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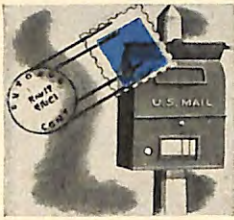
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## What Our Readers

### Have to Say



I would like to report that our members like *The Elks Magazine* very much. We particularly like the Washington news page by Tom Wrigley. We like the Magazine so much that starting with the new administration in April one of the officers was charged with reading something from the Magazine once every month—at a regular meeting.

Frank Galland, P.E.R.  
Weehawken, N. J.

After reading your "In the Doghouse" article in a recent issue of *The Elks Magazine*, I thought that the least I could do was to send you one of these booklets. 'Tis plain to see that you have sadly neglected the Obedience rings in the past few years.

Please, don't go around telling people that Novice and Open work are "routine". It seems like anything but, when one is working like a dawg to get that C.D. degree. How well I know!

Incidentally, I do want to tell you that I enjoy your monthly column. It's the first one I look for when *The Elks Magazine* comes in. Best to Mr. Faust, and keep up the good work.

A. Louise Conroy  
South Shore Dog Training Club  
E. Weymouth, Mass.

Huntsville Lodge, No. 1648, has been taking steps to increase attendance at lodge meetings and it seems to have worked out quite well. Thought maybe some other Brother Elks might be interested in knowing what we are doing.

At least six times a year we send telegrams to about thirty per cent of our membership. Of course, different names are used each time. There seems to be something about a telegram that excites attention and interest that no other method can accomplish. It shows the members that the lodge is concerned about them and the cost of the telegram is repaid many times. In our experience, this scheme can't miss.

J. R. Record  
Huntsville, Ala.

My family enjoys your Elks Family Shopper, and we hope that you will continue this feature.

Warren Thurber  
Kenmore, New York

I am not a dealer in the regular sense of the word, but may I say this. Through the years that I have belonged to the Elks, I have made it standard practice to buy items advertised in our Magazine, either from a local Elk or direct from the

ads in the Magazine. This is my way of helping to promote advertising in the Magazine by the national advertisers, which, in turn, helps our Grand Lodge.

Raymond DeNomme  
Danielson, Conn.

Thoroughly enjoy your "For Elks Who Travel" department. Recently my daughter and I visited my son in Los Angeles and he obtained rooms for us at the Elks Club of that city. Every courtesy was shown to us and it is quite evident that my son has derived much from his Elk membership, which extends back sixteen years. Just wanted to thank the Elks for everything that has been done for him and also for the courtesy shown to us.

Mrs. R. E. Hambright

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John B. Hoffner

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Frank J. O'Hara  
Port Huron, Michigan

As an Elk, I have read with interest Edward J. Hickey's observations to Stanley Frank as reflected in the May edition of *The Elks Magazine*. Would it be possible to obtain twenty-five copies of the article for constructive use in the attempt to improve the Florida parole system?

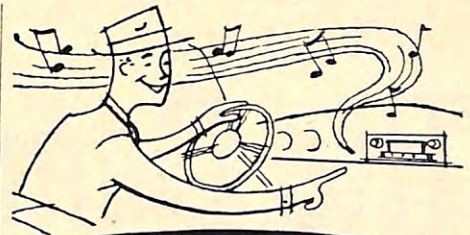
Francis R. Bridges, Jr.,  
Florida Parole Commission  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Every month when *The Elks Magazine* arrives, I turn at once to Ed Faust's "In the Dog House" column and read it with great interest. I think he not only knows dogs but describes them so well that he must have quite a following.

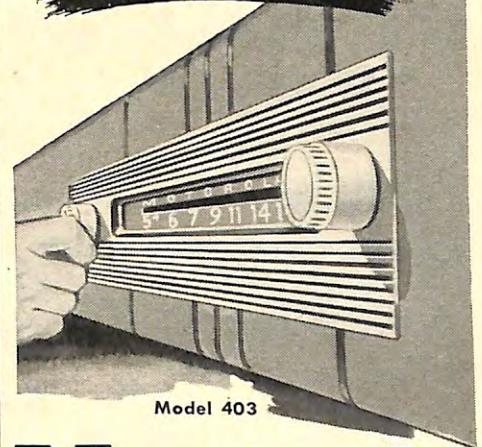
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### NEXT ISSUE

In the August issue there will be a report of the proceedings of the 89th Grand Lodge Convention held in St. Louis, Mo., this month. Running several pages, this report will cover all four business sessions, as well as the Grand Lodge Memorial Services. There also will be reports of the Grand Lodge Committees.



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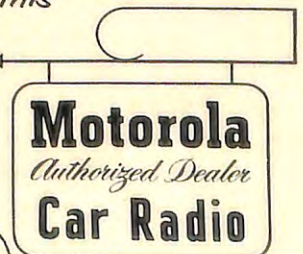


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# The Camp of the Champ

*It's different now in the training camps—and not nearly as much fun.*

**BY W. C. HEINZ**

**D**URING the present low state of the prize fight business—a state bordered, incidentally, on the East by the fact that a welterweight champion cannot make more than \$80,000 for one night's work and on the West by the knowledge that a heavy-weight champion cannot expect to receive more than three times that amount for a similar expenditure of effort—veteran followers of the fancy while away the hours bemoaning the passing of what they cleverly call "The Good Old Days."

There isn't, they claim, any fun in the fight racket any more, and they may be right. A day or two after a Mr. Gene Tunney, a heavyweight champion, successfully outpointed a Mr. Jack Dempsey, a former heavyweight champion, in a fight in Soldier's Field, Chicago, on September 22, 1927, he picked up a check for \$1,000,000. Tunney is ready to admit that he hasn't had as much fun since.

The demise of the million dollar gate—the last occurred at the Yankee Stadium on June 19, 1946, when Joe Louis and Billy Conn went eight rounds before 45,266 persons who paid \$1,925,564—has also marked the departure of the old-fashioned fight camp. Fighters, in preparation for battle, still retire to rural retreats where they eat and sleep regularly, exercise and grow moody, but the present day fight camp has retained little of the flavor of its counterpart of the Roaring Twenties when a training site, at least for newspaper men and assorted hangers-on, provided almost as many sources of amusement as Luna Park at its best.

"There can never be," says Nat Fleischer, offering an example, "another Miami."

Mr. Fleischer has reference to the press accommodations attached to the training camps of Jack Sharkey and Young Stribling as the two prepared to walk through ten rounds at Miami, Fla., on February 28, 1929, and Mr. Fleischer should know. He is not only the sport's leading historian, record-keeper and museum custodian, but he was also in charge of the press relations when Sharkey defeated Stribling in a fight that may live forever in agate type. *(Continued on page 42)*



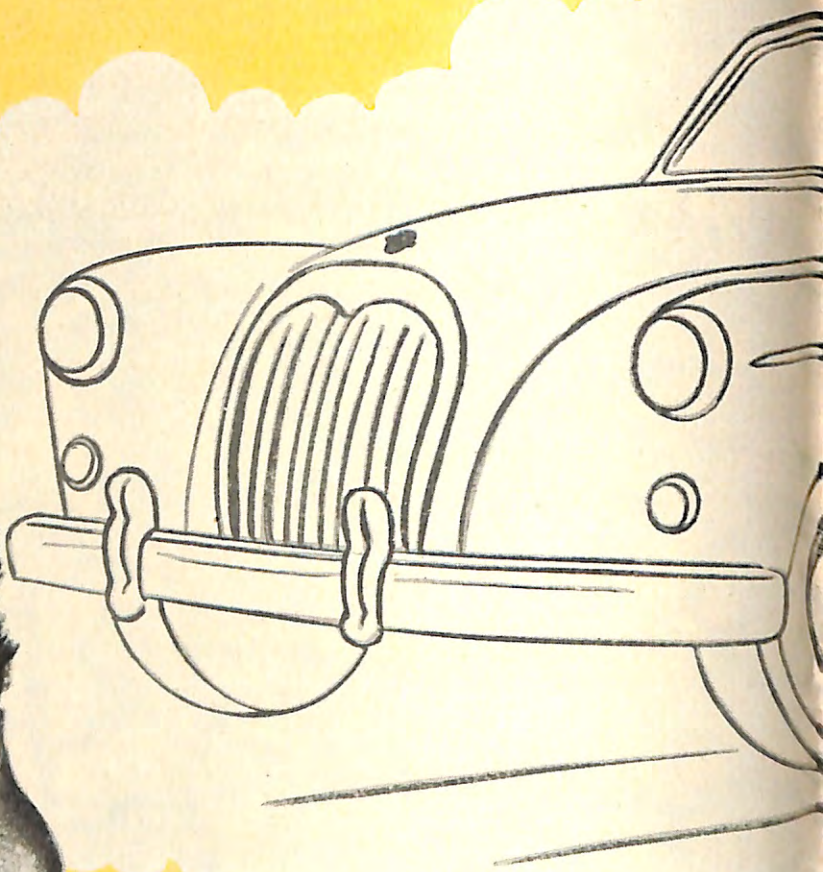
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A training camp usually takes on the personality of its prime occupant.

# PROPHET AND LOSS

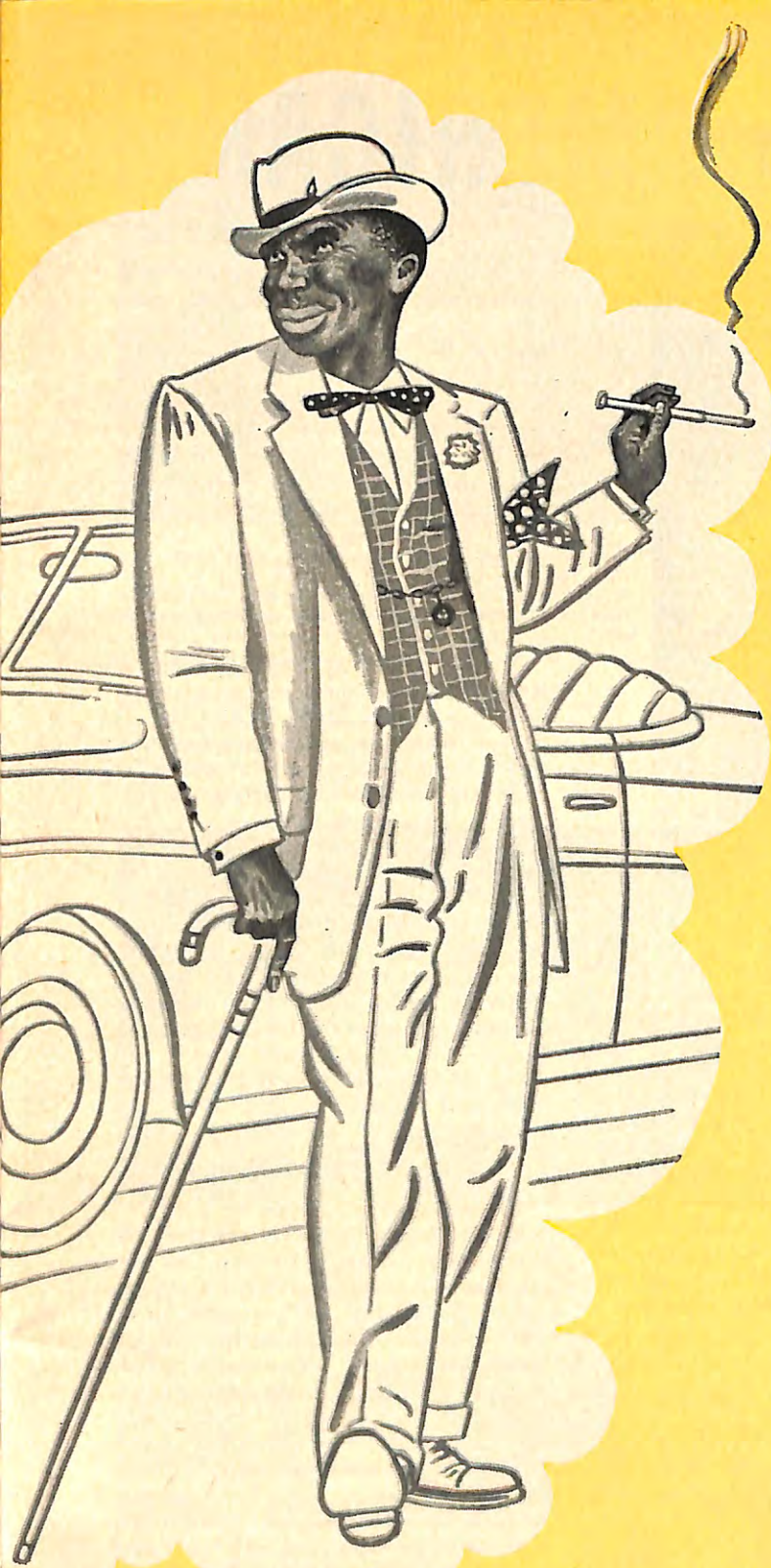
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**"It don't take but one ticket to win the Atomic 8", he told himself.**

**Florian was magnificently unperturbed about the odds and company that he faced.**

**F**LORIAN SLAPPEY'S optimism was at low ebb when he entered Bud Peaglar's Barbecue Lunchroom & Billiard Parlor. He was assailed by the pungent fragrance of assorted eatments as he seated himself on a stool and valiantly jingled the two nickels and three pennies which were all that remained to him from his last journey into the sphere of prosperity.

Mr. Slappey was oblivious to the gaiety in the poolroom section of Bud's establishment, he had no eyes for the tall, broad and muscular stranger who occupied the stool next to him, he pondered no problem less immediate than the desire to promote fresh credit.

Bud Peaglar glanced in Florian's direction, and the expression he detected on Florian's face told him all he needed to know. It was quite apparent that Mr. Slappey was in the throes of impending starvation and chronic bankruptcy. Bud had plenty of sympathy for Mr. Slappey, but he hardened his heart by remembering that Florian's credit had long since been stretched beyond the point of resiliency.

The very large, dark gentleman on Florian's left was just completing a massive meal. He beckoned to Bud, and so, perforce, Mr. Peaglar was compelled to come within range of Florian's voice and the wistful light in Florian's eyes. He accepted the stranger's order for a third cup of coffee, and then—because he didn't wish to be impolite to his old friend—Bud addressed a remark to Mr. Slappey.

"Hi, Florian," he said.

"Hi, Bud." Mr. Slappey summoned a smile which he fondly believed made him look unhungry and prosperous.

"You want something, Brother Slappey?" asked Bud.

"Yassuh. I sho' do. What I crave is a big bowl of Brunswick stew and two pork chops with French fried potatoes. After that I'd like a slice of lemon merang pie and a cup of coffee."

Bud shook his head sadly. "Sorry," he said. "I is just plumb out of credit this afternoon."

"Aw, Bud . . . I ain't gonna always be broke. Ise gwine pay you one of these days: honest."

"How much cash money you got now, Florian?"

"Thirteen measly cents an' a big appetite. But you know how it is, Bud . . . come Saddy night they is gwine have that drawin' at The Sons & Daughters of I Will Arise, an' I'll be rich."

Mr. Peaglar snorted derisively. "Ten tickets you got, Florian . . . ten out of four thousand."

"Yeh, but Ise feeling lucky. An' how I feel is the way I is."

"Then how about feelin' like you a'ready et a big meal?"

"Look, Feller . . ." Mr. Slappey was desperate: "All my friends is broke or either they ain't got confidence in me. You is my stummick's last hope."

Bud's heart softened. "Ise always been a sucker," he stated bitterly. "So I'll leave you have some coffee an' a bowl of stew . . . a little bitty bowl."

A big voice boomed in Florian's ear. It emanated from the gargantuan stranger seated alongside and it said, "You really got ten tickets fo' that drawin', Mistuh Slappey?"

"Uh-huh."

