937 three years ago, concluded its most successful season this year. While the Camp is open to the general public and a small charge is asked for admission and use of the beach and other facilities, it is operated mainly for the benefit of underprivileged children. There were 21,246 admitted gratis during the past season, with 20 group camps and 25,987 others enjoying the Camp's picnic shelters, the large recreation building with its fully equipped kitchen, and



At Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge's banquet honoring 25-year Treas. Thomas J. O'Rourke were, left to right: State Assn. Pres. James A. Gunn, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum, Mr. O'Rourke and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan.

the twelve lovely cottages available to overnight, weekend and weekly guests.

Operated under the direction of a committee which has secured the services of an experienced member, Hansel B. Mead, as manager, it is open throughout the winter months to group parties, dinners, and the like. Sponsorship cards, which are season tickets, are available to Elks at a minimum charge of \$10; many members have bought \$100 season tickets which may be used by the entire family; churches, civic clubs and similar groups have also purchased these cards.

No. 937 is understandably proud of this splendid project which is of such great benefit to the community at large. The Elks have contributed \$6,000 to its maintenance, over and above what its operation has realized, in the three years of its existence, and a number of Elks have donated materials and equipment to the Camp. Tallahassee Lodge also contributes heavily to the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children, sponsors a Sea Scout Ship, Boy Scout Troop, Lit-

tle League Baseball Team and two college scholarships, besides conducting all the other traditionally-Elk programs.

Amateur Nights a Tulsa, Okla., Elks Success

The members of Tulsa Lodge No. 946 report a hit with their sponsorship of a series of three amateur nights. The first program included 18 acts; the second show had the same number, and the first five winners of each of the first two programs made up the performers for the final event. The first winner received a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond; the second, a \$25 Bond, and the third, \$15 in cash. All contestants who appeared on the final program, a group of nine acts, were taken to Muskogee later to put on a show for the VA Hospital patients there.

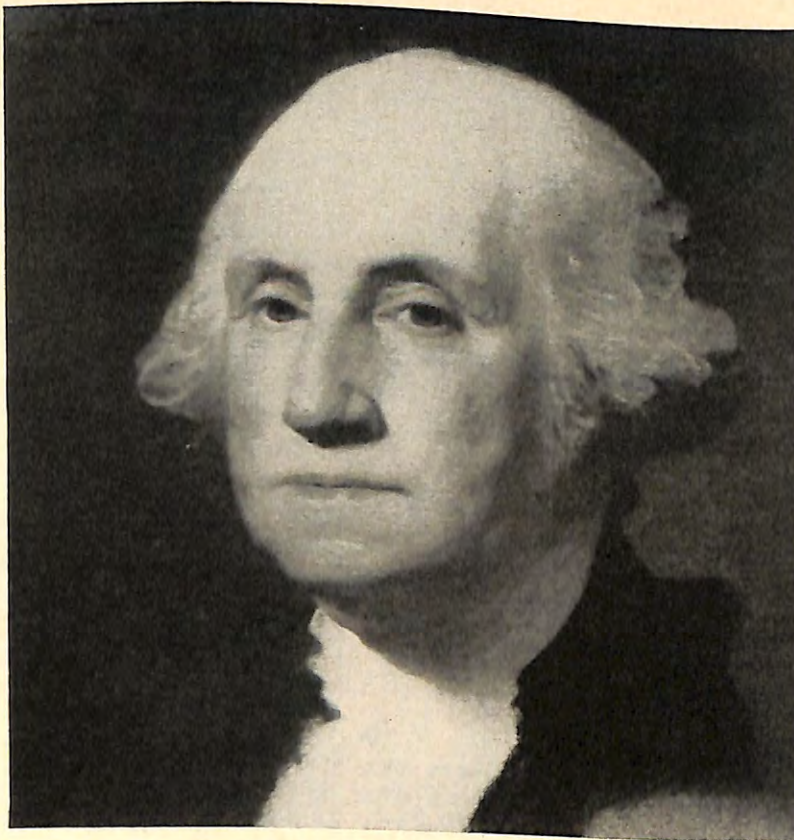
This activity received some fine newspaper and radio publicity which was instrumental in making the shows such a success; proceeds from the performances went to the fund for the lodge's annual party for crippled children.



Pictured with the handsome trophy given by the Arlington, Mass., Elks to their Little League Baseball Team for winning the city championship are left to right: P.E.R. Charles Schultz, Coach Edmund Gallucci, and James Sumner, Vice-Pres. of the Arlington Little League, Both Elks.



Richard Johnson, left, son of W. E. Johnson, a member of Gardner, Mass., Lodge, receives a Mass. Elks Scholarships, Inc., \$400 award from D.D. Wm. R. Burns, center, in the presence of Alvin La Roche, E.R. of Gardner Lodge where the presentation was witnessed by 200 persons.



Presidential Portraits

BY HARRY BOTSFORD

A gallery of notable portraits of our Presidents.

THREE MEN lounged comfortably in their chairs on the green lawn of a Long Branch, New Jersey home. They sipped their drinks reflectively and watched the two boys diffidently approach. Briefly they introduced themselves as Gustavus and Gotthelf Pach. Shyly Gustavus produced an envelope and bowed stiffly.



"Your photographs, General Grant."

The bearded man puffed the inevitable cigar, smiled and reached out a hand. His keen eyes examined the photograph critically.

"That's fine work, young man!" he commented. His companions examined the photographs and agreed with him. One of them remarked, *sotto voce*, that the photograph would make fine campaign material. George W. Child, Philadelphia financier, didn't miss many bets. Nor did his companion, Anthony Drexel.

Why didn't the young men go into business for themselves instead of working for someone else, Grant inquired pointedly. They blushed, admitted a lack of capital. Grant grinned widely, flicked a finger at his companions. "These gentlemen have more money than they know what to do with," he stated. "Let's see if we can't float a little capital." It wasn't difficult. The boys happily left with \$1,000 and the blessing of the three men on the lawn.

That was the start of a great photographic dynasty that is still alive and vigorous—Pach Brothers. Now in its 85th year, the firm includes the third generation of Pachs and will soon be joined by the fourth. It started to function in a New Jersey livery stable in 1867. Today

it is quartered in luxurious rooms on New York's swank East 57th Street.

In the first 70 years, Pach's accumulated over 200,000 negatives. They had photographed every President from Grant to Franklin D. Roosevelt, photographs acclaimed the best ever taken. In between, they had photographed Admiral

(Continued on page 43)



TOP ROW:
John Adams
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison
James Monroe
John Quincy Adams

SECOND ROW:
Andrew Jackson
Martin Van Buren
William Henry Harrison
John Tyler
James K. Polk

THIRD ROW:
Zachary Taylor
Millard Fillmore
Franklin Pierce
James Buchanan
Abraham Lincoln

FOURTH ROW:
Andrew Johnson
Ulysses S. Grant
Rutherford Hayes
James Garfield
Chester A. Arthur

FIFTH ROW:
Grover Cleveland
Benjamin Harrison
William McKinley
Theodore Roosevelt
William Howard Taft

SIXTH ROW:
Woodrow Wilson
Warren Harding
Calvin Coolidge
Herbert Hoover
Franklin Delano Roosevelt





At Sycamore Lodge's celebration in honor of Ill. State Assn. Pres. Don C. Patten were, left to right, foreground: D.D. Willis G. Maltby, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Dist. Vice-Pres. A. C. Sauer, E.R. Roy W. Smith; background: Committee Chairman J. D. Ward; J. Paul Kuhn of the Grand Forum; State Secy. Albert W. Arnold, and D.D.'s Charles E. Woodruff and Monte Hance.



This magnificent elk's head hangs over the E.R.'s station in the home of Kalispell, Mont., Lodge. The animal was shot two years ago by M. D. Livingston, a member of the lodge, in the vicinity of Thompson Falls. According to Remington Arms records, this is the largest head recorded for that district. Of the Monarch type, its widest spread is 52 inches; one horn measures 49 1/2 inches, while the other measures 49.



The officers of Los Gatos, Calif., Lodge are pictured with several other dignitaries who joined them at the dinner-dance held in conjunction with the presentation of their official Charter.



Officers of Washington, Mo., Lodge are pictured with a class they initiated in honor of the visit of D.D. Lowell C. McCarty, seated fifth from left with E.R. Herbert H. Nolting on his right.

Elkdom Mourns Passing of Dr. J. Edward Gallico

Not only the members of his own lodge, Troy, N. Y., No. 141, but the entire Order lost a distinguished representative when Dr. J. Edward Gallico passed away Oct. 25th.

Initiated into Elkdom on April 17, 1911, Dr. Gallico was elected Exalted Ruler of Troy Lodge in 1917 and again in 1918. He was President of the N. Y. State Elks Assn. in 1930-31, and served the Order well as Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge in 1937-38, and as its Grand Est. Leading Knight the following year.

As a member of the P.E.R.'s Assn. of the Northeast District of his State, Dr. Gallico did much to further the principles of Elkdom. To his lodge, the District, New York State and the Order at large, he contributed his energies and abilities without stint.

A dental surgeon in the city of Troy



Fort Dodge, Ia., Lodge is justly proud of this 78-man class its officers initiated recently in honor of D.D. Ralph Bastian.



This is the 100-man "United America Class" initiated into Jacksonville, Ill., Lodge by the officers of Springfield Lodge.

for 45 years, Dr. Gallico was deeply respected by all who knew him. The grief of his wife, daughter and brother who survive him is shared by his countless friends. His selfless devotion to the Order made him a true Elk in the finest traditions of the Fraternity he loved.

"Don Patten Days" at Sycamore, Ill.

More than 800 persons, representing lodges from all over the State, joined the members of Sycamore Lodge No. 1392 when they honored their first State Assn. President, Don C. Patten.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner was on hand for the two-day observance as were J. Paul Kuhn of the Grand Forum, D.D.'s W. G. Maltby, C. E. Woodruff and Monte Hance, State Assn. Secy. Albert W. Arnold, Treas. Ray Hinch, Chairman J. Paul Ardesser of the Ill. Elks Youth Activities Committee and many other dignitaries.

Young People Big Interest to Arlington, Mass., Elks

The Little League activities sponsored by Arlington Lodge No. 1435 are well known, especially since its own team won the city championship this year. However, the members of this lodge are interested in making other local youngsters happy too, as evidenced by the mammoth weenie roast they put on not long ago for all playground children of the area, in cooperation with the City Park Commission.

More than 1,200 girls and boys enjoyed all the hot dogs they could handle at this affair, and engaged in an interesting and varied program of entertainment. The Elks provided all the necessary refreshments for both the children and their parents.

Another fine program financed by No. 1435 and the members of Watertown Lodge No. 1513 is the presentation of a service kit to all boys leaving for the service from Arlington, Belmont and Watertown. The kit contains cigarettes, shaving equipment and other essentials which the young men greatly appreciate.



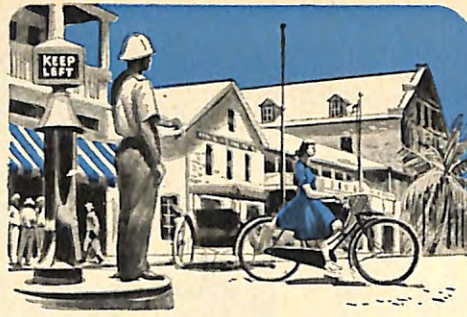
Officers of Minot, N. D., Lodge with D.D. E. W. Tobin and the class they initiated in his honor.



Members of the Anna-Miller Circle of Sanford, Fla., Lodge present a new \$750 hospital bed to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital maintained by the Elks of the State. The patient in the new bed at the time this picture was taken is Nancy Robb, daughter of Sanford Elk Fred Robb.



Cordele, Ga., Lodge officers stand behind three new members, one of whom, Charlie Walls, seated center, was once a patient at "Aidmore", the Georgia Elks Assn's. Crippled Children's Hospital.



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BY HORACE SUTTON

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11th and J Sts., Sacramento, Calif.

THE SHIVER and snuffle season is at hand, citizens, and a man threatened with either has two courses: wrap himself in a bear rug, or head for a place where no such piece of equipment is needed. Florida is, to be sure, one of the most pleasant repositories around for anyone seeking an escape from the slush and the sleet. Oranges bloom all over the place, people adept with water skis perform astounding ballets on them, mermaids gambol in the clear water of certain springs, fishing boats plow out beyond city limits bound for tarpon and sailfish, skyscraping hotels dust off their skyscraping rates and the sound of the Yankee tourist is heard in the land.

One of the biggest pieces of news in Florida this year is the emergence of the drive-yourself car as a prime and inexpensive means of enjoying your winter vacation. For one thing, in spite of inflation and spiralling prices, the cost for renting a car has dropped from \$75 a week to a low of \$31.50 by the application of better business methods and the growth in popularity of the service. New cars are used almost exclusively. After a car has been in rental service for eight months it is removed and sold either on the used car lot or for export. The tourist, meanwhile, can make arrangements through his travel agent or his airline to have a car waiting for him at the air-

Photos by H. W. Hannan from Rapho Gullumette



Florida is world famous for fishing. Here are boats at Fort Lauderdale.



One of Florida's great winter attractions—surf bathing. Bathers here are at Miami Beach.

port in, say Jacksonville, or Tampa or Miami. He dumps his bags in the trunk and drives off, his own master, with a chance to see the sights he wants when he wants to.

Of the 24,000 rental cars available in the country today, more than 6,000 are in south Florida, in the tourist belt, and the greatest percentage—about two-thirds—operate in the greater Miami area. Car rental people like to say that a tourist who pays \$40 for a rental car would run up about \$125 in taxicab fares if he used a cab to cover the same mileage. As for gas and servicing while the car is in your hands, big centers like Miami and Miami Beach have mobile service stations that roam the hotels daily, gasing, oiling, checking tires and wiping windshields. That and insurance are included in the rates.

