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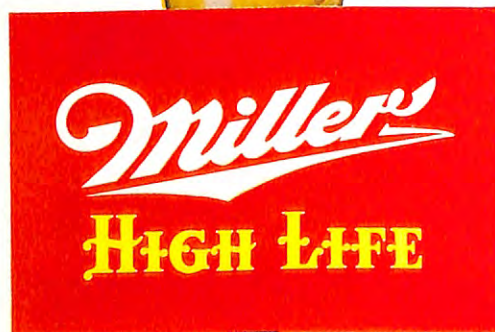


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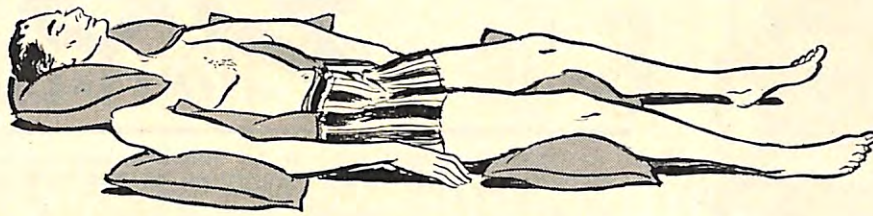
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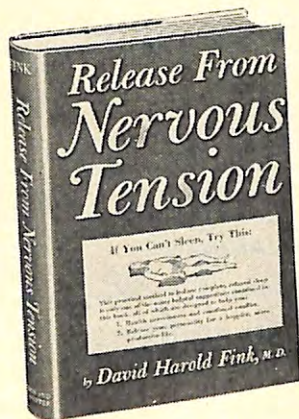


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Lying on his bed, with four pillows placed under his head and knees and arms, the man above is feeling more completely relaxed than he has felt in years. His jaw, his lips and his eyes are also playing their part in the exercise he is doing. As you can see, however, he really is not "exercising" in the usual sense of the word. Quite the contrary. And soon this man, who has been suffering from sleeplessness and jittery aching muscles, will enjoy one of the most restful nights of sleep he has ever known.

The picture above is an illustration of one of the easy ways to relax that is described in *Release From Nervous Tension*, by David H. Fink, a practicing neuro-psychiatrist. It is just one of the many methods, both physical and mental, by which Dr. Fink can help you relieve overwrought nerves, and alleviate the many bodily ailments (such as indigestion, stomach ulcers, high blood pressure, arthritis, allergies) which a case of nerves may be giving you.

Your Trouble Is NOT "Just Imagination"

Contrary to the advice you may be getting from well-meaning but misinformed friends, these nervous disorders are *not* the result of your imagination. Nerves control all our organs, and emotional tensions can strain your muscles to produce such symptoms as backache, or pains along the ribs, or between the shoulders. They can cause just as painful and just as serious an ailment as you could get from a germ or an organic defect. If anything, your nervous ailment is even worse. For many other ailments may cure themselves—but the nervous sufferer makes his trouble worse by worrying about it, and although he realizes this, he can't stop worrying.

How to Break the Vicious Circle

With clear and practical illustrations from actual case histories, Dr. Fink shows you where to start to break up this vicious circle of worry causing pain and distress, and the pain itself causing more worry. In friendly, untechnical style, he shows you a number of ways by which you can break the grip of nervous tension on your system.

Dr. Fink shows you how to relax both your body and your mind, and explains the A-B-C's of protecting yourself from people who drive you crazy. He suggests ideas for analyzing yourself, your marriage, and your job, to determine what is causing the strain on your nervous system. And he has devised a method for *losing* those friends who cause you worry and anxiety: friends you don't want around you any more, but are perhaps afraid to tell them so.

The Book-of-the-Month Club News says: "Dr. Fink not only knows his stuff, he knows how to write . . . with humor, relaxed and easy. He gets right down to brass tacks and tells you, in detail, step by step, the simple mechanics of bodily relaxation. Then when those wretched knots are loosened, he gives you some simple, useful, concrete hints about how to play, how to work, how to look at yourself as if you were somebody else, how to understand what you see in yourself, and how to start over again after one of the ever-recurring mistakes we all make."

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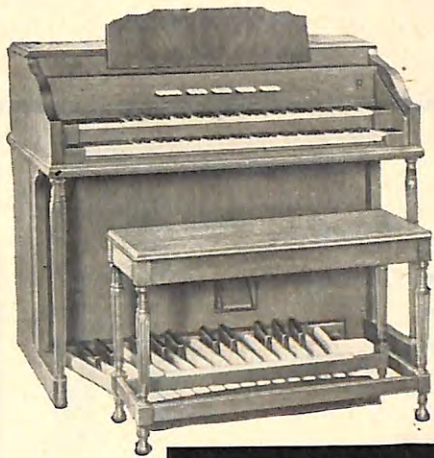
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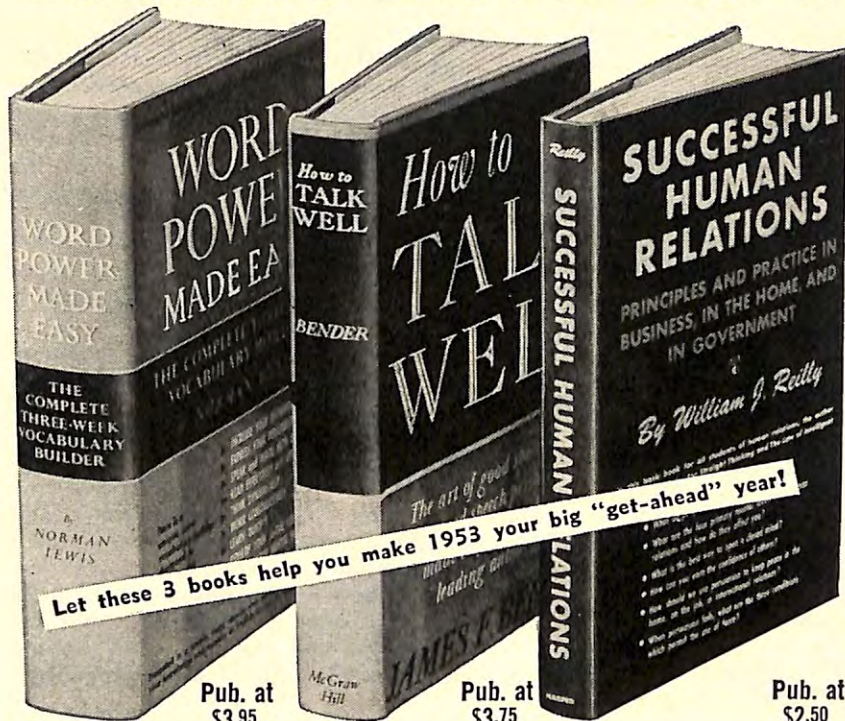
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BY GARRETT UNDERHILL

Garrett Underhill, primarily a military specialist, is considered the foremost authority on Russian infantry weapons, tanks and other equipment of Russia. He has for many years viewed the Russian menace with alarm and has made an intensive study of Soviet material. For five years he was Military Editor of Life Magazine and during World War II was Technical and then Chief Editor of the Army's Military Service publications, serving on the Intelligence Division of the Army General Staff. Between World War II and the Korean War he helped the Army prepare their book, "Soviet Army", and also contributed a series of articles to Armor magazine, a publication of the U.S. Army's Armored Force Association. When the Korean War broke out he was recalled to serve on the Army's General Staff and was released recently. He has the most complete collection of Russian small arms in the West.



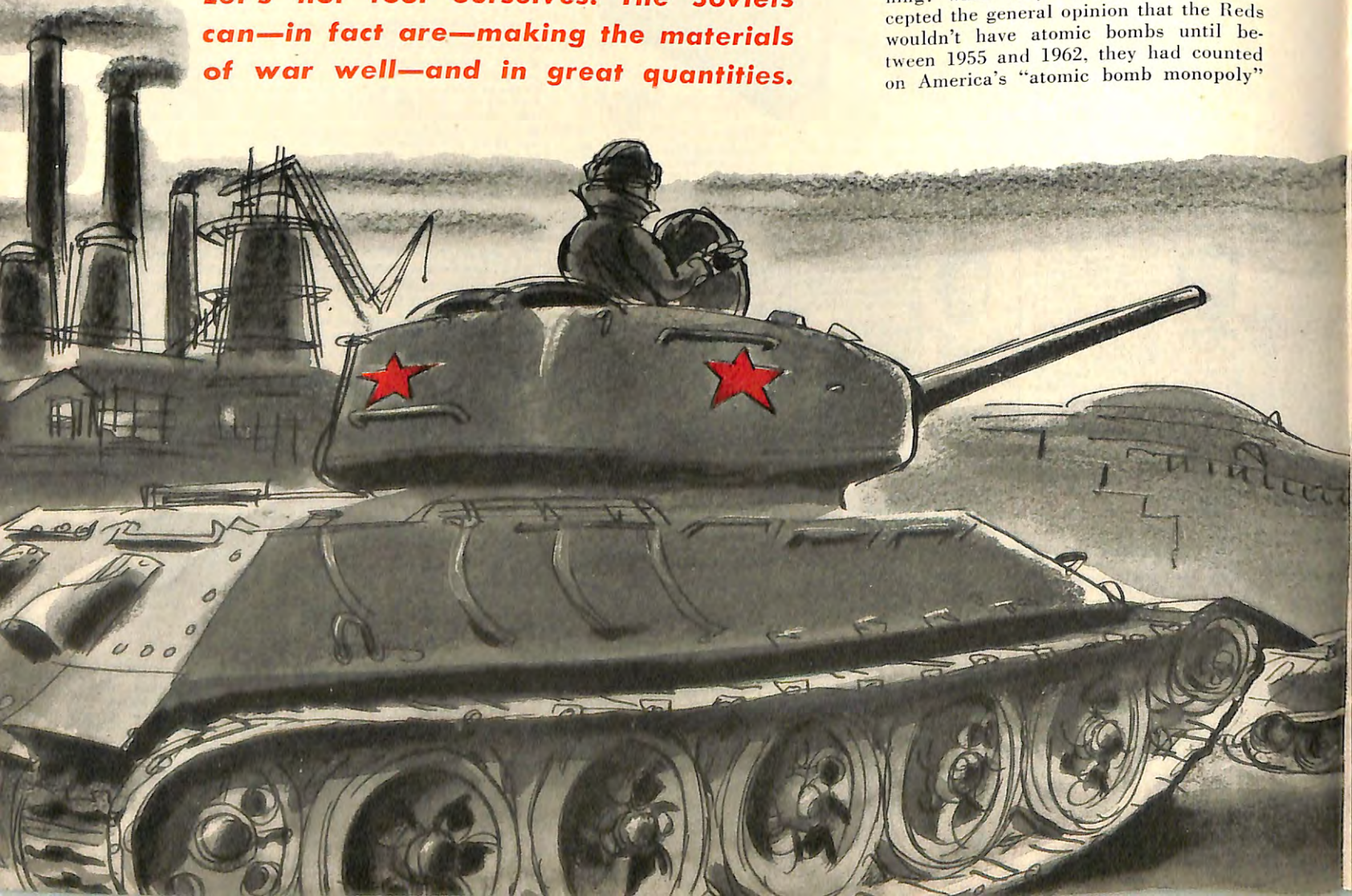
AMERICANS must get a better understanding of the menace of Red Russia's industry. Of recent years we have underestimated too often and too gravely what Russian industry can do to aid the Communists' drive for world domination.

In 1947, a top-ranking American science editor wrote:

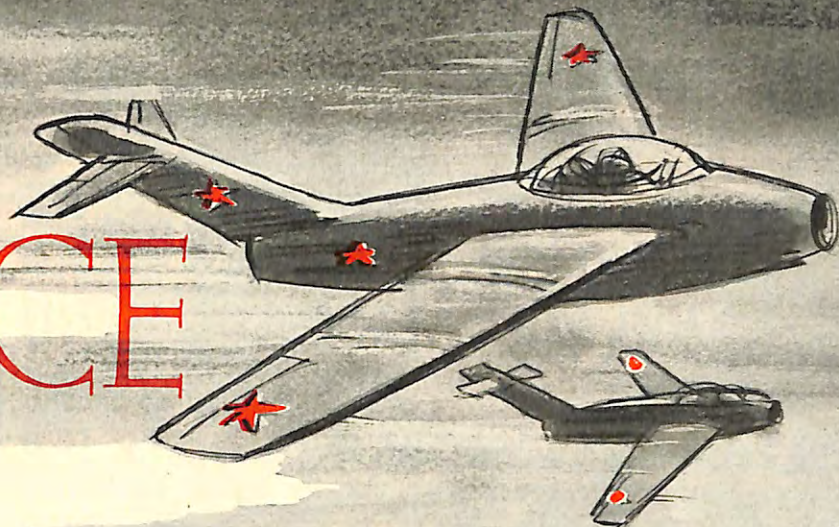
"Most observers, including many American generals and admirals, believe it will take 8 to 15 years for Russia to mobilize the industrial potential needed to make atomic energy plants."

In 1949, barely two years later, Americans were astounded by President Truman's disclosure that Russia had exploded her first atomic bombs. Even the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff were badly caught off base in their defense planning: while they cautiously hadn't accepted the general opinion that the Reds wouldn't have atomic bombs until between 1955 and 1962, they had counted on America's "atomic bomb monopoly"

Let's not fool ourselves. The Soviets can—in fact are—making the materials of war well—and in great quantities.



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lasting at least until some time in 1952.

In 1950 America had another rude shock. The Russian MIG—intervening in Korea in vastly superior numbers along with the Chinese Reds—proved a far better plane than all but one of the jet fighters produced by the Navy and U.S. Air Force since World War II.

As U. S. Air Forces' Chief of Staff Hoyt S. Vandenberg later admitted:

"The high quality of the MIG alone should prove a timely warning to all of us that Soviet technicians have mastered the design and production problems of extremely high-speed aircraft to a degree which equals and in some respects excels all that we are able to demonstrate in warfare at the present time."

In 1952, despite over two years of the Korean "conflict" and of U.S. defense production speedup, General Vandenberg forthrightly made yet another startling admission. It was that Russian aircraft production had enabled the Kremlin to

"Lend-Lease" the Chinese Reds enough MIG jet fighters to maintain in Korea at least three-to-one odds over the Sabrejet—the only U. S. service plane anywhere near as good. This—though the MIGs held similar or even greater numerical odds elsewhere in the world. And not only over U. S. fighters, but over the whole jet fighter array marshalled by the eleven North Atlantic Treaty Organization powers!

These examples—and there are many others like them—show how even top authorities in Washington are prone to miss out badly on what the Reds can do with their industry. As for Americans in general, the tendency is still to think of the Russians as almost barbarous primitives belonging more to a backward semi-Asiatic civilization than to the modern

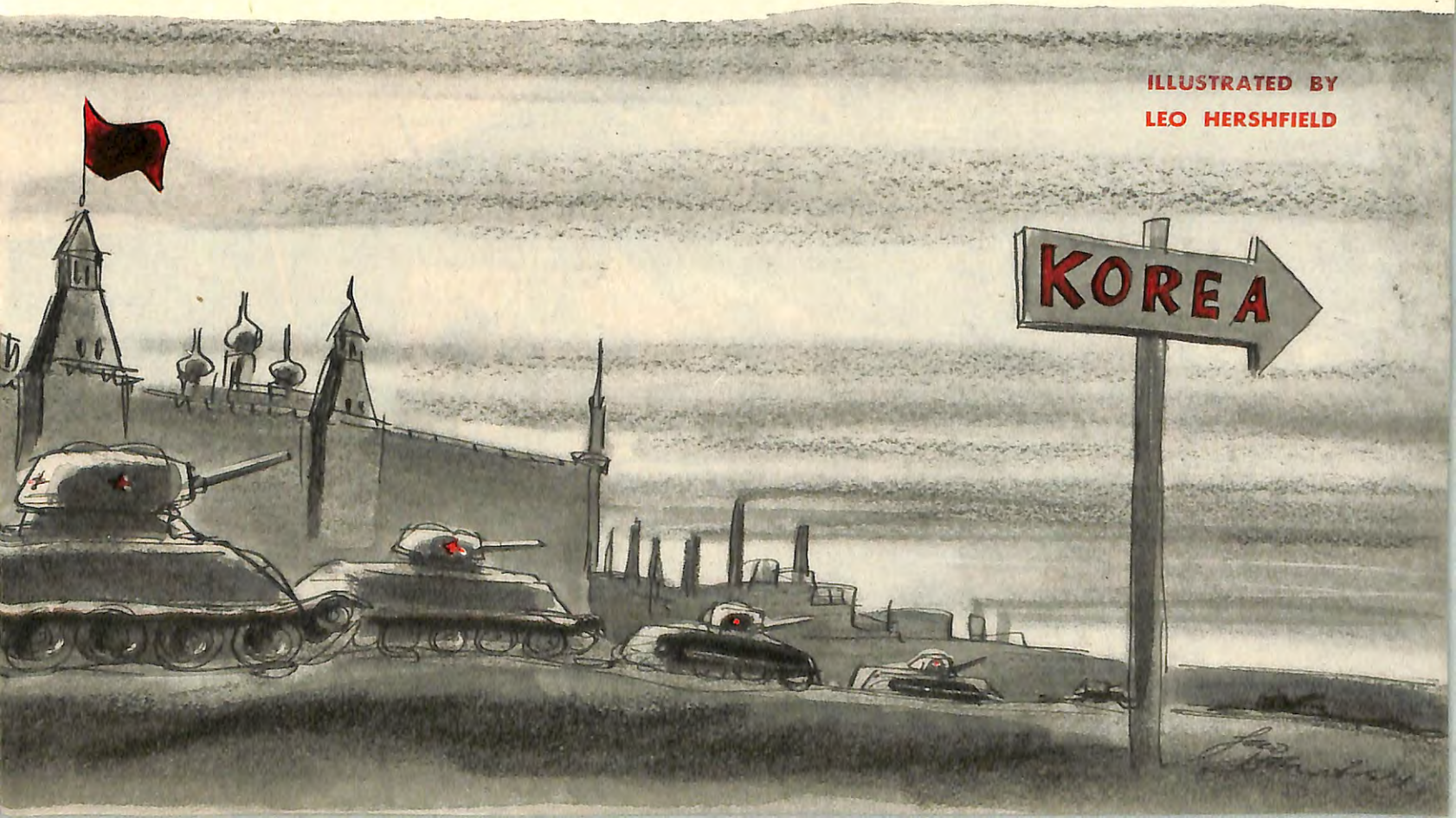
industrial age we have here in the West.

We just can't afford to go on thinking that way about Russia. Underestimation of Russian industrial ability already has had the most serious consequences in Korea as well as in the world-wide build-up of anti-Communist defenses; and if our attitude goes uncorrected it can have even graver, if not actually fatal, results.

What can we do to get a sound understanding of the Red industrial menace? The fact is that America doesn't know enough about Russia to get a complete understanding of the menace, but what we do know shows that there are basic points which both amateurs and experts must know well, and keep firmly in mind. The very first thing to understand—and never forget—about Red Russian indus-

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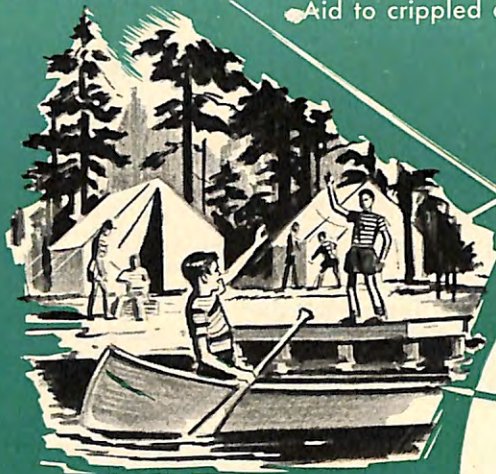
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THE Order's great agency for good deeds—The Elks National Foundation—celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year and outstanding plans for advancing the Foundation have been put into action by the Trustees, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley is Chairman.

The main goal is to obtain at least ten per cent of the membership in each lodge as subscribers for \$100 Participating Membership Certificates, with down-payment of \$10.00, or more, from each subscriber. If the Foundation accomplishes this objective, the Principal Fund will be increased by \$1,000,000 in this Silver Anniversary year. "It is as easy as that. A million dollars is a huge sum, but it is a comparatively small amount to be raised by an organization with over a million members. The job can be done only by well-informed, enthusiastic men who are sold on the Foundation." Chairman Malley points out. In view of the great work accomplished during the past twenty-five years by the Foundation, it would be mighty difficult to find an Elk who isn't sold on the Elks National Foundation. Now let's briefly review some of the highlights of Foundation work during the past twenty-five years.