"I been tryin' to git myse'f some, but they is all sold. Ise willin' to buy two of yours fo' (Continued on page 46)

# They Made May Day **AMERICAN**



Dorothy Papp, first-place Youth Leadership winner, serves cokes to three of the Bayonne, N. J., Elks who were responsible for the terrific Bayonne Youth Day, during the party for 250 teenagers held in the lodge home. Left to right: House Chairman Harry Moloney, E.R. Stanley Bielenda, Committee Chairman D. J. Scala.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Many lodges arranged to have their communities' civic management taken over for the day by the young people. One of the most outstanding of these took place in Newport, R. I., when 79 future voters made some very valuable suggestions for civic improvement. Mayor Dean Lewis addressed a special high school assembly, and the lodge issued a Heritage of Freedom bulletin to all students, on which was printed the privileges given in our Bill of Rights, and a "Bill of Duties", a list of responsibilities we must accept to enjoy those privileges.

Another practical demonstration of students in government was arranged by Columbia, S. C., Lodge with 15 girls and boys participating, and making conversation both interesting and provocative for their adult civic counterparts at an Elk-sponsored luncheon.

The Elks of Winter Park, Fla., who have just organized and completely equipped a Little League Baseball group of four teams totaling 60 boys, also made it possible for high school students to take over the reins of government for a while.

Barre, Vt., Lodge's observance included a tribute to the boys of the Little League and Little Bigger League ball clubs who were special guests at the Elk affair held at the Lighthouse Club, which the lodge helps to sponsor.

## REPEAT PERFORMANCES

Bridgeton, N. J., Lodge held another gigantic Youth Week celebration climaxed by a parade, contests at the local stadium and a dinner-dance. Greenwich, Conn., Lodge also did a remake on its 1952 program—a handicraft exhibit and hobby show found hundreds of clever youngsters eager to display their talents to many interested persons who enjoyed the timpani of the American Legion Drum Corps which entertained during the program.

Tucson, Ariz., Lodge invited the city children to their program which included a chalk talk by William Freyse who draws the well-known Major Hoople cartoons, and the Lewistown, Mont., Elks conducted a costume-pet parade with cash prizes to the children presenting the best combinations. North Platte, Neb., Lodge's two-way celebration had movies for grade-school children during the day, a dance at the lodge home for the teenagers.

## SCOUTS HONORED

Manhattan, Kans., Lodge and its Explorer Post staged a big outdoor jambo-ree for the city's 150 Cub Scouts. Events included a picnic and Indian ritualistic  
(Story continued on page 10)

**F**OLLOWING his proclamation of Elks National Youth Day, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern received a letter from President Dwight D. Eisenhower voicing his approval of these observances. In the communication, published in thousands of newspapers from coast to coast, the President said, "I commend the Order of Elks for these sound efforts on behalf of the youth of America."

How extensive these efforts were, and how beneficial they were to our future citizens, cannot be measured. It can only be said that nothing was spared, no possible attraction overlooked, by any of the Committeemen who planned the ceremonies to put our young people in

the limelight on this particular day.

Governors and Mayors in most States and thousands of cities proclaimed May 1st as Elks Youth Day. When the Proclamation for Massachusetts was signed by Gov. Christian A. Herter, his witnesses included Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman George Steele, State Vice-Pres. Andrew A. Biggio, State Youth Chairman F. M. Cloran and Gov. Herter's Adm. Secy., Elk John S. Nolan. Mr. Steele was also present for the fine program Quincy, Mass., Lodge put on, with the help of its ladies. Many awards were made at this meeting, including an Elks Aquatic Scholarship.



Brookline, Mass., Elk Christian A. Herter, Governor of Mass., surrounded by the young people from Green, N. Y., his lodge entertained on Youth Day, and other Brookline Elks, including Rep. Everett Bowker, Committee Chairman Thomas Connelly, Rep. Joe Silvano, and Dr. Charles Latimer and Dr. Freedland of the High School Human-Relation Classes who helped the Elks arrange the trip.



Great Neck, N. Y., Lodge's fine program was the result of well-organized preparation in which Capt. Joseph Sawaska, USMS, Chairman of the lodge's Youth Day program, center, assisted by A. M. Robinson, left, and E.R. Peter J. George, right, played a large part. They are pictured with two of the Elks' Boy Scouts and one of the many posters advertising the affair which were distributed throughout the city.



Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge's Youth Day climaxed the Elks Basketball League season, with the Champions and their parents among the 200 guests. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, left, presents the Judge Hallinan Trophy to Most Valuable Player Bernard Pascal; Hon. John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum, right, presents the Judge Scileppi Trophy to Robert Hughes. E.R. T. J. Mackell stands in the center.

Below: A few of San Juan, P. R., Lodge's 200 guests from the Insular Homes for Destitute Boys and Girls, the Police Athletic League and the Boy Scouts. E.R. F. A. Irizarry delivered a patriotic address during the seven-hour program which included a motion-picture performance, supper and dancing.



Above: Dancing was part of the well-planned event given by Honolulu, T. H., Lodge for 776 teen-agers. The lodge members served a fine dinner prepared by the Elks' ladies.



P.E.R. H. B. Livingston, fourth from left, makes the Youth Day Awards for San Benito, Tex., Lodge at ceremonies at the local high school.



On behalf of Big Spring, Tex., Lodge, Glen Gale, center, presented U. S. Savings Bonds to four students during a special radio program.



Youth Day and Union, N. J., saw the Elks become sponsors of the Explorer Post of Boy Scouts. Pictured here are officials of the lodge and the Scouts when the Charter was accepted by Exalted Ruler G. F. Lloyd.



High School students who received special awards at the Youth Day Dance given by Cynthia, Ky., Lodge are pictured with P.E.R.'s J. L. McCauley, Judge W. E. Boswell, and E.R. D. D. Stephens, left to right

dances, closing with a campfire ceremony. Later in the month about 250 Girl Scouts were entertained at a similar program. Red Bank, N. J., Lodge brought the Girl Scouts and Cubs together in their Youth Day program for about 150 children.

One of the many ceremonies which were broadcast over local radio stations was the one held by the Elks of Bishop, Calif. A few days prior to May 1st, the city was blessed with the first radio station in its history; of course, the Elks' program was a natural for broadcasting, and a tape-recording was made.

Another Calif. lodge to put on a top-notch affair was Glendale whose members entertained 600 senior high school students at an entertainment and dance.

### DAVID SHOLTZ MEMORIALIZED

West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge combined an Americanization Program with the annual County Junior High School track and field meet which they sponsored. The winning school, Conniston, already football and basketball champions of the area, won the magnificent David Sholtz Memorial Trophy-Annual May Day Americanism Award, donated and presented by W. A. Wall, former Grand Lodge Committeeman, in the presence of over 1,000 students. Later two awards were given by the lodge to the boy and girl who wrote the best themes on Americanism in the Elk-sponsored contest entered by 69 students.

Belle Glade, Fla., Lodge's event also placed the accent on patriotism, sponsoring an Essay Contest on "What It Means to Be An American". State Pres. Victor O. Wehle presented the six cash awards.

### THREE-DAY PROGRAM

The Leominster, Mass., Elks' event spread over three days—May 1st, Youth Government Day, included youth handicraft displays, a bicycle meet and talent show; the 2nd started with a fishing derby, continued with a swimming meet, Boy Scout Jamboree and a Little League ball game, and closed with a dance; the 3rd, with special sermons at all churches, included a parade to Doyle Field, in which schools, Scouts, veterans groups and other organizations participated. At the Field, a patriotic program was conducted with Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan an impressive speaker. Field events and another ball game followed.

Speaking of sports, athletic events were the natural focal point of many observances. San Pedro, Calif., Lodge built its affair around several boxing and wrestling matches, and included youth band music and several brief talks by students on "Why I Like Being an American".

Youngsters from the 4th through the 8th grades of six schools competed in the track and field meet sponsored by Coalinga, Calif., Lodge, and cold weather didn't discourage several hundred boys and

girls from attending the baseball game between two school teams which was part of Pueblo, Colo., Lodge's Youth Festival.

### THREE MAYORS ON HAND

While high civic officials were present at most of these events, Weehawken, N. J., Lodge's May Day Frolic had three participating mayors—Weehawken's Charles F. Krause, Jr., West New York's J. E. Otis, and Herman G. Klein of Guttenberg. Chief County Probation Officer C. O. Moore spoke at Tulsa, Okla., Lodge's affair, and Gov. Howard Pyle of Arizona addressed the 130 youth leaders honored by Winslow Lodge.

While space problems preclude our reporting the events represented pictorially, two which were more inclusive than could be described in the captions are Bayonne, N. J., and Great Neck, N. Y. Practically everyone turned out for the parade which preceded the Bayonne ceremony when four handsome trophies were presented to Youth Leaders, who with 250 others were addressed by Juvenile Court Judge D. A. Nimmo. The grateful students presented to their sponsors an artistically decorated scrapbook covering the event from start to finish.

At Great Neck, hundreds of students were thrilled by the presence of a well-known baseball figure, Walter "Rabbit" Maranville, who, as an altruistic Elk, attended the program in spite of illness.

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Left: At the Medford, Ore., program six students who participated in the Elk-sponsored Student Government Day earlier in the year received awards from Elk and civic officials.

Below: Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge's \$1,600 in scholarship awards was distributed among these 11 students, shown with E.R. Ford Barger, right, and Stanford University Prof. J. B. Wells, Chairman of the lodge's Youth Committee.



Left: Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge's 17th annual Youth Program saw one student take two first-place prizes when John Ecks accepted from Committee Chairman Albert E. Boyer \$325 in Bonds for winning the contest based on a written examination on the U.S. Constitution, and a \$75 Bond offered in the patriotic essay contest. Seventy senior students from 35 high schools competed for a total of \$1,625 in Bonds.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

THE DELIVERY of this message to our members virtually marks the end of my administration as Grand Exalted Ruler of this wonderful Order of Elks. Only one honor of this high office remains for me, the privilege of presiding at the St. Louis Grand Lodge Convention, which opens on July 5th.

My emotions at this moment are known to all of you who have been entrusted with duties involving leadership and responsibility. You recall the critical review that you have made of your record when your service as chairman of a committee, or as Lodge officer, or as State Association official neared its end. Did you accomplish everything outlined in your original plans? Did you neglect opportunities for greater service that developed along the way? Did you make your Lodge and your Order stronger and finer through your conscientious effort? Did you, to use John Wesley's lines:

Do all the good you could,  
In all the ways you could,  
In all the places you could  
At all the times you could,  
To all the people you could,  
As long as ever you could?

Such reflection is an integral part of every trust faithfully administered.

If I feel reassurance now, it issues from the strength and excellent character of this Order today, the steady increase in its membership, the institution of many new lodges, the strong current of activity in patriotic, in fraternal, in community affairs, in encouragement to the youth of our country, which runs throughout the Order. For the progress we have made in the past year, I want to express my deep appreciation and sense of great personal indebtedness to the many who by their magnificent cooperation aided substantially to make our Order more highly respected than ever by everyone. I would like especially to thank the Past Grand Exalted Rulers for their wise, invaluable counsel, as well as to express appreciation for the assistance which The Elks Magazine has given me. The loyal and effective cooperation that I have received from my District Deputies, and the Chairmen and members of Grand Lodge committees has been an experience which I cannot soon forget.

One final word to those of you whom we will not have the pleasure of seeing in St. Louis. Come with us in spirit to the Convention, gain a wider knowledge of the accomplishments of our Order through the annual reports of the Elks National Service Commission, the Elks National Foundation and other important Commissions and Committees, which will be brought to you in your home by your Magazine, and develop from that up-to-date information of the progress of this grand Order renewed interest and a greater desire to carry it to new heights of achievement. You will find that working for Elkdom will bring you rich rewards.

As I step back into the ranks where I will still devote my best efforts to the service of this Order, I do so with the hope that God may preserve our country to make possible a continuance of Elk good works in an atmosphere of freedom and happiness, and that our Order, through your support of our leaders, may advance higher and higher in the esteem of the people of America.

Sincerely and fraternally,



SAM STERN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

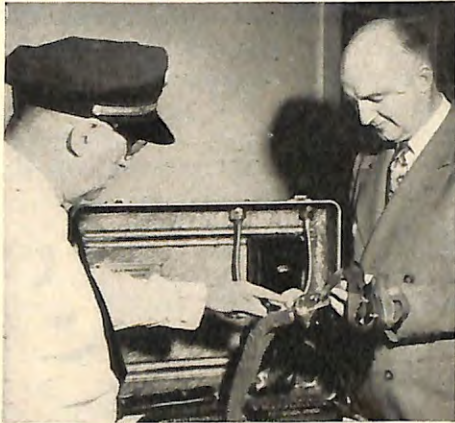




The officials who, with D.D. John Byrne, participated in the institution of Pompton Lakes, N. J., Lodge pictured with some of the 342 Charter

Members. Grand Trustee William J. Jernick was the principal speaker, and State President Joseph F. Bader led the installation of officers.

# NEWS OF THE LODGES



Exalted Ruler Gordon Engen, right, presents to Fire Chief Harry Homan, the Pneolator donated to the city by Bismarck, N. D., Lodge members.

## Newburyport, Mass., Elks Honor P.E.R. Foley

Nearly 150 Elks and their ladies from Newburyport Lodge No. 909, and several nearby communities, were on hand to pay tribute to the popular outgoing E.R. of No. 909, Sidney Foley.

A fine dinner program was arranged, with P.E.R. John M. Kelleher as Master of Ceremonies and New Hampshire State Sen. Charles T. Durell, Past Grand Inner Guard, as the principal speaker.

## Pompton Lakes, N. J., Lodge Has 342 Charter Members

New Jersey Elksdom is understandably proud of the fact that nearly 350 men were accepted as Charter Members of Pompton Lakes Lodge No. 1895. D.D. John Byrne officiated in the institution ceremonies; State Pres. Joseph F. Bader handled the installation of E.R. George W. Schultz and his fellow officers, and P.E.R. Joseph Wallace and other Paterson Elk leaders handled the initiation of the candidates who were welcomed by Grand Trustee William J. Jernick.

State Vice-Pres. Frank Scolpino participated in the program, as did State Organization Chairman Dr. Louis Hubner and ten other P.D.D.'s and P.E.R. H. P. Phelan of Ridgefield Park.

## Interesting News from Nebraska

The officers of Lincoln, Neb., Lodge No. 80, have earned great credit for its very successful Invitational Ritualistic Contest in which Augusta, Kans., Iowa Falls, Ia., and Lincoln and Scottsbluff, Neb., competed. The Kans. contingent won first place, followed by Scottsbluff, Lincoln and Iowa Falls in that order. The host lodge donated a handsome trophy.

On Apr. 26th, the Nebraska Elks completed their 13th Annual State Bowling Tournament with a total entry of 125 five-man teams, 268 doubles and 538 singles. Twenty of the State's 21 lodges were represented in the event which took place at Grand Island, with R. E. Townsend and Herb R. Baker as Co-Chairmen.

The North Platte Elks No. 8 group took the team championship, while the doubles honors went to B. Crooks and E.



Mrs. G. M. Bailey presents the Elks' ladies' \$400 check to Committee Chairman J. A. Marques for Mobile, Ala., Lodge's Crippled Children's Fund. At right is Secy. J. M. Lynch.



Nampa, Ida., Lodge's first E.R., W. C. Dewey, left, is greeted by retiring E.R. J. Walter Garrity on Old Timers and P.E.R.'s Night.



Exalted Ruler Richard Truran, seated fifth from left with the other Meadville, Pa., Lodge officers and the members of the team, student managers, coach John Joy, and school officials at the Elks' third annual basketball testimonial banquet honoring the local high school team.

Vodehnal of York. B. Wanek of Lincoln won the singles title, with J. Camara of Scottsbluff the all-events winner.

**Missouri Has New Lodge at Clayton**

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell and Grand Trustee N. H. Feder participated in the ceremonies bringing Clayton Lodge No. 1881 into being. The officers of St. Louis Lodge conducted the institution rites, Washington Elk leaders handled the initiation of 90 Charter Members who, with those dimitting from other lodges, brought the membership to 123, and No. 1881's new officers were installed by Festus-Crystal City dignitaries.

Over 550 Elks from Mo. and Illinois attended the program, at which Mr. Campbell was an interesting speaker. D.D. Lowell C. McCarty spoke briefly, and Dr. Feder welcomed the new Elks.

