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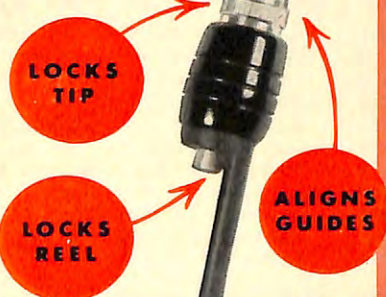
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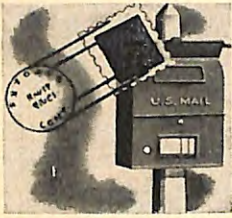
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

After receiving your February issue, we here in Eveleth had a violent reaction because of Al Laney's article titled, "Skill On Ice." Mr. Laney had the audacity to state that Clinton, New York, was the No. 1 hockey town in this country. In the interest of harmony, we decided to submit a few facts to Al Laney and The Elks Magazine. First of all, Eveleth is the No. 1 hockey town. There are at least twenty or twenty-five college and high school teams coached by Eveleth boys, not to mention the collegiate stars. This year we again expect our high school team to win the Minnesota State Tournament which, probably, is equivalent to the National High School Title.

All apologies tendered by The Elks Magazine and Al Laney will be accepted by Eveleth with its usual graciousness.

In conclusion, may I say in a more serious mood that all Eveleth feels that Clinton, New York, is to be congratulated for the enthusiasm that it displays.

Gilbert P. Finnegan, Postmaster
Eveleth, Minn.

I was thrilled indeed to see the wonderful spread of Al Laney's article, "Skill On Ice", in the February edition and want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of this fine presentation through the medium of your publication.

C. S. Campbell, President
National Hockey League
Montreal, Canada

The Travel article on Hawaii by Horace Sutton was excellent. I, too, just recently returned from Hawaii and some of the sights are truly beautiful. Mr. Sutton has covered it to a "T" but he forgot the most important place—our own lodge, located right on Waikiki Beach.

Frank C. Languemi
Alameda, Calif.

I have just finished reading, "Dempsey—A Legend" by William Fay. Your Magazine with the article about the old Manassa Mauler has gone the rounds here. Thanks.

Joe C. Huff
% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

We can understand why so many Elks enjoy "In the Doghouse", as it is the favorite abode of so many men, but, I, being a "lady Elk" and the stay-at-home type, thoroughly enjoy "For Elks Who Travel" articles by Horace Sutton. They really take you places.

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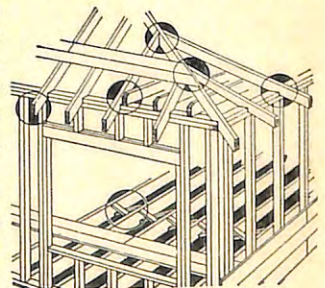
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BY HUGH B. CAVE

The tropical storm had struck Nanotu Island and Mike was missing.

THE storm struck Nanotu at half past eight on a Friday evening and continued raging until the dawn hour Saturday, a long time for a hurricane to pummel a South Pacific island only twenty-two miles long. Carter sat it out in his bungalow with a pot of coffee beside him.

He had to make the coffee himself. His house boy, Mike, had sensibly gone home before the blow.

Only once during the hours of the storm did Carter leave his house. Hearing a noise louder than the wind's wailing, a metallic clamor that could have been the corrugated iron roof of his warehouse taking flight, he put on his shoes and sped across the yard, hugging the ground because he was a small man and the wind would have blown him off his feet. But the warehouse roof was intact; the precious bags of cement stored under it were dry.

(Days later he did find an iron roof on his property, or part of one. It had been blown there from Quinlan's store in the village.)

At dawn, which was no real dawn but only an ugly orange-red haze behind the island's peaks, he was congratulating himself—and wondering how the village and the visiting district officer had come through it—when he had a caller. Lili, Mike's young wife, came with her baby in her arms to inform him, terrified, she had not seen her husband since Friday afternoon.

"He said he was going fishing," she moaned. "You told him you wanted fish."

"Fishing!" Carter gasped.

A less direct man might have tried to calm the girl's fears by telling her there was nothing to worry about; her husband must have sought shelter somewhere, et cetera. But whatever his failings, Carter was honest. He left her sitting there and went out.

Odd, he thought. *Mike told me he couldn't go fishing; his boat needed repairing.*

An hour later, on a stretch of white sand beach freshly

littered with seaweed, he found the wreckage. Mike's boat without question. The tarred rope on the outrigger-brace had come from his own warehouse.

He put the pieces in a small pile and with heavy heart poked about among the seaweed heaps. For half a mile in each direction he explored the shore, climbing over coral ledges, peering into caves and grottoes. Mike's body had not come ashore yet. Not here, at any rate. On his way back to the bungalow he glumly pondered what he would say to the girl and decided it was too soon to say anything.

He found Mr. Thatcher, the Burke-Parsons agent, waiting for him by the bungalow veranda.

"Sorry to trouble you after such a night," Thatcher said, "but I heard from Philip Blaine that the district officer's coming by this morning to look at your irrigation project. Thought you'd want to be prepared." He made a point of glancing at Carter's shabby khaki trousers.

Carter frowned at him. He did not dislike Thatcher. The man was spineless but pleasant; ten years in the islands had taught him to follow the line of least resistance. On Nanotu that meant the line laid down by Blaine, whose coconut trees covered a fourth of the island.

Hands on hips, Carter said with a shrug. "I've no time for the D.O."

"No time—" Thatcher's mouth stayed open a moment before weakly closing. "Good Lord, man, you can't ignore—"

"He'll have to come some other time. I've things to do that won't wait." Turning his back, he strode toward the cluster of huts occupied by his workers. (Continued on page 45)

ILLUSTRATED BY BILL FLEMING

Blaine pushed his two hundred and fifty pounds off the chair and left Carter without a word.



Bill Haring

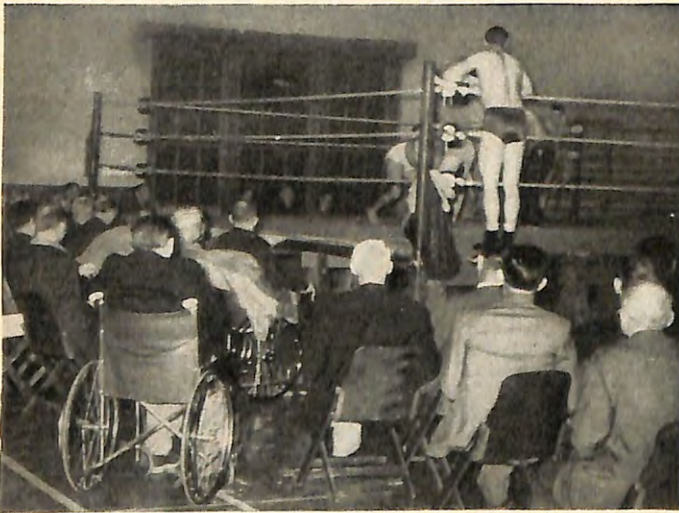


Left: Occupants of one of the wards at the Veterans Hospital in Wadsworth, Kans., with Committee Chairman William Moore, E.R. C. E. Gordon of Leavenworth Lodge, and some of the young ladies who participated in one of the recent programs sponsored by the Kansas Elks.

Below: A few of the hundreds of servicemen who were entertained by the Nevada Elks at a big show and party, pictured with performers following the Reno VA Hospital event.



ELKS
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ACTIVITIES



This photograph reveals the interest of the patients at Fort Thomas, Ky., VA Hospital in the boxing program sponsored by Covington Lodge.



A partial view of the auditorium at the Hospital in Memphis during one of the frequent dances provided by the Tennessee Elks Association.



This 1952 scene will be repeated often this summer. It includes Chairman W. V. De Cicco, Basillio Ciccarella and P.D.D. D. F. Walsh of the

Mass. Veterans Committee, with Cushing VA Hospital patients they brought to Boston's Fenway Park for a Red Sox-Yankee game.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



MY MESSAGE this month is intended primarily for the newly installed Exalted Rulers, who have been afforded an opportunity to serve their respective lodges for the ensuing year.

This recognition of your leadership in the affairs of your Lodge is to be considered a vote of confidence by your members, and at the same time it placed upon you certain specific obligations. *From the moment of your installation until the end of your term you must be constantly planning for the tasks ahead.*

It behooves you, at once, to call upon your officers and the trustees for a full understanding of the current lodge problems. You and the other officers are charged with committing the Ritual to memory, but there is far more to your work than the mastery of the ritualistic work.

If you are to have a completely satisfactory administration, you must lay the groundwork far in advance for your "special meetings" such as the Memorial Service, Flag Day exercises and appropriate events which will be scheduled by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

The impetus for instilling interest in the fraternal work of the Order, as distinguished from the strictly club activities, is dependent upon your initiative. Your committees must be carefully selected, for you cannot carry on the work alone. I earnestly implore you not to fall into the easy pattern of selecting for committee chairmen only those who have been active in such assignments in the past. You have many, many good men in your lodge who are most anxious to serve, but will hesitate to put themselves forward. *Seek such men out—give them responsibility and watch the interest in your meetings increase!*

You must impress upon your officers that the ultimate strength of our Order, its power to act for the public welfare, and its continued high place among the fraternal orders of our Nation, is wholly dependent upon the conduct of the various subordinate lodges.

Respect the heritage which is yours, and so conduct yourself in office that your members will be able to point with pride to your impressive record of accomplishments for your own lodge and our Order.

Sincerely and fraternally,

SAM STERN
GRAND EXALTED RULER

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Pictured before the flags of all countries are some of the new citizens who were honored at Dayton, Ohio, Lodge's Annual Americanization Party. Seated left to right are: Chairman Gale Murphy, P.E.R., P.D.D. Sidney G. Kusworm, principal speaker, Mayor Louis Lohrey, Exalted Ruler Huston Brown, and Miss Evelyn Bassett, program director for the International Institute of the YWCA.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan Institutes Condon, Ore., Lodge

Not long ago, Condon Lodge No. 1869 came into being at ceremonies conducted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan of Portland. A large group of Ore. State Elks Assn. officials saw G. B. Urlie installed as Exalted Ruler of the new branch of Elkdom which began with 93 Charter Members as well as 193 on dimit and five by release.

Judge Lonergan, who was assisted on this occasion by Frank Hise, member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, and P.D.D. Clifton B. Mudd, is largely responsible for the splendid progress the Order has made in Oregon. Fifteen new lodges have been instituted in that State since 1944.

Three States Honor Needles, Calif., Sr. P.E.R. Galligan

Needles Lodge No. 1608 paid tribute to its first E.R. and only P.D.D., Thomas E. Galligan, at a special program in which Elk dignitaries from Nevada, Arizona and Calif. participated. E.R. Calvin R. Jones presided at the affair until the time set aside for the initiation of a class of 11 candidates. One of the initiates was the son of the guest of honor who conducted the Ritual, assisted by D.D. John M. Blair and P.D.D. Carl Hammond of Ariz.; P.D.D. Art Rydell of Nev., and Calif. P.D.D.'s J. Ward Casey, Willard O. Rife, Jack Hosfield and Robert N. Traver.

Ten current and former District Deputies from the three States were present,



Minot, N. D., Elk officers, pictured with the fine class they initiated not long ago.



During his official visit there, District Deputy William R. Burns, fourth from left, presented Westfield, Mass., Lodge's gift of several deodorizers for Noble Hospital to Hospital Administrator Maurice Bull. Looking on are E.R. Benjamin J. Bonkosky and other dignitaries of the lodge.



The presentation of the dispensation for Condon, Ore., Lodge is participated in by, left to right: Grand Lodge Committeeman Frank Hise, Condon E.R. G. B. Urlie, Special Deputy Clifton B. Mudd, Installing Officer, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, D.D. Lee Stewart.

several of them addressing the meeting which was the best attended session in the history of No. 1608. Another speaker was Congressman Don Jackson, a member of Santa Monica Lodge.

The program, which began with a smorgasbord dinner, included several entertaining skits put on by the Needles Elks Players.

Elks National Home Recipient of Gift from Mrs. Barrett

The first theater designed exclusively for television in the area has been opened at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., for the pleasure of its nearly 300 guests.

Located in the administration building, equipped with the finest, most modern television equipment, as well as easy-chairs for the comfort of the viewers, the theater is the gift of Viola Tupper Barrett, wife of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett. Several years ago, in memory of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper, the Barretts presented to the Home a magnificent auditorium where motion pictures are shown twice a week, and where frequent plays and concerts are enjoyed.

Big-League Stars at Marietta, Ohio, Lodge's Sports Night

The city went on a brief, but thrilling, big-league fling recently when over 300 sports enthusiasts, including D.D. Albert E. Dillehay, crowded the dining room of the home of Marietta Lodge No. 477 for its Annual Sports Night.

For more than three hours, a breath-taking list of sport figures talked baseball while their audience listened with admiring concentration. "Cy" Young, one of the greatest pitchers of all time and a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, and Dick Hoblitzell, former Cincinnati and Boston Red Sox first-base-



Cy Young, one of baseball's immortals, and a member of Newcomerstown, Ohio, Lodge, with some Little League Champions who were guests at Marietta, Ohio, Lodge's Annual Sports Banquet.

man, took care of the "old days" of America's favorite sport, while Luke Easter, Cleveland Indians star, and Bob Borkowski of the Cincinnati Reds brought the discussion up to date. The early part of the speaking program was broadcast over the air, but the radio audience missed the best part of it—a two-hour informal session that included a gabfest with Borkowski as straight man firing questions at Easter who proved himself a glib, and highly humorous, opponent.

"Cy" Young was another show-stealer, and belied his 86 years by tossing 15 perfect strikes as he presented souvenir autographed baseballs to the Williams-

town Little League Team Champions who were special guests. The Elks' theme for this program was the promotion of junior baseball for youngsters, their idea of the finest method for combatting juvenile delinquency.

Hank Zureick, publicity director for the Reds, was another speaker, and E.R. J. W. Wall introduced several other guests, including a local boy, Dick Dutton, now with the Cleveland Indians' farm. Football was a topic of conversation at this event, too, with two former Notre Dame grid stars, Bud Bonar and Fred Earley talking things over with local High School Coach Fred Pierson.



Left: At a party and dance recently, Cicero-Berwyn, Ill., Elks welcomed fellow members who have returned from our country's service. Left to right: Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Jirik, PFC Clement Kopstain, Jr., and Tech Sgt. William Tracy, Committee Chairman J. F. Krizek, E.R. Otto C. Martinek, Chairman Wm. Lauer of the Ill. Elks Service Committee, QMC Cpl. Frank Chmelik, Jr., Marine Corps Staff Sgt. J. F. Tuma and Medical Corps Major Dr. H. S. Swiontek.

Right: Pictured with the program's 11 initiates during the tribute paid by Elk leaders of Calif., Nev., and Arizona to Thomas E. Galligan, first E.R. of Needles, Calif., Lodge were, third row, left to right, D.D. John M. Blair, Ariz. No., Past State Pres. G. A. Rydell of Nev., P.D.D., Calif. P.D.D.'s Ward Casey and Jack Hosfield, Mr. Galligan, Calif. P.D.D. Willard Rife, Ariz. P.D.D. Carl Hammond and Chairman R. N. Traver of the Calif. Elks Veterans Service Committee.





Left: Dignitaries who attended St. Augustine, Fla., Lodge's Golden Jubilee included, left to right: Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton, Exalted Ruler Kelly George, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, Florida State Pres. V. O. Wehle, Georgia State Pres. H. C. Eberhardt and D.D. C. A. Poole.

Right: At Bedford, Ind., Lodge's Golden Jubilee, foreground, left to right: General Chairman Wm. Deckert, Grand Lodge Committeeman R. L. DeHority, Charter Member W. E. Clark, P.E.R., Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. B. Kyle, Charter Member Fred Hackleman, E.R. R. S. Miller, State Pres. P. W. Loveland; background: D.D.'s Wilbur Lee, Orvan Hall; State Secy. C. L. Shideler; Trustee Norman Freeland; D.D. C. D. Kessler, and State Vice-Pres. Cecil Rappe, Trustee Floyd Beldon, Vice-Pres. L. A. Krebs and Treas. Paul Manship.



St. Augustine, Fla., Elks Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The Hotel Ponce de Leon was the setting for the Golden Jubilee of St. Augustine Lodge No. 829 which drew nearly 400 Elks and their guests. A banquet preceded the formal ceremonies, with P.E.R. Cecil Zinkan acting as the program's Master of Ceremonies.

Many outstanding personalities in national, State and local Elksdom were in attendance at the dinner when P.E.R. Harold Colee, P.D.D., was the principal speaker. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz delivered an enlightening talk, emphasizing the principles and ideals of the Order. Sharing the rostrum with them were Grand Treas. Edward A. Dutton, Fla. State Elks Assn. Pres. Victor O. Wehle, Ga. State Pres. Homer C. Eberhardt and D.D. Charles A. Poole.

Each member of the 28-man Golden Anniversary Class was introduced individually on this occasion, and special tribute was paid *in absentia* to No. 829's only living Charter Member, A. E. Baya.

A highlight of the program was the burning of the mortgage on the lodge

home, a pleasure shared by P.E.R.'s A. L. Sharit and Caleb S. Zim. E.R. Thomas Heaney of Jacksonville Lodge delivered the Eleven O'Clock Toast, and the leader of the host lodge, Kelly George, Jr., delivered the closing address.

Bedford, Ind., Elks Hold Two-Day Golden Jubilee

Half a century is behind Bedford Lodge No. 826, and so is a most successful celebration of its 50th Anniversary. A full program which took place over a two-day period attracted a record crowd well taken care of by the Anniversary Committee under William Deckert's General Chairmanship. Events of the second day included a smorgasbord luncheon followed by entertainment throughout the afternoon in the tastefully decorated lodge home. A cocktail hour preceded the banquet during which over 500 persons were served.

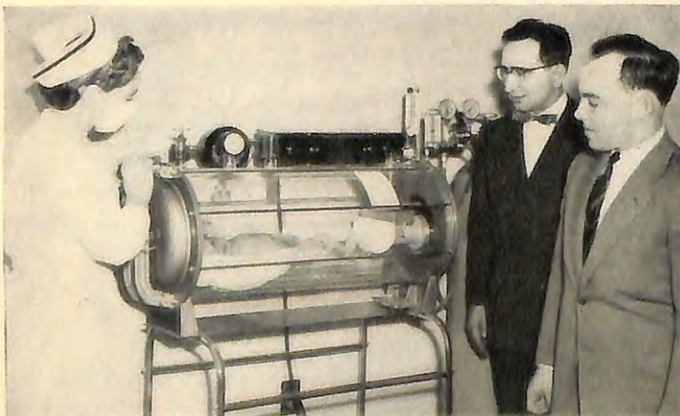
The principal speaker on this occasion was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle who paid tribute to the progress of Bedford Elksdom. During his heartwarming address Mr. Kyle paused to

join the audience in paying tribute to two of the lodge's three surviving original Elks who were present, W. E. Clark and Fred W. Hackleman; the third, Gustav Stieglitz, Jr., was unable to participate.

Oklahoma Elksdom Has New Lodge at Pauls Valley

Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator, played an important part in the institution of Pauls Valley, Okla., Lodge, No. 1874, recently. He took care of the opening ceremony, with the assistance of D.D. Bert Wysor and other dignitaries, and acted on behalf of the Grand Lodge in extending official greetings to the new branch of the Order.

The officers of Holdenville Lodge No. 1796, aided by the Tulsa Elks Patrol, handled the initiation of 100 candidates and Okla. State Elks Assn. Pres. Arthur J. Hall conducted the installation of the lodge's officers. Duncan Lodge's officers also participated in this program at which 16 of the State's lodges were represented, despite a blinding blizzard. Following the ceremonies, the new lodge held open house for its well-wishers.



Baby Janet Rae Duncan helps Mrs. Leahmaria White demonstrate the Oxygen-Air Lock given to Allen Memorial Hospital by El Dorado, Kans., Lodge, to E.R. M. F. Litras and Hosp. Adm. Roger Samuelson.



D.D. I. L. Stackpole, left, and E.R. Harold W. Wells, right, with three local high school students who assisted them in making collections for the polio fund as part of Somerville, Mass., Lodge's charitable program.

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My Brother Elks:

The Elks of the St. Louis area are mighty pleased to have the rare privilege and honor of being host to Elkdom, when the 89th Grand Lodge Convention meets in St. Louis July 5-9. On their behalf, I am happy to extend to you and to the members of your families a most hospitable welcome.

Our pride in this great heart-land of America and in our Lodges and State Associations which by their deeds serve it in the highest traditions of our Order, will be reflected, I assure you, in the warmth of our welcome. Our Committees have long been at work eagerly planning to devote all of the magnificent facilities and services to be found in St. Louis to your pleasure and comfort as well as to the efficient management of the business of the Convention.