The car rental system will prove a big boon to the luxury motel business, another new Florida development. The northern reaches of Miami Beach, far above the strip of fancy hotels, is now lined with ultra-modern air-conditioned motels located on the beach, complete with swimming pools. Neon-lighted, fashioned of glass and chrome and brightly-colored walls, the motels have been tagged with exotic, tropical names. In the off-season they charge as low as \$4 a day for two people, without food, of course. From January through March,

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The motels, however, have hardly put
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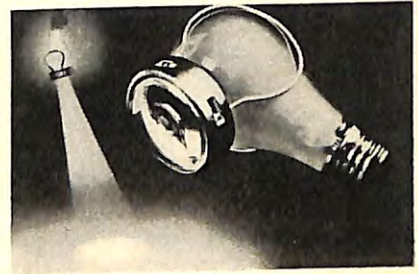
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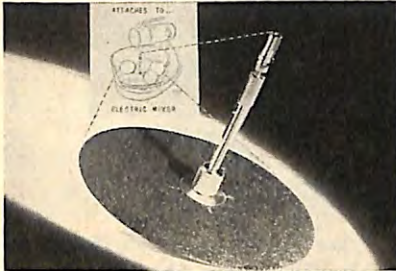
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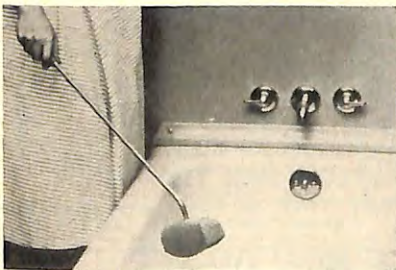
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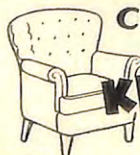
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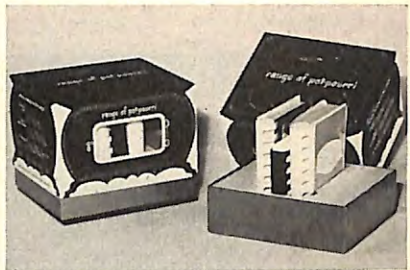
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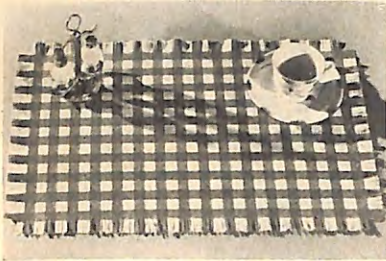
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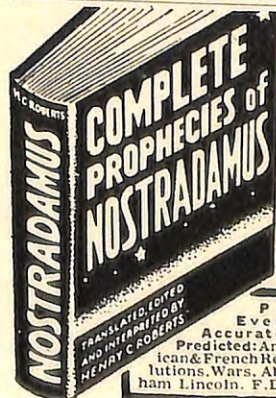
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Blue grouse in flight can test any wing shooter.



WE WALKED upstream along the little brook, past aspen thickets and through a stand of great yellow pine timber, the dead-dry granite soil grating underfoot and the panting dog walking in the dust behind, at heel. When we came to the fork of the creek we took a final drink because it would be hot and there would be no water on the higher slopes where we were going. Then we turned up the left-hand branch, climbing hard now against the face of the mountain.

There was thick brush of alder and red ozier and willow in the bottom of the gash that the creek followed, and we stayed on the roof-steep slope above it, edging around thickets of bitter cherries and choke cherries and plowing through the scattered stands of snow brush. It was September. We were hunting blue grouse. I could feel my shirt wet between my shoulders and the sweat was pooling up inside my hat, against the band.

Finally, we came to a breaking away on the side of the mountain where the creek made a little basin at its head. There were thickets of fir timber along the fingers of stream where north slopes held more moisture and between them, on the south side of the ridges dropping to the creek, were great fields of bitter cherry grown through with ninebark and other brush.

Suddenly, a big gray bird broke with a thunder of wings from a cherry thicket on our side and somewhat above. Up and out, then, wings cupped, he pitched down toward the base of the other slope. We shot, almost together, neither knowing that the other was in the clear.

The blue grouse tumbled down and the dog, who saw it fall, bounded after it and found it, but he didn't fetch. He discovered a tiny pool of water in the creek bottom and flopped into it, the bird forgotten. Considering the heat and dust, I didn't blame him. I clambered down and picked it up.

It was an old cock, a big bird. I guessed his weight at four pounds—the blue grouse is the largest American grouse, save for the sagehen. His back and breast were bluish gray with a sprinkling of black-mottled brown feathers. Along his sides and on his under parts, some were edged or tipped with white. His tail, which was long and could

be spread into a fan like that of a ruffed grouse, was dark gray with a black band near the ends of the feathers and a very light gray one outside it.

I dressed him there in the creek bottom. It was too hot to carry game far without this precaution and, besides, I wanted to see what he had been eating. His crop was bulging with bitter cherries. He had also eaten a few grasshoppers and some seed pods from wild lettuce.

I told my companion and he fought his way down into the thick brush of the bottom. We struggled up the other side and started around the hill toward the head of the basin. Grouse began to fly out ahead of us. One got up close. He rose barely high enough to clear the brush, then sailed downhill. I missed twice.

At the shots, they were flying everywhere. Some of them hurtled into the timber. Others pitched down to the creek bottom. Some sailed to the choke cherry

thickets on the opposite slope. A few, on set wings, glided down and down the stream, around the point of the mountain in the half-hazy distance.

A bird got up above me and came over. He was too close to shoot when I first saw him. I turned and tried to take him falling away and shot yards above him twice. I heard my companion shoot, but I was too busy to see what he was doing.

The dog was working systematically through the brush, but it was futile. His nose was clogged with dust and he was panting with the heat. He could never smell a bird until it was too late.

At last, there were no more grouse in the air. I had watched a couple sail down into a lone pine near the creek bottom. I circled around and came up toward it from below, along the creek, so as not to alarm them. When I was in range my companion walked in from above.

I was almost completely screened by willows overhead. If the birds flew to the right, away from my companion, however, I'd have twenty feet of open sky to shoot against. I could only hope
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Ted Trueblood holds a blue grouse—largest American grouse save for the sagehen.



Right: Alva R. Weaver, 92-year-old Newport, R. I., Elk, receives a 53-year-membership pin from E.R. Frank R. Muzerall at a special program paying tribute to this vigorous old-timer who reads without glasses, eats with his own teeth and attends all lodge meetings faithfully.



Above and right are winning Berkeley, Calif., Elk Bowling Teams; above, State Elk title-takers Charles Delscaux, John Marvin, C. L. Buck, Lester Diehl, George Silverfoote; right, No. Calif. champions Maynor West, Carl Johnson, Melvin Coles, Jess Mello and Austin Toso.



NEWS OF THE LODGES



Left: E.R. Chester H. Selby with some of the winners in Tulsa, Okla., Lodge's New Amateur Night series. The duo at left are Charles and Wayne Calhoun, acrobatic dancers; No. 2 is Marty Coates, a tap dancer; the pair at right are George Stunkard and Timothy Nicholson who had a singing-comedy act.

ELKS NATIONAL BOWLING ASSN. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The 33rd Annual Elks National Bowling Tournament will take place at the Congress Recreation in Chicago, Ill., this year.

Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern will open the contest officially on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 1953, at 2 p. m., and play will continue, on weekends only, through May 3rd.

Entry fee (including bowling) is \$4.00 per man, per event, and reservations can be made through the Association Secy., Edgar N. Quinn, P. O. Box 29, Madison, Wis. Entries close Feb. 7th.

Below: The \$5,000 final payment is made on Danville, Pa., Lodge's \$25,000 contribution to the new \$1,000,000 Foss Clinic and Geisinger Memorial Hospital. Left to right: Lodge Secy. Clyde Shannon, Dr. H. L. Foss, Pres. of the American College of Surgeons and an Elk, Hospital Adm. Graham Stephens, E.R. Paul T. Foster and lodge Treasurer C. S. Fry.



Left: At Old Timers Night at Omaha, Neb., Lodge this group represented the oldest members present, either in age or length of affiliation. Left to right: 92-year-old Otto Mielke, 42-year Elk; 94-year-old Dan C. Stickrath, a member since 1921; Arthur Metz, initiated in 1894; 91-year-old B. J. Scannell, 56 years an Elk; 91-year-old T. E. Wood, initiated in 1920.

Below: The young men in uniform comprise the PeeWee Baseball Team sponsored by Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge, which has had two championship teams since the program's inception. Standing at right is Coach George Jordan.



NEWS OF THE LODGES



This is the Softball Team of Ontario Lodge which won the Calif. State Championship at Monterey, pictured with E.R. C. O. Mayberry, Secy. C. T. Johns and Mgr. Ray Orr.



The staff of the Missouri Elks Boys Camp with some of the 115 youngsters who left for home after a two-week outing sponsored by the State's lodges this year. With them are Elk officials, Mo. Elks Camp Chairman, P.D.D. Guy D. Moore, second from right foreground, Joplin Committeeman Ed Weber, on his left, Camp Director L. "Pop" Crow, standing behind them, and Past State Pres. Geo. Klingman, left foreground.



Some of the boys who participated in the Phoenix, Ariz., Elks' C & D Baseball League of 28 teams, when they were entertained at a post-season outing and award program.

Grand Treas. Dutton Honored by Savannah, Ga., Lodge

Edward A. Dutton, the Order's Grand Treasurer, was honored recently by his fellow members of Savannah Lodge No. 183. Over 500 local and out-of-town visitors participated, including 14 P.E.R.'s of the host lodge. Rev. Fr. James E. King, former Grand Chaplain, was present as were Past State Pres. W. Hinson, and three Savannah Elks who have been affiliated with the Order over 50 years: F. H. Opper, W. P. Holt and Shelby Myrick.

P.E.R. Robert E. Falligant was Master of Ceremonies at the dinner when Kirk Sutlive was the principal speaker.

Owatonna, Minn., Lodge Mourns C. L. Kiesner

The members of Owatonna Lodge No. 1395 were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Charles L. Kiesner, the result of a heart attack suffered while he was on a hunting trip.

An active member for many years, he served No. 1395 as its Secretary for a decade, prior to becoming its Exalted Ruler. He was a former District Deputy and acted as leader at two Owatonna Conventions of the Minn. Elks Assn. of which he was a Past President.

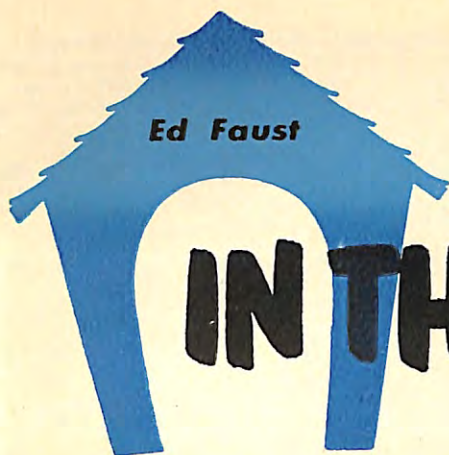
He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a grandchild, three brothers and two sisters to whom the staff of the Magazine extends its sympathy.

Carlsbad, N. M., Elks Spearhead Aid to Hospital

During his official visit to Carlsbad Lodge No. 1558, D.D. A. L. McKnight gave high praise to the generosity and efforts of the Carlsbad Elks to bring assistance to the Eddy County Hospital Assn. which operates the city's Memorial Hospital. Not long ago, the lodge voted an immediate donation of \$500 to cover the cost of replastering and painting the obstetrical rooms which are in bad condition. The lodge also voted the appointment of a committee to interest other organizations in the community in raising the \$10,000 needed at once by the hospital for rehabilitation purposes.

This institution, owned by the citizens of Carlsbad with a charter dated Jan. 29, 1898, owes approximately \$20,000 and Henry Bruhn, hospital board head, reported to an Elk Investigating Committee of which William Colvert is Chairman, that the hospital needs a great number of improvements, as well as approximately \$4,000 worth of equipment.

During Mr. McKnight's visit, two men were initiated into the lodge. One of them was J. Howard Parr, a veteran of the Korean campaign; the other was Paul J. Casabonne whose father has been an Elk 33 years. On this occasion, E.R. Hampton Martin reported that No. 1558 would soon erect signs on the Roswell, Hobbs and El Paso highways leading into Carlsbad, welcoming the hundreds of Elks who visit the lodge each year.



Ed Faust long ago found that it's well to match your enthusiasm for dogs with some experience.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

ALAS, ALACK and so forth, but it's a hard world when you try to drive an extra hard bargain or go looking for something for nothing. I found this out a long time ago and should have remembered what I learned, but in my early enthusiasm for dogs forgot it along with a few other precepts previously learned the hard way. It all began when I tried to be the guiding light in my two young daughters' lives. They had reached the boy stage and I, seeking to put off other interests for a few years, thought that if I would get them a dog that they could take to the shows it would substitute a few blue ribbons for the bon-bons and what nots that boys give to girls at that stage. But it didn't work.

To begin with, I didn't know that blue ribbon dogs aren't ordinarily to be had at bargain prices. Moreover, when we did get that dog, and surprisingly enough it did win a few ribbons, some blues among them, Poppa Faust became so interested in dogs that the poor children never did get a chance to show the dog other than in a few children's classes. So the boys kept coming around until they dwindled to a favored two and before I knew it, or perhaps before I realized how quickly the years had passed, I suddenly found myself on two occasions walking down church aisles with what seemed to be wholly strange young ladies on my arm.

Yes, the pup we bought did win a few nods from the judges, but I must confess that the competition wasn't very keen. However, at that early time it was enough that he actually was a ribbon winner. I didn't know then that there's a world of difference between winners, such a gap that the mere winning of a blue may mean something, and then again nothing at all. There could be—as often has happened—only one dog entered in a class. If it (the dog) is deemed worthy enough, the judge gives it a blue ribbon. The judge can, however, at his discretion withhold the award if he does not believe the dog to be worthy of it. But as a rule the ribbon is given. On the other hand, when a blue is awarded to a dog in a class where there are several outstand-

ing competitors, the ribbon means something and, in fact, may mean a good deal if it happens to be at one of the larger shows such as Westminster or Morris and Essex.

Of course, getting started in the dog business by getting a male dog was putting the cart before the horse, which was something else I didn't know at the time, although I can plead the excuse that the Fausts had no idea of establishing a kennel. If such had been the intention then, of course, a lady of the species would have been the choice. As I've said in previous essays, unless the male is a proven dog that has an impressive record of show winnings, he's an expensive luxury as a kennel beginner. Nobody wants to breed from him, hence he is only good as a house pet—if he actually is good. It wasn't long before I learned this fact, and then the problem was—what to do about it?

Well, we could have gambled by buying a well-bred unshown female, or even one off the show bench. Either way, it

would have been a gamble, since our next move would have been to have her mated with a good, proven dog, which would have meant an added expense. Now you won't have to get around to many shows or know many breeders before you'll hear of such a thing as a "breeder's contract". This means that a breeder will farm out one of his lady dogs to a prospective breeder, usually one who can't afford the high price of a good female. The contract usually specifies that the recipient of the female will breed her to whatever dog the owner desires. The temporary owner of the female usually gets second and fourth choices of the ensuing puppies. The real owner, of course, has first and third choices. Well, sir, I latched on to a female that had a record of winnings as long as your arm, maybe longer. She had thirteen points toward her championship, but was about four years older than the Washington Monument. Her first litter was one pup—one puppy is officially considered a litter. Her owner took that

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Photo by Ylla



Welsh corgi with her puppy. This lively little dog deserves far more attention than it has ever received. Comes in two varieties—Pembroke, above, and Cardigan. Pembrokes gained public notice a few years ago as a favorite of Princess Elizabeth, who had a kennel of them.