**Ithaca, N. Y., Lodge Gives Flags to New Citizens**

The members of Ithaca Lodge No. 636 have inaugurated a most worthwhile patriotic service. Informed by a new member, *Journal* photographer G. Frederick Mohn, assigned to cover naturalization proceedings in Tompkins County Court, that the court was presenting American Flags of a very poor quality to each new citizen, the lodge officers decided to take over this duty and supply flags of the same quality as those given each new Elk.

The court was highly pleased with the offer, and not long ago, E.R. James R. Graves made the lodge's first presentation to a group of new Americans. Each banner is accompanied by a small card on which is printed the story of our Flag.

**Ind. Elks Erect Cancer Posters**

Secy. C. L. Shideler reports that, at a cost of \$6,230, the Ind. Elks Assn. has erected 222 billboard posters in areas covered by 68 lodges as part of its outstanding Cancer project.



Officers of the new Clayton, Mo., Lodge, pictured with dignitaries who attended the institution. Seated center, third, fourth and fifth from left respectively are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Exalted Ruler Herman Brooks and Nick H. Feder of the Board of Grand Trustees.



Above: Cambridge, Mass., Lodge officers and the lodge's fine 50th Anniversary Class. Present were Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan, Sen. John J. Kennedy and 85-year-old James Fitzmaurice who participated in the lodge's institution.



Left: With E.R. Waltzy Elliott and other Winnemucca, Nev., Elks who sponsored it, is the Wishing Well aiding the Nev. Society for Crippled Children, displayed at the office of the *Sonoma Sun* which shared the expense of its erection.

Right: Present for the institution of Littleton-Westford, Mass., Lodge were, left to right, seated: Past Grand Treas. John F. Burke, D.D.'s Edward O'Rourke and W. E. Quinlan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, State President Dr. Henry I. Yale, D.D. George E. McManus. Standing P.E.R. Edward Lutsky, P.D.D. O'Connor, D.D. Irving L. Stackpole, P.E.R. Charles G. Sullivan, Grand Trustee Thomas J. Brady and former Grand Lodge Committeeman Edward A. Spry.

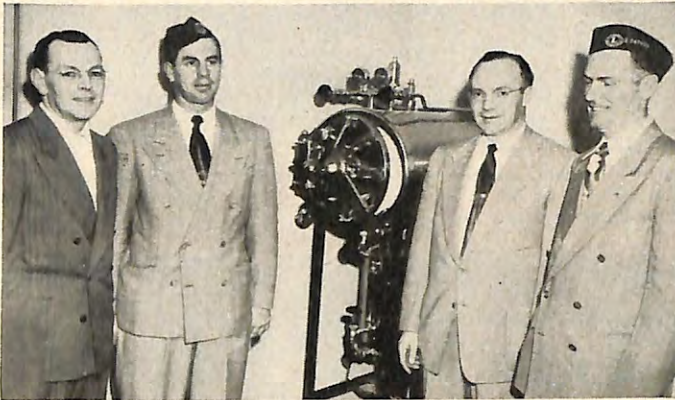




After Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern had granted permission, the first initiatory ceremony in the history of the Elks National Home was conducted by the officers of Roanoke, Va., Lodge, pictured here with the candidates, before more than 100 residents. D.D. Paul Johnson was on hand for the program which included a musical interlude and a supper.



Arriving in Alaska for a visit to Juneau, Skagway, Sitka, Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan Lodges are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, second from left, and Grand Lodge State Associations Committee Chairman Edwin J. Alexander, right. At left is Juneau Lodge's E.R. Stuart Houston; third from left is Arthur Adams, Alaska District Deputy.



Bozeman, Mont., Lodge brought its Minstrel Show cast to Ennis to put on a performance sponsored by the Lions Club. Proceeds of the affair made possible the purchase of this \$1,687 sterilizer for the Madison Valley Hospital. Photographed with the equipment are, left to right: 1952 Minstrel Show Director Ernest Heeb, Lions Club President Hal Pasley, 1953 Show Director Cecil Overfelt and Lions Secretary Wayne Cowan.



Just before the late Sister Kenny left for Australia last year, the lodges of the So. Cent. and So. Cent. Coast Districts of Calif. presented this station wagon to her Polio Hospital in El Monte. The El Monte Elks took over the job of keeping the car in shape. Pictured mounting a new set of tires they donated, are P.E.R. J. A. Dienlin, Carl Herold and E. H. Stewart, Hospital Administrator, all members of El Monte Lodge.



Opening the N. Y. Elks Bowling Tourney at Albany: Co-Chairman J. A. Robelotto, Mayor Erastus Corning, Chairman Harold Stanton, Plattsburg's Harold Bracken, Co-Chairman Jos. Driscoll, E.R. J. A. Stiles.



At Fulton, N. Y., Lodge's Homecoming dinner for State Vice-Pres. J. A. Fistick were, left to right: Judge Maurice Conley, Toastmaster, State Pres. J. A. Gunn, Mr. Fistick, E.R. J. B. Hanlon, P.D.D. R. C. Quade.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, fourth from right, with other Elk officials and hospital patients, and the boxing ring donated by a member of Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge to the local Veterans Hospital. Others pictured include Philadelphia E.R. J. F. Doule, former Grand Tiler John McIntyre, and Lew Tendler, famous southpaw fighter of the 20's.

Pupils of the well-known Sunshine School receive gifts from Committee Chairman H. K. Poffenberger, standing center, and E.R. K. H. McIsaac, kneeling, of Fresno, Calif., Lodge, which has held two annual minstrel shows for the benefit of cerebral-palsy victims, raising over \$5,500.



# ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

**Dan says he doesn't know bass—claims the lure does it all**



THERE IS one thing for sure that I know about catching bass, and I am proud of that. Maybe I should go right ahead and describe that one thing and not mention the fact that there are several other things which I don't know. However, I will come clean. I've known and fished with a mighty lot of poor bass fishermen in my time, but none that I can recall can compare with me. The truth is that on the whole I am the poorest bass fisherman I know. That at least is a distinction.

It took me a long while to come to such an unfortunate conclusion. Certainly this sad state of affairs isn't due to lack of experience. I actually commenced bass fishing before I can remember. Near the start of time as far as I personally was involved, my Dad used to go bass fishing many summer evenings, and he would take us kids along with him in the boat. I was the youngest, too small even for good ballast, and I can faintly recall nodding to sleep at the day's end to the music of the katydids and the whippoorwills on shore and to the rhythmic chunk, chunk of the oars as Dad rowed homeward. It was sometime back in this dim fledgling stage—too early to remember the incident—that I caught my first bass, and I have been fishing for them ever since.

There was a time, I admit, when I thought I was good. This was about the age when I had pretty well mastered the various fly-rod and casting-rod techniques, which accomplishment, I was sure, made me a good fisherman. If I had somehow stopped fishing for bass at that stage, I undoubtedly would have been one of those superior souls known as authorities; however, I have done a lot since then, and the more I have done the less I have known for sure. I don't blame myself, of course. It's the contrary nature of the fish. For instance, it is obvious that a bass is a voracious feeder—he is always hungry—yet there are days when no technique nor lure I know anything about will so much as make one of them stir a fin in my direction. I won't catch any more bass than my neighbor who is out giving it a try for the first time in his life. Maybe I'll catch even less. There's nothing fair about this, of course. Bass should be more considerate of my experience and fishing lore, but since they aren't I must conclude that there is a lot

I don't quite understand about these fish.

However, there is the one thing—if only one—that I do know for sure about catching bass. With it I can not only hold my own but I can come out ahead in any company—including such competition as the barefoot boy with his cane pole and bobber. Strangely enough, this one thing is a lure. In all other fishing that I know anything about, there are many considerations more important than the individual lure of the moment, such things as a working knowledge of the habits of the fish in question and the approach—that is, how, when and where the lure is presented. In this case, though, the lure stands by itself.

To be fair, this lure is not universally applicable to bass fishing. I limit its use to large-mouth fishing, and, more specifically, to largemouths when they are in the weeds and pads. I will also admit that there are other forms of bass fishing which I prefer considerably to this particular type. Possibly this dates back to my earliest expeditions, but the fishing I enjoy above all other is late-evening and night fishing on a calm lake. At such times I won't use anything but a surface lure, either a top-water plug or a popping bug. Other lures will work well on calm evenings, of course, but the thrill of it for me is teasing a stubborn bass up from the bottom and seeing—or hearing—him smash it on top. I also enjoy using this same surface technique for bigmouths around the pads in the daytime wherever it is possible to work a floater through open leads and in the little bays of clear water.

Also, this magic lure of which I speak has nothing to do with small-mouth fishing, which many fishermen agree is the finest of bass fishing. It would be quite possible to catch smallmouths on it, but it would be nothing to cause a person to get up on his hind legs and shout about. In fact, along

the rocky reefs and deep ledges, it wouldn't compare for a moment with a small, diving plug or a spinner fly, for instance, and in river small-mouth fishing it would prove little if anything. As I said, I definitely consider it a large-mouth lure.

However, even though it has definite limitations, it is good to know something for sure about anything as perplexing as bass fishing—and this is something for sure. I don't say this lightly, having used it once or twice successfully and therefore assuming that this proves the case conclusively. I have used it for fifteen years in many different waters, and it worked as well for me the last time I used it the other day as it did the first time. Possibly there are other lures which are as effective under these same circumstances, although I have never happened

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Photo by Dan Holland



End of a good day—with two nice bass landed.

# ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

## at the VA HOSPITAL in RICHMOND, VA.

The view below is a familiar one to the members of the Order in Virginia. It shows the enormous spread of the McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital near Richmond, Va., where, as evidenced by the letter reproduced here, the Elks of that State have devoted a great deal of time and thought to the entertainment of its hundreds of patients.

This year's Elk programs are proceeding at an even faster pace, and will continue as long as our wounded fighting men are stationed there.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
HOSPITAL  
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

August 1, 1952

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:  
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Mr. Morris Lutto  
Virginia State Elks Veterans Service Commission  
426 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lutto:

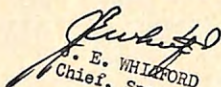
It is a pleasure on behalf of the patients here at McGuire, to thank you and the Virginia State Elks Veterans Service Commission, for the fine programs your group have presented during the fiscal year, July 1951 through June 1952.

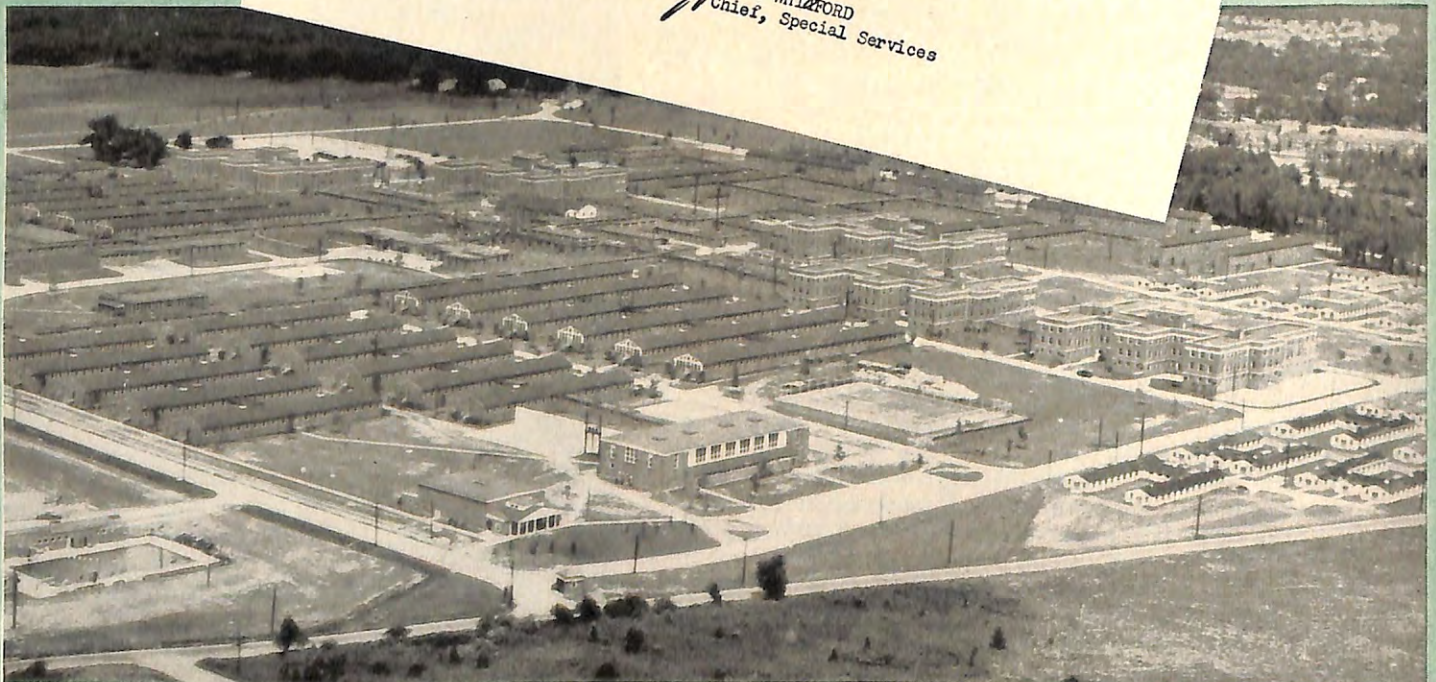
It will be of interest for you to know that our records show 668 volunteer hours credited to your group for the fiscal year, a record that speaks for itself. These hours represent monthly entertainment programs here at the hospital for patient enjoyment. Our patients always look forward to the last Friday in each month for these outstanding programs presented through your organization.

The New Year's Party is always a wonderful climax to the holiday season's activities, and the midsummer watermelon feast in August is greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all the patients.

The patients and staff are very grateful to you and your organization for the interest shown our hospitalized veterans and we sincerely hope that we may continue to have your fine programs to look forward to for many years to come.

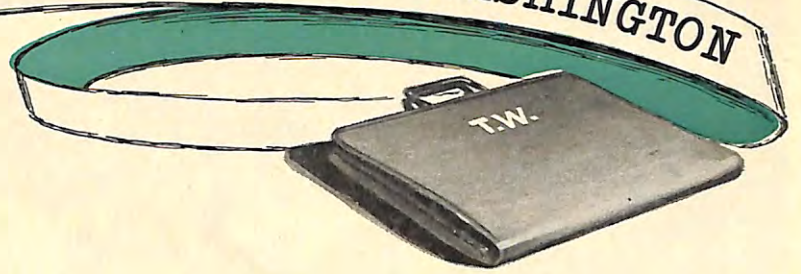
Sincerely yours,

  
J. E. WHIZFORD  
Chief, Special Services





## TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



**T**HE CITIZEN known as a "constituent" looms as a very important person on the list of senators and representatives in Congress. A "constituent" is more than a voter. Correct definition is "one who is entitled to vote for an officer or representative." Thus, members of Congress speak freely of their constituents and brag about the big majorities of voters they hold in their states or districts. Privately, however, they keep a close check on their constituents, especially in spots where the voting can go either way. Right now as the time arrives to sum up the accomplishments and the failures of the first session of the 83rd Congress, big political battles are building up behind the scenes. With both Senate and House controlled by slim Republican margins, the political strategy of the primaries and elections of 1954 already is being shaped. Nearly all members are sending out letters, many of them weekly, to constituents. Over 1,000 radio recordings are being made each week for home use. The Radio and TV studio with \$300,000 of equipment is a busy place. Everything is at cost and Congressmen spend \$14,000 a week on tape recordings alone. Many TV films are made at a cost price of but \$27.93 for 15 minutes. Political leaders, meantime, already are out in the field making speeches in vital areas. It's the American way of winning that much sought for citizen—the "constituent."

### FASTER THAN BULLETS

Major Charles "Chuck" Yeager, first man to fly faster than sound, is out to reach "mach 2", 1,520 mph, or twice the speed of sound at sea level. Bill Bridgeman, commercial test pilot, has flown 1,238 mph, the official speed record. That's twice the muzzle velocity of a .45 pistol bullet.

