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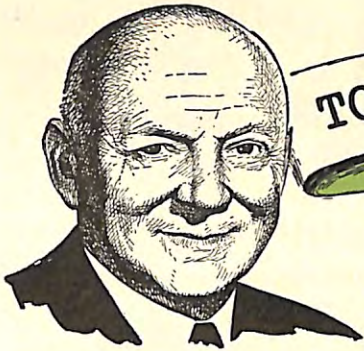
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



WITH investigations, accusations and expositions rocking Washington, some folks around the country may get the idea that a lot of government workers are not doing a good job. They're wrong. What has come to light regarding a few in the upper brackets may have had an effect on morale in the ranks, but the great majority of Federal job holders are minding their own business and doing their work very well. In general they like their jobs, know their classifications and rights and sit steady in the boat during stormy weather. They know politics and can spot a political maneuver anywhere. This reporter has always found high efficiency and splendid service in government departments. When you ask for something you get prompt attention. Here are two widely different examples which occurred recently. Some one wanted to trace an old North Carolina folk song called "Tom Dooley." A call at the Library of Congress produced four recordings of the song and in 24 hours it was reproduced on records. The Census Bureau was asked to dig out the total number of electrical workers in the country. Statisticians came up with the answer in a few minutes—320,000. As a further test—how many are 50 years or older? The breakdown in 15 minutes—62,000. As one reporter said—"You might find a few who are not good workers, same as in private industry, but most government workers take pride in their jobs, work for their money and sure earn it."

POOL FOR PENNIES

Here's something not yet explained. When the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial was drained and given its annual cleaning, workmen found countless Lincoln pennies which had been thrown into the water by visitors. Who started the idea is a mystery. Is it for good luck or what?

EXPOSING CURE-ALLS

Food and Drug Administration workers who try to keep us from being poisoned or flim-flammed are never surprised at anything. They are forever seizing fake remedies, or strange gadgets presumed to have some remarkable curative properties. The 230 inspectors cannot hope to cover all of the wholesale factories turning out drugs, food or cosmetics but

they sure get around. In the past year there were 1,592 court cases for violations of the law. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of unfit poultry, meats and sugar were seized. In the drug division 300 scientists work full time testing products to determine if they have merit and are properly branded. FDA standards are super-strict.

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RED TAPE MOUNTAIN

For the first time government agencies are now scrapping as large a volume of records as they are producing. Archivist Wayne Grover reports. Last year the government created 3.2 million cubic feet of records, or more than enough to completely fill the gigantic Pentagon Building. During the year, 2.6 million cubic feet of useless records were sold for scrap. The remaining 600,000 cubic feet are now being sorted in three centers. Under the new system the throw-outs will balance the intake. The program costs \$2,547,000 a year but the saving in space and filing equipment amounts to \$3,883,000. Government records piled up so fast in recent years it looked like Federal workers would soon be out in the street.

CAPITAL'S BIGGEST INDUSTRY

Government is Washington's largest "industry." There are no huge factories. Largest private employer here is the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, with 6,765 workers and a yearly payroll of \$27,940,000. Did someone once say the dial phones would cut jobs?

TURKEY AND BUTTER

School lunches in Washington are fortified with plenty of butter, turkeys galore and quantities of eggs and dried milk from government surplus stocks. They even use butter for cooking since schools here received 28,000 pounds as a first installment out of the 20 million

pound butter giveaway. They also get free hams, cheese, beans, peanut butter and canned goods under the national school lunch program. Total value of the giveaway food is several hundred thousands dollars a year, Miss Aleta Logan, cafeteria director estimates. Meanwhile, Agriculture Dept. reports farmers will cut the turkey crop this year to 54 million pounds, which Secretary Benson thinks is still too much. Last year it was 59 million. Even 9,900,000 school kids in 57,000 schools seemingly can't make a dent in the government surplus foods.

GOOD NEWS GIRLS

Washington's reputation as a city where girls are lonesome because men are scarce has been punctured by latest census figures. It's no longer a 3 or 4 to 1 ratio. There are 90,420 single girls to 89,087 single men according to the count. Bachelors here, however, make up 29.6 of the male population compared to a national average of 26.2. Out in North Dakota men are hardest to catch, the bachelor percentage being 34.7. Down in balmy Florida the men have less resistance, or could it be the gals are more alluring? The percentage of single men there is 22.7, lowest of any state.

POTOMAC PRESERVES

Favorite reading for GOP politicians is the new "plum book" which lists 65,000 appointive jobs ranging from \$4,205 to \$16,000 a year. . . . Spring crowds of visitors are larger than ever. . . . First sign of lower prices, hot dogs two for a quarter. . . . One beverage store sold beer at five cents a bottle and one customer packed 20 cases in a small two-door sedan. The customer wasn't loaded but the sedan sure was. . . . White House has taken 70 more parking spaces around the Ellipse for executive use and the Senate and House put 78 more "reserved" signs on spaces nearby. . . . Seamless hosiery workers get an average of \$1.01 an hour, says Labor Dept. . . . Baby adoptions in the nation total 80,000 a year, Children's Bureau reports. . . . Employment, around 61,000,000, stays at high level. . . . Henry, the African lion in the National Zoo, is a failure as a ferocious beast. He roars and lashes his tail, but when he turns and stares fiercely through the bars of his cage visitors giggle and laugh. Henry's cross-eyed.

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What Our Readers



Have to Say

Permit me to express my satisfaction with Garrett Underhill's article, "Russia Can Produce", in the February issue. An article of this type is long overdue and I hope that it will be followed up by equally intelligent articles on other spheres of Russian activity.

It is of the utmost value to the United States that members of the B.P.O.E. have an undistorted and correct picture of what the Russians are doing so that they can form their own reasonable opinions of the probable future.

V. H. Todd, Sr.

Eugene, Ore.

May I personally, and on behalf of the members of Dunkirk Lodge No. 922, congratulate you and artist Robert Moore for the striking Barbershop scene on your March cover.

I had no intention of writing to you in this regard until one of our Brothers casually made mention of the cover in our clubrooms. I was pleased to find that everyone present was as enthusiastic about it as myself and thought that you would like to know of it.

Artist Moore most certainly has portrayed a proud Daddy beaming, "That's more like it—that's my boy", while the expression shown on Mother's face, and by her hands, displays all the emotional conflict a Mother undergoes during that first haircut, as her "baby" is transformed into a "boy". A real human picture, which must have touched the heart of every Elk.

You are producing a consistently fine publication. Keep up the good work.

George J. Schneider,

Exalted Ruler

Dunkirk, N. Y.

I want to thank you for the booklets you sent us regarding motels and assume that you referred my name to the Sinclair Auto Tour Service, for they sent us our route mapped out and some fine maps for the entire trip to Florida. Your Travel Department service was greatly appreciated and I wanted you to know it.

Mrs. J. A. Concannon

Keokuk, Iowa

Your February issue contained a very interesting and full account regarding the action of the Battleship *Missouri* while engaged against the North Koreans and Chinese Communists in the Fall of 1950 until February 1951. The article was particularly interesting to me because my son, now a Rear Admiral in the Navy, was in command of the Heavy Cruiser *Rochester* when he received or-

ders to take command of the *Missouri* just as soon as he could get over to Norfolk. This was due to the unfortunate luck of the *Missouri* getting stuck in the mud in Hampton Roads.

Walter G. Duke

Richmond, Va.

As Senior Medical Officer of the *Missouri*, I would like to have a copy of the February 1953 issue which contained Ronald Schiller's excellent article on this ship.

Commander F. G. Soule, Jr., MC, USN
San Diego, Calif.

I just finished reading the story about the *Big Mo* in your February issue. I liked the story and it was very interesting to me since I am now serving on the *Big Mo* in Korean waters.

Richard J. Eldred, S.N.

Sea of Japan

The members of Hackensack Lodge No. 658 are not going to be very happy with you for failing to include in your round-up of "Elks in Congress" the name of one of their most distinguished members, Brother Frank C. Osmer, Jr., of the Ninth New Jersey District.

Being in an allied field, I can understand how these things happen, but still could not resist the temptation to point out some one else's shortcomings.

James R. Sutphen, City Editor

"Bergen Evening Record"

Hackensack, N. J.

Your listing of the "Elks in Congress" in the March issue was a grand thought, but why mar the picture by omitting the name of our good Brother, and an active member of Congress for some time, the Hon. Antoni N. Sadlak. The officers and members of Rockville Lodge are due for a ribbing, as the night that "Tony" was initiated was a gala affair attended by members from all over Connecticut.

Michael J. Cosgrove, Secy.

Rockville, Conn.

In preparing your "Elks In Congress" list, you omitted the name of Melvin R. Laird, Marshfield, Wis., who is the Congressman from the 7th District, serving his first term, and who is a Member of our Marshfield Lodge No. 665, being initiated February 24, 1947.

Will you kindly correct your records, as this is the first time in the history of our Lodge that we have had this honor.

Bert W. Becker, Secy.

Marshfield, Wis.

We regret the omission of the names of Brothers Osmer, Sadlak and Laird and are pleased to correct the list here. Our representative in Washington who prepared the list exercised every care but in some cases was not able to locate the Congressman and his office did not have the information on hand.

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OUR PAROLE PROBLEM

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BY EDWARD J. HICKEY

Commissioner, Connecticut State Police

AS TOLD TO STANLEY FRANK

EVERY four and a half minutes today, tomorrow and every day in the predictable future, a criminal will commit murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill somewhere in the United States. Even more shocking than the mounting crime rate are the actual prison terms served by culprits convicted of these monstrous offenses. F.B.I. statistics reveal that murderers, including those given life sentences, are confined for a median term of less than nine years. The median prison term for manslaughter is three years and three months. Rapists are kept behind bars only three years and two months.

These men, and nearly two million other ex-convicts guilty of lesser crimes, are released from prison on parole before they have completed their minimum sentences. Few laymen know, perhaps, that practically all prisoners in state and Federal institutions are granted paroles, in addition to time off for good behavior, which cut substantially the sentences imposed on them. Save for the occasional incorrigible who is a chronic trouble-maker or a professional tough guy, the convict whose prison term is not reduced is as rare as the legendary crook with a heart of gold. The conscientious citizens who sit on state parole boards are keenly aware of their responsibilities to society and criminals. It is not their fault that the present parole system has failed dismally in preventing crime.

Another set of F.B.I. statistics points up the urgency of the problem. During the first half of 1952, more than one million major crimes were committed throughout the country. In that period the F.B.I. received 423,214 sets of fingerprints of people arrested by state and local police

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By Paulson

The Grand Exalted Ruler's



At the Massachusetts Elks Assn. banquet in Boston were, seated left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, P.E.R. John S. Nolan, Adm. Asst. to Gov. Herter, and Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern. Standing left, Mayor John B. Hynes, and right, Assn. President Dr. Henry I. Yale.



Above: Grand Exalted Ruler Stern attended the opening ceremonies of the 1953 Elks National Bowling Tournament. He is pictured at right as he accepts a diamond-studded gold belt buckle from Assn. President Edward Klecka at the Congress Recreation Center in Chicago.



Above: The Order's leader is welcomed to Parkersburg, W. Va., Lodge by its Exalted Ruler, H. P. Bell, left. At right is D.D. Warren Morris.

Left: Waukegan, Ill., Lodge's Top-Hatters salute Mr. Stern's good fortune on receiving the gift of a Johnson Motor at the Ill. N.E. Dist. Elks Banquet.

ONE OF Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern's February visits coincided with the burning of the mortgage on the \$200,000 home of **MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., LODGE, NO. 282**. Over 200 persons attended the banquet marking the two-fold celebration which took place in the spacious three-year-old building. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner introduced the Order's leader whose address emphasized the Americanism of Elkdom and the importance it plays in the life of our country. P.E.R. F. T. Finnegan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and E.R. Charles V. Ashworth set fire to the mortgage at a halfway point in the program and Mr. Stern, as well as P.E.R.'s V. P. Fromhart, R. O. Berry, Willard Zorn and Elwood Grisell, Past State Pres., assisted them. State Pres. Paul Berwinkle, and P.E.R. J. D. Burley and Charles E. Brown, both Charter Members of the 59-year-old lodge, were also on hand.

On the 27th, E.R. W. Casey Schmitz and the other members of **KENOSHA, WIS., LODGE, NO. 750**, were hosts to the Grand Exalted Ruler at a luncheon meeting, following which Mr. Stern, accompanied by D.D. Alfred E. LaFrance, left for the home of **RACINE, WIS., LODGE, NO. 252**, for an informal dinner with local and out-of-town Elks and their ladies. E.R. H. Norman Johnson extended his lodge's greetings to the distinguished visitor, who was also welcomed by State Assn. Pres. E. H. Lattimer and Treas. Wm. H. Otto.

The last day of February was a busy one for the well-known Fargo dignitary. In Chicago, Ill., for two important events, he was greeted by four members of Boy Scout Troop 66, composed entirely of crippled boys, sponsored by **CHICAGO**



During the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Aurora, Ill., Lodge, he was photographed as he accepted a gift from E.R. Arthur G. Adams, right.



Charter Night at Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge was participated in by, left to right: Secy. N. Y. Chambliss, Sr., P.D.D. D. S. Inscoc, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, D. D. L. N. Howard, E.R. W. M. Spears, Trustee J. L. Horne, Mr. Stern and Grand Lodge Committeeman Thad Eure.

LODGE NO. 4. With Mr. Stern on this occasion were Jack Shalin, Chairman of the lodge's Crippled Children's Committee, D.D. Willis G. Maltby, Frank Schollian, Vice-Pres. of the Ill. N.E. Dist., and George Hickey, E.R. of Chicago (North) Lodge.

Besides attending the annual dinner of the **ILL. N.E. DIST. Elks** at the Conrad Hilton Hotel that evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler rolled the first ball and officially opened the **33rd Annual ELKS NATIONAL BOWLING ASSN. Tournament** at the Congress Recreation Center alleys in Chicago.

The N.E. Dist. banquet was a well-

arranged affair attended by hundreds of Elks and their ladies from the 16 lodges in the area. Among them was a delegation of 60 members of **WAUKEGAN LODGE NO. 702** who saw D.D. Maltby present a ten-horsepower Johnson Outboard Motor to Grand Exalted Ruler Stern. The motor was brought into the ballroom of the hotel by four of Waukegan Lodge's Top-Hatters. The gift was made available through the courtesy of its manufacturer, Johnson Motors, many employees of whom are members of Waukegan Lodge.

On the 4th of March, the Elks of **AURORA, ILL., LODGE, NO. 705**, led by E.R.

Arthur G. Adams, entertained the Grand Exalted Ruler at a special program which included the initiation of a large class of candidates as a tribute to the guest of honor.

The following day found Mr. Stern making a brief stop at the home of **SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 158**, one of whose members is William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois. Mr. Stratton received a visit from Mr. Stern at his office where he also greeted D.D. Maltby and P.D.D. Charles W. Clabaugh, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson and Springfield Lodge's E.R. Arthur W. Gibson and Secy. Earl R. Schryver who accompanied the Grand Exalted Ruler.

On Mar. 12th, in the company of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett and E.R. Norman Bowles of **WASHINGTON, D. C., LODGE, NO. 15**, the Order's leader was the guest of U. S. Senator Estes Kefauver at a pleasant luncheon when they were joined by a group of Senators and other officials.

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Above: Elk dignitaries photographed at the handsome new home of Shelbyville, Ind., Lodge include Grand Lodge Committeeman R. L. DeHority, E.R. Earl Kelley, Mr. Stern and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh from left, respectively.

Right: The officers of South Bend, Ind., Lodge are pictured during their banquet for Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, fourth from left, at which Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, second from right, was another distinguished guest.



NEWS OF THE LODGES

Hoop Stars at Wellsville, Ohio, Lodge

When Newt Oliver and his Rio Grande (Ohio) College Basketball Team played a two-game series in the eastern part of the State, the members of Wellsville Lodge No. 1040 took the opportunity to entertain the erstwhile local high school basketball coach and the renowned "Bevo" Francis and his teammates.

While the team's schedule allowed only a brief visit, the event was a memorable one for a sizable crowd of Elks and their ladies. Est. Lead. Knight Paul Todd introduced the Coach who then presented his record-breaking team. Three of the boys, Francis, Johnny Viscoglosi and Bob Mundy, son of Elk Earl C. Mundy, had played for the high school last year, so the visit was really a homecoming.

Price, Utah, Elks Aid Handicapped

The Elks of Price Lodge No. 1550 cooperate fully in all worthy and useful charities. Not long ago Est. Lead. Knight Roy W. Ferguson presented to Kenneth H. Roth, Exec. Secy. of the Utah Society for Physically Handicapped Children and Adults the lodge's check for \$400, an amount realized through the lodge's Annual Charity Ball. The presentation was made at a regular session of No. 1550 which Mr. Roth traveled from Salt Lake City to attend.

E.R. Dwight Wadleigh turned over to Charles Semken, Sr., Chairman of the Carbon County March of Dimes, a check for \$200 raised at a special dinner-dance conducted by the lodge for that project.

Florence Site of S.C. Elks' Semi-Annual Meeting

Over 200 members, led by Pres. J. Alex Neely, Jr., gathered in the fine new home of Florence Lodge No. 1020 for the Semi-Annual Meeting of the So. Car. Elks Assn. The State Ritualistic Contest was conducted during the two-day session, with Anderson Lodge's entry once again coming out on top.

The delegates voted the adoption of the Rock Hill Orthopedic School as a State Project, and also set aside \$2,300 for their Scholarship Fund.

Dayton, Ohio, Lodge Honors New Citizens

The lodge room of Dayton Lodge No. 58 was filled to its capacity recently when 150 new Americans of that district were honored at the lodge's Annual Americanization Party. Elks, their wives and other guests were on hand to see the December class of about 30 persons receive their certificates of citizenship from Mrs. Ann Benning, Deputy Clerk of the U. S. Court.

E.R. Huston Brown extended a cordial welcome to the guests, and Mayor Louis



Richmond, Calif., Lodge's first E.R., Dr. C. L. Abbott, right, presents an Honorary Life Membership to Walter T. Helms, left, a member since 1911. Dr. Abbott and Mr. Helms were largely responsible for the erection of the lodge's fine home. E.R. R. G. Boone looks on. The ceremony was witnessed by 20 P.E.R.'s.

Lohrey greeted them warmly on behalf of the city. P.D.D. Sidney G. Kusworm was an inspired speaker at this affair which has created a great deal of local interest, being publicized widely in Dayton's *Herald-Journal*, *Daily News*, the *Press* and *Shopping News*, as well as by radio stations WHIO, WONE and WING which made a tape recording of the event for later broadcasting, and by television stations WHIO-TV and WLW-D.