Left: Pictured on Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge's David Sholtz Night were, left to right: Past Grand Est. Lecturing Knight I. Walter Hawkins; Secy. J. A. Mead; E.R. Harry Hopper; new member Mitchell Sholtz, son of the Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Sholtz, P.D.D. C. H. Talton, D.D. C. A. Poole.

Below: Furthering the interest in cerebral palsy work the New Mex. Elks have undertaken, Roswell Lodge entered this handsome message-conveying float in the recent Eastern New Mex. State Fair parade, witnessed by over 60,000.



Louisiana Elks Meet at Alexandria

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the La. State Elks Assn. was a complete success, with a large attendance from lodges throughout the State, as well as visitors from Okla. and Arkansas.

Mrs. Orville Ewing, Volunteer Director of the Southern Eye Bank, which is supported by the Assn., and Mrs. Frances Singer, a patient of the Bank, were special guests at the meeting when Alexandria and New Orleans Lodges presented a total of \$1,562 to this program. Highlight of the social activities at this session was a dinner-dance held in honor of Grand Inner Guard Roy Yerby.

ILLINOIS ELKS BILLIARD CONTEST

Champaign Lodge No. 398 will again be host to the Ill. State Elks Three-Cushion Billiard Tournament this year. Any member interested in participating in the event, to take place Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 1953, should immediately contact Chairman Dean Garland, 122 W. Hill St., Champaign, Ill.

Haverhill, Mass., Elks Fete Local Gridiron Athletes

The members of Haverhill Lodge No. 165 took bows not long ago for their morale picker-upper party for the local high school football team at the lodge home. Members of the squad which had lost its first game after three successful contests were guests at a turkey dinner given by the Elks whose thoughtfulness received high praise from Coach George Moriarty and Supt. of School T. Joseph McCook. Chairman Richard Hosford of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee and Treas. William A. Gavin addressed the young athletes, following their introduction by E.R. Edward A. Smith. Other speakers included the school principal Earle H. MacLeod and other faculty members as well as several assistant coaches.

Musical entertainment was furnished, and motion pictures of several of the team's games were shown.



Above: A view of the beach at Silver Lake Camp, the beautiful vacation spot maintained by Tallahassee, Fla., Lodge. While paying guests are accepted, the Elks give free use of the camp to the community's underprivileged children.

Right: Members of the outstanding Haverhill, Mass., High School football squad were guests of the local Elks at a banquet recently. Pictured on this occasion were, left to right: Co-Capt. Lou Lovely, E.R. E. A. Smith, Youth Activities Chairman R. J. Hosford, Coach G. J. Moriarty, Co-Capt. Wm. Wright, P.D.D. Wm. A. Gavin and Co-Capt. Paul Tremblay.





Dunkirk, N. Y., Lodge recently honored its championship Little League baseball team pictured here with Asst. Manager Julian Neidbalski.



This is the baseball team sponsored by the Youth Committee of Washington, N. J., Lodge which also sponsors football and bowling teams.



When D.D. J. Raymond McGovern and State Vice-Pres. Peter J. Kuney visited Port Chester, N. Y., Lodge recently, tribute was paid to E. Carleton Coffin, retiring as lodge Secy. after 25 years. Left to right: E.R. Dr. Louis Krakower, Mr. Kuney, D. D. McGovern, Mr. Coffin, and P.E.R. Dominick A. Colangelo who presented the lodge's gift to the guest of honor.



E.R. Dr. Joseph Haefeli, right, witnesses the presentation of Greeley, Colo., Lodge's \$5,000 check to L. P. McArthur, left, Chairman of the Weld County Public Hospital Building Committee Trustees, by Elk Trustee Ellis P. Starbuck, second from right. Elk Trustees Bruce Miller and Frank Berger stand second and third from left respectively.

Little League Champions Honored by Dunkirk, N. Y., Elk Sponsors

The Little League Champion Elks Team had a grand time at the dinner their sponsors, Dunkirk Lodge No. 922, gave them at the lodge home. William Farrell, Pres. of the League, officially presented the Optimist-Little League trophy to E.R. Alex Dickson and Edward Orcutt, Vice-Pres. of the Dunkirk-Fredonia Optimist Club which supervises and directs the League games, gave each player a T-shirt carrying the legend, "Dunkirk-Fredonia Champions".

The boys enjoyed the interesting and amusing talk given by Greg Mulleavy, former Chicago White Sox shortstop now a scout for the Brooklyn Dodgers. In the absence of Joseph Niedbalski, the team's manager who entered the service the day after his team took the title, his brother, Julian, the group's coach was on hand. The boys wound up the regular season winning the American division title with a 14-4 record. In the playoffs, they defeated the USA-CIO National division winners, taking the first and third games in a two-out-of-three series.



Bronx, N. Y., Lodge, members pictured before the handsome bronze tablet they dedicated to the memory of the late Nicholas A. DelBalso, a Trustee of the lodge whose charitable activities were outstanding. Left to right, standing: Milton Weil, Joseph P. Pizzo, Anthony DelBalso, E.R. Joseph J. DiBiase, Secy. Frederick J. Apple, and Archie Suyker. Sitting: P.E.R. Edmond F. Weisheit, Judge Charles A. Loreto, Rev. Fr. William M. Daly, Frederick Behr and Trustee Neal P. Bottiglieri.

Rod and Gun

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they'd fly that way or else at some angle that would give him a chance. He walked in on the sidehill and the dog came in and trotted around the base of the tree and then came down into the cool creek bottom with me.

Nothing flew. I spotted the two grouse and watched them sitting there on limbs, craning their necks to watch first one of us and then the other. My companion picked up a knot and tossed it. One of them rocketed off with a great thrashing of wings to break out of the pine. He didn't fly where I hoped he would, however. He flew to my left, over the screen of willows. I poked a shot through them and hoped it would intercept him, but it didn't.

The other left the tree, flying out to the side where my companion could see it. I heard him shoot and heard it thud as it hit the ground and then the flutter of wings that meant that it was dead.

I had reloaded automatically. Now, suddenly, grouse poured out like bees from a hive. The tree had been loaded with them. None flew right, but I shot twice at blue-gray streaks that I glimpsed through the canopy of brush. I heard my companion shoot again and again. Then it was over. The dog brought in one bird, the one we knew we had, and then went back and found another. Apparently I had hit one of the hard shots through the willows, but had failed to hear it fall due to shooting again or the commotion of other grouse.

We dressed our birds and angled back up around the brush-covered sidehill, and grouse were everywhere. The waste of ammunition was scandalous. Any bird hunter is accustomed to rising shots.

Quail, pheasants, ruffed grouse, woodcock—practically all upland birds—are climbing when he shoots, nine times out of ten. You bring your gun up at them and if it's straight it shoots high and gives you an upward lead automatically and if it's crooked you learn to blot them out and pull.

But blue grouse in steep country such as we were hunting come up barely high enough to clear the brush and then pitch down. You can't see them until they're in the open. By that time they're dropping fast. It is against the very nature of a wing shot to hold below a flying bird but you have to do it to hit a blue grouse that takes off from a hillside or out of a tree. We knew it, but we couldn't force ourselves to do it well enough and so we missed a lot.

I would hate to compare the speed of blue and ruffed grouse before a jury of experienced hunters. I'll say maybe—and it's no more than a guess—that ruff gets underway faster. He's less than half as big and more nimble on his feet. But once in the air, I believe a blue grouse has the edge. Of course, again, they mostly fly downhill and when a ruffed grouse pitches out of a hemlock or comes off a ridge and cuts down he's really sifting.

Blue grouse have sometimes been given a bad name as game birds due to their habit of sitting on a limb and staring at the hunter. Then a man can pick off three or four with a twenty-two if he is careful to kill the lowest bird each time. They've even been called "fool hens," although this is incorrect. The Franklin grouse, the Rocky Mountain counterpart of the Canadian spruce hen, is the true

fool hen. You can kill them with a stick, and once I even caught one in my hands, just to see if it could be done. He looked mighty foolish when I let him go.

Of course, nobody has to shoot blue grouse in trees. If a man is the kind of hunter who'd do that he'd also have the chance occasionally to pot coveys of bobwhites on the ground. And in areas where ruffed grouse are hunted as little as blue grouse are through much of their remote range, he could pick them out of trees, too.

A noisy takeoff is not so characteristic of blue grouse as it is of ruff. He habitually leaves the ground with a thunder of wings that has an almost petrifying effect on the hunter. But he can fly as silently as an owl, too, if he thinks there is a chance to slip out undetected. Blue grouse use the silent takeoff more often—possibly two-thirds of the time—but when they do decide to gun it they can really roar.

Blues don't drum like ruff. Instead, their courtship consists of strutting and booming, or hooting, more in the manner of sagehens. Ralph Hoffman describes the sounds they make as, "broo, broop, broop, burroo, broo, broo, broo, increasing and then diminishing in volume." He does it better than I could. I'd be hard put to get even so familiar a sound as the call of a robin on paper.

Their nests usually are begun in early May. The exact date, of course, depends both on the altitude and the season. They are merely shallow depressions in dry soil, usually close against the shelter of a log, rock, clump of grass or a bush. They lay from six to a dozen pale drab eggs, marked with brown. The usual brood of young that I have seen in June consisted of six or eight chicks.

The scientists list three subspecies of blue grouse, calling them Sierra grouse, sooty grouse and Richardson grouse. Their range begins in northern California and extends north through Oregon and Washington, then east through Idaho into Montana and south along the Rockies. In the areas where I have hunted them or seen them while big game hunting, they range from the foothills to the highest ridges—up to 10,000 feet.

Their annual cycle finds them low in the spring and early summer. They nest here, and you see the hens with broods of young along the streams in July. Later, they begin to work gradually up the ridges, following the cherries as they ripen. In the West there are many places where you can gain a thousand feet of elevation in a mile or so, and the berries get ripe later the higher they are.

By mid September, the blue grouse are high on the hillsides, and in October they'll be on, or just under, the ridges. Many times while deer hunting I've flushed huge flocks of blue grouse

Photo by Ted Trueblood



The steep country where blue grouse are found makes wing shooting tricky.

from some ridge-top cherry thicket where food was still abundant.

I have heard—though I don't know how true it is—that the blue grouse and the Rocky Mountain goat are the only creatures in the West that go uphill to winter. The goat eats lichen from the wind-swept rocks. The grouse eats fir needles. I have seen them in the winter sitting on the branches in some high but sheltered pocket of fir and contentedly picking needles. They probably eat the buds of deciduous trees, the mainstay of ruffed grouse after snow blankets the ground, but I have never seen them doing it.

In the spring they work downhill again. Here the shoots of green grass are coming out and here, later, the insects will be more abundant, for the young of all gallinaceous birds find much of the protein they need for growth in insects.

In addition to their annual movements, blue grouse shift uphill and down each day—within the limits of their range at that particular time, of course. Once the young are big enough to fly, they habitually feed uphill. They work slowly along through the cover on the slopes they like, picking up grasshoppers, weed seeds and berries. In the afternoon, with crops full, they may stop to dust around the base of some sheltering elderberry bush. Then they feed again. Just before dusk, they set their wings and glide down to some sidehill yellow pine or a thicket of fir where they will spend the night. In the morning they drop to the

ground and begin feeding up the slope once more.

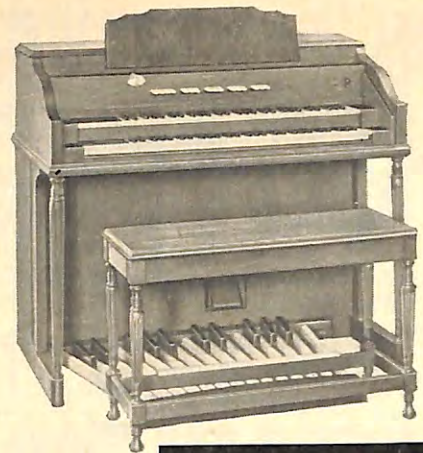
My companion and I struggled around through the brush and over the down logs of that hot September mountainside for several hours. We flew birds off the ground and out of the trees and we missed a lot and hit a few. Neither knew exactly how many were his because we both had shot at several, and in that case either man might hit.

Finally, however, we reached the point where we had just one to go to make our limit. We had seen a single grouse fly into a lone pine on the point of a ridge and we decided to see if we could get him.

We approached around the sidehill on a level with the center of the tree. When we got close we could see the bird sitting there, craning his neck and shifting his feet uneasily, apparently undecided whether he should stick or fly. At last, we were in range.

I tossed a stick which hit the trunk of the tree with a resounding clatter. The grouse pitched out. He went my way. I saw him start across a six-foot opening. Then he disappeared behind a great mass of branches. I got a line on his flight, poked the gun ahead—ahead and way below him—and pulled the trigger.

The shot showered needles down. Then I heard a thud followed by the flutter of wings that meant a perfectly centered bird. It was a good shot—and a lucky one—and our hunt was over.



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GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES OFFER PROGRAM INFORMATION

STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE ADOPTS THREE-POINT PLAN

At the request of Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, the State Associations Committee is spearheading the promotion of three major projects for the year—the Elks National Foundation's Silver Anniversary Purchases, the institution of new lodges, and the development of State Assn. Major Projects.

In this connection, Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the State Assns. Committee announces the following "Awards of Merit" to be presented to various State Associations at the 1953 Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis.

- 1. National Foundation Silver Anniversary**
Three Special Awards of Merit to the three State Associations having the best records in 1952-53 Elks National Foundation Purchases.
- 2. Institution of New Lodges**
Awards to the three State Associations having the best records in the establishment of new lodges.
- 3. Development of Major Projects**
Awards to the three State Associations having the best records in state-wide major charitable public service projects—i.e., assistance to cerebral palsy, orthopedic, blind, underprivileged, homes, camps, etc.

State Association Presidents are urged to keep this Committee informed of their organizations' progress in accomplishing the objects of this Three-Point Plan, so that each may receive full credit for its accomplishments.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM TEMPO INCREASING

The Youth Activities program of the Grand Lodge is swinging into high gear as the result of the lodges' enthusiastic approval of the Youth Leadership Contests planned by the Committee.

Chairman Benjamin F. Watson reports that many lodges are already planning celebrations for May 1st, Elks National Youth Day, an occasion for the voluntary participation of the country's boys and girls on "their day", when Elksdom will pay tribute to tomorrow's citizens. The movement toward making the first of May officially Youth Day is gaining much favor.