Our home will be your home when you come to the 1953 Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis.

Cordially and fraternally,

Bruce A. Campbell
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
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"Meet Me In St. Louis"

July 5th-9th, 1953



Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, seated at right, was the guest of honor at the Order's 85th Anniversary Banquet conducted by New York, N. Y., Lodge whose E.R., James P. Somerville, stands behind Mr. Stern. Seated at left is N. Y. State Assn. Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. F. Quinn; behind him is Toastmaster Patrick S. Mason, P.E.R.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



A highlight of Sam Stern's visit to Lafayette, Ind., Lodge was his tour of Purdue University where cancer research, financed by the Ind. Elks, is being conducted. Accompanying him on his visit, and pictured with him here, were E.R. Chris J. Mertz and other Lafayette Elks, Grand Lodge State Association Committeeman R. L. DeHority, D.D. C. D. Kessler and Gary Lodge's E.R. G. E. London.

SAM STERN, the first North Dakota Elk to lead the Order, made his initial Minnesota visit by calling on **ROCHESTER LODGE NO. 1091** Jan. 26th. Officers and members of the local branch of Elksdom, as well as officials of many other Minn. lodges, paid tribute to the distinguished visitor at a dinner at the lodge home that evening. E.R. Philip Kern, as Toastmaster, introduced several of the visiting dignitaries, including State Assn. Pres. Dr. M. H. Carlson. D.D. Glenn O. Amundsen presented Mr. Stern to the 130 guests who were deeply impressed with the well-phrased address he delivered, following his personal introduction of W. W. Lawler, the host lodge's only living Charter Member. At the conclusion of his address, the Fargo Elk received pledges to the Elks National Foundation totaling \$2,200. This sum came from 22 individual Rochester Elks each of whom is donating \$100 to the Foundation. P.E.R. Earl Wolf handed Mr. Stern the pledges from 11 members of the P.E.R.'s Assn. of No. 1091, while E.R. Kern presented the others.

The 1953 Annual Mid-Winter Round-Up of the **ILL. ELKS ASSN.** attracted more than 1,700 Elks and their ladies to **CHAMPAIGN LODGE NO. 398** Jan. 30 and 31st, and Feb. 1st. Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, accompanied by two of his predecessors, Grand Secy. J. Edgar Masters and Henry C. Warner, as well as Earl E. James, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, were on hand. During the sessions, Mr. Warner, Vice-Chairman of the group, presided at a meeting of the Ill. Elks Crippled Children's Commission. The first day closed with a banquet and the President's Ball. P.D.D. Charles W. Clabaugh emceed the speaking program at the dinner, when officers of the host lodge and their wives were introduced, as were State Assn. Pres. Don C. Patten, Vice-Pres.-at-Large Denham Harney, Secy. Albert W. Arnold, Treas. Ray Hinch, and Vice-Presidents LeRoy Allison, Frank Schollian and Arthur Sauer; D.D.'s Willis G. Maltby, Monte Hance and James Snelson; the Crippled Children's Commission's Exec. Secy. Frank P. White, and Past Presi-

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

APRIL	LODGE
18	Jennings, La.
19	(State Assn. Meeting)
25	Tulsa, Okla.
26	(State Assn. Meeting)
MAY	
2	Vicksburg, Miss.
3	(State Assn. Meeting)
16	Hannibal, Mo.
	(State Assn. Meeting)
23	St. Augustine, Fla.
24	St. Augustine, Fla.
25	(State Assn. Meeting)
29	Southern Pines, N. C.
30	(State Assn. Meeting)
31	Myrtle Beach, S. C.
	(State Assn. Meeting)

*Subject to change



Right: Photographed at Rochester, Minn., Lodge's reception for the Order's leader were, left to right: E.R. Philip Kern, State Pres. Dr. M. H. Carlson, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern and D.D. Glenn O. Amundsen.

Left: Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, second from right, accepts Harrisburg, Pa., Lodge's \$300 check for the Elks National Foundation from E.R. Benjamin F. Bowers, left. Looking on are Pennsylvania State Elks Association President Harry T. Kleeen, right, and Chairman George M. Snyder of Harrisburg Lodge's Activities Committee, second from left



dents Wm. S. Wolf, John E. Giles and Floyd E. Cheney.

Prior to his address, the Order's leader congratulated the 1952 National Ritualistic Champions of DeKalb Lodge to whom he presented a magnificent trophy, donated by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis. George E. Black, E.R. of the team, accepted the award. A dynamic guest speaker on this occasion was Joe T. Meek, executive secretary of the Ill. Federation of Retailers. Many interesting reports were made at this session, when Mr. Sauer, Pres. of the Ill. Elks Bowling Assn., announced the Assn.'s tournament to take place in Danville on weekends beginning Apr. 11th and ending May 3rd. It was also announced that the State Ritualistic Contest would take place May 22nd at Rock Island. During this session of the Round-

Up, Oklahoma City's Earl James addressed the delegates.

The Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. James took time off on the afternoon of Jan. 31st to pay a short visit to the home of **URBANA, ILL., LODGE, NO. 991**. E.R. Gene Sams and a large number of members thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of entertaining these dignitaries who had many pleasant things to say about the tasteful new furnishings of the lodge's club rooms.

While en route from the Round-Up to Chicago, Mr. Stern stopped off at the home of **WATSEKA, ILL., LODGE, NO. 1791**, which observed its third anniversary Feb. 2nd. The Exalted Rulers and other officials of a number of Illinois lodges, as well as several visitors from Lafayette and Indianapolis, Ind., Lodges, accompanied the Order's leader to this gala

celebration. Others participating in the festivities included State Assn. Secy. Albert W. Arnold and Vice-Presidents Frank A. Schollian and LeRoy Allison.

The early part of February found Fargo's leading Elk calling on various lodges in the State of Indiana, in the company of Robert L. DeHority, a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee. On the 3rd, Mr. Stern received an enthusiastic welcome from the members of **EAST CHICAGO LODGE NO. 981** who entertained him at a special reception which preceded a banquet at which he was the honored guest of **GARY LODGE NO. 1152**.

On the 4th, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, with Mr. DeHority, D.D. C. D. Kessler and Gary Lodge's E.R. George E. London enjoyed luncheon with about 125 Elks at
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Left: Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Committeeman DeHority and Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, center foreground, pictured with members of the official reception committee of Gary and East Chicago, Ind., Elkdom, including Past District Deputy David T. Rosenthal.



Right: Mr. Stern, center foreground, with E.R. J. V. Barbar on his right, and other East Chicago, Ind., Elk officials.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



WHITE HOUSE press conferences held by President Eisenhower are more matter of fact affairs than those held by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. Reporters who are expert at slipping over a needled question have not found a way as yet to get by the cautious guard of the General. "Ike" just doesn't rise to the baited barb but neatly puts it aside, at times even frankly admitting he doesn't have the answer. During FDR's days conferences between the President and the press developed into sharp verbal duels. Roosevelt liked the exchanges. Sitting back in his chair with his cigarette holder at a rakish angle, FDR, the master speaker, always had a fast counter for a pointed thrust. Many of his conferences were rough and tumble affairs with roars of laughter greeting the sallies. President Truman also liked to take on the newspaper correspondents, but on occasion displayed an outburst of temper. He asked no quarter and he gave none. While President Eisenhower uses the same press conference technique, permitting questions to be fired by the reporters, he has shown plainly that he wants his meetings with the press to be constructive rather than entertaining. He is not aroused into controversy by sharp questions but keeps his good nature and his good humor. This attitude, however, does not mean reporters will cease fire. As Administration policies develop and more ammunition becomes available, the reporters may be expected to come into the conference room loaded for some fast shooting. At the same time they will engage a President more thoroughly acquainted with what goes on and better equipped to return the fire. Every newsgatherer in the nation's capital realizes the importance of the White House press conferences. The reporters who are there are your representatives, asking your President what's happening and why.

GOLD COUNT OKAY

There are \$12,500,000,000 in gold bars buried at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and 32 men have been counting it. They say it's all there, not a bar missing. A year or so ago the Daughters of the American Revolution passed a resolution calling for an inventory and President Truman jokingly invited the ladies to go out and count it themselves. Treasury

Secretary Humphrey thought it might be a good idea at that. Each gold brick weighs 28 pounds, worth \$14,000 per brick at the official rate of \$35 per ounce.

FICKLE CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Washington is all set for the annual Cherry Blossom festival which will be held April 8 to 12 and will attract a half-million visitors. The cherry trees, planted around the tidal basin, were given to the government by Japan years ago and have been causing confusion ever since. The thing is they have a habit of blooming at the wrong time. A few, as a matter of fact, bloomed during last February. Science, however, has come to the aid of the festival committee. Edward J. Kelly, National Parks superintendent, says a hormone has been developed. It is sprayed on the trees, if they get too ambitious, and it delays the buds. It also keeps the trees in bloom for a week or ten days. Blooms or no blooms, however, the festival this year will open on the advertised date.

SITTING BULL'S SKULL

Smithsonian Institution does not have the skull of the great Sioux Indian chieftain "Sitting Bull" and has so advised the tribal leaders. The skull is undoubtedly in the grave of the warrior on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota, according to officials. There had been reports that the skull was in the National Museum here, thus causing the spirit of the noted chief to "wander aimlessly" instead of resting in the Happy Hunting Grounds.

TIME OUT FOR COFFEE

Attempts by Federal departments to cut down on coffee and coke breaks during working hours are not a howling success. Government cafeteria records show as much java and soft drinks sold now as before the new administration took over. In most departments the lunch hour is 30 minutes and there is a move to have it stretched to 45 minutes, with the extra quarter hour added to the working time.

BIG JETS ON ORDER

A super jet powered airliner, the British Comet III, is now on order in the United States and technical matters relating to airworthiness certification are

being worked out between the two countries, Commerce Department says. British commercial jets flying between London and Johannesburg, South Africa, are the Comet I. A newer model, Comet II, has undergone its flight tests. Comet III will be an improved version of the other two big ships.

INAUGURATION MEDALS

Eisenhower inauguration medals of bronze selling for \$3.06 each have been in such demand, even, now, that 18,000 were produced to supplement the original 7,000. President Eisenhower received one of solid gold as a gift. The 100 made in silver were quickly sold at \$24.40 each and 600 more have been ordered as orders keep coming.

FEWER WORK INJURIES

Work injuries in industry in the last year disabled over 2,000,000 persons and killed 15,000 according to Labor Dept. figures. There was a notable improvement in manufacturing industries where disabling injuries dropped from 510,000 to 450,000. In other fields the changes were insignificant. Injuries in coal and metal mining were a little less. Railroads had a substantial drop in employee injuries. Transportation injuries (trucking, warehousing and air transport) were up a little.

POTOMAC PARINGS

Bobby pins now use up 8,000 tons of 25 gage steel wire a year, compared to only 2,000 tons for hairpins. . . . Fish and Wild Life Service says more salmon is sold than tuna. Sardines rank third. . . . Cheapest and safest way to catapult a plane off a carrier's flight deck is by steam, Rear Admiral John B. Moss declares. . . . Under the new administration, job policy clearance by a state delegation is necessary for every appointment, no matter how routine. . . . TV sets are now sold in every state. . . . Part of the inauguration platform on which President Eisenhower took the oath of office will be made into souvenirs and given to Defense Bond salesmen. . . . Government handouts to states, local governments and individuals in 1952 were \$4,200,000,000. Back in 1930 they were only \$147,000,000. . . . Federal Reserve is storing currency in 34 banks for use in an emergency in case of enemy attack.

Spring Fishing Section




SMALLMOUTH BASS
10½ lbs., Wheeler Dam, Ala.




CUTTHROAT TROUT
41 lbs., Pyramid Lake, Nev.



BROOK TROUT
14½ lbs., Nipigon River, Ont.



NORTHERN PIKE
46⅞ lbs., Sacandaga Reservoir, N. Y.



LANDLOCKED SALMON
22½ lbs., Sebago Lake, Me.

Six for the World's Record



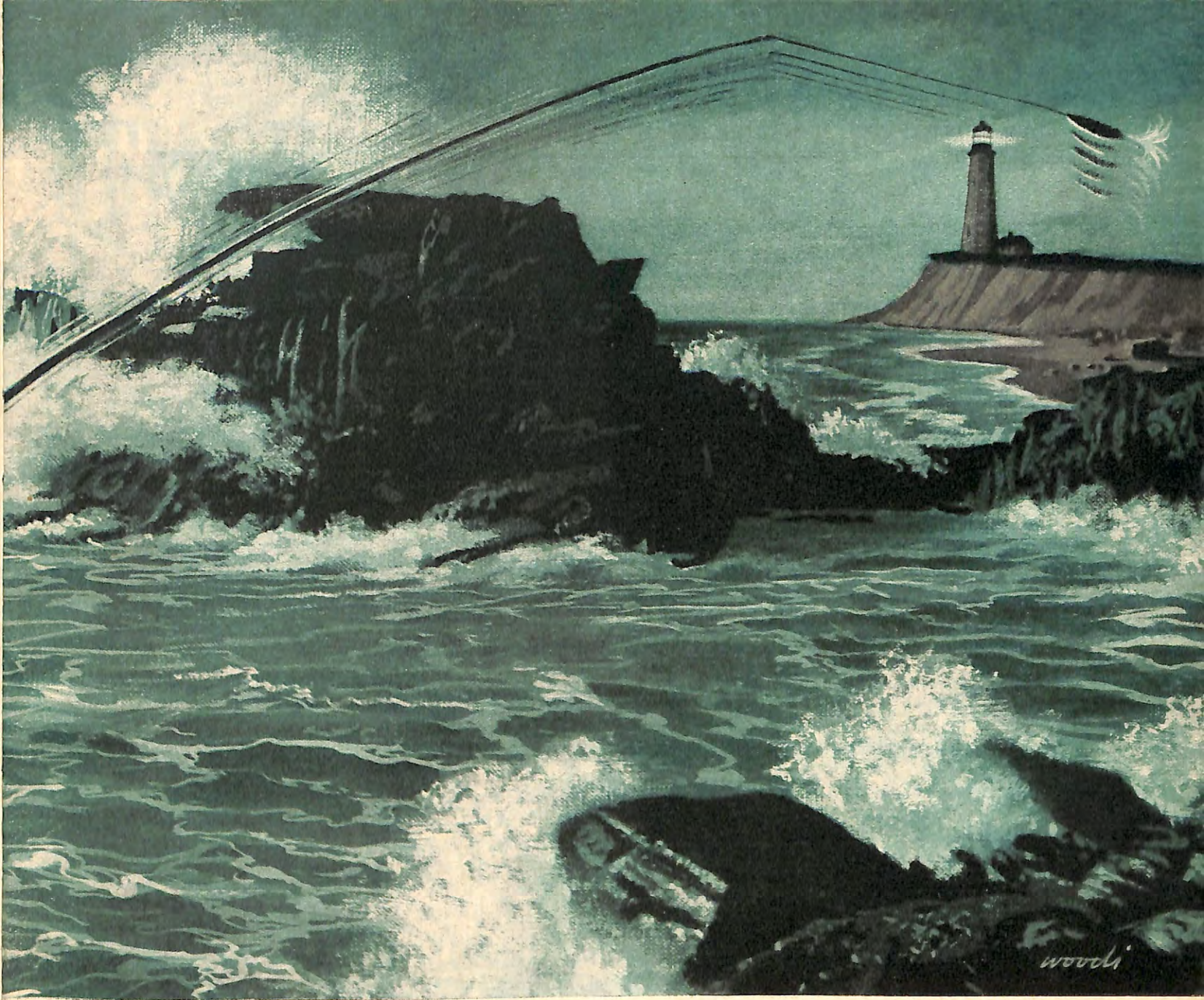
BLUEGILL
4¾ lbs., Ketona Lake, Ala.

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BY VLAD EVANOFF

A COUPLE of summers ago on Cape Cod there was an unusual run of big striped bass in the surf and anglers bitten by the surf casting bug went wild. Surf anglers who had come up for a weekend took a day or two extra off from work. One-week vacations turned into two-week vacations. Two-week vacations turned into three-week vacations. Surf anglers' wives and children who had come along to Cape Cod caught only fleeting glimpses of their husbands or fathers who fished all night and slept all day. When the surf anglers were ready to collapse from lack of sleep and physical exhaustion, a few of them quit fishing, but the rest gave up only when the striped bass stopped biting. Yet the following week when the fish started hitting again, they were back in action.

These anglers risk life and limb climb-

ing and sliding over slippery rocks and boulders. They think nothing of wading out up to their waists in a boiling surf and strong undertow. They spend hard-earned money, travel hundreds of miles, stay up all night, fish in the rain and cold, get soaked in sea water, knock themselves out in general and consider themselves fortunate if they get one fish for every five days' fishing. You wonder where the "sport" comes in, but there must be something to surf fishing which attracts so many die-hards who would have nothing to do with any other type of fishing. And each year more and more people take up the sport for the first time.

Surf fishing has been compared to fly-fishing for trout in fresh water and they both have much in common. The fly fisherman and the surf angler are both individualists whose success in stream or ocean depends on their own knowledge of water conditions, weather, lures, tech-

niques and habits of the fish they are after. No guide or captain tells them or shows them what to do. The surf angler is on his own, he must locate the fish; pick the right lure, cast out, hook, then play and land the fish. It's not an easy accomplishment as anyone who has ever tried it will admit.

The fishes found in the surf are often unpredictable, coming and going with the tides, feeding in bad weather or at night when the angler would rather curl up in a warm bed or hug the fireplace. And of all the fishes found in the surf, none has attained the popularity of the silvery, olive-backed, striped bass. Reaching more than 100 pounds in weight, scrappy as a dead-end kid, and delicious to eat, he is sought by thousands of anglers along both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. But even expert surf anglers have trouble figuring out the habits, whims and movements of

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How To



BY TED TRUEBLOOD



First catch the line with your finger and reverse the reel for half a turn.



For the next step, flip the pickup arm of your spinning reel out of the way.

No fad—spinning now has leveled off as a supplement to bait casting and fly fishing.

DURING the summer when my older boy was five, I decided to teach him how to cast. I put an enclosed spinning reel on a seven-foot glass fly rod, strung the monofilament nylon line through the guides and then tied on an old $\frac{3}{8}$ -ounce plug with the hooks removed. We went out by the garage, which is about 60 feet from the house, and I showed him how to operate the reel.

About that time, my neighbor called to me from his yard so I handed the rod to my boy and walked over to lean on the fence. We got to talking and I forgot all about the casting lesson. After ten minutes or so, the neighbor said, "Say, aren't you afraid he'll break a window?"

I turned around and discovered that the little scamp was thumping the plug against the back of the house nearly every cast.

This demonstrates how easy it is to cast with spinning tackle, and therein lies one of its greatest advantages. It was made to order for the man who doesn't have much time to fish. He can pick up a spinning outfit and be putting his bait or lure out far enough to catch fish after only a few minutes of practice. Acquiring only fair ability with either bait-casting or fly-fishing tackle takes many times longer, and to become really expert requires constant use of this equipment for many years.

Right after the war, when spinning be-

gan to gain rapidly in popularity in this country, many ridiculous claims were made for it. Some enthusiasts said that it was the final answer to all angling problems. It was oversold.

As the result, spinning was expected to do things that it could not do. Some anglers who bought spinning tackle found that it was exactly what they wanted for the fishing they did, but others discovered that it was poorly suited to their needs. All of this combined to create a great deal of confusion.

This has been pretty well leveled out by now. It has become obvious that spinning is not going to replace the older methods of angling, and at the same time we can see that it was more than a fad. It has fallen into its rightful place as a supplement to bait casting and fly fishing. As I see it, there are two reasons:

First, spinning is the easiest casting method to learn. As I said before, it is ideal for the man who doesn't have much time to fish, or for the indifferent angler who may only wet a line three or four times a year. Second, it is particularly well adapted to certain methods of fishing for certain kinds of fish.

One day last October, my wife and I visited a reservoir near our home with the firm intention of catching a final mess of crappies before we got so busy hunting that we would have no more time to

fish. There had been a few frosty nights, and we didn't find them where we had expected to. In fact, it was the middle of the afternoon before we located a school. When we did discover them, they were deep.

Both of us like to catch crappies on a fly. These fish were lying from six to eight feet beneath the surface, however, and it is hardly practical to fish that deep with a fly line. It takes so long for each cast to sink that an angler spends more time waiting than he does fishing.

Fortunately, we had a couple of spinning outfits along. We set them up and tied a light sinker to the end of each line. Then we tied a small streamer fly to a dropper about 15 inches above the sinker. We stood on shore and cast and let the sinker go down until we felt it hit the bottom. Then we started retrieving slowly.

That was the answer. Nearly every cast brought a strike and we landed 40 nice, big crappies—fish that averaged a pound in weight—in an hour.