Millinocket, Me., P.E.R.'s Honored

About 150 members of Millinocket Lodge No. 1521 participated in the annual tribute to its former leaders. The occasion was marked by a banquet, followed by the regular lodge session during which the P.E.R.'s conducted the ceremony bringing 19 men into the Order. Another highlight was the presentation of 25-year-membership buttons to four of the lodge's old-timers.

Albany, N. Y., Elks Fete Major-League Luminaries

T. Emmett Ryan, member of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, was Master of Ceremonies for the 1953 Hot-Stove League session of Albany Lodge No. 49 and the Albany Eastern League baseball club at the lodge home. During the program, Mr. Ryan and over 700 other enthusiastic fans were assured that the Albany Senators will have a club comparable to last year's pennant winner, and that the Yankees and Dodgers will meet in the World Series again this year. These unqualified statements were made by Jack Burns, manager of the Albany club; Gil McDougald, third-baseman for



District Deputy Louis N. Howard, left, gives a hearty handshake to Secretary Norman Y. Chambliss, Sr., of Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge, congratulating him on the fact that there is not one delinquent member on the roster for his lodge. D.D. Howard calls Secy. Chambliss "one of the best Secretaries, and one of the best dues collectors, in the entire U.S.A."



Left: Paul J. Smith, left, Secy.-Treas., of the Kentucky Elks Assn., sees P.E.R. William Sellmeyer, second from left, present Covington, Ky., Lodge's check for the Kenton County Tuberculosis Sanatorium to Dr. C. F. Farrell, Supt. Standing center is Committeeman Sam Cover, and at right, P.E.R. Clarence Nienaber. The lodge also gave Mr. Smith a check for the Elks Hospital at Hazelwood.



Right: E.R. M. F. Clancy stands, right, with Hartford, Conn., Elks of more than 50 years' membership, left to right: J. P. Flynn, 53 years; F. C. Opper, 64 years; W. W. O'Brien, 68; J. J. O'Loughlin, 53; P. F. Pfeiffer, 54; D. J. Mahoney, 53; seated: P.E.R. Matthew Hogan, 50 years; L. J. Godbout, 50; Arthur Jackson, 52 years, and D. F. Cotter, 50.

the Yankees, and Gil Hodges, first baseman for the Brooklyn champions. Eddie Waitkus of the Philadelphia Phillies, was a little more circumspect in his commitments concerning his own team, saying the Whiz Kids *might* repeat their 1951 National League pennant bid.

The event, an annual one, is held for the benefit of the Albany Sports Infantile Paralysis Fund and donated prizes, totaling about \$300, were distributed to fans who supported this campaign.

Tucson, Ariz., Elks Hold Charity Minstrel Show

The First Annual Minstrel Extravaganza put on by Tucson, Ariz., Lodge No. 385, was an ambitious undertaking and very successfully handled. Over 80 members of the lodge participated in the musical which was put on under the capable management of Elk Joe Bren, well-known Hollywood producer and director. Incoming E.R. Paul McIntosh was Interlocutor of the cast which played five performances for approximately 5,000 persons. The demand for tickets was so great that would-be spectators were turned away each night, and the whole thing realized a tidy sum for the lodge's Charity Fund.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Lodge Growing

E.R. Archy Fairly and his fellow officers brought their term to a close with the initiation of several classes into Hattiesburg Lodge No. 599.

At one of these recent sessions, the

lodge voted a contribution to the Red Cross and heard an interesting report delivered by Chairman Sam Miller of the Board of Trustees, a P.D.D. and former Grand Lodge Committeeman. Mr. Miller revealed that 75,000 long-leaf pine seedlings had been hand-planted on the lodge's lake property by the Forrest County Agricultural High School FFA, and that the Trustees had presented \$450 to the FFA in recognition of its aid. This group was also granted the use of two acres of the Elks' land for a forestry demonstration project.

The last social event of the lodge year was a Stag Night Program which included a barbecue supper and the showing of motion pictures of the Ole Miss-Georgia Tech Sugar Bowl Game.

Washington Elks Undertake Ambitious Cerebral-Palsy Program

More than 1,500 delegates converged on Longview for the largest Midwinter Convention ever staged by the Washington State Elks Assn.

Heading the list of officials at this important meeting were Past Grand Exalted

Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, and Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee.

During this meeting, the delegates unanimously adopted an "Aid to the Cerebral Palsied" project, making the decision with a rousing vote of acclamation. The Washington plan will be modeled after the Calif. Elks' very successful Major Project.

Walla Walla Lodge won the Ritualistic Championship in one of the closest contests fought in recent years, topping Tacoma and Ballard Lodges' entries. Wenatchee was selected as the meeting place for the Annual State Convention this summer.

Tonopah, Nev., P.E.R. O'Connell Mourned

Elbert W. O'Connell, the second oldest P.E.R. of Tonopah Lodge No. 1062 passed away not long ago, following a short illness.

Born 70 years ago, Mr. O'Connell was a resident of Reno since 1926. He is survived by two sons, a sister, three brothers and a grandson.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, third from left, Lt.-Governor of the State of Washington, discusses with other Elk officials the merits of the large-scale cerebral palsy project adopted by the Washington Elks Assn. at its Midwinter Convention at Longview.

it's tough to manage

A LOSER

BY BILL MEYER

as told to Tom Siler

Bill Meyer, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is an Honorary Life Member of the Knoxville, Tenn., lodge, of which Tom Siler also is a member. A sports writer for the Knoxville "News-Sentinel", Mr. Siler has a national reputation in that field.



I HAVE BEEN IN BASEBALL—sandlot, minors and majors—for 50 years, and losing still hurts. Defeat isn't something you come to accept with the years. Its sting is just as sharp at 60 as at 20.

I know. I was Connie Mack's second-string catcher in 1916. That year the Athletics won 36, lost 117—the all-time record in futility. Last season, the Pittsburgh Pirates, guided by my hand, were almost as bad. We won 42 games, and there were times when the A's old record seemed doomed. Even the old Phillies, at their worst, never sank so low as the Bucs of 1952—54½ games out of first, a mere 22½ below the seventh place Braves. At no time did our club win more than two games in a row.

Now I consider myself an authority on losing, but I never became used to it. It does something to you to go out there every day, or night, and watch rookies get their brains knocked out. Does something to the kids, too. After a while you're in a sort of coma. Everything you eat tastes like raw rutabaga. You go to bed dead tired and wake up feeling numb all over. Jokes sound very unfunny, friends leave you to your own dark thoughts and you wonder if you can face another day. It's just as tough on your wife, maybe tougher.

Charley Grimm, who has managed pennant winners and cellar teams, tells the story of the skipper who was fired in September. Despondent and disgusted, he and his wife left town. He drove in sullen silence for 200 miles. Finally, his wife spoke up.

"Honey, I'm hungry. Couldn't we stop somewhere for a sandwich?"

"Shut up, you chatterbox," he snapped. "You're driving me crazy."

Losing managers are hard to live with. Finally, I quit last September, rounding out my fifth year as the Pittsburgh manager. It was a season I'd like to forget. We didn't have a single .300 hitter. Fact



One of the best managerial minds in baseball gives the candid, inside story of how it feels to finish a bad eighth.

ILLUSTRATED BY
WILLARD MULLIN



"How could you get so dumb and me so smart in a year", Casey said.

is. Dick Groat, fresh out of Duke University, led the club with a .284 average. Murry Dickson, a very good pitcher, had to settle for 14 victories.

We seldom fielded the same team two days in a row. Last winter, just to add up what was happening, I checked up on the two-way traffic around Forbes Field. It was no surprise to discover that we had deployed 11 men in the outfield, 18 on the pitcher's mound, nine at third base, six at first, five at second, four at shortstop and four behind the plate. We frequently had six rookies in the lineup! And to top it all, Ralph Kiner, the big stick, had an off season.

Sometimes I wonder that we won 42 games. My team was last in batting, last in fielding and first in the hearts of rival managers. The pitching staff yielded the most earned runs, the most home runs and the most bases on balls—615 for the season. The offense, or lack of it, provided equally impressive statistics. We hit the fewest homers—less than 100—and struck out most times . . . I could go on and on, but you get the idea.

One day in Cincinnati Manager Rogers Hornsby called the outfielders in close to the infield. It was humiliating to watch the kids pop up. Afterwards Hornsby said, "Bill, I wasn't trying to show you up, but I wanted my fans to see what kind of a ball club they've given you."

The Pirates were the butt of brutal gags even in their own organization. Our minor league farm managers supposedly prodded their players with: "If you won't start bearing down in this league, we

will send you back to Pittsburgh."

Some old-timers insisted the 1952 Pirates were the worst big league club in history. I wouldn't know about that, but there were moments when I was tempted to adopt suggestions received by mail. One fellow deplored the lack of the old college try. He proposed a weekly dance or beer party for the players.

Another correspondent, probably a

fugitive from old-time vaudeville, cleared up the hitting problems.

"The Pirates lack timing," he explained. "Juggling will do the trick. Start the players with two baseballs, then go to three, then four. Tennis balls are next. Master that and move on to ping pong balls, then Indian clubs. Their timing will be perfect and they'll hit big league pitching."

The best laugh was furnished by the fellow who observed that Pittsburgh's troubles developed with two men out.

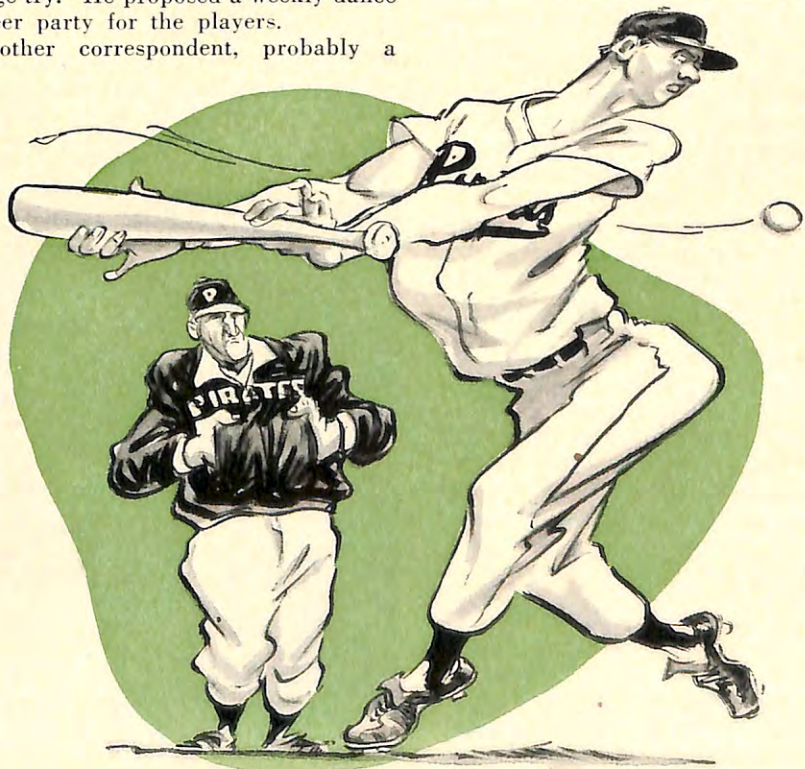
"You've got to get that third out," he wrote, the sort of calm understatement that did my blood pressure no good. "I've often noticed you get two men out, then get into trouble. I have the solution.

"Say, for instance, you've got two out and two men on base. Walk the batter. Your pitchers are good at that anyway. But don't let that worry you. Now, with the bases full have the pitcher hold the runner close to the bag with a throw or two. Then have the rightfielder sneak over behind first. The pitcher wheels and throws, not to the first baseman but over his head to the rightfielder. The runner, thinking of a wild throw, dashes toward second. The rightfielder catches the ball, traps the runner, and there's your third out.

"The beauty of this play is that it works at any base. You can use the centerfielder coming in close behind second and the leftfielder behind third base. This is Pittsburgh's best chance for the third out. If you don't adopt this play, you'll never get out of the cellar."

However, our fans were wonderful. Pittsburgh, in my honest opinion, has

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"I told him to forget everything but the long ball".

ROD AND GUN

There's no tougher target than a diving, twisting, crow in flight.

BY DAN HOLLAND



IT IS ALL TRUE what they say about the crow: he is a thief; he is a plunderer; he is as sly and shrewd as any scoundrel who ever lived by his wits at odds with society; and he is definitely in cahoots with

Satan himself. I know. I have had personal experience with a crow, a long and lasting experience. The crow was our house guest for an entire summer.

As might be expected of such a base character, he worked his way into our midst with a completely false play of innocence and helplessness—only to take advantage of our kindness, of course. It happened one spring morning when we were crow shooting. We had taken a stand in a mixed patch of pines and hardwoods, blowing full blast on our crow calls, shooting wildly at the diving, cawing birds, and generally raising a terrible racket when Alfred—which was the crow's name—arrived on the scene. Apparently he had been sitting in a nest in one of the big oaks above us. He was a little too young yet to fly, but he hadn't been able to resist the excitement of a good fight. He came fluttering down awkwardly, thumped to the ground by our feet and dared anyone to start something. However, when he saw that he was outnumbered, he put on an act that indicated we had not only made him an orphan but that we were just the types to go off and leave him to the ravages of the cruel world.

We were shooting crows with the avowed purpose of dispatching a few of the black marauders. Farmers and conservationists alike will agree that this is a commendable practice. However, we were also shooting for sport. There's no tougher target than a diving, twisting, erratic crow in flight. It is one thing, though, to shoot at a fast-flying one overhead which you will likely miss, and quite another to stamp out one sitting defenselessly at your feet, especially when he is still fuzzy around the ears. Compassion got the better of judgment and we took Alfred home and stuffed him with milk-soaked bread, ground beef, eggs and other choice delicacies. That's when our troubles began.

Alfred pulled up the flowers and the

bean sprouts, not the weeds; he pulled the labels off everything in the barn; he stole the dog's food—what he couldn't eat he would fly away with in huge mouthfuls and hide—and he cried like one greatly abused if the dog objected; he painstakingly removed shingles from the roof; he made convenient openings in the screens for mosquitoes; he stole everything he could carry off, including a beautiful little penknife never recovered; he roosted over the car whenever it had been washed; he woke us each day at the first gray light of the summer dawn by sitting on the windowsill, pounding on the screen and hollering into the bedroom without stopping until someone came out to keep him company; and, worst of all, he won us over completely. Without question he was the most exasperating and, at the same time, the most fun, the biggest clown and the smartest of any pet we ever had. The damage he did was made up for by the amusement he gave us.

That October when a hard, cold and windy rain suddenly took all the leaves off the maple tree in which he roosted nightly, he was doomed. Part of his education was seriously lacking. He didn't know enough to change his perch to a sheltering evergreen, and that night a great-horned owl got him. We heard the owl in the night, and the next morning I found Alfred's feathers a couple of hundred yards down in the woods behind the house where the owl had car-

ried him. That was a sad day, and it was a lonesome place without our black jester. I hunted that owl with a vengeance, hunted him down as a cold-blooded murderer, and I finally got him. I hit him amidships with a .270 hollow-nosed bullet, and he exploded like one of his own atoms had fissioned. Owl feathers were floating down in that general vicinity days afterward. I must admit that I didn't get the owl until the following spring, six months later, but I will always think it was the same one. At least he fit the description perfectly and if it wasn't him it was one of his clan.

As far as crow shooting is concerned, we learned a lot from Alfred. For one thing, never underestimate one of the black rascals. They are smarter than anyone ever gave a bird credit for being, and they have the devil born in them. There's nothing easy about crow shooting, and it becomes increasingly difficult as more people try it. It is difficult enough to fool a crow the first time, and it is next to impossible to fool him a second time.

In the Year Alfred we had three dogs, a springer and two pointers. The springer, like Alfred, had the run of the place. He had been taught to leave the crow alone, which made a one-sided deal because the crow took advantage of the situation and pestered the poor dog continually. The pointers, which were kept


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Photo by Dan Holland



Alfred took advantage of the springer and pestered him continually.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



THE WORLD is watchfully observing the transfer of control of the Soviet State from the hands of the mysterious and cruel Stalin, to the unknown—Malenkov. The new head of the Communist government had scarcely assumed control when a series of seemingly related air attacks on our planes reminded us that, while the office has changed, the probability is that the pattern is the same.

I would feel that I had indeed been negligent in the performance of my duties as Grand Exalted Ruler if I did not call upon the subordinate lodges to continue to exert all possible effort to impress upon their communities the dangers of the Communist movement. The foul influence that seeps out from under the Iron Curtain to putrify the sweet, fresh air of our land is no “bogey man”. You are not engaging in any witch hunt when you organize to combat communistic influences in your city intelligently.

There are those among us who feel they are branded as intellectual giants when they act coyly and dodge behind the shelter of our Constitution when asked outright. “Do you subscribe or endorse the Communist or Marxist movement?” How many of our Brothers have forgotten when it was considered fashionable to allow the German-American Bund to flaunt the ideology of the Nazis in our faces, while Hitler was plotting to sink our ships in the Atlantic?

All Elks sincerely hope that through intelligent presentation of our way of life we can reach the Russian people, who, in turn, for their own welfare will recognize the necessity of peaceful settlement of the issues that divide us. In our sincere desire for peace we cannot be lulled into a sense of false security. We as Elks must man the ramparts at home. Most certainly, we must lend all the power and assistance of our Order to insure the success of our lagging Civil Defense program. In this important field alone can be found a real challenge to any active Elks lodge.

The present virulence of the “Hate America” campaign under Soviet leadership is unsurpassed even by the war-time propaganda of the Nazis. The slurs, lies and distortions trumpeted from the Kremlin and its agents throughout the world are directed not only against our President and his aids, but also against the entire American people. Part of this “Hate America” campaign is to distract attention from the antics of Communist stooges and “goon squads” active in countries falling within the Russian orbit. This distraction is most purposeful—to the end that suddenly and quickly the Iron Curtain can descend on another helpless, deceived nation.

This Order, of which we are all justifiably proud, would not be worthy of its existence among the fraternal orders of man if it had not dedicated itself, when the threat of Communism first presented itself, to intelligently opposing any subversive movements in this Republic. We realize that every Elk has the duty of protecting his country’s respect for human rights, decency of man, and the democratic processes of law. These things, which under our obligation as Elks we hold sacred, are ever subject to insidious attack from within, and without.