Returns on the questionnaire sent each Exalted Ruler by the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee reveal a tremendous concentration on year-round youth programs in the lodges. While the final report which will be made by the Committee at the Grand Lodge Convention next July will show the full extent of this work, it is not too early to predict that youth programs are rapidly becoming headlines in lodge plans. The youth activities sponsored locally by the Elks are interesting, varied, and of such volume as to be almost beyond count.

This is community work the Elks like, and Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern has expressed his gratification and satisfaction with this particular phase of the Order's activities for the current Grand Lodge year.



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1953 CONVENTION

Announcement

PAST Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, announces that preliminary plans have been made for housing in St. Louis during the Convention which opens on July 5th and continues through July 9th, 1953.

St. Louis hotels are not accepting individual reservations. All housing will be handled by the Grand Lodge Committee, through State Associations. Local lodges are urged to make their estimated room requirements known to their State Associations without delay. Wherever possible, state delegations will be placed in hotels as a unit.

The Committee emphasizes the urgency of prompt room requests in order to be assured of the most desirable accommodations. Because of the increasing attendance at the national Convention, the housing of visitors becomes a greater problem each year. Every available room in St. Louis is under special assignment to the Grand Lodge Committee. Regular rates prevail. However, there will not be the wide selection that was enjoyed in New York City last year and, therefore, the state that acts promptly will be assured of the best attention.

All registrations, and each Session, will be held in the new six-million-dollar, air-conditioned Kiel Auditorium that is the pride of St. Louis.

For the first time in many years seating facilities in the auditorium will permit the admission of regular members of

the Order in addition to the Grand Lodge delegates. The Convention Committee feels that members who travel great distances to attend the Convention are interested in the great work of Elksdom on a national level and are entitled to special consideration. Consequently, it will be the policy this year, and in the future, wherever possible, to provide an adequate spectator section for all Sessions of the Convention for members of the Order who are in town for the Convention. Also there will be several special programs to which ladies will be welcome.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell heads the local committee, ably assisted by Executive Chairman George E. Wunderlich, P.E.R., and Associate Chairman Robert J. Connelly and Rudolph J. Betlach, both Past Exalted Rulers.

The Grand Lodge Convention Committee associated with Chairman Hall are Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, and executive members Charles H. Grakelow, John S. McClelland and Michael F. Shannon, all Past Grand Exalted Rulers. Bryan J. McKeogh, who was the director for the Convention in New York last summer, again will handle the details for the Convention in St. Louis. Inquiries for the Convention should be addressed to the Elks National Convention Committee, Room 606, 292 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. (Telephone—Lexington 2-3555)

Business Outlook, 1953

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States, notably wages, are high and in all likelihood a reduction in money wages will not take place. When the sellers' market comes to an end and the buyers' market sets in with full force so that competition is perhaps keener than ever before, most manufacturers will endeavor to be low-cost producers. This in turn forecasts a constant demand for new machinery and equipment. The fact that since the end of the war American industry spent nearly \$150 billion for new plant and equipment means that the item of depreciation will grow, thus furnishing industry with the necessary funds to buy the new machinery and equipment.

3—The economic security of the people of the United States today is perhaps greater than ever before. Not only are many millions of American individuals protected by unemployment insurance, private pensions and social security, but the liquid savings in the hands of the people are also at a new high and are still increasing. While it is true that individual indebtedness has also risen sharply, particularly since the end of the war, the increase in private indebtedness both of

corporations and individuals did not keep pace with the increase in the gross national product, nor in the growth of the disposable income. Moreover, whereas in the past any decline in business activity accompanied by unemployment was followed by large-scale foreclosures of homes and of farms, this will not take place in the future. Mortgage credit in the United States in the last two decades has undergone a revolutionary change. Practically all mortgages written carry amortization provisions and a large portion of the urban mortgage demand rests on government credit or on the FHA or VA. The financial position of the farmer today is exceptionally strong, perhaps stronger than ever before in the history of the country. The increase in his indebtedness was small compared with the increase in his liquid and fixed assets. Total liabilities of agriculture rose 41 per cent from 1940 to 1952, while total assets were up 214 per cent.

4—The banking and credit structure today is materially different from the structure at previous periods. In the past—and this applies not only to the

early '30's—any major decline in business activity was followed by bank failures which not only tied up the working capital of many individuals and business concerns but also had a depressing effect on business sentiment and business psychology in general. At present, banking failures are a thing of the past. The position of the banks is strong. They have been able to increase capital and surplus materially, and the composition of their assets on the whole is materially different from what it was in previous periods. Furthermore, at present very little bank credit has been used for purposes of speculating in commodities or equities. Hence a drastic reduction in the volume of bank loans and of deposits is not likely to take place. The banks are in a strong position to meet all the legitimate credit requirements of industry and trade. Should business activity decrease, one may expect that the present neutral policy of the Reserve authorities will become active again, that excess reserves will be created either through the lowering of reserve requirements or through open market purchases, thus further increasing the ability of the banks to meet the requirements of their customers. These and other fundamental factors give reasons to conclude that the termination of the boom will be of relatively minor importance and will not degenerate into a serious depression.

The Pattern of Business: If the end of the boom will not degenerate into a major depression, or even a serious recession, what kind of pattern will business evolve? The principal characteristics of the pattern of business, briefly summarized, will be as follows:

1—The sellers' market in all lines will give way to a buyers' market. Competition in all probability will be keen, perhaps keener than ever before. The low-cost producer will do well, the high-cost producer will fall by the wayside.

2—Great efforts will be made to reduce not only the cost of production but also the cost of distribution, and in this respect important changes may be expected to take place.

3—Commodity prices should remain fairly stable. A major break in commodity prices is not to be expected, partly because farm commodities are protected by the farm support policy of the Federal government and partly because costs of production will remain high. The increase in prices, however, should come to an end and the purchasing power of the dollar should witness a minor increase.

4—Jobs will not be as plentiful as they are today and in all probability the number of unemployed will be larger than at present. This in turn should lead to an increase in the efficiency and productivity of labor and thereby keep price levels down.

5—The savings of the people will continue large. Savings have undergone a considerable change and most people today save primarily either through pen-

sions, social security or life insurance. This will continue at an accelerated rate. Under these circumstances one may expect that long-term money rates will be somewhat lower than they are today.

6—Although a decline in home building may be expected, the decline will be only moderate in character and in part may be counteracted by public construction not only of public works in general but also of public housing.

7—Taxation may also be reduced. The reduction, however, is bound to be slow. The first tax to be eliminated or modified will probably be the excess profits tax. When this takes place there is a possibility that personal exemptions may be increased from the present level of \$500. The reduction in other taxes will, of course, depend on expenditures of the Federal government and in particular on how much military expenditures can be reduced. One may expect that the new administration will endeavor to balance the budget first before it undertakes major tax reductions.

8—Unless the international political situation should further deteriorate one may expect that price and wage controls will be permitted to lapse.

Conclusions: 1—Business activity at the moment is at a high level—in fact, the highest since the end of the war. The present volume of business in all probability will continue for a number of months. At the moment it is impossible to state when the boom will end and when a decline will set in.

2—The decline, when it comes, will be brought about by the leveling off of military expenditures, by a moderate reduction in capital expenditures, by the fact that the supply will have caught up with the demand in most if not all lines and by increased competition.

3—The readjustment is not likely to last very long and will not degenerate into a serious depression since pent-up demand for public works is very large and in all probability public work construction will witness a material growth. Military expenditures will continue for an indefinite period of time to remain high.

4—In spite of the increase in the public and private debt the economy of the United States on the whole is sound. In contrast to the early '30's when the general belief prevailed that the economy of the country had matured, the American economy is marked at present by great dynamism resulting not only from the material increase and the great shifts in population, but also from the greater emphasis on research in industry which has brought about new products, thus reducing or destroying the value of older products. The financial structure of the country, of corporations, individuals and farmers is in a strong position.

In conclusion, the principal thing to remember is that the post-boom period will be marked by great competition and that great efforts will be made to reduce the cost of production as well as of dis-

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tribution. The wise business man who considers not only business activity today but also looks into the future, will therefore ask himself, while the boom still lasts, whether he is a low-cost producer or distributor and how much further he can go in reducing his cost of production and of distribution. He will ask himself

In the Doghouse

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puppy and I may add it was the best she ever after produced. Her second visit from the stork was a false alarm. Her third produced five puppies, the best of which the owner took. By that time, Penny became my undisputed possession. One pup I had to give away as it turned out to be a throw back—a short haired pup. These were Welsh terriers, the standards for which specify a rough, broken coat something like that of a wire-haired fox terrier. One pup I sold but never received payment for it. One I retained and she did develop into a smart-looking lady and did right well by herself in the show ring, as did several of her puppies that I subsequently kept. But in fulfilling the terms of the breeder's contract poor old Penny was shuttled back and forth between her owner's kennels and my home so often that I might have saved money on her by buying her a commutation ticket, not to mention wear and tear on the gal's nervous system.

Most of the pups that our Penny had were by no means of show quality, despite the fact that her former owners picked what they thought were the best of the litters. I was fortunate to get one female that was good enough to help establish foundation stock for my modest kennel. But the pups that were show type, well, you have no idea of the time, patience and work involved in selling them just as house pets. I may add, that as such all of them made good and there wasn't one that I could have bought back from its owner for three times what he or she paid for it after the puppy became a household fixture. The difficulties in selling were not because most people when buying dogs for house pet purpose are choosy. In fact, many buy simply because the puppy is "so cute". Of course, this is the wrong way to select a pup, so if you expect to be in the market for a dog this is as good a time as any to tell you what to look for.

To begin with, if you can, go to a few dog shows. There you will see the better specimens of the various breeds and seeing different breeds will help you to decide what breed best fits your environment—and that's important. Then, too, at the show you won't see young puppies and thus be beguiled by them. You'll see just how big your favored breed becomes when full grown. If possible, read a few good dog books that describe the various breeds. Your local library may have a selection—or buy one or two issues of a good dog magazine. There you'll find

whether his break-even point is high and to what extent it can be reduced. Those who are preparing themselves now to operate in a strong buyers' market and are ready to meet the increased competition will find the demand for their goods and services there and the volume of business satisfactory.

various breeds pictured, along with news about them. If your newsstand doesn't sell these magazines let me know and I'll tell you the best. You'll find some of the more popular breeds described in my *Elks Magazine* book "How to Know and Care for Your Dog".

When visiting the breeder or viewing the litter, note the puppy that is the boldest and most aggressive. He's likely to be the healthiest and the smartest. Reject the one that has a dull or soiled coat. That pup is not in good condition. Be sure to get a list of the things the pup eats and when you get the little one home be equally sure to follow this diet. Try to get a pup that has been inoculated against distemper, but if you can't, have this done as soon as you can. This should be the three-shot treatment. The one-shot only confers temporary immunity; the three-shot treatment extends over a period of as many weeks and assures about 98 per cent safety.

Rabies inoculation is also in order. Before going any further let me advise that you do not buy a puppy that is less than three months old. On the other hand, it is best not to get one that is seven or eight months old as a pup taken from a kennel at such age is going to be harder to train. Buying a good pup, as I often have said, isn't always easy, and certainly not inexpensive, but, like most things deserving of your time and money, in the end is rewarding.

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Presidential Portraits

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Farragut, General Sherman, the Vanderbilt and Morgan clans, Longfellow and Twain, Edison, Irving Berlin, Frank Buck, Jack Dempsey and thousands of the great and near great. They had helped the New York Police Department set up its famed Rogues' Gallery.

In 1937 they dug through their negative files and made prints of some of them; these were arranged by Alfred Pach in seven panels, one for each decade, and at the top were hung photographs of the men who occupied the White House during each decade.

It was an interesting display. Jimmy Walker, a long-time friend of Alfred Pach, saw the display and exclaimed: "It's too bad Pach's couldn't have photographed all the Presidents."

Inspired by the idea, Alfred Pach consulted officials of the Library of Congress and the Frick Reference Library as to which paintings were admittedly the best ever made of the Presidents who were not photographed. He got the answers, dragged his photographic equipment through seven states, patiently and skillfully recording with his lens the best presidential portraits that had been done in the days before the camera.

It was a whale of a job. But, today the collection is complete. Only one of the photographs was not taken by Pach. It is the Brady picture of Lincoln, acknowledged as the best character study of a great President. Brady, incidentally, helped to train one of the younger Pach brothers.

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Nicholas Murray Butler, great educator, said of the photographs that they "should prove invaluable not only as a work of reference in our institutions of learning and in our public libraries, but as a means of giving the youth of today and tomorrow what might well seem like

a personal introduction to each of our Presidents."

Photographing the Presidents has been an interesting adventure. Pach's will assure you. FDR was easy to photograph, easy to draw into a conversation that would distract from the lights and lens, enabling the photographer to capture the desired character expression. Hoover froze stolidly before the camera, relaxed only when Alfred Pach showed him how to stack the cards in Canfield, Hoover's favorite game of solitaire. Cleveland was delighted when the Pach photograph revealed strength of character without showing up the famous double chin.

As a Yale undergraduate, William Howard Taft headed the photo committee for his class album and had his photograph taken *gratis* by Pach. When he became President, he asked Pach's to photograph him in the White House, saying "I guess I'd better pay for these, I can afford to now."

Theodore Roosevelt, as a youngster, hurled a stone through the studio skylight when he lived close to Pach's Broadway place of business. Pach's first photograph of him was taken at four years of age, thence through every stage of his amazing and varied career.

Garfield, shy and charming, came to Pach's only a few weeks before he was killed by an assassin. Coolidge, prim and relaxed, noticed Pach's nervous rush to set up equipment, remarked thoughtfully: "Don't hurry; you can have all the time you need." Photographer and President were both relaxed after that.

A century and a half—and more—have elapsed between Washington and Eisenhower. Thirty-three men have filled the highest office the citizens of the United States can confer, although, since Grover Cleveland served two separate terms, General Eisenhower is our 34th President. Meet these men, study the character in their faces, visualize and appraise the multitude of problems and urgencies with which they had to deal.

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Press on Rails

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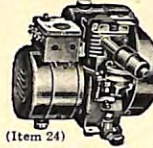
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phone dictation to wire points at Johnstown, Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre. But that was another night he didn't get any sleep.

The newsmen had another tough one on the very last campaign trip of the President—his return to the Capitol election night. Thirty minutes out of Martinsburg, West Virginia, which was not even a scheduled stop on the route of the Presidential Special. President Truman released his telegram of congratulations to General Eisenhower and his invitation to the President-elect to send representatives to Washington to confer on the change-over of administrations.

It was then early in the morning. Martinsburg was a one-man operation, so far as Western Union was concerned, and it was not staffed for an emergency, like many other such points, because it was only an hour from Washington, the President's destination, and, after all, the campaign was over, and so was the election.