Admittedly, we could have caught these fish on fly tackle, but because we would have had to wait so long for the line to sink after each cast, it would not have been nearly so efficient. I have had many similar experiences. I think that spinning tackle generally is the most effective for catching all kinds of panfish—crappies, bluegills, perch, rock bass and the others—whether an angler is fishing with bait or using a fly or small lure.

My friend Harry Sutphin, of Indianapolis, is an enthusiastic—and expert—bluegill fisherman, and while he is pro-

Take 'Em By Spinning



Then aim the rod at the target, holding the line with one finger on the spool.



Now bring the rod back in a vertical arc that is in line with the target.



Flip it forward and release the line by taking your finger off the spool.

ficient with both fly- and bait-casting tackle, he uses a spinning outfit exclusively for panfish. He uses two plastic floats, which are shaped like practice plugs. One is white and he uses it for bait fishing. The other is clear. He uses it when he is fishing a wet fly or small lure.

He ties one of the floats to his line, then fastens four or five feet of four-pound-test nylon to the other end. The bait hook or lure is attached to the end of this leader.

Harry has found through experimenting that it is unnecessary to fish deep for bluegills. There is a common belief that one has to sink his bait deep to catch them in hot weather, but many tests have convinced Harry that the important thing is to have it a long way from the fisherman, not a long way from the surface. Fishing shallow, with either bait or fly, has paid off ten to one over deep fishing for him.

It is of utmost importance, however, to get well away from the boat or bank. He tried fishing with two outfits. One was cast from 30 to 50 feet from shore; the other 125 feet. The bait that was way out caught ten times as many bluegills as the other. Fish that are not disturbed bite much more freely. Last year, Harry caught more than 2,000 bluegills, so he speaks with authority.

Lest anyone accuse him of being a fish hog, let me hasten to point out that the experts now believe most non-trout waters suffer from under rather than over-fishing. Too many fish for the available food means that they'll all be stunted.

Strange as it may seem, the way to make fishing better is to catch more. Spinning tackle is ideally suited to the job of reducing an excess population of bluegills, crappies or perch. The flexible rod and fine line will cast a light lure or float away out, and the same tackle provides maximum sport once a fish is hooked.

Spinning tackle should be chosen specifically for the job it will be asked to do.

The rod that would be ideal for casting a $\frac{5}{8}$ -ounce plug is far too stiff to cast a tiny panfish lure or a small float with a wet fly or worm. Get a very flexible rod for this job.

The line also is important. The heavier the line, the more friction it has in the guides and the heavier lure you need to pull it out when you cast. Conse-

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This is a good way to hold them while removing the hook, so they won't wiggle.



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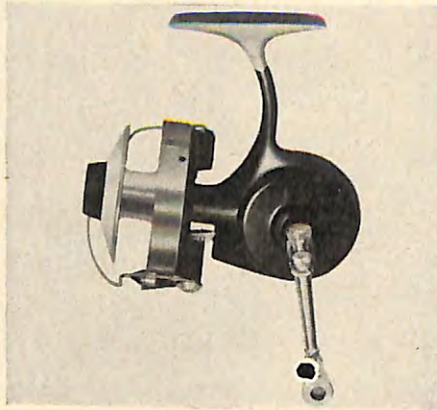
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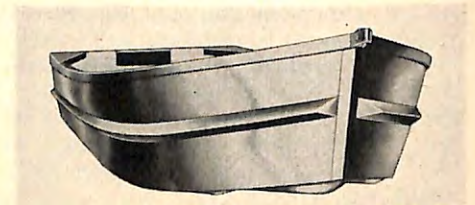
Tackle Tips for the Fisherman



New "SpinPal" reel has many advantages for the spin fisherman. No fumbling to release the pick-up device. Simply reverse the handle and pick-up device moves automatically out of the way. Over-size clutch gives smooth, positive drag. Automatic anti-reverse handle remains stationary when released. Reel is available in either left or right hand models. Has collapsible handle, coin-slot plug for easy lubricating. Standard and large sizes are available. James Heddon's Sons, Dowagiac, Michigan.



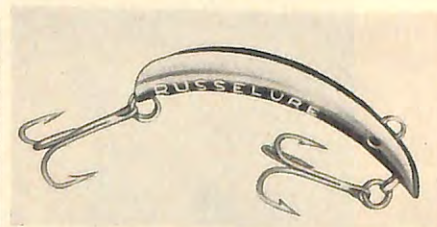
For rainy days on the water, this "Rain-Zip" coverall is handy. Made of Firestone Velon, completely waterproof. Detachable parka hood. Suit is one piece with zipper front. It folds wet or dry into a pocket-size pouch. Comes in three sizes—small, medium or large. \$4.95. Gardiner Products, 18 East 11th St., Kansas City 6, Missouri.



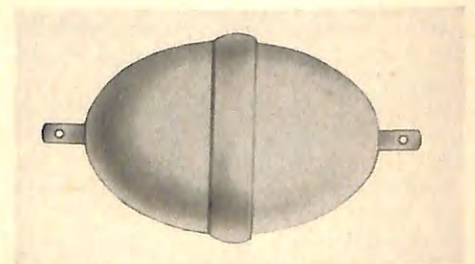
This new light-weight, aluminum Auto-Top Boat weighs only 89 Lbs., and sells for \$179 F.O.B. factory. Known as the "Luma-Top", the boat has stamped-in gunwales and sprayrails, along with three welded V-Type keels. Has three aluminum seats concealing safety floats. Boat is 12-feet long with 15-inch side height, 46-inch beam and 36-inch bottom. Free-land Sons Co., Box 30, Sturgis, Mich.



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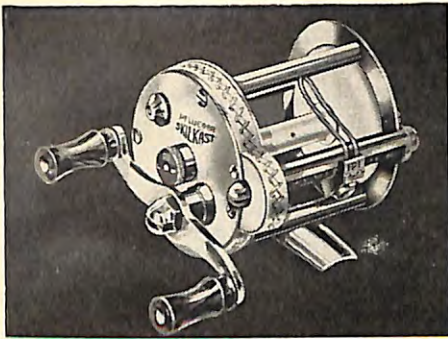
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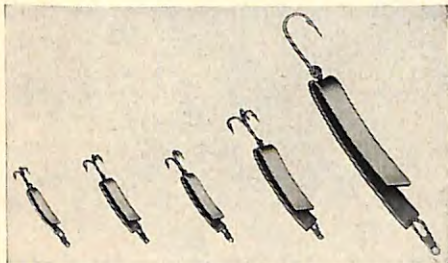
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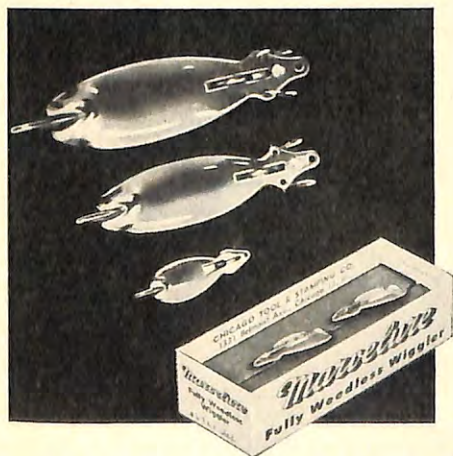
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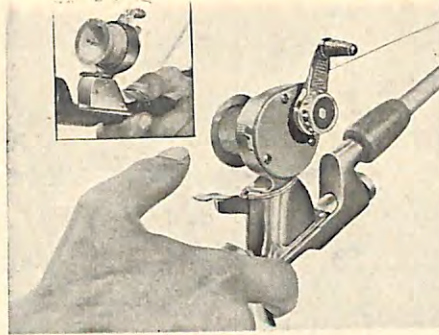
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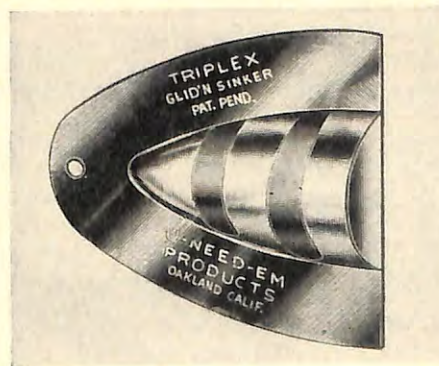
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Maybe you can't set world records—but Dan has a system for setting some personal ones.

We could see some on the bottom and others caught in the weeds. Maybe the big ones did not come up. Maybe they're still down there.

A FELLOW told me the other day that his fishing club had dumped a heavy dose of rotenone poison in their trout pond and killed all the fish. I asked him if they had done this merely out of curiosity to see what actually was in the pond or from exasperation, but he claimed their motive was neither one. The pond was over-run with chubs, he explained, and the club members decided to kill everything and start fresh with trout only. That was the only reason they poisoned it. That's what he said, anyway.

From time to time all my life I've been possessed with the desire to drain a pond or lake I had been fishing. Poison never occurred to me, but I could see where it would have possibilities in a body of water that couldn't be drained. A man has to be a curious and inquisitive soul to be a fisherman, and all I want to do is satisfy that curiosity. Especially after a thousand or so fruitless casts, I want to see what if anything actually is in the lake. I want to know if there are ten or ten thousand fish living there and, most of all, I want to know how big the big-

gest really is. He would be a monstrous thing, I'm sure.

So, even though I had never fished the pond in question, I was all ears when he told me they had poisoned it. They found a lot of trout, he admitted, more than they had a right to expect considering the luck they had been having. Of course, I thought to myself. That was natural. No fisherman is as good as he thinks he is.

"And what was the biggest one you picked up?" I asked, unable to wait for him to get to that part.

"Not very big, actually," he replied. "Not as big as one a member caught the week before."

This was a blow. It would be shocking to drain a pond and not find a huge fish or two in it. It is a necessary part of a fisherman's philosophy to believe that there are larger fish in the sea than have ever been caught. Anything to indicate that this might not be so would shatter his morale completely. Yet, strangely enough, the fisherman telling me about this pond-poisoning business appeared quite calm. He didn't seem to be par-

ticularly moved by the fact that they discovered no monster trout.

"We only wanted to kill off the chubs," he insisted again, as though he had read my thoughts. "Of course" he continued after several moments silence, "of course we didn't recover all the fish that the rotenone killed. We're sure of that. We could see some on the bottom and others caught in the weeds. Maybe the big ones didn't come up. Maybe they're still on the bottom."

I COULD see by his expression now that the chub-killing episode hadn't been all that it might have been. I could see, too, how futile my pond-draining inclinations would be if put into practice. I could never believe that I had certainly found the biggest fish of all. The granddaddy would escape up the inlet, or out a hole in the bottom, or be spirited away in the dark of the night by some stealthy sneak thief. A fisherman is up against an endless mystery, a mystery that can't be solved by so simple an expedient as draining a lake.

I've often wondered how many fisher-

men there would be if all fish of a species ran exactly the same size, like sardines in a can. If all mature bass were as alike as so many golf balls, or all muskies as nearly the same weight as sheep in a pasture, I'm sure something would be gone out of the sport. It might even be necessary to build a few extra rows of seats in the ball parks.

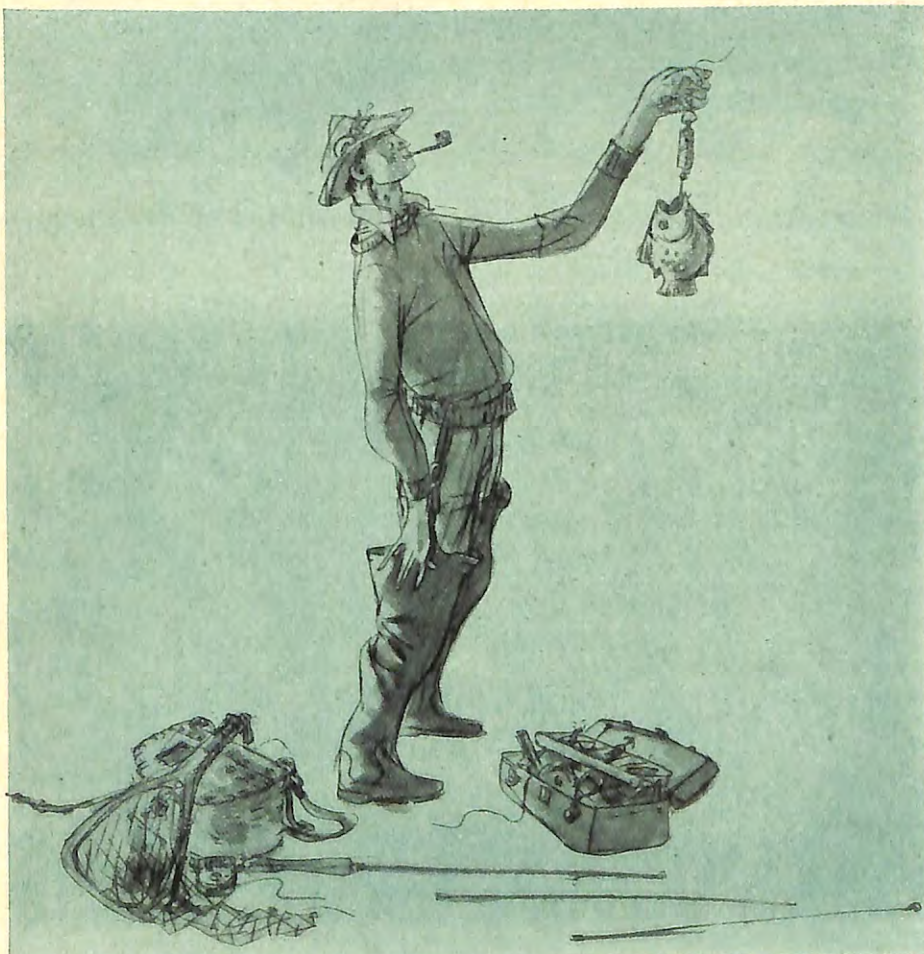
Of course some fishermen overdo this big-fish business. I'm thinking of the big-game salt-water fishermen. Apparently there is little point in going to the expense of a big-game fishing trip, of sitting strapped in a chair all day while the boat captain trolls the lure about, and of breaking one's back on the monsters when hooked unless the individual can have a record or two to call his very own. Unfortunately, there are a few more such fishermen than there are species of big-game fish; so only a choice few can claim the records for each one. However, these mighty anglers have arrived at a solution to this knotty problem. They have instituted numerous classifications for each species of fish: weight of rod, size of reel, strength of line, size of boat, name of boat, day of week, time of day, and, last of all, size of fish. That way they make room for everyone.

Personally, I've never gone in for such

records. I've done a little such fishing, of course, when I've had the chance. However, nothing I ever caught seemed to fit into any of the numerous classifications. Maybe I don't have the right lawyer. Anyway, national or international records mean nothing to me. I have something far better. I go in for personal records only, and I guess I hold as many of those as anyone. Someday, perhaps, I may haul out some such creature as a twenty-pound smallmouth bass; then I'll take an interest in big-time records, but until then I'll stick to my own plan.

For those who are interested in personal records, I have developed a system which I think is pretty good. If a fish is short and fat, I weigh him and forget the length; if he's long and skinny, however, I measure him and forget the weight. The physical well-being of the specimen involved determines whether he is measured or weighed for the record. For instance, a recent record of mine was a tarpon over five feet long which I caught on a surface plug, a bass bait-casting rod and a 15-pound-test line. No one ever heard of measuring a tarpon before, but when I toss off that "over five feet" business among friends it impresses them in the proper manner. This tarpon,

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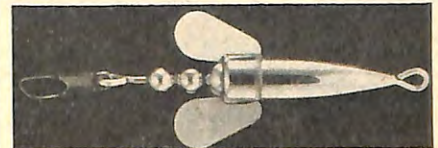
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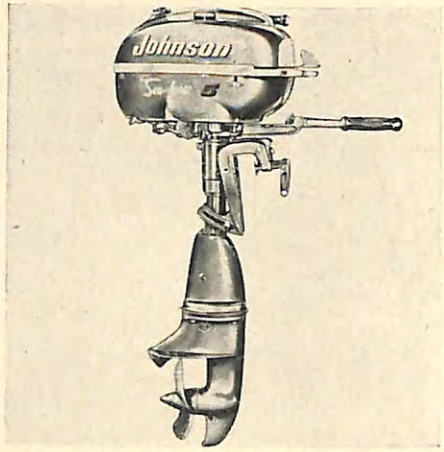
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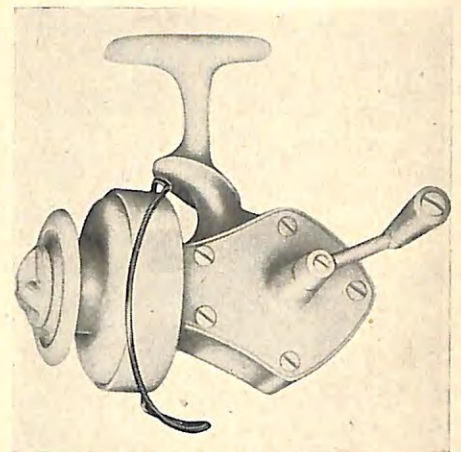
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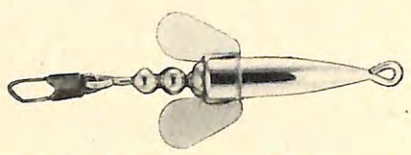
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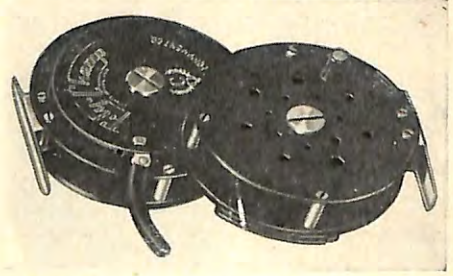
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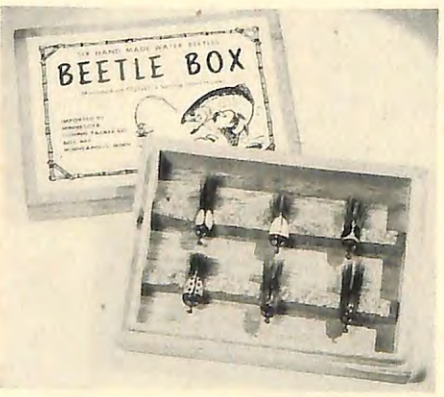
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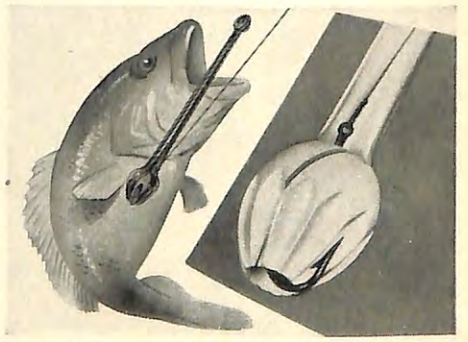
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to be exact, was 60½-inches long, a full half inch over five feet. What he weighed I never found out because he was about as thick through as my hand. This is fairly true of tarpon as a tribe: when five feet or under, it is more satisfactory to measure them only; when they are much over five feet, they should be weighed. A six-foot tarpon can weigh twice as much as a five-footer.

Salt-water record-makers could learn a lot from me. For instance, with rainbow trout alone I have my own records for dry fly, wet fly and spoon; for stream and for lake; and for non-migratory and for migratory rainbows, or steelhead. For instance, my best non-migratory lake rainbow taken on a wet fly weighed nine pounds, and my biggest migratory stream rainbow, a steelhead so skinny I could have tied a granny knot in him, taken on a spoon measured 31¼ inches. The combinations are unlimited. It's a poor fishing trip when I can't establish a record of some kind.

And when I've exhausted all such possibilities I can always fall back on something like the time it took to land a fish. One New York State brown trout required an hour and ten minutes to bring to net. I think that's a fine record.

Then, too, I have records for individual lakes and streams. This is necessary because the quest for big fish is entirely relative. I know it is with me, and it's fortunate that it is. I've had the good

luck to fish in some exceptional places. Where it was important in some such places to take a 12-pound trout, for instance, I can get just as enthused and work just as hard to take a 12-incher at home. A short while ago I hiked in to some secret little beaver ponds with a couple of New England neighbors where they told me we would catch some fat brook trout. Considering the distance we walked deep into the woods, I expected something really fat. However most of the trout I saw were under size, and I stopped to see how my friends were doing. One of them jerked a wriggling little trout from the black water and the other asked him eagerly: "Is he a keeper?"

"Just a minute, I'll tell you," the first fisherman answered as he put his rule to him. "Six and one-quarter," he sang out.