Education is the backbone of this country and from the inception of the Foundation aid to deserving young American students has been a primary objective. Outstanding students from all over the United States, as well as our Territories and Possessions, have shared in the annual "Most Valuable Student Awards". In all, 441 deserving students have been awarded sums ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 to further their education. The Foundation has distributed a total amount of \$182,900 for these Awards. In addition to these national Awards, the Foundation Trustees made available to the State Associations 607 scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$400, with a total of \$195,400 distributed. Special recognition in the way of scholarships has been given to applicants who have shown great courage in overcoming handicaps and hardships but could not compete scholastically with the very high level demanded for the "Most Valuable Student Awards". Three years ago the Foundation Trustees instituted its Youth Leadership Awards for young people who have demonstrated leadership in patriotic, community, civic and church interests, thus encouraging them to become better citizens. Working in co-operation with the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, prizes amounting to a total of \$11,550 have been distributed by the Foundation.

Cerebral palsy is a dread disease and to battle this affliction the Elks National Foundation is doing a job that every Elk can take pride in. Not only is the Foundation giving direct aid to patients but also has established grants and fellowships to help in the training of doctors, nurses and therapists. This is the weak spot in the drive against cerebral palsy, for there are far too few who are adequately trained to aid the large number of patients. This year a total of \$75,000 was allocated by the Foundation for cerebral palsy work.

It should be thoroughly understood that a contribution to the Elks National Foundation is an eternal gift. No gifts or awards made by the Foundation are taken from the Principal Fund. Only the income from the Principal Fund is used. Thus, all gifts automatically increase the Principal Fund. Operational expenditures of the Foundation are paid entirely by the Grand Lodge, and all of the Trustees serve without compensation.

There is much that every Elk can do to advance the work of the Elks National Foundation. For example, in the current drive, Elks not only can contribute, but also urge Brother Elks to become Participating Members.

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The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, seated third from left on the far side of the table in the clubroom of Minot, N. D., Lodge with some of the Elk dignitaries who attended the banquet in his honor.



Sam Stern, center, with E.R. L. A. Marquisee on his right and Secy. Frank V. Archibald on his left, and the other lodge officers whose smiles reflect the pleasure of the more than 600 members who attended Fargo, N. D., Lodge's Homecoming celebration for the Order's Grand Exalted Ruler.

ON JAN. 5TH, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, accompanied by P.E.R. Robert Peterson of Fargo, N. D., Lodge, and H. D. Paulson, Editor of the *Fargo Forum*, called on WILLISTON, N. D., LODGE, NO. 1214. More than 200 members of the lodge, including Everett E. Palmer, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, attended a testimonial dinner for the Order's leader whose stirring and informative address was broad-

cast from the dining room of the lodge home. E.R. Gilman Stenehjem presided at the banquet, during which several vocal selections were presented by a number of talented soloists. During his stay in Williston, the distinguished Fargo Elk made a tour of the Tioga Oil Fields in the company of Amerada Petroleum Corp. officials.

The following day found Mr. Stern as the guest of another lodge in his home



Above: E.R. Alwin Riede, left, and Past Grand Esq. Jacob L. Sherman, right, pictured with Mr. Stern when he visited Denver, Colo., Lodge.

State, MINOT NO. 1089, where, at a well-attended dinner at which E.R. Erling Muus acted as Toastmaster. Mr. Stern gave another of his fine addresses, following his introduction by Special Deputy Hal S. Davies. P.D.D.'s A. R. Weinhandl, T. J. McGrath and Ray C. Dobson escorted the guest of honor to the lodge hall for the banquet, during which excellent musical entertainment was provided by the Elks Orchestra.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was entertained by E.R. A. C. Moore and his fellow members of GRAND FORKS, N. D., LODGE, NO. 255, at a reception and dinner on Jan. 12th, attended by many representatives of other lodges in the area, including E.R. L. A. Marquisee of Mr. Stern's lodge, Special Deputy T. E. George of Jamestown, E.R. F. H. Gilliland of Devils Lake and E.R. Chet Nelson of Crookston, Minn., Lodge.

While in Grand Forks, Mr. Stern, who is North Dakota Chairman for the March of Dimes, received a bill of lading for a carload of "Potatoes for Polio", donated by area growers for shipment to Chicago where they will be auctioned off, the proceeds to be used in the fight against infantile paralysis. Mr. Stern received the statement from Pres. Eugene Peterson of the Red River Valley Potato Growers Assn., and Wm. M. Case, Exec. Secy.

The distinguished Elk flew to the Nation's Capital on Jan. 16th when a large delegation of Elks and their ladies greeted him at the airport to escort him to the Shoreham Hotel, later joining Mr. Stern at a dinner at the Mayflower Hotel as guests of WASHINGTON, D. C., LODGE, NO. 15. Mr. Stern attended the Regional Meeting of the MD., DELA. and D. C. ELKS ASSN. at the home of ANNAPOLIS, MD., LODGE, NO. 622, in the company of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, most of the Assn.'s officers and more than 100 delegates from the organization's 18 lodges. D.D. Harry I. Stegmaier reported that plans have been completed for the formation of a new lodge at Dov-

Right: The Order's leader, with E.R. A. C. Moore on his right and Secy. Gordon Gillis on his left, and the other officers of Grand Forks, N. D., Lodge.



Below: During his visit to the Nation's Capitol, the Grand Exalted Ruler was the luncheon guest of Washington, D. C., Lodge. Left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, E.R. Norman S. Bowles, Mr. Stern, P.D.D. Ambrose Durkin and Md., Dela. and D.C. Elks Assn. Pres. R. Edward Dove.



er, Dela., which will fill out the list of lodges in every State capital. Several Committees presented interesting reports on their work and Dr. Barrett delivered an address, with Mr. Stern speaking briefly and informatively.

On the 18th, the Order's leader, accompanied by Dr. Barrett, Assn. Pres. R. Edward Dove, Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Rosell T. Pickrel of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, P.D.D. A. Guy Miller and E.R. V. W. Palmer of Annapolis Lodge visited Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin at Maryland's Governor's Mansion, and on the 19th, he was the luncheon guest of Washington Lodge. Later on in the day, he visited Arlington Cemetery where, accompanied by an official U. S. Army escort, he placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

With Dr. Barrett and several Washington Elks and their ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Stern received official greetings from Mayor Marshall J. Beverley at the home of ALEXANDRIA, VA., LODGE, NO. 758, later

making a tour of the city with their hosts, including Va. State Elks Assn. Pres. John R. Schafe, E.R. Wm. T. Cunningham and other officers of Alexandria Lodge, as well as P.D.D.'s Judge Harry F. Kennedy and William M. Barbour of Virginia and G. Russell Bender of Pennsylvania. Dr. Barrett and his wife were hosts to their Fargo guests at a reception at their home early that evening, which followed a visit to historic Mount Vernon where, on behalf of the Order, Mr. Stern laid a floral offering on the tomb of George Washington. While in Alexandria, Mr. Stern and his party were guests of Dr. Barrett at the National Shrine of the Scottish Rites Temple where the Order's leader en-

joyed the privilege of sitting in the chair used by George Washington when, as President of the United States, he attended the Temple.

That evening, Mr. and Mrs. Stern were entertained by the members of SILVER SPRING, MD., LODGE, NO. 1677, at a dinner attended by more than 200 Elks and their wives.

On the 20th, Mr. Stern visited Walter Reed Hospital where the Elks Follies show was put on for the entertainment of the patients. Again the luncheon guest of the members of No. 15 on the 21st, Mrs. Stern spent the afternoon at the National Theater with the local Elks' ladies, while her husband proved himself to be a poised TV personality during a Station WTTG program when he was interviewed by Art Lamb, a member of the Order. That evening, the Fargo traveler attended Washington Lodge's regular session, following a concert given by the Elks Boys Band which he thoroughly enjoyed. The program closed with an informal dance.



Above: Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, center, places a black-eyed Susan in the lapel of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern's coat, making him an honorary citizen of Maryland. Others pictured left to right include Elks Assn. Pres. Dove, Grand Lodge Committeeman Rosell T. Pickrel, P.D.D. A. Guy Miller, Dr. Barrett, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, S. D. Horowitz of Fargo and Annapolis, Md., Lodge Exalted Ruler Verdine W. Palmer.



Left: At the dinner given by Silver Spring, Md., Lodge, P.E.R. Donald K. Staley, left, and E.R. Steadman Prescott, Jr., right, stand behind Mrs. Stern and her distinguished husband and P.D.D. Andrew J. Kessinger.

The ELKS and FREEDOM WEEK

ONE of the most enthusiastic organizations participating in the first observance of Freedom Week last year was the Order of Elks, a member of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism which sponsors this program.

Strongly endorsed by Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, the 1952 programs again played an important part in the activities of hundreds of lodges during the week of Dec. 15th, the 161st anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

NEW CITIZENS HONORED

One of the finest Elk observances, and a departure from the usual, was that held by St. Paul, Minn., Lodge. A friendly affair in which the International Institute cooperated, it took the form of a reception for 51 new U. S. citizens, one of the largest such groups on record. Dr. N. G. Sahlin, director of the Minneapolis American Swedish Institute, and John S. Brant addressed the audience, the latter presenting an American Flag to each guest, on behalf of the American Legion. Citizenship Certificates were distributed by William Eckley of the Federal District Court and Robert Carlson of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, while brief responses were made by the guests, all of whom were welcomed warmly by E. R. Victor Angerhofer. The affair included a Tribute to the Flag by Mrs. C. M. Stearns of the DAR, musical entertainment by the Elks Band and the Midtown Quartet, and the children of St. Mary's Rumanian Church delighted the audience with several Rumanian dances.

CLASSES ARE INITIATED

Kim Sigler, former Governor of the State, was the inspired speaker at the ob-

servance held by Lansing, Mich., Lodge, when E.R. Eugene L. Mason and his officers initiated a class of candidates.

E.R. Walter Stanton and his staff brought Mount Carmel, Pa., Lodge's Freedom Week Class into the Order during its program which had the Hon. Wm. I. Troutman, Judge of the County Courts, as its speaker, and the Elks of Martins Ferry, Ohio, combined the initiation of their United America Class with their observance when P.E.R. Lester Hess of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge delivered a fine address. This event had one of the largest turnouts in the lodge's history.

ADDRESSES ARE EDUCATIONAL

West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge, taking the lead in arranging appropriate ceremonies at local schools, churches and clubs, had Al Cone, former professor on Constitutional Law at the Univ. of Fla. as its guest speaker. The Honor Guard of the American Legion's Palm Beach Post and the Elk-sponsored Boy Scout Troop were special guests at the program, arranged by P.E.R.'s Carl Kettler and Clyde Trammell. On the previous evening, four members of the lodge, P.E.R. Phil O'Connell, Judge J. S. White, Rep. John Bollinger and attorney Robert Grafton delivered patriotic messages over the city's four radio stations.

The affair at Malden, Mass., Lodge, was attended by a great many non-Elks who were attentive listeners to the enlightening address made by Trustee Lawrence T. Lowrey, an instructor at the State Teachers College.

W. Leo Batten, a prominent attorney, delivered an edifying address at the program held by his lodge, Weehawken, N. J., No. 1456. He covered in detail the first ten amendments to our Constitution,



Above: E.R. Reginald L. Poole, left, congratulates Trustee Lawrence T. Lowrey on the effectiveness of his informative address delivered before a large gathering of Elks and other members of the community at Malden, Mass., Lodge's fine observance of Freedom Week.

outlining the advantages of our form of government in developing man's dignity, as against the inhibitions and oppression imposed by the communistic nations. The Explorers, an affiliate of the lodge's Boy Scout Troop, acted as Color Guard.

El Paso, Tex., Lodge staged a timely and effective program with one of its most distinguished members, County Judge Victor B. Gilbert, delivering a stirring oration. Aimed appropriately at "strengthening the spirit of patriotism and deepening our appreciation of our American citizenship", Judge Gilbert's talk warned his listeners against indifference, urging them not to take lightly the precious freedoms won for us by our founding fathers at such great sacrifice.



Above: American Citizenship Chairman Harry Scheunemann, right, with, left to right, John Lundquist and his daughter, of Sweden, and Mrs. Carl Kaufmann and her husband, formerly of Germany and Shanghai at St. Paul, Minn., Lodge's program honoring 51 new citizens.



Right: P.E.R. L. C. Hess who spoke at Martins Ferry, Ohio, Lodge's celebration, with E.R. Gene St. Myer and the evening's initiates.

ROD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

Ted gets practical about what to wear hunting.



IN THE halcyon days of my youth when the greatest worries were attendant to raising money for another box of shotgun shells or a little more fishing tackle, there never was any question about what to wear hunting or fishing. We wore what we had, just as we did when we went anywhere else. I remember one time I was complaining because I had no dress-up clothes to wear to a party at the school. "Why," I said rather bitterly, "except for overalls I've only got one pair of pants."

My grandfather grinned and said, "I hardly ever wear but one pair of pants at a time, anyway."

In these modern days, however, when everything has been improved to the point where it is practically worthless, the problem of what to wear is not quite so simple. Neither is anything else, for that matter, but let's limit this to clothes. With the approach of March 15, I can find fault with everything.

In discussing clothing, we can start at the head and work down or we can begin at the feet and work up. It is more sensible to start with the feet. Most of us get more use out of them than we do our heads.

About the time I first discovered, behind the shielding structure of the barn, the devastating effects of nicotine on young boys, I became enamored by 16-inch lace boots and the so-called riding breeches that tucked into their tops. I wore them everywhere hunting and fishing, and only the enthusiasm and endurance of youth kept me going.

There is nothing worse than high, heavy, binding, leather boots. The "riding" breeches that went with them were fit only for riding around in a convertible, not on a horse, and the combination is just about the worst possible handicap in walking. Shoes with eight-inch tops are high enough for any hunting—except perhaps in bad snake country—and the bottoms of your pants should hang down outside them.

Pants tucked into boots funnel in water, weed seeds and dirt. They bind your legs and restrict your movements. The only possible excuse I can conceive for wearing them this way is holes in your pockets. Then your money will fall into your shoes and you can recover it.

For hunting upland birds anywhere, I

prefer the lightest, softest shoes that I can find. For big game hunting in the West, however, where the slopes are steep and the rocks are sharp, your feet need more protection. Thicker soles and stiffer counters will prevent many a bruise and blister.

In wet or snowy weather, I wear rubber-bottom shoe pacs with leather uppers. They should not be more than eight inches high, and a height of six inches is better in some respects. It permits perspiration to escape more freely.

Either shoes or pacs, except in extremely cold weather, should fit comfortably over one pair of heavy socks. Most shoe salesmen will try to sell you boots a full size larger than your street shoes. Your feet will slide around in them and develop blisters. It took me a long time to discover that the majority of men who sell shoes seldom have an opportunity to get more than a hundred yards from a paved road. Outdoor shoes must fit. They must not be tight, of course, but it is even worse to have them too loose.

There are several answers to the footwear problem in really cold weather, such as you are likely to encounter hunting in December in any of the northern states. Rubber-bottom pacs, big enough to take three pairs of heavy socks, are good. So are old-fashioned four-buckle overshoes worn over light shoes or fleece-lined slippers and heavy socks. A new type of in-

sulated footwear, similar to that worn by American troops in Korea, is available for civilians now.

The worst winter footwear is rubber boots, yet we often have to use them duck hunting. They're notoriously cold since it's almost impossible to keep our feet dry in this, the only footwear that is waterproof in more than name. Confined perspiration is the bugaboo.

The best solution that I have found is to wear boots a full size larger than I would in the summer and then fill up the extra space with fleecy wool or nylon socks. Of course, one has to be careful not to bind the feet tightly. If we can wear several pairs of socks comfortably, however, the perspiration will condense on the inside of the boot and the socks next our feet will stay dry—and retain their insulating properties.

For the past couple of years, I have been wearing fleecy nylon socks. Previously, I had thought wool socks were the only thing for outdoor wear. The nylon kind are just as comfortable; they dry more quickly after washing; they won't shrink, and they wear many times as long. A few firms produce heavy nylon socks that look and feel like wool, and they are the kind to get.

There is no substitute for wool underwear in cold weather. Get the best you can buy. Cheap underwear is made from shoddy wool and it is as scratchy as a wildcat. Good, 100 per cent wool underwear is soft and fuzzy on the inside and it is an absolute essential for any kind of hunting in really cold weather. Even in

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A bird hunter's vest provides a big pocket for game, smaller ones for lunch and shells. It can be worn over shirt sleeves or a jacket.



**The 1953 season shapes
up as a great year for
the big man on the hill.**

TO THE accompaniment of very little noise, even less fuss, and practically no blood-letting, a major revolution has taken place in baseball—again. It is now a pitcher's game once more and if it isn't a complete return to those good old days of the emery-ball, the shine-ball, the cleverly-nicked seams and the spit-ball, at least it's no longer the one-sided contest—one-sided and fantastically loaded in favor of the fellow with the stick in his hand. Batter and pitcher will oppose each other in '53 on terms presumably the most even since the end of World War II.

1952 was a pitcher's year and there is every reason to believe that '53 will prove a continuation. Moreover, sporting goods houses report a marked upsurge in the purchase of catcher's mitts, a sure sign that doting fathers with an eye toward the future are thinking in terms of their kids becoming pitchers once more rather than hitters.

Hot-stove talk ever since the World Series concerned itself mainly with the wheel having come around again, with the pendulum having swung toward the pitchers once more. This time it wasn't mere conversation aimed at making opening day seem less distant. The pitcher is destined to be top man in baseball again today, both in the box scores and in the financial departments, and if you don't believe it subject yourself to the following ten-second memory test:

Who was the outstanding player in 1952? Right. If you're a National League fan chances are you've probably picked either Robin Roberts, the Phillies' 28-game winner, or Joe Black, without whose superb relief pitching a pennant wouldn't have been possible in Brooklyn.

You're an American League rooter? Then you'll have to go along with either Bobby Shantz, the amazing little lefty who won 24 for the Athletics and saved them at the turnstiles by his magnificent play, or Allie Reynolds, the perennial strongboy of the world-championship New York Yankees.

The rookies? Don't go away, even though this is now well past ten seconds. Chances are your thinking will run along much the same lines as the balloting committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America in this respect. You'll probably come up with Black as

PITCHERS'

BATTLE

BY HAROLD ROSENTHAL

ILLUSTRATED BY

BOB RIGER

your National League rookie, too, and Harry Byrd, a heavy-shouldered rightie who pitched terrific ball for the A's in the second half of the season, for your American League yearling. Is the trend discernible now?

More important in the emergence of the man on the mound as the game's dominant figure is the fact that this didn't wait to start in 1952. Actually, the power of the batters began to wane in 1951, a statement that might at first seem a little silly in view of the performances of hitters like Stan Musial of the Cards and Ferris Fain, of the A's last season but now with the White Sox, who hit .355 and .344 that year.

But a note which most certainly was disturbing to the day-dreams of any of the fellows who depend upon the power in their bats to keep them supplied with the latest models in white-walled Cadillac jobs and glass fishing rods crept into the 1951 picture. For the first time in several years the all-important home run trend was reversed. After reaching an all-time high with an amazing 2,073 for both the American and National Leagues in 1950, it slipped by a full ten per cent in 1951. And last year the percentage drop was equally as great, with the figure dipping to 1,700.

Last year, for the first time, there was none of that comparison talk involving "Ruth's old record", or questions like, "How many did Hack Wilson have at this time the year he was going for 56?" Instead it was pretty much, "Can Roberts win 30?", or "Can that Hoyt Wilhelm's arm hold out the way Leo Durocher's been pitching him in relief every day?"

No one kept track of Ralph Kiner's home run figures too much and after Hank Sauer of the Cubs caused a brief flurry with his fence-busting activities in the first half of the season he was virtually forgotten again until he bobbed up at the end of the season, a dark horse winner of the National League's Most Valuable Player honors.

Musial and Fain? Well, they were getting their hits and everyone knew they'd be close to the top again. Not too many were surprised when each repeated as his league's leading hitter but a lot of heads nodded significantly over the final figures. Musial was 19 percentage points lower; Fain was 17 down. The shadow

stemming from the man on the mound had already begun to lengthen toward the plate in ominous fashion.

No one, of course, really expects another "Golden Age" of pitching, or records like Grover Alexander's 90 shutouts, like Jack Chesbro's 41 and 12 for the 1904 season, like Christy Mathewson's three straight seasons of 30 victories or better. A lot of factors militate against a return to those 1½ hours 2-to-1 pitching duels—things like livelier balls, shorter fences and a misguided notion in high places that the fan will feel cheated if he's in and out of a ball park in less than 2½ hours.

BUT one can rightfully expect to see better pitching in 1953, pitching that probably will be the best in a decade, and for two reasons, one admitted, one understood.

The admitted reason is that pitchers who were in their teens when hostilities ended in Europe and the Pacific are now moving along toward their late twenties, the general age at which most baseball men feel a pitcher begins to know what he is trying to do. Not too many hurlers come into the big league like Bob Feller, as ready as he'll ever be, able to win 17 games in a single season before passing his twentieth birthday. Most of them come up for a look, prove a disappointment, go down to the minors to mature for a few seasons, and then come back

again. A second trip back to the bushes might be necessary before a pitcher is deemed sufficiently polished to work in the majors. And then, only a small proportion ultimately make it.