### MRS. CASH MAKES CASH

Uncle Sam pays back over \$6,000,000 a year to folks who turn in their burned, mutilated, moldy, mice-gnawed folding money. It's done through the Currency Redemption Division of the Treasury. One of the experts in piecing together fragments of bills is Mrs. Addie Cash, believe it or not. There are 26 women examiners in the division. With needles, magnifying glasses, tweezers and spatulas they work day after day putting together the remnants of greenbacks, many of

large denomination. If there is enough to make a positive identification the owner gets new money. One year more than \$12 million were returned. But many millions are lost every year, burned or torn or chewed up by rodents or insects beyond recognition.

### MECHANICAL BRAIN

Navy has a new mechanical brain which cost \$300,000. It has 3,500 vacuum tubes, miles of wires and thousands of intricate parts. The "brain" deals in stupendous figures. It can add up a column of 1,000 different numbers, each having a total of up to a billion, and the total comes out in the trillions in a half second. The amazing doodad is also a giant memory box which can be used to keep military inventories up to date day after day, always ready with the grand total.

### READ THE LABEL

Over 3,000 people a month are sending in for the new consumer booklet, "Read The Label", issued by the Food and Drug Administration. It tells what to look for on food, drug and cosmetic labels to get the best buy for your money. For instance, you may label 8 oz. of sardines, but it is illegal to put 8 oz. in a 12 oz. can. A label which says "noodles with chicken" means there are more noodles than chicken and "chicken with noodles" means more chicken than noodles. FDA regulations covering cosmetics are strict. Each year men, women and children, too, use tons of toothpaste, creams, lotions, hair dressing and such. Cosmetics are colored with coal tar dyes and out of thousands of dyes only 117 have been approved by FDA as safe for use. Lipstick dyes are harmless and can be swallowed without ill effect. Be careful, however, of what you use on eye lashes or eyebrows the booklet says. It can be secured from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 15 cents.

### CHILLED CHERRY BLOSSOMS

At last we have a solution, perhaps, of the Japanese cherry blossom problem. As everyone knows, the trees around the tidal basin generally bloom too early or too late to fit the dates of the annual festival. The American Warehousemen's Association decided to have blooming

cherry trees, five of them, at their recent convention and they did. They put the trees in cold storage in one of their warehouses weeks ago just as the buds were opening. A day or so before the convention the trees were moved outdoors and they sure bloomed. If someone can figure a way to put plastic covers on the tidal basin trees and have them chilled or warmed as needed, the festival next Spring will be a real success.

### POSTAL PROBLEM

To get the Post Office Department out of the red has been a problem for years, largely because of the huge cost of handling free government mail. Postmaster General Summerfield, streamlining the department, wants the government to reimburse the service for the subsidy burdens. Deficits have been running around \$2 million or more a day. Postal employes now number over 500,000. How to reduce the force and at the same time provide increased service is another headache. Under the new program the department will operate on about \$600 million, or \$150 less than last year.

### FRIENDLIEST FIRST LADY

Mrs. Eisenhower with her friendly, cordial ways has already endeared herself to thousands of people. No matter how crowded her schedule, the First Lady seems always ready to include one more engagement. Even Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffrey, her secretary, would not hazard a guess as to the number of people with whom Mrs. Eisenhower has shaken hands during less than six months in the White House. A line of say 500 is just an everyday affair.

### POTOMAC PRATTLE

A 350-year-old oak tree has been discovered near the old C & O canal just outside the District. Maybe George Washington ate his lunch under it while surveying. . . . American air force jet fighters now show a 11 to 1 victory ratio over the Reds. . . . The 4,542 parking meters here are wound once a week by two husky young men. . . . Russia is reportedly training 50,000 engineers this year compared to 17,000 in this country. . . . Weather Bureau sells a 30-day forecast for \$4.80 a year which predicts warmer or colder, wetter or dryer than normal.



Left: Elk dignitaries photographed at the Okla. State Elks Assn. Banquet were, left to right: Pres. Arthur J. Hall, D.D. V. P. Cavanaugh, former Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, host E.R. Leonard Johnson, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, D.D. Bert Wysor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Grand Trustee Dr. N. H. Feder (partially hidden), and Toastmaster W. B. Leet.

## *The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits*

ACCOMPANIED by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rightor, the Order's leader, Sam Stern, was among the nearly 500 persons who attended the Annual Convention of the LOUISIANA ELKS ASSN. in JENNINGS on Apr. 17, 18 and 19. Pres. Paul E. Chazez presided at the Convention sessions, one of which was addressed by Mr. Stern who was also the principal speaker at the State Assn. Banquet when Grand Inner Guard Roy Yerby was Master of Ceremonies. Other dignitaries on hand included Past Grand Tiler Sidney A. Freudenstein, Special Deputy Floyd Brown of Okla., D.D.'s Willis C. McDonald and Herbert L. Boudreaux, Mayor John L. Connor and many other civic and fraternal officials. Mr. Stern presented a \$400 scholarship to Denny Marshall, local high school student, and a \$100 U.S. Bond for Youth Leadership went to Miss Marilyn A. Caillouet. Baton Rouge Lodge won the Ritualistic title for the State for the second time and was selected as host to the 1954 meeting. Highlights of the three-day program included impressive Memorial Services, the banquet and a dance.

Officers elected at this meeting were Pres., Leon B. Page, Baton Rouge; Vice-Pres., So., Guy Deano, Jr., New Orleans; Vice-Pres., No., E. O. Payne, Natchitoches; Secy. (reelected), E. F. Heller, Alexandria; Treas. (reelected), Clarence Lacroix, Baton Rouge; Sgt.-at-Arms, Martin Arceneaux, Jennings; Tiler, Jacob Clausen, Franklin; Chaplain (reelected), Theo. J. Duhon, Baton Rouge; Trustee, Charles Clay, Opelousas. Holdover Trustees are D.D. W. C. McDonald and Jacob



Mr. Stern, center foreground, holds the plaque to be placed on the wall of the Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children, attesting to the dedication of a hospital bed in his honor by Atlantic City, N. J., Lodge. With him are E.R. Sidney M. Goodelman and Jos. S. Abrams, Exec. Secy. of the Home, and other officers and members of Atlantic City Lodge, Grand Trustee Wm. J. Jernick, Grand Lodge Committeeman Jos. P. O'Toole and Past State Presidents George L. Hirtzel and H. L. Wertheimer, P.D.D.

J. Amato, New Orleans; Charles B. Emery, Shreveport, and Don T. Lenhard, Baton Rouge. Among the many out-of-State visitors were P.D.D. G. B. White of Miss., and Harold Rubenstein, Secy. of the Texas Elks Assn.

Greeted at the outskirts of the city by both Highway and City Police escorts, as well as a group of members of **BISMARCK, N. D., LODGE, NO. 1199**, Apr. 21st, Sam Stern was escorted through the business section of town to the **KFYR Radio Station** where he made a broadcast. Later, a dinner honoring the Grand Exalted Ruler took place at the Patterson Hotel with all lodge officers, P.E.R.'s, Trustees and Committee Chairmen on hand. The group then proceeded to the home of Bismarck Lodge for a program attended by approximately 200 members. The lodge's Purple and White Band, directed by Curt Dirlam, opened proceedings with a half-hour concert, following which State Trustee Paul Brewer introduced Mr. Stern and other visiting dignitaries, who were welcomed by Mayor Tom Kleppe.

Approximately 500 persons attended the Convention of the **OKLA. STATE ELKS ASSN.** at **TULSA**, Apr. 25th and 26th, which was highlighted by the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, former Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, and Grand Trustee Dr. N. H. Feder. The Order's present leader spoke at the Saturday afternoon business session, and at the banquet that evening, he delivered the principal address which was broadcast over station **KRMG**. Mr. Campbell spoke at the Sunday morning meeting. A. J. Brown of the Veterans Service Committee reported on the fine work the Elks of his State are doing for hospitalized servicemen, and John M. Collin, Chairman of the Assn.'s New Lodges and Rehabilitation Committee, discussed the progress made in Okla. during the year, which saw four new lodges established, and applications pending for two more. The Assn.'s Chairman of the Elks National Foundation and Scholastic Committee, Floyd Hyer, made a very satisfying report on the work of that group, and presented the Foundation Scholarships to the four top winners at the Assn. banquet. The honored students are Kerry L. Freeman, Tulsa, Miss Neva Jane Nelson, Cushing, and Frederick Page Dobson and Richard P. Storm, both of Oklahoma City. Awards in the Youth Leadership Program, headed by Paul Tibbens, were made by retiring Pres. Arthur J. Hall to Max Ray Tromblee and Miss Marilyn Sheets who tied for first place, Jo Ann Johnson and Donald Kay Williams. Holdenville Lodge's Youth Program received the highest commendation, while Oklahoma City Lodge won the State Assn. Award for its presentation of the best scrapbook recording its activities. For the third consecutive year, Duncan Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest; three of its members shared indi-

Right: At Bismarck, N. D., Lodge, left to right: P.D.D. J. S. Fevold, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern and P.E.R. A. O. Johnson.



vidual honors with two Holdenville officials, one from Woodward and one from Bartlesville.

Officers elected at this meeting were Pres., D. E. McCroskey, Ada; 1st Vice-Pres., C. R. Horton, El Reno; 2nd Vice-Pres., John W. Coons, Miami; 3rd Vice-Pres., Temple Benbrook, Woodward; Treas., Clair Hill, Shawnee; Secy., Melvin M. Smith, Shawnee; Chaplain, J. W. Gibbons, Okmulgee; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ed Rogers, Ada; Trustees (five years) H. J. Salz, Woodward; (two years) Harry B. Payne, Lawton; (one year) S. Broughton Collin, Stillwater.

Apr. 28th found the distinguished Fargo Elk in New Jersey, the guest of **ATLANTIC CITY LODGE NO. 276** at a gala dinner attended by E.R. Sidney M. Goodelman and his fellow officers and many other dignitaries. Among the guests were Grand Trustee William J. Jernick, Grand Lodge State Assns. Committeeman Joseph P. O'Toole, D.D.'s William F. Huff and Ernest B. Jemison, State Vice-Pres. Franz Ortolf, Past Presidents George L. Hirtzel and Harold L. Wertheimer, and Mayor Joseph Altman and County Judge Leon Leonard, both P.E.R.'s of the host lodge. On this occasion, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern congratulated Honorary Life Member Frank J. McIntyre on his 58th anniversary as an Elk. During his stay in the popular resort city, Mr. Stern received an honorary membership in the Explorer Post of the Boy Scouts which Atlantic City Lodge sponsors, and toured the Elk-operated Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children where E.R. Goodelman placed a wall-plaque marking the bed

dedicated by the lodge in honor of its distinguished guest.

E.R. William J. Porr and officers and P.E.R.'s of **RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J., LODGE, NO. 1506**, welcomed Mr. Stern when he made an unscheduled visit there accompanied by Mr. Jernick, Mr. O'Toole, D.D. John Byrne, State Vice-Pres. Frank Scolino and P.D.D. Grover Asmus.

Over 800 persons converged on **WICHITA** May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, for the Annual Convention of the **KANS. ELKS ASSN.** Eleven teams competed in the Ritualistic Contest which was won by El Dorado Lodge, while the P.E.R.'s ritualistic competition was taken by the former leaders from the eastern part of the State.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was the guest of honor at the Banquet and Ball held in conjunction with the meeting, when he and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner were the principal speakers. The National Championship sharpshooters from Atchison Lodge annexed both the five- and three-man titles for the fifth con-

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Above: At the La. Convention Mr. Stern was photographed with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor, right.



Left: At Thief River Falls, Minn., Lodge. Left to right: D.D. Dr. N. J. Rognlien, State Vice-Pres. Walt Jung, Mr. Stern, P.D.D. J. E. Bloomquist and State Pres. Dr. M. H. Carlson.



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Only 105 miles of the chasm are within the limits of the National Park, but still, that should give you plenty to look at it. At Yavapai Point on the south rim, it is ten miles across the ditch, and geologists from the National Park Service give daily lectures here about the wonders of nature. Among the wonders is the Colorado River which buzzes along through the canyon floor at anywhere from 2½ to 20 miles

an hour chewing away a million tons of sand every day. This has been going on for longer than I can quite comprehend, and it just shows you what persistence can accomplish.

For those who stand on the rim and look down, the Canyon is always changing. As the sun shifts the vermilion shades become russet, the cerise becomes bronze, maroon blends into copper, the orange becomes tarnished, the white turns ashen gray. Those who view these proceedings from the south rim can make their headquarters at El Tovar Hotel. Paved footpaths run out from here and the morning drives of the motor coaches stop at Powell, Hopi, Mohave, Pima, and come to a halt at Hermit's Rest. An afternoon drive travels east through the Kaibab National Forest, skimming the Canyon's rim with stops at Yavapai, Yaki, Moran, and Lipan, terminating at the Indian Watchtower, which offers one of the finest views of the Canyon, the Kaibab Forest, and the Navajo Indian country as well.

El Tovar Hotel, the Bright Angel Lodge and Grand Canyon Cabin Camp offer fine food and reasonable accommodations. The buses are operated by Fred Harvey, who also maintains a string of mules. The mules are for those who are less engaged by a long distance view than a close-up inspection. The penalty for this curiosity comes in the form of mule-back journeys into the Canyon itself. Guides lead the curious from the south rim down Bright Angel Trail stopping at Indian Gardens and ending on the rocky banks of the Colorado exactly one mile below the rim. After lunch by the river, an afternoon's climb lands you back on the rim before dinner. Twenty thousand



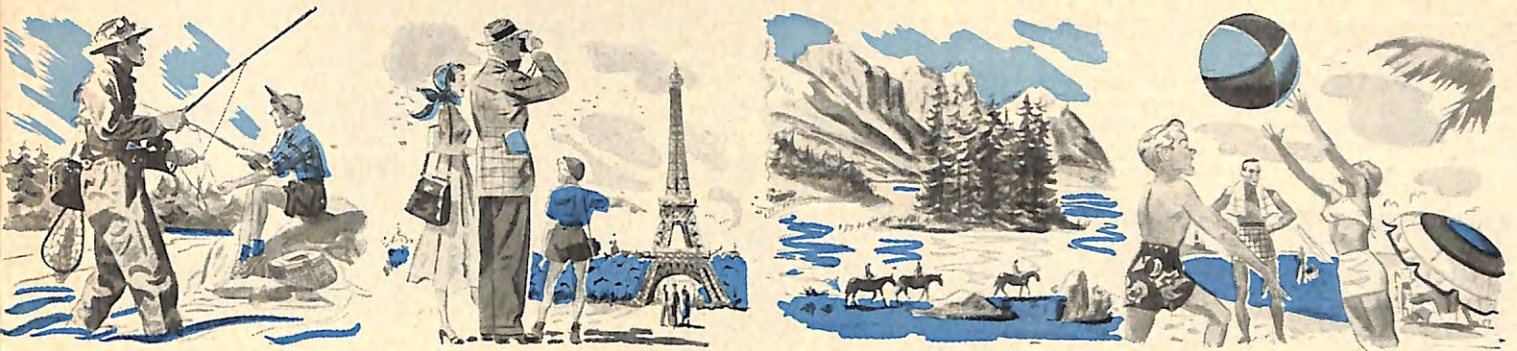
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people make the trip every year. For those who would commune even closer to rock bottom, there is a two-day Phantom Ranch trip. The ranch, on the floor of the Canyon, has rustic cabins and even a swimming pool.

The numerous package tours of the Santa Fe Railroad ranging, in length, from two weeks to a month and priced from \$200 up, cover not only the usual tourist attractions of the western U. S., but also extend into Canada and Mexico. All 31 of the tours include stops at Grand Canyon.

Travelers doing Grand Canyon can easily tie in visits to the Utah parks—Bryce Canyon and Zion. At Zion, the Virgin River is busy washing away a canyon from the Navajo sandstone beds. The Mount Carmel Tunnel at Zion has six windows cut out of the rock, giving magnificent views of the Canyon 1,000 feet below. Once out of the tunnel, the highway will take sightseers on a twisting trail to the Canyon floor, a feat which took the river a million years to accomplish. There are trips to the floor by horseback too.