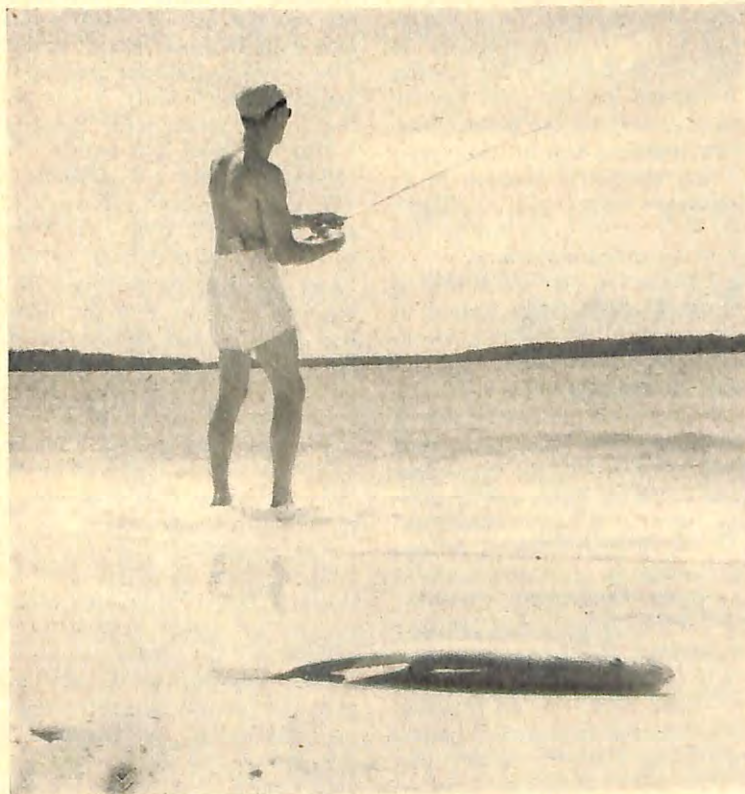
"Good!" came the enthusiastic response.

I returned to my fishing with an entirely new outlook. However, the total for the day was only four such legal trout, the biggest less than seven inches, and really not very fat. When we started on the long hike back to the car, one fisherman said he couldn't understand it; last year they had taken some good ones.

"You mean nine- and ten-inchers," I asked, trying to be conservative.

"Oh, no," he answered, "nothing like (Continued on page 51)

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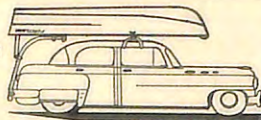
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quently, a light line is by far the best for panfish. It will cast a light lure much farther. Three- or four-pound test is strong enough unless you are fishing water with a lot of snags. Then six-pound test will save hooks.

The rod and line are the critical parts of your outfit but, of course, you don't need a big reel with a lot of line capacity for panfish. Better reels are available each year, and some of the earlier difficulties don't occur any more.

The same thing holds for lures. Spinning's ideal place as a supplement to bait casting and fly fishing is for casting lures or baits that are too light for the former and too heavy for the latter. Naturally, when spinning first hit this country, few lures were well adapted to it. That situation has been corrected. There are plenty of fish-taking plugs and spoons in the 1/8- to 3/8-ounce class now.

Next to its use for panfish, I believe that spinning is most ideally suited to fishing a stream with bait. A minnow on a spinning outfit is a deadly combination for smallmouth bass or big trout. A flexible rod and light line will fish a worm for trout better than any other tackle. Even many winter steelhead fishermen along the West Coast prefer spinning tackle for drift fishing. They need a reel with big line capacity, of course.

Spinning tackle is also well adapted to fishing streams with light lures for trout, bass, steelheads and other fish that frequently prefer a small spinner, spoon or wobbler to larger lures. Even a bucktail can be fished effectively on spinning tackle by clamping a light sinker on the line or employing a plastic bobber like Harry Sutphin uses for bluegills.

In the old days I used to fish minnows a lot for trout. We used a fly rod and a

light line and strip cast. Then I quit bait fishing for several years. Spinning tackle came along and one day I decided to catch a bunch of shiners and see, just for fun, how spinning compared to strip casting.

I was amazed at the difference. It was so much easier to cast the minnow with spinning tackle that there simply was no comparison, but this was only part of the story. The fine spinning line had little resistance in the water so I could drop my minnow into a good-looking pocket and hold it there much longer. It was also easier to hold the line up out of the water. Consequently, I was able to fish the stream much more thoroughly than I ever had with bait before.

Some anglers use spinning tackle to cast plugs for bass. I don't like it for this job, possibly because I was a bait caster for years before spinning came along and I enjoy casting with a revolving reel. Those who do, however, will find that the rod should be stiffer and the line stronger than would be used for panfish. Most bass plugs are too heavy for a light rod. In addition, a rather stiff rod is necessary in order to impart the correct action to many of them, particularly those that float and attract the fish by making a commotion on the surface.

The stronger line is indicated by the kind of water in which most bass, particularly largemouths, are caught. They usually are found around weeds, brush and snags. An angler using an extremely light line has to take time out to row over and free his lure every time it hangs up. With a stronger line he usually can jerk it free and this saves a lot of valuable fishing time during the course of a day.

Naturally, you can't cast so far with

a line testing eight pounds as you can with one that tests four, but long casts ordinarily are not required for bass fishing. Most places, a cast of 40 or 50 feet is long enough. Good accuracy, which enables you to fish close to weeds and brush, is more important.

While anybody can cast a bait or lure far enough to catch fish after only a few minutes practice with spinning tackle, learning to cast accurately requires a little more time. It is not difficult, however. The main thing is technique.

Many anglers use a side cast exclusively with spinning tackle. Accurate casting is difficult when the rod is swung to the side. Not only must the caster judge the proper distance; he must also release the line at exactly the right instant or the lure will go far to the right or left of the spot intended.

Swinging the rod in a vertical arc, in line with the target, eliminates this latter danger. The lure may go too far or it may fall short, but it won't be much out

of line to either side, and one soon learns to stop it when it has gone far enough. Here, step by step, is the technique I use when I want to drop my plug into a little pocket among the lily pads, as shown in a picture sequence made to accompany this article:

First, I reel the lure up until it is about six inches from the rod tip. Then I place the index finger of my rod hand against the spool of the reel to hold the line and flip the pickup arm out of the way with my left hand.

Next, I point the rod at the target and then bring it back over my shoulder in a vertical arc that is exactly in line with the target. I bring it back rather slowly and then snap it ahead more rapidly, the exact amount of force depending, of course, on the length of the intended cast.

Third, as the rod comes forward, still in line with the target, I release the line by lifting my finger off the spool. The exact time for this release depends on how far I intend to cast, but the rod

normally would be at an angle of about 45 degrees above horizontal.

Finally, when I judge that the lure has gone far enough, I put my finger against the lip of the spool. Some anglers halt their casts by starting to reel and letting the pickup arm catch the line and stop it. I have found, however, that I have much better control when I use my finger.

Spinning is a useful and enjoyable method of fishing, and there are few anglers who could not use it to advantage, at least part of the time. It is a good idea to remember, however, that, like bait casting or fly casting, spinning merely provides a means of putting a bait or lure out where the fish are. You still have to use the right one and fish it correctly to make them bite.

That, of course, is as it should be. When somebody invents a lure or method that *always* catches fish, I'll start buying mine at the butcher shop. It is the uncertainty that makes fishing fun.

Angling Angles

UPSTREAM WET FLY—Although wet flies usually are fished downstream, that is, below the angler, and given various actions by the line and rod to imitate aquatic insects swimming in the water, there are times when it is much more effective to wade upstream and cast ahead, letting the fly drift naturally with the current. If you don't catch trout on wet flies fished in the conventional way, it always is worth while to try upstream fishing before changing to bait or a spinner. Sometimes trout prefer a freely drifting fly. The toughest part of upstream wet-fly fishing is to hook the striking fish. If the line is greased so that only the fly and leader sink, and if slack is drawn in just fast enough to keep the line tight but not fast enough to move the fly, most of the difficulty will be avoided.

Strike by raising the rod quickly for 18 inches whenever the floating line makes a suspicious movement or hesitates momentarily. Sometimes you will see the flash of a turning trout in the water where you think your fly should be, and if you strike at all such indications, you will hook many fish that would otherwise be missed.

HOW DEEP? Bass are sensitive to water temperature, and the level at which they will be found at any particular time depends largely upon it. Early in the spring and late in the fall, when the water is cold, they seek the depths, and a deep-running spoon or plug is necessary to find them. Bait is effective at these times. As the sun begins to warm the shallow bays in the spring, the fish work into them and finally spawn when the water reaches a temperature of about 68 degrees. A plug that floats at rest but

works from 18 inches to three feet beneath the surface as it is reeled in usually is the best bet for this condition. Later, as the water becomes still warmer, they feed near the surface and a top-water plug or bass bug usually is best. During the heat of summer they shift to the depths again. Sinking lures must be used during midday, although they often cruise inshore and feed on the surface in the early morning, late evening and at night. September usually finds the bass in shallow water again, and it probably is the best month to catch them on floating lures. As the weather becomes cold,

they gradually move toward the depths, and the successful angler must fish progressively deeper throughout the fall.

PERCH POINTER—Yellow perch are school fish. Whether you are bait fishing, casting small lures with a spinning rod or fly fishing for them, where you find one perch you are almost certain to find more. Furthermore, the fish in any school are likely to be fairly uniform in size—small, medium or large, depending on whether you invaded a kindergarten, grade school or high school. Perch don't go to college.

To take advantage of this schooling tendency, don't waste time after you catch
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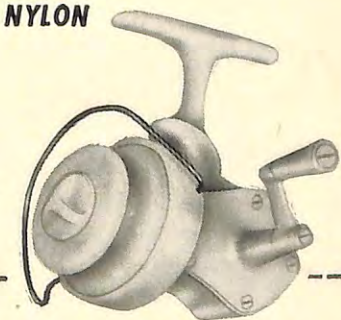
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Chicago Cub Hank Sauer, left, and Eddie Stewart of the White Sox, with Gus Zernial and other major-leaguers, won 5 to 4 over the 20th Century-Fox team in an exhibition game for the March of Dimes. The event, sponsored annually by Redondo Beach, Calif., Lodge, realized several hundred dollars for this worthy cause.



Miss Agnes Niyekawa receives from E.R. Medley of Honolulu, T. H., Lodge, right, a check to cover traveling expenses from the Islands to Bryn Mawr, where the brilliant Japanese student will study for a Master's Degree in Sociology. Dr. Monte R. Rucker, of the Elks Special Services Committee, stands at left.



Each year, Lawrence, Kans., Lodge honors one of its members with an Elk of the Year Award. The most recent selection was "Mr. Basketball", Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen, right, famous Kansas University Coach, shown with the award presented to him on P.E.R.'s Night by Elk Frank McDonald, a well-known Lawrence sports figure.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Unique State-Wide Meeting in Nebraska a Huge Success

A novel and well-planned event took place in Nebraska Jan. 21st and its outstanding success has guaranteed its repetition annually. The brain-child of State Vice-Pres. W. K. Swanson, the program had the full cooperation of the State's 21 lodges with about 2,000 Elks attending the seven simultaneous meetings and initiations, each of which represented three of Nebraska's lodges.

The event, sponsored by the Neb. Elks Assn., was designated as the 3-7-21 Meetings—"3" to indicate the number of lodges at each session, as well as the minimum number of candidates to be offered by each lodge; "7", to denote the total number of meetings held, and "21" to represent the participating lodges, as well as the date of the event.

At each gathering, the host lodge provided a banquet, one guest lodge conducted the initiation and the third furnished entertainment. While each branch of the

Order was expected to present at least three initiates, enthusiasm ran so high that a total of 150 men became Elks that evening.

An inter-meeting telephone hook-up brought together the handling of these meetings for which H. L. Blackledge, Pres. of the Neb. Elks Assn. and a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, was Master of Ceremonies, speaking from Broken Bow. Each lodge made a report over this exchange system which carried a message from the Grand Exalted Ruler delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner who attended the conclave at Lincoln.



Elk and civic officials attended Medford, Ore., Lodge's banquet for students participating in the 4th Annual Elk-sponsored Student Government Day.

M. A. Rosin, Prominent Florida Elk, Dies in Crash

Florida Elksdom suffered a great loss Jan. 20th when an automobile accident took the life of 45-year-old M. A. Rosin of Sarasota Lodge No. 1519. His passenger, Joseph Alexander, Jr., also died.

A P.E.R. and Life Member of Arcadia Lodge No. 1524, Mr. Rosin transferred his membership to No. 1519 when he moved to Sarasota two years ago.

An active Elk, Mr. Rosin met his death

while driving to Madison to attend a meeting with other Elks interested in establishing a lodge there. For the past two years, Mr. Rosin had been Chairman of the Fla. Elks Assn.'s Committee on New Lodges.

A former District Deputy and a Past Pres. of the Florida organization, he will be missed greatly by his fellow members. To them, and to his wife, four sons and father who survive him, the staff of the Magazine extends its sympathy.

Ill. Elks Billiard Tourney Results

Chairman A. D. Sackett of the Ill. Elks Assn. Billiard Committee reports that the annual Three Cushion Tournament held by the Assn. in Champaign Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 was a huge success.

Two members of the host lodge, A. D. Sackett and George Sheffer, took second and third places, with Harry Hagen, a member of Decatur Lodge, leading, and fourth place honors going to Springfield Elk Gene Randolph.



Pictured at Douglas County Hospital when Omaha, Neb., Lodge presented two TV sets to the boys and girls polio wards were, left to right: Est. Lead. Knight J. F. Sullivan, Secy. J. J. Ambrose, polio patient Rodney Johnson, Hospital Supt. Miss Lola Lindsey, and Rodney's brother Dale.



Handling the first reunion of West Haven, Conn., Lodge's largest class, the 120-man Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin group, left to right: E.R. F. J. Vellali, Chairman F. J. LaFrance, Lodge Treas. J. T. Onofrio, Secy. Dom Garafalo and Publicity Chairman H. J. Kenney.



Long Beach Lodge's Est. Lead. Knight J. W. Grundy, left, on behalf of the Lead. Knights of the Calif. So. Cent. and So. Cent. Coast Dist., presents a TV set to the VA Hospital. Second from left, Col. W. B. McBrien.



On his visit to Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge, D.D. A. L. Crocker, third from left, accepted the lodge's \$500 check for the Nev. Society for Crippled Children from E.R. F. G. Brown in the presence of other officials.



Esteemed Leading Knight W. E. Melton, right, presents two checks totaling \$2,000 to Mrs. Bertram, representing the City of Hope, as P.E.R. Robert R. Johnson and Exalted Ruler W. B. Rockwood look on. The money was raised through a drive sponsored by Monrovia, Calif., Lodge.



Pictured at Mount Kisco, N. Y., Lodge's 500th Session were, left to right, Louis W. Kenney who was E.R. of White Plains Lodge when the Mount Kisco branch was instituted, host E.R. E. B. Somers, State Pres. James A. Gunn, guest of honor, and host Secy. Oscar E. T. Schonfeld.



For ELKS who TRAVEL

*The Coronation is only one good reason
for visiting Europe—but reserve early.*

BY HORACE SUTTON

PROBABLY NOBODY in the United States short of a hermit or a groundhog has avoided a saturation of excited talk about the Coronation which unfolds in England on June 2nd. I say unfolds, because the actual crowning, as Charles Winninger used to say on the Showboat program, is only the beginning folks, only the beginning. The Queen will be making appearances in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland deep into the summer, and her program threatens to make a high-pressure season in Europe from spring to fall.

Reactions will be felt on the Continent as far east as Switzerland, and certainly the festival in Britain is having all sorts of effects on the transportation across the sea. For example, if you still have ideas of getting over this summer and still have no reservations your chances are something like this: The Cunard Line, which has the largest fleet, says that it still has space in first class for the month of April. It is still accepting applications and chances of fulfillment are good for first class in May and June, excepting for the pre-Coronation sailing on May 26th of the "Queen Mary", which is a sellout. From July 1st first class space again is available. In cabin class all sailings are "very tight" from April 15th to July 15th, and from May to July 15. Cunard will take applications but chances are mighty slim. Beginning with the July 25 sailing of the "Mauretania", cabin class space is again available. Tourist class is all but chock-a-block from now until May 15th and after that it's just impossible until about July 10th.

This outlook is for Cunard's ships, the

"Queen Elizabeth" and "Queen Mary", the "Britannic", the "Medea", "Parthia", "Mauretania", and "Caronia". It is quite representative of the situation on most other transatlantic lines—Holland-America, French Line, and Swedish-American. The answer distills to this: Anybody with no space and an intention to travel by sea can still go first class if he hurries, will have difficulty finding cabin class until the middle of July and will have virtually no chance to get tourist space until after the middle of July, and perhaps later. Chances are better for late travelers aboard American Export Lines which travels the Mediterranean and gets an earlier season than the ships on the northern route.

AIR TRAVEL ALSO TIGHT

Air travelers will find the transatlantic airlines tight on space from the last part of May and all of June, both on tourist class aircraft and first class. The lower-priced service is somewhat harder to get in all cases, but it will be possible to pick your day in July and August. Pan American this summer will fly two planes a day in tourist class and more than two a day in first class in each direction.

Britain anticipates that somewhere between 30,000 and 40,000 Americans will be on hand in London on Coronation Day. Anybody who contracts for a seat in a hotel window, which comes with a champagne lunch, can expect to deposit \$80 with the management for the privilege. However, the British Travel Association points out that the procession follows a seven-and-a-half mile route and there will be plenty of standing room

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along the way. It is still possible for an American to see the Coronation by joining a packaged tour which includes transportation, seat at the Coronation, hotel space in London, and a trip to the Continent. A twenty-day variety of this excursion will cost about \$900 and up, with some as long as 40 days, visiting more countries and naturally, costing more mazuma.

PRIVATE HOMES OPENED

The crush is expected to be relieved by the opening of private homes to visitors. This practice is being conducted on a variety of scales. For instance, a London actress is offering her mansion for \$3,000 for three weeks, a countess will give up her apartment near Westminster Abbey for \$900 for four weeks, and one shack is available for \$8,400 for a month with Rolls Royce, chauffeur, and swimming pool thrown in. On the other hand, 6,000 Londoners will open their homes for the likes of \$5.25 a night, a fee which includes breakfast and a chance to get a real look inside British life. All the apartments have been inspected and screened and anybody interested should write to Coronation Accommodation Service, 88 Brook Street, London W. 1, England.

Reverberations from the Coronation spectacle will be felt across the Channel in France, which set a tourist record in 1952 and expects a new one in '53. The big do in London will mean that more people will be in France earlier than they have ever been before. Further clogging of hotels will be caused by a mammoth American convention during the last days of May. Anyone heading for Patee and the countryside beyond should plan on making it in the late season, but even so, those who come in August and September, and even the fall months, ought to do their booking now.

So much bad press has come out of Paris about high restaurant prices that the French tourist people wish it known that there are hundreds of restaurants in town where you can eat for a modest price. The trouble is that Americans beat a path to the places they have heard so much about which compare with our Stork Club, Pavillon, Chambord and Twenty-One over here—expensive bistros every one. It is suggested that the famous elegant restaurants be left to the big spenders, and everyone else shop the

menus which are posted in front of every eating place in town.

Many of those who overflow from England will be staying in France in between Coronation ceremonies. The famous resort of Le Touquet between Calais and Dieppe on the northern coast will get an especially big play. There are 2,000 villas at Le Touquet and 50 hotels, most of which are just a mile from the airport. An air ferry operates between the resort and London, which is only an hour away, bringing cars as well as people. Under the schedule known as Tarif des Silver City Airways, an especially delightful amalgam of French and English, are the prices—fifteen pounds for a car or four pounds for a passenger, the pound being pegged at under three dollars. By air liner from London to Paris will cost \$44.70 for the roundtrip, and the boat train is approximately the same. The Golden Arrow, for example, leaves London at 2 pm and gets to Paris at 9:34 pm.

ITALY SETS NEW RECORDS

Italy, which has been setting some records of its own—6 million tourists in 1952—doesn't expect to feel anything special from the Coronation, but it is confident of a new record all the same. Of the mammoth crowd that came last year, 1½ million were Swiss, one million were French and 400,000 were Americans. Transportation is still the big limiting factor with the people from the U.S. Although new ships have been sliding down the ways, others have been lost or retired.

The number of hotels increases each year in Italy and talk about the country being touristically overcrowded is viewed in official circles as "foolish." The tourist belt was not overcrowded in 1950,

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In the Doghouse

Sense of scent—not sight—is what makes a hunter.