Well, that small proportion has finally made its presence felt in baseball. Pitchers like Robin Roberts, Bobby Shantz, Early Wynn, Mike Garcia, Warren Hacker, Hoyt Wilhelm and Carl Erskine are now grown men. The fuzz is gone from their cheeks. When they step out on the mound they have a pretty good idea of what's demanded of them. Ask around both leagues if you doubt this.

Erskine is an excellent case in point. The handsome Hoosier came into baseball after a short hitch in the Navy following an impressive high school and American Legion career in the mid-West. In 1948 the Dodgers ran into heavy weather and a hurried call was sent out for Erskine, who was standing the Texas League on its ear hurling for Ft. Worth.

Erskine did everything that was asked of him. In 1949 he had an impressive record of eight victories and one loss with a pennant-winning Brooklyn club. The following spring, a newspaperman talking with Clyde Sukeforth, former big-league catcher and then a Dodger coach, mentioned that Brooklyn ought to be pretty happy having a pitcher like Erskine around.

"We'll be happier three or four years
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

Out Like A Lion Out Like A Lamb

MARCH is a month which, according to an old saying, "Comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." I know that you have also heard it said that March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion. Whichever way the saying works in your particular territory is strictly up to a very temperamental, "Old Man Winter."

In my State, North Dakota, the saying can honestly work either way and the month of March often both comes in and goes out like a lion.

I'm not talking about the weather to fill space nor to waste your time. I should like to compare this hackneyed weather saying with the terms of office of the various Exalted Rulers and officers of the many Elk Lodges. It would please me immensely if the retiring officers would ask themselves the following questions:

Did I come in as a lion and am I going out like a lamb? Did I start my year as an officer with a great deal of enthusiasm and vigor, and then sort of taper off to a tired, mediocre finish? Did I bear out the confidence of my brothers by strengthening our lodge and our Grand Lodge? The Biggest question of all is: Am I through now that I have served my term? Shall I go sit in a corner reserved for old officers and let some one else take over entirely?

I hope that all of you feel the responsibility that still remains with you even though your terms as officers are about over. The retiring Exalted Ruler should interest himself immeasurably in the leadership for the coming year. He has a great voice in deciding whether your new leadership will be good, fair, mediocre or poor. Selection of new officers needs your attention and your very careful judgment.

It is up to you to see that your lodge does not select leaders who have been nominated on the spur of the moment or by their likability alone.

Remember—your lodge is only as good as your officers and your Grand Lodge only as good as the subordinate lodges.

I WISH to thank the retiring officers of the many lodges of Elkdom for the many hours and days of hard work and effort they have put forth in the name of their respective lodges and in the name of our Brotherhood. Believe me, your labors have been greatly appreciated by the Grand Lodge and your Grand Exalted Ruler.

I would ask another favor of you, however—it will aid your lodge greatly if you will spend some time with your new officers. Help them to get organized and get well on their way before you cut them adrift. Remember your first days in office and how very much you needed the help and aid of your predecessor.

My hat is off to the retiring officers; you have had a great experience. My hand is out to the incoming officers; you have a great experience ahead of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,



SAM STERN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

at the VA CENTER IN HOT SPRINGS, SO. DAK.

This month our page is devoted to one of the Veterans Administrations Centers which is both a hospital and a home for the men who fought our battles for us.

The one pictured here is located in Hot Springs, S.D., where not only are nearly 300 wounded veterans receiving hospital care, but where more than 500 men reside, "old soldiers" whose age or physical conditions prevent them from making their way in the world.

As Mr. Greenwood's letter points out, it is difficult to put on an entertainment that is equally diverting to both groups. However, it seems that the South Dakota Elks managed to solve the problem very nicely.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
CENTER
Hot Springs, South Dakota

January 9, 1953

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 6008-6

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

Dear Judge Hallinan:

On behalf of the beneficiaries at this Center, I wish to express our sincere thanks to you and the Service Commission for the splendid entertainments made available to us during the past calendar year.

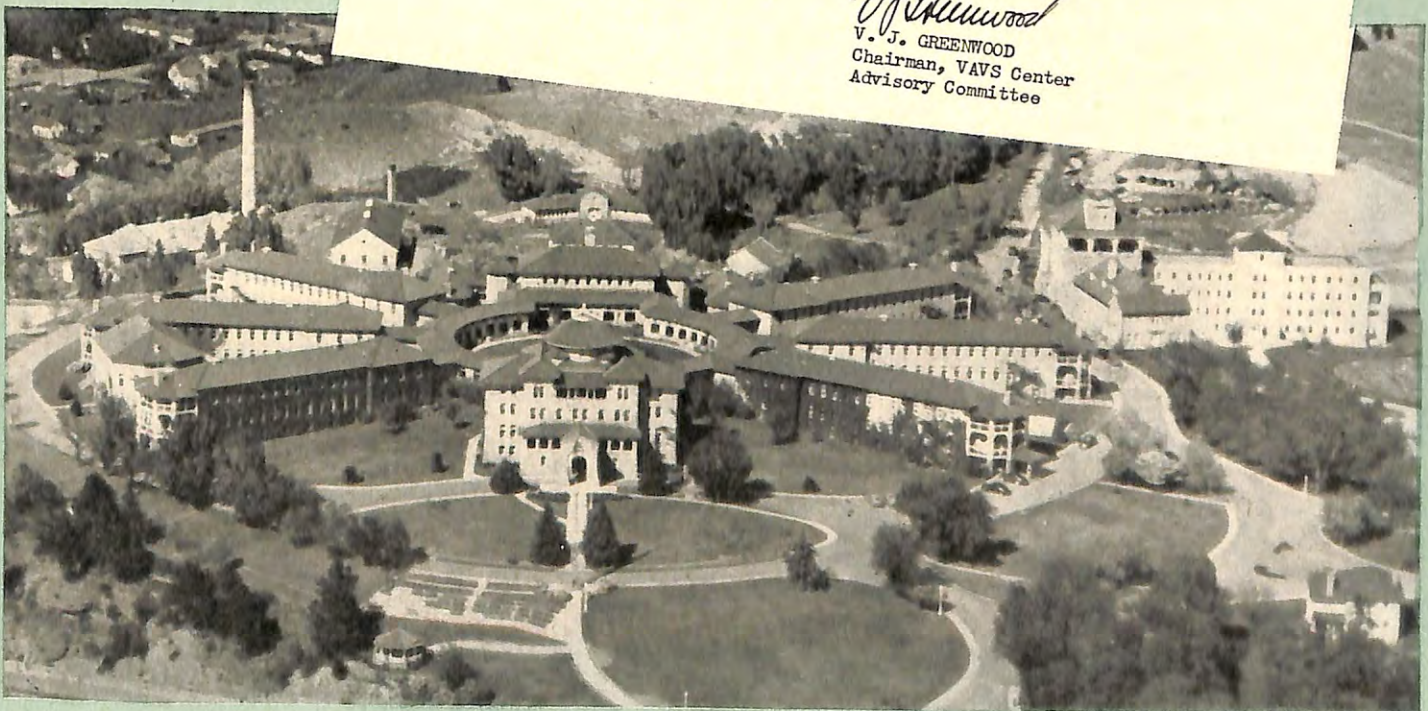
Having been associated with Special Services for some time, I have a very deep respect for the contribution made through VAVS by your organization. Program planning at this Center is particularly difficult owing to the fact that it consists of a 270 bed GME hospital and a 550 bed domiciliary. The needs of the two facilities understandably differ because of the wide variance in age grouping and physical condition. In spite of that fact, your VAVS representative, Mr. George C. Dickens of the local Lodge, is to be commended on the success and quality of the programs furnished. He has spent a great deal of time and effort in conferring and planning these events to insure the success they have merited. For instance, an Elks program for December was presented on Sunday, December 28, 1952, during that "let-down" period between the two holidays. The program consisted of an assembled auditorium presentation by two most gifted and attractive young ladies, both of whom were Miss South Dakota contestants. Following this rendition of many popular and classical vocal and piano numbers, they visited the bedfast patients on our wards and spent a few minutes with each of these more unfortunate patients. The reaction engendered was heartening to observe. In all, this show did much to eliminate that emotional slump occurring after the height of the Christmas activities.

This above program, of course, is indicative of the caliber of entertainments provided us throughout the past year. Their value to the institutionalized veteran and his recovery is obvious.

Attached hereto is a picture of this Center which you may wish for your files. Allow me to repeat our thanks for all that you are doing.

Very truly yours,

V. J. Greenwood
V. J. GREENWOOD
Chairman, VAVS Center
Advisory Committee



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ROBERT C. HENDRICKSON

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Total 201 Elks, including 13 Past Exalted Rulers, representing 46.2 percent of total House membership. J. Arthur Younger has been elected to membership in San Mateo, Calif., Lodge No. 1112, and is awaiting initiation. E. E. Cox, Albany, Georgia Lodge No. 713, died Dec. 21, 1952. Special election has been called for Feb. 4, 1953, to name successor. Adolph J. Sabath, Chicago Lodge No. 4, died Nov. 6, 1952. Special election has been called July 5, 1953, to name successor.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Mass. S.E. Elks' Track Event Boosts Foundation Fund

Through contact with the management of the Taunton Greyhound Assn., Leo V. Gaffney arranged for a special night at the Taunton Dog Track to be known as Mass. S.E. Elks Night, to raise funds for the Elks National Foundation. D.D. Walter E. Quinlan appointed Fall River Lodge's E.R. Arthur Cormier as Chairman for the Foundation Fund in that area, and he held a meeting of the leaders of the 12 Mass. S.E. lodges, explaining the idea behind the event.

Not only did the Elks publicize the affair, but the track itself gave it newspaper space, radio and television plugs and devoted the inside cover of the evening's program to the Elks and the work of the Foundation.

The project was an enormous success, with the track owners turning over to the Fund the dollar admittance received from every Elk in attendance, and there were hundreds of them.

Stuart-Jensen, Fla., Lodge Starts With 140 Members

Last October, 18 men attended the first organization meeting of Stuart-Jensen Lodge No. 1870; 80 were present at the last session in December. A week later, 140 men, including 99 initiates, 25 dimitted members and 16 on certificates of release made up the Charter Member Class at the lodge's institution ceremonies, the largest such group for the State.

Eight current and former State Assn. officers conducted the ritual and installed

the new officers who are led by E.R. A. O. Kanner. The new lodge's Tiler is 74-year-old Edward L. Coy, a member of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Lodge for 21 years prior to dimitting to No. 1870. Mr. Coy is responsible for securing 36 new Elks for his lodge, and is still busy recruiting others.

Enos Slaughter Is St. Louis 1952 Outstanding Sports Figure

A capacity crowd attended the Third Annual Sports Celebrity Night Dinner at the home of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge, No. 9. The event marked the presentation of a plaque to Enos Slaughter, St. Louis Cardinal's outfielder, who received the award as the city's top sports figure for 1952 from E.R. Peter J. Weber. He also received a television set and had his name inscribed on the huge Elks Memorial Trophy displayed in the lodge's trophy case as a perpetual memorial to all sports-loving Elks.

Stan Musial, who won the award in 1951, Pres. Bill Veeck and Mgr. Marty Marion of the Browns; Vice-Pres. Wm. Walsingham of the Cardinals; Mgr. Charley Grimm of the Boston Braves; Commissioner Artie Eilers of the Mo.



Above: This photograph was taken at Saranac Lake, N. Y., Lodge's Homecoming Celebration for State Vice-Pres. Ralph T. Wiles. On hand were E.R. Wm. E. Byrne, fellow officers and State Pres. James A. Gunn.



Above: Montclair, N. J., Elks, with P.E.R. P. B. Brooks of the N. J. Elks Crippled Children's Adjudication Committee acting as patient, see Miss M. L. McCarthy of Mountainside Hospital's physical therapy department demonstrate the new \$870 ultra short-wave diathermy machine they gave the Hospital. Others left to right are E.R. W. W. Whelan, Hospital Director A. B. Mills, Elk Committeemen J. J. Scola and J. P. Mulligan.

At the very successful Mass. S. E. Elks' Night at the Taunton Dog-track, held for the benefit of the Elks National Foundation Fund were, left to right, standing: E.R. A. J. Cormier, Mass. S.E. Dist. Fund Chairman; J. M. Linsey, Mng. Director of the Track; Theodore Lippold, owner of "Birth Mark", the greyhound which won the Elks' race, D.D. Walter E. Quinlan and Public Relations Officer for Mass. S.E., Leo V. Gaffney. Left foreground is Kenneth Silva and, right, Track Leadout Colin Chisholm.

Valley Conference; St. Louis University's Athletic Director and Basketball Coach, Eddie Hickey, and Athletic Director Blair Gullion of Washington University were among the many sports luminaries who spoke.

Bill Bangert, nationally-known shot-putter, sang The National Anthem, and a highlight of the program came when World's Heavyweight Wrestling Champion Lou Thesz offered to demonstrate his "sleeper" hold, with the promise to contribute \$50 to the Leader Dogs Fund for the Blind if he failed to put the volunteer to sleep. Celebrity Night Committee Chairman George Carson offered his services, and was promptly put to slumber; however, wrestler Thesz donated the \$50 anyway.

Maryland Has New Lodge in Essex

Sixty Maryland citizens became active Elks several months ago when Essex Lodge No. 1866 came into existence under the aegis of Towson, Md., Lodge, No. 469.

The ceremonies took place at the home of Baltimore Lodge No. 7 and among those who participated in them were Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, D.D. Harry I. Stegmaier, Rosell T. Pickrel of the Youth Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge and R. Edward Dove, Pres. of the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn.



Wilmington, Dela., Lodge is understandably proud of the initiation of a class of 145 men as a tribute to the memory of P.E.R. William Shlittler. The officers of Havre de Grace, Md., Lodge performed the ceremony which was attended by Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, District Deputy Paul K. Shutt, Sr., and Md., Dela. and D.C. Elks Association President R. Edward Dove.



Above: State Vice-Pres. John J. Powers, sixth from left, making his official visit to Olean, N. Y., Lodge, is welcomed by E.R. Beaumont Davidson, eighth from left, as other Elk dignitaries look on approvingly.



Above: Enos Slaughter, St. Louis Cardinal's outfielder, the 1952 St. Louis Outstanding Sports Figure, pictured at left with his trophy and last year's winner, Stan Musial, at St. Louis, Mo., Lodge's 3rd Annual Sports Celebrity Night dinner. Seated are the Cardinal's Vice-Pres., James Walsingham and Ed Hickey, St. Louis University Basketball Coach.



Right: Thoroughly pleased by the whole thing, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, center, is surrounded by members of the famous Elks Plugs, well-known 50-year-old fun organization of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, when he was initiated into the group. Left to right, the Plugs are Oswald R. Bach, Pres., E.R. Arthur J. Chadek, Plugs Drill Team Capt. Dr. F. L. Magenheim and Howard T. Ott, founder of the Plugs.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Above: Left to right, standing: D.D. L. H. Biscoe, P.E.R. S. A. Baggett, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett, Sen. Benjamin T. Pitts, P.D.D., State Pres. John Schafe and, seated, P.E.R. Francis E. McCalley, when Dr. Barrett received cash donations and pledges in the amount of \$4,700 for the Elks National Foundation at Fredericksburg, Va., Lodge.

Right: Three gridiron luminaries exchange congratulations at Alpena, Mich., Lodge's 8th Annual Football Bust. They are Doug Weaver, left, and All-American halfback Don McAuliffe, right, both of the Michigan State Spartans and All-State Fullback Dave Kaiser, center, of Alpena High.

Alpena, Mich., Elks Hold 8th Annual Football Bust

One of the highlights of the past eight years in Alpena's sports circles is the Football Bust held annually by Alpena Lodge No. 505 in honor of the city's two high school teams. This year's fast-moving program moved smoothly with Walt Nowak, as M.C., introducing the guests,



A little Korean girl helps a friend try on some of the clothes sent by the Elks of Brattleboro, Vt., to the orphanage where they live in Seoul.

among them Mayor Fred Taber, the school principals, M. E. Finch of Alpena High and Rev. Fr. Olin Murdick of Catholic Central, and several others.

E.R. Franklin McKim extended a welcome to the two football teams whose coaches, Bob Devaney of Alpena High School's eleven, and Bill Wall of Catholic Central, addressed the 400 diners. Earle Edwards, coach of the 1952 season's top Michigan State team delivered an interesting speech and other speakers included Michigan's All-American halfback Don McAuliffe and Doug Weaver, as well as Co-Captains Harley MacKenzie and Dave Kaiser, All-State Fullback, of the Alpena team, and Capt. Mike O'Donnell of Catholic Central.

Fredericksburg Elks Lead in Virginia's Foundation Fund

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 875 has come out over all other lodges in Va. in State Assn. Pres. John R. Schafe's campaign to raise \$25,000 this year for the Elks National Foundation. Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, P.D.D. John H. Liesfeld of Va., P.D.D. G. Russell Bender of Pa., and officials of other lodges, Mr. Schafe visited Fredericksburg Lodge to receive cash and pledges to the Foundation in the amount of \$4,700. This included \$1,000 from No. 875 for a Permanent Benefactor's Certificate, \$1,000 from both P.D.D. Ben T. Pitts and P.E.R. Samuel A. Baggett, and \$100 each from 17 other Fredericksburg Elks. P.E.R. F. E. Mc-



Above: A view of one refreshment booth set up at the State Hospital for the Insane at the third Annual Carnival given by Norwich, Conn., Elks.



Calley is local Chairman of the Drive.

This meeting also marked the official homecoming of D.D. L. H. Biscoe, and included the initiation of a class.

Norwich, Conn., Elks Again Entertain at State Hospital

Over 2,000 patients of the Norwich State Hospital attended the Third Annual Carnival and Fair sponsored by Norwich Lodge No. 430.

Working in cooperation with hospital officials, including Dr. Ronald H. Kettle, Hospital Supt. and a member of the lodge, as Honorary Chairman, and Harry Kromer, P.D.D. Felix P. Callahan, lodge Secy., James L. McSheffrey, Secy. of the lodge's Social and Community Welfare Committee, and E.R. Louis A. Pingalore worked diligently for several months to make the all-day affair the happy occasion it proved to be.

The carnival got under way at 9 a.m. on the gaily decorated hospital grounds, and the patients circulated among the 23 colorful booths manned by more than 60 Elks, assisted by members of the occupational therapy staff and students. There were hundreds of games, plenty of prizes and more than enough carnival refreshments. The five-piece Hilo Hawaiian band played continuously, and Earl Whitehead and his clown troupe mingled with the crowd all day long.

The finale of the program came with the professional entertainment sponsored by the lodge which spared no expense in securing topflight talent.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



THE GREAT political earthquake in the GOP take-over which was expected to throw everybody and his brother out of Federal jobs turned out to be a mere tremor. There were the expected changes in high places, but nothing like a shattering displacement of employes happened. Strange thing about the turn over in jobs is information from Republican party leaders and from GOP Senators and Congressmen that they are not snowed under by job applicants. What went on behind the scenes to get the rich plums of patronage is another matter. The big job winners were picked long before President Eisenhower took office. A few more choice places have been filled during the past month. These positions, however, are relatively few. But down in the lower brackets there has been no stampede by job hunters. The reason is simple. Unemployment is at a low ebb. There are 62,500,000 people now employed in this country and most of them are getting good wages. They also work reasonable hours. Government jobs, which may pay lower wage scales and which also may be of uncertain duration, are not attractive in the present labor market. The idea of government jobs paying big money is largely a myth. There are less than 1,500 all told in the high brackets. Central Intelligence Agency has the greatest number of jobs which pay from \$12,000 to \$14,800 a year. That total is less than 130.

OHIO OMISSION

Rep. Bender, of Ohio, has a resolution in Congress to admit that state into the Union. He declares a search reveals the Buckeye state, through some oversight, was never formally admitted. Congress defined the state's boundaries in 1802 and let it go at that. The resolution is retroactive to March 1, 1803, when the first Ohio governor took office.

SILK HAT TRAGEDY

Silk toppers in good condition can be bought cheap since President Eisenhower set the fashion for homburgs as the proper dress up hat. Discarding the silk hat was a knockout blow to formality in the Nation's Capital, already on the down grade for years. Back in Coolidge's day even the reporters covering the White House, the State Department and the Senate carried canes and wore spats.

Men put on a tux every time they went out for dinner. Official limousines were built with extra high roofs so that a man could sit in comfort with his silk hat on his head and not have to carry it on his lap. All is changed. Even some of the foreign diplomats are wearing fedoras.

PERMANENT "TEMPOS"

The beauty of Washington has long been marred by "tempos" and the new administration is being urged by the American Institute of Architects to clean up what it calls an unsightly "mess". Temporary buildings, flimsy tinderbox affairs, some of them dating back more than 20 years, clutter up the central parks of the city all the way from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial. Some are close to the White House. Once a "tempo" is built it is seldom torn down until it practically falls down. It took a depression, years after World War I, to get rid of the mess of barracks which covered the parks between the Union Station and the Capitol. They finally were torn down to provide jobs.