But the President's telegram to General Eisenhower was a story—and a big

one. The newsmen wrote it and threw their copy at Link, who for once lost just a little of his composure. He solved the problem by having the train make a momentary stop. Link hopped off (there was no ice on the platform this time) and fanned out the copy personally to New York and other central points on a simultaneous release basis. Copy was into everyone's office in time to make the last election night morning paper editions, but he was some eight hours late getting home to Washington, the train, of course, having left him behind. But Mrs. Linkins is used to it, and Link took a well-earned vacation in preparation for more hectic experiences.

Neither Link nor anyone else can foresee everything that can—and does—occur on a Presidential Special. The President may interpolate a "hot" phrase in a speech made thirty seconds before the train pulls out. To guard against this, Link has people stationed along the right of way for a mile. If a reporter can dash off a bulletin before the train gathers speed—and he wouldn't be assigned to

the President if he couldn't—Link grabs it, stuffs it into a bag, and heaves it off the train to one of his runners, who rush it back to the telegraph wires.

Also as insurance, even at points where the train is to make *no* stops, Link has men waiting, night and day, just in case there is copy to be thrown off. There usually is.

Link also has to be a sort of professional guardian of the top writers who travel with the President. Some of them are temperamental and—by the time they have lived on the train for a week or ten days—all are tired and many are grouchy. He has to make certain that no correspondent or agency gets an undue advantage over another in filing of copy, that no unauthorized person inadvertently gets a peek at one man's exclusive story or interview entrusted to his care.

But Link likes it, and the reporters, a hard-bitten lot not much given to sentiment, are happy to a man that Link's hard work is recognized by those big block gold letters CARROLL S. LINKINS on the side of his car.

For Elks Who Travel

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Miami's hotels out of business. Indeed, more tall, flashy, magnificent hostelrys are going up along the strip of Gold Coast beach every day. Already there have been fifty-seven new ones built since the end of the war when Miami Beach functioned as a gigantic Air Forces training center. A. L. Simmons, president of the American Society of Travel Agents, pointed out at a recent World Travel Congress held in Miami that the figure 57 represents more first-class hotels than had gone up in all areas of the world put together since the close of the war. What's more, four new hotels were built in more commercial Miami.

Rates at Miami Beach hotels, which admittedly were high enough, have gone no higher. People are not spending as freely as they did right after hostilities ended. The top rate in the busiest season, which is January 15 to March 15, runs between \$20 and \$40 a day for hotels on the beach. This tariff includes a room for two with bath, but no food. On the other hand, in other times of the year it is possible to get the same room at anywhere from \$8 to \$14 a day.

FLORIDA'S financial-minded citizens say that the tourist influx has not kept up with the rate of building, and the rates therefore have remained on a level. Plus that, the competition between hotels is so keen that a place three or four years old can no longer charge what they asked for the first season, and many new hotels begin to shave their prices after the second year.

This year's excitement on the beach is the Hotel Algiers, which opened December 10th. It advertises itself as "The Hotel of the Year". Anyway if you've

seen pictures of the UN Building in New York, two of them placed at right angles to each other, then tack on a three-story high glass rotunda around the square boxes, and add another hanging rotunda that is suspended over the driveway, and touch up the whole thing with daubs of red and green, you've got a rough idea of the new Algiers. The top normal rate here will be \$37 a day for two in the high season.

Anybody staying a whole month or a whole season can rent an apartment in a Miami Beach style-apartment house for about \$1,500, and efficiencies are about \$1,200. There aren't many apartments along the beach front, but several have

pools of their own in the warm open air.

It is entirely possible to eat inexpensively in Miami Beach and in many of Florida's bigger settlements, thanks to another local feature—the giant sized cafeteria. Everything is giant-sized in a giant-sized cafeteria, except perhaps the check. The French toast comes thick as a paving block, but indeed more succulent. The rolls, large as ham-hocks, are piled in small Matterhorns on the counters. Everything is all lighted and sparkling, and the place is so huge that a man with a poor sense of direction could find himself lost among the salads for days.

Big nightclub entertainment is on the



Florida has a notable background of historical landmarks, one of which is the famous wooden schoolhouse at St. Augustine—oldest of its kind in the United States.

wane in Miami, perhaps because the lid is on gambling. The big money, as I've said, is no longer around in such bountiful quantities, and besides, television has made the stars so available that the thrill of personal appearance is gone.

OUTDOOR entertainment for which Florida is noted goes on as before. There are an endless chain of Seminole villages where the Indians loll about in thatched huts staring glumly at the tourists. The kids will love it, and there are souvenir drums, dance rattles and other dust collectors to bring back for the attic. One of the most interesting stops for the wee ones and the grown ones alike, however, is Marineland right on the East

Coast ocean route. All manner of deep-sea fish gambol in a huge tank while you watch from portholes, and a couple of times a day the porpoises jump out of the drink to eat herring from the keeper's hand. You can see flamingoes at Hialeah (horses too in season), parrots in the Parrot Jungle in South Miami, alligators at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm, snakes at the Miami Serpenterium and at Ross Allen's Institute at Silver Springs. There are underwater gardens at Silver Springs and Oriental Gardens at Jacksonville and Jungle Gardens at Sarasota. And in the fabulous, mysterious Everglades there are all of the above, not to mention bald eagles, wildcats, snapping turtles and tourists.

Mission to the Hills

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name, but then the suddenness of the enemy's surrender had left Rafael with a feeling of uselessness. As he grew up the debt stood, and the feeling stood—that his was an insignificant life. Until now.

When a cloud hid the moon Rafael paused in his work, and when again the faint light illuminated the matting on the floor under the open window he set quickly to his task. He knew he must be careful, for in the very next house lived Juan Riosa, who was known to be a General Savilla man; it would not do to let Riosa find him so occupied.

Long after midnight Rafael finished. He placed the bomb in a burlap bag which he had brought home from the mill, wrapped the folds tightly and tied a cord around, and he placed the deadly bundle in the corner near the door. Then he went out on the porch and peered toward the darkened house of Riosa. The stillness could be felt.

RAFRAEL waited there in the night, and soon he saw two men in the moonlight on the roadway. They were his good friends, Pedro and Jose. Rafael hurried to meet them at a distance from the house, then led them silently to the back door, and they went inside. Rafael did not light the lamp.

Pedro had brought the revolver, and Jose had brought the folded paper on which was drawn the location of General Savilla's hideaway in the mountains. To this stronghold the General had taken the four Americanos, and this was Rafael's destination.

Rafael could tell by Pedro's voice that his friend was apprehensive. "Rafael," Pedro was whispering, "you cannot go alone to do this. Jose and I agreed to go with you."

"You should not fear, Pedro," Rafael said, "and you will not go with me." As he spoke he stood near the window and kept his eyes on Riosa's house.

"You are very brave to do this," Jose said.

"It is not because I am brave," Rafael replied quietly. Then he asked: "What

have you learned about the Americanos?"

"It is bad," Jose whispered. "General Savilla will not free them until the government officials release his Lieutenant Rodriguez. General Savilla also demands the local officials deliver many rifles and much ammunition. Nobody knows what will happen. The map"—he paused—"my brother got the map from a friend, but"—and Jose shrugged significantly.

Rafael said: "Do not worry, Jose. Maybe the map is true, maybe false." They studied it when the bright moon showed. "I know you have done your best," Rafael said. "If this map is false, my own senses will take me to General Savilla's hideout. What else have you learned?"

"There are those who say General Savilla will wait another five days. If his Lieutenant Rodriguez is not released, the Americanos will be shot."

Jose said no more. Perhaps he thought, as Pedro, that Rafael was taking political sides. This was not so, of course. The four Americanos were not of any opposition party. They were two engineers and two office clerks. When General Savilla's men took them, by force, it was with the thought that these men would give the General a better argument for the release of Lieutenant Rodriguez.

"All this," Father Miguel had said to Rafael yesterday at church, "is like another war, but this time of brother against brother. General Savilla is a bad man. He seeks power for his own interests. He is not a brother to any of us."

This had made Rafael feel more at peace in what he was about to do. He well remembered the war years, when guerrilla bands had helped the Americanos fight the enemy. Rafael had been a boy at the time, but he well remembered. It had happened in the mountains, near the old Moro stronghold. There had been some Americanos in his father's band of guerrillas, and one of them, after getting away safely from the ambush in which Rafael's father and others had been captured alive, had returned two days later into the teeth of the enemy. This one Americano was brave, very brave. He had



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returned, and he had tried to save Rafael's father. They said he told jokes as he tossed grenades and rushed the house where the prisoners had been kept. This lone Americano did not know that Rafael's father had already been put to death; the Americano had been caught, and tortured many many days before life at last mercifully left him. To think of it! The lone Americano did not have to go back there, yet he had done so. Surely no one could blame Rafael for wanting to repay this. . . .

"This is a crazy thing you do, Rafael," Pedro was saying. "What is it to you if General Savilla kills these four Americanos? Life is trouble enough without looking for more. If the General's men catch you, they will kill you. Rafael, listen—"

Rafael smiled. "Si. I am listening."

"Forget this what you have in mind. Do you not remember from the war days, Rafael, how a man looks when he is killed?"

"I remember," Rafael said quietly. He had not seen what the enemy had done to his father and to their Americano friend, but he had seen dead soldiers and civilians, right along the paths here near this village and in the rice fields. Yes, he remembered.

Jose said: "You are going into a death trap. You will never come out alive."

"Si," Rafael said. "Maybe. Now, my good friends, you must go home, and keep silent—do not tell anyone you have been here."

As Rafael watched his friends walking down the moonlit roadway, his own mind was already seeing himself crawling through the maze of wild grass trails, through the forests and ravines, stealing past jungle-wise sentries, carrying his bomb toward the hidden stronghold of General Savilla.

The ground under Rafael's bare feet was cool and the night air chilled him as he hurried along the road. He walked all night. The clouds overhead now hid the bright moon and again let its light fall upon the white pathway and the darker shadows of the countryside.

It was many hours later when Rafael noticed at last the sky in the east looking pale. That was when he sought a gully and wearily lay down to sleep.

When he awoke the sun was high. He met no one as he headed again up the slope, but far behind him he heard the pealing of the village church bells, and he felt terribly alone.

Later in the day a horse-drawn wagon came into view and the farmer asked Rafael if he wished to ride with him.

"Where are you going?" the farmer asked, as Rafael got up on the wooden seat beside him.

In these times who could tell who was a General Savilla man and who not, and therefore Rafael said he was heading to Lesanta to visit his brother there.

"Have you eaten today?"

"No, not yet." Rafael indicated the

wrapped bundle in his arms, pretending it was food. "I will eat some of this a little later." Rafael smiled.

"It is hot weather," the farmer said and swished the whip over the jogging horse's neck. Only once did he speak of the Americanos who were held by General Savilla, and then only to wonder out loud what the General would do with them. Rafael was cautious not to venture an opinion. After a long ride, as they neared a turn in the road, the farmer pointed at a cluster of houses. "If you wish," the farmer said, "it will be my pleasure to put food and drink on the table for you, my young friend."

Rafael thanked him. "You are very kind, but I must go on to reach Lesanta before nightfall." At the turn in the road Rafael jumped off, hugging tightly his bundle and holding his arms to his sides to keep the revolver in place. The wagon creaked on. . . .

IN THE HILLS everything looked the way Rafael had known it. Here was the stronger smell of trees and wild flowers, and the song of birds. It touched him as incongruous that he was making his way through so peaceful a scene with so deadly a thing in his arms. The bomb weighed heavier with each day, and when he entered the dense jungle and forests he had to rest more often. Now he also had to rely on his senses, to hear the slightest man sounds, to go ahead unseen. General Savilla would surely have lookouts posted far ahead of the main camp, maybe as far as this.

Throughout the day Rafael kept himself hidden as best he could. He ate berries and drank cool spring water. He would peer out of his hiding places to watch monkeys or flying squirrels. He kept so still that often wagtails and pipits alighted so near he felt he could reach out and touch these birds.

On the third night Rafael sensed, he

was moving toward danger. He waited for the moon to illuminate the horizon. Here was level ground, and, according to the map, he knew he was near General Savilla's hideaway.

Rafael sensed the presence of men, but he was not yet certain of their exact location. This was much the same as he'd done years ago as a boy—stealing up on enemy camps and then reporting back to his good father what he'd seen and heard. His father would have been farther back hidden in the thickets with a dozen other men, with rifles and grenades, while Rafael and other slim-waisted boys would crawl over dry twigs and thick moss and never make a sound under the very feet of the enemy.

But now Rafael was alone. His clothing was torn, as were his hands and bare feet. In the stillness of the black night there was now the softest of sounds, but Rafael could make it out plainly. He listened, and he knew that there were two lookouts posted a few yards ahead. These lookouts were good jungle men. They did not talk—did not even whisper.

Rafael crawled on, edging toward the left. He made no noise. Had he suddenly burrowed into a nest of bulldog ants he'd not have made noise. He could smell the dampness of the ground under him. He crawled on and on, over roots and through moss. He eased the bundle ahead and elbowed his body up to it, then again eased the bundle ahead and elbowed his body forward . . . without a sound, without breathing. . . .

When the odor of the damp ground changed to a dry smell and felt a little warmer, he knew he was out on a plain. He also knew he was very near his goal.

He lay a long time resting, and finally fell asleep. But not fully asleep. He merely let his tired eyes close, but he knew whenever the river frogs stopped and started croaking, and he knew whenever the moon came out from behind the

FAME IN A NAME

By Fairfax Downey

On the Just and Unjust

The Captain had a sense of duty, obstinate determination, and plenty of nerve. As the agent for the estate of the Earl of Erne in County Mayo, Ireland, he refused when tenants insisted rents be lowered. The tempers of the tenantry rose until they reached a record pitch even for Irish tempers, and that's high altitude in any language.

The Captain's servants were chased away, his fences torn down, his letters and food supplies intercepted. His life was threatened. Undaunted, he brought in Ulster Orangemen to har-

vest the crops which the tenants had refused to touch. It took 900 soldiers to protect the imported labor. Those tenants were really mad.

After being mobbed and burned in effigy, Captain Charles C. Boycott gave up and retreated to England. But his name stuck. As a verb meaning:—to combine against by refusing to deal or associate with—it's a fixture not only in English but in Spanish, German, Dutch and Russian. Maybe even the Irish have a Gaelic word for it. If they do, it's a strong one.

clouds. All through the night and all through the dawn it went like that. He knew when the sky lightened. He knew when two men crossed the clearing at dawn and replaced the lookouts of the night. Where he lay hidden, Rafael could not see the fort. He didn't know whether it had a barricade around it or not, whether it consisted of two huts or a dozen.