A DOG OWNING NEIGHBOR of mine is seriously disturbed about his dog's preference for things that are offensive to his—the owner's—sensitive schnozzle. Such things as over-ripe fish, to cite example. Never having owned a dog before, it came as a shock to him that his well-groomed, well-fed purp should reveal such a low-down trait. I tried to point out that to some dogs a long deceased fish is roses, but I don't think I was successful in easing his mind. He still doesn't see why his dog's scent perception should differ from his; but, then, this is his first dog and if you own a dog you'll agree that he has a lot to learn. To illustrate my point, I reminded him that the odor of many objects acceptable to humans are objectionable to dogs. No indeed, our four-footed friends' scent and taste preferences are not at all degenerate and they behave the way nature intended for them.

Of all the senses possessed by Fido, his sense of scent is perhaps the keenest. Next in order is his sense of hearing. But the dog that has no power of scent is like the human being who is deaf and dumb; he lives much of his life in a world apart. He can lose his hearing and still get along pretty well. He can even be a fairly good watch dog too, since he has a sense for vibration (the movement of people or objects nearby) and fortified by his sense of scent he can detect the presence of strangers much sooner than can his master. The dog's nose in its upper recesses provides a large area for olfactory glands. I refer to dogs with normal beaks, although even to a lesser degree those purps with pushed in faces, such as the bulldog, retain fairly good scenting sense.

As for sight, well, I've mentioned more than once in these sermons that Mr. Dog is far from being eagle-eyed. In fact, most dogs—other than a few of the coursing hounds whose speed enables them to keep their game in sight—are said to see only about as well as does a human along about sundown. Yes, scent is all-important to the dog. You'll note this if you watch a dog trying to locate a hidden object or person; he could be blindfolded for all the use he makes of his eyes. It's his nose that directs his efforts. Leaders among the dogs that depend entirely upon scent are the bloodhound, the beagle, the

basset hound, the dachshund. It is among the hounds that you'll find the outstanding dogs used for tracking. Foremost among these is the bloodhound, the only dog whose evidence is accepted by the courts. When a bloodhound trees or runs down a wrongdoer, John Law accepts this as evidence that the latter is the person wanted. The fable that these dogs are killers has long been exploded. The name of the breed has led to the misconception. It has nothing to do with bloodshed and is simply derived from the fact that long ago in the early history of the breed it was known as the blooded hound because it was among the first of the breeds for which careful pedigrees were kept. You've heard the term "blooded horses"; well, here you have the blooded hound. Then, too, these

dogs more often are used to track escaped convicts and other culprits.

The scent hounds previously mentioned pursue a body scent more than a foot scent. The basset-hound, a short-legged fellow, rather slow, is a persistent and stubborn trailer. The nose-to-the ground trailer works slowly, too; much more slowly than the body-scent tracking dog. The beagle is an excellent tracker, as is the dachshund, although the latter's very short legs handicap him where speed is essential. But when he does locate his game he, having terrier blood, is a very able citizen if he is faced with the problem of digging under ground for his quarry. His short, powerful legs enable him literally to bore his way into the earth and, being dead game, he's a match

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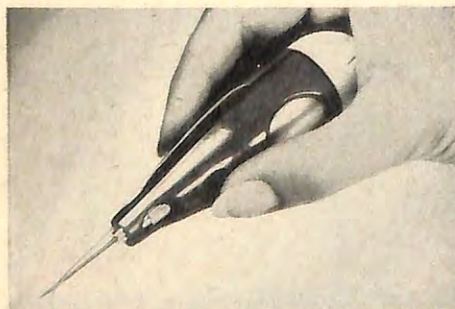


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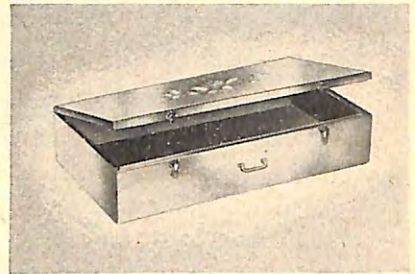
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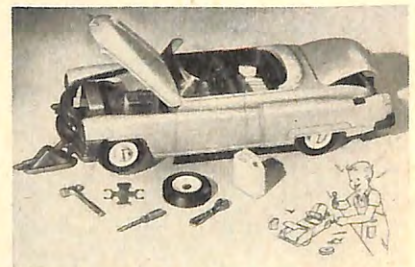
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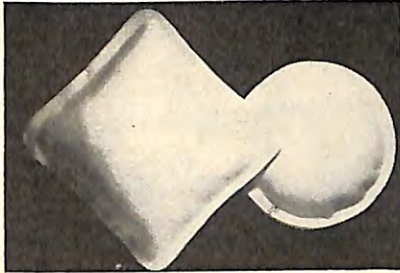
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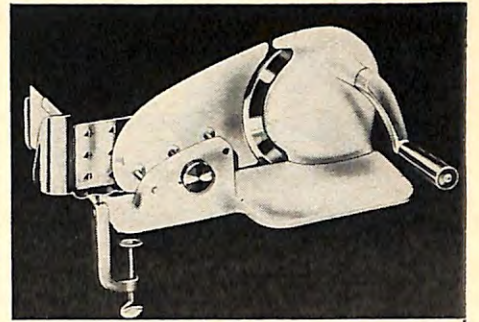
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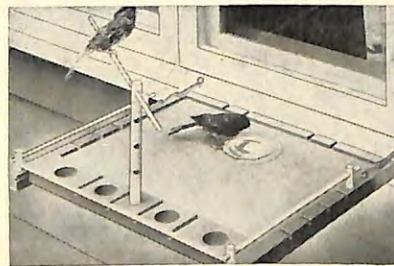
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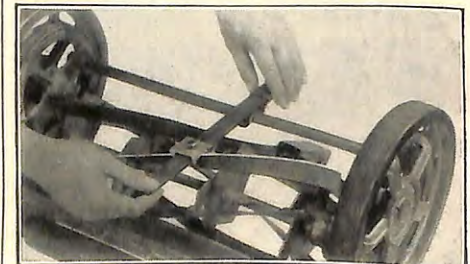
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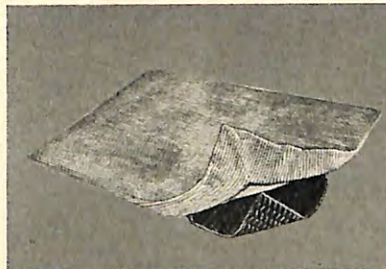
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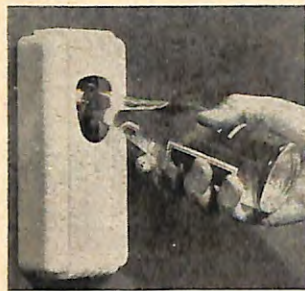
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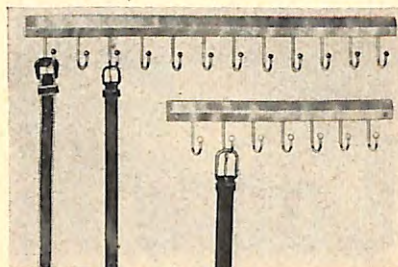
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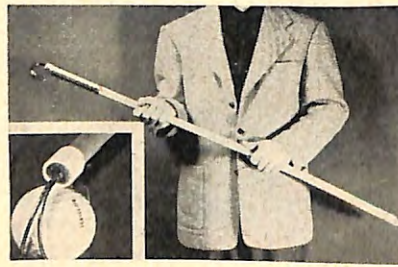
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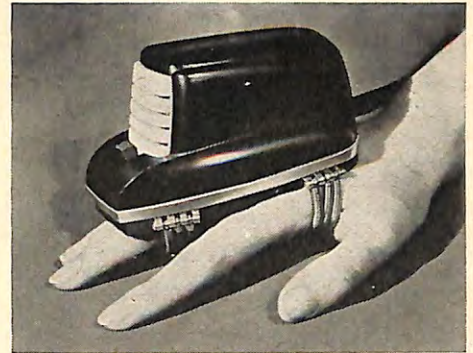
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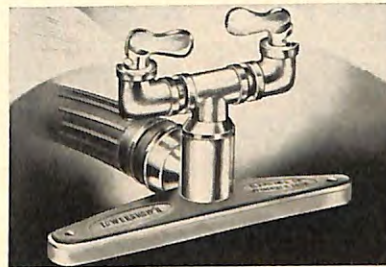
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CANDIDATES FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., LODGE PRESENTS A CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Lodge, No. 417, proudly presents our Past Exalted Ruler, Earl E. James, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks for consideration of the Grand Lodge to be assembled in St. Louis, Mo., July 5, 1953.

We who know Earl James best, having observed his activities for the good of the Order since his initiation in June, 1924, give assurance that he is a true and loyal Elk, possessed of sound judgment, fidelity, integrity and an astounding capacity for hard work. He has risen from the ranks to higher positions of trust and confidence in Grand Lodge activities than has any Elk in Oklahoma. His zeal, industry and intelligent application of his talents to whatever task assigned him, whether in his home lodge, the State Association or in Grand Lodge, have moved us to present him for election to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

For three years following his initiation, he served on various committees in his home lodge. Beginning with his election as Esteemed Lecturing Knight, he advanced through all chair offices, being elected Exalted Ruler of No. 417 in 1930. In 1931 he was elected a Trustee of the lodge to serve three years, and in 1938 was again selected as its Exalted Ruler.

Brother James entered into the State Ritualistic Contests with his usual enthusiasm, and following such contests, in 1942 he was selected as "All State Loyal Knight" and as "All State Chaplain" in 1944.

His Grand Lodge activities began in 1944, with his appointment as District Deputy. Reappointed to that office the following year, he also was named State Chairman of the Elks War Commission, in which capacity he served three years. He was later appointed District Chairman of the Elks Volunteer Workers Veterans Administration.

In 1946 and 1947, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary and served as Chairman of this

group from 1948 to 1952. In his six successive years on this important Committee he gave invaluable service. While Chairman, Brother James undertook and completed the compilation and annotation of the Statutes of the Order, a copy of which is found on the desks of the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges. The value of this contribution has been acclaimed by all leaders of the Order.

Since 1940, Earl James has participated in all State Association annual meetings and has played an active part in lodge activities on a statewide basis. Thus we see that through sheer ability and untiring endeavors, he has come from service on subordinate lodge committees to the place of high esteem in which he is held in the councils of the Grand Lodge of this Order.

For nearly thirty years, he has given freely of his time and labor in the cause of Elkdom. His activities have not been limited to this Fraternity, however. He was one of the three organizers of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma City and served four years as a director of that organization which has been active in all civic affairs. For four years he served as an active Committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America. He studied law at the University of Oklahoma, is a member of the honorary legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, and is engaged in the active practice of law.

A loyal American, courageous, ever faithful to his obligation, dynamic in all his endeavors for that which is good, and capable of rendering still greater service for the good of the Order—this is the man, Earl E. James.

We are pleased to announce that each and every subordinate lodge in this State, by resolution adopted with such lodge in session, has wholeheartedly joined Oklahoma City Lodge No. 417 in this presentation of Oklahoma's leading Elk for Grand Exalted Ruler.

V. E. McFadden, Exalted Ruler
Al. E. Swihart, Secretary

CHARLEROI, PA., LODGE AGAIN PRESENTS GRAND SECRETARY MASTERS FOR REELECTION

THE MEMBERS of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494, once again take pleasure in offering its Past Exalted Ruler, J. Edgar Masters, as the Order's Grand Secretary.

Knowing how efficiently Brother Masters has performed the duties of every office to which he has been called, it is with exceptional pride that Charleroi Lodge makes this announcement.

The Order of Elks has been extremely fortunate in having J. Edgar Masters handle the complicated and detailed affairs of this office for a quarter of a century.

An Elk since 1903, the Grand Secretary has devoted most of his time and efforts to the Order since that time. Exalted Ruler of Charleroi Lodge in 1908, he was appointed as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee in 1911, and also held membership on the Grand Lodge Committee on Social and Community Welfare. Following his five-year affiliation with the Board of Grand

Trustees, he was elected to lead the Order as its Grand Exalted Ruler in 1922. From 1923 until 1927, Mr. Masters served as a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

Prior to the time when Mr. Masters began devoting his full time and energies to the activities of the Order, Washington County, Pa., had the benefit of his capabilities for four years, during which period he was its Treasurer, and the Southwestern Pennsylvania State Normal School Board recognized his talents by selecting him as its President some years ago.

The members of No. 494 are confident that the delegates to the 1953 Grand Lodge Convention will repeat the action of their predecessors of the past 25 years by again unanimously electing Mr. Masters to this important post.

William T. Darby, Exalted Ruler
Walter L. Stroud, Secretary

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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Right: While in Illinois for the State Assn.'s Annual Round-Up, Mr. Stern, center, with former Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, left, visited the newly decorated home of Urbana Lodge where they were pictured with E.R. Gene Sams.



the home of **LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 143**. Welcomed by E.R. Chris J. Mertz, Chairman Thomas E. Burke of the Ind. Elks Cancer Fund and Committee Chairman R. E. Bunker, the party visited Purdue University where, for the past six years, the Ind. Elks have been financing research in the effort to control cancer. Dean W. L. Ayres escorted the visitors on a tour of the University's School of Science. Later, they adjourned to the Elks Country Club where they were joined by D. D. Robert Bonnell, P.D.D. Elmer Kauffman, Lafayette's Mayor Kenneth R. Snyder, E.R. Pierre Douglass of Frankfort Lodge and many other officials.

Following a visit to **INDIANAPOLIS LODGE NO. 13**, Elksdom's chief executive was entertained on Feb. 5th by **TERRE HAUTE LODGE NO. 86**. Joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, State Pres. P. W. Loveland and Vice-Pres. L. A. Krebs, and D.D. Orvan Hall, Mr. Stern and the dignitaries mentioned earlier as his official Indiana escort, attended a reception and dinner given by the members of Terre Haute Lodge. The remainder of the evening was spent at the Wabash Theater watching a thoroughly enjoyable performance of the Elks Charity Minstrels.

The Order's leader was guest of honor at a banquet held Feb. 13th at the home of **HARRISBURG, PA., LODGE NO. 12**, when he was welcomed by E.R. Benjamin F. Bowers. The dinner, at which P.E.R. Samuel Handler was Toastmaster, paid tribute not only to the Fargo visitor, but to No. 12's P.E.R.'s and the members of the Sam Stern Birthday Class as well. The Grand Exalted Ruler enjoyed the privilege of accepting Harrisburg Lodge's \$300 check for the Elks National Foundation on this occasion.

Approximately 750 persons, including Mr. Stern, several Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Grand Lodge officials, attended the 85th Anniversary Banquet held by **NEW YORK, N. Y., LODGE NO. 1**, at the Hotel Commodore Feb. 14th. Delegations were on hand from many New Jersey and upper New York State lodges. The Grand Exalted Ruler, reviewing the Order's progress since Feb. 16, 1868, pointed with pride to its growth and the expansion of its charitable activities. Noting the 25th Anniversary of the Elks

National Foundation, Mr. Stern urged the membership to contribute to the Foundation, in order to share personally in its great humanitarian work. P.D.D. Charles J. Garrison, P.E.R. of No. 1, presented to Mr. Stern his lodge's \$500 check, a contribution to the Elks National Service Commission. P.E.R. Patrick S. Mason, Chairman of the Committee, was Toastmaster for the dinner program during which E.R. James P. Somerville spoke briefly.

The following day, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley, E. Mark Sullivan and Henry C. Warner, Grand Trustees D. E. Lambourne and Thomas J. Brady and Grand Treas. Edward A. Dutton, Mr. Stern visited the members of **PROVIDENCE, R. I., LODGE NO. 14**. Welcomed by the official reception

committee, including D.D. Leo B. Carey, the party was greeted by Mayor Walter H. Reynolds, and later attended a reception and dinner at the lodge home, at which the officials of the **R. I. STATE ELKS ASSN.** were hosts.

Mayor John B. Hynes of Boston, Mass., entertained Mr. Stern at breakfast at the Parker House the morning of the 16th. The 65 guests on this occasion included Grand Lodge and State Assn. officials, E.R.'s of the Metropolitan area and the State's District Deputies. The same group was entertained at luncheon at the Hotel Statler by Gov. Christian A. Herter who invited Mr. Stern to visit his office at the Capitol and to attend a meeting of the State Legislature. The visits were made later in the day, the Grand Exalted Ruler addressing the State Representatives in meeting. Prior to luncheon, Mr. Stern participated in a television panel program over Station WMAC.

The **MASS. ELKS ASSN.'s** Annual Grand Exalted Ruler's Banquet took place that evening at the Hotel Statler, attended by nearly 1,000 members and guests from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island to whom Mayor John B. Hynes extended his official welcome. Superior Court Justice Wilfred J. Paquet, Vice-Pres. of the Assn., was Toastmaster, and in addition to the dignitaries mentioned earlier, guests at the speakers' table included State Pres. Dr. Henry I. Yale and John E. Mullen, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and P.E.R. John S. Nolan, Gov. Herter's Administrative Secretary, who extended the greetings of the Commonwealth. A highlight of the program was the presentation of the James R. Nicholson Trophy to the State Championship Ritualistic Team, a duty enjoyed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner. During the evening, the Male Chorus of Springfield Lodge entertained.

E.R. O. E. Byer and the 1,900 members of **HUNTINGTON, W. VA., LODGE NO. 313**, honored Mr. Stern at a reception, dinner and dance on Feb. 20th. Escorted from **WHEELING, W. VA.**, by a committee of Huntington Elks, Mr. Stern visited with hundreds of local and visiting members and their ladies at the lodge's open house program prior to the dinner later that evening.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1953*

State	Place	Date
Nevada	Ely	Apr. 16-17-18
Louisiana	Jennings	Apr. 17-18-19
Oklahoma	Tulsa	Apr. 25-26
Ohio	Columbus	Apr. 30, May 1-2-3
Kansas	Wichita	May 1-2-3
Mississippi	Vicksburg	May 2-3
Arizona	Safford	May 6-7-8-9
New Mexico	Gallup	May 7-8-9
Kentucky	Louisville	May 14-15-16
Missouri	Hannibal	May 15-16-17
New York	Albany	May 21-22-23
Illinois	Rock Island	May 22-23-24
Alabama	Huntsville	May 22-23-24
Florida	St. Augustine	May 22-23-24-25
Wyoming	Cody	May 27-28-29
North Carolina	Southern Pines	May 29-30
South Carolina	Myrtle Beach	May 29-30-31
Texas	Houston	June 3-4-5-6
Oregon	Grants Pass	June 4-5-6
Utah	Provo	June 4-5-6
Minnesota	Duluth	June 4-5-6-7
Iowa	Waterloo	June 5-6-7
Maine	Augusta	June 5-6-7
Connecticut	Norwich	June 6
Nebraska	Kearney	June 6-7-8
South Dakota	Mitchell	June 7-8
Idaho	Boise	June 11-12-13
New Jersey	Atlantic City	June 19-20
Indiana	Gary	June 19-20-21
Virginia	Charlottesville	June 21-22-23
Rhode Island	Woonsocket	June 27-28
Montana	Havre	July 23-24-25
Md., Del., D. C.	Salisbury, Md.	Aug. 20-21-22-23
Tennessee	Columbia	Sept. 4-5
California	Long Beach	Sept. 16-17-18-19
Vermont	Hartford	Sept. 18-19-20

*Nebraska Spring Meeting at Hastings Apr. 12. Maryland, Del., D. C. Spring Meeting at Wilmington, Del., Apr. 18-19. Indiana Fall Meeting at Indianapolis Sept. 26-27. Wisconsin Spring Meeting at Antigo May 16-17.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



These 55 men became members of Jacksonville, Fla., Lodge in honor of P.E.R. Thomas J. Heaney, Sr., seated fifth from left. An Honorary Life Member, Chairman of both the Blood Bank and Entertainment Committees, Mr. Heaney is a 25-year member, and father of the current E.R.



Jacksonville, Ill., Lodge officers and the class initiated in honor of D.D. Frederick O. Mercer.



Here is part of the 50-man class recently initiated into the Order at Fergus Falls, Minn., Lodge by the St. Paul Elks' Ritualistic Team. Seated at left is State Assn. Pres. Dr. M. H. Carlson.



Ashland, Ore., Lodge's Junior Gun Club members are pictured with E.R. Lyndell Newbry, far left, and Secy. J. Sid Reed, far right. Club advisors are Elks Verne Decker and O. R. Edwards.



P.E.R. J. Walter Socha, left, with the winner in the summer yearling bull class at the County Cattle Sale and its owner, Tony Verquer, right, holding the trophy which Walsenburg, Colo., Lodge members present annually at this event.

No. Car. Elk Officials Meet at Charlotte

Charlotte Lodge No. 392 was host to the December meeting of the No. Car. State Elks Assn. when Pres. C. D. Thomas presided. Eight other officers of the organization were joined by the State's three D.D.'s. H. E. Olsen, Dr. G. B. Tourjee and L. N. Howard, all of whom delivered reports. It was revealed that the football game sponsored by the Assn. last Fall had shown a net profit of \$2,100. The sum will be used to establish a youth camp in the eastern part of the State.