UNIFORM HIGHWAY SIGNS

United Nations plans to have uniform highway signs for all countries will not be carried out on American highways in the near future, District Traffic Director George E. Keneipp says. He's for the idea to secure uniformity but points out that highway and traffic safety organizations are still trying to get uniform signs for the 48 states here at home. The idea started in 1925.

MILLIONS UNCLAIMED

At this time when we're filling out federal income tax returns and scraping around to pay the government, it's hard to believe that the Internal Revenue Bureau has 1,052,788 checks, totalling \$33,758,378, which it wants to deliver to people and can't. The checks were returned because most of them moved and left no forwarding address.

CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE

So many big shots constantly arrive at National Airport that a permanent reviewing stand has been erected. There's a place for everybody and everything, the plane, the band, the reporters and photographers and the distinguished guests. Behind the stand is plenty of

parking space for limousines and cars. Just hang up the bunting and display the flags and turn on the public address system and it's ready for whoop-de-do.

WILDCATTING ODDS

Wildcat oil wells have made many people rich but few realize the cost of drilling one. A deep exploration well may cost up to a million dollars and the chances are 16 to one even in a favorable location that it will hit a small oil reservoir. Chances of finding a medium field of oil capable of supplying the nation for a week are one in 330. American Iron and Steel Institute, however, says the known reserves of crude and gas are higher now than ever. Wildcatting nowadays, what with inflated costs of drilling, is big business.

AIRPLANE ENGINES IN CANS

Airplane engines for the U.S. Air Force are now being shipped in cans for overseas use instead of crates. The engine is sealed in an air-tight steel can. Dehydrated air is pumped into the can the valve is then closed. The engine can't rust and is ready for use years later.

BUSINESS MORTALITY

Most of the four million businesses in the country are comparatively young. Commerce Department reports. Half of them have been in operation 4½ years or less. About 45 per cent have been operating for 5 years or longer. Less than two out of three new firms survive their first year. After five years the chances are that seven out of eight will keep going.

CAPITAL CUTLETS

That Christmas card you sent which wasn't delivered is one of the 150,000 now in the postoffice "dead letter" office. . . . After all the talk about mink coats in Washington, a woman was arrested here for stealing one worth \$4,350. . . . News photographers get the right smiling expression from newcomers to Washington by asking them to say "cheese." Then they snap their pictures. . . . Kids buy over \$142,000 worth of ice cream a year at school lunches, serviced in 38 cafeterias. . . . Agriculture says over two billion bushels of corn are stored on the nation's farms, but more corn than that is being spilled in Washington press releases.



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11th and J Sts., Sacramento, Calif.

Spring comes early to sunny Bermuda, an outdoor home of flowers and Festivals.

BY HORACE SUTTON

IF THERE IS anyone in the house who just can't wait for Spring I would suggest he be off to Bermuda to meet the soft-air season coming on. Spring comes early to Bermuda, bringing with it umpteen fields of lilies. The season also brings the hibiscus, the poinsettias, roses and the tourists, but the lilies are the big news and Bermuda gets excited enough about the whole idea that they throw a big Easter Lily Festival.

Pretty soon now bustling old Front St., which runs along the harbor in Hamilton, will be visited by a swarm of workmen who will put up grandstands to seat the visitors in Bermuda for the proceedings. So many people come down to see the parade that touches off the Festival that thousands have to view the march from the tops of ferries, cabin cruisers and the riggings of sailboats.

Nearly a hundred floats skim along Front St. depicting the island's history and its life and peculiarities in lilies. Sometimes there has been a Mother Hubbard's Shoe, size about 15 feet, made of lilies, and the local firemen once made

a burning house out of the blossoms. There are flower-festooned bicycles, and ships, church bells in a steeple, even a lily decorated cannon. Garden clubs of Canada and the U.S. bestow the prizes for the best mobile display.

All this takes place on April 9th, and will be followed by an Easter Lily Ball at the big Castle Harbour Hotel. Things actually get under way on Good Friday when Handel's "Messiah" will be sung at the Cathedral, and by tradition fancy kites will be flown all over the island.

ACRES OF LILIES

Bermuda actually got lily-happy because just 100 years ago a ship in distress was forced to put into St. George's harbor on the northeastern tip of the string of islands. A passenger aboard her was a missionary just returning from Japan bringing with him a number of lily bulbs. He planted a few in the rich soil of the coral islands and they bloomed strong and fragrant, zooming three feet high and bursting with six or seven blossoms on a single stem. They have since become virtually the island's only export, and this year twenty-five to thirty acres of lily fields will be in bloom. While most are cut and shipped, a number of fields will be saved to perfume the local air and decorate the local landscape for the Spring tourists. They stay in bloom until the end of May.

While the festival is going on in April, the twenty-two square miles of Bermuda will be jumping—in a quiet way, of course—with concerts, balls, plays, art exhibits, tea, garden parties and tours of houses and gardens. Some thirty of the

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Photos courtesy of Bermuda News Bureau



Bermuda vacationists, on a sightseeing tour of Bermuda in a horse and carriage, pause along the roadway to admire a peaceful view of Hamilton Harbor and the city of Hamilton in the background.

finest gardens on the islands will be opened to the public during the early spring when everything is blooming, from dahlias to Dwarf Bedding Pocket Plants. The gardens of the Bermuda Library in Victoria Park will be further enhanced by regular band concerts.

Not only the plain garden variety of tourists have discovered that it's warm in Bermuda when its cold most everywhere else, but the same intelligence has reached the world of show business. Theatrical people have discovered that they can act in Bermuda by night and flop on the beach by day, which is something not altogether possible on Broadway in March. The Bermuda Theater Company will feature performances by stars such as Edward Everett Horton, Ruth Chatterton, Ilka Chase, Mischa Auer, Roddy MacDowell, Faye Emerson, Kay Francis and June Havoc.

COLLEGE WEEK

What is rather quaintly known in Bermuda as College Week, a period during which the island is aglow with the nation's youth, runs March 24 to April 10th, which I'm sure is anybody's idea of a week in Bermuda except the man who foots the bill. Anyway, some 2,000 students come down for the sun, the beach parties, the island picnics, the dances, the scavenger hunts and the tennis tour-

naments. They also come for Rugby Week, which fits inside College Week, running from March 29 to April 5th. Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth whack each other and also teams of the Bermuda Athletic Association, the British Army, and the Royal Navy.

You might be properly forewarned that on March 30th some 500 college boys and girls descend on the normally normal confines of the Elbow Beach Surf Club for one grand bust-up. Next day they are all off on the College Cruise aboard the excursion steamer, and let the fish beware.

IDEA FOR SHAKESPEARE

This will be, by some statistician's count, the 102nd year that Bermuda has been functioning as an outdoor home for the chilled and the nerve-shattered. The place was first colonized 340 years ago and Shakespeare is supposed to have based "The Tempest", published in 1614, on the accounts of an Englishman who landed there. "One of the sweetest paradises that be upon the earth." is what the man said about it.

The islands were first discovered by a Spaniard by name of Juan de Bermudez who sailed around it in 1515, but he left nothing behind except his name. Admiral Sir George Somers, bound for Virginia

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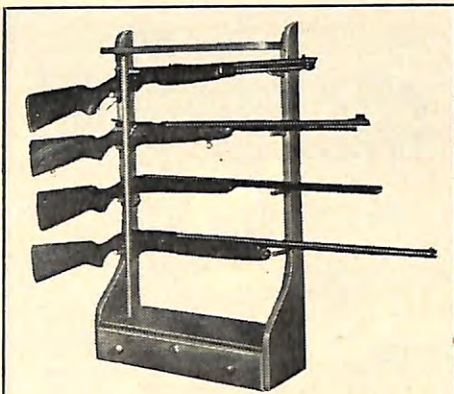
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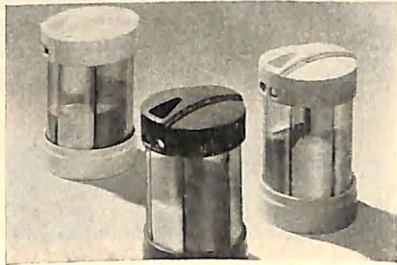
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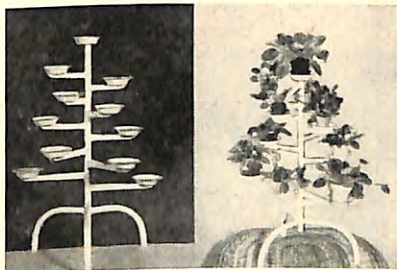
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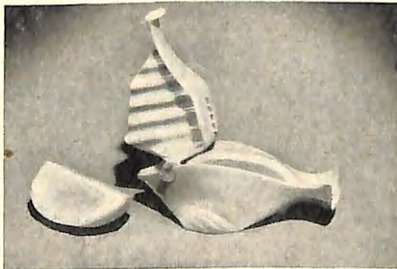
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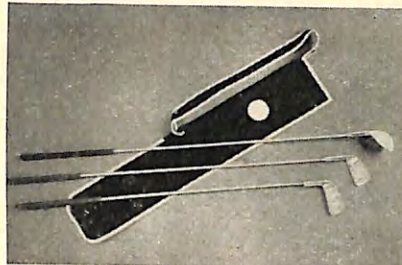
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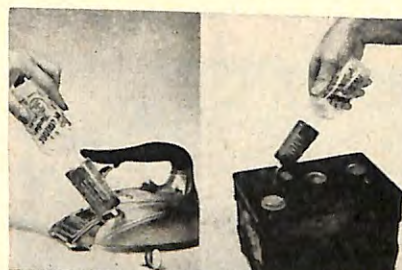
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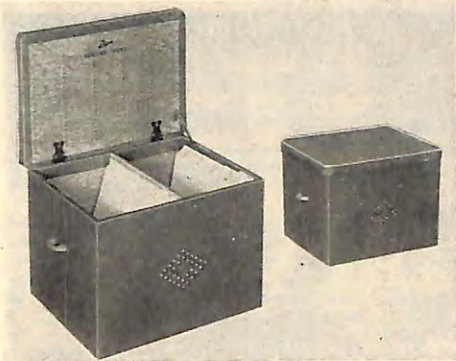
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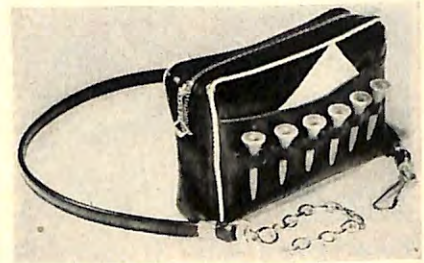
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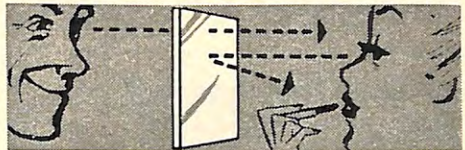
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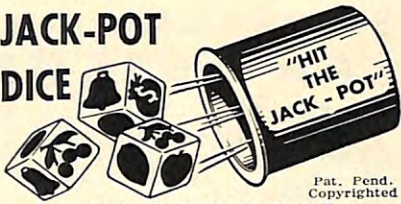
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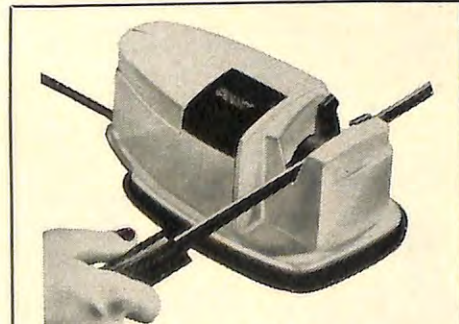


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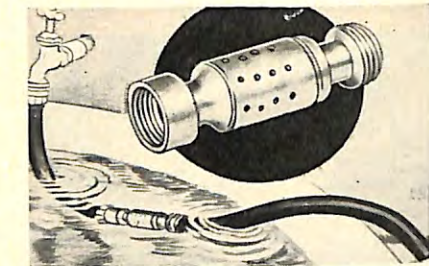


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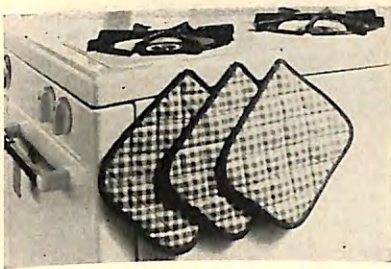


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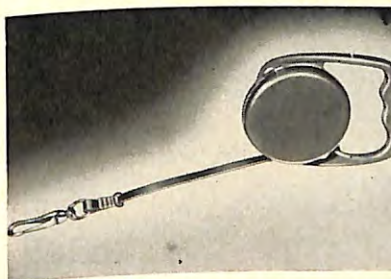


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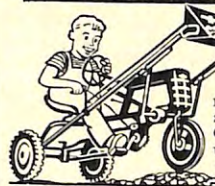
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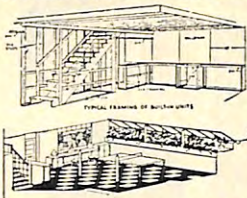


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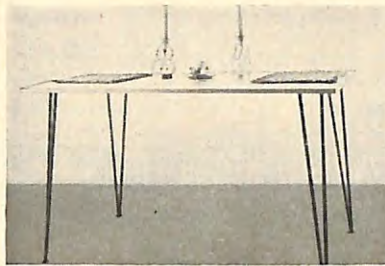
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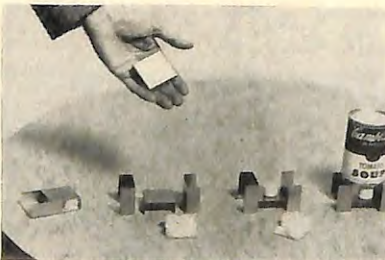
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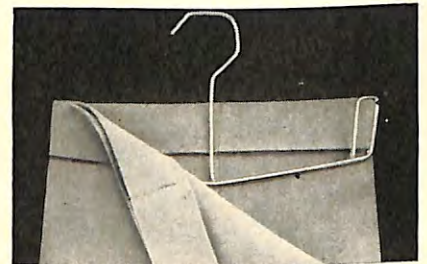
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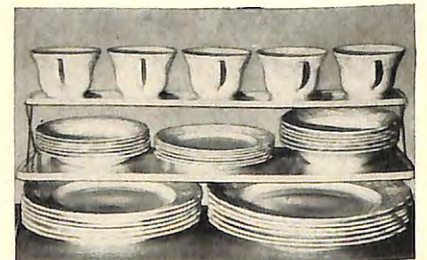
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In the Doghouse

Faust likes all but one kind of dog—the stray.

NOT LONG AGO I was asked if dogs ever go insane. My answer was "Yes". Some years back I had a brother, a rider of race horses, who would leave the east every autumn to ride on southern tracks and who would return every spring to inflict on my mother a dog that he'd acquired during the course of his travels. Unfortunately, many, too many, of those race hoss purps had been owned by wicked individuals who were not above matching their dogs against those of other stables for betting reasons. Now if you've never owned a fighting dog you have no idea of the trouble such an animal can stir up in a normal, quiet neighborhood. Our canine gifts were always accompanied by a solemn assurance that they were each of them well behaved and devoted pacifists. It wasn't long before dog owning neighbors knew otherwise, much to the distress of my mother, who would then usually have to go far afield to find another home for the pacifist. Frequently this took the better part of the summer, since no one who knew those dogs could be induced to accept one.

It also called for all the inventive powers I possessed to originate bulletins to keep my brother informed and happy as to Fido's welfare with us. I clearly remember that among those warriors of my youth was Gyp, a battle-scarred lady bullterrier who not only loved to fight but was completely daffy as well. If ever a dog was anti-social and insane that dog was Gyp. Not only did she dislike all other dogs but, with the exception of the Fausts, she regarded all other people as enemies to be destroyed as promptly as possible. Naturally, the Fausts weren't exactly popular with their neighbors. Other race-track bred pooches moved through the Faust home, but being normal dogs were subject to some control and were not so difficult to find homes for. Perhaps Gyp wouldn't have been such a problem if her exercise periods on leash were not a required chore for me. I weighed about 80 pounds at the time; she about 50. Result—she would take me out and too often would break away from me.

Sometimes she would stay away for days, but we always had a fair idea of where she was by the complaints we'd get from irate neighbors. Until we disposed of her I must have walked miles looking

for her at various times. A prominent physical culturist once said that walking will cure almost anything. It cured me of walking. The experience likewise gave me a lasting aversion to loose dogs.

Now the lost dog is something else. That poor animal, subject to a life of misery, intermittent hunger, genuinely homeless, friendless and too often suffering from the illnesses that accompany want and neglect, we can only pity. But the dog that is a chronic hobo from a good home, that fellow needs another master or the attention of the local dog catcher. More often than not, unfortunately, his owner is one of those folks who do not care what kind of nuisance they inflict on their neighbors—or often, too, considerate, kindly people who never give a thought to what an annoyance such a dog can be. More than this, loose dogs can be, and have been, the cause of

serious automobile accidents because of humane drivers seeking to avoid hitting them. Some months ago in the village where I live a woman driver was seriously injured while trying to steer her car away from a dog whose owner constantly turns that dog loose on our community.

When I was knee-high to a dachshund I thought the dog catcher was a fellow who deserved no less than two weeks in a concrete mixer. But I've lived to learn better. How much damage loose dogs commit I do not know, although when talking about this to a veteran owner, and no mean dog writer too, he estimated that the total would be more than a million dollars annually. In the suburbs they often ruin shrubbery, foul vegetable gardens and destroy lawns, while those that are trigger-tempered are a source of danger, particu-

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Lost in thought—a Golden Retriever and a Basset Hound.

LODGE NOTES

Sam Milazzo, Secy. of **TEXARKANA, ARK.**, Lodge, was paid a nice tribute not long ago when a class of 33 men was initiated into the lodge in his honor . . . Speaking of lodge Secretaries, **NEWARK, OHIO**, has one with a solid reputation for long-term service. He is James R. Cooper, Sr., who has been Secy. for 30 years. A P.E.R., P.D.D. and former Pres. of the Ohio Elks Assn. whose Convention proceedings he has reported for 25 years, Mr. Cooper retired recently as chief reporter of the Common Pleas Court for Licking County, a post he held for 44 years, and which his father held before him. His son, James, Jr., also a Newark Elk, has taken over the job, having worked with his father since 1948. Mr. Cooper, Sr., is at present Chairman of the Ohio Elks Judiciary Committee. . . Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland and Secy. Tom Brinsendine led the group of **ATLANTA, GA.**, Elks who attended the reception honoring Rev. Fr. James E. King, following his appointment as Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish where he served as Administrative Assistant 27 years ago. Father King, a member of Athens Lodge, was the Order's Grand Chaplain for three years . . . The Elks of **LA JUNTA, COLO.**, went all-out to bring the Christmas spirit to the more than 1,000 servicemen at Lyons VA Hospital, 25 miles distant. They cut some 45 trees from the surrounding mountains and placed them in various wards and recreation rooms of the hospital, where nurses and patients helped to trim them. The Colo. Elks Assn., Lamar and La Junta Lodges furnished gifts for each veteran, and just before Christmas, a large group of La Junta Elks, led by E.R. Garth Grenard and Est. Lead. Knight K. T. Trout, paid their annual visit to the hospital, personally distributing gifts, fruit and candy . . . Last month we reported that the **NEBRASKA ELKS** had presented to Gov. Val Peterson a year-by-year photograph recording the progress in the condition of Dale Davis, made possible through the Neb. Elks' crippled children's program. We have just heard that the Governor saw fit to incorporate in his budget report to the State Legislature special reference to Mr. Davis and to the role the Elks played in his rehabilitation.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



San Fernando, Calif., Elks point with pride to their Little League Ball Team which won the San Fernando Valley League Championship last year. Left foreground is Coach Frank Aultman, a P.E.R.



This is the fine class of 28 men initiated into Mendota, Ill., Lodge at its Anniversary celebration.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, seated foreground, sixth from left, was photographed with E.R. Philip M. Forrester, fifth from left, and his fellow officers, when he was the special guest at Sunbury, Pa., Lodge's initiation of a 61-man United America Class, also pictured here.



E.R. C. E. Roby, center background, with Kenton, Ohio, Elks of over 40 years' affiliation on Old Timers Night. Curran Flanagan, 50-year Elk who received an Honorary Life Membership, seated fifth from left, and 53-year member Grant Moore, seated fourth from left, addressed the meeting.

Right: E.R. A. O. Kanner, center foreground, with fellow officers of the newly-instituted Stuart-Jensen, Fla., Lodge.



Below: This handsome, message-bearing float was entered in the city's Fall Festival Parade by Richmond, Ind., Lodge. With it are, left to right: E.R. N. E. Arbogast and Float Committee Co-Chairmen Richard Terwilliger and Robert Middleton.



Right: Twelve-year-old Shirley Bryant pictured here recovering from burns suffered in a fire which destroyed her home and took the lives of her mother, father, and six sisters and brothers. She was immediately befriended by the North Little Rock, Ark., Elks who surrounded her with toys, gave \$100 to the Fund organized for her.