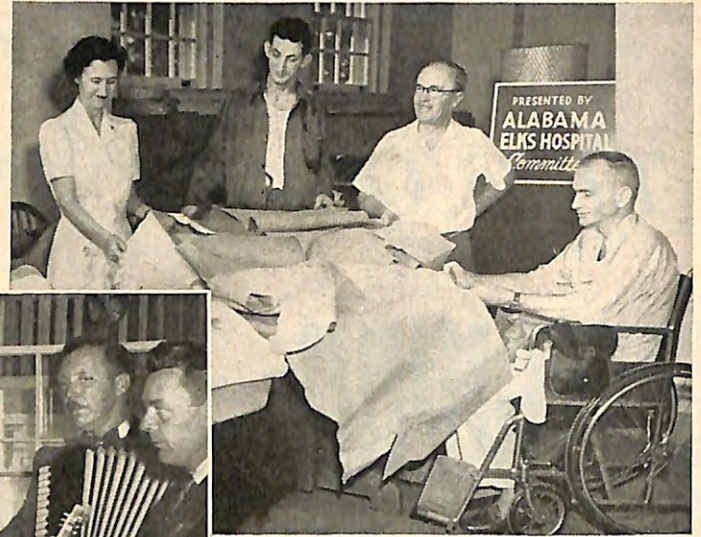
I am proud to serve an order of over 1,100,000 Elks who will join with me in serving notice to the world that we fully subscribe to Lincoln’s words that America is “the last, best hope of Earth”.

Sincerely and fraternally,



SAM STERN
GRAND EXALTED RULER

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES



Above: Chairman H. Fancher Phelps of the Alabama Elks Hospital Committee, third from left, with convalescent servicemen and a therapist at the hospital in Montgomery where the Elk-donated leather they are inspecting will be used.



Above: One of the bed-patients at Will Rogers Veterans Hospital is serenaded by Chuck Davis entertainers during a gala party put on there not long ago by the Oklahoma City, Okla., Elks. With the local Elks and their ladies were Earl E. James, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, Special Representative Floyd Brown and State Chairman Kenneth Aldrich.



Right: The Maine Elks are doing a fine job for the boys at the Veterans Hospital at Togus. This photograph was taken during one of the Beano games sponsored by the Elks of Old Town, who were ably assisted by Augusta Lodge.



Left: E.R. F. E. Johns, Jr., committeemen, and Visalia, Calif., Lodge's servicemen guests look over the generous variety of items collected by these Elks for use in the State's VA Hospitals.

Below: The Montana Elks are also cooperating in securing hides for the Calif. hospitals. Here, E.R. Reuben Nordtome drops into Kalispell Lodge's collection barrel the first contribution to the Mont. Elks' campaign, donated by Louis Bain and delivered by State Pres. DeWitt O'Neill.





PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER DAVID SHOLTZ

DAVID SHOLTZ, the Order's leader in 1936, passed away March 21, 1953, at the age of 61. Death came at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Fla., following a heart attack.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 6, 1891, David Sholtz matriculated at Yale University. Graduating in 1914, he left immediately for Florida. That same year, he was initiated into Daytona Beach Lodge No. 1141, and three years later he was elected its Esteemed Loyal Knight. During his term in that office, he volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy. At the close of World War I, he returned to civilian life and became his lodge's Esteemed Leading Knight in 1919 and Exalted Ruler in 1920.

A man of genial personality and devoted to the ideals of Elkdom, Mr. Sholtz's abilities were recognized in 1923 by Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland who appointed him as his Deputy for the Florida North District. The same year saw him elected President of the 19-year-old Florida State Elks Association in whose magnificent crippled children's work David Sholtz played an integral part; he was again its President in 1924. At the time of his death he was a seven-year Trustee for the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Trust Fund set up by the State organization for the Association's Crippled Children's Home.

Impressed with his capabilities and unstinted efforts in the cause of Elkdom, the Grand Lodge elected him Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight in 1927. From that time on, his career in the Order, as well as in public life, was one of continuous progress. From 1928 until 1933, Mr. Sholtz was a member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, serving as its Chairman for the last three terms.

In 1933, he was Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; the following year he became Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and its Approving Member in 1935.

In the meantime, David Sholtz had a busy career in public life. In 1917 he was elected a member of the Florida Legislature. From 1919 until he became Municipal Judge of Daytona in 1921, he served as State's Attorney for the 7th Judicial District of Florida. In 1932, the people of his adopted State rewarded his efforts on their behalf by elevating him to the office of Governor in which post he served them well during a very trying period which ended in 1937. So it was that during his term as leader of his State he also held the Order's highest office, having been elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1936 Convention.

Gov. Sholtz was a member of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission of 1940-42, the Elks War Commission of 1942-46, Treasurer of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission of 1946-49 and of the Elks National Service Commission from 1949 until his death.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sholtz was at one time the President of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Florida State and American Bar Associations, and had been President of the Daytona Beach Rotary Club. He was also a 33rd Degree Mason, a Shriner and held membership in the American Legion, the Military Order of World Wars and the 40-and-8.

To his thousands of friends, as well as to his wife, mother, son and two daughters who survive him, we offer our deep and heartfelt sympathy.



E.R. George Beatty of Milton, Pa., Lodge forgets the camera to congratulate Miss Janet Ahalt whose essay won first prize in the "Employ the Physically Handicapped" Contest. At left is Dale L. Hill, Physically Handicapped Advisory Committee Chairman. The prize money was provided by the Pa. No. Cent. Dist. Elks Student Aid Committee.



At Racine, Wis., Lodge's State President's Dinner E.R. H. N. Johnson, D.D. A. E. LaFrance, State Pres. E. H. Lattimer, State Treas. Wm. H. Otto and the lodge's "Most Valuable Student" Contest Chairman G. L. Kroening, left to right, admire the "bouquet" of \$7,400 in Elks National Foundation pledges which brought the lodge total to \$10,500.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Above: F. S. Sheldon presents Springfield, Vt., Lodge's \$2,012.62 check to G. H. Hawkins, of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as Elk Frank Corliss, State Chairman of the Foundation, looks on. The sum was collected and presented at the lodge's Polio Party.



Above: Looking over one of the posters advertising San Antonio, Tex., Lodge's latest Charity Minstrel Show are Cliff Bledsoe, one of the end men, and Carolyn Brooks, youngest performer, daughter of the lodge's Leading Knight.

Right: Coach Newt Oliver and his record-breaking Rio Grande College basketball team with Wellsville, Ohio, Elks who entertained them.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1953*		
State	Place	Date
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
North Dakota	Devils Lake	June 7-8-9
Idaho	Boise	June 11-12-13
New Jersey	Atlantic City	June 19-20
Indiana	Gary	June 19-20-21
Michigan	Lansing	June 19-20-21
Virginia	Charlottesville	June 21-22-23
Rhode Island	Woonsocket	June 27-28
Montana	Havre	July 23-24-25
Md., Dela., D. C.	Salisbury, Md.	Aug. 20-21-22-23
Wisconsin	La Crosse	Aug. 20-21-22
Tennessee	Columbia	Sept. 4-5
California	Long Beach	Sept. 16-17-18-19
Vermont	Hartford	Sept. 18-19-20

*Indiana Fall Meeting at Indianapolis Sept. 26-27.
Wisconsin Spring Meeting at Antigo May 16-17.

San Antonio Elks' 1953 Minstrel Show the Best Yet

From all reports, it's quite evident that this year's Charity Minstrel Show put on by San Antonio Lodge No. 216 was an unqualified hit. With 96 performers on the program, the event was the biggest yet produced, and probably the most beautiful. For the first time, a woman was selected as producer for the show.

Forty of the members' wives participated in the musical numbers, and 16 Elks' ladies acted as ushers for the two performances. A big feature of the show was the *a capella* singing of the 25-voice Barber Shoppers, and the "Four Old Fossils" quartet made a big hit, too.

The success of the affair, for which James Faulkner was General Chairman, was a direct result of the fine publicity it received in the city's newspapers, and on its radio and television stations.

Vermont Championship Contests Decided

Hartford Lodge No. 1541 played host to participants in various State Contests recently. In the Ritualistic competition, Montpelier's team took first place over Brattleboro, Springfield and Hartford Lodges in that order, the All-State Team being made up of five Montpelier officers and four Brattleboro men. Montpelier Lodge also took the cribbage title, de-





Paterson, N. J., Lodge presents a chalice and paten as an ordination gift to their Brother Elk, Rev. Fr. Hubert Woods, O.F.M., in memory of deceased members of the lodge. Left to right: State Vice-President Frank Scolpino, Father Woods, District Deputy John Byrne, Exalted Ruler Joseph Wallace and State President Joseph F. Bader who made the presentation.



Chairman Frank Nelson, P.E.R., and other Salt Lake City, Utah, Elk officials are welcomed to Greeley, Colo., Lodge on their 27th out-of-State lodge visit by P.E.R. Richard Tatman, Committee Chairman, E.R. Dr. Joseph L. Haefeli, Past Grand Est. Lecturing Knight O. J. Fisher, Colorado State Pres. Campbell Rice and Charter Member William R. Patterson.

feating the team from Bellows Falls.

The Brattleboro keglers, after taking the So. Vt. Dist. honors in competition with teams from Bellows Falls and Windsor Lodges, defeated the St. Johnsbury No. Dist. champions by 42 pins.

Sedalia, Mo., Elks Active

When the members of Sedalia Lodge No. 125 paid their annual tribute to the lodge's former leaders, the event developed into what they termed an International Feast, considering the potpourri of nationalities which had a hand in the affair. The event was attended by about 70 men, all of whom enjoyed the Italian dinner which was prepared by a Syrian, a German and a Scotch-Irishman.

A short time later, No. 125 honored its Old Timers. The special guests included about 60 members of more than 25 years' affiliation with the Order, the oldest being Wm. H. Cloney, an Elk since 1891.

Mena, Ark., Elks' Party Helps Building Fund

One of the biggest social events of the past season was the Valentine Day dance conducted by Mena Lodge No. 781. Promotion for the affair was so successful that, within two weeks after it

was under way, it became obvious that the ballroom of the home would not accommodate the crowd. The use of the city's Municipal Auditorium was engaged and approximately 150 couples turned out, to establish a record for the year. A 14-piece band from the Ark. Tech College at Russellville furnished the music for the affair, proceeds from which went into No. 781's building fund.

No. Cent. Ohio Elk Bowling Winners Announced

A very successful tournament of the North Central Ohio District Elk Bowlers took place under the aegis of Marion Lodge No. 32. Harry S. Hammond of the host lodge was Tournament Chairman, cooperating with Sherman Halderman and Roy Newell as Co-Managers.

A total of \$2,042.75 was distributed in prizes among the 30 five-man teams, 75 two-man entries, 150 singles keglers and two all-events participants, the last-mentioned play being based on actual pin fall, with all others on a handicap basis.

There were 110 five-man groups, 277 two-man teams and 554 singles entered in this 9th Annual Tourney at the Palace Recreation Alleys in Marion, with all 14 lodges of the District represented.

Mount Vernon bowlers made the high-

est scores in a majority of events. The Glackin Chevrolet team of that city won the five-man event, with the Lorain Elks Lecturing Knights taking second place and the Lorain Elks Trustees No. 2 Team placing third. The first and third places in the two-man event were won by Mt. Vernon keglers, too—W. Armstrong and G. Dickson, and P. Mauger and A. Graf. Galion's P. Pangallo and D. Yochem were second-place winners.

Two Mansfield bowlers won singles honors—N. Male, defeated in the All-Events by M. Yuhas of Lorain, and P. Schadek, second singles winner. Third place went to E. Pabst of Sandusky.

Delaware, Ohio, Welcomes Interesting Group

A class of eight candidates was initiated into Delaware Lodge No. 76 not long ago as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, as well as in commemoration of the lodge's 65th Anniversary. Three of the men represent the third generation of their families in the Order: James Eberst, Thomas Wilson and Allan Williamson, whose fathers and grandfathers are Elks. A pin owned by Mr. Eberst's grandfather, and later by his father, was presented to the newest Elk in that family by John Keefer.



Above: These officers and committeemen of Seminole, Okla., Lodge conducted the city's Polio Fund Campaign, realizing nearly \$2,000. E.R. R. P. Wood, left foreground, watches Est. Lead. Knight C. E. Briery, Campaign Chairman, present the check to Campaign Treas. Emery Magruder.

Below: D.D. J. T. O'Rourke, right, center row, is photographed with E.R. V. Jackson Smith, center foreground, and the other men who were installed as officers of the newly-instituted San Angelo, Tex., Lodge.



NEWS OF THE LODGES



Watertown, N. Y., Elk officers with the class honoring 47-year-member P.E.R. F. C. O'Brien, State Credentials Chairman, seated seventh from left with E.R. P. J. Regan on his right.



Sanford, Me., Lodge's Annual Charity Ball had more than 2,000 participants this year. Here is E.R. Alfred A. Pownall, with other lodge officers and wives who led the Grand March.



The cast of Pittsfield, Mass., Lodge's annual Charity Minstrel Show whose two theater performances were followed by a repeat at the U.S. Veterans Hospital at Leeds. Est. Lead. Knight V. J. Gagnier was Chairman, assisted by Inner Guard Donald Gagnon and George Robinson.



At Bowling Green, Ohio, Lodge's Golden Jubilee, its P.E.R.'s were pictured with lodge officers, seated, and Charter Member George Yeager and E.R. Dwight Cross, fifth and sixth from left.



At the institution of Hayward, Calif., Lodge its 130 Charter Members and 30 members who dimitted from other lodges, posed for this photograph.



State Vice-Pres. Ernest Olivieri accepts Sonora, Calif., Lodge's Emblem Club's \$300 gift for the Cerebral Palsy Program from Pres. Lois Keenan.



Waterbury, Conn., Lodge led all other organizations with its \$3,001.83 for the 1953 March of Dimes. Here, Elk Chairman J. E. Bozzuto, left, presents the check to E.R. J. F. McNellis, right. Campaign Chairman, Elk J. P. Begnal, center, broke the city's record for this campaign, collecting a total of over \$41,000.



Est. Lead. Knight Howard McAfee hands Bishop, Calif., Lodge's check to local March of Dimes Pres., the wife of E.R. N. W. Mandich, Jr.

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GOVERNOR

Honorable Bruce A. Campbell,
Honorary Chairman
B.P.O. Elks National Convention Committee
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Campbell:

It is with pleasure that I welcome to Missouri the 89th Grand Lodge Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. I extend cordial greetings on behalf of my fellow Missourians. We are honored and happy to have your respected Order convene here in our State.

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My fellow citizens are familiar with and grateful for the numerous welfare, benevolent and patriotic programs conducted by the Elks of Missouri that have enriched our great State. As Elks you must feel a wonderful spiritual satisfaction in the knowledge that your Order has, in a practical way, given meaning to the principle of brotherhood, and continuously fostered reverence for God and patriotism for our beloved country.

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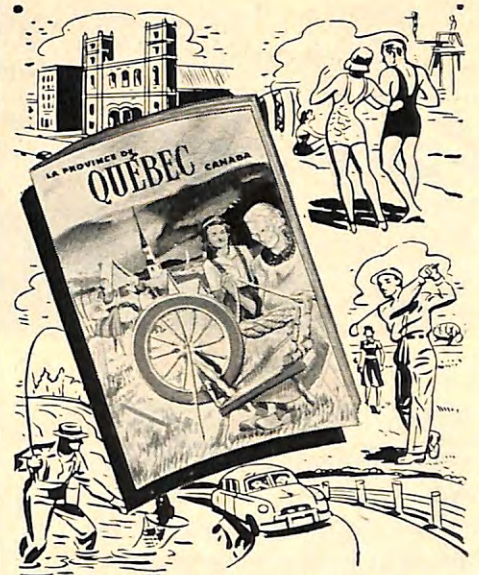
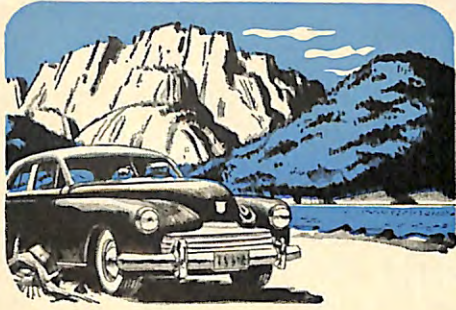
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A pleasant route from the Falls lies by way of Hamilton via the Queen Elizabeth Highway, a fine roadway that runs between groves of trees, fruit and vineyards. Small resort towns, clusters of cottages and lakes lie along Route 6 through the town of Guelph and Owen Sound, which is a metropolis as well as a body of water. From Owen Sound (town) you can arrange trips through Owen Sound (water) to Nottawasaga Bay, a locale that abounds in fish and scenery. There are excursions in pursuit of both.

On the eastern side of Nottawasaga Bay is Midland, site of the Martyr's Shrine, a religious center raised in honor of

Jesuit missionaries who were tortured and slain in the 17th Century. Ships of the Canadian Pacific Lines depart from Port McNicoll, a few minutes away, bound for western Canada across the Great Lakes.

An interesting route, and perhaps less tried, however, lies north of Owen Sound along the length of Bruce peninsula that forms one side of Georgian Bay. Follow Route 6 through Wiarton and on to the ferry at Tobermory, which crosses to Manitoulin Island. An interesting stop en route can be arranged at Flowerpot Island, a piece of the Georgian Bay Islands National Park lying in the channel three miles off Tobermory. The island got its handle from a pair of rock pillars which the erosion of the waves against the limestone cliffs shaped like a pair of flowerpots. To complete the idea, small trees and shrubs grow out of cracks in the pots. The island is shaded with spruce, maple, balsams, fir, pine and cedar trees and deer and rabbit gambol about. Camping is permitted and the nearby waters are inhabited by lake trout, muskellunge and black bass. Guides and boats can be enlisted at Tobermory.

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Sam Stern

Birthdays Classes

The birthday of the Order's leader was commemorated by hundreds of lodges with the initiation of groups of outstanding Americans. These pictures record a fraction of those ceremonies, many of which were attended by District Deputies and other Elk officials.



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LODGE NOTES

The 1,000th session of **WALTHAM, MASS.**, Lodge marked the 82nd birthday of P.E.R. Timothy Sullivan, a Charter Member. Professional talent was imported for the event which P.E.R. Louis Dubin and E.R. James Fitzpatrick pronounced a success . . . Edward A. Dutton, Grand Treas. of the Order, was honored by his home lodge recently when a class of candidates became **SAVANNAH, GA.**, Elks in tribute to him. D.D. R. E. Falligant was present with Mr. Dutton . . . **MARSHALLTOWN, IA.**, Lodge turned over the \$1,000 realized by its Charity Ball to the Salvation Army's building fund. . . . **CRISFIELD, MD.**, Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night this year included refreshments and entertainment during which a large group enjoyed seeing the Gavilan-Davey bout on the lodge's fine new TV set . . . We have another candidate for our "old membership card" list. Frank J. McIntyre of **ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.**, Lodge tells us he has his *second* card, dated May 22, 1897. His first one, issued May 15, 1895, was stolen . . . While Seaman John T. Mahan, a **CLINTON, MASS.**, Elk, is pretty busy with Navy work, he finds time to spread good-will on his own. He corresponds with more than 100 servicemen and women from his home town, stationed all over the world. Not only that, he sends copies of Clinton newspapers to each of them. An Elk since 1951, Seaman Mahan has visited lodges all along the East Coast. His altruistic hobby, now in its second year, costs him from two to five books of stamps a week, his weekly correspondence averaging about 50 letters. Clinton Lodge helps out by sending him a monthly five-dollar check . . . **GLENDALE, CALIF.**, Lodge treasures a letter received from a complete stranger, Mrs. B. E. Ford of Santa Monica. It seems that Mrs. Ford's 3½-year-old son is a polio victim. Taking the child to General Hospital in Los Angeles, where he was placed in an iron lung, Mrs. Ford noticed a plate affixed to the cylinder's side, stating that the Glendale Elks had donated it. Her letter is one of gratitude to the donors who made it possible for her son to live. Mrs. Ford and her husband, just released from the U. S. Navy, lost their other child, a little girl.