Past Pres. Thad Eure, a Grand Lodge Committeeman, addressed the 44 delegates, and Chairman Boyce A. Whitmire of the N.C. Boys Camp Committee delivered a very complete report on the operation of this excellent project.

The P.E.R.'s Assn. met at this time, and it was decided that this group will present a cup, known as the "P.E.R.'s Award" to the State Championship Ritualistic Team each year.

Fremont, Neb., Elks Give Air Lock to Hospital

A special type air lock, designed by Dr. Allen Bloxson of Houston, Tex., was presented to the Dodge County Community Hospital by representatives of Fremont Lodge No. 514. Hospital Trustee N. A. Allen accepted the device from Dr. I. D. Pirie, E.R. of the Lodge, and State Assn. Treas. Fred Laird.

The air lock which may be used as an inhalator, iron lung or incubator was purchased at an expense of \$1,045, a sum raised through donations from members of the lodge. The collection of the money and selection of the air lock were handled by Secy. Roland Gaeth.



Left: Fresno, Calif., Lodge initiated this class of 27 men as a tribute to P.E.R. Clyde N. Jackson who was appointed to the office of Trustee of the California State Association.



Right: This picture, taken at Baltimore, Md., Lodge, records the installation of the officers of the State's new lodge at Essex. Seated, left to right: E.R. L. C. Thompson, P.D.D. Edgar DeMoss, Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, D.D. Harry Stegmaier, Est. Lead. Knight Wm. Steele.

Globe, Ariz., Elks Mourn J. F. Mayer

One of Elkdom's staunchest supporters passed away Dec. 31st and his loss will be felt deeply throughout the Order. A member of Globe Lodge No. 489 for half a century, Joseph F. Mayer had been its Exalted Ruler and acted as its Secretary for many years.

National recognition of his devotion to the ideals and principles of the Order came with his elevation to the station of Grand Tiler at the Grand Lodge Convention in 1923. Twenty years later, Mr. Mayer was appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan to act

as his District Deputy for Arizona South. We join his family and countless friends in mourning the loss of this loyal and devoted Elk.

Medford, Ore., Elks Again Sponsor Student Government Day

For the fourth year, the Elks of Medford Lodge No. 1168 arranged to have the city's business put in the hands of its young people for a day. Under the aegis of the lodge's Secy., Ernest L. Scott and E.R. V. Aubrey Norris, the Junior City Administration group of senior high school students did a fine job of governing the community, following a well-

planned campaign and election program. The agenda of the meeting of the eight council members included discussion on traffic problems, improvements of jail facilities, appropriation of funds for the CAP, various park improvements and other factors vital to proper city administration.

In the evening, the Elks entertained the students at a banquet attended by D.D. Harvey W. Robertson and officials of the lodge, as well as Medford's Mayor D. L. Flynn, who cooperated wholeheartedly in this commendable project. School Supt. E. H. Hedrick, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, President of Southern Oregon College of Education, and other educators.



Left: Pouring concrete for the addition to Kingman, Ariz., Lodge's 50-year-old home are Charter Members Ace Harris, 84 years old, third from left, and Frank Meredith, 82 years old, right. D.D. John M. Blair assists them as P.D.D. Carl D. Hammond and Est. Leading Knight Ira Rawlings, in charge of the construction, look on. Originally planned at an expense of \$35,000 the building will be worth \$47,000, owing to the members' generosity in donating labor.

Right: At Vaughan Veterans Hospital William Dolan, left, of Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge hands the plate to be attached to the trophy case he donated to the Hospital to Don La Rocque, Asst. Chief of Special Services at Hines Hospital, as Illinois Elks Veterans Service Committee Chairman William A. Lauer smiles approval. The gift, costing nearly \$200, honors the memory of Dr. E. G. Damerol, Chicago Elks.



St. Louis Readies Royal Welcome

PRELIMINARY plans for the entertainment of visitors during the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, July 5th to 9th, indicate that the famed hospitality of this great city will surpass all expectations. St. Louis Lodge, No. 9, has formed 30 enthusiastic committees under the direction of Local Convention Chairman George Wunderlich, P.E.R., who is assisted by associate chairman Rudolph Betlach, P.E.R., and Robert Connolly, P.E.R. The local St. Louis committee is headed by P.G.E.R. Bruce A. Campbell as Honorary Chairman.

The Anheuser Busch Brewery is making elaborate preparations to conduct open house all during the Convention week. This will include tours of the brewery with music, refreshments, and copious samples of their excellent brews.

The Famous-Barr Department Store management, through its owner, Brother Morton J. May, a member of St. Louis Lodge, is already making extensive arrangements for an outstanding Fashion Show to be held at the Convention Auditorium.

The St. Louis Lodge Minstrel Players, who enjoy great prestige in Missouri, have started rehearsals for a performance that will make history in Elksdom. Their presentation will include some of the best Glee Clubs, Chanters groups, and Quartettes who will be in attendance at the Convention for the national contests. The high lights of the performance will be their own special material which has delighted audiences for the past several years in St. Louis and neighboring cities.

The million dollar Mississippi steamer "S. S. Admiral" is planning special trips along that beloved river of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn renown.

A national convention would not be complete without a big league ball game, and so "Elks Night" at Sportsman's Park promises to be a gala sports festival dedicated to the Order of Elks. The St. Louis Browns will play the Cleveland Indians in a scheduled night game. Bill Veek, manager of the Browns, is not only an ardent Elk, but his reputation as a showman assures an unusual spectacle for the visiting Elks and their ladies. Arrangements for advance ticket sales are now being made and details will be published in the next issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

The internationally famous St. Louis

Municipal Opera Company will present one of the finest Broadway "hit" musicals during the Convention week. This "Theatre-under-the-stars" offers a unique theatrical setting in the entertainment world. Situated in the heart of the beautiful 1,700-acre Forest Park, this great amphitheatre accommodates over 12,000 persons. Modern scenic science has made it possible for every seat to be a first row one. Since its opening, this unusual attraction has played to more than twenty million patrons. It is truly one of the great wonders of the world. Each season, tickets for the various performances are at a premium. However, the management will offer an advance purchase plan in order to afford everyone an opportunity to take in this wonderful show while visiting St. Louis.

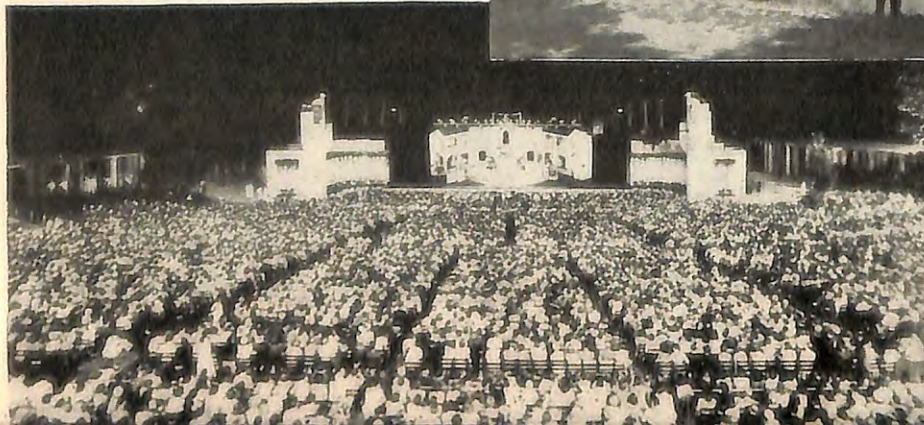
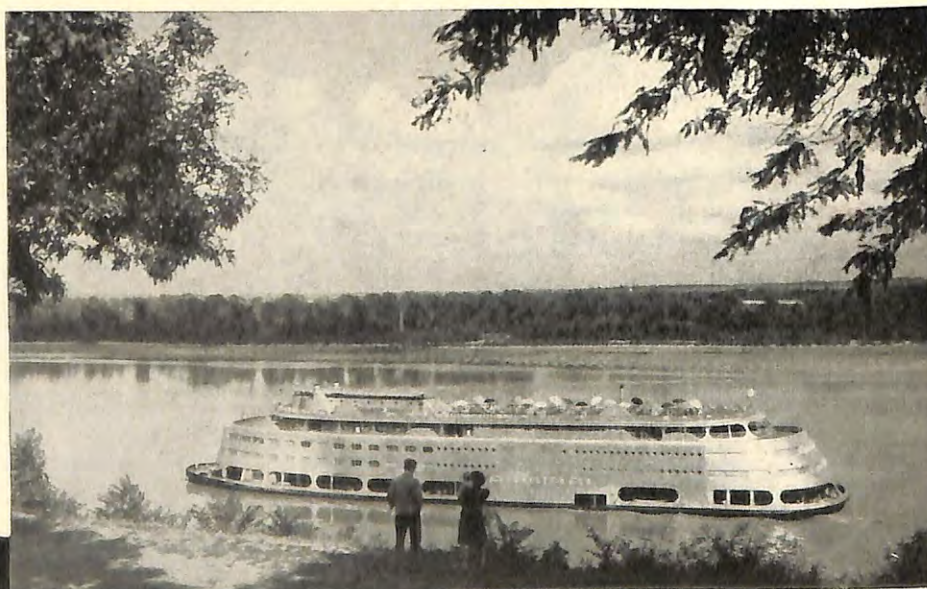
St. Louis is celebrated for its great music appreciation. It is no surprise, therefore, that our musical contests for bands, drum and bugle corps, choral groups, chanters, quartettes, etc., have at this early date already attracted an unprecedented number of inquiries from lodges throughout the country.

Among them are the band from Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge; the Schmitt Brothers Barber Shop Quartette of Two Rivers, Wis., Lodge; the Elks All City Youth Band of Racine, Wis., Lodge; the band of Columbus, Ohio, Lodge; the Chorus of Springfield, Mass., Lodge; the Cowboy and Clown Band of Great Falls, Mont., Lodge; the Drum and Bugle Corps of Rochester, Minn., Lodge; the Male

Chorus and Military Band of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge; the Hanover Chorus of Hanover, Pa., Lodge; and the Evanston Lancers of Evanston, Ill., Lodge. Copies of the rules for the contests for drill teams, bands, and choruses can be obtained by writing to the Grand Lodge Convention Office, Room 606, 292 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Grand Lodge Convention Chairman, P.G.E.R. George I. Hall, announces that nearly all State Associations have responded to the request for early room reservations. This sets an all-time high in advance Convention planning. St. Louis Hotels are not accepting individual reservations. All requests for rooms from lodges must be sent to the State Associations, who transmit them to Convention Director Bryan J. McKeogh at the New York office of the Convention Committee. Through this method it is hoped to be able to house state delegations together as a unit in the same hotel.

Edwin J. Alexander, chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, announces that keen interest is being evidenced in the contest for national awards for the best exhibit depicting the accomplishments of the State Associations. In many instances, the State Chamber of Commerce is assisting the individual state committee in setting up colorful displays. Thus, not alone will the achievements in Elksdom be exhibited, but a great number of states will point with pride to their natural beauty and manufacturing skill.



Two of the many outstanding attractions that will be available for the entertainment of Elks and their ladies attending the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis in July. Above is the "Admiral", a palatial excursion boat of which St. Louis is justly proud. At left is a view of the popular St. Louis Municipal Opera. This musical organization is famous for its productions.

Angling Angles

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your first perch. The school may be moving. Get your fly, lure or bait back into the water as quickly as possible. Sometimes it is possible to follow a school of feeding fish and enjoy fast action for half an hour or so before it finally is lost. To do so, when the bites stop in one spot, move 50 feet in either direction and cast again. If you don't get a hit quickly, shift a hundred feet the other way. Once you have found the direction in which they are moving, it is not hard to keep up with a school of feeding perch.

WHERE TO FISH—Probably the most important bit of lore that the successful trout fisherman must have is a knowledge of where to fish. Trout prefer certain feeding spots in any stream, and the man who has studied their habits until he knows where to place his flies avoids countless wasted hours of casting where

there are no fish. As a general rule, a broken flow of medium speed, with submerged rocks here and there always is a good bet. Trout find shelter from the current behind them, yet they can watch for passing food. Brown trout often lie directly ahead of a boulder; brooks and rainbows are more likely to be behind it. Rocky bars and ledges beneath the surface always are good. Cut banks offer trout protection from their enemies while they wait for the current to bring them food and they always are worth fishing. Flat, shallow water sometimes harbors good trout that are hunting food in the evening, but it seldom holds anything but little ones during the day. In general, any spot in a stream that would furnish a trout shelter from the full sweep of the current and yet be available to passing food is likely to be a good one.

—By Ted Trueblood.

For Elks Who Travel

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which was Holy Year, and there is no reason, what with the added space, that it should be jammed in '53. Hotels classified de luxe or *di lusso* have certain blocks of rooms in which they can charge any price that the traffic will bear. Forewarned is fore armed. Everything else is under government control and while there may be some slight increase this year the hike will be in accommodations not usually used by tourists from abroad. A first-class hotel the likes of the Flora, a very respectable establishment on the park, will charge about \$5.50 single or \$8.50 double for two with bath. The chances of securing a minimum-priced room in a good hotel will improve if you agree to partake of breakfast and one other meal on the premises. You may object to the system, but the Italians will counter with all kinds of respectable arguments about the cost of maintaining a good kitchen, etc. The season will be earlier here too, but it will also be later and there are hotel keepers now who are moaning that their winter vacation has shrunk to nothing at all and guests are in

the hotel almost the year around. Well things could be worse and the land is not expected to suffer too drastically from this prosperity.

Up in the north country, the Scandinavians have organized a four-way integrated program of festivals which are on the books this summer for Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. The Danes have a Royal Ballet Festival the last week in May, and will run Fairy Tale Tours of the Hans Christian Andersen country (\$74.4 days) by motorcoach all season. The Bergen International Festival of Music and Drama with Stokowski, Flagstad and Menuhin is down for the first two weeks of June. Norway also has some 12-day coastal voyages to the Midnight Sun lands pegged at \$150. Sweden is celebrating the 700th year of its existence June 3 to 10 with all manner of fireworks, and from there you can mush on to the Lapp country on a Sunlit Nights Land Cruise. Sibelius is the keynote of the Finland celebration June 10 to 18th, on the edge of the Iron drapery. And what better place for a sweet note?

Hour of Violence

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They knew. They had seen Mike's wife come with her baby and had talked to her during his absence. Now they gathered about him, their dark faces full of unasked questions.

Carter singled out a muscular boy in the forefront. "Mamusi, I want you to take half the boys and explore the south shore. The rest will come with me. Don't look for Mike. I've found it. Look for Mike."

They hesitated. Mamusi stepped forward. "Mr. Thatcher told us to prepare a

welcome for the district officer. He comes here this morning."

"Find Mike!" Carter snapped.

He spent the day searching. A man less dedicated to the task might have used a skiff and outboard motor; the sea had subsided enough. Not Carter. When he returned at nightfall he was exhausted from walking and desolate with his failure.

He told Lili the facts in the only way he knew how, with the forthright bluntness which long ago had turned half the

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whites of Nanotu against him. "Maiko is drowned," he said, using Mike's native name. "If he were alive he would have returned by now. His body has not been washed ashore and I doubt it will be, but we'll look again tomorrow."

There was no body, but there was a funeral with a fragment of the canoe's carved prow to mark the grave. The district officer's launch had departed by then but Philip Blaine was present, of course, as unofficial king of Nanotu and with him was his wife, a pale, thin woman who seldom let him go anywhere without her. Mr. Thatcher attended out of sympathy. Ruth Thatcher, his daughter, was there because Mike had been her friend.

Afterward Ruth found Carter sitting alone on his veranda steps. "I'm sorry, Mark," she said and sat beside him, a small, fair-haired girl, still wearing the dark blue dress she had worn at the church.

"What will you do about Lili?" she asked.

"I haven't decided."

"She will look to you for help."

Carter turned toward her. The flaming sunlight struck his eyes, blinding him, and he looked away again, his angular face homely with emotion. He was a young man but the past few days had aged him. He looked fifty.

The girl rose. "I'm coming by your ravine one of these days to talk to the people in Sura Village," she said. "Will you go with me?"

"Of course."

She touched his hand. "It wasn't your fault, Mark. Don't grieve so."

He let her go without an answer.

That night he walked the floor, though there was little space for walking in the tiny frame bungalow he called home. The house had come with the plantation and he had bought the latter for a song when its beachcomber owner had died. Blaine had not wanted it. Its coconut trees were puny, its ground was littered with trash, its workers' homes were a disgrace.

Typical of Carter was the fact that he had repaired the natives' huts and neglected his own quarters. More typical had been his determination to bring water down the ravine from the mountainside, to irrigate his arid acres.

He had no sleep that night. He paced. He sat to stare into space. He took from his desk a large black conch shell lipped with gold and gazed at it, remembering the day Mike had given it to him. At dawn he went to Lili's house and found her, desolate but dry-eyed, nursing her infant.

"I need a housekeeper, Lili. Get your belongings, together and come live at my place."

Wide-eyed, she met his steady gaze, then looked at the baby in her arms and shook her head.

"Bring the child," Carter said. "We've room enough."

He made room. Shifting tables, chairs

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and desk about. he moved his bed into the living room and gave Lili and the child his sleeping quarters. Mike would sleep on a mat on the veranda.

It would cause talk. Lili was young, light-skinned, pretty. The natives would understand but the whites would lift their eyebrows. Well, let them.

They did. How rapidly the word spread he learned only two days later when he sent Mamusi to Quinlan's store in the village for a case of tinned milk. With the milk Mamusi brought back a note.

"I've some cotton print would make a smart dress for a young native wench," the shopkeeper had written. "Shall I send some or will she come by to pick out the pattern that pleases her?"

Carter tore the letter angrily. But being a practical man he called at the store next day and made a purchase—not from the pile of faded remnants Quinlan dumped on the counter for his inspection but from a bolt of new material, pretty and durable, which he forced the shopkeeper to take from the shelf.

"You'll make things awkward for me," Quinlan protested. "Just yesterday Mr. Blaine bought some of this for his wife."

"Lili is not my wife," Carter told him bluntly.

"That's beside the point. You know

Mrs. Blaine. When she finds out I sold you some for a native wench—"

"Mrs. Blaine is a stupid woman," Carter said and walked out, leaving a dazed look on the storekeeper's face.

He never knew what Blaine's wife said when she heard of his purchase. He was busy. Daily he rose at dawn and trudged with his plantation boys to the ravine, half a mile inland from the beach, where, with limestone from the mountain wall, he manufactured the concrete pipe for his conduit. It was an arduous climb and he never failed to carry on his shoulder a bag of cement from the warehouse. The white man's burden, he thought wryly when the cement staggered him in the blast-furnace heat.

Even more back-breaking was the tortuous ascent from the ravine to the spring, where he had begun to fit his sections of pipe together weeks before. Each piece of pipe, with a pole thrust through it, had to be carried upward by a dozen straining boys, and Carter strained with them. But as the conduit grew in length, stretching like a white worm down the cliffside, the daily climb grew shorter.

Returning dead weary from his labors one evening soon after his purchase of the dress material, he found Philip Blaine and Mr. Thatcher, the Burke-Parsons

agent, seated on his veranda. He offered them a blistered hand, first wiping it on trousers snow-white with limestone dust. They accepted it. He offered a drink and they politely refused. Behind the drawn curtain at the bedroom window Lili's infant was crying.

"Sick?" Thatcher inquired sympathetically with a glance at the curtain.

"Teeth."

Thatcher smiled uncomfortably at Blaine. Blaine, gazing at Carter, said nothing. It was an odd situation, Carter realized. A problem in economics, really. Little Mr. Thatcher, a humane man, must remain in Blaine's good graces or lose the planter's business to independent traders like Quinlan. The Burke-Parsons Company concerned itself not with personalities but with tallies in a ledger. Carter waited. He guessed why they had come. The guess was correct.

"About this native girl who's living with you, Carter," Blaine began, then paused to clear his throat. "It isn't done, you know."

"Lili is my housekeeper, paid for her services," Carter replied evenly.

"Of course. But having her here in the house with you—and the infant—it's apt to set the tongues wagging, don't you think?" The planter's tone was impatient. "It mightn't be so irregular if you were to build separate quarters for her."

Carter, not inclined to be amused, was nevertheless too tired to be angry. "I haven't time to build separate quarters. I've a pipe-line to finish."

"Of course. Your project. But this other thing—"

"If I'm going to live with the girl I ought to pull the shades—is that what you're getting at? Interests of decency and so forth?" Carter stood up. "Am I also accused of having fathered the child?"

"Now see here, Carter—"

"Go to blazes," Carter said.

A flush crimsoned Philip Blaine's plump face. He pushed his two hundred and fifty pounds out of his chair without a word and stalked from the veranda, the nervous little agent trotting after him. Carter, with a sigh, headed wearily for his homemade shower behind the house, feeling a need to cleanse himself of more than limestone dust.