Connecticut's P.E.R.'s Meet in Meriden

The Annual Fall Meeting of the P.E.R.'s Assn. of Conn. had Meriden Lodge No. 35 as host to more than 200 Elks. On hand were Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and George I. Hall and Grand Trustee Thomas J. Brady, all of whom delivered fine addresses.

The new officers of the organization are Pres., Capt. Wm. F. Hunihan, New Haven; Vice-Pres., Carl P. Puffe, Meriden; Treas., Dr. M. A. O'Hara, Waterbury, and Secy. Felix P. Callahan, Norwich. As is customary, a banquet was held after the meeting, honoring three of the Assn.'s old-time members, John H. Carney of Norwich, Henry L. Young of Bristol and Samuel Prentiss of New London. Each of these men received a scroll, presented by P.E.R. Robert C. Woodmansee, and P.D.D.'s Thomas F. Winters and Henry L. McGuire, in that order. P.D.D. Charles N. Carroll was Chairman of the Committee for this program, and P.D.D. Edward C. Cox presided as Toastmaster.

Richmond, Ind., Elks Active in City's Fall Festival

One of the most unusual floats of the 200 which participated in the community's Fall Festival Parade was the one entered by Richmond Lodge No. 649. Over 80,000 persons admired the display which carried the Elk Emblem, cards on which the wording of the four cardinal principles of the Order was printed and a banner publicizing the \$42,500 the Ind. Elks have donated to the Cancer Program during the year. Of the more than

\$250,000 contributed to this project since its inception five years ago, Richmond Lodge has given nearly \$7,000.

As part of No. 649's Youth Activities Program, it opened its parking lot during the Festival where approximately 5,000 youngsters were given sack lunches consisting of hot dogs, apples, cookies

and chocolate milk. The lodge's other youth work, with Walter Raizen as Chairman, includes the sponsorship of two sandlot league baseball teams, contributions to the YMCA State Championship Swimming Team, an Easter Egg Hunt, Teen-Age Dances, and a number of other similar events.



Texarkana, Ark., Lodge collected \$1,460.50 for the March of Dimes by holding a dance for the benefit of this cause, and erecting a street booth, pictured here with the lodge members who manned it.

Elkdom's Christmas Carol



El Paso, Tex., Elks lined up with their truckloads of cheer for orphans and underprivileged children of the area in a program which won them top honors for lodges of more than 1,000 members.

FOR the second year we are reporting the decisions made by the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge with regard to the Order's widespread Christmas charity program. Following the usual pattern, awards are being made to three lodges in each of three separate groups, with Honorable Mention to an indefinite number, as the Committee saw fit.

EL PASO STARTS EARLY

Taking those lodges of more than 1,000 members first, the Committee was most impressed with the El Paso, Tex., Elks' Yuletide Program made possible through its highly successful Annual Charity Drive. Beginning in October, donation pledges were distributed to all members, 80 per cent of whom succeeded in obtaining 20 or more one-dollar donations. Valuable prizes, which added impetus to the Drive, were distributed as El Paso's Annual Charity Ball held just before Christmas.

So successful was the campaign, that it was possible for the lodge to make a \$5,000 gift to the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital in Ottine, and to provide presents for each of the 800 veterans at the William Beaumont Army

Hospital, the gift-wrapped packages being distributed by a delegation of members. In addition to this, gifts were presented to many of the city's underprivileged children, as well as to each child in the area's seven orphanages where the Elks supplied not only a Christmas dinner, but a Thanksgiving feast as well. For the past 15 years, Co-Chairmen Vince Andreas and Ben Stein have handled this program of giving which is expedited by Elk Rufus Cadenhead who supplies the trucks to make the distribution. This year, they hauled foodstuffs valued at \$1,500. The local newspapers were extremely generous in the space they gave the project which was reported to the Grand Lodge Committee by Exalted Ruler Ray Dwigans in a concise and complete summation.

NO ONE OVERLOOKED IN SPOKANE

Spokane, Wash., Lodge's Christmas story was told briefly in E.R. James N. Austin's letter, and it rated the Committee's unanimous decision for second-highest honors for the lodges in Group I. This

saga covers Christmas at Lakeland Village, a state-owned and operated institution, where for 37 years the Spokane Elks have brought Christmas cheer to 1,500 retarded children. A fast-moving show, its cast composed almost entirely of Elks, is provided, and a huge stocking-crammed with gifts, is handed to each child. While the Spokane Elks spread happiness thickest here, they don't forget their own children, entertaining 1,000 of them at a gala party in their handsome home. In addition to this, these Washington Elks played Santa to 90 children living in foster homes where their make-believe parents were not financially able
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Above: Fort Myers, Fla., Lodge's magnificent program took the lead in group III, but their picture could not be reproduced, while this one could. It shows three of the cerebral-palsied children Livingston, N. J., Lodge's third-place affair benefited, with E.R. William F. McChesney, right, and Elk Clark DeVore as Santa.



Left: No picture was supplied by Quincy, Mass., Lodge, Group II winner, but the Sioux City, Ia., Elks, who took third spot in that category, submitted this appealing picture which more than covers the idea behind all Elk Christmas events.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Elk Charities Benefit in Wills of Ore. and N. C. Members

Ashland, Ore., Lodge, No. 944, has a heavy responsibility on its shoulders which it accepts willingly. Following the death of one of its members, G. S. Butler, who left a fortune of \$700,000, Ashland Lodge was informed that half this amount had been placed with the First National Bank of Portland, the interest from which was to be paid to No. 944 and disbursed as Mr. Butler directed in his will. The other half was given to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

A special Elk Committee was appointed to handle this revenue, about \$12,000 a year. In conjunction with the County Welfare Dept., school nurses and various agencies, the Committee is working diligently without pay, except for one member who devotes each afternoon to these cases, to carry out Mr. Butler's instructions.

While Mr. Butler made six specific requests, summed up they direct that the Committee provide transportation and maintenance for the hospitalization of any crippled child in Jackson County, or within the lodge's jurisdiction; supply milk to underprivileged Ashland public school children; finance operations, eye glasses, dental work, food and clothing to needy children in the area, assist in welfare work for young people and, in

general, alleviate the suffering of mankind in that vicinity.

The will left by Van Buren McMillan, a member of Hickory, N. C., Lodge, No. 1654, who died recently at the age of 70, is another evidence of the Elk's belief that the good a man does can live after him. In his will, Mr. McMillan included mention of the deep affection he held for the Order, and his appreciation of Hickory Lodge's fine charity work. Proof of that lies in the fact that he left a portion of his estate, both real and personal, to the lodge Trustees to be held by them for worthy causes, determined by a Committee appointed by the Exalted Ruler. One purpose stipulated being "to assist an unfortunate Brother."

Lawrenceville, Ill., Elk Bowlers Finally Get 1951 Trophy

Although it was a little late arriving, the handsome Ill. State Elks Bowling Trophy for 1951 was accepted graciously by Capt. Frank Cullom and the championship team of Lawrenceville Lodge No. 1208. The presentation was made by George W. Thomas, who was Pres. of the Ill. Elks Bowling Assn. at the time the Lawrenceville keglers won the award. Present were J. F. Krizek, Secy. of the Ill. Assn. and Treas. of the Elks Natl. Bowling Assn., and Vice-Pres. W. C. Gaffney of the Ill. group.

Mr. Krizek explained that the delay was caused by the fact that since the Assn. had been organized only that year, its treasury was non-existent at the time; after two years of activity, it was finally wealthy enough to make the purchase of the cup possible.

Hayward Lodge Is California's 101st

D.D. Robert A. Smale officiated at the institution of Hayward Lodge No. 1867 in which Past State Pres. Earl J. Williams played an important part. E.R. Joseph Durein and his fellow officers of Alameda Lodge, sponsor of No. 1867, initiated the Charter Member Class, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis installed E.R. Wallace G. Smith and the other leaders of Hayward Lodge.

Participating in the ceremonies were many State Elk officials, including several P.D.D.'s, and Grand Est. Lead. Knight Robert S. Redington, State Pres. Vincent H. Grocott, Past Grand Est. Lead. Knights Fred B. Mellmann and F. Eugene Dayton, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Harry B. Hoffman, former Grand Lodge Committeeman Horace R. Wisely, Past Grand Tiler Louis B. Browne, and Past State Pres. John B. Morey.

The Oakland Elks Glee Club and San Francisco Lodge's Drill Team took part in the program instituting this new lodge whose first official acts were a vote to membership in the Calif. Elks Assn., and the purchase of a \$1,000 subscription to the Elks National Foundation.



Included in this photograph showing the class of 58 new members of Hancock, Mich., Lodge are the officers who initiated the group, P.E.R.'s

and various officials of the Upper Peninsula Elks Assn. of Michigan, with D.D. O. J. Collins who made his official visit there that evening.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Left: Mass. State Assn. Pres. Dr. Henry I. Yale, left, and Harold A. Mostrom, Director of the Essex County Agricultural School, right, with six of the school's students who received Mass. State Elks Scholarship, Inc., awards, an annual program instigated by Est. Lead. Knight A. D. Kochakian of Haverhill Lodge. They are, left to right: Franklin Doherty, Jr., Elsie Swindell, David R. Jackson, Annabelle Rosseau and Philip Horgan, Jr.



Below: Trucks leave Glendale, Calif., with material donated by 22 lodges for the Sheriff's Honor Farm where prisoners will make tables, braces, crutches and other articles for the Calif. Elks Assn's Major Project. The trucks represent Inglewood, Los Angeles, Paramount, El Monte, Alhambra, Huntington Park and Glendale Lodges.



Above: The ladies of the Emblem Club recently presented new collars and jewels of office to the officers of Ridgefield Park, N. J., Lodge. Here Mrs. Virginia Arvidson, President of the group, is pictured with Exalted Ruler Robert H. Dolbear when she gave him his jewel.



Above: State Assn. Pres. Joseph F. Bader, P.D.D., standing third from left background with the officers of his home lodge, Lyndhurst, N. J., and the class they initiated in his honor.



Alaska Elks Meet in Cordova

The hospitality of the members of Cordova Lodge No. 1483 who were hosts to the meeting, made the Fifth Annual Convention of the Alaska Territorial Elks Assn. one of the finest in its history. Lodges represented at the three-day meeting included Anchorage, Cordova, Fairbanks, Kodiak, Seward and Palmer.

Both the opening and closing sessions

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Lodge's officers are pictured with District Deputy Harold Roeseaman of Ticonderoga Lodge, and the class of candidates they initiated as a tribute to him during his visit.



Left: These officers attended the winter conference of the Ind. State Elks Assn. at Union City. Pres. P. W. Loveland stands sixth from left, foreground, with Secy. C. L. Shideler on his left. At the extreme right is Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Robert L. DeHority.

were open to the public, as were the Memorial Services, dedicated to the memory of P.E.R. Frank Murkowski of Ketchikan, when Secy.-Treas. E. P. McCarron was an inspired speaker.

Past Pres. Eugene Smith, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced that Miss Patricia McNavish of Fairbanks had won both the Grand Lodge and the Assn.'s Most Valuable Student Awards. J. Justin Ripley is the winner of the Grand Lodge and Assn.'s Youth Activities award. In addition, three young artists from Fairbanks received other awards from the Assn. as part of its youth program. Fairbanks will be host to the next annual meeting in November.

Mr. Smith installed the following officers: Pres., Walter W. Sipprell, Seward; Vice-Pres., Frank Hoover, Cordova; Secy.-Treas., Richard W. Smith, Anchorage; Trustees (one year) Charles Craft, Cordova; (two years) Leon Johnson, Kodiak, and (three years) E. P. McCarron, Fairbanks.

Martinsburg, W. Va., Elks Honor Half-Century Members

The progress of Martinsburg Lodge No. 778 was recalled by three veteran members recently at a special meeting of this 50-year-old branch of the Order. Two of the 50-year Elks, L. DeWit Gerhardt, senior P.E.R., and Major George L. Wever, also a P.E.R. and a former District Deputy, are Charter Members, while the third, P.E.R. Robert A. Clohan, was initiated into No. 778 a month after its organization. With the exception of one other person no longer affiliated with the Order, Mr. Gerhardt and Major Wever are the sole surviving original Martinsburg Elks. The three men received special pins in recognition of their long-term affiliation with this lodge which, it is estimated, has contributed approximately \$100,000 to charities in its history.

Montclair, N. J. Elks Make Gift to Mountainside Hospital

An ultra short-wave diathermy machine has been given to the newly expanded physical medicine and rehabilitation de-



Below: E.R. Lee A. Donaldson, Jr., right, pictured with the 1952 Midget League Baseball Champions sponsored by Etna, Pa., Lodge. The boys wear the sweaters the lodge presented at a Father and Son banquet which was attended by Pittsburg Pirates Ronnie Kline, Robbie Del Greco and Tony Bartirome.

partment for crippled children at Mountainside Hospital by the members of Montclair Lodge No. 891. The gift was made possible through the proceeds of the annual Crippled Children's Seal Campaign conducted by the N. J. State Elks Crippled Children's Committee.

The new diathermy machine will prove extremely valuable; with the increase in work in the department it was essential to have such apparatus in order to comply with the FCC ruling designed to avoid radio interference.

Not long ago the Montclair Elks paid \$100 for repair of the Drinker Respirator they gave the hospital in 1941. P.E.R. P. B. Brooks, N. J. Elks Crippled Children's Adjudication Committeeman, reports that the lodges of his State are responsible for more than 5,000 examinations of crippled children, 10,604 therapy treatments, and other valuable aid to these unfortunate youngsters.

San Juan, P. R., Elks Claim a Few "Firsts"

A letter received recently from A. E. Copeland, D.D. for Puerto Rico, contains a few historical claims for San Juan. First of all, Mr. Copeland states that in World War I the first shot against Germany was fired in San Juan Bay when the German ship KD3, interned there, tried to escape the day after war was declared by the U.S. A Capt. Tofilo

Maruach of the 65th Infantry fired three cannon shots at the ship's bow from the Morro Castle as the KD3 passed the Channel. On the third shot the ship reversed speed, returned to the harbor where the crew was taken prisoner.

The other "firsts" concern San Juan Lodge No. 972. According to Mr. Copeland, the Order's first entertainment center for enlisted personnel during World War II was established by his lodge, even before Pearl Harbor. The third item credits No. 972's bulletin with being the first to publish pictures of lodge activities.

Vancouver, Wash., Lodge Fifty Years Old

The members of Vancouver Lodge No. 823 devoted two full days to the observance of their 50th Anniversary not long ago. Dancing and a very entertaining floor show were included in each evening's program, with the well-attended Grand Lodge Officers' banquet highlighting events of the second day.

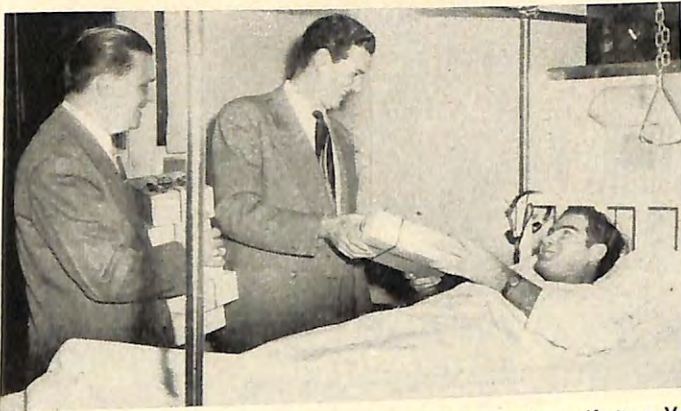
As part of the lodge's observance, a special Golden Jubilee booklet was issued, dedicated to William N. Marshall, dean of P.E.R.'s and No. 823's only living Charter Member. This booklet is of great historical value, containing the interesting history of the lodge and reproductions of photographs commemorating some of its earliest social activities.



When Nebraska City, Neb., Elks visited Omaha Lodge their officers initiated a class in honor of 51-year Elk Bert Murphy. Left to right: D.D. J. M. Dierks, John Mainelli, State Assn. Pres. H. L. Blackledge, of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, Mr. Murphy, Judge James M. Fitzgerald, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum and E.R. J. D. Bradley.



Hillsboro, Ore., Lodge presents a gavel to Charter Member Paul Patterson on his appointment as Governor following the resignation of Gov. McKay, the new Secretary of the Interior. Left to right: Lodge Committeeman William Monjay, Gov. Patterson, Lodge Secy. R. H. Gardner, Trustee John Meeke, E.R. Arthur D. Scripture and P.D.D. Clifton B. Mudd.



Renton, Wash., Lodge, E.R. Paul Carman, center, hands a gift to a VA Hospital patient in Seattle where the lodge has entertained monthly for the past 18 months. Committee Chairman Bert Nichols, left, looks on.



Each year Whittier, Calif., Lodge presents an engraved jewel to the So. Cent. District Deputy. Participating in this year's ceremony were, left to right: E.R. F. E. Slates, D.D. Dr. Harry Mitchell, P.E.R. R. L. Griggs.



Above: Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of San Juan, P. R., Lodge, including Mrs. Luis Munoz-Marin, wife of the Governor, fifth from right, assisted by the Elk-sponsored Scout Troop, wrap gifts for our men in Korea.



Above: P.E.R. James J. Frank, Youth Activities Chairman, center background, with the Little League Team sponsored by Pittsfield, Mass., Lodge.



Left: A view of some of the 150 25-year members of McMinnville, Ore., Lodge at the banquet given in their honor on Old Timers Night recently.

THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISITOR



GRAND EXALTED RULER SAM STERN was the first caller on President Eisenhower at the White House on the first regular business day of the new Administration, Thursday, January 22. The appointment was at 10 a.m. and the Grand Exalted Ruler was taken into the President's office by Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President and "Chief of Staff."

"It was a courtesy call", Mr. Stern told members of the press as he came out of the office. "The President was looking fine and we had a good visit." Before leaving, the Grand Exalted Ruler dropped in at the office of James Hagerty, presidential press secretary. As he left the executive offices Mr. Stern made a radio recording for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The above picture shows the Grand Exalted Ruler waving to the White House newspapermen and photographers as he entered the door of the executive wing of the White House as Presidential visitor Number One.

FOR FISHERMEN

Next month *The Elks Magazine* will run the fifth annual Spring Fishing Section, again featuring several articles for the substantial percentage of the Order that enjoys this great sport. Ted Trueblood has written a special article on the technique of casting and Dan Holland also contributes on the art of getting big fish out of little ones. Included also is an article on surf fishing.



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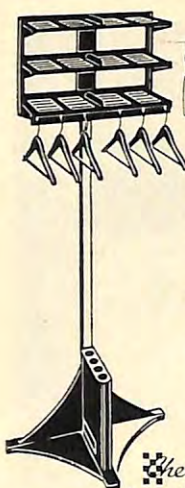
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to give them any 'extras'. Checks were also given to the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, and turkeys were provided for member shut-ins, with every Elk on the sick list receiving a cheering Christmas plant.

The lodge taking third place in this category is Moline, Ill., whose membership entertained 500 children from the Bethany Home and the Coal Valley Boys Home. Each of the Moline Elks' guests received gifts, and a four-act show delighted them even more than the party refreshments they enjoyed later.

Two Oregon lodges were given Honorable Mention in this classification—McMinnville, whose program, co-sponsored by the local Fire Dept., brought happiness to 4,000 boys and girls, and Medford, whose two celebrations had a guest list of 900.

BIG HOSPITAL AFFAIR

In the opinion of the Committee, Quincy, Mass., Lodge's expansive project headed the affairs for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members. One of the Quincy events, conducted by the Elks Club Juniors, was held in the children's ward of the local hospital where entertainment, including music by a 15-piece orchestra, cheered the children whose Christmas had to be spent away from home. The lodge's annual Christmas party at its own home crowded the building with hundreds of children who received carefully selected gifts and watched a movie, while a dance was sponsored for teen-agers. As usual, the lodge distributed numerous food baskets to needy families, too.

THE GUESTS PUT ON A SHOW

The Committee in charge of the Rochester, Minn., Elks' party included a rather novel feature in their program which won second honors in Group II. The children who were invited to this affair helped to form their own entertainment. Held in the Rochester Armory, the party included gift distribution, and movies until the children took over with various groups presenting a series of musical and specialty numbers.

A huge crowd of youngsters overflowed the home of the Sioux City, Ia., Elks who

turned over their building for this event which won the Committee's third prize in this category. The customary visit from Santa Claus, with gifts for all, carried its usual thrill for the young guests.

Honorable Mention in this class, goes to Sayre, Pa., Ontario, Ore., Saranac Lake, N. Y., Pottsville, Pa., and North Platte, Neb., Lodges.