Bryce Canyon is something else again,

possibly because it is not really a canyon at all but a sort of natural amphitheater formed out of the pink and white limestone. It is two miles wide, three miles long and a 1,000 feet deep.

A variety of all-expense escorted tours are conducted through the southern Utah-Arizona parks by the Union Pacific Railroad. Figuring from Cedar City, Utah, and including all meals and lodging, there is a five-day Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon trip for \$78 and another over the same route with a shorter schedule for \$71.75. Three days at Zion comes to \$46 and two days of Zion and Grand Canyon is \$40.75. There are convenient trains to Cedar City from Chicago and St. Louis and also from Los Angeles.

The Chicago Northwestern and Union Pacific tie up with a package tour of the Utah-Arizona National Parks covering all three areas from Chicago in twelve days for \$238.50 in coaches, or about \$50 more in sleeping cars. Another tour takes in the above areas and also Yellowstone, leaving Chicago every Sunday.

Yellowstone was the great unbelievable  
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From the top of East Rim Trail, a guide points out the wonders of Zion Canyon in Zion National Park. The Virgin River has carved this great chasm through countless centuries, carrying millions of tons of rock into the Colorado River.

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# NEWS OF THE LODGES

Right: Retiring E.R. V. W. Palmer, last row, right, with incoming E.R. V. C. Barnes on his right, pictured with the class initiated into Annapolis, Md., Lodge in his honor, bringing the total number of his term's initiates to 58.



Above: The officers and Trustees of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, wearing their jewels of office, with the officers of Davenport, Ia., Lodge when the latter initiated a class for the host lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern.



Right: Minot, N. D., Lodge's officers and 29 new members.

## Delray Beach, Fla., Elks Aid Harry-Anna Home Campaign

In connection with a current fund-raising campaign for the Fla. Elks Assn.'s Home for Crippled Children at Umatilla, 800 pounds of equipment in the form of a diorama was brought to the area by Delray Beach Lodge No. 1770. Residents and visitors had the opportunity to see the diorama which depicts the fine work being done at the Home. Dr. Charles Vogler, Chairman of the Committee in charge of arrangements, had the equipment displayed at five different points in the city between March 23rd and 28th, proclaimed Crippled Children's Week by Mayor L. D. Kern.

The equipment was also shown at Clewiston, Fort Lauderdale, Lake Worth, West Palm Beach, Hollywood and New Smyrna Beach.

## Nebraska Elkdom Mourns August Schneider

The entire State of Nebraska was saddened to learn of the death of 82-year-old August Schneider who passed away Apr. 27th. Known throughout the area as "Mr. Elk", he was the pioneer in the Elks' magnificent program for the rehabilitation of crippled children of the State, having organized the first clinic in Beatrice in 1930, and organizing and attending more than 200 other clinics.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Schneider devoted himself entirely to humanitarian work, and even after his death, "Mr. Elk" made certain that his good work would continue. By the terms of his will, recently probated, and after disposing of a few personal effects, he left his entire estate, estimated at \$50,000, to the Nebraska Elks Assn. to be held in trust.

His will directed that the sum of \$1,000 be used for the upkeep of the Joseph G. Buch physiotherapy room in the University Hospital at Omaha, and that the entire balance be administered by the State Assn. Trustees "for the benefit of the handicapped children of Nebraska".

A P.E.R. of York Lodge No. 1024, Mr. Schneider was President of the State Assn. in 1925. Funeral services, held in St. Joseph's Church in York, were attended by hundreds of members of the Order. Mr. Schneider is survived by his daughter, Sister Mary Miriam of the Ursuline Order in Dallas, Tex.

## N. Y. State Pres. Gunn Welcomed by Home Lodge

One of the highlights of the year for Mamaroneck, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1457, was its homecoming dinner for State Assn. Pres. James A. Gunn.

Among the speakers on the program, at which P.E.R. Leo H. Heithaus was Toastmaster, were two former leaders of Elkdom, Hon. James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Quinn, State Assn. Chaplain, made the invocation, and the benediction was given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George C. Ehardt. P.D.D. William J. Kuhn delivered the opening address and Wm. H. Johnson, Village Manager, and P.E.R. B. J. Santoro also spoke.

## Ore. N.E. Dist. Elks Generous to Elks National Foundation

At his second clinic, Ore. N.E. D.D. Lee Stewart presented a plan designed to assure the area's cooperation with the Grand Exalted Ruler's plea for \$1.00 per member for the Elks National Foundation's Silver Anniversary. D.D. Stew-

art's idea was to add a request for \$1.00 to each dues notice, leaving it optional with the members as to whether or not they pay it. The E.R.'s agreed unanimously to make this addition to their notices, and of the 11 lodges in the District, at least six report that their full quota will be reached by this method, and presented to Mr. Stern at the Grand Lodge Convention. D.D. Stewart's own lodge, for instance, The Dalles No. 303, has a total membership of 1,252; early in May \$1,107 had been received for the Foundation from the 1,112 members who had paid their dues by that time.

## Sidney, Neb., Lodge Instituted

May 2nd was a big day for Sidney, a Nebraska oil and wheat town, when Sidney Lodge No. 1894 was instituted at well-attended ceremonies. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen was the principal speaker on the program which was attended by delegations from Colorado and Wyoming, as well as Nebraska.

The officers of Scottsbluff Lodge initiated the 202 Charter Members who were joined by about 40 Elks who transferred their membership to Sidney Lodge; the leaders of Ogallala Lodge installed the officers of this new branch of Elkdom.

## State Vice-Pres. Drysdale Mourned by Alabama Elks

Harry H. Drysdale, Vice-Pres. of the Ala. Elks Assn. and a member of Mobile Lodge No. 108, passed away Apr. 12th as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. A native of Selma, Ala., Mr. Drysdale served his country in both World War I and II. He was buried in the U.S. National Cemetery in Mobile on Apr. 16th, with full military honors.





This is the 1953 Basketball Team sponsored by Hendersonville, N. C., Lodge. The group won the No. Car. Championship in the Elk-sponsored tournament in Shelby, defeating the Hickory Elks' entry. In the three years the lodge's Youth Activities Committee has supported a hoop group, their boys took the State title twice and was a finalist the third year.



This year's Annual Charity Ball at Aurora, Ill., Lodge made possible the gift of three resuscitators to the city Fire Dept. Pictured at the presentation are, left to right: Committee Chairman F. R. Ackerman, E.R. Arthur Adams, Acting Mayor Allan Schoeberlein and Fire Chief Edward Ryan. The 1952 affair bought air-locks for the city's three hospitals.



Homewood, Ala., Lodge presents a \$1,825 check to sponsor five full-time beds at the Crippled Children's Clinic. Pictured with three-year-old polio patient Caroline Brown are, left to right: Elk Henry L. Cox, Clinic Vice-President Al DeMent, Bill Lawrence of the fine Elk Committee headed by John Weigand, and Exalted Ruler Ray C. Balthrop.



Exalted Ruler Samuel D. MacDonald, left, presents a plaque to Life Member Lincoln A. Payne, right, affiliated with Portland, Me., Lodge for 32 years, its Tiler for fourteen. Looking on are Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight C. Dwight Stevens and Mrs. Dorothy Mason Craig. The event celebrating Mr. Payne's 83rd birthday was attended by over 100 Elks.



Alameda, Calif., Lodge's 25th Annual Charity Baseball Game, starring some of the diamond's biggest names, brought \$1,500 to one of its "baby" charities, the Children's Home Society, a haven for foundlings, one of whom is held by Winifred Cobbledeick, Executive Head of the Society. Left to right: E.R. J. F. Durein, D.D. R. A. Smale, Manuel Duarte, 23-year Chairman of the Games, Clyde Getz, the Society's Exec. Director.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, third from left, presents the dispensation for the new Oceanlake, Ore., Lodge to its Exalted Ruler, Richard O'Neil, as D.D. George S. Gray, left, and Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee look on. Over 700 Elks saw the officers of Toledo Lodge initiate 210 men into this new branch of Elkdom for which Special Deputy Clifton B. Mudd was largely responsible.



Left: Pictured at the Iliou, N. Y., Lodge mortgage-burning were, left to right: Chaplain Rev. Michael Fufferd; Secy. T. S. Leahy; E.R. Earl Waldroff; senior P.E.R. Dr. E. B. Manion; Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan; Hon. John J. Scileppi of the Grand Forum; State Pres. J. A. Gunn; former Secy. E. M. Post.

Below: With Little League Baseball players sponsored by Danville, Va., Lodge at the pre-season chicken supper given for them by the Elks are, left to right: Lodge Secy. L. A. Womack, Committee Chairman W. L. Oakes, P.E.R. T. C. Hurd, E.R. J. E. Otto, Mgr. B. W. Beale, Coach Bill Bustle.



Above: E.R. William Barlocker, right, presents the \$490 proceeds of a dance sponsored by St. George "Dixie", Utah, Lodge, to County Polio Chairman Roy Renouf, lodge Esq., while Mrs. Ethel McArthur presents the \$675 raised by the Elks' ladies Mothers' March.



Right: This is Agana, Guam, Lodge's team in the All-Navy Softball League of Guam. Composed of Guamanian boys, 1951 Island Champions, the team is playing .750 ball, hopes to travel to Tokyo for the PacFarEast Playoffs and make up for the defeat of U.S. athletes by the Japanese team in the recent marathon in Massachusetts.



### Large Audience Sees Clewiston, Fla., Lodge Home Dedicated

About 600 persons attended the dedication of the handsome new home of Clewiston Lodge No. 1853, rounding out the first year of the lodge's existence.

E.R. Parker T. Wilson presided, introducing the principal speaker D.D. G. P. LeMoyné, representing Grand Exalted Ruler Stern who cancelled his plans to be present in order to attend the funeral of Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz. State Pres. Victor O. Wehle also spoke, as did Vice-Pres. A. E. Kirchman, and the Assn. Publicity Chairman Russell Kay.

The first events to be held in the new building were a Memorial Service for former Gov. Sholtz, and the Dist. Ritualistic Contest, won by West Palm Beach Lodge.

### 2,000 at Great Neck, N. Y., Elks Charity Ball

The 24th Annual Charity Ball conducted by Great Neck Lodge No. 1543 augmented the building fund for the Merchant Marine National Memorial Chapel by \$3,500. The event was climaxed when E.R. Louis Roman, Capt. Joseph Sawaska, USMS, and General Chairman Judge F. G. Edwards presented a Bible, a silk American Flag, and a copy of the Program to the Academy's senior Chaplain, Comm. Ralph O. Harpole. The gifts are to be placed in the cornerstone of



These Port Jervis, N. Y., Elks were pictured as they were about to visit the Jersey City Medical Center to replenish its blood bank for Elk Charles MacCahill whose recent illness required 90 transfusions. P.E.R. W. J. Boland, standing in the foreground, third from left, organized the project.

the proposed \$500,000 chapel.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Vincent Balletta, Jr., arranged a varied program which was attended by the well-known Jinx Falkenberg McCrary.

### Roanoke, Va., Elks Present Ritual at National Home

E.R. B. E. Estes and the officers of Roanoke Lodge No. 197 asked for, and received, permission of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern and Supt. R. A. Scott of the Elks National Home to visit the Home with two candidates, and perform the ritual of initiation before the Home Lodge.

Well over 100 Home residents witnessed the effective ceremony, and expressed their appreciation for the efforts

of the Roanoke officials and D.D. Paul Johnson, P.E.R., who participated in the ritual as Lect. Knight. Later, everyone enjoyed a buffet supper, served at Supt. Scott's direction.

### Midwest City Okla.'s Third New Lodge This Year

Earl E. James extended the greetings of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern to Midwest City Lodge No. 1890 at its institution banquet. D.D. Bert Wysor conducted the ceremonies attended by D.D.'s W. B. Leet and Dr. V. P. Cavanaugh, State Pres. Arthur J. Hall, Secy. J. A. Green, Vice-Presidents John Coons and C. R. Horton, and Past Pres. John M. Collin who was responsible for the organization of this lodge whose E.R. is Jack Guthery.

with Ed Faust



# In the Doghouse

Faust turns to 1870 for a memorable dog story.

HAVING once edited a dog magazine, I know for sure how easily some people who are fond of dogs get sentimental about them. Particularly does this manifest itself when some of those dog lovers are trying to write for publication about our four legged friends—which is all right provided the expressions are reasonably restrained, in good taste and framed in an interesting way. Among other editorial chores was the required reading of literally hundreds of stories, articles and poems submitted for publication by seasoned, established writers and also many who wanted to get that way. The sentimentality of the would-like-to-be writers often made the reading a painful matter. There are so many people who, when writing about Fido to sell what they write, confuse sentiment, which Webster defines as “tender feeling”, with sentimentality, which he also defines as “sentimental to excess”. It is that excess that makes editors weep, “but most certainly not in sympathy.

Occasionally there has emerged a written or an oratorical gem of lasting brilliance and if you'll bear with me long enough you may agree, as many have, that the subject of this sermon is one of those jewels. It was created by the death of a dog, not a blue-blooded pooch, but just an ordinary dog, a kind of non-descript hound dawg.

Come with me back to 1870, to the little town of Warrensburg, Missouri. We find it an unpretentious place but on September 23rd of that year a speech was made that has distinguished it in the hearts and memories of those who are truly fond of dogs for all the eighty-three years since it was given. The cause of the oration was the dog Old Drum. History tells us that Drum was a black and brown pup and by what followed we know that he was a character as inquisitive as a town gossip and it was this habit that brought on the trouble between Charlie Burden and his fellow townsman, Lon Hornsby.

Burden is described to us as a large, easy-going man with a bluff manner and possessed of a keen liking for hunting. He was also Drum's owner and because Drum himself was an ardent and efficient hunter Burden was fond of him above all other dogs in his pack. In those

days game was still plentiful in the vicinity of Warrensburg and it was not without reason, good reason, that Burden placed extra value on a dog that had the nose for the trail and the courage for a fight owned by the gifted Drum.

Our curtain rises to show a scene late one afternoon of October, 1869. Nosing his way along the shore of Big Creek we see Drum on some inquiring business of his own. Approaching in the distance is the small figure of Lon Hornsby accompanied by a friend, Dick Ferguson. For them it was the end of a day of hunting. Perhaps an unsuccessful day. We are not told, but it may have been so, and that might have contributed to the swift rise of Hornsby's notoriously hair-triggered temper. In the half-light that follows sundown, he saw the dim figure of a dog. All the brooding that he had done over the loss of some of his sheep killed by prowling dogs came to a head when he saw Old Drum trespassing on what was part of his property. He'd routed that dog away from there before and here the animal was back again, surely bent on mischief.