Hillside, N. J., Lodge presents trophies to its Junior Baseball League 1952 Championship Team. E.R. William N. Kobin stands at the center of the rear row, with John Wecsey, Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, and other Committeemen.



Trustee Cleve V. Abbott, Exalted Ruler Joe Isenberg and Secretary Joe C. Stewart, second, third and fourth from left foreground, respectively, put the flame to the mortgage on the home of Brunswick, Ga., Lodge as other officers of the lodge look on.



These are the former leaders of Pottsville, Pa., Lodge who were feted at a banquet on P.E.R.'s Night and held chair offices during the regular session which followed.



The officers of Cut Bank, Mont., Lodge with the United America Class they initiated.



Milford, Conn., Lodge's \$1,800 check for an operating table for the new addition to the local hospital is presented to the Hospital Vice-Pres., Albert P. Stowe, third from left, Treas. of the lodge, by E.R. Frank J. Root, fourth from left, in the presence of other Milford Elk officials.



The Okla. Baptist Hospital received its biggest check from Muskogee Lodge. The negotiable, but awkward, \$650 gift was presented to Hospital Adm. J. F. Murrell, left, by E.R. R. M. Burchett, right, with Elk Trustee Hurley Jarnigan, Esq. John Wright, Lect. Knight John Kools.



Mount Pleasant, Pa., Elks March of Dimes Committeemen who raised over \$2,500 for that campaign during a full week's program. Seated, left to right: General Chairman Harry Mathias, P.E.R. M. F. Farrell and Publicity Chairman W. S. Lane; standing: E.R. Homer Huhn, Jr., Secy.-Treas. John J. Murtha, Sr., E. L. Walker and Rev. Father Trczakowski.



The key to the \$30,000 elevator installed in the four-story home of Knoxville, Tenn., Lodge is presented by Elk Guy B. Smith, Otis Co. Mgr. to E.R. George A. Crane. Inspector Johnson, Chairman Wayne Parkey of the Board of Trustees and Secy. S. J. Elkins, Jr., look on. One of the first passengers was 84-year-old Life Member W. T. Winstandley.



These are the young basketball players who were entered by their sponsors, the Elks of St. Johnsbury, Vt., in the Little League Tournament.



Lawrenceville team Capt. Frank Cullom holds the 1951 Ill. Elks Championship Trophy presented by the bowling officials pictured with him.

Honolulu, T. H., Elks' Student Project Scholar Rewarded

E.R. Ray G. Medley reports with a great deal of satisfaction that the student program inaugurated four years ago by Honolulu Lodge No. 616 is a major success. The project was instigated for the purpose of stimulating good relations between the local Elks and the large Japanese population of Honolulu.

The program's first scholar was Miss Agnes Niye-kawa of Japan who recently completed a three-year course in sociology at the University of Hawaii under the sponsorship of No. 616. The brilliant 29-year-old student has just left the Is-

lands for Bryn Mawr to study for a Master's Degree in sociological psychology. She is doing so by invitation, having been awarded a one-year scholarship by the college on the basis of her outstanding achievement at the Hawaiian University.

While the Elks financed her transportation from Japan to Hawaii and her tuition at the University there, Miss Niye-kawa supported herself during that time by tutoring Japanese, and by working in the school's social research laboratory and also in a pineapple cannery. During the war, this zealous young woman studied at the Tokyo Women's Christian College, majoring in English, which enabled her to get a position with the Amer-

ican occupation forces as a translator and censor after the war.

Her goal is to return to Japan and deliver there the message of democracy at work, which she strongly believes will improve good relations between our country and hers.

Last Thanksgiving, the Honolulu Elks proved they were equal to any situation. Planning on a dinner guest list of about 150 servicemen, the members of No. 616 took it in stride when over 700 showed up, owing to the surprise arrival of several ships from the war zone. Enough turkeys, pies and coffee were recruited from local restaurants to satisfy the appetites of every one of the warriors.

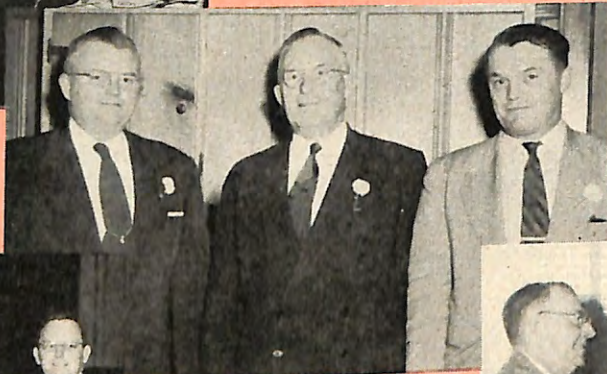
FAMILY ALBUM



Richard, Robert and George Sabo, Jr., seated left to right, see D.D. Joseph Sommers, second from right, congratulate their father when the Sabos became Naugatuck, Conn., Elks. Left, E.R. E. V. Fox; right, P.E.R. M. F. Keating.



Brunswick, Ga., Elk officers pictured with long-time member Charley Zell and his three sons when the young men



Yonkers, N. Y., Lodge is proud of these Past Exalted Rulers: Thomas M. Tobin, Sr., center, former Commissioner of Public Safety, and his sons, Francis P., left, Yonkers Postmaster, and John E., member of the County Board of Supervisors. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Tobin's five sons were in our country's service.



Dayton, Ohio, Elk Cyrus H. Watson, left, congratulates two new members, his sons Lewis, center, and John, following their initiation.

Sterling, Colo., Lodge's Charter Members C. A. Sherwin and C. H. Williams, third and fourth from left, with their Elk sons, Clifford and Harold Sherwin, left, and Jack and William Williams, right.



When James E. Walsh, fourth from left, was installed as E.R. of Hudson, Mass., Lodge, he posed with his Elk relatives. His father on his right, his brother on his left, and his uncles, G. F. Howarth, left; Dr. J. E. Walsh, right, and Hon. W. P. Walsh, P.E.R.



P.E.R. Paul Reed of Ticonderoga, N. Y., Lodge, stands center, directly behind Tiler Marcus Russell and his Elk sons, Floyd Russell, Sr., seated on his right, and James, former Secy., seated on his left; and his Elk grandsons, Floyd, Jr., standing left, and James, Jr., standing right.



C. O. McGlothlin, a Trustee of Renton, Wash., Lodge, with his son, initiated the day following his 21st birthday.



Harry M. Goldfarb of Detroit, Mich., Lodge, standing center, saw three sons and a son-in-law initiated at the same time. Standing are sons Charles, left, and Irwin, right; seated are son Albert, at left, and son-in-law Max J. Schafer, right.



E.R. Nat. Beam, Jr., of Orange, N. J., Lodge with his two uncles and two cousins who are fellow Elks. Left to right: Esq. John J. Driscoll, Jr., and his father; E.R. Beam; P.E.R. James H. Driscoll, Board of Trustees Chairman, and his son.



were initiated into the Order. Seated, left to right, are Harold, Charley, Donald and Gerald Zell, Tiler Pete Kalcos.



At Oakland, Calif., Lodge, Past State Pres. Earl J. Williams, center, presents a 50-year lapel pin to Joseph R. Knowland whose sons, Joseph R., Jr., left, and U.S. Senator William F. Knowland, fourth from left, were initiated the same evening. At right is Fred B. Meilmann, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.



These Rice Lake, Wis., Elks are Peter Sirianni, Sr., standing second from left, and sons Albert, Frank, Ben and, kneeling, Fred and Peter, Jr.

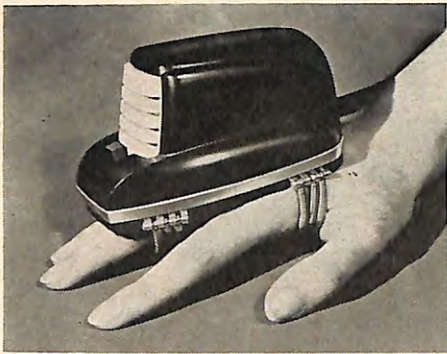
Tony Deleo, third from left, and his Elk sons James, Carl and Mikey, pictured when Port Townsend, Wash., Lodge celebrated Past Exalted Ruler Harry Ballinger's Golden Anniversary.



Edgar T. Hawley, 52-year-Elk, seated left, and James H. Hawley, seated right, sons of Boise, Ida., Lodge's third E.R., the late Gov. James H. Hawley whose third son was also a P.E.R., with the Governor's Elk grandsons: John T.; Dr. James H.; Jess B., Jr.; James R., Jr., left to right.



E.R. G. Walton Savercool of Oneida, N. Y., Lodge, right, congratulates Antonio Lupica, a member of the lodge, on the initiation of his fifth son into Elkdome. Left to right are Charles, Joseph, Samuel and Benedict Lupica; their father, and Louis Lupica, the most recently initiated son.



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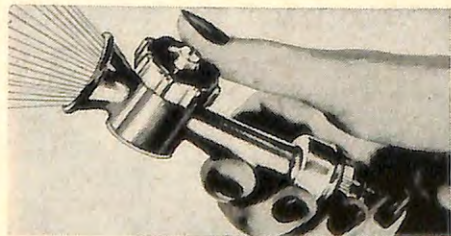


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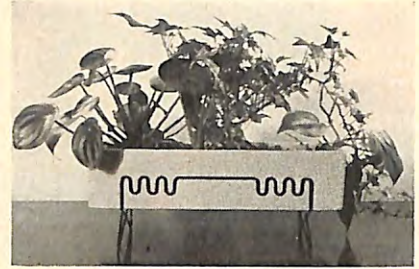
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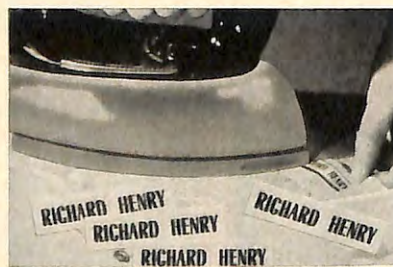
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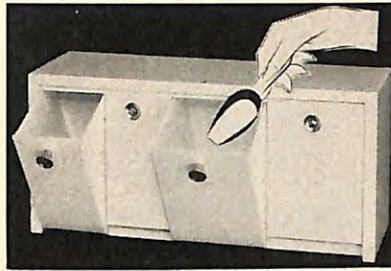
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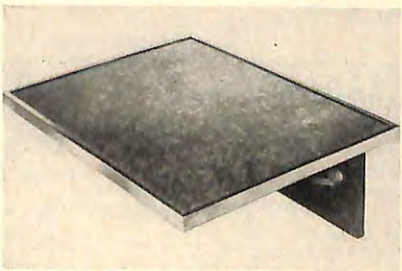
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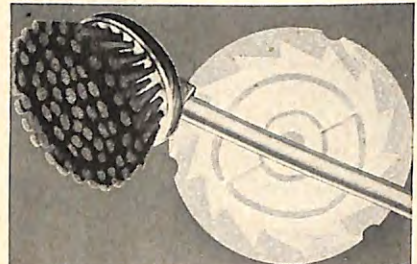
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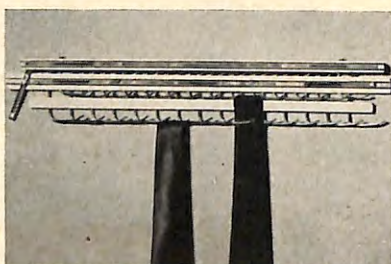
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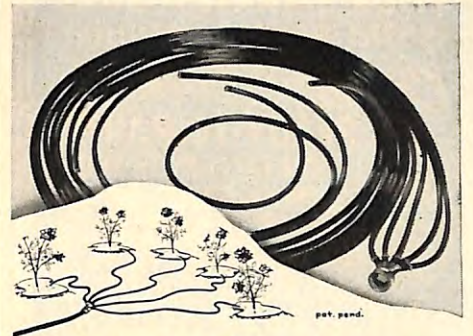
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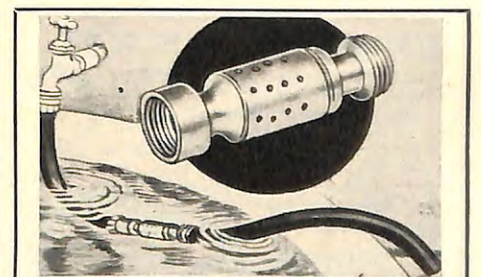
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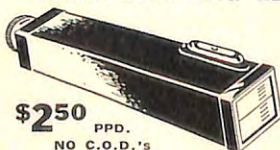
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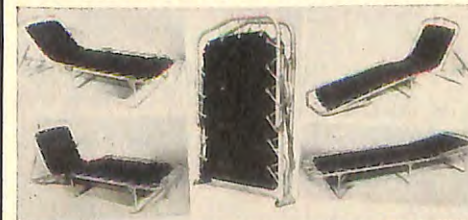
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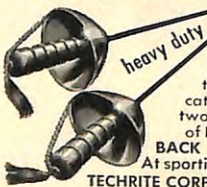
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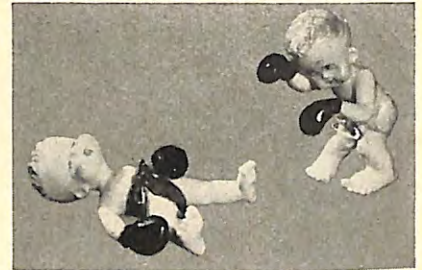
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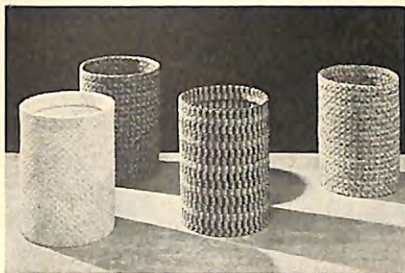
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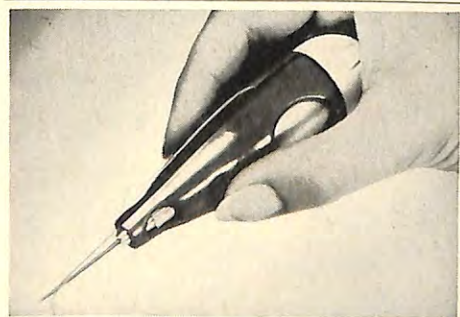


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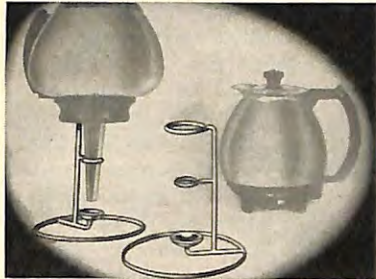
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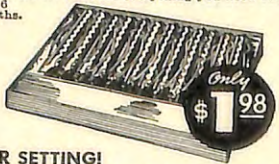
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This month Ed Faust writes about puppies.

THIS DOESN'T often happen but when it does occur it is regarded with dismay by the average family. I refer to the arrival of the stork—the dog stork. Mr. or Mrs. dog owner coasts along enjoying the companionship of his or her lady dog until suddenly romance enters the latter's life and the owner just as suddenly wonders why he or she ever entertained the idea of having a puppy incubator around the house. The situation is not at all over-drawn nor uncommon. I know this is so because from time to time I receive letters written by distressed readers who are confronted by a forthcoming Blessed Event in the lives of their dogs and want to know what to do about it. The answer is simple. I merely advise letting the dog take care of the affair which more often than not, she can do very well without assistance. So to you who may have a female dog and a litter of puppies in the offing, have no regrets that you didn't adopt her brother instead of the lady.

As I have often said in these pages, the female is more likely to give greater satisfaction as a pet. Of the two, she is the homebody, is less inclined to wander and is endowed with a keener sense of possessiveness which makes her more jealous of her home and usually a better guardian of it. Her brother, on the contrary, is the gadabout regarding his home as an operating base for sorties in search of adventure. The female is usually more gentle and frequently the more affectionate. Being so, she's more anxious to please her boss and accordingly is quicker to learn and easier to housebreak. In the business of learning she is less likely to be distracted by every featherblown fancy that captures the interest of her brother. She is the steady one and her memory is usually more retentive. Being more gentle doesn't mean that she won't go to war if she has to, but she's more reluctant to fight. Once she does enter a canine scrimmage she can be every bit as tough and damaging as is Mr. Dog.

Were I faced with a choice between male or female as a guardian for children I'd give the nod to the lady. This may seem far-fetched, but I believe that her maternal instinct extends to the protection of human children as well as her

own. Of course, you'll find an occasional exception. In a recent article I mentioned the bull terrier Gyp who momentarily disrupted the Faust household. But then Gyp was as nutty as a fruit cake. For the benefit of those who are having their first experience as owners of a female I'd like to explain that only twice a year does the lady get romantic. Cupid will visit her for about three weeks each time but only during the second week of each period will she readily accept a mate. But to be on the safe side if puppies are not wanted, she will have to be strictly chaperoned, and I mean strictly. She should be kept in a room from which she cannot escape and inaccessible to any wandering canine Romeos. Don't think that your cellar is ideal. It isn't. I made that mistake once. A neighbor's dog plunged through the glass of a cellar window, dropped eight feet to the floor and the result—a litter of cross-breds that had to be given away. Besides, cellars too often are damp and unsanitary and unfit places for a valued house pet. When taking the gal for her airings, if

she is small enough for you to carry do so for about fifty yards away from your house both coming and going. This will break any "trail" she may leave that would attract a male dog. If you live in an apartment house then this precaution is unnecessary. While exercising your dog it is well to carry a switch to drive off any roving and persistent gallants.