At noon next day he was in the ravine, stripped to the waist and sweating with his boys, when Ruth Thatcher appeared. She called to him from the path while toiling upward toward him, and he put on his shirt before she reached him. A young native boy struggled after her, carrying a blackboard.

"Can you spare a couple of hours?" she asked. "I can come another time."

"The sooner they hear what you have to tell them, the better."

Leaving his work, he led her up the track to the top of the ridge, shouldering the blackboard himself because her small assistant would have found the going too difficult. Part of the way they followed

the pipe-line. The girl marveled at the number of sections already in place.

"Give me another month," Carter said with quiet pride, "and we'll be finished." He showed her how he planned to erect retaining walls across the ravine to thwart the wet-season torrents.

"My father and Philip Blaine were talking about your project just a few days ago," she said.

"Yes?"

"Dad was enthused. He thinks it's a wonderful thing, your bringing water down from here. The natives will benefit as much as you will, he said. They'll have water for their homes and gardens—"

"And Blaine?"

"He said you would never finish it." She paused to look down at the sea and the town and Carter's plantation unrolled far below. "This is a beautiful island, Mark."

"Some day," he said, "it may be. In spite of Blaine."

THERE were some sixty families in the hill village on the far side of the ridge. It was a desolate place. The land was barren, the ridge itself cut off the prevailing breeze from the sea, and the mid-day heat made Carter's lungs ache. "They wouldn't live here if there were water down below," he grumbled. "They shouldn't have to live here." The natives watched him, curious but listless, as he set up the blackboard in a patch of shade.

He did then what he had done many times before when helping Ruth in her work. Knowing the native tongue better than she, he explained to the people how the government had sent a medical officer to Nanotu to tell them about hookworm, how the medical man had been forced to leave because of illness, and how the daughter of the Burke-Parsons agent, here on a visit, had stayed to carry on his work. Then he stepped aside while Ruth delivered the lecture he had helped her to memorize.

He led her back over the ridge and when at the ravine they sat to rest, he spoke of something which had been on his mind.

"Blaine called yesterday. He asked if he might have a shell of mine. He wanted it for you, I'm certain—for your collection. I told him no, but it's yours if you want it."

"A shell?" She seemed puzzled. "He didn't mention it to me."

"Perhaps it was to be a surprise. It's a black conch from the grotto, the only perfect one I've seen."

Her frown deepened. "Where is this grotto, Mark? Mike would never take me there."

"He couldn't take you. The entrance is under water. Besides, the place is on one of the reef islets, not on Nanotu itself."

She was silent a moment, seemingly troubled by her thoughts. Then, touching his hand in farewell, she said, "Thank

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you, Mark. I'll come by your house this evening."

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But she did not come. No one came, and at midnight, disappointed and lonely, he took himself to bed.

He was ill prepared for a morning visit from Blaine. Haggard from want of sleep, he sagged onto a veranda chair and faced his caller with no attempt to observe the amenities.

"I've been thinking about your position here," Blaine said coolly, "and am prepared to buy your property. Carter, at any reasonable price. To bail you out, so to speak."

"Kind of you. Wouldn't it be cheaper to buy your wife a new dress?"

Blaine made no effort to conceal his annoyance. "Personalities needn't enter into this," he said crisply. "Face the facts, Carter. You've sunk a fortune—practically your whole fortune. I imagine—into a fantastic project that's bound to fail. I offer you a way out. My motives are beside the point." He flipped an impatient hand at the smoke from Carter's cigarette, hanging lazily before his hostile eyes. "Will you sell?"

"I might."

"Good. Now you're being sensible."

"I might on one condition," Carter amended. "Give me a written guarantee that my conduit will be completed in three months or the property reverts to me, and I'll consider it." He stood up, his smile a mirthless challenge.

"I can't give you any such guarantee."

"I know you can't," Carter retorted, turning his back.

HE WONDERED why Ruth did not come for the conch. On the entire island she was the one person of white skin whose word he had thought reliable. The one person who had not sought to shorten his stay on Nanotu by piling difficulties in his path. Still, her father could not afford a falling-out with Blaine.

Possibly she even believed the rumors.

He himself was not wholly indifferent to the rumors. They annoyed him. Now and then they exasperated him, as when Quinlan's boy came from the store with a written message addressed to "Mrs. Carter"—a message handed to Carter himself, of course, because Lili could not have read it.

He was tempted to demand an apology, but knew he would only make matters worse if he did. The thing was bigger than Quinlan. It was big enough to bring the Reverend Mr. Kimson from his mission station on the far side of the island to inquire politely if the child—Carter's child, he meant—had been properly baptized.

Ruth Thatcher had certainly heard

the rumors and, whether she believed them or not, must have decided to stay away for her father's sake. Carter had but one answer. In his loneliness he thrust himself grimly into his work, so that when he returned to his bungalow at night he was too exhausted to sit for long, vainly waiting, on the veranda.

Then one day the work stopped.

It stopped because the cement in the warehouse was finished. And because Mr. Thatcher, frowning uneasily across the desk in his village office, said with a shake of his head, "There will be no more."

"But you unloaded some from your company ship a week ago," Carter protested.

"True, but it's to be used for the new pier."

Carter stared in silence until the agent's gaze faltered and fell. In a voice deadly soft he said then, "What pier, Mr. Thatcher?"

"The company badly needs a new one here, Mark. Mr. Blaine has promised to supervise its construction—he's something of an engineer, you know—as soon as I receive permission to go ahead. I'm awaiting an answer now."

"And the reply will take how long?"

"That would be hard to say," little Mr. Thatcher murmured, gazing unhappily at a fly on his desk.

Carter knew how long. Long enough for his weary plantation workers to lose the faith which had already driven them beyond the normal limits of their endurance. Long enough to exhaust his funds. Long enough for Blaine to think up another way to thwart him when this delay had run its course. He left the agent's office in a mood of black anger, but the anger lost its edge and became despair as he walked homeward. That afternoon he went alone to the ravine.

His conduit was two-thirds completed. Below the last section of pipe, which jutted into space like a cannon barrel from its trestle of logs, the steep slope to the lowlands was brief. He might finish the job with bamboo, he told himself. It would be a makeshift affair, but the work would go on, at least, until water flowed as he had promised. Later the bamboo could be replaced.

When he gave his orders the following morning his workers looked at him askance. But knowing the penalty he must pay for a sign of weakness, he stood his ground until they obeyed.

Bamboo of the size he required was scarce on Nanotu. He found some on the far side of the ridge and when that was gone sent his boys beyond the village. On the third afternoon a group returned empty-handed with word that Blaine had stopped them.

"He said we must not cut it, *taubada*, without permission from the gov'ment."

Strictly speaking, Blaine was right. Carter had no business sending them beyond his own property. But a permit from the government, with the nearest

government officer a hundred miles off—! "Follow me," he said grimly. "I'll deal with Blaine." And he marched them down the road.

He didn't get there. At the bend of the road above the village he halted. Yesterday the harbor had been empty; now a government launch lay there at anchor. The district officer, here during the storm which had taken Mike's life, had finished his tour of the region and stopped by on his way home. He would be at Blaine's house, Carter knew, and Blaine would have talked to him.

Carter was beaten.

He had no sleep that night. It was not the wailing of Lili's infant that kept him from his bed, but his own bitterness. He could wrestle with it better while pacing the veranda.

Blaine was right: he had sunk his entire personal fortune into Nanotu, because his faith in the island had been a force he could not quibble with. It was his kind of island, where he might daily burn up his tremendous energy in work and restore it each night with satisfaction at having done something to improve the place.

For a time he had hoped it might be Ruth Thatcher's kind of island, too. But that hope, like the others, was dead.

Daylight found him still pacing. And it was characteristic of him that with the collapse of his world but a few hours off, he strode to the native huts to hasten his men to work. There was bamboo enough already cut for one more day.

They lined up for his usual inspection. He would let no man labor with blistered hands or sore feet that required attention. "Where's Mamusi?" he asked. "Sick?"

No, they told him, Mamusi was not sick. Last night he had been asked to present himself at Blaine's house, and this morning, not an hour since, he had departed for the north end of the island. "What for?" Carter demanded, puzzled.

He would return soon, they assured him. It was not Mamusi's wish to shirk a day's work. But Mr. Blaine desired some sea shells to give to the district officer and Mamusi had been offered a whole week's wage to obtain them.

Carter's head came up with a jerk.

He wheeled and went striding to the warehouse, to reappear with an outboard motor over his shoulder and a tin of gasoline in his hand. On the path to the beach where his skiff was kept he stumbled in his haste.

But with the motor in place he hesitated. A running figure on the path held his attention. Ruth Thatcher stumbled through the soft sand to clutch his arm.

"I have something to tell you, Mark! Mamusi—Mamusi has gone—"

"To the grotto. I know. I'm going after him."

"Let me go with you," she begged.

He motioned her into the boat.

There would be time enough, Carter

thought. It was fifteen miles to the islet on the reef. Mamusi had an hour's start but to save paddling would walk to the north end of the main island and borrow a canoe there. With the motor throbbing under his hand, Carter looked at the girl and said, "How did you know?"

"He stopped at the house to tell me," she replied. "He said he was going to the grotto to get some shells for Mr. Blaine and would bring me one. He said"—she looked at him queerly—"you had forbidden Mike to go there but had never told *him* not to, so—"

"I never dreamed he'd try it!"

"But you did forbid Mike—?"

"Yes, after he took me there and showed me the place. No man ought to risk his life for a sea-shell."

"But Mike went anyway," she said, her voice scarcely audible above the motor. "He must have. Blaine sent him when the district officer was here before."

"That's how I figure it," Carter said. "And if we can prove it, Blaine's finished. The natives will never forgive him for hiding the truth—for doing nothing to help Mike's wife and child. They'll walk out on him, all his workers. But I have to prove it. I have to find Mike's body."

Her eyes widened with alarm. "Mark, you don't mean to go—"

"It's my only chance," he said grimly.

No canoe was in sight when the skiff rounded the north end of the island. Mamusi had either reached the islet before them, an unlikely possibility, or was still trudging Nanotu's hilly paths. Carter sent the skiff flying toward the grotto islet, a jagged rock less than an acre in extent supporting but a handful of scrawny, wind-bent trees. Along the reef in either direction the sea broke with unceasing thunder.

Close in he cut the motor and, taking up the oars, sought a vine-draped cleft in the thirty-foot wall of rock. It was barely wide enough to admit the skiff. He felt his way through it, at times hauling on the vines themselves, and presently the boat floated on a quiet dark pool in the heart of the cliff itself.

Ruth looked about her in awe. "Is this the grotto?"

"No. But look." He pointed. Close against the wall, almost concealed by dangling vines, floated an empty native canoe. He rowed the skiff toward it. Spider-webs woven over hull and outrigger had trapped scores of insects. Crabs scurried from the under-seat shadows when he disturbed them. Without doubt the boat had been here for days.

Carter lifted from it a denim work shirt and khaki trousers and dropped them at Ruth's feet. "Mike's," he said. "His own boat, the one we found after the storm, must have been empty when it foundered. Probably it was swept from the beach where he was working on it. This is the one he used."

"But—but where could he have gone?" she whispered.

His troubled gaze dropped to the quiet

blue-black water at the base of the wall. "Down there. The entrance to the grotto is a couple of fathoms below us." He looked at his watch and began to remove his shoes and shirt.

"Mark," she said, "must you?"

"We've got to know. By luck we've come when the tide's right."

There was but one way to enter the grotto. Mike had told him many times, and each time he had listened entranced, unable to believe a man would run such risk. The day Mike had brought him here to show him, he had swum down to explore the entrance. But he had not gone into the grotto itself.

You came when the tide was nearly high. Swimming down to the tunnel mouth, you let the flow sweep you through into the cave, then waited for the tide to ebb before returning. It was dangerous business. The tunnel was narrow and jagged, the flow swift.

Carter placed his watch on the seat beside him and stood up. Ruth Thatcher looked away.

He dived deep and swam along the wall. The pull of the current took hold of him when he neared his objective. Momentarily he was pinned against the cliff, then the flow plucked him from the wall, whirled him about and swept him into sudden darkness. Almost instantly there was light again.

The light was above. Mike had said it would be. He struggled upward through lessening pressures and, gasping, thrust his head above water.

The grotto pool was thirty feet across and he had come up in the precise center of it. He swam to the edge and crawled out. Through thin fissures in the rocky roof, slivers of pale daylight streamed down to mottle the gloom around him. The restless water stained them green.

AWED by the stillness, Carter rose and looked about. Crabs, scores of them, backed away from him with upthrust claws on weed-draped ledges littered with conchs, but he saw no sign of the thing he sought. He climbed to a niche some six feet above the pool, from where he might see the whole cavern.

He found the floor of the niche strewn with broken crab shells, and a pile of small stones among the fragments. He looked behind him. The niche extended far into the cliff; it was in fact the mouth of a tunnel sloping sharply upward. He heard water dripping, and a muffled sound that must be the surf on the reef. On hands and knees he crept forward.

The green glow of the grotto was lost behind him when the tunnel curved. For a time he crawled through darkness, the wet walls close on either side, the dripping roof just over his head. Then he saw light again, white light, streaming through a narrow, vine-draped slit at the tunnel's end.

Close to the opening, face down, lay the thing Carter sought. A sigh left his lips as he crawled the last few feet. Gently



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he turned the body over—and Mike's eyes opened to look at him.

"Mike!" Carter's hoarse cry went ringing through the tunnel, bounding from the walls.

"*Taubada*," Mike said weakly, "you came just in time. My leg—"

A glance showed Carter what was wrong. Mike's leg was swollen and discolored, obviously broken. A second glance showed him what Mike was doing, or trying to do. Through the opening in the soft limestone wall he could see the sea, the sunlight shining on the white water of the reef. But the opening was not wide enough for a man to wriggle through. Mike, with his knife, had been trying to widen it.

"But you've been here for days," Carter whispered. "What have you lived on?"

"Crabs, *taubada*. I ate crabs. I drank rain-water from little pools where it seeps through from above. But I could not get out. With a broken leg I could not go back the way I came."

Carter hesitated. He could go back the way *he* had come, and get help to enlarge the opening from the outside. But if he, too, met with an accident in the treacherous tidal tunnel, no one would ever know Mike was trapped here. He seized Mike's knife and attacked the rock.

"Mike . . . why did you come here when I told you not to?"

"I had to, *taubada*."

"Had to? For a paltry week's wage or so?"

"It was not the money, *taubada*. My people—Lili's people—live on Mr. Blaine's land. He threatened to put them off."

Carter's only answer was to double his efforts.

THE district officer, a quiet, reflective man long in government service, sat on Philip Blaine's veranda and watched the sun go down. Nanotu was a very pretty island, he thought; very pretty indeed. He wished Blaine would stop pacing, and he was a bit weary of the sound of Blaine's voice.

"The man's an irresponsible fool," Blaine said. "You've seen how he drives his workers on that crazy pipe-line. No consideration for them at all."

The D.O. took his pipe from his mouth. "I've talked to a good many of his workers, Mr. Blaine," he remarked quietly. "They seem to have a good deal of faith in him."

"They don't know any better!"

"Yet if he succeeds in bringing water down from the mountains, they will benefit even more than he does."

"If he lets them have it," Blaine retorted, halting by the table to refill his glass. "Oh, I know he talks big. He's going to do this for them and that for them. But you'll notice when he took a fancy to young Lili, he got rid of her husband in short order!"

"Wouldn't that be rather hard to prove?"

"Not so hard. He admits he sent the boy out fishing—"

"We seem to be having callers," the D.O. interrupted.

Blaine, stepping to the veranda rail, frowned for a moment at sight of a crowd of natives on the road below. More than a hundred brown-skinned residents of Nanotu were in the group, and it was turning up the path to the house. He wondered what they wanted. Then he saw Carter's boy, Mamusi, at the head of the procession, and he smiled.

"I've a surprise for you," he said to the district officer. "A little present. Something you've wanted for your shell collection."

The D.O. apparently did not hear. "They've got a sort of sedan-chair, with a man on it," he observed. "Fellow with his leg bandaged. An accident, do you suppose?"

Blaine looked again. He had been drinking heavily and his eyes gave him trouble. When they focused at last, he took in a sharp breath and gripped the railing with both hands.

"Isn't that Carter walking beside the thing?" the D.O. said. "And Miss Thatcher, with her father? Odd. You told me the Thatchers would have nothing to do with Carter, but the girl seems to be holding his hand . . ." He listened a moment to the surge of sound from below and then, frowning, turned his head. "That crowd's in a bad mood, Blaine. Your own workers, too, most of them. Have you been up to something?"

Blaine did not answer. He had stepped back from the railing and sagged into a chair, his wide-open eyes staring blankly into space. Below, on the path, the crowd halted. But the surge of sound continued and the D.O. listened carefully to what fragments he could catch.

"They're chanting something," he said. "Something about not working for you any more—not ever again. You're in a devil of a fix if they mean it, Blaine. You certainly can't run a plantation here without workers. Come along. Let's see what's up."

But the man in the chair did not move and the D.O., thinking him drunk, went down the steps alone to investigate. You never knew about these things, he reflected. Sometimes they were nothing. Sometimes—the D.O. was fond of a neatly turned phrase—they altered the course of destiny.

He had an idea this was important because Mark Carter was obviously mixed up in it. Odd fellow, Carter—a villainous fool if you believed Blaine, a kind of saint if you believed the natives. In any case, he was no man to bother with trifles; he gambled for high stakes.

The D.O. had a feeling that, in this case, Carter had gambled with Philip Blaine for the island of Nanotu itself, and come out on top. And that Nanotu, in the end, would be the winner.

Flexible Fish

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that, but there were some eight and eight-and-a-half inches. Yep, they were good 'uns!"

Most fishermen seem to be instilled with this desire to catch the biggest fish in the place, even if it is only an eight-and-one-half-incher. Of all my fishing acquaintances I know only one who isn't so inclined. He has no interest in catching a big one. He doesn't have to, he says.

It seems that years ago he was fishing off Cape Romano in southern Florida and having wonderful luck taking redfish, as channel bass are called in those parts. The redfish were running from ten to fifteen pounds and coming fast. Everything was perfect until the fish commenced snapping off unaccountably just as they were brought up under the boat. The fishermen changed to heavier tackle, and still the fish broke off. They were losing some fine fish along with all their tackle. Finally, the boat captain lay on his stomach and looked under the boat to determine what was going on. Suddenly he said: "Look under the boat, Mr. Wayne! Look at what I'm looking at!"

Roy Wayne, which is the fisherman's name, took hold of the gunwale, peered under the boat for awhile and answered: "I don't see anything."

"You mean you don't see that fish?"

"I don't see anything but bottom," said Roy.

"That ain't bottom you're looking at, Mr. Wayne. That's a fish!"

Then he saw what it was. Under the boat, and almost as large as the shadow of the boat itself, was the mottled back

of an enormous jewfish. It gave him such a start that he jerked back away from it instinctively. After recovering from the initial shock, they held a council of war. Obviously, they couldn't catch redfish with that thing lying in the shade of the boat waiting to gobble up any that came within reach. They dug around among their gear and found a big shark hook. This they secured to the anchor rope, baited with a 12-pound redfish and tossed over to see what would happen. It was gulped down in one whiff, of course, and then the jewfish started them off on a slow tow-job around that part of the Gulf. He kept this up for an hour or two when he apparently decided no redfish was worth the effort and gave up. When there wasn't a wiggle left in the monster's tail, Roy and the captain lashed the thing as tightly as possible to the stern and slowly made their way back to port, this time with the fish in tow. Where its jaws rubbed against the boat during the trip to shore, it almost ate its way through the transom.

The boat captain was all excited. He wanted to sell it and retire, but at the fish house they explained that since the tourist season was over there weren't enough people left in south Florida to begin to eat it. The fish house refused to invest in it.

"Put it on the scales, anyway," requested Roy, which they obligingly did. It weighed 708 pounds. Then they had to tow it back out to sea and dump it.

"That's why I don't have to catch a big fish," Roy explains. "I've already caught one."

In the Doghouse

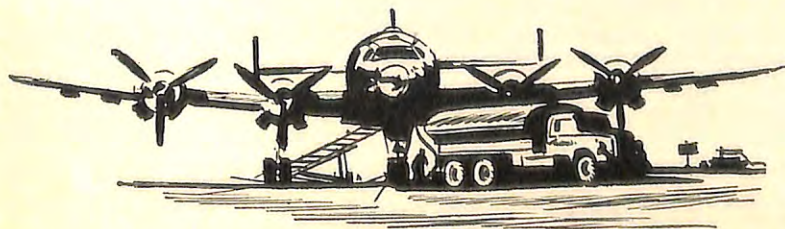
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for any critter close to his size. Yes, the Doxy, as he's affectionately known, is a sleepy-looking little chap but his appearance is deceiving because at heart he's a very tough little guy when need be.