He crept down-wind and hoped the dogs did not wander within scent-range. His approach was slow and torturous, taking him toward a rise fifty yards ahead. He heard sounds, voices, and the faint clank of pans, and he knew breakfast was being prepared for the men of the jungle fortress.

The pangs of hunger in Rafael were now real. Food smell coming with the light morning breeze was irritating his nostrils. He fought off his thoughts of food and went on. He reached the edge of the rise, and from here he could see through underbrush the large thatched huts standing on stout poles six feet off the ground. All around was jungle growth, which served to hide the fort but which in turn would make it easier for Rafael to approach without being seen. There stood guards, facing the approaches. General Savilla was smart in his selection of this site, this abandoned village.

Rafael could see no way to get himself past those sentries, and even if he did get past them, how would he know which hut housed the prisoners, and which hut housed the General's ammunition and his powder kegs from which he made his own bombs.

Rafael tried to breathe easily against the aroma drifting to him from the cooking pots. He wiggled his right hand around the bundled bomb and pulled from his pocket Jose's map. Carefully he unfolded the paper and studied the lines drawn thereon. He was facing east. Beyond the last hut was the river, and there would be several *barrotas*, the slim dug-out canoes. To his left, the north, was the big gorge, then the vast valley. General Savilla was aware that government soldiers would rather prowl the valley than burrow through the thick jungle searching for him, and the gorge made any attack from the valley side as impractical as suicide.

Rafael put away the map and then studied the irregularly spaced huts of the stronghold. One of the houses was for the General, surely. One was for the prisoners. But which one? And which was for the storage of ammunition and gun powder? . . .

By high noon Rafael had circled around to the big gorge and had made his way, like a snake, unseen, unheard, to the level of the hut nearest the gorge.

He feared the dogs—if the wind should shift, the dogs would easily smell him out and sound the alarm.

He cut three large heart-shaped leaves from the maze of foliage; one he placed

over his legs, one over his back, and the last covered his head. It was meager protection against the sun, but it afforded some comfort and served also as concealment. His tongue felt swollen and he plucked a thick grass stalk and chewed it. He lay there perfectly still, and waited.

Rafael methodically put his plan through his mind. His plan had every chance of collapsing, and his own life had every chance of being snuffed out with a single bullet, if he was not careful now. If his plan worked, he would get the Americanos free. And he would pay off his debt.

RAFRAEL came awake with a start. Had he been discovered? The sound that came to his ears was the growl of a dog. To think that a curious dog, straying hither, had found him and would now raise the alarm!

Rafael lay motionless. The dog growled again. Rafael knew he was found out, yet he tried to think what he could do. There was no escape for him, and he could never get out his knife and silence the dog in time. The struggle would surely attract the guards.

Rafael lay still, still as a man sleeping under leaves designed to keep off flies and the sun. He sensed the dog coming closer. He expected the growl, and then the vicious barking to rend the silence.

But the silence prevailed. Rafael raised his head slowly. He saw the dog, but now the beast was scurrying toward the cooking pots. The other dogs were also milling around the pots in anticipation of their food shares. As suddenly as it had come, the danger was past; the dog may have taken him for a sleeping soldier.

Now Rafael watched the view. He saw two men approach one of the big huts. These two men carried food but did not carry rifles. Such meager food as they carried would not be brought to General Savilla, and therefore Rafael reasoned the hut was the quarters for the Americanos, and the reason the soldiers with the food did not carry rifles was because the prisoners were bound to the house posts. This also explained why special guards were not needed at the foot of the hut ladder.

Rafael turned his attention to the house at the far side from him. There stood two sentries with rifles. This could mean General Savilla's quarters, or the ammunition. Which?—

The long hours of the afternoon dragged on. Rafael curled his bare feet under him and his hands reached down and scraped off the leeches.

With the coming of dusk, Rafael slid out from under the leaves that concealed him and crept noiselessly toward the house poles where the foliage was thick. He was soon under the ladder, and holding his breath, and trembling just a little. He went up the ladder-steps like a squirrel, swiftly and without a sound.

As Rafael slid into the bamboo-walled interior, he turned his head and peered back across at the sentries. They were



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standing there idly—they had not seen him.

Rafael looked now around the bare room, looked at the haggard faces of four men, and he said: "My name is Rafael." He said this in a low whisper, and he put his hand to his mouth to show them that they must not speak loudly. "Hi, fellows," he then said, and he grinned, for he was sure that was the way Americanos addressed each other. "I come to help you get away."

Rafael had thought the "Hi, fellows" would cheer up the prisoners, would prove beyond any doubt who he was, and prove that he knew Americano ways. But what he saw were cold stares and suspicion fastened on him from four pairs of eyes.

THEY think this is a trick, Rafael thought to himself. They think I will free them, and while they attempt to escape somebody will shoot them in the back.

"I come to help you," he said again earnestly. "You must believe me. I am a friend. It is the truth."

Now one of the men spoke, the man with the great shoulders, the man who clearly didn't trust anyone.

"Go fly a kite," the man said to Rafael.

Rafael looked a long time at this one. He liked the blond hair, and he liked the dried blood he could see on the man's white duck suit that was torn and dirty. This Americano had put up a good fight before General Savilla's men had taken him.

Rafael silently crept from corner to corner and snipped the cords that bound the prisoners to the house posts.

Again it was the big blond one who spoke as he rubbed his sore wrists. "You got a gun?"

Rafael smiled. If this were a trick there would be no gun. Rafael pulled out Pedro's revolver and handed it to the big man.

"Well," the big man said, and scowled as he made sure the gun was loaded.

Rafael quickly explained his plan to them, pointing out that they could get more guns as soon as the fireworks started. He used the word "fireworks"—to show he knew Americano ways.

"What fireworks?" the big man wanted to know.

Rafael showed them, rather proudly, his bomb.

"That thing!" the big man scoffed. "That's no good!"

He was scornful, and it hurt Rafael for the moment. But no matter. These men would soon thank him for what he would do. Soon now they would say "That fellow Rafael, he has courage. He is one okay guy." Rafael had always liked the queer, the deceptively-expressed words that Americanos used.

"You will see, Mister," Rafael said. Then he told them again what they must do, told them to head for the river, to use the canoes, told them to row down-river, cross over, and strike out on foot down

the nearest road. "But you must get away from here unseen," he said. "They must not follow you."

"Great!" the big man was grumbling. "The joker comes all the way with one gun and one lousy home-made bomb. You're nuts, Mac. This'll end in a massacre."

"Please, Mister," Rafael pleaded. "Do not speak so loudly. You will see that my plan is a good one."

Now suddenly they were all silent. Rafael cocked his head and listened. Several dogs had started barking excitedly, and two soldiers were coming from the jungle side, on the run.

This proved one thing. The hut where the two sentries stood was Rafael's goal, for the soldiers rushed past it to another house farther down, and from this house General Savilla himself emerged. A trim figure, in a tight uniform, with quick gestures and wild eyes, he talked with the soldiers after hearing them out.

Rafael whispered: "They have found signs. They know someone is in the camp."

"What now?" the big man asked in a disgusted tone. "I told you this'll end in a massacre."

"Please, Mister. I will get you away." Rafael thought quickly, and as quickly decided. "They will look here first," he said. "to see if you have not escaped. Pronto, please. Take your places, as if

you were still bound. Hurry up, please."

The four men sat back into the corners and placed their arms behind their backs. Outside, a commotion was starting. One soldier was already mounting the ladder to check the prisoners. His black-haired head appeared as a silhouette in the doorway, looked, and then was gone.

"That was close, Mac," the big man said.

Rafael crawled out from behind him. Thanks to the wide shoulders, the Americano had been a suitable shield. Rafael liked it when the big man called him "Mac" but he said, on the barest chance that it would register, "My name is Rafael."

"Okay, Mac. What now?"

"Now," Rafael said, "you must wait here until you see me approach that house over there. There will be much fireworks. Then you go to the river, along the gorge. Watch for the lookouts who will come running back here from the river. Take their guns, but you must—"

"Yeah, we know. Kill 'em." The big man was still scornful. "You and your home-made bomb!" Then he looked at the others. "Well, what can we lose? You guys willing?"

The others said they were willing.

By now the camp was teeming with men. General Savilla was spreading them out, facing them toward the jungle side.

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The General was not a bad soldier. Rafael could see. Savilla was sure of the side from which an attack would come. He was taking no chances. Maybe the government soldiers had him surrounded. He wanted to know. Hurry! Hurry! Men, to your arms! Pronto! Find the spy among us!

"Now I go," Rafael said. He hesitated only for a moment as if waiting for something.

"What's the matter Mac?" the big blond man asked. "You lose your nerve?"

"No, not my nerve," Rafael said quietly. He looked at the big man, then he turned away and slid down the ladder.

Rafael raced directly toward the house where the sentries stood with their rifles held ready before them. They had not seen him coming, not yet. Rafael began to run faster. One of the two sentries turned around.

Rafael realized he was too far from the house, and the sentry realized the significance of the object Rafael hugged and worked in his arms.

Rafael felt his heart beating madly. He ran on, crouching forward, holding the bomb in sweating hands.

The sentry raised his rifle.

Rafael weaved, but the rifle weaved with him. As the muzzle crashed its flame, Rafael weaved desperately. Now the other sentry aimed. Rafael veered again. His bare toes clawed the soft ground as he ran. He heard the high-pitched whine of the shot go past his head. He kept his eyes on those rifles, watched them come level again, watched flame spurting from them.

Now Rafael reached the side of the house. From every direction General Savilla's men were raising rifles and taking aim. Ah—what Savilla would do to him if he got him alive!

Here for one trembling moment Rafael had time to glance back. He saw the Americanos, saw the big blond one leading the way toward the gorge, saw they were all right, they were okay—

Then Rafael tossed the bomb. He watched it sail upward. It flipped over and over against the pale sky. It fell through the opening of the door, fell into the house.

In the same instant something struck Rafael in the back and his brain told him that the sentry had got him with the best shot of all. Rafael had expected this. He had also expected a word of thanks from the Americanos, but had got none. . . .

Rafael collapsed to his knees but kept his eyes on the house looming before him. He could see everything plainly, and he had the strength to crawl a little way, and the sentry had time to take another aim. The second shot did not hurt as much as Rafael thought it would; the force of the bullet sent him falling into the thick growth under the smaller house toward which he had tried to crawl.

Then the belching explosion crashed on his senses. He felt the shock of it, felt the searing heat, felt the ground under

him vibrating, felt the house above him falling. He opened his eyes in time to see a plume of fire crested crimson and white.

Disorder was everywhere as bellow after bellow of fury mixed with the sharper crashing sounds, the exploding shells, all mingling with the cries of wounded and dying men. No one, not even General Savilla, could estimate what was happening. The sentries could have told him it was all the work of one lone madman, but the sentries were dead.

Rafael rolled over on his face and tried to crawl away from the searing heat. But the wreckage of what had once been a fortress held him prisoner, pinned under the debris. The fire was spreading, the smoke was choking.

Rafael knew he was badly wounded. He tried to get free, but he was too weak. He lay still for a time, and tried again. Shells were exploding, and the crackling fire was reaching out to him. One of the bullets had shattered his leg, and felt helpless as he dragged it behind him in his struggle to get free. And he was losing blood from the wound in his back.

RAFEL lifted his eyes to the sky. He now felt the debt was paid to the one lone Americano soldier who had many years before sacrificed his life in vain for Rafael's father.

Rafael closed his eyes. He had done a good job, as the Americanos would have said. "If only," Rafael whispered, a little touched by the callousness, the irony of it all, "if only one of the Americanos would have said 'Thank you' . . . if the big one would have at least shaken my hand. . . ."

There was nothing now to do but pray, and Rafael began: "Our Father, who art in heaven—" The words no longer held a meaning for Rafael's senses.

Then he heard a clear, hard voice:

"Hey, Mac! What's keeping you?"

Rafael was looking at the big blond Americano. Rafael tried to speak, but he couldn't.

"We were waiting for you," the big man said, "but you took your own sweet time." With that the big man put his shoulders to the house poles that held Rafael pinned under, and heaved.

Rafael forced a smile. The Americano had come back! The Americano had come back for him!

"Now take it easy. You'll be all right, Mac. Soon's I get you out of here we'll fix up your cuts."

Rafael felt strong arms lifting him, carrying him. He believed what the big blond one was saying. Yes, he would be all right now.

"Hey! What're you crying about, Mac? You pull a stunt like that, and then you cry like a baby!"

The Americano then used the revolver to clear his way to the river and Rafael cried happily all the way. "Pull a stunt . . . fix your cuts . . . cry like a baby . . ." Rafael liked the way Americanos spoke, and did things.

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Dempsey—a Legend

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fortune were in the hands of a California wise guy named Jack Kearns. Mr. Kearns, who must himself have been youthful at the time, was a thousand years old in the ways of the world. He was a dandy, addicted to \$6 trips to the barber and \$20 shirts. With 15c in his pockets, Mr. Kearns was embarrassed to speak in denominations smaller than the tens of thousands. He had personally endured a brief career as a gladiator and decided he would last much longer if he challenged the world with his lips instead of his fists.

That was in 1918. It was a period alive with heaping, militant giants, most of them flushed into action during the "White Hope" era that had been climaxed a few years before when Jess Willard conquered the distinctly unloved and non-Nordic champion, Jack Johnson. These lads were so uniformly king-sized that the popular concept of a heavy-weight was of a human meatball able to press the scales with at least half the poundage of a carefully nurtured steer. Dempsey was then about the size of Ezzard Charles, which meant that holding his breath and a very recent meal, he could persuade the scales as far as one hundred and eighty pounds. Responsible fight promoters, appraising the young man for the first time, were inclined to disbelieve the savage claims of Doc Kearns on behalf of his warrior. Tailors were not then designing clothes in a manner to give every purchaser a beautiful v-shaped torso. The promoters were frankly afraid that in collisions with livestock such as Carl Morris, Homer Smith or Fred Fulton, Dempsey might be killed. As for the young man facing Willard, it was a horror beyond the realm of decent imagination.

Jack had twenty-two fights that year, or nearly four times as many as he engaged in during his seven years as champion. He punched large holes in all manner of men. I can't vouch for the talent, because I wasn't there, but the records give a picture of terrible carnage. He belted these vast lads over with such speed and authority that it may in part account for those stories we keep hearing about the low cost of beef in that rosy long ago.

"Pull up your socks an' slap the big bum down!" Jack Kearns would say. And there's no evidence that Dempsey had different ideas.