Now this all seems like a lot of trouble but it really isn't. Of course, if you're unconvinced then you can park your purp with a boarding kennel until such time as she settles down to the simple business of being a housepet with no nonsense about love. But should you do this then be sure that the kennel is dependable as it has been known that a careless kennel keeper or attendant may permit the very thing that you don't want to happen and be sure, too, that the kennel is one kept to high standards of cleanliness, free from canine diseases and known to provide adequate and good food for its boarders. To file away your dog for the few weeks necessary isn't an
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Photo by Ylla



This English bulldog and her puppy are not nearly as ferocious as they look.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Brattleboro, Vt., Elks Aid Korean Orphans

Through the efforts of 1st Lt. L. H. Dessaint and Gordon Rideout, both of Brattleboro, the children of the Convent and Orphanage of the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Paul in Seoul, one of the few left intact by the war, had warm clothes to wear this winter. These little girls, ranging in age from eight months to ten years, received more than 1,000 pounds of used and new clothing through a drive sponsored by Brattleboro Lodge No. 1499. The idea came from 5th Air Force Lt. Dessaint, stationed in Korea, who wrote the lodge explaining the plight of these children. With M. Rideout acting as coordinator in Brattleboro, the clothes were collected and shipped to Korea, and the lieutenant was on hand to see the gifts distributed.



One of Santa Maria, Calif., Lodge's youth programs is the sponsorship of this handsome 90-piece Elks Youth Band. Under the direction of Elk Lester Hayes the unit, noted for its precision drills and maneuvers, has won sweepstakes awards, first-place trophies and several blue ribbons. It participated in 15 parades last summer, won a trophy at the Calif. Elks Convention. Over 125 youngsters are on the waiting list for the Band which the Elks hope to increase to 100.



Left: The city championship "Midget Football Team" was honored recently at a dinner given by their sponsors, the Bluefield, W. Va., Elks, who presented a gold football to each boy. With the youngsters are, back row, left to right: Welfare Committeemen E. L. McClure, Chairman, Coach Dan Davis and Bernard Wills, and E.R. W. W. Thornburg.

Below: Okmulgee, Okla., Lodge holds monthly parties for some 60 cerebral-palsy or polio victims taking rehabilitation courses at the A. and M. Technical College there. Left to right: Okla. Elks National Foundation Chairman F. R. Hyer, P.E.R. C. P. Hughes, John Biddle, E.R. Ed Sallee, Walter Mariner, Youth Activities Chairman Harold Bennett, Treas. J. D. Roberts, Roy Newstrom, seated at the table.

Below: Billings, Mont., Lodge is understandably proud of the fact that the girls softball team it sponsors won the 1952 league championship, as did the lodge's Little League boys group. The young athletes are shown here with E.R. Wm. J. Goss, Coaches Marvin Fraser and Phil Haun.



Pictured with the officers who initiated them are the 21 men who made up Rock Springs, Wyo., Lodge's United America Class. The lodge's P.E.R.'s later brought a group of 56 candidates into Elkdom as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Stern.



This bird's-eye-view of Wilmington, Ohio, Lodge's 50th Anniversary parade shows the lodge officers leading the 62-man class they initiated during the three-day celebration.



At Albany, N. Y., Lodge's Hot-Stove League Party were, left to right: Jack Burns, Mgr. of the Albany Eastern League baseball team; Eddie Waitkus of the Philadelphia Phillies; Gil Hodges of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Gil McDougald of the New York Yankees, and Albany's Frankie Staucet.



Norm Standlee, San Francisco 49-er, a pro football player stricken with polio several months ago, climbs through the ropes during Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge's combined Old Timers, Charter Members and Big Sports Night to make a plea to the 800 present to support the March of Dimes.



Findlay, Ohio, Lodge's successful revue and minstrel show netted over \$4,000 for various charitable organizations. Here, General Chairman M. B. Saul and E.R. M. A. Dimling, present a check to Red Cross Chairman M. D. King before representatives of other recipient groups.



Photographed during the institution of Lakewood, Calif., Lodge are, left to right: Est. Lecturing Knight Claude Mott, District Deputy Walter B. Heller, E.R. William D. Price, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Est. Lead. Knight K. A. Russell, and Est. Loyal Knight J. C. Peloquin.

Lakewood, Calif., Lodge Instituted

Large delegations from lodges of the Calif. So. Cent. Coast Dist. joined State Assn. and Grand Lodge officials when they welcomed Lakewood Lodge No. 1865 into the Order. A group of former District Deputies conducted the institution ceremonies, and State Pres. Vincent H. Grocott and D.D. W. B. Heller were on hand to congratulate E.R. William D. Price and his fellow officers of No. 1865.

A total of 296 men became affiliated with this new branch of Elkdom—78 on transfer dimit and 218 Charter Members who were initiated by the officers of Long Beach Lodge.

Salt Lake City Elks Make Two-Day Greeley, Colo., Visit

The home of Greeley Lodge No. 809 was filled to capacity for a special session on P.E.R.'s Night when 15 men were initiated for No. 809 and one for Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, by the visitors' Ritualistic Team as a tribute to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

The team was part of a delegation of 95 Utah Elks who paid a two-day visit to Greeley, selected as the 27th out-of-State lodge to receive an annual call from the Salt Lake Elks.

Greeley's R. L. Tatman and visiting Frank J. Nelson, both P.E.R.'s, handled

arrangements for the well-attended program which included a musical interlude by the host Elks' Chorus and several members of the Junior Philharmonic, whose annual concert is scheduled to take place at the home of Greeley Lodge.

After breakfast on the second day of the visit, the Utah Elks traveled by bus to the lodges at Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont, Boulder and Brighton. After a visit to Denver Lodge, the travelers returned home by special train.

Rawlins, Wyo., Lodge Fetes Septuagenarian Club

The home of Rawlins Lodge No. 609 was the scene of its first meeting of the 70-Year and Over Club of local and other Carbon County men recently. The late Rev. F. F. Kraft organized this group and gave a dinner for its members each year. Following his death, the Elks took over the sponsorship of this annual event.

San Angelo, Tex., Lodge Welcomed by Large Crowd

D.D. J. T. O'Rourke had the pleasure of instituting the newest branch of Texas Elkdom, San Angelo Lodge No. 1880, bringing the lodges of the West District to an even dozen. Conducting the ceremonies in three phases, assisted by ritualistic teams from three other lodges in the area, D.D. O'Rourke turned over to the officers of El Paso Lodge the job of con-

ducting the actual institution ceremonies; the Sweetwater Elk officials took care of the initiation of 68 new Elks whose ranks were increased to 89 by 21 transfer dimit, and the officers of Lubbock Lodge, assisted by P.D.D. H. S. Long, took care of the installation of E.R. V. Jackson Smith and his officers.

A great many representatives of the three participating lodges were on hand, as well as delegates from most of the other lodges of the District. Among them were State Vice-Pres. Tom W. Stalnaker and P.D.D. E. C. Bunch, of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials.

Palo Alto, Calif., Elks Enjoy Big Sports Night

More than 800 members of Palo Alto Lodge No. 1471 attended the lodge's annual Old Timers and Charter Members Night, a combined affair marked by a well-planned Big Sports Night.

Several athletic events were staged for the enthusiastic audience which responded nobly to a plea for the March of Dimes made by Norm Standlee, prominent sports figure who is a polio victim. A feature of the program was the lodge's presentation of a gold engraved wrist watch to Chuck Adkins of San Jose State College. E.R. William Boaz handed the award to the athlete who earned the gift for the "courage and sportsmanship" he showed in winning the 139-pound boxing title in the Olympics last summer.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

LODGE	
MAY 2	Vicksburg, Miss. (State Assn. Meeting)
3	Hannibal, Mo. (State Assn. Meeting)
16	St. Augustine, Fla. (State Assn. Meeting)
23	St. Augustine, Fla. (State Assn. Meeting)
24	Southern Pines, N. C. (State Assn. Meeting)
25	Myrtle Beach, S. C. (State Assn. Meeting)
29	
30	
31	
JUNE 4	
5	Duluth, Minn. (State Assn. Meeting)
6	Duluth, Minn. (State Assn. Meeting)
7	Devils Lake, N. D. (State Assn. Meeting)
8	Devils Lake, N. D. (State Assn. Meeting)
9	Boise, Ida. (State Assn. Meeting)
11	Boise, Ida. (State Assn. Meeting)
12	Lansing, Mich. (State Assn. Meeting)
13	
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*Subject to change

Mar. 13th was a great day for the members of **ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., LODGE, NO. 1038**, when over 300 Elks from all over the State attended the ceremonies marking the formal presentation of its Charter. Heading the impressive list of dignitaries present on this auspicious occasion was the Grand Exalted Ruler who, as principal speaker of the evening, delivered a thrilling patriotic address. The Order's 1951-52 leader, Howard R. Davis, played a large part in this ceremony; it was shortly after Mr. Davis' election to office two years ago that Rocky Mount Lodge was reorganized, having disbanded in 1924, and Mr. Davis was present at the time. It was therefore a distinct pleasure to him to present the framed Charter to Trustee Josh L. Horne. Others on hand included Grand Lodge Committeeman Thad Eure, Secretary of the State of No. Car., D.D. Louis N. Howard, Bert Thompson and P.D.D. D. Staton Inscow who introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis. E.R. W. Marshall Spears opened the meeting, and Rocky Mount's Mayor, E. F. Duke, extended the city's welcome to the assembled guests. Norman Y. Chambliss,



Left: At the dinner celebrating the mortgage-burning of Moundsville, W. Va., Lodge, the Grand Exalted Ruler was pictured as he congratulated E.R. Charles V. Ashworth in the presence of his officers.

Right: At Huntington, W. Va., Lodge's dinner were, left to right: D.D. Warren Morris, Mr. Stern, D.D. D. B. Dawson, E.R. O. E. Byer.



Left: P.D.D. Walter Easley, right, presents an interesting tray to Mr. Stern at Greensburg, Ind., Lodge's reception, when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle introduced the guest of honor. At left is E.R. Frank I. Hamilton.

Secy. of this progressive branch of Elkdom, introduced the other visitors.

Two South Carolina lodges were honored by a visit from Grand Exalted Ruler Stern on the 16th. E.R. T. N. Fickling and the members of **COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 1190** entertained him at a luncheon program when he was introduced by P.E.R. W. H. Turner. Also present were M. S. Bell of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, former Grand Lodge Committeeman W. H. Harth, D.D. C. F. Hottinger and many other luminaries.

Approximately 300 Elks and their wives attended the banquet honoring Mr. Stern at the home of **SUMTER LODGE NO. 855** that evening. Welcomed at the county line by Mayor M. Priscilla Shaw, E.R.

Morris Mazursky and other Elk and civic officials, the distinguished traveling Elk was made an honorary citizen of Sumter and then escorted to the Scout Hut near the lodge home where the boys of the Elk-sponsored Cub Scout Pack made him an honorary member of that group. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and Grand Treas. Edward A. Dutton were also guests of the Sumter Elks at this well-arranged program, as were Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Thompson, State Pres. J. Alex Neely, Jr., State Secy. James E. Parker and Vice-Presidents W. H. Turner and E. T. Gullidge. Following Mr. Stern's address, which was broadcast over radio station WFIG, the Grand Exalted Ruler's Ball closed the Sumter festivities.

MUSCATINE LODGE PRESENTS A CANDIDATE FOR GRAND TRUSTEE

MUSCATINE, IA., Lodge, No. 304, takes pleasure in presenting Arthur M. Umlandt as a candidate to the Board of Grand Trustees.

Our candidate was initiated into Muscatine Lodge in 1925 and served as our Exalted Ruler in 1928. He was a member of our Board of Trustees for three years and of the House Committee for 15. For 25 years he has been an active member of the Iowa Elks Assn., and in 1934 was elected its President. He was appointed District Deputy in 1930 and a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials in 1938. He acted as judge for the National

Ritualistic Contests in 1940-42-44-46-47-48, and was appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee in 1948.

The following year he served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee. In 1951 he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees to fill the term of Howard R. Davis who resigned to become Grand Exalted Ruler.

The members of Muscatine Lodge feel certain that with his splendid experience of 25 years of loyal service to Elkdom, Arthur M. Umlandt will be a valuable member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Outstanding CONVENTION PROGRAM Lined Up

FEATURES of the tentative program for the 89th Grand Lodge Convention that opens in St. Louis July 5 have been announced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee. Of special importance was the announcement that all registration, including official delegates, members and their ladies, will take place in the Kiel Auditorium. This arrangement marks a departure from previous Grand Lodge Sessions and the Committee hopes that by centering all registration in one building, it will encourage all visitors to register. All Grand Lodge Sessions as well as most of the official Convention events will be held in the air-conditioned Kiel Auditorium.

Registration as well as the Ritualistic contests will get underway at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 4. That night, St. Louis Lodge will be host at a pre-convention, get-acquainted dance at the lodge home.

The official public opening Session is scheduled for Sunday evening, July 5, with elaborate and colorful ceremonies.

The first regular Session of the Grand Lodge will convene Monday morning, July 6, with election of officers scheduled. The newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler will be host to Exalted Rulers at a luncheon Monday and Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern will entertain his District Deputies at luncheon. St. Louis Lodge's minstrels will present a musical extravaganza Monday evening in Kiel Auditorium. The cast will include Elk bands and glee clubs in St. Louis to participate in the musical competitions.

The Grand Lodge Memorial Service

will be held Tuesday morning, July 7, in Kiel Auditorium. Tuesday afternoon, all ladies attending the Convention will be guests of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee at a Fashion Show produced by the Famous-Barr Department Store. The Committee emphasizes that all ladies of Elks and not just the wives of delegates are invited to see this Fashion Show. Band, choral and drill team competitions will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon, July 7. Marching bands and drill teams will compete in Memorial Plaza opposite the Soldier Memorial Building, which is ideally suited for these events. Tuesday night will be "Elks Night" at Sportsman's Park where the St. Louis Browns will play the Cleveland Indians. An elaborate ceremony in which Elk musical groups and drill teams will participate will precede the game.

At the Grand Lodge Session Wednesday morning, July 8, the Elks National Foundation, the Elks National Service Commission and the Youth Activities Committee will make their reports. The traditional Grand Ball will be staged Wednesday evening. "Elks Night" at the famed St. Louis Municipal Opera is scheduled also for Wednesday evening. The opera will conclude in time to permit those who wish to do so to attend it and also the Grand Ball.

Grand Lodge officers will be installed at the closing Session Thursday, July 9.

Inquiries indicate that a much larger number of bands, drill teams and singing groups will be on display at the St. Louis Convention, according to Convention Director Bryan J. McKeogh. To encourage

their participation, Chairman Hall has arranged for semi-dormitory accommodations for these groups in good hotels at material savings in cost. In order that suitable accommodations can be provided, lodges entering a group in these national contests are urged to advise the Convention Committee without delay.

The St. Louis Local Convention Committee, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, as Honorary Chairman, is preparing plans for unrivalled hospitality for all Convention visitors. The city of St. Louis is cooperating enthusiastically in helping to prepare a royal reception. George Wunderlich is Chairman of the Local St. Louis Committee in charge of these arrangements. Co-chairmen are Rudolph Bettlach and Robert Connolly, Past Exalted Rulers of St. Louis Lodge.

Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, has made arrangements to house the expanded State Associations exhibitions in the great Exhibit Hall in Kiel Auditorium. Committeeman Robert L. DeHority, in charge of this event, reports that the plan to expand State Associations exhibits as a new Convention feature was met with an enthusiastic response. They will display not only the progress and accomplishments of Elkdom in the various States, but also exhibits of the States' major products and tourist attractions. Many local Chambers of Commerce are assisting in the preparation of displays and in making available samples of industrial products and other Convention souvenirs for distribution.

Our Parole Problem

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—and 60.6 per cent already were on file in Washington for offenses of a serious nature. According to a statement made in 1948 by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., 78.1 per cent of the 14,000 most dangerous public enemies had been granted paroles during their criminal careers. In checking the dossiers, it was not uncommon to find men who had been given three to five paroles. Some had been paroled as much as ten times, yet they still were leading lives devoted to crime and violence.

I want to make it clear at the outset that although I am a policeman at heart, I recognize that the reformation of criminals cannot be achieved by punitive measures alone. Thirty-five years of experience as an investigator for the Pinkertons, the Department of Justice, a chief county detective and Commissioner of the Connecticut State Police have convinced me of the need for a constructive and continuing program that gives a man who has run afoul of the law a chance to re-

habilitate himself. When properly supervised, parole is—or should be—the best method yet devised for helping a former criminal redeem himself in a community as a law-abiding citizen. Without parole, there would be a terrific increase in prison riots and the incidence of crime would be much greater than it is today.

This is especially true in view of the fact that crime is essentially a youth problem. Few adults become criminals after they reach maturity. Again, figures are more eloquent than a thousand sermons. Fully 30 per cent of the people arrested last year for crimes against property were less than twenty-one years old and about 70 per cent were first offenders. Kids deserve every chance to demonstrate that one mistake was an accident or maybe a foolish impulse of the moment, and they get ample opportunity to prove it by being put on probation and parole.

Probation is a postponement of sen-

tence, or a *pre-prison* effort at rehabilitation, used liberally in handling juvenile offenders. They usually are confined in institutions only after all other corrective measures have failed. Ninety per cent of the population in Connecticut's reformatory at Cheshire for inmates between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five have previous records before they are sent there for the first time. It is fairly frequent to receive a boy who has been placed on probation five times and, of course, has been favored by a sympathetic judge each time.

Parole, or *post-prison* rehabilitation, is so widespread that it is virtually standard operating procedure in modern penology. Here, too, the good intentions of society are abused, consistently and flagrantly. Approximately 25 per cent of all state parolees violate the conditions of their releases from prison during the relatively brief periods they are serving their unfinished sentences "on the outside." Eventually, another 25 per cent

are re-arrested for illegal activities after their paroles have expired. In other words, fully half the convicts granted paroles are listed as repeaters on police records.

Yet I contend that the principle of parole is sound and should be extended even farther than it is today, provided certain safeguards which I will outline presently are set up. I say this despite the fact that one of our state troopers was killed by a parole violator only last February thirteenth. The trooper stopped a speeding car on the Merritt Parkway to warn the driver and, as he approached the car, was shot down by a young parolee who had left Massachusetts without permission of the proper authorities. I still believe in parole although I have grieved with too many widows and children of fine law-enforcement officers who have been killed by criminals released prematurely from prison.

Right now, just across the border in Massachusetts, a criminal who has murdered two policemen in cold blood is enjoying legal liberty. This man was one of the notorious Ice-Box Bandits who terrorized New England in the 1920's by locking hold-up victims in refrigerators. They were fleeing from a hold-up when they were chased by a Connecticut state trooper on a motorcycle. They shot and killed the trooper. Seized later in Massachusetts, they were extradited to Connecticut and charged with murder. The man and his brother were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Three years later, he and two inmates guilty of major crimes escaped from prison and fled to Jacksonville, Florida. Two local detectives spotted the fugitives in a stolen car on a main street and attempted to apprehend them. The desperados opened fire, killing one detective and wounding the other so badly that he was permanently crippled. The lifer escaped again but was captured in Pensacola on a ship bound for Mexico. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in Florida, but the authorities there returned him to Connecticut because of his prior conviction in our jurisdiction.