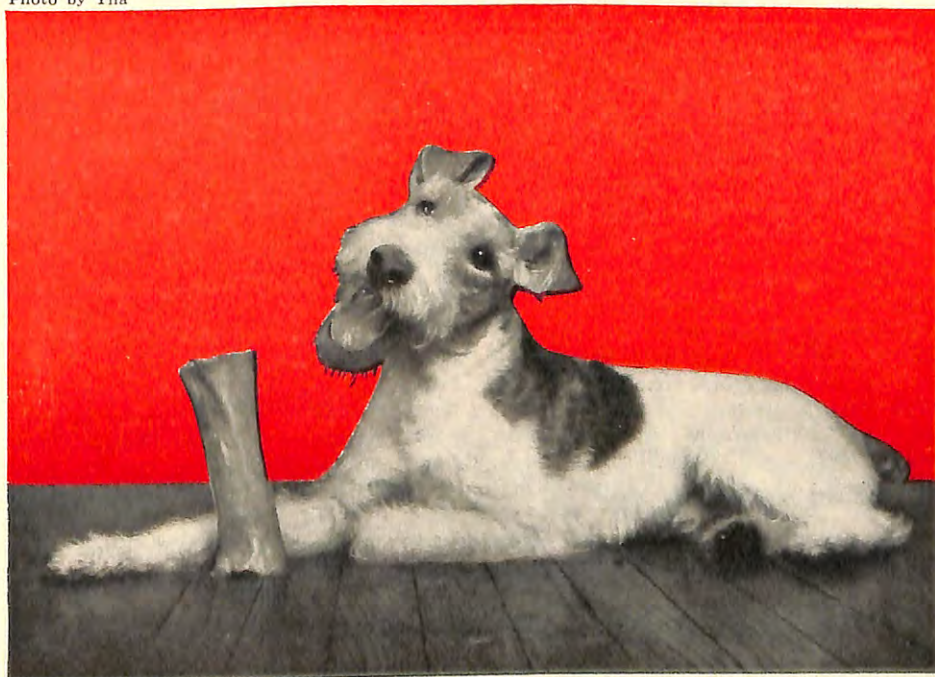
What Hornsby didn't know was that Drum was not a sheep killer and to inno-

cent Drum it probably never occurred that he should restrict his hunting territory. It is probable that every hair in Hornsby's red head bristled as he spoke to Ferguson, “There's that danged hound of Burden's on the loose again and up to no good. Burden says the dog's not a sheep killer but I don't believe him. Too many strays around here and what they have cost me has been plenty. Dick, your gun's loaded and that mutt is on my land. Let him have it.” At the sound of the voice Drum halted and gazed at the speaker from the far side of the Creek.

Ferguson's gun split the silence. Followed a sharp yelp and Drum disappeared into the underbrush, his whimpers ending in a distant splash. At feeding time that night Charlie Burden noted Drum's absence, but that wasn't unusual. Drum, like many another dog, when on an expedition of his own had no time to think about home cooking. Knowing Drum's habits, Burden gave the dog no further thought. But there were to be no more dinner calls for Drum. For Drum was dead, laying half-submerged in the muddy waters of Big Creek.

Burden wasn't left to guess about his  
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Photo by Ylla



The engaging wire-haired fox terrier has been the subject of many stories.



## THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

IT IS WITH A FEELING OF DEEP GRATITUDE that I look back over the past year and recall the day in New York when I was elevated to the high position of Grand Exalted Ruler. The inspiration of that honor, and the cooperation pledged by the officers and members of the subordinate lodges, have made the burdens of this year light. As I recall in retrospect the various phases of the service and activities of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, I realize once more just how great is our Order," Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Fargo, North Dakota, Lodge No. 260, stated in opening his Report to the Grand Lodge Session in St. Louis. From the beginning of his administration, the Grand Exalted Ruler said his aim was to carry on the policies of his predecessors that were so valuable to the Order, some of which have been the Blood Donor Campaign, National Newspaper Week, District Deputy Clinics and Youth Activities. In addition to this, he incorporated in his Grand Lodge Program these objectives:

1. National Foundation Silver Anniversary Campaign.
2. Institution of new lodges.
3. Increase in membership.
4. The development of at least one major community welfare project by each of the subordinate lodges of the Order.

### Membership

Much stress has been laid on a substantial and healthy growth in membership. Mr. Stern pointed out. New members were sought on a selective basis, not by indiscriminate membership drives. Investigating committees were instructed to give thorough attention to every application by contacting references, proper notice to the membership, etc. Two special classes were requested during the year—a "United America Class" during Thanksgiving Week, and a "Sam Stern Birthday and Birthday of our Order Class" during February. While complete records are not available for the totals of these classes, unquestionably, they were instrumental in bringing into our Order many outstanding men in hundreds of communities throughout the nation. (For complete details as to the membership and dispensations granted, refer to the Ex-

cerpts of the Report of the Grand Secretary included on the opposite page).

### District Deputies

The work of the District Deputies is an extremely important factor in any administrative year of the Grand Lodge, Mr. Stern stated. "I have been very fortunate in having District Deputies who were able, conscientious and loyal. These men will tell you of their great experiences with our clinics, of the assistance of these clinics in the education of leaders and in the administration of the affairs of the subordinate lodges," he said. Mr. Stern extended his personal appreciation and thanks for the gracious assistance that his District Deputies gave him during his year as Grand Exalted Ruler.

During the year Mr. Stern found it necessary to appoint a small number of Special District Deputies, as follows: James A. Farley, Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge No. 877; Hal Davies, Minot, N. D., Lodge No. 1089; John E. Drummey, Seattle, Wash., Lodge No. 92; T. E. George, Jamestown, N. D., Lodge No. 995; Ambrose A. Durkin, Washington, D. C., Lodge No. 15; Harry Lashkowitz, Fargo, N. D., Lodge No. 260; John N. Mohr, Hood River, Oregon, Lodge No. 1507; H. Earl Pitzer, Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge No. 1045; Thomas E. Whelan, Grand Forks, N. D., Lodge No. 255; Frank P. White, Oak Park, Ill., Lodge No. 1295 and Edward H. Lutsky, Brookline, Mass., Lodge No. 886.

### District Deputy Conferences

Four District Deputy Conferences were held for the purpose of organization and instruction. The first Conference was held at the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago, on August 2nd. The second Conference took place at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on August 9th, and the third meeting was at Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, on August 16th. The final Conference took place on August 30th at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va. At each of the four meetings, in addition to the regular instruction, the work of *The Elks Magazine*, the Elks National Foundation and the Elks National Service Commission was explained to the Deputies by the Past Grand Exalted Rulers who are members of the Commission having such work in charge.

### District Deputy Clinics

Continuing the practice established by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B.

Kyle, three District Deputy Clinics were held during the year. The first clinic was for the purpose of acquainting the subordinate lodge officers with Mr. Stern's program as well as the work of the Grand Lodge Committees. This clinic was called as soon as possible after the District Deputy returned from the meeting at which he received his instructions. The second clinic was called shortly after the first of the year, for the purpose of reviewing with the Exalted Rulers their progress with the program, and to emphasize again the various phases of the Grand Lodge program. The third and final clinic was called for the month of April. The prime purpose of this clinic was to instruct the new Exalted Rulers in the duties of their office and prepare them to guide efficiently the affairs of their respective lodges.

### Blood Bank

During his term of office, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis instituted the Blood Donor Program. This was so successful and served such an extremely humanitarian and patriotic purpose that Grand Exalted Ruler Stern decided to continue it during his term of office. Again it has been particularly successful and, in fact, to such a degree that the Order received the United States Defense Department's Award for the support of the Armed Forces Blood Donor Campaign. Mr. Stern in his Report extended his personal appreciation to everyone who in any way contributed to the success of this most worthwhile program, a report of which will appear in a later issue.

### Past Grand Exalted Rulers

"Words are inadequate to express my thanks to the Past Grand Exalted Rulers for their willing and able assistance, which was mine for the asking," the Grand Exalted Ruler said in his Report. "These men have dedicated a great portion of their lives to Elksdom, and the achievements of our Order are largely due to their unselfish devotion to the principals and problems of Elksdom."

### Appreciation Of Help

Grand Exalted Ruler Stern expressed his deep appreciation of the complete cooperation that the Grand Lodge Officers and Committees with which he was associated during his term of office gave him. He particularly thanked Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters; the Board of Grand Trustees; the Grand Treasurer, Edward A. Dutton; the Grand Lodge Chair Offi-

cers; the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, of which John C. Cochrane is Chairman; Chairman Everett E. Palmer of the Lodge Activities Committee and other members of this Committee; Chairman Benjamin F. Watson of the Youth Activities Committee and his fellow members; the State Associations Committee, of which Edwin J. Alexander is Chairman; the Ritualistic Committee, headed by Arthur J. Roy, and the members of the Grand Forum for the great assistance and sincere regard for his program that they had shown the Grand Exalted Ruler during his year as leader of the Order. Mr. Stern particularly appreciated the work of Robert A. Scott, Superintendent of the Elks National Home, who so efficiently and satisfactorily manages this great Elk institution. He also expressed his thanks for the work of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley as Chairman of the Elks National Foundation as well as his appreciation of the service to the Order that Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan is rendering as Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission.

### Emergency Charity Fund

At the request of Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell, the Grand



## THE GRAND SECRETARY

THIS year marked the 13th consecutive year that membership of the Order showed an increase and, as of March 31st, membership was 1,097,003—the highest in the history of the Order, Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters stated in his Annual Report to the Grand Lodge meeting in St. Louis.

### Membership

During the year ending March 31st, the subordinate lodges added 81,363 members by initiation, 10,875 by dimit and 7,918 by reinstatement. In the same period 157 members were expelled, 40,195 were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues and 15,270 were lost by death. However, membership during the year increased 27,135.

### Grand Lodge Finances

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

- In the Reserve Fund.....\$580,000
- In the General Fund..... 200,000
- In the Home Fund..... 220,000

At the Grand Lodge Session in New York in 1952, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge \$50,000 for the Re-

Exalted Ruler had checks in the amount of one thousand dollars each forwarded to Waco and San Angelo, Texas, lodges for the relief of sufferers from the tornado disasters in those areas.

### Charters

During the year the Grand Exalted Ruler found it necessary to revoke the Charter of Harrison, Arkansas, Lodge No. 1759.

### Conclusion

"This Report is only a sketch of the year's work. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my abilities", Mr. Stern said.

Grand Exalted Ruler Stern said in concluding his Report to the Grand Lodge: "In my visitations to some one hundred and fifty lodges and twenty State Conventions, it has been my privilege to meet many of our Brothers. The best wish that I can extend to my successor is that he will receive the same courteous and considerate treatment that I have been given from our members all over the nation. I could not close without this simple reminder that in a world burdened with war, and the aftermath of war, there is greater need than ever for the practice of the principles of our great Order."

serve Fund. The Board of Grand Trustees then purchased United States Bonds "K" in the amount of \$50,000 for the Reserve Fund and later in the year purchased \$10,000 worth of "K" Bonds out of interest accumulated on the bonds already in the Reserve Fund. At the 1950 Session in Miami, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge \$25,000 to be held in the Reserve Fund, this amount to be available to the Elks National Service Commission if an unforeseen emergency should arise. At the advice of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Service Commission, the Board of Grand Trustees used this sum to purchase \$25,000 worth of Series "K" Bonds. These three purchases made during the year brought the total amount of United States Bonds held in the Reserve Fund to \$580,000. Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$1,759,300.79; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98 making the total assets \$2,968,685.77, Mr. Masters reported.

### Bequests To Elks National Home

During the past year the Elks National Home received from the estate of Elsie F. Frank, a resident of New York City, \$208,144.30. Mrs. Frank was the widow of Samuel Frank, a member of New York

Lodge No. 1 from 1909 until his death on March 12th, 1930, and the gift to the Home was in memory of her husband. Out of this legacy, the Board of Grand Trustees purchased Series "K" Bonds in the amount of \$170,000 for the Home Fund and placed the balance of \$38,144.30 in cash in the National Home Fund. The purchase of this \$170,000 in "K" Bonds, added to the \$50,000 worth of Bonds already in the Home Fund, makes a total of \$220,000 in United States Bonds in the Home Fund, the Grand Secretary reported.

### Subordinate Lodge Finances

Mr. Masters reported that the subordinate lodges had, at the beginning of the year just closed, \$22,843,146.75 cash on hand. During the year the lodges received from all sources \$67,973,204.76 and spent \$66,024,003.08 of this, leaving  
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### Dispensations

#### Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis

| Dispensation Granted | Name and Number of Lodge                | Instituted |
|----------------------|---|------------|
| 6-6-52               | Stillwater, Okla., No. 1859             | 6-28-52    |
| 6-16-52              | Bristol County (Warren), R.I., No. 1860 | 6-29-52    |

#### Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern

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|----------|--|----------|
| 9-2-52   | Lumberton, N. C., No. 1861                         | 9-8-52   |
| 9-12-52  | Hillsboro, Ore., No. 1862                          | 9-27-52  |
| 10-13-52 | Fair Lawn, N. J., No. 1863                         | 10-26-52 |
| 10-16-52 | Southbridge, Mass., No. 1864                       | 1-25-53  |
| 10-23-52 | Lakewood, Calif., No. 1865                         | 11-29-52 |
| 11-3-52  | Essex (Baltimore), Md., No. 1866                   | 12-1-52  |
| 11-19-52 | Hayward, Calif., No. 1867                          | 12-6-52  |
| 11-21-52 | Mount Adams (White Salmon), Wash., No. 1868        | 12-13-52 |
| 11-26-52 | Condon, Ore., No. 1869                             | 12-13-52 |
| 11-28-52 | Stuart-Jensen (Stuart), Fla., No. 1870             | 12-6-52  |
| 12-5-52  | Fort Smith, Ark., No. 1871                         | 12-21-52 |
| 12-19-52 | Florida Keys (Islamorada), Fla., No. 1872          | 1-17-53  |
| 1-5-53   | Kissimmee, Fla., No. 1873                          | 1-24-53  |
| 1-6-53   | Pauls Valley, Okla., No. 1874                      | 1-24-53  |
| 1-8-53   | Toms River, N. J., No. 1875                        | 1-25-53  |
| 1-16-53  | Nacogdoches, Tex., No. 1876                        | 3-3-53   |
| 1-22-53  | Victorville, Calif., No. 1877                      | 3-7-53   |
| 1-28-53  | Alexander City, Ala., No. 1878                     | 2-18-53  |
| 1-29-53  | Fairhope, Ala., No. 1879                           | 2-22-53  |
| 2-5-53   | San Angelo, Tex., No. 1880                         | 2-27-53  |
| 2-11-53  | Clayton, Mo., No. 1881                             | 3-22-53  |
| 2-14-53  | McLeansboro, Ill., No. 1882                        | 4-3-53   |
| 2-16-53  | Calhoun, Ga., No. 1883                             | 2-28-53  |
| 2-27-53  | Quincy, Calif., No. 1884                           |          |
| 2-27-53  | Guymon, Okla., No. 1885                            | 3-21-53  |
| 2-28-53  | Oceanlake, Ore., No. 1886                          | 3-21-53  |
| 3-2-53   | Cape Girardeau, Mo., No. 639                       | 3-15-53  |
| 3-4-53   | Dothan, Ala., No. 1887                             | 3-26-53  |
| 3-12-53  | South Miami, Fla., No. 1888                        | 3-20-53  |
| 3-13-53  | Harlingen, Tex., No. 1889                          | 3-30-53  |
| 3-19-53  | Midwest City, Okla., No. 1890                      | 4-18-53  |
| 3-24-53  | Littleton-Westford (Littleton), Mass., No. 1891    |          |
| 3-27-53  | Green Cove Springs, Fla., No. 1892                 | 4-17-53  |
| 3-30-53  | Manchester, Conn., No. 1893                        |          |
| 4-4-53   | Sidney, Nebr., No. 1894                            |          |
| 4-10-53  | Prompton Lakes, N. J., No. 1895                    |          |
| 4-14-53  | Greater Wildwood (North Wildwood), N. J., No. 1896 |          |
| 4-15-53  | Alamogordo, N. M., No. 1897                        | 4-25-53  |
| 4-17-53  | Pompano Beach, Fla., No. 1898                      |          |
| 4-20-53  | South Kingstown (Wakefield), R. I., No. 1899       |          |
| 4-22-53  | Lodi, Calif., No. 1900                             |          |
| 4-25-53  | Jacksonville Beach, Fla., No. 1901                 |          |
| 5-13-53  | Verona, N. J., No. 1902                            |          |
| 5-19-53  | Dover, Del., No. 1903                              |          |
| 5-20-53  | Cottage Grove, Ore., No. 1904                      |          |

a cash balance as of March 31st, 1953, \$24,792,348.43. The total assets of the subordinate lodges at the close of the fiscal year are \$242,874,834.78.

### Growth of the Order

The year has been fruitful in substantial results, states the Grand Secretary. Fifty new lodges have been instituted. "They have been steady, hale and helpful and, in the largest degree, praiseworthy. Our subordinate lodges are, with rare and scattering exceptions, in prime repute and condition", Mr. Masters reported. In his Report, the Grand Secretary pointed out that while the gain is most pleasing, it is marred by the fact that 40,195 members of the subordinate lodges were dropped for non-payment of dues. "Such a large number of members dropped proves that lapsation remains a major problem. A tightening up on leaks caused by failure to collect subordinate lodge dues should be considered very seriously", he pointed out.