He fought Jess Willard at Toledo, Ohio, on July 4th of the following year. The author remembers it very well. I was almost ten years old and heard the news of Dempsey's victory in an ice cream parlor in the Bronx. I was pleased with the result and also scratched with curiosity. I was pleased, really, because not long before someone had told me Jess Willard could lick a cowboy movie actor I fervent-

ly followed in the silent films. I was able somehow to take Dempsey's victory as proof Big Jess could not lick my cowboy. The next day I sat by a chicken coop (believe me, in 1919, the Bronx had many chicken coops) examining copies of such extinct but distinguished newspapers as the "New York World", both morning and evening, "The Mail", "The Telegram", and "The Globe"—gaping at the pictures, and pondering details. Well, I've been paying attention to Dempsey ever since.

"Dempsey at Toledo" is a phrase that has been mentioned by sports writers with mounting awe for more than thirty years. Like Horatio At The Bridge, like Grant At Richmond, or even Casey At The Bat, the phrase has moved into the language. It's become a standard, or measuring rod, for ferocity in the ring. Granting that time can tinsel almost any recollection, there is the testimony of photographs and surviving movie film to proclaim that Jack was nimble. Jack was quick, and all but murdered Willard. Perhaps, that afternoon, he was the finest fighting machine this century has known.

But only perhaps.

A FAIRLY recent and popular game for rainy afternoons has been the question, tossed in free with the pretzels, "How would the Dempsey of Toledo have done with the Louis of the second Schmeling fight?"

It's not a prudent question to ask. It always leads to an argument and sometimes to a brawl. Yet a lot of nice people have asked it. Frank Graham, the sports columnist, for instance—a mild, most courteous gentleman—expressed aloud in his column the opinion that Dempsey would have blasted the modern bomber upside-down in a quick, tremendous fight. Well, Frank has been bobbing and weaving in the Dempsey fashion from that day on—merely to protect himself.

My own infatuation with the slambang Dempsey led me, for lack of a ticket at age 14, to scale the frightening heights of the Polo Grounds and manage, with two other hoodlums, to work down into the expensive section behind third base on the evening of September 14, 1923, when Dempsey fought Luis Angel Firpo. Not being ticket-holders, we improved our situation by squirming and climbing to a wide metal rail above one of the ramps. Thus perched we had a clear, unobstructed view of a fight that left both Firpo and the spectators limp as a five-egg omelette, somewhat underdone.

It was my first glimpse of Dempsey. He didn't step into the ring. He bounced into the ring. He wore white trunks and a white sweater, bunched around his neck, with the arms tied in a knot. He pranced and danced and gleamed under

the lights, throwing short punches at the air, and, as far as I can recall, not looking at Firpo, who wore a heavy scowl, a checkered robe, and a lot of hair on his chest.

THE Wild Bull of the Pampas was a remarkable performer, with a style that resembled a revolving door. Science and exactitude were far better expressed by Luis in the counting room. A prudent fellow, he wore celluloid collars that yielded not a dime to commercial laundries. He just rubbed them clean like a blackboard. Whether or not he cut his own hair, I don't know, but the record is that he made a half million dollars in one of his three invasions of America and got all of it home intact. Fighting against Dempsey, my feeling is that he earned his money.

Dempsey actually sprinted across the ring at the opening bell, using the lowest rope as a kind of starting block. Few witnesses concur in exactly what happened after that, but there's fair agreement that Dempsey's first, savage hook missed Firpo's jaw and that Luis, a ferocious man, crowned the champ on top of his skull with a right hand swung like a sledge. My impression of Dempsey that night remains one of unbelievable power, speed and fury. He began dropping the enormous Firpo all over the ring with short hooks that traveled only inches. Unconcerned with international niceties, Jack stood over the stricken Firpo and then gleefully belted his brains out each time the big man managed to get to his feet. Sentiment was not wasted. Jack has said many times that in this first round he was fighting on instinct alone.

Late in this round, as most everyone seems to know, the brave, wounded man from the Argentine, fetched way back to release a full-armed swing that swept Dempsey not only off his feet but clear through the ropes of the ring and into the working press. He landed on a typewriter which, while partly wrecked, was proudly displayed in a store window for long weeks afterward.

"Gimme a shove, boys," Dempsey said to the sportswriters.

They pushed him back within the allotted time and Jack survived what was probably the wildest, most thrilling first round ever fought. In Dempsey's corner, the normally urbane, ice-cool Doctor Kearns could not find the smelling salts so desperately required. He is said to have been frustrated to the point where he punched Jerry the Greek, Dempsey's faithful trainer, in the nose. Doc found the smelling salts later, in his own pocket. It was a large evening.

The second round of the Firpo fight might more fittingly have been staged on a gallows. The big man didn't have a



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chance. Dempsey, aware of what he was doing now, moved calculatingly to the task. He didn't get hit again. He dropped Firpo with the first punch he threw. The South American got up. Dempsey drilled him, dropped him like a wooly bear. Big Luis rolled around a bit. He twitched. His enormous chest went up and down. But it was over.

THE FIRPO fight proved to be Dempsey's last successful defense of his title, a prospect inconceivable in 1923. But he was idle for three long years. Idle, that is, as a practicing warrior. He married Estelle Taylor, the moving picture actress. He traveled abroad. He was a famous man and a rich one. Having himself been starred in a movie, he was also endowed with a newly re-upholstered nose. Plastic surgery had given him a good, sound work-a-day model, though many of Jack's admirers still preferred the ski-jump contour of his earlier proboscis.

Dempsey was, and is, a nice guy, as most everyone who has known him will attest. And now, in the middle Twenties, a pleasant thing was happening. People who *didn't* know him, began to like him. This was strong nourishment to Dempsey. Dempsey was a fighter, and, in the extravagant phrase of an extravagant time, "the greatest that ever lived." It was suddenly the age of athletic idols:

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These were the great names of the "Golden Age" of sports. Others would be added with equal, or even greater lustre soon. Bobby Jones was burning up the fairways—an amateur embarrassing the pros. Gertrude Ederle, a high school girl, was winning swim meets at a variety of modest distances, but had not yet dipped a toe into a channel. Sir Thomas Lipton was demonstrating his white mustache and a series of fabulously expen-

sive sailing yachts. Only Sir Thomas's mustache survived defeat, but the pageant was hugely enjoyed. This accent on heroes and odd diversions, of course, might well be traced to a lack of international villains. War was not dreamed of, nor was it for a moment considered that the swollen prosperity of America could ever stagger, fall, and collapse. Newspapers could be relied upon to paint their athletic heroes in bright and vivid tones.

The Dempsey who trained at Atlantic City for his first fight with Gene Tunney was already a legend and a myth. Generally, he was held to be invincible. As for Tunney, the Shakespearean scholar, it was assumed that after a few contacts with Dempsey's gloves he wouldn't know the ghost of Hamlet from a Rover Boy.

Actually, and for traceable reasons, Dempsey was not half the fighter who had devastated Willard and toyed with Carpentier. After three long years away from his trade he was but a slow facsimile of the man who had chopped down Firpo. A cool professional like Harry Greb, untouched by sentiment, took one look at Dempsey in training and bet his hard-won gold on Tunney.

The weeks at Atlantic City were not especially jolly. The partnership with Kearns had collapsed, largely as a result of Dempsey's marriage to Estelle Taylor. The Doc, never a man to refrain from biting your ear in a clinch, was as lusty a foe as he had previously been a friend. Lawsuits were launched like pigeons. Process servers began to pop from closets and telephone booths. Dempsey's New York bank accounts were attached. Estelle Taylor, driving Jack's car, found herself unhappily afoot when the car was seized on a writ of attachment.

Also, a reasonable preview of the Tunney fight was given at Atlantic City. Tommy Loughran, a Fancy Dan from Philadelphia, where the big fight was to be held, gave Dempsey a thorough going-over in a training bout. Tommy moved and fought in the Tunney manner. Less sturdy than Gene, he was somewhat faster. He employed the same orthodox

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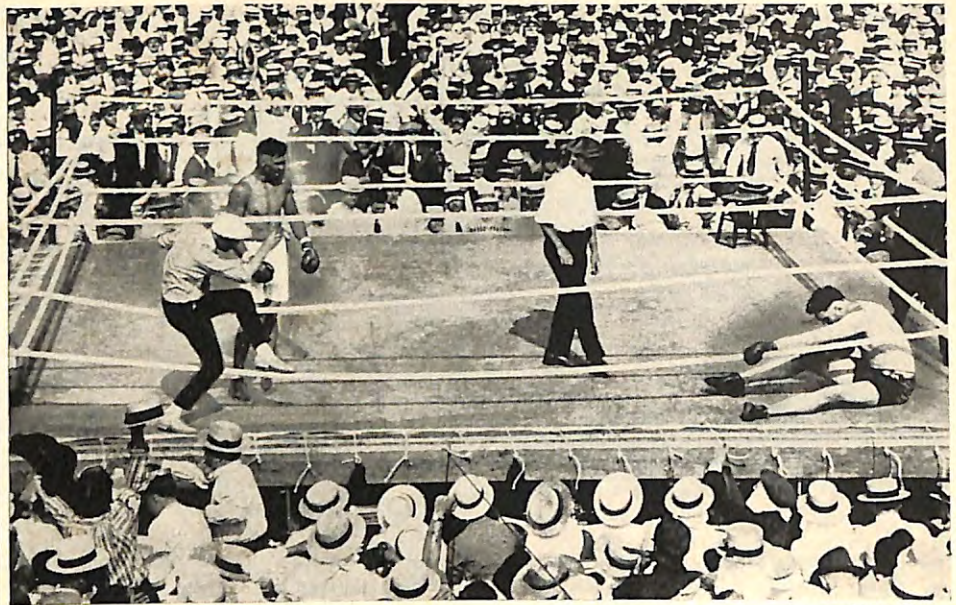


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style of stick-and-get-away, relying mainly on a fine left hand and a dependable pair of legs. Dempsey, whose own legs were bogged with long inaction, couldn't touch the clever Loughran. It was this that Harry Greb had seen.

Jack could win no more than one or two of the ten rounds fought in the rain at Philadelphia. He took a thorough beating from a fighter who knew his business and had trained to practise it properly. He took the beating without complaint. He took it with dogged patience, walking relentlessly into Tunney's brisk armament until he could no longer see. He walked forward, always forward, but like a man whose legs are deep in sand. When it was over, and his eyes, now only slits in the pulp of his face, would not permit him a glimpse of the new champion, he spoke to Jerry the Greek.

"Lead me out to him, Jerry," Dempsey said, "so I can shake his hand."

He offered no alibi that night and he has offered none to date.

JACK DEMPSEY, one of 1950's more solid citizens, has business interests that keep him bouncing around the country like an airline hostess. California real estate is one interest and his New York City restaurant another. Here, between 49th and 50th Streets, the name **JACK DEMPSEY** blinks through the gaudy Broadway scene in letters about the size of a well-fed welterweight.

"There's Dempsey!" the customers say. It goes with the blue-plate special or the dinner table d'hote, when Jack's in town. It's a commercial asset, certainly, but it's also more than that. Dempsey likes people. There are thousands of them he can call by name. He looks very big to the average customer when there are no Jess Willards around. He is now,

as ever, a vibrant package of nerves. He moves like a big cat, restless, alert, his quick eye spotting a dozen friends at a glance, his high-pitched voice like a choirboy's, asking, "How are ya, pally? Sid down!" And if he likes you well enough, in a friendly scuffle, he is apt to break your arm.

The war with Kearns is over. It was long and bitter but never enjoyed by Dempsey. He's softer than Kearns and has no capacity for an enmity long sustained. I think one of the warm nights of his life must have been the fairly recent evening when a congress of boxing writers named him "The Fighter of the Half Century."

It's a distinction he has never claimed for himself, and one, of course, that never can be proved. Jack was pleased and he said, "Thanks," but the reason for his happiness was not in the honor conferred on him. The real belt of the evening consisted in Doc Kearns getting to his feet and unbuttoning his bitter lips to speak of him with affection.

Jack's lone victory, after his first defeat by Tunney was, of course, the "come-back" effort he made against Jack Sharkey, the talking man from Boston. Sharkey talked so much that he almost swamped with words the other conspicuous thing about him—that he was a really tremendous fighter, at his best.

Sharkey was the class of the young heavyweights of 1927. He was the prime candidate for a fight with Tunney and only Dempsey, who wished to try once more, was a serious obstacle to this ambition. Sharkey could box. He was fast. He could punch the ears off a steel giraffe. Prone at times to some emotional instability, he was unquestionably game.

Dempsey met Sharkey July 21, 1927, at the Yankee Stadium. A Bronx boy, I was naturally on the scene. It was the

fourth of the million dollar gates that sweetened the heart and purse of Tex Rickard, the promoter. There were probably eighty thousand people in the stands, most of us Dempsey rooters.

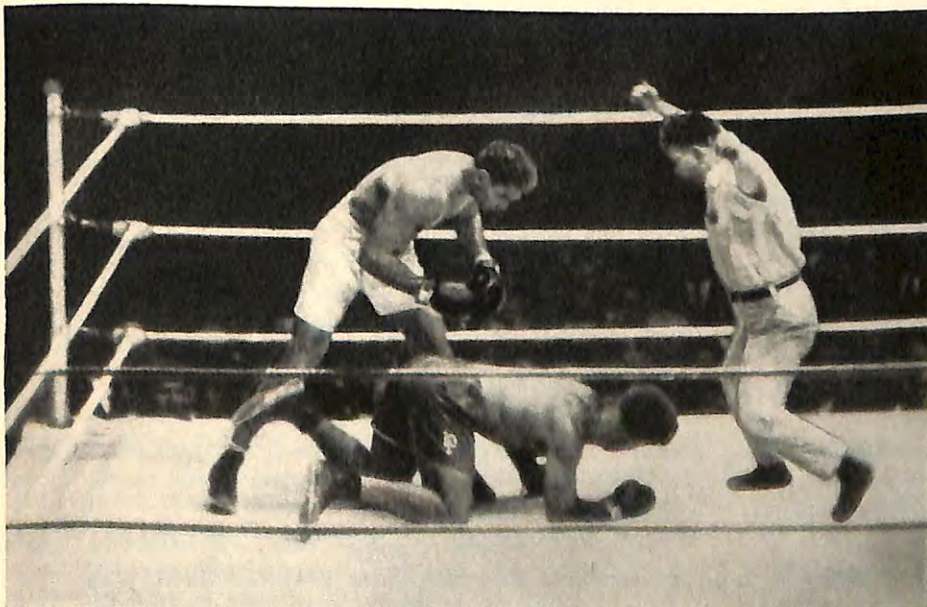
We did not enjoy the first round. Less cautiously than Tunney, and with more authority in his gloves, Sharkey belabored the fading Dempsey. He punched him close to collapse with a fancy barrage of opening punches. He jabbed and he hooked with his lashing left and he crossed his right hand explosively against the stubborn Dempsey jaw. He preened and danced and laughed and dared the old champ to come on.