Twenty years later the man who had murdered two policemen with dependent children was paroled by Connecticut and permitted to go to Massachusetts a free man. I am not criticizing the action of the parole board. I merely am wondering what society must do to protect itself against individuals of this type. And I am wondering, too, whether we have seen the last of a confirmed cop-killer.

Are too many criminals paroled? I don't believe so. Although I emphasize the high incidence of repeaters who are costing us an excessive price in loss of life and property, my chief purpose is to point up the vital need for parole regulations that really work. It is essential to remember that half the convicts granted parole betray the confidence of well-meaning people, but that's a negative approach to the question. Think of

the other half who go straight after they are released. If they were confined with hardened jail-birds for an appreciable period, the chances are that a great many young prisoners would learn the tricks of the criminal trade from experts.

Penal institutions are so overcrowded, and funds for modern facilities are so limited, that it is impossible to segregate casual offenders from habitual criminals. As a consequence, there is serious danger that prisons may become vocational schools for crime when young inmates are kept in that environment too long. Nobody knows how many potentially useful citizens have been recruited into the ranks of organized crime and taught the techniques of the dirty business by old, experienced Fagins.

CURRENT weaknesses in our parole system do not stem from the laws which empower board members to release men from prison. The unsatisfactory results of the practice can be traced directly to the administration of the law, the failure to follow through with stricter observance of the conditions under which parolees are freed.

By definition and legal interpretation, parole means the serving of the unexpired part of a sentence outside prison *under supervision*. Those two words, under supervision, cannot be stressed too strongly. In theory, a convict given a conditional release is supposed to be bound by certain restrictions after he returns to civilian life. He is not scot free until the full term of his parole is finished. Parole officers are required to make periodic checks on the parolee's conduct and activities, and they can take a man into custody if he violates specific conditions. That is the theory—but there is a wide and dangerous gap between theory and practical application. I don't know of a single state that appropriates enough money for the manpower to supervise adequately the criminals it paroles. This sort of economy is the source of a considerable percentage of parole violations.

Let's trace briefly the machinery of parole or, rather, how it should operate. There are minor differences among various states, but Connecticut's parole law is a fairly typical example. Anyone given a minimum sentence of one year

or more can apply for a parole once a year. Lifers are eligible after they have served twenty-five years, minus time off for good behavior. Since a convict can earn two months a year in prison, and four months a year if he is transferred to a state prison farm, a lifer can ask for—and get—a parole after he has served twenty years. The Federal law is even more liberal. Prisoners sentenced to more than 180 days are eligible after serving two months or one-third of their terms. Everyone given a sentence of more than forty-five years is eligible after fifteen years.

The pressures of economy, it is important to note, are bringing about a tendency toward shorter periods of confinement, another factor that underscores the need for tightening up on the surveillance of parolees. At our Wethersfield State Prison, where the normal population ranges between 750 and 800 inmates, we annually parole 180 convicts on the average and take in 150 despite the steady rise in the crime rate.

In Connecticut, parole applications from five institutions are reviewed once a month by separate boards. Each board consists of the institution's warden and seven citizens who are appointed by the governor. These members serve without pay and cannot be commended too highly for the invaluable public duty they perform. Ministers, educators, civic leaders, business men and presidents of insurance companies whose home offices are in Hartford make generous contributions of their time and effort to cope with a pressing social problem.

A unique feature of my state's parole system is the Connecticut Prison Association which gets jobs for parolees and discharged convicts. It works in close cooperation with authorities in surrounding states to assist in the rehabilitation of their parolees who come under Connecticut's jurisdiction. The Association, usually presided over by the Chief Justice of the State, has a paid director and four assistants who try to give every possible break to a man with the blot of a prison term on his record.

Parole conditions are fairly standard throughout the country. A released convict is forbidden to use liquor or frequent places where it is sold, associate

AID FOR WEST BERLIN

Grand Exalted Ruler Stern has endorsed the International Rescue Committee's campaign for \$1,000,000 to help West Berlin care for the flood of anti-communist refugees from Soviet tyranny.

Responding to a plea from the Committee, Mr. Stern pledged support of efforts to keep West Berlin a citadel of freedom, and appealed to members of the Order to aid the fund drive.

Over 200,000 men, women, and children have fled to freedom in West Berlin. They now are arriving at the rate of 3,000 daily, and the enormous cost of caring for them threatens to collapse the city's war-shattered economy unless the Western Nations rally to its defense.

Contributions may be sent to the International Rescue Committee, Inc., 62 West 45th St., New York 36, N. Y.

with known criminals, ride in private automobiles or change his job and residence without the approval of his parole officer until the unfinished term of his sentence is completed. In addition, he is required to file a written report every month stating what he has done, where he has worked and how much he has earned. A man usually is paroled within the limits of the state in which he was convicted, but he will be permitted to join his family in another state if circumstances suggest a quicker rehabilitation. In any event, he is prohibited from leaving a state without the approval of his parole officer.

If any of these rules is violated during the parole period, a man can be returned to prison at the forfeit of any or all time he previously earned for good behavior. I suppose there are vindictive parole officers, but I never heard of one throwing the book at a man the first time he caught him with a glass of beer in a bar. That technical infraction will bring a stiff

warning—and a grim reminder that the only bars in prison are on the windows.

Those are the restrictions imposed on paroled criminals to protect law-abiding neighbors and employers in the communities which receive them in good faith. By the same token, the state has an obligation to safeguard society from further deprivations of its former enemies. That means constant supervision of parolees to insure observance of parole laws. It is at this precise point that the entire system breaks down. State and Federal budgets provide for so few parole officers that the whole thing is a grisly joke.

A parole officer presumably should visit his charges without notice several times a month. He should bump into a parolee on the street, in his home and at his job to keep close tabs on the man. He should talk to neighbors and bosses to get a general impression of the parolee's conduct, habits and the progress he is making in readjusting to the com-

munity. Getting even a sketchy picture of one parolee's daily routine involves a lot of time and hard, painstaking work.

A host of experts, beginning with J. Edgar Hoover, have testified that a parole officer cannot do a competent job if he has more than 75 cases a month to handle. The bald, blunt fact is that parole officers in most states have a staggering load of 100 to 200 cases, and there are instances where one officer is responsible for 600 parolees.

You don't have to know anything about police work to guess what happens under such conditions. Released criminals consistently violate their paroles because they know it is impossible for their supervisors to make anything but once-over-lightly checkups on them. Sometimes parole officers have so much territory and work to cover that they cannot even go through the motions of doing that. They simply ask parolees to report by letter once a month. A crook can leave a half-dozen prepared letters with a pal, then take off and stick up banks all over the country and his parole officer never will be the wiser.

It is common practice among harassed parole officers to meet a group of six to ten charges at his office every month for fifteen-minute interviews. Such sessions are worse than nothing at all for they introduce ex-convicts to one another and, in effect, can be recruiting meetings for criminal gangs. Besides, what can be learned by asking a parolee a few, perfunctory questions? He can report he is going to church every day, and twice on Sundays, and be counterfeiting hundred-dollar bills in an opium den for all anyone knows.

It is small wonder that parole officers now are as ineffective in curbing crime as watchmen were in the Middle Ages. Those so-called guardians of life and property carried a bell or a rattle which they shook incessantly to warn evil-doers of their approach. A parole officer who is so busy that he has to make an appointment with an ex-convict is stripped of the element of surprise which is the chief deterrent against crime. The parolee who doesn't know when a supervisor will drop in on him unexpectedly is far more likely to behave himself all the time than he will if the law is forced to call its shots in advance.

A lot of fancy scientific gimmicks have been developed in recent years that are a great help in crime prevention and detection, but the basis of police work still is old-fashioned pavement pounding. A parole officer must get out in the field and see for himself what is going on. If he is chained to a desk by a topheavy work load, he is nothing more than a file clerk. The crux of the parole problem is thorough and adequate supervision. The lack of it breeds more cunning criminals.

Clinching proof that parole can achieve the purpose behind it is provided by Dr. Charles H. Z. Meyer, associate editor of

President Commends Know Your America Week

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1953

Dear Dr. Poling:

Americans know that the ultimate source of the nation's strength is in our devotion to our own heritage and our determination to preserve it. To accomplish whatever essential task may be immediately at hand, while at the same time protecting the rights and reputations of loyal Americans, requires wisdom and understanding on the part of our people.

The All-American Conference to Combat Communism, composed of more than fifty national organizations with memberships totalling more than 50,000,000 people, believes, as do I, that intelligent devotion to our American freedom rests on knowledge and understanding of the American way of life.

For these reasons, I most heartily commend the purpose of the All-American Conference in promoting the observance of a nationwide "Know Your America Week."

Sincerely,



The Reverend Daniel A. Poling, D.D.
Chairman, All-American Conference
to Combat Communism
27 East 39th Street
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Grand Exalted Ruler Stern Urges All Lodges to BACK KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK

THE All-American Conference to Combat Communism has designated June 8 to 14 as Know Your America Week. As one of the Conference's 63 sustaining member organizations, the Order of Elks sponsors Know Your America Week.

The idea behind Know Your America Week is very simple, and appeals strongly to every Elk. It is community re-dedication to the basic principles that make life so good in these United States, but which we tend to take for granted because it is difficult to imagine what life would be without them. Last year the people of more than 200 cities and towns held KYA programs in which they joined together to take inventory of the blessings of American citizenship—self-government—freedom to worship God—opportunity to work and study as free men to improve themselves and to get ahead—the civil liberties that protect the safety of their persons and their homes.

You will notice that Know Your America Week ends on June 14. That is Flag Day, when every Elks lodge will hold a patriotic program to stimulate reverence for and devotion to the ideas and ideals symbolized by our Flag. Flag Day is a

fitting climax to Know Your America Week, and I earnestly hope that your lodge, and every lodge, will prepare and conduct a Flag Day program so stirring and eloquent that all of the people of your community will feel themselves kindred spirits with the patriots who won our freedom, and personally responsible for the protection and preservation of that freedom in this generation.

Flag Day should be the Elks great contribution to Know Your America Week, but not the only one. KYA should be a community undertaking in which all civic groups join. I urge you, the new Exalted Rulers, to work with the heads of these other groups in sponsoring a community-wide program that will be All-American in fact and spirit. This is an opportunity for you, at the very beginning of your administration, to lead your lodge in a notable community service. In cooperation with other civic organizations, or alone if necessary, let's make Know Your America Week a triumphant re-dedication to the noble principles our Order is sworn to uphold.

Sincerely and fraternally,
SAM STERN

the Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science. In an article published in the April, 1952, issue of the Journal, Dr. Meyer showed that only 14.3 per cent of Federal prisoners violate their paroles compared to the minimum 25 per cent by state prisoners. The reason? A Federal parole officer has an average work load of 95 cases. His counterpart in a state is saddled with twice as many cases and accomplishes one-half as much in the way of constructive rehabilitation. It's the same old story. The public gets what it pays for.

There is another serious flaw in the parole system of Connecticut and several other states which I have been trying to correct with no success. This one does not stem from economy motives. It is strictly the product of a soft-headed, emotional attitude toward criminals that is a menace to law-abiding people. It may be hard to believe this, but only two officials in the state know when a convict is released on parole. One is the state attorney who prosecuted the case; the other is his parole officer. No other state or local law-enforcement officer is told when a potentially dangerous man is turned loose. In the case of out-of-state prisoners, only a parole officer and the Connecticut Prison Association are informed.

I have listened to interminable arguments by proponents of the non-notification system and I still am convinced the whole thing is a bad mistake. The idea of keeping parolees anonymous is de-

fended on the grounds that the police will hound ex-convicts whenever they have no suspects for crimes. Interrogating a man and subjecting him to a police lineup of suspicious characters just because he once broke a law is, it is claimed, an infringement of his liberty and privacy. I readily concede there may be occasional abuses of constitutional rights. They should be exposed vigorously and the police guilty of indiscriminate strong-arm methods should be disciplined.

On the other hand, let's remember that it is better than an even-money bet that a previous offender has committed any given crime. If preliminary investigation does not turn up a suspect, the police should have ready sources of information on ex-convicts who have been known to commit such crimes. As things stand now, police lose a good deal of valuable time in picking up a trail when they run into a blind alley. They should know, at least, who *might* have committed the crime and question a suspect if there are reasonable grounds for such action. Further, local police can give a parole officer immeasurable assistance in checking up on ex-convicts. A cop knows more about the people on his beat than a nosy gossip.

Consider this ridiculous situation: I am one of the top law-enforcement officers of a small, compact state, yet I don't know what the 500 former convicts walking our streets are doing or where they are unless I bump into one acci-

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dentally. There is one bloke whose whereabouts I'd like to know at all times. Years ago, this thug critically wounded a detective who attempted to arrest him for a major crime. After dropping the detective, the criminal stood over him and deliberately fired another shot at the helpless man. He later was arrested and sentenced to twelve to twenty years in the penitentiary for assault with intent to murder.

After serving the minimum sentence, he was paroled. Two months later he persuaded a naive kid with no previous police record to help him hold up a night club owner. A constable balked the attempt and nabbed the kid, but the jailbird escaped and subsequently wounded another detective in New York before he was taken into custody. Returned to Connecticut, he was given another twenty-year stretch which, with his previous conviction, should have kept him under lock and key for life.

You've probably guessed the sequel to the story. Four years ago the guy who takes pot shots at policemen for a hobby was paroled. If another one of our men is wounded or killed in the line of duty, this confirmed cop-hater would be the first suspect I'd want to question, but I don't know whether he is in Australia or a saloon around the corner.

HOW can we curb crime? There are so many complicated causes that there is no quick, easy answer. For many years it was widely held that feeble-mindedness was a major factor. I wish it were true. Dim-wits are easy to apprehend. Enough studies to stock a library have shown, however, that this is utterly untrue. The average intelligence of criminals differs little from the I.Q. of the general population.

A current popular theory holds that movies, radio, television and reading matter featuring violence are to blame for the soaring crime rate. Psychologists are satisfied that the individual who is prompted to break the law because of something he has seen, heard or read merely is completing the final link in a chain of circumstances with many other origins. The same movie, radio show or story has little effect on a normal person. It may even have a beneficial effect.

Sociologists long believed that poverty was a basic cause of crime. August Vollmer, in his authoritative book, "The Criminal," makes an interesting comparison between the economic index and the crime rate. Vollmer shows that after the recession in 1921-22 the economic index began to rise, but it was paralleled by an upward trend in the crime curve. Prosperity reached a peak in 1929—and a year later, when the pinch of the depression really was felt, the incidence of crime began to fall off until it reached a low in 1935. We have known unprecedented prosperity, in terms of money, for more than a decade now, yet the crime rate is threatening to go through the

roof. Criminals spring from families on all levels of the economic scale. Heirs to fortunes go wrong as often, proportionately, as kids whose folks are on relief. Greed, not actual need, is the motivating factor.

It all boils down to this: Each crime is the result of a unique series of circumstances. But society cannot wait for psychologists, sociologists, economists and other experts to untangle the maze of crime causes. In the meantime, police must rely on one hard, established fact of crime prevention and detection: Criminals tend to follow patterns in the offenses they commit. A swindler rarely resorts to violence; a trigger-happy thug seldom is an embezzler.

It is most imperative, therefore, that the police in every locality have a catalogue of former prisoners who have been known to commit crimes in any given category as soon as a case is reported. Such a list will promote much quicker and cheaper solutions of crimes, yet false sympathy for parolees is withholding that vital information from law-enforcement agencies. I can assure you that ex-convicts do not entertain such tender sentiments for society.

I am thinking now of another set of brothers who pulled Connecticut's first bank robbery in a long time at Woodbury in June, 1950. They took \$11,000 at the point of guns and made a clean getaway, but a half-hour later they were spotted by a state trooper who stopped them at a bridge. The robbers fled into a nearby-forest and for one solid week an army of 200 policemen surrounded the area, but the brothers stole a car from a farmer and tried to crash a road blockade. They were captured after an exchange of gun-fire.

Consider the pedigrees of this prize pair. Both were members of the infamous Cowboy Gang and were sentenced to ten to twenty years for first degree robbery in New York in 1919. One escaped within a year, was captured, had his sentence commuted to five years in 1924, subsequently was paroled, committed another crime and finally was paroled again in 1949. The other brother escaped in 1925, was captured, given a parole and jumped it, fleeing to the West. A few months after his brother was released from Sing Sing, the hoodlum in the West got in touch with him and arranged for the bank holdup at Woodbury. They now are in our Wethersfield State Prison and recently applied for a commutation of sentence. If they get it, they will be eligible for parole in a few years.

The brothers are forty-nine and fifty-one years old. They have escaped from prison and violated paroles given them by indulgent boards. They have not learned their lessons and, after all these years, it is doubtful that they ever will.

It is not in my province to pass judgment on these men and decide whether they should be given still another chance to redeem themselves. As a law-enforce-

ment officer, though, I cannot help but wonder how police forces can be expected to do their jobs when they are deprived of the information and personnel needed to keep these men, and thousands like them, in line. As a citizen and a taxpayer, I am alternately infuriated and depressed by the appalling waste in lives and money that can be traced to our inadequate parole system.

An F.B.I. survey of 376 cities representing a population of 46,000,000 showed that a total of \$150,136,172 worth of property was stolen last year. These figures, projected on a national scale, indicate that the annual crime bill for property alone is more than a half-billion dollars. And what evaluation can be placed on the lives that are lost and ruined by the depredations of criminals?

The most tragic aspect of the problem is that lives can be saved and property secured by spending an insignificant sum for more and better parole forces. That has been proved conclusively by the low rate of parole violations of Federal pris-

oners compared with state prisoners. The money involved is so negligible that the situation would be ridiculous if it were not so alarming. A typical state can double, even triple, its staff of parole officers at an expenditure of less than \$50,000 a year. In 1949, J. Edgar Hoover estimated that the cost of maintaining a prisoner was \$1,138.80 a year and that figure now is higher. A parole officer will pay for his annual salary if he keeps only four criminals on the straight and narrow path. If he is able to devote more attention to each individual case, he can do much better than that at a substantial saving to the state.

Senseless scrimping of a few thousand dollars is costing us millions. The biggest cost of this bad bargain is the toll of injury and death, wasted lives, the suffering of victims and their families as well as the anguish endured by the families of criminals. This human waste and agony is by far the largest part of the price we pay for permitting crime to flourish.

For Elks Who Travel

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woods are full of deer, elk, moose, bear and, of course, tourists.

Ottawa, Canada's capital, is worth at least a day which you can spend riding up to the top of the Parliament buildings, or out by car along the magnificent road system that circles the city, or else take a boat along the Rideau Canal that cuts through town. For a pretaste of French atmosphere, Quebec is now just across the river and you can whiz over to Madame Berger's in Hull for the *cuisine française*. If you call Madame by name and give it the soft "g" she will beam from *oreille to oreille*.