PARTIES WELL PUBLICIZED

A really outstanding program, in the Committee's estimation, was that held by Fort Myers, Fla., Lodge, first-prize winner in the group comprising lodges of less than 500 members. These Elks distributed baskets laden with food to every needy family in the vicinity, and also sponsored two huge Christmas Tree Parties—one for a group of 400 youngsters, the other for 1,000 children, all of whom received gifts and candy from a very busy Santa Claus. Both the newspapers and the local radio station cooperated to the fullest extent in making these programs the success they were, with many news items and spot radio announcements heralding the events for several days prior to the celebrations.

The second award in Group III went to Childress, Tex., Lodge. This branch of the Order, with less than 150 members, managed to raise more than \$2,000 for a wonderful affair enjoyed by nearly 300 needy children.

SEVERAL YOUNG LODGES RATE

It is interesting to note that the Committee gave third-place honors in this category to one of the youngest organizations in Elkdom's family, Livingston, N. J., Lodge. These Elks held their very first party for a specific group of less-chance children—50 cerebral-palsy victims who reside in Livingston and other nearby towns.

When it came to awarding Honorable Mention to lodges of less than 500 members, there were several other newly-instituted groups on the Committee's list—Lumberton, N. C., for one, and Banning-Beaumont, Calif., which hasn't been in existence very long. Lodges completing this list are Jackson, Wyo., Big Spring, Tex., Okmulgee, Okla., Logan, Utah, Rochester, N. H., and Toccoa, Ga.



The Elks National Home at Bedford, Va.—a colonnaded mansion in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

For Elks Who Travel

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with supplies, shipwrecked his flagship on the coral reefs in 1609, and so the place got settled. The pioneers—a group of sixty who came from England in 1612 were instructed to find ambergris, pearls and gold. They did indeed run across some ambergris, but of pearls and gold there was none. Later, of course, there was considerable gold in the kick of nearby Americans. The islands supplied New York with her vegetables, and then in 1851 there was the momentous discovery of the tourist.

In 1952 more than 100,000 Americans took refuge in Bermuda. They came by plane in less than four hours, by ships in less than forty hours. There are daily flights from New York by Pan American World Airways and Colonial Airlines and three times a week service by BOAC. Colonial runs a flight a week from Washington departing Saturdays. The tariff from New York begins at \$90 plus the tax.

If you are a seafarer, the ships of Furness Bermuda Line, one brand new, one completely reconditioned, offer weekly sailings from the icy Hudson River in New York, with the round-trip fare

pegged at \$125 and up. You can swing a one-way ship, one-way air, arrangement with any of the lines.

For those whose best subject was not geography, Bermuda lies 666 miles south and east of New York City. It is, however, for those who would like a comparison, nearer to New York than is St. Louis. The islands are about on an even line with Charleston, South Carolina, and they are about 500 miles off Cape Hatteras. The temperature averages 70.7 degrees for the year and it's a remarkable day when the mercury slips below 60 or above 85. In March and April, if you are going to commune with the lilies, it ought to be 64.6 in the shade of the cedars.

Perhaps you ought also to know that Bermuda is really about 150 islands. The whole archipelago is the top of an ancient volcano, long extinct and covered with coral. There is really none of the volcanic atmosphere left except perhaps during College Week. The rest of the year it is just perfumey, dreamy, sunny, warm, surrounded by bathing beaches and out a little farther, game fish. What more could anyone ask?



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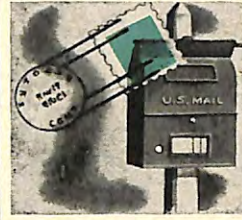
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I have received the information from your Travel Department and want to thank you very kindly for your efforts and also for having the Sinclair Company send me material. I looked the booklets over and find that they will be a lot of help.

Lewis Braselton
Monmouth, Ill.

In Tom Wrigley's February Washington Column he said, "Last name in the new Washington phone book is Zywasco. Can you beat that in your phone book?" Several of our readers accepted the challenge and here are a few of the replies, with the winner being Los Angeles.

Just for curiosity, I wanted to see if Dayton topped Washington, D. C., in last name in the telephone directory. Sure enough, Dayton is hard to beat with Zyzer, which ranks even back of Zywasco.

Fred Geyer
Dayton, Ohio

Attached is a clipping from the telephone directory here in Sunbury in answer to Tom Wrigley's challenge. It is Zyry.

L. P. Shissler
Sunbury, Pa.

The Central Section of the Los Angeles telephone directory lists one Zzyzz as the last name. This one should be very difficult to beat.

A. S. Pendell, Jr.
San Gabriel, Calif.

I want to congratulate you on the story about the Battleship Missouri. It is the best I have read in a long while. In my estimation, *The Elks Magazine* is getting better all the time and you are to be congratulated on the unusual contents.

In your Lodge Notes I see where Brother James W. Doncaster has on display in the Rochester lodge his card dated May 9th, 1894. My first card is dated July 15th, 1905. I have all my cards since joining our No. 12 lodge. Wishing you future success in keeping up the standard of the Magazine, I am

J. Harry Steele
Harrisburg, Pa.

The writer is an avid reader of *The Elks Magazine* and the only difficulty I have is reading the Magazine before my wife when it arrives each month. Being a lover of dogs, she first turns to Ed Faust's "In the Doghouse" articles.

Walter H. Hodge
Cordova, Alaska

I want to commend you on the January issue. It certainly did start the year off right. The painting of our former boxing champ, Jack Dempsey, is the best I have ever seen printed. The Presidential Portraits feature went off to school with my youngest. The For Elks Who Travel articles are very good. You have a great Magazine and Brother Elks should pass their copies on to their neighbors so that they can read all about our good work.

James A. Knox, P.E.R.
(of Peabody, Mass., Lodge)
Reading, Mass.

Would you please change our *Elks Magazine* address to our new location in South Africa? Being so far from home, we don't want to miss out on a single issue.

E. E. Seymore
Transvaal, South Africa

The article, "Stalin's Trojan Horse," by Bruno Shaw certainly is well written and the great amount of research involved is very apparent. After rereading the article, it became even more impressive.

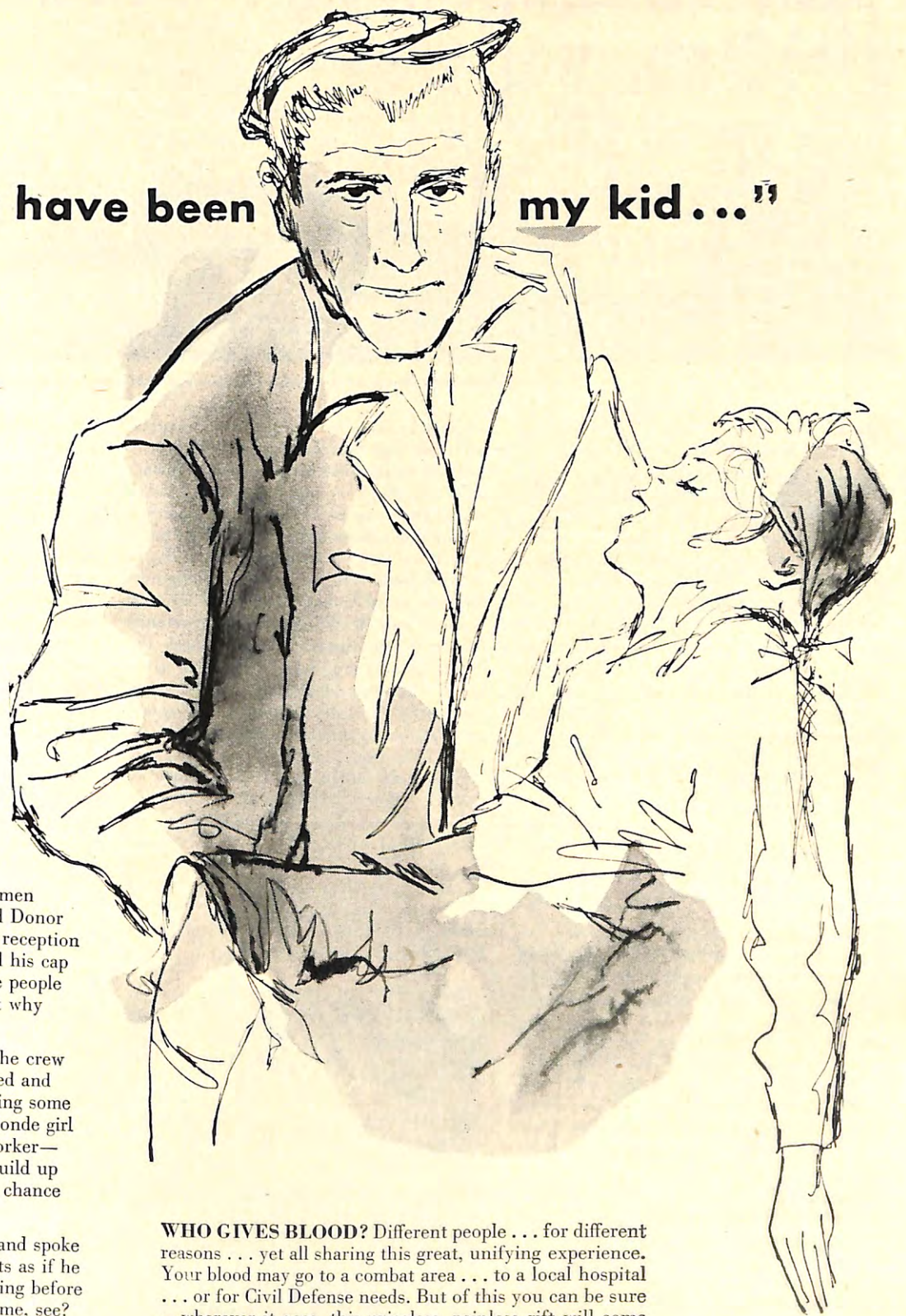
Fred C. Myers
Danville, Ill.

I suppose you will be deluged with letters about the picture of the hockey players of the Clinton, N. Y., team which ran in connection with Al Laney's Hockey article in the February issue. The teams were standing at attention for the "Star Spangled Banner," but the audience is seated according to the cut line—and that certainly is a hard one for Elks to swallow. *The Elks Magazine* is printing some fine articles and I thoroughly enjoy it.

Francis J. O'Neil
Attleboro, Mass.

Fortunately, the spectators actually were standing in the picture although it is rather difficult to see because of their small size. The cut line could have been much clearer, for the intention was to state the seating capacity of the rink.

“she might have been my kid...”



The line of men and women waiting to register at the Blood Donor Center moved briskly past the reception desk. The truck driver fingered his cap nervously as he listened to the people behind him. They talked about why they had come to give blood.

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Awards Will Be Made for Best State Exhibits at St. Louis



Memorial Plaza in St. Louis, with downtown skyline in the background.

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER GEORGE I. HALL, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, announced that awards will be made to the State Associations having the best exhibits on display at the St. Louis Convention next July. Recent Conventions have shown an increasing number of well-developed state exhibits, and the Committee's decision to recognize them as a Convention activity by establishing awards for the most outstanding is expected to stimulate greater interest.

Exhibits sponsored by State Associations feature displays depicting their major projects and the charitable activities of their lodges. These are supple-

mented usually by displays of industrial products and tourists attractions.

State exhibitions will be shown principally in the spacious Convention Hall, where they can be viewed by the visitors.

Housing continues at a rapid pace, according to Convention Director Bryan J. McKeogh. Thirty State Associations already have made their preliminary housing and headquarters arrangements. All requests must be made through the State Association, which, in turn, completes the details with the Convention Committee. In this manner, all delegates and visitors from the same state are located in the one hotel.

Although hotels in St. Louis are lo-

cated throughout the city, no one will be more than ten minutes away from the Kiel Auditorium, where the sessions will be held. George Wunderlich, Chairman of the local St. Louis Committee, is making special arrangements with the taxi and transit companies to have extra transportation on hand at every hotel each morning and at the auditorium to transport the delegates to and from the Sessions quickly. He also announced that over 30 different committees are already at work on their plans for a gala reception for the Convention visitors. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell is the Honorary Chairman of the St. Louis Committee.

Youth Activities Committee Reports Splendid Progress

THE Youth Activities Committee reports great interest of the Lodges in the 1952-53 Youth program of the Order. It is now apparent that a vast majority of the subordinate lodges are laying great emphasis on Youth work in their respective areas and preliminary figures indicate that at least \$2,500,000 will be expended this lodge year by our membership to interest the boys and girls of the country in good, wholesome youth projects.

Thousands of Youth Leadership Contest entry blanks have been distributed by the Grand Lodge Committee, indicating the extreme interest in this phase of the program.

The Grand Lodge Committee desires once again to emphasize the importance of deadline dates for various filings. They are fully set forth on page thirteen of the Youth Program bulletin sent all Exalted Rulers, State Presidents, Local and State Youth Chairmen and District Deputies, in late November, 1952.

Of particular importance are the following:

1. APRIL 1, 1953. All subordinate lodge Youth Leadership Contests must be concluded and local winners deter-

mined. (Awards could be made on Youth Day, May 1.)

2. APRIL 15, 1953. All winners of local lodge Youth Leadership contests must have been filed with, and certified to, the State Association Youth Activities Committee.

3. MAY 1, 1953. Winners of State Association Youth Leadership contests must be determined. (Awards could be made at State Convention.)



4. MAY 10, 1953. State winners of Youth Leadership contests (one boy and one girl) must be certified to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee and the contestants' entries filed with the certification.

5. MAY 1, 1953. State Associations to name the outstanding Lodge in its State for its Youth program, and declare it state winner.

6. MAY 10, 1953. State Associations to certify the outstanding Lodge in its jurisdiction, to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, for consideration in the National Champion Lodge Contest.

7. MAY 15, 1953. All State Associations to have filed their material with the Grand Lodge Committee for examination and selection of the outstanding State Association of the Order in Youth work.

The Committee would like to urge a review at this time of the booklet outlining the Grand Lodge Youth program in order that no avenue of participation in the program will be overlooked.

Russia Can Produce

(Continued from page 5)

try is that it has a single dread goal: preparation of the Soviet state for war.

An absolutely vital point in understanding Red productive ability is that Americans can't judge Red Russian industry by our standards and values. The "single goal" (war) and "single control" (by the Communist dictatorship) of Red Russian industry make it sweepingly different from American industry—and indeed that of the whole West.

Though the Reds' industrial aims and total war theories have been as publicly available as the similar world conquest blueprints published by Hitler in "Mein Kampf", Americans can't seem to take these factors properly into account when weighing Red industry's worth. Experts who should know better keep comparing Russia's industrial position to America's by using output statistics suitable for comparing Western-type industries and economies with each other, but of very questionable value in figuring where we stand with Russia. It's common to point out that Russia and her Eastern European satellites turn out 43 million tons of steel a year to America's 106 million; 420 million tons of coal to America's 554 million; 35 million tons of oil to America's 250 million; 64,000 trucks to America's more than two million.

These statistics lose much significance when you consider that industrial might for war isn't just a matter of the size of a nation's industry and its output—it's more what the industry is for, and how adaptable it is to its purpose.

For example, the Reds' great Karl Liebknecht steel works wasn't built for the same end purpose as the Bethlehem

Aviation Age Photo from United Press.

Sparrows Point plant; the Gorki Auto Factory for the same job as the Ford complex at River Rouge; nor the Stalin-grad tractor "zavod" for the same ends as the American industries from which it copied its mass production techniques to service the Red war machine.

Realization that Russians aren't newcomers to industry (they were in war industry long before America was discovered) should help Americans to understand an important fact about Red Russian industry: that the Russians can turn out remarkably outstanding products. The MIG jet fighter is no flash in the Russian industrial pan.

Since Americans are air-minded, the performance of the MIG in Korea has attracted plenty of attention, but in Red Korean ground forces there is to be found what many believe an even more remarkable example of what Russian industry can do. This is the light artillery howitzer designed and produced by the giant Stalin Gun Factory. It weighs the same as our comparable howitzer and has the same range and accuracy, but features a cannon barrel of much bigger diameter than the American (122 mm to 105 mm) enabling it to shoot a big 47-pound shell while the American howitzer is firing a 33-pounder. To get this extra firepower without adding weight or otherwise compromising the cannon's efficiency, the Russians used no secrets or special materials. They were just smarter than the whole world's gun designers.

That they did so isn't surprising either, for the Russians have been making outstanding cannon for centuries. Experts point out that the Russian World War I



This Russian plane was seen over East Germany last May. It is a two-seat jet, all-weather fighter—MIG-15F. It appears to be armed with heavy-caliber cannons, two of which are installed under the nose. The aircraft has a longer fuselage to accommodate the two-man crew and rounded instead of angular wing tips to increase stability at high altitudes. The MIG-15F resembles a turbo-prop plane, an impression caused by the radar nose which looks like a propeller hub.

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That the Russians are good at turning out a type of product which they've manufactured for centuries may be no surprise, when people know the facts. It may be no great surprise, either, that the MIG is so outstanding if people realize that famous American airplane designers such as Sirkorsky and Seversky got their start in Russia during the infancy of world aviation. Sirkorsky made aviation history by producing a Russian four-engined giant plane before World War I.

TO MANY Americans it will be a surprise and a shock to learn that the Russians have taken and held as great a lead in tanks as they have. The automotive industry—of which tanks are the war product—has long been America's just pride. In 1928 when Russia turned out a mere 835 trucks and cars America was producing millions. Yet Russia by 1940 almost miraculously had forged ahead to gain a world lead in tanks—what was to them a completely new field of industrial effort. They have since held their lead, too. Only in 1952 did America catch up with what Russian industry had done nine and more years ago.

Americans must bear in mind that the Reds are crazy like a fox, and we must be very careful not to jump to unconsidered conclusions about Red industry. While Red Russian industry has done many remarkable jobs it is far from perfect and many observers conclude that the Reds' production of many close copies of foreign products is a sign of great weakness. They point out that, of current Russian autos and trucks, the ZIS-115 is a Packard; the ZIS-151 can't be told from the Lend-Lease Studebakers, and the Red Jeep is nothing but a Ford 1929 Model A truck with front-axle drive. American farmers visiting the 1951 Paris Farm Machine Show looked over the new-model agricultural machinery displayed and found that the Red tractor-pulled seven-meter combine is a copy of those made by John Deere & Co., the self-propelled combine a close replica of a Massey Harris model and the steel wheel tractor almost identical to the Farmall 1530 model discontinued about 1930 by International Harvester. U. S. gun bugs have noticed that the .22 rifles used to train Red boys in marksmanship are copies of Savage models; their peep sights are literally stolen from Lyman commercial products, and the Army pistol looks as if its goat-bearded designer Tokarev couldn't get a Colt .45 off his mind. It's notorious that the MIG jet fighter's engine is patterned on the Britain Rolls-Royce Nene and that the Tu-4 bomber can't be told from a USAF B-29.

The list of what Russian industry has copied from the West is a long one and yet Americans have no reason to become complacent about it or to sneer at the

Reds. When they copy, Red industrialists usually are using their head.

For the Reds to copy tried and true foreign products is very sensible, for thereby the Reds profit by the engineering "know-how" built up by foreign firms, whose accumulated knowledge is, in the Russian view, more important than Americans realize both in converting a designer's marvelous idea into something that will work, and in getting those results with a minimum of engineering hours and "teething troubles" in the production line and product. Engineers and machinists with a back-log of know-how were in very short supply when the Reds began their industrial race with America, and during the past 25 years the supply has never come near meeting the demand. Russian autocracy, whether Czarist or Communist, hasn't been attractive to foreign engineers or skilled labor the way America has (indeed, until the Reds came into power America drew off many of the best Russians) and native Russians have been jealous of Germans "in-



Typical Russian copy of a foreign product, in this case, the German Opel automobile.

vited" in by the Reds, consequently, Russian industry has had very frequently to swallow its native pride and follow the advice of Prince Bismark, who once said: "Some profit from experience; I try to profit from the experience of others."

One reason why Americans should regard Russian industrial copying with alarm rather than derision is one the West tends to miss—that free American business competition often puts a premium on developing a new model just to be able to stress newness in sales promotion, whether or not the change is really a needed improvement. The Reds don't have to sell. Hence they can keep the same old machine tools making the same old, but top-notch and reliable products, such as modernized Ford Model A trucks, which many think have yet to be surpassed for their purpose and especially for the Russian conditions under which they're used. A song has it: "Don't hit your mother, boys, just because she's old . . ." and this sound ad-

vice could well be re-worded for Americans who would take knocks at Russian industrial products on grounds of age alone.

Still sounder advice for the West as regards Russian industrial copying is to be found in the saying that you can't judge by appearances. At first glance many Russian copies may look just like their foreign originals, but detailed examination may show that the Russians have made surprising improvements and smart simplifications to make manufacture and maintenance easier. A perfect example is the jet engine of the MIG in which the Russians not only beefed up their copy to be more powerful than the British Rolls-Royce prototype, but solved in an amazingly facile way a fuel combustion problem which plagued both British and American engineers for years.