Dempsey came on as well as he could, at a modest pace, but always forward, always in. He took his beating without complaint, though many times, in the first few rounds, it looked as though he couldn't take much more. But the old legs carried him back to his corner, then carried him out again.

The fight had resolved into a pattern. Sharkey, still swift and strong, was having trouble finding the range. This was because Dempsey, with his head resting everlastingly on Sharkey's chest, was beginning to smother the young man's attack with his crowding tactics. In close this way, and pitching punches into Sharkey's waistline, the old champ found a way of saving his legs from that needless dancing around. He kept digging and digging at Sharkey's body through the fifth round and the sixth. And once in a while, perhaps because of his eagerness, one of Dempsey's numbing body blows would drift below the belt. Instead of fighting now, Sharkey began to demonstrate and complain to the referee.

In the seventh round, unquestionably, one of Dempsey's left hooks went astray. The movies of the fight confirm this, and this was the unfortunate moment that Sharkey chose for a speech to the referee.

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DEMPSEY VS. FIRPO—Unconcerned with ring niceties, Dempsey stands over Firpo on the canvas about to slug him as he gets up in the most spectacular fight of all time. Held at the Polo Grounds, September 14th, 1923.

He dropped his hands and turned his head, his jaw invitingly exposed. But he never got a chance to make the speech. Dempsey, in a prize ring, was never one to fool around.

There's not much point in retelling the story of the second Tunney fight at Chicago. With the exception of the famous "long count" in the seventh round, it did not vary greatly from the Philadelphia fight. It has been recounted and debated by historians almost as much as Adolph Hitler's choice of a career. There is little doubt that during the "long count" Tunney was spread on the canvas for a minimum of fourteen seconds. When the breaks were running in Dempsey's favor he used them auspiciously. And it seems a fair measure of his greatness that when they ran so disastrously against him, he never whimpered, he never complained.

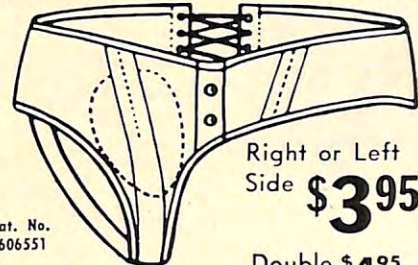
I think the truth is that Dempsey loved to fight. Long after his legitimate fighting days, and certainly not in pursuit of eating money, Jack fought one hundred and one exhibitions. Little remembered is the odd behavior of the old champion in 1940, when after an eight-year lapse of muscular activity, he started punching people all over again. In July of that year, in Detroit, and in the extremely warm precincts of Atlanta, Ga., and Charlotte, N. C., he knocked out three gentlemen entitled Cowboy Luttrell, Bull Curry, and, of all things, Ellis Bashora.

Jack has remained through the years both lithe and fit. His weight never varies, nor has his nervous energy abated. Moving constantly through a heavy traffic of old acquaintances and new admirers, he looks like a man who can punch a hole in the latest Sherman tank. A modest man, he never refers to his own ferocity. He can safely depend on people like me to make the legend grow.

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EDITORIAL

A SIX MONTHS RECORD



To a considerable extent the success of a Grand Exalted Ruler in administration of his office depends upon the degree to which he is willing to take over and promote worthy campaigns inaugurated by his predecessor and his ability to create new ideas and plans

for the strengthening and development of the Order.

The first six months of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern's administration have been sufficient to indicate that he is willing to do the first and prepared to do the second.

As soon as he had been elected to office he gave his endorsement to the Blood Donor Campaign so vigorously promulgated by his predecessor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, and sent out a strong appeal to all the Grand Lodge officers and committeemen and the Exalted Rulers of subordinate lodges to continue this extremely important and creditable campaign.

Also through the pages of *The Elks Magazine* he has made a similar appeal to every individual Elk.

He emphasized to all members of the Order that there is now a broadened purpose in the Blood Bank Campaign, since it has become necessary not only to provide blood for the use of the Armed Forces but also for local civilian use and to build a reserve of plasma for disaster needs.

Another activity started by one of his predecessors, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, the recognition of National Newspaper Week, on the part of the lodges of the Order received his endorsement and the result was that the fourth successive year of the Order's participation in this observance was most successful.

Another program of a predecessor, that of the District Deputy Clinics, inaugurated by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, has been continued by Grand Exalted Ruler Stern.

His Grand Lodge committees were organized as early as possible after his election and he has given all of them definite programs to carry out.

He has strongly endorsed the program of the Youth Committee of the last two years.

He has met with the members of the Lodge Activities Committee and suggested a program which embraces:

- Two membership classes
- A stimulation of Memorial Day observance
- Thanksgiving and Christmas charities and
- Observance of Mother's Day and Flag Day.

He also gave a program to the State Associations Committee which has incorporated the following:

- Appeal to all State Associations to carry out a three-point program.
- 1. Supporting a National Foundation Silver Anniversary program.
- 2. The institution of new lodges and increase in membership.
- 3. The development of major projects on the part of each State Association.

He has arranged for awards of merit to be made to the three states in each of the preceding categories having the best records in 1952-1953 in connection with these programs.

It is evident that Grand Exalted Ruler Stern's year in office will be marked by emphasis on assistance to the underprivileged, a beneficent type of activity in which he has been deeply interested and extremely active during his entire adult life.

Undoubtedly his emphasis on assistance to the less favored, such as the victims of cerebral palsy, the crippled, the blind, and the underprivileged of all sorts will have a lasting effect through the years to come.

As the result of the impression that his vigorous endorsement of these charitable and community service activities will have upon the individual Elk he surely can be confident that in the future years his administration of the affairs of the Grand Exalted Rulership will be recognized as having produced lasting and most gratifying results.

OUR NEAR-TERM OBJECTIVE



One of our favorite checks on the formulation of New Year resolutions is the advice which Euripides is quoted as having proffered in the Fifth Century, B.C. "Moderation," he said, "is the noblest gift of Heaven." It strikes us that if more January 1st declara-

tions were fashioned to accomplish moderate ends, they would have much better chance of survival.

In offering a New Year resolution for our members, your Magazine takes its cue from this ancient Greek poet and presents an objective not too difficult to attain. We propose that our members resolve to raise the Order's total membership by March 31st, the end of the current subordinate lodge fiscal year, to that line which is next on our membership graph, the total of 1,100,000.

From the current trend of membership, it appears that this objective is well within reach if our members will interest themselves in it and give it the benefit of their spirited cooperation. Current receipts of authorizations from the Lodge Secretaries to add new names to the mailing list indicate that our Order is now growing at the same rate as last year. A slight extra lift should move us up to the 1,100,000 line.

If this parallel trend were to continue, and we should increase our membership by the same net gain as last year, our total on March 31st would be 1,098,472, some mere 1,500 short of the goal. The 1,100,000 total can be achieved by the moderate extra contribution of only one new member by each of our 1,617 Lodges.

Such a step forward, we feel sure, would be pleasing to the Grand Exalted Ruler, who has expressed the hope that membership in Elkdom this year will reach an all-time high.

All of our members, we feel sure, will subscribe wholeheartedly to this New Year goal. They all wish to see more men of good character identified with our great Order. They want more willing hands to help in the praiseworthy service which Elks render their communities. They

look for more staunch Americans to stand with them and become part of the nuclear units of strength which our Lodges pose as a counter to organized subversive groups within our borders. And, in their generosity, they wish to share with even greater numbers the fuller, more active fraternal life enjoyed in Elk circles.

For that extra effort which we here propose, both the Lodge Officers, who already have the matter of current membership growth well in hand, and our members, who are doing their part to make a best friend one of the million, will find the reward of keen personal satisfaction in the announcement, after March 31st, that the 1,100,000 mark has been achieved.

A NEW ERA OPENS



General Eisenhower's inauguration as President this month will conclude an era of great historic importance. Assessment of the record of the twenty years that separated President Hoover's departure from the White House and President Eisenhower's arrival—years

of depression, recovery, economic and social experiment and reform, war and inflation—will have to be left to scholars of a distant day. Of far greater and more immediate importance to us is the question of what lies ahead in the era that is opening. Our new President and his administration, and those members of his party who will control the machinery of Congress, have assumed an enormous responsibility, in the discharge of which they will be supported by a citizenry vastly more united than the casual observer of the recent campaign might suppose.

Although tempers flared frequently, and many partisans yielded themselves to their passions and lesser judgments as the United States went through its quadrennial election binge, these were the actions of extremists who were, fortunately, very much in the minority. The overwhelming majority of our citizens will have no difficulty at all doing exactly what Grand Exalted Ruler Stern urged in a statement from his Fargo office the morning of election day.

"One of the hardest fought campaigns in the history of our country ends today with probably a record number of Americans going to the polls to make their choice for President in private," said Mr. Stern. "It is now our duty as good Americans to accept the decision and to work together in harmony for the security and welfare of our Republic."

It's worthwhile to list some of the vital things on which the citizens who voted for Eisenhower and the citizens who voted for Stevenson are completely united. Both want peace in the world, a secure peace undisturbed by the constant threat of catastrophe; both value their freedom and intend to keep it; they want our country to prosper with all citizens sharing in the abundance that our labor can provide.

There remains plenty of room for differences of opinion on methods, and even of goals, but a country as powerful as ours in spiritual, intellectual and physical resources and with such a broad base for unity will find the way to resolve differences and avoid schismatic conflicts.

Faith, courage and good will are qualities which have strongly characterized our people in the past. We see no

reason to believe that they have suddenly abandoned us, but rather these very qualities will continue to sustain us as we boldly tackle the problems of our time.

DOCTOR PROSSER



The recent news of the death of Dr. Charles Allen Prosser stirred in our minds, first a twinge of sadness at the passing of one who was so well known to the senior members of our Order, and then memories of the close cooperation that existed between himself and the Elks War Relief Commission in the vocational training of disabled veterans following World War I.

For the information of new members of the Order, let us point out that Dr. Prosser was director of the Federal Board of Vocational Education from 1917 to 1919. He and his Board were entrusted with the responsibility of instituting a program for the training of disabled veterans and fitting them for gainful employment. In carrying out the provisions of a special act of Congress, his Board found that thousands of appealing and deserving cases unfortunately did not come within the scope of the law. He brought this situation to the attention of the Elks and received prompt, sympathetic response.

The Elks War Relief Commission immediately provided a fund to care for the exceptional cases which the head of the Vocational Board cited. Rather than make it a matter of outright charity, however, this Grand Lodge Commission decided upon a revolving fund which would make training available to the greatest number. They offered loans to an initial group of disabled veterans with the understanding that additional loans would go to other such veterans as repayments were made by the original recipients. Through this system, Dr. Prosser's Board and the Elks provided vocational training for thousands of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines, training which fitted them for useful and independent lives. The Elks asked no pledge as security for the loans, and it was their gratifying experience to finance the training of nearly forty thousand veterans and receive repayment from all, with the exception of very few cases where death, or other unavoidable circumstance, made repayment impossible.

This fund, administered by Dr. Prosser's Board with Congressional approval, was singled out for special comment by Congressman S. D. Fess, who was then serving as Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, when he made this statement:

"The Government certainly appreciates the work that the Elks organization has done. Your example of a revolving fund is a very good one for the Government to follow. However, that has never before been presented to us; for that reason the committee owes more than the usual gratitude to you for coming to us and giving us this clear statement of the work of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in co-operation with the Government."

Dr. Prosser devoted his entire life to the cause of education, but his experience in training the veterans who sorely needed his wholehearted attention and outstanding ability must have remained for him a high point in his career.

LODGE NOTES



A hard-working member of **MONTCLAIR, N. J.**, Lodge was honored not long ago when he received a Pro Juventute medal from Auxiliary Bishop McNulty in recognition of his services to youth and his efforts as Essex County Chairman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The presentation took place at the Catholic Youth Council Convention in Jersey City . . . When State Pres. R. P. Willis visited **LUBBOCK, TEX.**, Lodge not long ago he revealed that a local child, 11-year-old Joy Marie Barnhill had been admitted to the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine. The Texas lodges contribute approximately \$80,000 yearly toward operation of the institution where care and treatment of patients is entirely gratis . . . **PORTSMOUTH, OHIO**, Lodge's new Rathskeller is a thing of beauty and a joy to the caretaker. Paneled in oak, designed to seat about 40 persons, the room has a cork and rubber composition floor which cannot be damaged, even by spike-shoed golfers looking for a bit of refreshment . . . **OLD TOWN, ME.**, Lodge's membership is increasing by leaps and bounds. The latest group of candidates numbered 35 men who were initiated in tribute to D.D. J. Gerald Bollier by the State Ritualistic Champions from **RUMFORD** Lodge . . . When D.D. Lewis S. Sober paid his official call on the members of **LEWISTOWN, PA.**, Lodge, a large number of men became Elks in his honor . . . **BEND, ORE.**, Lodge used the Blood Donor Program as the theme for its impressive float which won first prize in the city's two-day Water Pageant, held at night under flood lights. The effective display included several scenes, one depicting a blood donation center, another a field hospital in Korea, with a wounded soldier receiving the plasma. Between the two scenes, set high, was the replica of a crashed plane . . . **PADUCAH, KY.**, Elks were saddened to learn of the death of one of their 52-year members, 92-year-old Adolph Mehrer, who passed away not long ago at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va.



Members of Annapolis, Md., Lodge's "United America Class", seated before the officers who initiated them during the visit of D.D. Harry I. Stegmaier, third from left, last row. Others pictured include Rosell T. Pickrel of the Youth Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and Md., Dela. and D.C. Elks Assn. Pres. R. Edward Dove, third and fourth from left, respectively, center row.



Michigan Elk dignitaries rally around Benjamin F. Watson, Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, at a dinner held in his honor by Lansing, Mich., Lodge. Seated left to right are John K. Burch, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, host E.R. E. L. Mason, Mr. Watson, and Past Grand Inner Guard Frank Small of St. Joseph; standing: local P.E.R.'s L. M. Richard and F. G. Mitchell, Past Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger of Detroit, Joseph M. Leonard of Saginaw, former member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and P.D.D. Edwin P. Breen of Grand Rapids and P.E.R. S. Glen Converse, both former State Assn. Vice-Presidents.



Md., Dela. and D.C. Elks Assn. Scholarship winner, Eugene Saunders, center, receives Foundation checks from E.R. James Zimmerman, left, P.D.D. Henry Schuoler, right, at Frederick, Md., Lodge.

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