### Membership By States, 1953

| State            | Membership | State  | Membership |
|------------------|------------|--------|------------|
| Ala.             | 6,426      | Nebr.  | 14,986     |
| Alaska           | 7,479      | Nev.   | 4,075      |
| Ariz.            | 13,321     | N. H.  | 5,383      |
| Ark.             | 2,813      | N. J.  | 32,446     |
| Calif.           | 101,366    | N. M.  | 7,669      |
| C. Z.            | 1,308      | N. Y.  | 72,839     |
| Colo.            | 28,176     | N. C.  | 9,991      |
| Conn.            | 18,303     | N. D.  | 12,258     |
| Fla.             | 26,284     | Ohio   | 57,164     |
| Ga.              | 17,124     | Okla.  | 7,129      |
| Guam             | 254        | Ore.   | 39,354     |
| Hawaii           | 2,093      | Pa.    | 89,694     |
| Ida.             | 20,656     | P. I.  | 566        |
| Ill.             | 55,953     | P. R.  | 811        |
| Ind.             | 44,895     | R. I.  | 6,551      |
| Ia.              | 29,126     | S. C.  | 6,511      |
| Kan.             | 21,163     | S. D.  | 9,884      |
| Ky.              | 7,614      | Tenn.  | 9,605      |
| La.              | 2,776      | Tex.   | 20,664     |
| Me.              | 5,183      | Utah   | 4,982      |
| Md., Del., D. C. | 11,448     | Vt.    | 5,530      |
| Mass.            | 36,158     | Va.    | 12,700     |
| Mich.            | 49,678     | Wash.  | 51,089     |
| Minn.            | 14,293     | W. Va. | 18,043     |
| Miss.            | 3,231      | Wis.   | 26,656     |
| Mo.              | 12,687     | Wyo.   | 9,939      |
| Mont.            | 20,676     | Total  | 1,097,003  |

### Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the lodge year from April 1, 1952, through March 31, 1953:

| Activities  | Amount         |
|---|----------------|
| Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc. | \$ 654,554.99  |
| Summer Camps, Outings, etc.                                   | 198,228.58     |
| Crippled Children   | 844,551.75     |
| Medical Aid and Hospitals                                     | 425,641.77     |
| General Aid to Needy Families                                 | 230,250.17     |
| Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets                            | 698,818.39     |
| Elks National Foundation                                      | 147,450.83     |
| Scout Work  | 184,684.84     |
| Big Brother Work  | 191,835.57     |
| Playgrounds, including prizes                                 | 273,947.46     |
| Scholarships, Textbooks, etc.                                 | 188,143.41     |
| Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.                               | 294,308.63     |
| Veterans' Relief  | 146,305.61     |
| Miscellaneous   | 1,033,310.21   |
| Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc.                              | 187,742.59     |
| Total   | \$5,699,774.80 |

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction, from April 1, 1952, to March 31, 1953:

| State           | Amount       | State  | Amount         |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|----------------|
| Ala.            | \$ 41,755.14 | Nebr.  | \$ 67,364.45   |
| Alaska          | 25,742.09    | Nev.   | 26,246.39      |
| Ariz.           | 71,862.90    | N. H.  | 18,960.37      |
| Ark.            | 15,184.31    | N. J.  | 331,093.96     |
| Calif.          | 551,995.33   | N. M.  | 44,350.80      |
| C. Z.           | 3,979.61     | N. Y.  | 460,391.91     |
| Colo.           | 181,981.85   | N. C.  | 84,497.95      |
| Conn.           | 89,077.63    | N. D.  | 44,168.13      |
| Fla.            | 115,784.73   | Ohio   | 171,137.22     |
| Ga.             | 229,445.93   | Okla.  | 53,026.91      |
| Guam            | 940.33       | Ore.   | 216,041.91     |
| Hawaii          | 20,834.70    | Pa.    | 384,489.79     |
| Ida.            | 131,335.88   | P. I.  | 2,894.88       |
| Ill.            | 335,879.57   | P. R.  | 4,796.33       |
| Ind.            | 156,789.34   | R. I.  | 50,427.22      |
| Ia.             | 73,387.56    | S. C.  | 57,251.30      |
| Kan.            | 65,788.04    | S. D.  | 31,553.33      |
| Ky.             | 37,268.69    | Tenn.  | 81,289.91      |
| La.             | 22,827.98    | Tex.   | 174,845.67     |
| Me.             | 24,112.90    | Utah   | 68,800.53      |
| Md., Del., D.C. | 63,380.37    | Vt.    | 29,420.94      |
| Mass.           | 238,786.93   | Va.    | 59,987.59      |
| Mich.           | 117,337.71   | Wash.  | 161,079.15     |
| Minn.           | 40,257.38    | W. Va. | 124,268.04     |
| Miss.           | 17,112.29    | Wis.   | 106,325.52     |
| Mo.             | 65,478.35    | Wyo.   | 36,552.02      |
| Mont.           | 70,185.04    | Total  | \$5,699,774.80 |

bonds have been placed in a safety deposit box at the National Safe Deposit Company, Chicago, Illinois.

### Building Applications

During the past fiscal year the Board of Grand Trustees received applications from 95 subordinate lodges requesting approval to purchase, sell, make alterations, or erect new buildings. Authorization was granted by the Board of Grand Trustees, and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler, for the purchase of property, and additions or alterations to building; construction of new homes, including contemplated expenditures for new furnishings, furniture and equipment, in the amount of \$2,869,288.90. The Board approved the sale or exchange of property totalling \$241,261.40. Application from one lodge was returned without Board action being taken.

### Elks National Home

In its Annual Report, the Board of Grand Trustees said, "Elkdom has many accomplishments to be proud of in the eighty-odd years of its existence, and one of the finest of these is our beautiful Elks National Home at Bedford, Va. Here in the shadows of the beautiful Peaks of Otter, halfway between Roanoke and Lynchburg, is a sanctuary of rest and security for our aged or indigent Brothers. Yet it is surprising that so many Elks lack a complete understanding of our Home. It is something that every Elk may think of with pride, and a Home that more of our members should visit and appreciate."

One of the finest services of the Elks National Home is the thirty-five bed hospital, licensed by the State of Virginia, and staffed by a doctor and a fine corps of registered nurses. In the past year a complete surgical ward was added, permitting the service of specialized surgeons, and, therefore, a great savings to the subordinate lodges. The Board of Grand Trustees particularly paid tribute to Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, who has served as administrator for the past twenty-six years. The Board expressed its sincere hope that every member of the Order would someday accept the invitation to visit personally this grand Home and fully appreciate another of the fine fruits of his membership in the Order.

### Expenses, etc.

For the year ending May 31st, the average number of residents at the Home was 275 and the average cost per resident was \$731.56, the Board reported. This compares with an average number of residents of 281 and an average cost per resident of \$703.13 for the previous year. During the year net operating cost of the Home was \$128,513.69, as compared to \$129,055.97 for the previous year. This cost is arrived at after taking credit for maintenance payments by the subordinate lodges as well as maintenance recoveries.

## BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

**A**FTER the closing of the Grand Lodge Session in New York, the Board of Grand Trustees met and elected, for the second term, Douglas E. Lambourne as Chairman. Thomas J. Brady was elected Vice-Chairman and Secretary and Fred L. Bohn, Home Member, for the second term; Nick H. Feder was elected Approving Member and William J. Jernick, Member. During the year the Board of Grand Trustees held meetings at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., in November; Hotel Commodore in New York, in February; again at the Elks National Home in May and finally at the

Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Mo., just before the 1953 Grand Lodge Session.

In accordance with the direction of the Grand Lodge Session, held at the Hotel Commodore in New York City in July, 1952, the Board of Grand Trustees procured and presented a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Exalted Ruler, Howard R. Davis.

During the year the Board of Grand Trustees purchased for the Home Fund United States Bonds (Series "K") in the amount of \$170,000, and for the Reserve Fund United States Bonds (Series "K") in the amount of \$85,000. These

# The Elks Help To Alert America!

THE word Protective in the Order's official title is not taken lightly by its membership. We have already publicized the fine cooperation of several lodges in preparing for the defense of our country in an emergency; we now bring to the attention of all our readers further evidence of the fact that the danger of attack still exists, and serious-minded Elks everywhere are keeping their eyes open, taking definite action in the interest of community safety.

## ST. LOUIS, MO., ELKS PREPARED

The Grand Lodge Convention delegates this month will be gratified, and relieved, to know that St. Louis Lodge has a set-up so detailed and well-coordinated that it has served as a model for the Office of Civil Defense for two years. Its Chain of Command Chart has received the highest praise from CD Director Raymond W. Tucker; following their inspection of the lodge home, Mr. Tucker and his assistants were enthusiastic in their approbation of the Elks' offer to use the building, particularly since they were the first in the State to make such an offer, and



The photograph above was taken when L. L. Barrett, as President of the Washington State Elks Assn., presented to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie the resolution passed by the Assn., pledging its support to the CD program. Others pictured include Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee Chairman Edwin J. Alexander; Adm. D. E. Barbey, State CD Director, and Past State Pres. V. P. McNamara.

to implement that offer by concerted action.

A working force of 500 members is ready to act on 20-minute notice; the lodge building is prepared as an emergency hospital shelter, and the planning of active participation in the handling of the work contiguous to such an emergency has General Chairman James A. Daar on 24-hour call; his three Vice-Chairmen on eight-hour shifts, with three Asst. Chairmen as alternates, all handling various committees which will take care of housing, feeding, medical relief, communications, fire control, and riot con-

trol. These groups, too, are on a definite eight-hour period of duty. Watched closely by OCD officials, the St. Louis plan has developed into a working program followed by similar groups all over the country.

## WASHINGTON ELKS ARE PLEDGED

The nearly 50,000 Elks of Washington made history over a year ago by being the first State-wide organization in Washington to make a public pledge of their support of the Civil Defense Program. The State Convention delegates passed a  
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Left: Pictured beneath the Shelter sign which was purchased by Oroville, Calif., Lodge, and which points to the basement of the lodge home, are, left to right: E.R. A. E. Boehme, 30-year lodge Secy. Walter Sharkey, Lt. Col. L. L. Wardell, County CD Chief, and Elk Jay Spencer.

Below, left: E.R. Peter Fox, right, presented a symbolic key to the \$350,000 home of Oxnard, Calif., Lodge to Mayor Rudolph Beck, dedicating the building and grounds to CD use.

Below: A group of Richmond, Calif., Elk officials discuss plans to use their lodge home as a feeding and housing center for the city in case of disaster. Left to right: P.E.R.'s A. B. George, G. R. Gordon, B. W. Richardson and W. T. Paasch, and State Assn. Secy. Edgar W. Dale.



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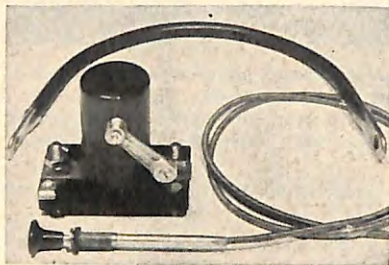
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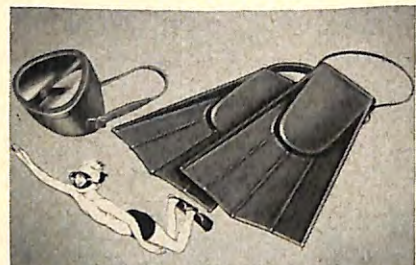
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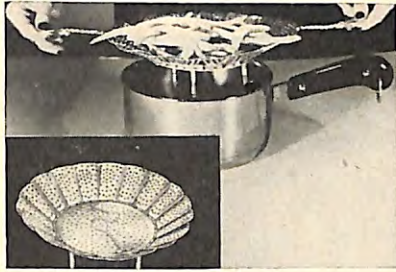
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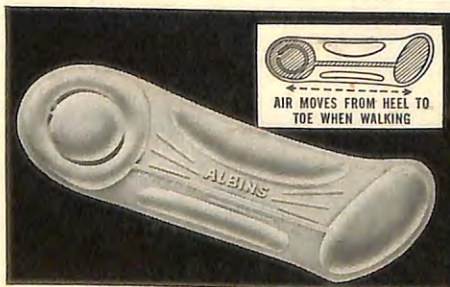
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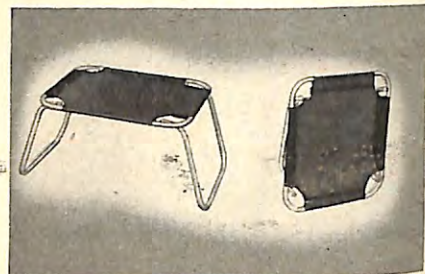
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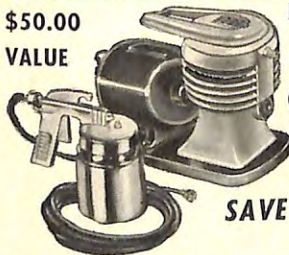


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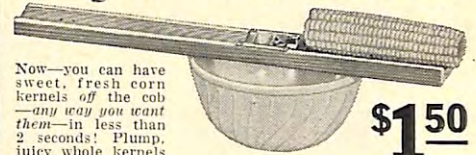
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# News of the State Associations



Earl E. James, candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, photographed during his vital address to the delegates to the Mississippi Elks Assn. Convention at Vicksburg. Seated on Mr. James' right, is the new State Pres. Percy L. Coleman and his wife; on the speaker's left is Mrs. James and host E.R. Victor Jacobs.

## MISSISSIPPI

Introduced by Pres. Elmer Dunnivant of Biloxi, Earl E. James, representing Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, was an outstanding speaker at the banquet which highlighted the social activities of the Miss. State Elks Assn. Convention at Vicksburg May 9-10. During his address, which was broadcast over Station WQBC. Mr. James named the Elks National Foundation Scholarship winners—Arline L. Knapp of Pascagoula who took the \$400 award, and John McElligott of Vicksburg, \$300 scholarship winner.

P.E.R. Percy Coleman of the host lodge, elected Pres. of the Assn. for the coming year, was Master of Ceremonies at this affair, which was attended by Past Grand Tiler Sidney A. Freudenstein, Past State Pres. T. E. Rawls, D.D. John Bridges and many other dignitaries. Other officers named were Thomas Dawson, Pascagoula, Vice-Pres. (So); W. S. Case, Greenwood, Vice-Pres. (No.); Charles Reedy, Hattiesburg, Treas., and James Biggs, Natchez, Secy.

The capable Vicksburg Degree Team initiated a class of 25 candidates in a Statewide ceremony, and P.D.D. Sam Miller, former Grand Lodge Committeeman, installed the new officers of this organization.

The delegates approved the Assn.'s

cerebral palsy program, and voted to increase the efforts in this field wherever possible. Dr. Joseph Moore of the Lutheran Hospital medical staff, a Fellow of the American Society of Cerebral Palsy, and William Duttonbeck of Jackson addressed the Convention on the importance of this work.

During this session, Mr. James received \$100 as part of Pascagoula Lodge's \$1,000 pledge to the Elks National Foundation, and also accepted \$100 from both Greenville and Canton Lodges in payment toward their pledges.