There are other good reasons why the Russians copy foreign designs, an excellent one being that Red Russian industry can get away with the pirating of foreign designs in a manner quite out of the question for the law-abiding West. The Reds have seldom bothered about obtaining permission from holders of patent and manufacturing rights; they don't worry much about paying patent royalties and manufacturing license fees either. Typical was the operation in which the Reds bought a few sample Lyman gunsights, and later never even let the Lyman people know that copies of their sights were in production in Russia on a much vaster scale than they ever were in America. These Red industrial racketeers have no conscience or scruple and they didn't care a fig that Walter Christie was dying a poor man in Virginia when tens of thousands of Red T-34 and BT tanks, using Christie's running gear, were carving out for the Communists an empire such as the Czars only dreamed of.

The Red Russians appear to have done a far better job than we have in thinking out their industrial problems—particularly the armaments angles. "They seem to have made a virtue of necessity," warns a top U. S. defense scientist, who claims that the Reds' very industrial backwardness has been an asset to them. "Since they started out industrially weak, they couldn't afford to rush into things blindly and wastefully; not being strong, they had to be smart."

IT'S TRUE that the Reds frequently display striking industrial foresight and in many cases are fantastically successful at making a given design serve satisfactorily for long periods. Instead of making the MIG jet fighter fit snugly around its original engine, Red designers built the MIG "with a tuck in it." Just as provident mothers will buy a growing boy's pants long enough so that she can take in tucks that can be let out as the child grows, so the provident Reds saw to it that the MIG was large enough to permit installation of bigger and more powerful engines without having to re-

design the whole airplane fuselage. That means the Reds don't have to retool the MIG factories when such new engines are ready. This is just one of several features of the MIG alone which have caused open-minded American engineers to kick themselves and say: "Now why didn't we do that."

Since World War II the American forces have made much of the founding of an "Operational Research Office" wherein scientists weigh the efficiency of various weapons and techniques for them and see how they fit into the overall national economy. The Red Russians did the same long ago, but without all the publicity fanfare because to them it was a matter of simple peasant common-sense and economy.

A prime result of the Reds' studies has been the general absence of gadgetry and complexity, as is well shown by the T-34 tank which the Russians have used both in World War II and Korea. Compared to U. S. tanks it seems to be of shockingly rough and even of crude workmanship. The folding seat for the tank commander is merely a plywood oval onto which a black leatherette covering is tacked, with straw in between for cushioning. It and the ammunition ready racks could have been made in some grade-school manual arts class (some people think they were) but they do the job. The armor is roughly cast, but good, the welds are sloppy but they hold. But whenever top-grade precision workmanship is really needed, it's to be found—as on the gun aiming telescope and in the engine and gun barrel.

To those used to beautiful American industrial products the T-34 on first inspection may look like a pile of junk, but the facts are that it works. It's an amazing design for sheer combat power; it's simple to build and fight and maintain, and doubtless costs a tenth of the \$250,000 that American medium tanks do today. That means of course (since money is merely a gauge of production effort, equipment and materials) that the Russians with a given amount of tools, labor and materials probably can outbuild America ten to one in tanks; and build them sooner and quicker mainly because they don't allow commercial civilian attitudes to influence critical military production.

Particularly as a result of Korean experiences our tankers and airmen are now questioning the complex gadgetry which the Army and Air Force have been putting in their tanks and planes and of which the forces have been so proud. After dealing with the MIG, many U. S. and British fighter pilots are demanding simple "stripped down" planes like the Russians, which aren't crammed with gadgets. These are wonderful when they work but add weight, get out of order, and require complex maintenance for which sufficiently skilled service mechanics often are lacking in the field.

There's been sweeping standardization

of parts for all kinds of Red products. The T-34 tank for example uses Ford truck gauges and other Ford dashboard instruments; the engine it uses is fitted in various modified forms to eight other models of tanks and armored artillery—an idea the U. S. Army finally followed after World War II.

The Reds have also demanded a ruthless standardization even of arms design along the idea of what is called "universal tooling." According to this scheme, designers don't seek perfection, but bear in mind what commonly available types of machine tools and labor are equipped to do. They may even keep in mind what sort of materials—such as sheet and bar-stock metals—are readily available. Americans are very likely to miss the advantages of "universal tooling," as when some engineers disappointedly comment on the MIG and noted that its guns failed to show that they were the products of any unusual industrial techniques. Actually Nudelman and Saranov had done a marvelous job in pulling together the best feature of Finnish Lahti and German Mauser gun designs and yet arranging so the designs of the guns "could be made in most any machine shop" (to quote the American observers' comment). This means that Red industry on receiving new designs often doesn't have to order special new machine tools to make them, which not only would take time but possibly mean that the tools wouldn't be much use for anything else.

PERHAPS the most striking example of the Reds' "universal tooling" products is their notorious "burp gun" which the clever George Shpagin designed to be made by unskilled primitive labor with scanty and crude tools and simple materials. Americans were flabbergasted when in World War II Red troops occupying Iran brought with them not spare burp guns, but stamping dies and had their replacement guns made by local Iranian labor. Burp guns and other Russian munitions designs have been turned out in Korean caves under incredible conditions near the front, and consequently many believe that it'll take more than atom-bombing of Russia's big factory centers to wipe out her arms production.

Ownership of the whole Russian economy has enabled the Kremlin to project huge long-term programs for science and industry; to explore new fields of industrial activity, and to develop new processes—all on a scale private American firms can seldom afford. Red Russian leaders were conscious of the need for government-sponsored basic scientific research when they took over in 1917, while America's recognition of this need came only in World War II. Even now U. S. aid to industry doesn't equal Russia's. We've begun to give federal aid to help school new crops of scientists, but the supply remains insufficient and we shall also have to watch where we stand

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in engineers and more particularly in skilled labor. Americans no longer have the patience to learn skilled trades, while ever-increasing thousands of young Russians are being forced to. This year the proposed U. S. budget cuts by a fourth the funds allotted to research on supersonic flight, though accidents to our planes show we don't yet know all its scientific fundamentals. While in one year alone the Reds had over 60,000 scientists out on 800-odd expeditions looking for new domestic sources of minerals, America—interested mainly in uranium for A-bombs—has let private steel firms shoulder the burden of finding and developing vital new overseas sources of iron ore. Yet Russia is far richer in minerals than we, and her aircraft designers long have been able to specify higher grade alloys (lighter, stronger, easier to fashion—than we can with our dependence on overseas sources of many critical minerals.

But the greatest advantage the Communist dictatorship affords Red industry is the Reds' ability to barrel through projects they consider important. The men in the Kremlin don't have to worry about voters or labor or justice to individual firms, and they can use both rewards and dire threats to get results.

With propellor-driven planes the Reds often have taken only from 11 to 24 months from the design order to the time production models are in general service. In contrast our Air Force and industry have usually claimed such planes need three to five years "lead time."

Since Korea our Air Force has been excusing its failure to make schedules by saying that jet planes require two to three years more "lead time" than propellor ones, but what we know of the Russian

MIG suggests that this excuse hardly holds. The MIG is, in fact, a very good example of the contrasting tempo of U. S. and Red arms production and the effect of the Reds' "do-it-or-else" policy. The MIG was started very late in 1947 when sample Nene engines were received from Britain. A test model was seen flying the next July (1948), small formations (apparently a "service test" batch) were noted in a May Day, 1949, air parade. That same spring mass production began in the big Kuybeshev Plant No. 1. Finally, in 1950, whole MIG "air regiments" were flooding Europe and Asia. In all, the MIG was only somewhat over two years from design to mass service. It's this ability to "barrel things through" which makes it so hard to tell what Russian industry can do.

The shocking state of our knowledge of Russia and what we're doing about it was revealed a few years ago by the American Council on Education, which warned that 75 per cent of our high school pupils get a very foggy picture of Russia, and that some U. S. text books on Russia are twenty years old, which means they came out just as the Reds' great industrial drive began. Of late the Russian research institutes at Columbia and Harvard—new since the cold war began—have been widely publicized, but their average yearly enrollment has been about 75 and 120 students, respectively. Hardly what could be called mass-production of experts on Russia. America's teachers of Russian have estimated that no more than 35,000 Americans study Russian each year and the vast majority of these, and of Russian-speaking immigrants, don't know technical Russian and are virtually useless to help us pore over Russian industry with its many even more

specialized military angles. (In contrast, at least ten million Red Russians know English already.)

Since Korea it's been increasingly evident that even U. S. experts are ill-fitted to deal with a militarized state like Russia. Americans have so long neglected the study of war (as well as their defenses) that they just don't understand the sort of total war the Reds have worked up in theory, and carried into industrial practice. Our traditional pacifism is one reason for this situation, but the Reds themselves can take much credit, with their subversive "pacifism" propaganda.

We must realize that as long as we're so much in the dark we'll be wrong again and again about Russia. We won't be able to "seize the initiative away from the Russians" in the Cold War, as so many want us to do. Instead, as Averell Harriman has warned (and he spoke as chief of U. S. foreign aid to counter Russia) we'll fumble along and like as not "wake up 20 years from now and find we are in a completely unmanagable situation."

This isn't alarmism.

The great Roman Empire fell to "barbarians" who learned enough of Roman ways to bring about Rome's doom. Like the Red Russians today, these ancient barbarians were tough peoples who had very low living standards, but were utterly devoted to warlike pursuits. Like the Americans today, the Romans were both ignorant of the barbarian menace and indifferent to it, and, what was worse, they didn't want to readjust their way of life to safeguard their civilization. Rome fell and the centuries of "Dark Ages" followed.

A top American elder statesman has asked: Are we to repeat the way of Rome?

Pitchers' Battle

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from now when he's a real pitcher," countered the game-wise Sukeforth.

The suggestion was offered that 8 and 1 for a season wasn't too bad a record for a youngster.

"Go talk to the boy," advised Sukeforth, "I'll bet he can't even tell you how he won those eight games. Oh, he'll be a big winner all right but it'll take a little time. Pitchers don't blossom overnight."

That blossoming has taken a long time and right now there's a fine crop of smart young pitchers who have once more made baseball a more or less even contest between the man with the bat and the man with the ball, meanwhile junking the fungo-contest aspects of the game which existed a couple of seasons ago.

They have had help, too, although the people who have helped them won't admit it. They've been helped by the people who make the baseballs, and although they'll scornfully pooh-pooh the suggestion, the ball is less lively today than it was two years ago. The pitchers aren't that much better nor are the hitters that

much poorer to account for a drop of almost 400 major-league homers in two short seasons. That's right—in 1950, the

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record year, 2,073 were smashed; in 1952, 1,701.

What's so phoney about 2,073 homers?



It was no coincidence that both Rookies of the Year in 1952 were pitchers—Joe Black of the Dodgers, left, and Harry Byrd of the Athletics.



Two great pitchers of other days who made baseball history. Left: Grover Cleveland Alexander, who led National League pitchers in most games won six times during a career that led him to the Hall of Fame. Right: Nap Rucker, famous left-hander for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1907 to 1916, who still has the badly scored baseball that he pitched throughout a 13-inning game.

Nothing until you break it down and analyze who did the homer hitting. The big hitters got their share of circuit clouts, of course, but pushing the Kinners, the Musials, the Rosens, were a strange bunch of fellows who we won't embarrass by mentioning their names and homer totals for that year. They won't hit that number again, not unless a little jet engine is inserted into the center of the ball. It was definitely a hitter's year and a lot of fellows who formerly had been concentrating on trying to punch out singles discovered that by following these same tactics they literally could punch that ball over the fence.

In mid-1950 there was a terrific howl raised. The ball manufacturers insisted that it was the same ball, but that perhaps the fact that better yarn was now available for winding might have something to do with the ball's sudden rabbit-like propensities.

Nothing was said about the core of the ball, which was undoubtedly the crux of the entire matter. The season finished in a welter of homer hitting and if you'll look in the record book you'll find some amazing scores racked up that year. That was the season the Boston Red Sox scored 29 runs against the Browns in a single game, the season the Red Sox scored 22 in one game to the A's 14 for a record total of 36; the year the Red Sox and the Browns scored 49 runs between them in successive games. Gil Hodges got into the record book that season with four homers off Braves pitching in his home ball park, Ebbets Field, one sticky night in late August.

But the year finally came to an end and presumably what was left of 1950's crop

of rabbit-balls was dumped into the ocean. Some semblance of sanity returned in 1951, and in 1952 the figures dipped below those of 1949.

The brief sortie into the rabbit-ball department in 1950, of course, couldn't begin to hold a candle to the change-over in the game that had taken place 30 years earlier when the lively ball was introduced for the first time. Then it changed the complexion of the game completely and suddenly small boys found themselves idolizing the hitters instead of the pitchers. That was the start of the Ruthian era and to make way for it a lot of debris had to be cleared away, including a ball that travelled with all the velocity of an over-ripe tomato when it was clouted right on the nose.

Also banned were such pleasantries as dousing the ball liberally with saliva before giving the batter a discolored dipsydoodle at which to swing. Banning the spitter might have been a step forward in the sanitary department but it lopped a goodly number of years off the careers of a lot of big-league pitchers.

Burt Shotton, the former Brooklyn manager, recalls quite vividly the change-over from the dead ball to the lively ball. Shotton had the advantage over most of the players of that time because the transition for him was abrupt. One day he was chasing dead-ball flies in the outfield for the St. Louis Browns and the next he was hot-footing it after the livelier version. Thirty years later he still pants at the vivid recollection of the difference it made.

"I remember it so well," recalled Burt "because I had hurt my ankle and had to lay off for about half the season. They

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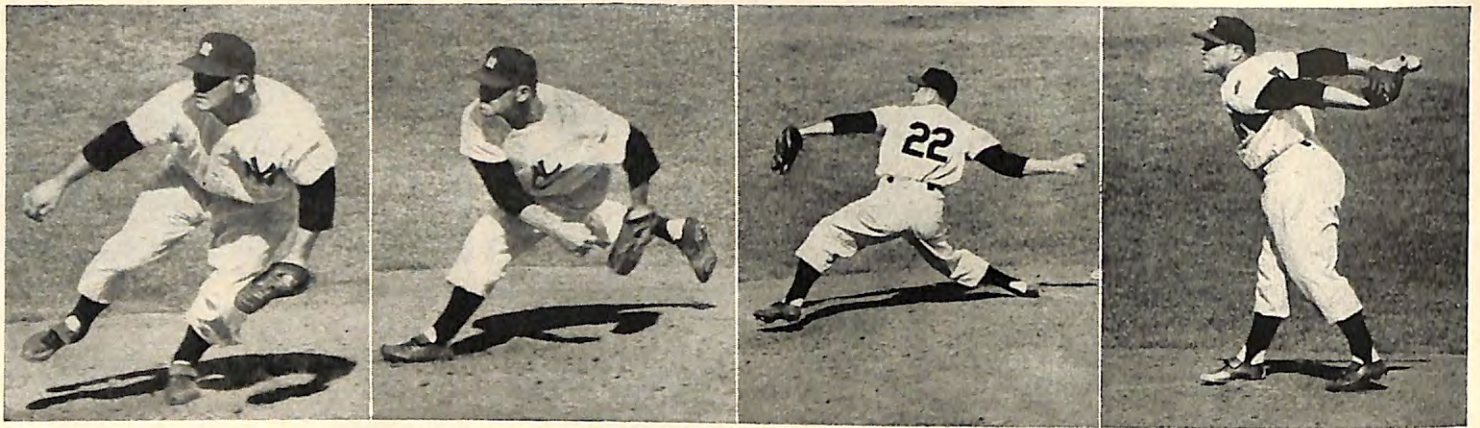
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Four-picture sequence of Allie Reynolds, of the New York Yankees, was taken in September, 1951, during a game with the Red Sox when Reynolds hurled his second no-hitter of the season. Note Reynolds' vulnerability to a batted ball as he follows through after releasing the ball.

used to play the Yankee home games at the Polo Grounds and instead of a painted white line on the grass for a foul line they used to have a flat hose painted white. Well, I stepped on that hose and twisted my knee and was out for the last part of 1918.

"When I got back I found they were playing an entirely different game. Fellows who couldn't get the ball out of the infield before were hitting it over my head. I ran more in the last couple of months of that season than I did ten seasons before that."

Figures bear out Shotton. In 1918 there was a total of 235 homers hit in the major leagues; in 1919 there was a total of 446. The four-year totals were even more impressive. From 1915-18 there were 1,335 homers; from 1920-23, 3,601. Whatever they jabbed into the ball to pep it up, it proved the right prescription.

Statistically speaking, the early thirties proved the best time for the pitchers in the lively-ball era. Lefty Grove won 31 in 1931, Dizzy Dean, clowning his way with the Cardinals, won 30 in 1934, then followed this with 50 victories in the next two seasons.

But despite the adage that pitching is at least three-quarters of baseball (and in some eminently-respected quarters the figures soar even higher), the last generation has grown up pretty much convinced it's a hitter's game. For every Bob Feller and a \$70,000 contract (with bonus clauses) they've read about there's been a counter-acting Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Ralph Kiner grabbing off heavy salaries and headlines.

THINGS are going to be different now, is the word inside and outside the trade. The young pitchers have now been around long enough to have learned a couple of tricks. With the military draft now a permanent part of the national picture, the ball clubs can do some kind of planning which will permit a boy to get in his military service and then come out for an uninterrupted baseball career, which has not been possible for more than a decade. Before this a lot of young fellows pitched with half their mind concentrating upon the task at hand and the

other on the mailbox back home where there might be a notice waiting from the local draft board.

One of the tricks a good number of the new kids have learned is the slider. The slider, the technical aspects of which will be gone into in a moment, is blamed by such an astute observer as Casey Stengel for the sudden drop in .300 hitters. Clark Griffith, a pretty fair pitcher himself 50 years ago, is inclined to agree.

Stengel maintains that hitters today simply don't know how to hit the slider. The fast ball and the curve—well, it's your eye and your judgment against that of the pitcher and it's who fools who, but about this slider . . .

The slider has been described in scornful fashion by those unable or unwilling to master it as a "nickel curve." Actually it bears little resemblance to a curve at all, according to those who have had such success with it as the Giants' Sal Maglie and Larry Jansen, but is a ball that breaks away from the batter on a level with the line of delivery and not sharp and down and away like a big curve.

In other words, it's a curve that breaks only a few inches and doesn't dip. It can be very confusing to a batter looking for that fast ball right down the middle, or awaiting a wide-breaking curve. It can also be confusing even when he's expecting a slider. Ask those who've faced Sal the Barber on some of his better days.

The slider must be a good pitch. Not only are most young fellows working diligently on it to add to their customary armament of a fast ball, curve and change-up, but even such an old trouper as Bob Feller last winter decided to have a look. Since Feller's fast ball is now a thing of the past he's looking at it virtually through bi-focals.

But no matter how many pitches he develops, today's pitcher can never hope to equal that taken-for-granted edge enjoyed by his mound predecessors 30 or 40 years ago. Go ahead and perfect the slider, come up with a knuckle-ball that dances a minuet on its way to the plate, pull the string on a change-up and what have you got? You still have a nice, new white ball coming up to the plate—a ball

the batter can see. The old boys had more than a slight advantage in playing with a ball that was often so dirty and discolored that it was virtually invisible.

CASEY STENDEL, the youthful sexagenarian who will try for the big five-for-five (five pennants, five World Series) with the Yankees this year, is a strong admirer of today's pitchers and not just because he has such fellows as Allie Reynolds, Vic Rashi, Ed Lopat and Whitey Ford working for him. He thinks the hurlers of today do a tremendous job, all things considered, and maintains that the 20-game winners of today would have won a lot more in the era of the dead-and-dirty ball.

"The big difference, apart from what's inside the ball," maintains Stengel, "is in how many of them we use in a game today. They are throwing a brand new ball to just about every batter now. In the old days we seldom used more than 10 or 12 a game. Now it's 60 at least and I've seen games where we used 80. A small grass stain or a bruise and out it goes.

"When we were in Atlanta last spring for an exhibition game," recalled Stengel, "Nap Rucker, the old Brooklyn pitcher, came down to the bench to talk with me. We were recalling our days with Brooklyn and the old fellow pulls out a baseball which was kind of brown and old. He told me that he had saved it because it was the only ball used in a game he won 1-to-0 in 13 innings once. Imagine a big league game played with only one ball!

"The things they did with a ball in the old days were amazing," continued Stengel. "Why when Larry Doyle played second base for the Giants he used to chew licorice and spit in in his glove. All he had to do was catch one warm-up toss around the infield and the ball was nice and black. Did they take it out of play? You bet your life they didn't. It used to be pretty tough seeing a dark, scuffed ball in the late afternoon."

The dark, dirty ball is a thing of the past, and so are all the trick deliveries that used to take advantage of it. They're all gone: the emery ball (small piece of

abrasive paper concealed in your glove), the paraffin ball (a little wax dripped on the side of your pants for rubbing purposes), the nicked seam (a quick flick against the sharpened eyelets of the catcher's mitt), and the spit-ball. The spitter, however, every so often comes stealing out of its grave to torment present-day umpires. No one, of course, will admit throwing one because it's illegal and it's liable to cost you dearly if you're caught.

The mention of the spitter, however, must bring a smile to the faces of a lot of veteran hurlers, particularly those who have now retired from playing to enter the coaching end of the business. The spitter is thrown today, not frequently, but in enough tight spots to cause sprightly conversation in the wee hours.