It is an easy 120-mile drive along the south shore of the Ottawa River to France in North America: Montreal, second largest French speaking city in the world. Now the newspapers will be in French and others will be in English, street signs will be printed both ways and in the proper season the trolley cars will bear the advertisement: Baseball Ce Soir (tonight). The ads for the familiar products you have in your kitchen will stare familiarly at you from billboards, but the slogans will be in French, and so will the comic strips in the local papers.

You can take a carriage ride up to Mount Royal, which is crowned by a 100-foot lighted cross. You can have dinner Au Lutin Qui Bouffe, while a little pig runs around beneath your feet and poses with you for pictures if you hand him a nipples bottle. You can sightsee the city in an open-air trolley car, the seats rising like a grandstand. A great shrine is the Oratory of St. Joseph which a million visit each year. Something else again is the Bonsecours Market which is like an Old World open-air bazaar in the shadow of City Hall.

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If you are a landlubber you can cover the same route by car merely by placing yourself northbound on Route 2 and following the north shore road of the St. Lawrence River. If you chance upon a quaint village that has been transported lock, stock and characters out of old Brittany, the advantage is that you can stay as long as you like. For those en route in May the most interesting sight is the blessing of the local fishing fleets which you may run into anywhere along the way.

It is perhaps the most fun to do Quebec by carriage or calèche, a two-wheeled

version of a hansom cab. Over 90 per cent of Quebec city is French and since it is a great Catholic center you will see a colorful mélange of ecclesiastic costume representing dozens of orders. The CPR's Chateau Frontenac Hotel is a landmark itself, having been the site of the famous Roosevelt-Churchill conferences as well as a home to the late King George VI of England and Queen Elizabeth when they visited North America in 1939. The Plains of Abraham are a broad and unfettered greensward reminding of the day the English and French occupation of Canada came to a showdown. The battle that ensued resulted in the death of both commanding generals—Wolfe of the British, Montcalm of the French, but by 1763 Canada was in fact in British hands. An inspection of Quebec's citadel will give other insights to early history on this Continent.

A number of tours operate out of Quebec to the shrine at Ste. Anne de Beaupré, to the Ile d'Orleans, and out to Montmorency Falls. Along the way you will almost surely pass an outdoor oven where the Quebecois bake their bread. You can buy a loaf for a modest price and it is as delightful a way to spoil your lunch as any I can think of at the moment.

Rod and Gun

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in a large pen behind the house, hadn't been so instructed, and somehow the crow knew the difference. He would dive into the pen occasionally to steal choice pieces of meat from their pans, but he didn't take any unnecessary chances. One day, however, he wasn't quite quick enough. We arrived to find the big pointer prancing about the pen, proud as punch, carrying the complaining crow. Luckily for Alfred he was a gentle retriever and the crow was little the worse for wear except that he was grounded temporarily with a lame wing. But that lesson was enough. He never ventured into the pen again. He merely sat on top of the fence and called the pointers dirty names. In fact, he never fell for anything twice in which he came out on the short end.

We learned from Alfred what other birds think of a crow. Although before and since there have been ample song birds of all kinds about the farm, there were none during Alfred's reign. Alfred wouldn't have molested them—in fact, he would have welcomed the company of a chickadee even—but all crows are black to other birds.

It also became obvious that a crow has excellent eyes. It wasn't possible to put down anything of value for a moment that Alfred didn't see it. If someone put his car keys on the arm of the outdoor chair in which he was sitting, for instance, Alfred would see them if he was a hundred yards away. He might have been innocently engaged in carrying nails out of the shop and spreading them in the driveway, apparently oblivious to the sitter and his car keys; then, before anyone realized it, he had found an excuse to pass by close, had grabbed the keys in a sudden dash and was off. His judgement was unerring. He knew the exact moment at which to make his dash when engaged in such thievery, and it did no good to chase him. If he was pressed too hard, he would fly away, although he preferred to stay around and annoy his victim with his prize. The only thing to do was to ignore him as he buried his loot, dug it up and hid it again, over and over, until he tired of the game. If the keys, or whatever, were needed in the meantime, it was just too bad.

Anyone who has ever tried hunting them knows this, that a crow has excel-



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lent eyesight. The first and most important rule in crow shooting, whether pass-shooting, dump-shooting or calling at random, is to get well hidden and remain well hidden. So often when several are shooting, one fellow will decide he could shoot more effectively if he stepped just a little bit into the clear. That ends everyone's shooting. A crow has long-range eyes, and only one out of a flock has to see that something is wrong to discourage the others from coming within shooting distance. Young pines, hemlocks or other evergreens make the best shelter. Such complete blinds make the shooting difficult, of course, but it is better to have difficult shooting than none at all.

There are a few simple rules which will help anyone become a good crow shooter. When a bunch of crows start in, try to make the first shot good. If the lead crow falls, the following crows apparently assume he is diving on the quarry and follow suit. If he is missed, however, he will likely see the gunner and swing away, taking the others with him. The sound of shooting itself, es-

pecially if the first shot is good, doesn't scare them off. If the gunners are not seen, and an occasional crow takes a dive groundward, they are reluctant to leave. They love a fight, and the sound of the guns going off is not enough alone to drive them away—as long, that is, as the calling is kept up incessantly.

There are refinements in crow calling that can be mastered only with experience, but satisfactory calling doesn't require much ability or practice. The main thing is to make plenty of noise and to keep it up. Every gunner should have a call and should use it constantly as long as there is a crow around with the inclination to come in. The crow's weakness is that he is excitable, and the bigger the crow fight going on, the more excited he gets. I've shot crows with as many as a half-dozen fellows all blowing and shooting at once and making a terrible din. The crows love it.

If there is an experienced caller in the bunch, it is best to let him start out. He'll call distinctly and plaintively in his best crow-talk fashion, starting matter-of-factly and increasing the tempo as he gets response. As the crows start in, other callers join in one at a time until there is a full-fledged crow fight going on and the incoming birds are at a fever pitch. The disastrous type of crow caller, especially if he's trying to work alone, is the fellow who stops calling while he takes time to aim and fire. Such a lull in the calling comes at exactly the wrong moment. The caller must learn to hold the call in his mouth and keep blowing as he shoots.

The type crow shooting I like the best is done with simply call and gun—no decoys, blind or other paraphernalia. Two or three good callers working together can get in more shooting this way than at any game bird I know of today, and the average person has no idea how many crows there are in the world until he tries it. Drive the country roads and stop to call every couple of miles. Practically never will you strike a spot where you don't get at least a response. If those particular crows have been hunted before, or the hiding place is not satisfactory, they may not come in, but at least they will answer the call and fly by at a safe height. Crows are so numerous that it is a rare thing to draw a complete blank.

I like bright sunny days best for crow calling. When the sun is brightest, the shadows are deepest, and therefore it is easiest to hide satisfactorily. Also, perhaps less important, the acoustics seem to be better on a dry, clear day than when the clouds are hanging low. Early morning, of course, is the ideal time. The crows are most active and the least suspicious bright and early.

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portant, however, to start them in. At a dump where crows are in the habit of feeding, a blind and decoys can also be useful. Personally, though, I prefer to keep moving in order to find new and unsuspecting crows to work on, and decoys would slow down the process too much. They will come well enough to calls alone.

Once we took Alfred crow hunting. We thought we might as well get some good out of him by letting him earn his keep as a decoy. However, we didn't have the heart to do it again. Like all other birds, Alfred was scared silly of crows. He took one look at the black things wheeling, diving and cawing overhead and immediately took refuge between someone's legs. He was the only pale crow I have ever seen. It was a terrible experience for him.

A language is not an instinctive thing but is something which must be learned little by little by each individual. This apparently is just as true of birds as of humans. Alfred, for instance, didn't caw as do other crows. He had the same unmusical voice, but his talk was what human talk sounded like to him. He would sit by himself and carry on like several people yakking together. He

played us back a recording of our own chatter.

Crow hunting is good any time of the year that there are crows present. However, now and for a couple of months is the choice of it all. For anyone who really enjoys a shotgun, the open hunting season is a pretty short affair, but, thanks to the lowly crow, he can get good shooting many months of the year. In these days of limited bag limits, a man can use up more ammunition and learn more about wing-shooting at these black targets than he can on game. The crows are most responsive a few weeks from now when the young are coming out of the nest. Anyone who can imitate a young crow in distress will get a good reaction. If he can hit a few of them, he will be doing his own cause as a hunter a lot of good because the crow is a notorious nest robber.

Of course, if he doesn't watch himself, he may also come home some day with an ugly and squawking crowling, if that is what it is called. I can't say this is anything I recommend. He will soon take complete charge of your lives, and make you like it to boot. Nevertheless, a crow for a house guest is an experience you'll never forget.

In the Doghouse

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expensive undertaking. Good kennels aren't maintained by cheats. In the times between the female's periods of romance she'll be entirely indifferent to courtship, may even fiercely resent it and the gentleman, if he's a normal dog, isn't inclined to be seriously interested in her. He's more likely to entertain a wholesome respect for any anger she may display toward him. When cupid isn't on her mind she's usually very much the boss and he knows it.

Whether through accident or design your lady dog is on the way to becoming a mother, then let's see what should be done. From sixty to sixty-three days following the mating the puppies will be born or, to be technical, whelped. If you know just about when this will occur, then it is well to arrange with your veterinarian to stand by in case of emergency. Should the whelping not take place within sixty-three days, the dog's doctor should be called in and no time lost either. Over extended whelping may kill both mother and pups. Some few weeks before the event a whelping box should be constructed and the dog should be made to use this as her sleeping place. Anyone who knows how to use the business end of a hammer can build such a box. For a medium size dog, one about as big as a setter, the box should be about three and a quarter feet long by about two and a half feet wide. This is for the whelping compartment only. To this there should, after the puppies arrive, be attached another box of about the same size. The walls of the whelping compart-

ment should be about twelve to fourteen inches high. The walls of the additional compartment should be from eight to ten inches high. The last named compartment is for the mother's use when she wants to get away from the pups and yet not too far away. The higher walls of the whelping box will prevent the youngsters from climbing out after her. The best of all bedding for the whelping session and for later use is a thick padding of newspapers. These when soiled can be, and should be, promptly burned or otherwise disposed of.

You'll find it a good idea for sanitary reasons to have a piece of linoleum as a base for the newspaper bedding. This can be taken out and scrubbed every so often or whenever soiled. The whelping box should be kept where there are no drafts and elevated about three inches about the floor, although all sides should be boxed in to prevent drafts from chilling the whelping floor or giving those little Fidos a cold. Inside of this box there should be a wood railing projecting about two inches and about five inches above the flooring. This is to keep the mother's back far enough away from the sides of the box to prevent her crushing any of the puppies that may get between her and the wall. Of course, for dogs smaller or larger than the setter, boxes should be made according to the size of the dog. Whatever the breed or size of the mother, the whelping box should be comfortably large, large enough for her to stretch out when nursing the pups.

Puppy litters may vary from one to as

many as eighteen. Setters are noted for unusually large families. Incidentally, on the wall of my office there is a picture of a litter of collie pups showing 11 bright eyed youngsters that were owned by our good friend Mr. Thomas Godley of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. You may have been surprised to note that one puppy constitutes a litter. Technically this is correct and accepted among breeders. When whelping time approaches Mrs. Fido should be carefully looked after both for her health and also because some prospective mothers have been known to steal away to hidden places and there make their nests in anticipation of the Blessed Event. Many dogs will tear papers or blankets prior to whelping in an effort to make such nests. The place of whelping must be warm, dry and as I've said, free from drafts. Room temperature should be about seventy degrees; seventy-two is better. It is best to have a third box ready, of a size according to the anticipated size of the pups. This should have a thick bedding of shredded papers. Underneath the papers there should be a hot water bottle or an electrical heating pad which is pleasantly warm, but not hot. This box is used to park the new arrivals while the whelping business is still going on.

Before the beginning of labor the mother's breasts should be washed with a weak solution of baking soda and warm water. This cleanses and is mildly antiseptic. When the whelping begins everybody other than the person who normally takes care of the dog should be barred from the room. At this time the dog is easily upset and loud noises or conversation or the presence of strangers may make the delivery of the pups more difficult should she be so disturbed. If you and not your vet are going to be the midwife then don't get excited as your excite-

ment may communicate itself to the dog and thus make things harder for her. After all, she's going through a pretty tough job. As I said earlier, a normal, healthy dog can usually take care of the whelping herself and will need no assistance. In the matter of equipment you'll find a pair of rubber gloves useful; also some fair sized, clean cloths. Include, too, a small bottle of iodine and sharp scissors with blunt ends.

When whelping begins it may help the mother if you stroke her back from neck to rear. If you speak to her speak quietly. If she shows signs of exhaustion give her a little milk to which you've added a small dash of brandy. The puppies may appear at intervals from a few minutes apart to as many hours. When they are born they are enclosed in a membranous sac which the mother tears open with her teeth. If she fails to do this, then do it yourself by using your scissors carefully but promptly to avoid having a smothered puppy on your hands. The mother will usually sever the navel cord but if she does not then you should cut it, leaving about three quarters of an inch on the pup's tummy. Be sure scissors are sterilized before using. Boiling water will do this but don't use the scissors while they are hot. After cutting the cord or after the mother has severed it put a small drop of iodine on the portion remaining on the puppy.

After the pups are born the mother will vigorously lick them dry. If you are officiating then you can rub the puppies briskly from necks to tails. After all pups have been delivered put them all back with their old lady. If some do not nurse readily put a drop or two of warm milk on their noses to get them started. (In the next issue I'll give a few tips on how to wean and care for the growing youngsters.)

It's Tough to Manage a Loser

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more loyal backers than any major league city. Of course, attendance dropped, and our owners lost a chunk of dough, but the public didn't ride us too much.

I recall one day when we were worse than usual, if possible, and the bleachers were rawhiding us. I overheard one of the rookies say, "Listen to those stands—I hope he doesn't send me up there to pinch-hit today."

The newspapers held their fire, too. After the season ended the club announced I would remain in the Pittsburgh organization as a "trouble shooter." Which prompted Chet Smith, talented sports editor of the "Pittsburgh Press", to muse: "I wonder who Bill Meyer is going to shoot first."

I appreciate Chet's sympathetic attitude, but I think the patience of the press and fans will be well rewarded. Pittsburgh, since Mr. Rickey took charge in 1951, has been building a fine backlog of young talent. It's an organization with

a future. It just happened to be my misfortune to get the kids at the experimental stage.

That's why I say it's tough to manage a loser. By "loser" I mean a club that's doomed. Ours was a team without a chance. I'd sit there day after day and wish there was a way, some short-cut, for the inexperienced. We went back hunting with a switch, as they say in the East Tennessee hills where I come from. That's what I mean by a loser.

Casey Stengel also could tell you what I mean. The high-flying Yankee boss tells a story that illustrates his drab days in Boston a decade ago. He sent Ben Geraghty in as a pinch-runner one day. Case slapped him on the back and said, "Be careful, Ben; don't get caught off first, and watch for the double play."

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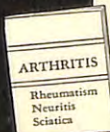
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play, and the incipient rally was dead. Stengel turned to his players, shrugged his shoulders helplessly, and said, "Answer me, men, what else could I have told him?"

You don't have to have a pat hand to enjoy managing, majors or minors. The Yankee farm teams I managed won a lot of pennants or playoffs; one year, in Newark, my club went from last in July to first place. In the majors my best finish was fourth, but I actually relished the job every year except the last one. It's great fun if you've got a pitcher or two with control, a couple of hitters who can hit to any field, a bunter or two, and men who know how to run bases. Then you can try a few things; you've at least got a chance to steal a game here or there. I'm a great believer in putting the game into the hands of the catcher—probably because I always caught—and let him work closely with the pitcher, second base pair, and the centerfielder.

But if the pitcher is wild, the shortstop and second baseman can hardly be expected to coordinate their best efforts behind him. Or, on offense, a dozen hit-and-run situations go for nothing if you have no one proficient in the hit-and-run.

BASEBALL, of course, is the never-ending duel between hitter and pitcher. The constant changing of tactics pays off, especially in the majors. Stan Musial, for instance, is continually adjusting; otherwise, he'd soon be outsmarted. One year—I had some pitchers with control—we tested Musial on inside pitches, letter high. It worked—for a while. Then Musial adjusted. He was ready for the pitch; I suspect he was hoping we'd give him more inside pitches.

This smartness is the trademark of the star. I'll never forget my first look at Ted Williams. That was 1938. I was managing Kansas City and Williams, a 20-year-old, was with Minneapolis. My information was that Williams liked high pitches and would keep climbing for the ball. That supposedly was his one weakness. The first pitch was shoulder high. Williams swung and missed. The pitcher wasted one low and outside, then threw a fast ball down the middle, chin high. Williams let it go, then turned toward our bench, grinned, wagged his finger and yelled, "Huh, uh, not for me, no more."

There were days last season when we played an all-rookie infield, two rookies in the outfield and kid throwers just up from Class A and B leagues. A green pitcher poses special problems. You let him sit around a few days and get the feel of things. Meanwhile, you and your coaches watch him throw; he's either fast, or he has good breaking stuff. On the day you start him you huddle with the catcher, the shortstop and second baseman. You leave the rookie alone as much as you can; don't load him down with a lot of technical advice. Chances are he's already much too nervous for his

own good. He starts his first big league game with but one word of advice from me: Get the ball over the plate.

He looks good, maybe, for a while, probably until he gets a man or two on base. The runners rattle him. Or the kid infield collapses. All at once he's afraid to rare back and throw the ball across the plate, or he begins trying to steer the ball. In any event, the batter is ready and the ball and the game usually disappear over the outfield wall. That's how it worked out last summer.

This is recommended for ulcers. Worse than that, however, is watching the hopeful minor leaguers lose their confidence. While they're taking the lumps you have to pat them on the back and hold out brighter promise for tomorrow.

Frequently you hear that the big league manager is no longer important—now that the front office makes the trades or funnels the talent into the majors from a dozen farm teams. I disagree.

The manager is vitally important. A great team, it's true, probably could win with Mortimer Snerd on deck; it's equally true a poor team couldn't win with a genius in the dugout. Sandwiched between those extremes are the good teams. There the manager is often the difference between sixth and third, between third and first. The skipper still plays the dominant role, for better or worse.

The Yankees are winning, yet no one calls them great, none would compare these Yankees with the Yankees of 1927 or 1938. Yet they've won four pennants in a row and I sincerely believe Casey Stengel is the only man in baseball who could have done it. They're just good, not great, but Casey wins with them. He was called lucky in 1949 and 1950. All winning managers are called lucky. Now the skeptics admit that Stengel's vague gestures and humorous monologues hide a cunning baseball brain.