The scent trackers are used on furred game, with one notable exception. It is forbidden throughout the United States to use such dogs to hunt antlered animals. For wolves, rabbits, fox, coyotes, etc., these dogs are given the green light, but it's not only bad sportsmanship but bad citizenship to use them to harry or

hunt deer and suchlike. As I have written previously, to use dogs to hunt elks is considered anything but sportsmanlike. The only method permitted to go after elks (who are remiss) is one Secretary plus a "Please remit" notice.

Weather conditions play an important part when dogs are used for tracking. Dampness, for example, is conducive to a stronger scent. Snow may or may not help, and rain is not good at all. Sand and hard, frozen ground make trailing difficult, for sand absorbs scent. Hard



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Not long ago, while on a required grand jury inspection of the county jail in my neck of the woods, I had occasion to ask the sheriff who was guiding the jury through the cooler if he'd ever had any experience using bloodhounds in tracking prisoners who had escaped. He said that he didn't, but he'd heard plenty about the hounds, and all of it no good—that they weren't worth a tinker's you know in the business of trailing. I had heard others who had actually used dogs for this purpose and who were enthusiastic in praising them. Many penitentiaries, state police barracks and private agencies have used bloodhounds successfully. I venture to say that my sheriff friend only heard of dogs that failed—perhaps because of the hindrances I've mentioned.

One remarkable thing about good tracking dogs is how they determine the direction their quarry is traveling. They seldom follow a backward trail. This has been explained by those who have had considerable experience with them to this effect: there is a difference between heel and toe scent and the dogs' amazing scent perception detects that difference.

Training for tracking usually begins when a dog is about ten to twelve weeks old. Before this the pup is simply a scatter-witted kid, and an unruly one too. Along about his third month he begins to get some sense and can be taught to buckle down to his lessons.

The hardest to win of all degrees given at official dog obedience tests is that of "Utility Dog", or "U. D." as it is abbreviated. Before winning this title there are two others, less difficult to obtain—"C. D." or "Companion Dog", and "C. D. X.", meaning "Companion Dog Excellent." In these the tests are routine and to a degree prove a dog's intelligence, but to win the coveted "Utility Dog" title Fido really has to use his head. He has to "speak" on command, show scent discrimination, seek back for an article that has been unobtrusively dropped by his handler and successfully pass a tracking test. In the latter the dog is kept on a leash for a quarter of a mile course. He has to track a scent that is no less than one-half-hour old and the scent must be that of a stranger. At the end of the trail the stranger leaves an object that the dog must locate. The handler is not permitted to encourage the dog and only at the end of the test is allowed to give it a word or so of praise if the dog has succeeded. The dog that passes these tests is deemed able to bake a cake and I can assure you that the title "U. D." is not held by many dogs.

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For Action Try Surf Fishing

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the striper. These surf anglers may go for days or even weeks without catching a single fish—then all of a sudden they hit the jackpot.

However, these fish have increased in numbers in recent years and both veteran and novice anglers have been enjoying some wonderful fishing if they happen to be at the right place, at the right time and using the right lures and techniques.

Take that great run of stripers on Cape Cod. When news of the size and number of fish caught spread, the place looked like a beachhead on one of the Pacific islands during World War II. The hot spots were crowded with tents, cars, trucks, station wagons and assorted jalopies known as "beach buggies"—which are equipped to travel on the soft sand. Hundreds of surf anglers standing shoulder to shoulder casting into the surf trying to hook one of the big stripers feeding on the huge schools of herring. Anglers who had never caught a striped bass over 20 pounds in their lives landed monsters in the 30- and 40-pound classes. Some surf anglers ended up with a mess of fish weighing a total of 300 or 400 pounds and had to haul them off the sand in cars, trucks or beach buggies. This amazing fishing lasted on and off, with good and poor days for two months.

THE same fast and furious action takes place with other fish found in the surf and sought by surf anglers. It may be the colorful weakfishes which are popular with many salt-water anglers. Or the stubborn, copper-colored, channel bass or redfish. Or the speedy, slashing, bluefish—a fish which never quits fighting. Then there are the flounders, barracuda, tarpon, corbina, croakers, salmon, pompano, tautog or blackfish, yellowtail, sea perches, rock basses, rays, and sharks, all of which are taken by surf anglers at one time or another, depending on the area fished and the season.

One of the greatest appeals in surf fishing, however, is the "lure of the unknown". When you make a cast into the vast and mysterious sea you never know what you will catch. Like the angler fishing the surf a couple of years ago at Plum Island, Massachusetts. He was going after striped bass and using a plastic surface plug—a popular lure for this fish. All of a sudden he got a terrific strike and connected with something which took off line with the speed of a rocket. It tore down the beach forcing the angler to follow it. Then it turned around and headed the other way. The battle continued up and down the beach for more than an hour. Finally he worked the "thing" close to the beach. His friend waded out into the water, gaffed it and they hauled it up on the sand. It was a tuna which weighed 180 pounds! Funny part about it was that the angler who

caught it had yet to catch his first striped bass from the beach.

Every year surf anglers come in with heart rending stories of hooking monsters which break their lines, straighten out their hooks or peel all the line off their reels. One angler who tried to stop one of these monsters on a dark night off the rocks of Rhode Island last year was rewarded with a huge blister on his thumb. Thinking it was a big striped bass he threw his reel into "free-spool" and then tried to apply pressure with his thumb on the line to stop the nylon which was disappearing at an alarming rate. He claims it was a big shark which swallowed his rigged eel bait and then vanished with it and most of the line. It could have been—because another angler fishing a few years earlier in the same spot hooked a fish which was fighting hard—then suddenly quit and when he hauled it in, he found only the head of a striped bass with a neat semi-circle cut in back of the gills. Judging from the size of the head, the fish would have gone over 20 pounds.

That there are dangers to be found in surf fishing is a well-known fact to anyone who has ever had anything to do with rocks, waves or the mighty sea. Every year surf anglers are washed off jetties, rocks and sand bars into the sea. Others are trapped out on the ends of jetties and breakwaters by rising tides and have to be rescued or wait it out. One group of anglers trapped on the end of a breakwater near New York City during a howling northeaster had to spend three days and three nights huddled in the tiny light tower before the sea died down and they could get off. Another angler on the same breakwater was washed off the end by a big wave into the tide rip running out to sea. Luckily the other surf anglers were able to cast their lines out to him and their combined efforts pulled him back to safety. And one angler fishing in Rhode Island was swept against the rocks by a huge wave ending up with a broken leg. But as soon as he could hobble around he was back surf fishing again.

This element of ever-present danger adds zest to surf fishing which appeals to many anglers who fail to get a kick out of safer and less vigorous forms of angling. But since much surf fishing is also practiced from sand beaches where such dangers are reduced to a minimum, the angler can choose his spots and by being cautious can avoid trouble.

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First, you need a surf rod and today with the new glass fiber rods you can easily make one up or buy one at a surprisingly low price. The glass blanks from which the rods are made run from 8 to 10 feet in different weights and actions. For "squidding" or casting artificial lures, the more limber rods are best, while for bottom fishing with natural baits and heavy sinkers, the stiffer rods are favored. To make up a one-piece surf rod, many anglers buy one of these glass blanks, slide on a couple of cork grips at the butt end, wind on or tape on the guides, clamp on the reel and they have an inexpensive rod which will perform as well as the best of them. Of course, there are plenty of two-piece surf rods for sale, if you find the one-piece rod too long for traveling.

A surf fishing reel will set you back anywhere from 8 to 30 dollars, depending on its quality and durability. It should have a star-drag, free-spool and should hold 150 or 200 yards of 9-thread linen line or its equivalent in nylon. At one time, linen lines were used only, but with the development of the synthetic lines most surf anglers have switched to nylon lines.

WHEN it comes to artificial lures, there is a wide selection from which a surf angler can choose. The wooden or plastic plugs of varying sizes, colors, weights and actions are the rage today. There are so many different kinds, that it is best to find out which ones local surf anglers are using and buy those. An assortment of metal squids or jigs ranging from about an ounce to three ounces are carried by most surf anglers.

A popular and killing lure for big striped bass or bluefish is the rigged eel—which is a whole eel prepared with two hooks—one at the head and the other at the tail. These can be bought from tackle stores or you can rig your own and keep them in brine for future use.

Continual casting and reeling in with artificial lures requires quite a bit of energy and the angler who wants to take it easy can always use natural baits such as seaworms, clams, crabs, squid, shrimp, mullet, menhaden or other baits. A few pyramid sinkers from 3 to 6 ounces, three-way swivels, some hooks of varying sizes, snelled or on leaders and these bait fishermen are in business. A sand-spike in which to rest your rod when it is not held in the hands is also good to have.

To learn how to cast with a surf rod watch the other anglers on the beach. Notice how they stand, with legs apart,

the left leg extending forward and the right foot pointing down the beach. The butt section of your rod is held at about shoulder height with the left hand grasping the ends of the butt and the right hand around the grip just under the reel. The free-spool lever of the reel has been thrown off so that the line runs freely off the spool. But you keep this from happening with the thumb of your right hand. Now with a quick, snappy movement bring the rod tip directly over your head and as it approaches the perpendicular, remove your thumb from the reel spool for a fraction of a second. Then place it back on the spool and apply a light pressure to keep the line from coming off too quickly. If your timing was right and you apply the right amount of pressure on the reel spool the cast will succeed. Of course, only time and practice will make you an expert caster.

However, to catch fish you don't have to cast too far. Most surf anglers cast somewhere between 100 and 250 feet in everyday fishing. Striped bass and other surf fishes have been taken on casts of less than 50 feet. Using tackle such as extra-long rods, special reels, ultra-fine lines at casting tournaments, surf anglers have reached unbelievable distances. August "Primo" Livenais, Jr. of San Francisco, who is a wizard with a surf rod, has cast more than 800 feet.

But the best surf fishing tackle in the world and the most expert casting won't catch fish unless you know when and where to go. Fortunately, most of the popular surf fishing areas are covered in the newspapers by outdoor writers in their columns. When these reporters mention a run of fish along some beach, the quicker you can get there, the better. A day or two later may be too late.

Certain seasons, time of day, tides and water and weather conditions are usually favored by veteran surf anglers. They have found that early in the morning around daybreak, in the evening at sunset and at night produces the best fishing, especially during the summer months. The spring and fall months are generally good with schools of hungry gamefish migrating and feeding on baitfish. Which tide is best depends on the area fished and here past experience is the only real guide. Striped bass feed more and are easier to catch in a rough surf than when the water is calm. The period before or after a storm is a good time to be down at the beach surf fishing.

More important than any of the above factors is the presence of baitfish. The smaller fish will often attract the larger gamefish even if other conditions are unfavorable. These schools of baitfish such as mullet, herring, menhaden, sand eels, silversides with feeding gamefish under them can be located by several signs. Such as flocks of gulls and terns diving, wheeling and screaming over the water. Or the swirls and breaks of the gamefish themselves as they chase the

smaller fish. Other times the baitfish can be seen skipping out of the water trying to escape the larger fish. When any of these signs are spotted it calls for action.

Let's say you are walking along a beach one evening about a half hour before sunset all ready for surf fishing. Suddenly you notice several swirls and the telltale, white spray which indicates feeding fish. You fumble through your pouch which contains the lures and take out a metal squid. Outwardly you look calm, but your hands tremble slightly as you snap on the lure and rush toward the water. You wade out a few feet up to your knees and get set to cast. You forget that the first cast should be a short one and put all you have behind it. The rod bends into a graceful arc, the squid takes off like a bullet, but suddenly plunges into the water less than 30 feet away. The line on the reel is snarled and you curse your luck.

Working quickly, you strip line off the spool, untangle the "birds-nest" then reel it back on and get ready again to cast. This time you resist the temptation to cast far and your lure sails out about 150 feet and lands right in the center of the feeding fish. You reel fast to give the lure action, but it passes through the school of fish untouched. On the next cast you reel a bit slower, but still no strikes. Now you begin to worry—should you change your lure? What could be wrong?

YOU decide to make one more cast before changing. This time you speed up your metal squid; then reel slower; then fast again—wham!—something stops your lure in its tracks. You come back quickly with the rod tip—and there's a splashing, fish on the end of your line. But suddenly your line slackens—he's off! You reel in quickly and make another short cast. Now you know what they want—reeling in the same way as before you hook another fish. This one doesn't show and does all his battling under the surface of the water. He twigs, pulls, and runs back and forth taking only short lengths of line off the reel. Finally, you feel him weaken and you work him into the surf, where the waves hold him for a few seconds, then a big comber washes him up high and dry on the beach. You walk over and lift up the still lively, striped bass which looks like it would go about 8 pounds. You unhook him quickly and hurry back to make another cast. The rod dips again and you have another fish on. This one is soon landed and looks a bit heavier than the first one. You unhook him and toss him up on the beach.

Walking back toward the water you glance toward the west and notice the red sun sinking behind the horizon. Then for the first time you realize that you are no longer alone on the beach. Several other anglers are now lined up on your right and left. You step into the water

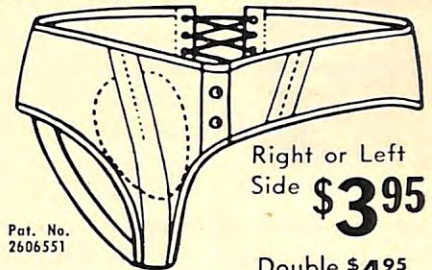
again and make a long cast this time. The lure is allowed to sink a bit before the retrieve is started. You make only a few turns of the handle when all of a sudden the rod is nearly yanked out of your hands and you feel something heavy on the end. Before you can get set, yards of line flow off the reel as if there were no drag at all. Just as you begin to worry about the vanishing line, the fish stops his ocean journey and starts moving down the beach to the left. You are forced to follow. Then he turns and moves back to the right. The taut line cuts through the water bending the rod into a half circle. Now the fish stops and sulks on the bottom.

You can't let him rest and strain the rod and line trying to lift him slowly off the bottom. Finally he moves out to sea again but soon weakens. You start pumping him in toward shore. You lower the rod tip and slowly lift it, bringing him in a few more feet. He goes into a desperate last flurry just beyond the last breaker and you can see his broad tail slashing the water left and right turning it a foamy white. This is the crucial moment. The backwash of the wave helps him and he manages to take off some more line. But soon you have him back in the same spot again. As a big wave lifts him and carries him toward the beach you help it along pulling him in a few feet. Now you can see the broad, green back and dark stripes of a big striper. You sure would hate to lose this baby. Then the backwash takes him out again. You let him go—for the strain on the rod and line is terrific. This happens several times as more waves come in and back out. Finally the fish turns over on its side and as the last wave recedes you hold him firmly in place—leaving him stranded in a few inches of water. The next wave comes in, sweeping the bass up on the beach. When the water rushes back to sea it leaves the huge form of the striped bass lying high and dry on the sand. You walk over, slip your fingers into the gills and drag the fish higher up on the beach. He sure feels heavy—he'll go thirty pounds at least.

The surf angler who was fishing on your right, walks over, admires the fish and congratulates you on your catch. You notice that he also has two small stripers dangling from his fish-stringer. The sun has disappeared and it is now getting dark. The end of a perfect day.

Such is surf fishing when the angling is good. Pleasant memories of similar encounters with stripers, bluefish, weakfish, channel bass or other fishes found in the surf linger on and make up for the poor days in between. It gets into your blood—and there is no truer saying than, "Once a surf angler—always a surf angler." But one word of warning. Unless you don't mind neglecting your job, business, girl friend, wife or children, maybe it would be better to take up some other sport or hobby.

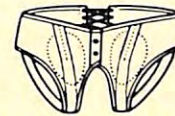
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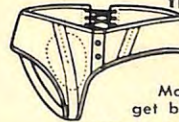
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EDITORIAL

The 1953-54 LODGE YEAR



The start of a new subordinate lodge year always is a significant hour in Elk affairs. It is a time when attention is trained on the possibilities of future growth of our Order in the light of achievements of the past.

A momentary glance backward now brings into focus an image of gratifying progress over the years. It is apparent, for one thing, that each year creates a broader realization of our Order's outstanding record of patriotic services.

Each passing year invests both Elks and non-Elks with a clearer understanding of the benefits enjoyed by many communities through the calibre of leadership in, and the excellent work, of the members of our 1,636 Lodges.

Each April-March twelve-month infuses additional numbers of thoughtful men and women with a more thorough appreciation of the beneficent activities of our Elks National Foundation—not only the charitable, humanitarian and educational work it performs in company with the State Associations and the Lodges, but also the inspiring contribution the Foundation makes independently in the field of cerebral palsy therapy by helping to train doctors and nurses to lead victims of the affliction toward a happy existence.

Each year that builds the record of Elk achievement brings greater realization of the leadership of our Elks National Service Commission in our Order's faithful effort devoted to hospitalized veterans through activities which add to their comfort, their peace of mind, and their pleasure in having their sacrifices remembered. There is greater appreciation, as well, of the touch of home provided in Elk Fraternal Centers for young men and women entering the armed services, and of our thoughtful attention to the men in uniform who write history in Korea.

Every month of every passing year spreads knowledge of the encouragement which our Order extends to the youth of America by the awarding of scholarships, by help in sports, by character training in sponsored Boy Scout units, by backing of local youth organizations and by entertainment of underprivileged children.

As our Order grows in membership and in the number of lodges, we foresee an enlargement of this picture through those who will direct Elk efforts in the future.

Our congratulations are extended to each new Exalted Ruler who takes office this April to assume the increased responsibilities and opportunities vested in him as a result of our growing strength and prestige. He will derive inspiration from the accomplishments of our Order, we feel sure, to exert a character of leadership which will prove the greatest in the history of his lodge, not only in service to his members and to the Order, of which his lodge is an integral part, but in service to the communities located in his lodge's jurisdiction, to this Country, object of the devotion of all Elks, and to God, in Whom our faith is firmly placed.

A MOMENT'S REFLECTION



G.B.S. must have been writing for laughs, it seems to us, when he penned the line: "The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is." Had he set down his words more seriously, he might have phrased it: "The more things a man is responsible for."

Even in early boyhood, the young male member of society conducts himself in a manner which reflects responsibility to his parents, an obligation to uphold the good name of his family.

Later in life, when he achieves his majority, gets married, settles down in a home, and accepts congratulations from his neighbors for each new addition to his family, he senses his increasing importance in the pattern of life and, facing up to his new responsibilities, shapes his conduct to attract favorable attention to those dependent upon him. He begins to enjoy the politicians' reference to men of his class as "the backbone of America."

He joins a fraternal organization—let us say the Elks. Through service on lodge committees he expands his social interests, both by forming many new friendships and by directing his energy and his talents toward assistance to many people in the community whose personal acquaintance he may never make, but who rely on the help of active, organized, altruistic neighbors like himself in meeting life's problems. His conduct and his air of respectability, as Mr. Shaw would put it, undergo further change as his actions are stamped by his identification with a great cause. It is not so much the enactment of role, but rather his sense of obligation to his family, to his friends and to the Fraternity he represents, that impels him to acquit himself with credit to all.

The member, after service in minor posts, becomes Exalted Ruler and as a result of an active administration of the affairs of his lodge, he further widens his horizon. He achieves a kind of maturity at this point and begins to sense the full meaning and truth of the inspiring quote from Alfred Lord Tennyson, "that fierce light which beats upon a throne."

In his subsequent advance to levels of increased responsibility, as District Deputy, or high office in his State Association, or as an officer of the Grand Lodge, he finds willing hands lifting him to an ever higher plane of service to his neighbors, to his Order, to his Country, but requiring of him, with each ascendancy, a prescribed standard of conduct in keeping with the dignity of the position he has attained in the Order.

A feeling of shame is so negative it is idle to take it seriously as a constructive, motivating force. It is a man's pride of his reputation in business, his desire to maintain the standing of his family, his wish to see proper respect accorded to the great fraternity he represents that blend to form a dynamic quality and influence his personal conduct accordingly.

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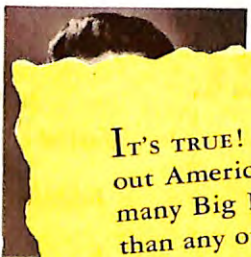
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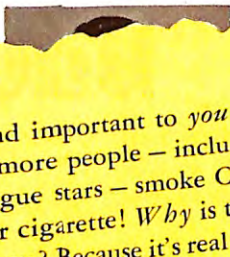
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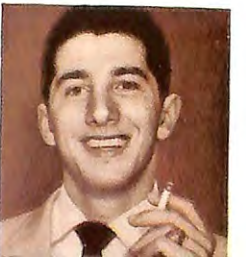
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