You can't spit on the ball in the manner of your dad's mound idol, but today's pitcher can sneak a few drops of moisture onto the ball if he really tries. Apparently that's all that's necessary.

You can do it by wiping the dew off your brow with one finger and rubbing a different finger on your shirt, saving the moisture for the ball. You can pick up a little off your wrist, the droplets being caused to gather in one spot by a subtle application of olive oil. You even can, as one pitcher did, learn to spray a bit of moisture through your teeth right at the ball as you carry it past your face during the actual wind-up.

Tough? It certainly is. In most cases, however, it was worthwhile for the pitchers to learn these tricks. It prolonged their hurling lives by several seasons.

On the legitimate side, the study of the knuckler is becoming increasingly



Bobby Shantz, voted the most valuable player in the American League last year, starts his windup.

fashionable today. It's a pitch thrown with the knuckles more or less drawn away from the ball, thereby releasing it with practically no rotation and subject to the vagaries of the slightest breeze. Trouble is that the pitcher, the catcher and the batter are all more or less in the dark as to where the ball is going to go eventually and unless a knuckle-ball thrower has another pitch to call upon in a clutch he will find himself in trouble a good deal of the time.

Today's best knuckle-baller undoubtedly is Hoyt Wilhelm, the Giants' ace reliever, who last season became the first rookie in the National League's history to win both the earned-run average and best percentage titles. Wilhelm throws a knuckler and he can get it where he wants it to go. An assortment of battered fingers among the Giants' catching staff, however, indicated that the batters weren't alone in being mystified by Wilhelm's deliveries.

THE SECRET of Wilhelm's effectiveness, despite his protests that he could do it all day long, was in his being used for only a couple of innings each time he worked. Leo Durocher must inevitably have to make a tough decision—whether to go along with the young man's insistence that he can pitch nine full innings or whether to keep him on his daily meager diet of effective pitching each day. If Wilhelm becomes a starter and proves a winning one he'll virtually be writing pitching history.

Unlike Wilhelm, most knuckle-ball throwers have other pitches. Warren Hacker has several deliveries to go along with his butterfly pitch and even Dutch Leonard, his venerable Chicago Cubs team mate, will sometimes come in with a curve or the ghost of his one-time fast ball to give the batter a taste of something different.

Leonard is one of the most amazing pitchers in baseball today. He's in his mid-40's, looks like a high school principal, and his career spans several eras. Last year, before they lost him to the Army, the Cubs had a strapping young catcher named Harry Chiti helping to catch Leonard. Leonard had played semi-pro ball with Chiti's father!

Dutch Leonard was once a member of one of the most unusual pitching staffs ever gathered on one major-league team. It was Washington's 1945 team, one that finished second to Detroit on the last day of the season. All four starting pitchers on the club, Leonard, Johnny Niggeling, Roger Wolff and Mickey Haefner, were knuckle-ball throwers and no two of them threw the pitch alike.

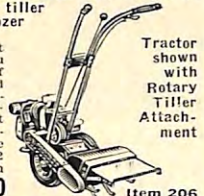
"It really was something to remember," recalled Rick Ferrell, who along with Al Evans caught this quartet as part of his daily chores. "I had twenty-one passed balls that season. It was impossible to stop them all. And you couldn't try stopping them with just your glove alone because they'd drop out and you'd have to

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go fumbling for the ball and then the runners would steal you blind."

Ferrell, Evans and anyone else stuck with the job of warming up the knuckleball pitchers (and with four of them it seemed as though there always was at least one warming up) unashamedly wore full catching equipment, short of the mask, to warm them up. "I guess I was hit everywhere but on the soles of my feet," recalled Ferrell.

Pitching is a hazardous business for the pitcher as well as the catcher. The man on the mound, not necessarily the same one of course, will be hit by a batted ball more frequently than any other player on the field. At the finish of his delivery he is off-balance and virtually defenseless against a wicked liner coming right back at him. And inexplicably, the sight of a pitcher getting nailed is somehow gruesomely humorous to most spectators (and opposing players, too). It's something like the time you used to laugh when the old man socked his finger hanging up a picture, except that in that particular instance you paid for your laugh.

Fred Fitzsimmons, the Giants' coach and an outstanding knuckleball thrower a decade or two ago, still boils when he remembers his experiences or when someone expresses sympathy for a batter who has just been "brushed back" from the plate by a pitch close to his head.

"Let them feel sorry for the pitcher, instead," foamed Fitzsimmons. "They're (meaning the batters) trying to kill you out there. Every time they put one past your ear by this much they're sorry—sorry they didn't hit you. And just let a pitcher hit a batter accidentally, and there isn't one customer in the park who doesn't think you're the biggest heel in the world.

"Certainly I've thrown at batters but never to hit them. I never tried to hit a batter in my life. Brush 'em back? Certainly. You can't let a man get set and

dig in at the plate. That's your bread and butter."

Fitzsimmons maintains that every time a batter gets hit with a ball, without exception, it's the batter's fault; that there isn't a ball that can't be evaded, and that if the batter "loses" the ball that's the batter's fault, too.

"Look at the time Ralph Kiner got hit with a curve ball. A curve ball! How in the world can a man get hit with a curve unless it fools him from here to Sunday or he just forgets to look?" he demanded.

"But when a pitcher gets hit," continued Fitzsimmons, "you'd think it was the best joke on a Bob Hope show. What's so funny about a pitcher getting knocked cold by a line drive, losing a couple of teeth, an eye maybe, or getting whacked on the knee and being out of a job the next season?"

"They hit me all right," declared Fitz. "Once they got me twice in seven minutes and every one thought it was very funny. The first one got me in the groin and when I got up to pitch I was groggy. I was still groggy a couple of batters later so that I didn't duck in time and caught one right in the neck.

"But just let a ball 'get away from you' and hit a batter on the wrist or on the elbow or in the ribs and they're looking to murder you and calling you all kinds of names."

It was a tough racket for pitchers in Fitzsimmons' time and it's a tough racket today, just as it wasn't any bower of roses back in the days of Christy Mathewson, Dazzy Vance, Grover Alexander and the rest of the mound immortals. There are definite attractions that go with the job, however, like big money and good hours and fame, to name a few. And with the statistics showing that it's once again getting to be a pitcher's game there isn't likely to be any foreseeable scarcity of candidates.

Rod and Gun

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moderate weather, such as the freezing nights and warm days that you get in the Rockies in October, when much of your hunting will be done in shirt sleeves, wool underwear is not amiss. It will keep you from chilling in the sudden blast of cold air that greets you when you top a summit, and its protection will be most welcome if you get caught in a sudden storm.

For big game hunting, nothing equals wool pants. They are warm, but the most important reason is that they enable a man to walk much more silently. Any cotton material is noisy when you scrape a twig. Wool is quiet. The pants that I'm using now are 80 per cent wool and 20 per cent nylon, and they seem to be excellent. Unless you expect to remain motionless on a deer stand for hours at a time, pants made from Mackinaw cloth are much too heavy. They are hard to walk in and far too hot for an active man, even in bitter weather.

The kind of pants to wear hunting upland birds depends largely on the country you hunt. Wherever there are briars, which includes most of the country where bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse and woodcock are found, you need protection against them. Great improvements have been made in pants for this purpose since the war, and the old-style canvas hunting pants are just about obsolete. New materials are both lighter and tougher. Trousers for hunting in briar country should be double in front, single along the backs of the legs. This provides protection against scratches, yet hampers your movements less than pants that are double all around.

When the weather is mild, I prefer to hunt in shirt sleeves. Even when it is quite chilly, I find that I am comfortable in wool underwear and a wool shirt. This combination gives me much greater freedom of movement than I would have if I

wore a bulky coat. I carry my ammunition and birds—in case I happen to be lucky enough to clobber a few—in a gadget called a bird hunter's vest. It has a big pocket in back for game and two smaller ones for lunch and shells. These pockets are held together by a piece of webbing that goes around my middle and buckles in front. The whole thing is supported by wide webbing straps over my shoulders. It is the most comfortable thing I have found for hot weather and it can be worn over a coat in cold.

Wet weather necessitates a coat of some kind, of course. Here, again, real improvements have been made during the past few years. The stiff, heavy, bulky canvas hunting coats that we used to wear have been outmoded by new coats made of light and soft, yet tough and water resistant, material. The better of these new models have ample pockets for ammunition and game, will turn a cold wind or a drizzle, and yet are not too bulky.

A slicker or raincoat is a miserable thing for any kind of hunting. It is noisy, awkward and is likely to snag and tear. In addition, it confines all the moisture from perspiration, and an active man is going to sweat some, no matter how chilly the weather. The result is that you soon become just as wet and clammy from confined perspiration inside the slicker as you would have from the rain. A rain-resistant, but not absolutely watertight, jacket is better. The only exception is when you're sitting in a duck blind on a rainy day. Then you're not moving and a slicker long enough to keep the seat of your pants dry is all right.

The big game hunter needs a coat of some kind in case of storms, even in pleasant autumn weather. The best that

I have found is a reversible, hip-length jacket. One side is bright red wool, the other a finely woven, water-repellent rayon material. Normally, it is worn with the wool side in, but when a lot of hunters are in the woods the red wool side can be turned out. This coat is light and comfortable, yet it turns wind and a reasonable amount of rain or snow.

In really cold weather, of course, something warmer is required. I wear a hip-length down jacket then. It has a duck covering and, while it is somewhat more bulky than one without this feature, it is much more durable. This is the coat that I wear duck hunting when I expect to remain motionless in a blind during really cold weather. It would be equally good on a deer stand, but it is too warm when a man is active.

Some hunters wear fleecy wool coats. They are good, although I prefer down. Hard-woven, stiff wool coats are neither warm nor comfortable.

Short down coats, the bottom of which comes about to a man's belt, are popular, but I like the longer length much better. Its added protection from wind or melting snow means extra comfort.

It is a good idea to consider just what we are attempting to do when we dress for cold weather. In the first place, the body is a heat-making machine. Our job is not to keep cold out, but to keep this heat in or regulate its escape. At the same time the body gives off moisture in perspiration continually. Water is a fairly good heat conductor; air a very poor one. Consequently, a really waterproof garment that confines perspiration and keeps us damp will insure our being cold.

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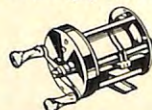
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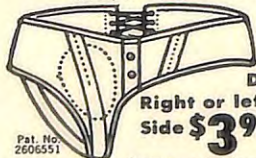
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of warm air next to the body is the warmest. This is the reason why a soft, fluffy blanket is warmer than a sheet of canvas. The loose weave of the former has more heat-retaining air pockets, but still permits moisture to escape.

Cold-weather clothing must not be tight. Suspenders are better than a belt. Clothes that fit tight or are bound close to the body don't have so many air pockets as looser ones. Two suits of medium-weight wool underwear are warmer than one heavy one because they have an air layer between.

I like a felt hat for fall hunting. It protects my face and ears from slapping twigs in an alder thicket, and it will shed a reasonable amount of rain, especially if the crown is punched up. I don't like a cap in wet weather because I hate the feeling of rain water or melted snow trickling down the back of my neck. In December, however, nothing quite takes the place of a cap with ear flaps.

An item of clothing that most sportsmen never consider and yet one which, for its weight and bulk, probably provides more comfort than any other is a silk or woolen scarf. You can wear it around your neck or around your middle or you can use it to protect your face from a cutting wind. Even a spare bandanna is a great help occasionally, and one of the best things you can take along in cold weather is an old nylon stocking. Put the open end over your head like a stocking cap—but under your regular headgear—and then wrap the leg around under your chin so that it covers both ears.

I hunt bare handed in the fall, although many sportsmen like gloves. So long as the weather isn't cold, those of light buck-

skin or pigskin probably are best. Later, I use common, cotton work gloves—the kind that are fuzzy both inside and out. They're warm and don't slip on polished wood so badly as wool. In really cold weather, of course, nothing takes the place of mittens with a pair of light shooting gloves underneath. The mittens should be on a string so that you can pull them off to shoot without danger of their dropping into the snow.

Fishing clothes are not so critical as those for hunting because most fishing is done in warm weather. Don't make the mistake, however, of using an old suit or any part of an old suit. The fabric won't stand the gaff, it is too hot in warm weather and too cold in cool weather, it soaks up rain like a sponge and is completely miserable in every way.

Light duck trousers, a khaki shirt, a cap or light hat and suitable footwear for the kind of fishing I'm doing are about right. Heavy socks under boots or waders will make them more bearable by absorbing perspiration. A slicker or rain jacket is a necessity in many parts of the country, and you can buy one that will go into a pocket. For early spring, late-fall and winter fishing, I wear the same wool pants, underwear and shirt that I do for hunting. Wading in 50-degree water is more chilling than walking through 20-degree air.

The whole matter of outdoor clothing actually simmers down to a question of common sense. Garments are available now that are both greatly improved in design and made of far better materials than we ever had before. All that remains for us to do is to make the right choice for the weather we'll be facing.

In the Doghouse

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larly to children, who are prone to pet the stray animal. As disease carriers, they are a menace to their own kind. Rabies, which luckily is rare, would be wiped out if there were no loose dogs, and this goes for other dog sicknesses too.

While on this business of rabies, for the benefit of new customers of this department I'm going to repeat that most ideas held about this disease are wrong. To begin with, there are two forms of hydrophobia—the active and the inactive. The latter is the more dangerous because the dog gives less evidence of being infected. Such a dog seeks dark corners, becomes morose. The active form sees the dog running a crazy course but in neither variety does the dog foam at the mouth. Instead he drools a stringy saliva. Nor will all mad dogs shun water; many will drink if thirsty, as long as their jaws are not paralyzed.

Another misconception is that during extremely warm weather dogs are subject to rabies. Not so. Rabies knows no seasons. Any warm-blooded animal bitten by an infected dog can contract rabies at

any time. True, sometimes water starvation, nervous shock or any of a number of unusual causes can produce a fit in a dog, but the bite of such an animal requires no treatment other than that given to an ordinary wound. If, however, you are so unfortunate as to get bitten by a stray dog about which you know nothing, do all you can to have that dog rounded up for quarantine and go to your doctor at once. This brings me back to the subject of indiscriminately handling strange dogs. If you must, although you'd better not, take a tip from the dog show judge who, believe it or not, may handle hundreds of dogs in the course of a year and not get bitten. And the judge has to examine the dog far more carefully than would the average person. Rule one is: never approach a strange dog from the rear. You might make this a rule for any dog. Always let the dog see you first. Make no quick, sudden movements. Extend the back of your hand or, better still, your closed fist. Give the dog a chance to get your scent. If your hand is closed in fist form, should the dog suddenly snap at you he can't get the grip

he could get on your open hand. I'll add here that the comparatively few times judges are bitten, the stock of the dogs hits bottom not only with that judge but with all others who hear about it.

Our four-legged friend has been around mankind so long that we are prone to forget that he still has all the animals' primitive instincts. Chief among these is the instinct of protection. The first thing most animals will do if alarmed is to run away. If flight isn't possible, defense is next. Because of thousands of years of association with men, the dog's flight instinct has become pretty much dulled. Today, the average dog does not run away from strangers, but many dogs are likely to bite if suddenly alarmed. The bite is the defensive measure—the cause for alarm is secondary in the consciousness. When you do extend your hand to the dog watch him closely. If he growls but wags his tail, he's thinking things over about you. But if he pins his ears back whether he growls or not *leave that dog alone*. If he licks your hand whether or not his tail wags, you're *in* with that pooch. He's your friend and that's his way of letting you know it. One other caution, until you and the dog get well acquainted don't pull any rough stuff on him.

If you are faced by a definitely unfriendly dog and can't get away, then remain perfectly still. Talk to the dog quietly but firmly, but that's about all you can do. If you get away don't leave hastily as the chase instinct is another that's still strong in nearly all dogs. Withdraw slowly and quietly. Don't try baby-talk blandishments. That won't fool the dog. Try to keep fear out of your voice, as this is quickly detected, as any animal trainer will tell you. If the dog senses fear on your part he knows that

he's master of the situation and thus may be quick to launch an attack. Another reason why Fido shouldn't run freely is that probably more dogs are killed by automobiles than by any other cause. While the dog's senses of hearing and scent are remarkably keen, he's not so good in the eye department. He may be quick to detect anything crossing his line of vision but unless it is fairly close to him his perception of on-coming objects is by no means sharp.

Another count against the practice of letting the dog run at will is, if he happens to be a good specimen he runs the risk of being dog-napped. You'd be surprised (or would you?) to know how wide spread is this crime. Your good dog can be gathered up in the morning and a few hours later be sold to some pet shop in a town 50 or more miles away. It's quite a racket.

Now that the case against the straying dog has been summed up from the standpoints of human rights as well as the rights and welfare of the dog, let's give a little attention to that other heedless owner who maintains one of those canine alarm clocks that sound off at all times for no good reason. He is another variety of dog nuisance that can set the nerves of an entire neighborhood on edge. What's more, that kind of dog does more to create dislike for all dogs than perhaps any other. If the owner must let his dog remain outside then he should also discipline and train the dog to keep it from annoying other people. The training isn't difficult; it simply requires firmness and persistence. A few prompt smacks across Fido's caboose when he gets too gabby should soon teach him the virtues of silence. The smacks should be given with sheets of loosely rolled newspapers.

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EDITORIAL

THE MAMARONECK PLAN



In selective membership increase, our preference always has run to enrollment of a prospect through what is called "indirect selling". We feel that when a prospect is given an opportunity to sell himself on the desirability of affiliating with our Order, he is the more likely to be sold for all time. As a long-term membership proposition, we consider it a far more valuable method than the corraling of a prospect through pressure, regardless of how friendly is the intention or with what engaging personality the sales pressure is applied.

That is why we became interested immediately in what we have come to call "The Mamaroneck Plan", which was first used, to our knowledge, by Mamaroneck, N. Y., Lodge's Past Exalted Ruler James A. Gunn, the current President of the New York State Elks Association. Here is how the plan works.

The officers of a Lodge carefully compile a list of, say, fifty unaffiliated community leaders who reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge. They invite the fifty men to a dinner at the Elks Club. After dinner, through talks by a Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the President of the State Elks Association, the District Deputy, the Exalted Ruler, and an Elk who, while he has not held office, has had many years' experience in the Order, they present to these responsible community men a rounded account of what our Order strives to accomplish on the national, state and local levels.

One point made clear to these prospects in advance is that they will not be asked to join the Order at this dinner party and, moreover, that no application blanks will be available for them to sign at any time during the evening while they are guests of the Lodge. They are told frankly, however, that at a future date someone representing the Lodge will call upon them to learn whether they have considered the advisability and desirability of becoming members of the Lodge, and, if they have decided favorably, to accept their signed applications.

The members of our Order will be gratified to know that practically all of the prospects entertained at the Mamaroneck Lodge dinner joined the Order after they had sold themselves through the facts presented to them in the story of Elkdom.

Of course, every objective of the Order of Elks has strong appeal to responsible people of any community. The high moral standards on which Elks pattern their lives, the humane way in which they distribute material goods and cheer to those less fortunate than themselves, their warm interest in Americans in uniform together with their faithful devotion to wounded veterans in hospitals, the scholarships we award, the crippled children we help—the wonderful composite account of these and the many other activities that identify us so markedly with the American way of life—these are the things with which all solid citizens want to be associated.

It is a story that unfolds readily and that holds interest. The important feature of its presentation, however, is to see that all attention on the occasion of that first social evening is centered on the story itself, without any jarring distraction such as an insistent urging to sign up for membership in the lodge.

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The purpose of that survey was to disclose whether the man in the street and in the factory could be expected to understand the desirability of free enterprise from information supplied in the past. The people interviewed were asked to give a reasonable definition of the key words: "competitive", "system" and "enterprise", the words invariably used in explaining our economic system to fellow Americans. Their replies were discouraging. Forty per cent of them refused even to guess at the meaning of the terms: twelve per cent ventured the opinion that the words referred to "something free of controls", while a number of those interviewed made disconcerting observations that what was meant was: "Each to his own" and "A group of assorted concerns."

All of our members will be disturbed to know that such an important item which touches every person in his livelihood, a fundamental concept presenting such an apparent distinction between economic freedom and the slave system in use behind the Iron Curtain, has not been more widely grasped. They will agree it is a matter of grave moment, not only because the acceptance of this principle reaches into the welfare and happiness of our people, but because the elements of our free way of life are the counterbalances on the scale with which everyone who casts a ballot must weigh the importance of serious national issues that we face today.

It is our fervent hope that the many community leaders who are listed on Elk Lodge rosters, the numerous business executives, and the thousands of other Elks in positions of influence will take up this cause and in their active man-to-man fashion bring home to all within their personal jurisdiction a message of true appreciation of the value of free enterprise. Through the patriotic and concrete thoughts which they will implant in other minds, the knowledge of this particular element of our American way of life will spread, like a circular ripple on a pond, until it covers the entire area of understanding.

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