Any year you can look around and find one or two managers who seem

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to be doing things with mirrors. I could cite Billy Southworth in 1948. His Braves won a pennant with ordinary personnel; in fact, I heard a few veterans describe that Boston team as the worst looking pennant winner in history. Even allowing for exaggeration, that's a tremendous tribute to Southworth. Eddie Sawyer, I thought, did a whale of a job with the Phillies in 1950—the Whiz Kids weren't ready, but Sawyer had them believing they could whip the Yankees in the World Series.

I liked the way Leo Durocher directed the Giants in 1951. Not because they won, but because Leo had the nerve to gamble. Remember, he already had reshuffled the Giants, disposing of the lame, halt and blind for a younger, faster club. Gone were John Mize, Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall; still, the club wasn't winning, and Polo Grounds were grumbling.

Leo's reaction was characteristic—for Leo. He made the big switch. Bobby Thomson was moved from centerfield to third base, Whitey Lockman from left field to first, Monte Irvin from first to left field, and Willie Mays, an untried lad of 20 just up from the minors, went to centerfield, where games are lost—and won—every day.

The shift worked on all counts. Leo deserves the credit; he took the risks. Had the Giants failed, Broadway would have been asking waivers on Manager Durocher. You have to give Leo an assist on Jim Hearn, too. The Cardinals asked waivers on him in 1950. We turned him down, figuring he couldn't help us if he couldn't help the Cardinals. Leo had other ideas. He paid \$10,000 for him, transformed Hearn from an overhand to

sidearm pitcher, and got 17 victories out of the Georgia boy in 1951. That's managing, too.

It's a delight to compete against Durocher. He keeps you thinking. Leo isn't what you'd call a "book" manager even though most of his maneuvers are orthodox. But like the pitcher who occasionally flips one under the batter's chin, Leo likes to keep the opposition "loose," and, if possible, a bit puzzled. I've seen Leo try a squeeze play in the first or second inning, or with the bases loaded and two out. The surprise element frequently makes him look good.

Believe me, rival managers know whether you did a good job with the players on hand. You don't have to win a pennant to impress them. Consider our own Pittsburgh team of 1948, whose record stands out in clear contrast to our pitiful efforts last season. I was just breaking in as a big league manager, or maybe I should say as the manager of a big league team. But first I'd better explain how I got the job. I'd been managing since 1926, for the Yankees since 1932. I was managing the Yanks' Kansas City club in 1945 when Frank McKinney, then part owner of the Braves, was shopping for a new manager.

He asked if I was interested. I was. He said he'd be back if he failed to pry Billy Southworth away from the Cardinals. He didn't fail. A year later it was the Yankees. Joe McCarthy, to the surprise of no one, walked out on Owner Larry MacPhail. Bill Dickey succeeded McCarthy, but soon relinquished the post to Johnny Neun, who finished the 1946 season.

I WAS offered the Yankee job by MacPhail—the job I had always wanted. But when the chance came I was afraid to take it. A heart attack in Kansas City had bedded me for a month during the 1946 season. I didn't feel up to the assignment physically, and said so. I'm probably the only guy in baseball who turned down a chance to manage the Yankees—a decision that rankled because many of the Yankees had played under me at Kansas City or Newark—Phil Rizzuto, Snuffy Stirnweiss, Tom Byrne, Joe Page, Billy Johnson, Gus Niarhos, Johnny Lindell, Ernie Bonham, Spud Chandler and others.

By the spring of 1947 my health was much better but it was too late. I was still in the Yankee chain when the same McKinney, then the Pittsburgh owner, came for me that fall. He wanted a replacement for Billy Herman. I grabbed it, figuring, at 55, I'd never get another chance. Like all bushers, I wanted a whirl at the big time.

It was a seventh place club, but the challenge appealed to me; so did the money. McKinney had already been badly burned in the player market, but he came right back in 1948 with a new check-book. We bought or swapped for Dixie Walker, a real pro; Johnny Hopp, old

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but active; Stan Rojek, veteran of the Brooklyn dugout; Danny Murtaugh, ambitious but limited; Ed Stevens, ditto, and unpredictable Hal Gregg. Walker was the only authentic star among them and he was 37; oddly, all but Gregg had a profitable campaign, as did a lot of other greybeards.

We might actually have won the pennant in 1948 if Gregg could have won just 10 games. He won two, and we finished fourth, just two games out of second, but I'm getting ahead of my story. My first job was to erase the defeatist complex of a disorganized team. To do so I needed a good team leader.

Walker, I decided, was my key man. Walker was a great hit-and-run player, and, as I said previously, I like that kind of baseball. I put the job squarely up to Dixie, explaining I needed his help to sell my type of play to the squad, many of them shopworn veterans. He agreed to help.

Hopp fell into line. The others followed. The few skeptics disappeared when we broke fast and kept moving. The Pittsburgh fans went slightly nuts when this bunch of retreads—an "interim" ball club they called it—were only a game off the pace in mid-June, and just four games out of first in early September.

SPRING training that year was a liberal education for me. I discovered that many big leaguers weren't polished performers, far from it. However, I didn't ask much in the early drills. We played a few exhibition games without a script. We had no signs, no pet plays.

The day we first faced the Cleveland Indians I called a meeting. We went over the hitters, set up our signs and played the game to the hilt. The score was something like 6 to 1 and our club looked sharp. After the game, Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Indians, came by.

"You going to play that kind of baseball this season?" he asked.

I told him we hoped to.

"If you do, you'll win a lot of games—you won't finish in the cellar."

I soon discovered that Kiner couldn't do the fancy stuff. Most can learn it; Kiner is one of the few who can't.

Ralph is a genuine specialist, a home run hitter. Otherwise, he is an ordinary ball player. Lots of nonsense has been written about Kiner, the man, and Kiner, the ball player. I always found Kiner willing. He was always a team man.

If you asked him to hit behind a runner, he'd try. He'd bunt if you gave the sign. But he does not excel at these things. Nor is he more than adequate fielding or throwing. Ralph has spent hours on end trying to improve in these fundamentals. Once I became convinced of Kiner's limitations, I told him to forget everything but the long ball.

Two years ago Rickey, upon becoming general manager of the Pirates, wanted

Elks Join in Recognition of Important Anniversary of GIRL SCOUTS

March 12 was an important milestone in the Girl Scout movement in America. On that date this organization celebrated the forty-first anniversary of its founding in the United States.

The Order is happy to pay tribute to a great institution, for that is what the Girl Scout movement in our country has become.

Commemorating its forty-first anniversary, the Girl Scouts have issued a new proficiency badge designated: "My Government". To qualify for its award a Girl Scout must demonstrate a substantial knowledge of the functioning of the local, state and federal government; she must possess a concrete knowledge of our democratic elective system, assimilate a reasonable fund of information concerning the division of governmental powers, and, in short, indicate a working education in public affairs.

As Elks we are enthusiastic supporters of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Indeed, many of our subordinate lodges are sponsors of Girl Scout Troops and this activity is well within the scope of the Youth Program of the Grand Lodge.

In our Youth Program Booklet for this current lodge year, the Youth Activities Committee, in urging the inception and continuance of a year-round youth program in each of our subordinate lodges, placed scout troop sponsorship, both as to boys and girls, high on our list of suggestions.

It is no accident that the boys and girls of today ripen into the good citizens of tomorrow. On the contrary, the zeal and patriotic interest of such organizations as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs of America are inevitably making their influence felt with the younger generation, and indoctrinating them with the principles of Good Citizenship.

The Elks salute the Girl Scouts of America. May their progress of the second forty-one years parallel that of the first.

BENJAMIN F. WATSON,

Chairman, Youth Activities Committee

to convert Kiner into a first baseman. Kiner was agreeable, even eager if the club would let him play first or left field; he didn't care to be shuttled back and forth between the two.

Kiner worked hard to master the assignment. It was quickly obvious that he would never excel on double plays. His arm had no snap on the quick throws. He improved immensely during the spring, possibly because he liked to play first.

"It's better than outfield," Kiner observed. "At first, I'm in the thick of things. I don't have time to think about batting slumps or home runs."

Kiner was adequate at first until the exhibition date in San Francisco when Rickey happened to be in the stands. Ralph threw the ball into centerfield on an easy play and looked bad generally.

"Better get that fellow off first," Rickey phoned the next morning. "He can't make it."

I told Kiner what Rickey had said.

"That isn't fair," he protested, with considerable logic. "I haven't had a

chance. Let me play first until I prove to myself that I can't."

Kiner opened the season at first base. He was no George Sisler, nor even a Charley Grimm, but he compared favorably with fellows like Ted Kluzewski. And his hitting actually picked up. Occasionally he'd boot an easy one, or drop a throw right in his hands. Finally, one day at Forbes Field he dropped a throw that cost us a game. The fans booed their hero. That shocked him, plus the fact that he picked up lots of crusty remarks from the stands. A few days later he was back in left field.

But back to our grand spree in 1948. We had a wonderful time together. It wasn't a top-notch team, but we worked and thought baseball all the time. They could do a lot of the smart things, in contrast to our 1952 fledglings, and a manager has a chance with a team like that. I like to think that I had something to do with that success. The experts picked us for sixth. When we challenged all the way and wound up fourth the baseball writers were kind enough to

tap me as the major league Manager-of-the-Year—the only time a fourth place finish ever won this honor.

We had some wonderful luck, too. Elmer Riddle had won four games in four years for Cincinnati, but his brother, John, one of my coaches, told me Elmer's fork ball was now as good as ever. We got Elmer for \$10,000. He was almost unbeatable in May and June and gave us 12 victories. He was winning when none of our rivals was taking us seriously. By July the Braves, Dodgers and Cardinals were throwing their best pitchers at us.

Riddle, however, wasn't the biggest surprise. Rojek and Murtaugh amazed us as well as the whole league with their play around second. Their double plays—they rated second in the league—made our pitchers look better than they were. Murtaugh was my quarterback. At 30, he suddenly blossomed after years in the minors.

And there was Rip Sewell, who, at 39, won 13 and lost three. His languid blooper ball whipped the Dodgers three times and seven times he hung a shiner on the Cubs. After one shutout job, Grimm, the Cub's manager, came by the dugout to see me:

"Bill, take that blooper-ball so-and-so back to the hotel and wrap him in cellophane—we'll be back late in August."

I always expected the Cubs to bunt on Sewell, whose legs were creaking. They never did; maybe they didn't have anybody who could bunt, or maybe they were too proud.

Anyway, as a team we got by with murder in 1948. The next spring a few experts picked the Pirates to finish second! Some of this optimism was generated by the off-season commerce in players. Our owners, having collected a neat dividend on a home attendance of 1,517,058, tried earnestly to plug the gaps. They bought Murry Dickson for \$125,000, a deal that supposedly cost the Cardinals the pennant in 1949. A trade brought Cliff Chambers and Clyde McCullough from the Cubs. And McKinney, in a moment of benevolence, gave 36-year-old Hugh Casey, a Brooklyn discard, \$20,000 as a bonus for signing.

Nothing helped. The old-timers fell apart. Walker retired. Sewell won but six games, Riddle one, and Kirby Higbe none at all. Chambers and young Bill Werle saved us from dropping into the cellar. Age caught the veterans and Pittsburgh's night life did the rest. The few young fellows who had shown such exciting promise in 1948 went backwards.

I guess that's a black mark against the manager. I've always been known as an "easy" manager. I never had really cared what the players did so long as they were ready for the ball game. We had a few simple rules: No gambling, cards or dice; midnight curfew, and common sense in using alcohol.

That ban on gambling goes way back to 1919 when I was catching for Louis-

ville. All of us played the horses occasionally. One day our manager collected \$1800 on a long shot. He lost it all that same night in a dice game and as word of his misfortune got around the league he took an awful beating. The club fired him and his job went to our second baseman, a smart, tough-minded student of baseball named Joe McCarthy. In the seven years I played under Joe there was no gambling among the players and I always thought it was a sensible rule.

But my easy going policy at Pittsburgh backfired. The young fellows with a few bucks in their pockets for the first time were throwing away their baseball future. I hired a detective who gave me a detailed report. With evidence in hand I called one of the playboys on the carpet. He blushed, offered no denials, and no apologies. Many a pennant is lost, to my way of thinking, on the intemperate habits of ball players. I wanted to sell or trade three or four of the gay blades, but the club demurred because of the money invested in them.

MY CLUB slid to sixth that year. I remember running into Casey Stengel at the New York Baseball Writers' dinner. He had just been acclaimed as the 1949 Manager-of-the-Year, succeeding me in the managerial seat of honor. Casey waved his arms around, winked and asked, "Bill, how could you get so dumb and me so smart in one year?"

After 1949, it was all downhill. The Pirates hit the bottom with a bang in 1950. President McKinney was all for buying up my contract and bringing in Al Lopez, manager of the Indianapolis farm club, which McKinney owned. His associates saw it differently. They bought him out and McKinney returned to Indianapolis, politics and banking.

John Galbreath, wealthy successor to McKinney, hired Mr. Rickey to hustle up a new crop of young players. McKinney's heavy dough had gone to the has-beens. The new regime began signing the high school boys for fantastic sums; bonuses ranging from \$100,000 downwards. Meanwhile, my Pirates were mired up waiting for reinforcements. We wallowed along near the bottom in 1951. A year later some of the bonus babies were posing as big leaguers in Forbes Field, others were scattered across the country taking orders from army sergeants. It was a dull day, all last season, when somebody didn't "fire" the Pittsburgh manager.

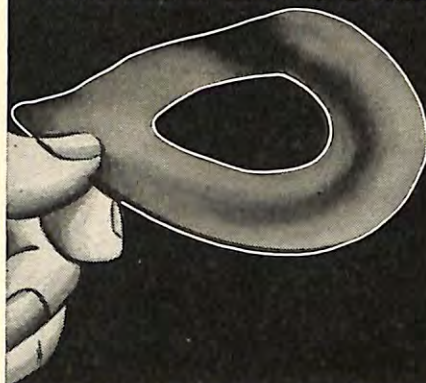
Maybe that would have helped; it couldn't have hurt. Four straight second division clubs was enough. My hat's off to the fellow who can endure loser after loser. Like my old pal, Stengel. He survived nine years of defeat with the Braves and Dodgers before he clicked with the Yankees. And, just think, beloved Connie Mack finished in the cellar 17 times.

That's too much for me and my ulcers. Two cellar teams were enough for me.

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DAVID SHOLTZ

In the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz on the 21st of March, the Order of Elks lost one of its best loved and most devoted members.

On another page in this issue of The Elks Magazine the details of his career in fraternal and political life are covered. Here we shall reflect on his qualities as a man, a friend, and a fellow Elk.

A very large percentage of those Elks who came in contact with him regarded him not only as a Brother Elk but as a highly prized personal friend.

He was "Dave" to all who knew him and he lost nothing in respect by this friendly contraction of his given name.

Few men are gifted as he was in personal charm, genial spirit and gracious social qualities.

And yet behind his good fellowship there was a strength of character, a capacity for work and a power of accomplishment possessed by only a limited number of men.

Local state pride being what it was in Florida when Dave Sholtz landed there with a Brooklyn background and a Yale diploma, his steady rise to public acclaim and business, fraternal and political prominence was a phenomenal accomplishment.

And yet, the story which could not have been told about one less gifted than he was with charm, courage, character and continued concentration, did, in his case run smoothly and logically to its full fruition.

Although honored with a judgeship he was never deeply devoted to the practice of law.

He was a business builder—a promoter—in the best sense of that term. He was never happier than when building a new enterprise of a business or public service character.

His eloquence combined with his other engaging characteristics would have brought him success in any line of activity.

In his later years a great part of his time and efforts was devoted to the development and advancement of the Order of Elks in North Carolina, South Carolina and particularly in his adopted state of Florida.

Those activities of the Order which in recent years have received his most earnest support have been its program of Americanism, its service to military inductees and hospitalized veterans, and its assistance to the less favored children of our country, to which he was so deeply devoted.

ARMED FORCES DAY



May 16th has been designated this year as Armed Forces Day. An annual event paying tribute to America's defenders, it has more than the usual significance in 1953 as tension mounts between the free and slave worlds.

The citizens of this country are not obliged to participate in saber-rattling demonstrations of parading, armed masses which are so familiar in that unhappy land beyond the Iron Curtain. Our responsible

government officials, unlike their Kremlin counterparts, do not engage in breast beating and the issuing of veiled threats about this country's armed might. For since the days of the Founding Fathers, one principle, springing from our deep rooted spirituality, has stood out clearly in the pages of America's history: militarism and all it implies are alien to the American philosophy and mind.

But while this country has scrupulously avoided armed conflict wherever possible, the record shows that those tyrants were ill advised who mistook our love of peace and the strong desire to preserve it for vacillation.

Let those who would trample freedom here and throughout the world understand fully the meaning and intent of this year's Armed Forces Day slogan—"Power for Peace." And let us as Elks mark May 16th as a day for re-dedication to the preservation of America and for tribute to its defenders in the armed forces, past and present.

THE PEOPLE PRAYED



Karl Marx wrote that religion "is the opium of the people". This dogma is basic to the Bolshevik creed of violence, and in the 36 years since Lenin and Trotsky overthrew the liberal Kerensky government and substituted a bloody, totalitarian imperialism, the Communists have been faithful to the teachings of their prophet.

From the time they gained power, the Communists have tried systematically to root out religion from the social structure, murdering religious leaders and their obstinate lay followers, and burning houses of worship and church schools or turning them into factories. No faith was spared. In 1922-23, and again in 1929-30, thousands of Orthodox priests and their faithful were shot; 90 per cent of their 50,000 churches were destroyed or closed. Murder and deportation have reduced Russia's Moslem leaders from 28,000 to 400; the 10,000 Mosques in the USSR in 1917 have declined to 350. The Reds have closed every Lamasery in Mongolia and have slaughtered 2,000 higher Lamas of this ancient Buddhist Lama Church. Judaism, the Uniate Church of the Ukraine, the comparatively small Protestant groups, all have felt the knout of the fanatical Red anti-God.

Nevertheless, in 1937, after 20 years of bloody ruthlessness, an official Soviet census showed that half of the people still believed in God. As the exasperated Reds themselves put it, even the Red Army, the pride of Stalin, although without a chaplain for 20 years, was discovered to be "rid-dled with religionists, rotten with prayer."

But the most startling—and comforting—evidence of the deep, the ineradicable hold of religion on the people of Russia came after 16 more years of repression. When, in March, death came at last to Stalin the Cruel, the man chiefly responsible for the torture and death of uncounted thousands of human beings, the people prayed for him.

Some actions by Stalin's successors raise hope that the harshness of the Red rule will be lessened. While these moves are admissions of the failure of Stalin's policies it would be vain to hope that they are more than the latest in a series of tactical shifts designed to lead ultimately to Marxism's fixed goal—world conquest. But a people that clings so stoutly to its faith in God can surely look forward to redemption.

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