## OHIO

Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Grand Trustee Fred L. Bohn and Chairman John C. Cochrane of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary were among the 1,000 persons who attended the 55th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Assn. in Columbus May 1, 2 and 3. Grand Trustee Bohn was the principal speaker at the banquet the evening of May 2nd, attended by nearly 300 per-

sons, and Mr. Cochrane installed the following officers: Pres., Walter J. Beer, Lima; 1st Vice-Pres. Willard J. Schwartz, Springfield; 2nd Vice-Pres., Herschel J. Deal, Canton; 3rd Vice-Pres., James W. Plummer, Zanesville; Secy., L. E. Strong, Canton; Treas., C. W. Wallace, Columbus; Chaplain, Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster; Sgt.-at-Arms, Edward D. Krebs, Elyria; Inner Guard, Dr. E. T. Clauser, Lakewood; Tiler, John D. Quinn, Sidney; Trustees: L. A. Kuenzil, Upper Sandusky; Arthur E. Socin, Bucyrus, and Stanley G. Haggerty, Columbus. Paul L. Fletcher of Lima was elected to a five-year term on the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Training Center Board, which was paid the highest compliment recently when the Speech and Hearing Clinic of Ohio State University sought a partnership with the Ohio Elks Assn. in establishing a Cerebral Palsied-Aphasia Speech Clinic. The Convention delegates approved this measure, expanding their own work. The clinic, which will enable students in the field of speech and hearing therapy to acquire valuable experience, went into operation early in June, providing facil-

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Above: Pictured at the Nev. Convention at Ely, left to right: Sgt.-at-Arms C. C. Merrill, Trustee Adolph Lipparelli, Vice-Pres. Waltzy Elliott, retiring Pres. Antone Harrison, incoming Pres. R. P. Warren, Vice-Pres. Eddie Gilbreath, P.D.D. Dr. Steve Comish, Secy.-Treas. L. P. Davis.



Left: On hand for the Arizona Convention left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, 1953 Pres. R. C. Wolfe, Calif. Assn. Pres. V. H. Grocott, host E.R. Carl Reinemund, retiring Pres. S. O. Morrow.

## LODGE NOTES

J. Edward Driscoll is our latest candidate for the holder-of-oldest-original-membership-card title; he has the one issued to him Oct. 4, 1895, by **HARTFORD, CONN.**, Lodge . . . E.R. Albert Kreiss recently awarded **NEWARK, N. Y.**, Lodge's annual \$400 Scholarship to Wayne C. Lee, augmenting the Elks National Foundation's program. The Foundation has a staunch admirer in P.E.R. John D. Ayer of this lodge. During his term of office, just closed, he signed up 58 \$100 subscriptions—representing over ten per cent of the lodge membership . . . The Elks of **DAYTON, OHIO**, have lost a devoted member in the death of P.E.R. Ernest F. Osmer. He is survived by his wife, six daughters, two brothers and eight grandchildren . . . **GALVESTON, TEX.**, Lodge is very grateful for the wholehearted co-operation their ladies give all their programs, and the many gifts they make to the lodge and the Texas Crippled Children's Hospital. Their most recent donation to the Hospital was a suite of furniture for its reception room, marked by a plaque presented by Mrs. A. W. Walker to Miss Fannie Fox, Hospital Administrator . . . **QUINCY, MASS.**, Lodge's "Mr. Elk", Edward D. Larkin, its long-time Secy., was honored at a special meeting recently when 32 candidates were initiated in recognition of his 47 years of devoted service to Elkdom . . . Mother's Day Services were well-attended at two Texas lodges, **SAN BENITO** and **McALLEN**. E.R. Al McGehee and his officers welcomed a large crowd to the pleasant affair at San Benito, and more than 150 persons heard State Sen. Rogers Kelley's fine address at the McAllen affair, when he was accompanied by his own mother. E.R. William Robinson's small daughter posed in an inspirational tableau with Mrs. R. W. Gregory, who appeared in a reproduction of the famed painting of Whistler's Mother . . . An enthusiastic round-table discussion produced several excellent suggestions for lodge improvement at D.D. J. T. O'Rourke's third clinic at **MIDLAND, TEX.**, Lodge, easily his most successful . . . When Orié M. Howard retired recently after serving **CYNTHIANA, KY.**, Lodge as Secy. for 22 years, he was voted an Honorary Life Membership.



Left: In the presence of other donors and little Jean Michaelis, polio victim, Committee Chairman Al Schlorch and E.R. W. C. Vernon, right, present South Bend, Ind., Lodge's gift for Camp Millhouse for Crippled Children to Mrs. G. E. Verhostra, President of the Camp Board.

Right: At Ithaca, N. Y., Lodge's tribute to 50-year-Elk P.D.D. A. G. Holland: D.D. Edw. Hall, Trustee John Post, Mr. Holland, E. R. J. R. Graves, Est. Loyal Knight E. G. Pierstorff.



Left: E.R. Harold Harstad, standing, complacently looks over the dining room of the home of Oconto, Wis., Lodge, scene of the high school post-prom party.

Right: Great Neck, N. Y., Lodge's Charity Ball gave \$3,500 to the Chapel Fund of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. Participating were, left to right: Retiring E.R. Louis Roman, Capt J. J. Sawaska, Chairman of the Maritime Committee for the Ball, Academy Chaplain Comm. R. O. Harpole, General Chairman F. G. Edwards.



This pleasant scene represents Lake City, Fla., Lodge's 25th Annual Easter Party for children of the County. Directed by E.R. R. W. Clements, Committee Chairman Harold Green and Fire Chief H. H. DuPriest this year's affair was attended by 600 children. About 200 parents watched 30 youngsters win gold and silver eggs by finding the most eggs, hidden for the Elks by Girl Scouts.

**N. Y. Elks Bowling Tourney  
a 300-Strike, Nothing Spared**

The 6th Annual Bowling Tournament of the N. Y. State Elks Assn. broke all records with 215 team entries, 375 doubles and 708 singles, and about \$8,200 awarded in prizes. The Lofinks of Carthage won the team trophy and \$225; Angelo Gialanello and Harold Hazel of Binghamton paired off nicely to take the doubles award and \$110, and Joe Tholl of Albany came out on top in the singles event with its \$80 prize.

Rome Elk Luke Mumpton won the all-events trophy donated by Albany, the host lodge, and also rolled the high three total; Bill Hogle of Ticonderoga made the high single score. George Dennis, an Albany Elk, donated a \$25 prize for the most splits made in nine games, won by fellow lodge member, Pat De Murio.

**Pageant of Charity at  
Nutley, N. J., Lodge**

For the fourth consecutive year, Nutley Lodge No. 1290 remembered the less fortunate of the community by making donations totaling \$2,200 to 15 charitable organizations and six churches, representing all faiths.

Grand Trustee William J. Jernick, a P.E.R., presided, and E.R. Albert I. Rich welcomed representatives of the recipient groups who attended the program for which the Holy Family Youth Choir provided a pleasing musical background.

**Ilion, N. Y., Elks Burn Mortgage**

Dr. Edward B. Manion, founder and first E.R. of Ilion Lodge No. 1444, put the flame to the \$90,000 mortgage on his lodge home before a crowd of over 500 local and visiting Elks. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan was the principal speaker, and addresses were also made by Hon. John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum, State Assn. Pres. James A. Gunn, D.D. Alfred E. Arlington, E.R. Earl Waldroff, Chaplain Rev. M. F. Fufferd, P.D.D. Thomas S. Leahy, General Chairman and Toastmaster, presented Life Memberships to Dr. Manion and seven other Charter Members of the 31-year-old lodge.

**Quincy, Ill., Elks Bring In  
Big-Name Entertainers**

For several years the Theater Productions Committee of Quincy Lodge No. 100 has been sponsoring programs for the benefit of the lodge's Charity and Welfare Fund, selecting many top-flight entertainment groups; every show was a sell-out. When Chairman A. W. Echtenkamp and his Committee brought Spike Jones and his City Slickers to Quincy for the third time, the show made \$2,100 for the Fund. A few months later, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians played at two SRO performances. Other musical units engaged were those of Horace Heidt, Wayne King, Sigmund Romberg, Jan Garber and the Mills Brothers.



Left: Willimantic, Conn., Lodge gives \$5,000 to help rebuild fire-razed St. Mary's School. Left to right: Grand Lodge Committeeman A. J. Roy, Rev. R. A. Guilmette of St. Mary's, E.R. G. A. Wilcox, Trustee Chairman H. S. Gaucher, Sr.

Right: Weehawken, N. J., Elks gather at the statue of Alexander Hamilton during the CBS reenactment of the Burr-Hamilton duel by their descendants. Included in the photograph are E.R. T. H. Murphy, P.E.R.'s Henry VonDerleith and Frank Galland, Est. Lead. Knight Adam H. Reiser, Trustee Chairman J. F. Cahir and Mayor Charles Krause.



Left: This group photograph was taken during the program when Grand Trustee William J. Jernick, Chairman, seated left foreground, on behalf of Nutley, N. J. Lodge, distributed \$2,200 to various charity organizations.

Right: Oliver E. Owen, Elks National Foundation Scholarship winner for New Mexico, second from left, receives his award from State Vice-Pres. F. H. Dilley, Jr., as Roswell E.R. J. M. H. Cullender, right, and the boy's mother look on.



Red Wing, Minn., Lodge officers and the 64-man class they initiated on their 50th Anniversary in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. State Pres. Dr. M. H. Carlson and D.D. G. O. Amundsen attended.



Elgin, Ill., Elks start a blood-donation program for the sole benefit of members and families. Here, a Sherman Hospital technician prepares donor E.R. Roy Howard, as Robert Gronowski, Committee Chairman Hal Thurneau, Lab. Supervisor J. E. Stanley and Lester Schillig look on.



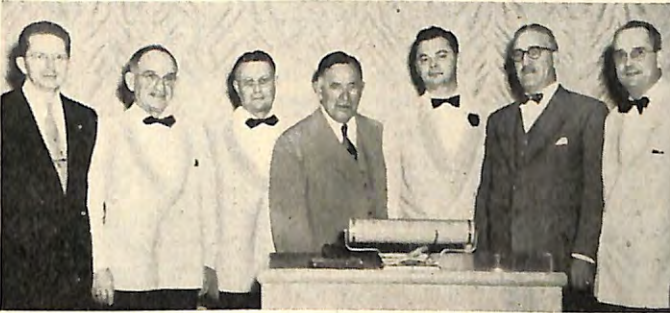
During the "Spike" Jones show brought to Quincy, Ill., by the Elks, Mr. Jones, second from left, handed the \$2,100 proceeds check to E.R. J. F. Scott for the lodge's Charity and Welfare Fund. At left, Committee Chairman A. W. Echtenkamp; right, Secy. L. E. Murphy.



At the barbecue marking the opening of Okmulgee, Okla., Lodge's new home, left to right, seated: D.D.'s Dr. V. P. Cavanaugh, Bert Wysor, W. B. Leet; former Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman Earl E. James; Past Pres. A. M. Kerr. Standing: Past Pres. W. B. West, State Trustee L. A. Wood, P.E.R. E. N. Sallee, E.R. H. R. Bennett, State Secy. J. A. Green, State Committee Chairman J. M. Collin, F. R. Hyer.



Salem, Ill., Lodge dignitaries present a \$1,308.22 check to officials of the Marion County Blood Bank, the proceeds of an Elk-sponsored wrestling match. Left to right are Chairman Frank Taylor, E.R. Ed Blohm, Est. Lead. Knight Kenneth Milam, Red Cross Chairman Rev. Wesley Perschbacher, Elk Finance Committee Chairman B. E. Brubaker, P.E.R. David Aud, Ticket-Sales Committee Chairman Allen Compton.



Opening St. Petersburg, Fla., Lodge's home, following its \$130,000 remodeling, left to right: D.D. R. E. Moore, Jr., State Secy. J. J. Fernandez, P.D.D. V. W. Kuhl, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, E.R. H. W. Bittenbender, P.D.D. C. I. Campbell, P.E.R. A. E. Clements.



These Pascagoula, Miss., Elks were honored at a special meeting when they received P.E.R.'s pins and initiated a class of ten in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern. They are J. R. Watts, H. W. Gautier, L. A. Watts, C. P. Humphreys, W. F. Fletcher, W. R. Gully and R. O. Cole.



Above: The Elk-sponsored basketball team which won the Prescott, Ariz., "B" League title. Manager Elk Howard Easton stands at left.

Right: Part of Morganton, N. C., Lodge's sponsorship of the County March of Dimes Drive was a kick-off parade. With four small polio victims in the reviewing stand were, left to right: E.R. Benjamin M. Lane, Jr., P.E.R. M. M. Turban, Past Est. Lect. Knight H. P. Pitts and Elk Chairman Harry W. Estes who turned over \$26,729 to the Fund.





Left: Holyoke, Mass., Elks receive Life Memberships from P.E.R. B. J. Niemi. Left to right: V. D. P. Sheehan, O. M. Dreikorn, W. J. Beaudry, Dr. Niemi, John O'Leary and C. D. Coe. W. B. Clements, Elks National Home resident, was also honored.



Honored on Berlin, N. H., Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night were Charter Members Peter Dubey, right, Dr. Julius Stahl, left, with D.D. Charles Barnard. P.D.D. John Horan was also present.

Right: Gary, Ind., Elk Committee Chairman Harry Nawrot, P.E.R. George London, Charles Williams and A. W. Brown present lodge gift of Monaghan portable respirator to County Infantile Paralysis Foundation representatives.



### Jamestown, N. Y., Elks Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan was an outstanding speaker at the banquet marking the 60-year existence of Jamestown Lodge No. 263. E.R. Jos. B. Jensen and Mayor Stanley Weeks welcomed the guests to this observance which began with a get-acquainted luncheon at a local country club. Trustee Michael D. Lombardo was a capable Toastmaster, introducing Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight J. Theodore Moses, D.D. Edwin Whitmer of the N. Y. West Dist., Pa. No. D.D. Ruel Smith, State Vice-Pres. John J. Powers and Past State Pres. Hugo E. Sellvin. P.D.D. T. Lawrence Cusick had the pleasure of presenting Judge Hallinan to the dinner guests.



Left: These are Quincy, Mass., Lodge's Little Leaguers whose sponsors treated them to a day at the Boston Garden where they saw the Harlem Globe Trotters and Boston Celtics basketball teams in action. With the boys are Elk coaches P. D. Higgins, left, and G. L. Wallace, second from left.

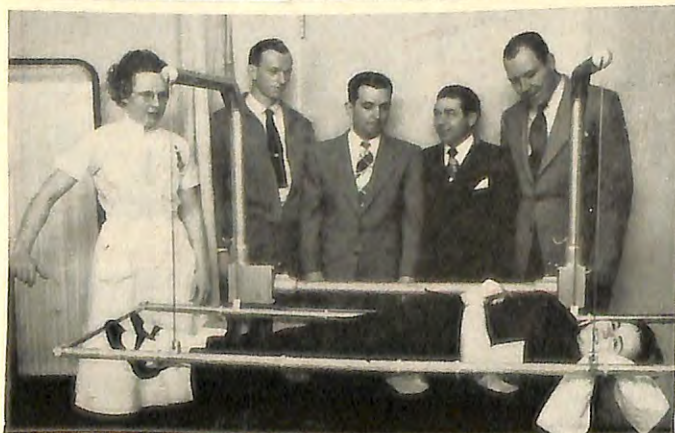
### Florida Has New Lodge at Florida Keys

The late Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz was among the 400 Elks who witnessed the institution of Florida Keys Lodge No. 1872 and the initiation of its 181-man Charter Member Class. Since then, its officers initiated 33 men in honor of Walter Wigman, P.E.R., Life Member and an organizer of Coral Gables Lodge. Mr. Wigman did much toward the realization of No. 1872 whose E.R. J. Elmer Keefer, has an interesting record. Initiated into Canton, Ohio, Lodge in 1918, he demitted to Lakewood Lodge in 1930. When he settled in Florida, he transferred to Key West Lodge, then to Hollywood of which he was a Charter Member, and, finally, to the new Florida Keys Lodge.

Right: Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge's \$6,000 is presented to Miss Lambert of the Crippled Children's Chapter by J. B. Hilliard, left. Mrs. W. B. Taylor and Elk Committee Chairman R. R. Daughtridge look on.



Left: The \$1,250 proceeds of a card party held by the Middletown, Ohio, Elk ladies is turned over to D.D. John K. Maurer for the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Fund by Mrs. Leo Pohlable. Others are Mrs. H. D. Hessel, Committee Chairwoman and retiring E.R. Francis Carmody.



Above: The late Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, in dark suit, pictured a short time before his death with other Elk dignitaries who participated in the institution of Florida Keys, Fla., Lodge. Left: Casper, Wyo., Elk Charity Committeemen present a \$700 portable lift and nylon sling to Memorial Hospital for use in handling helpless patients, and lifting polio victims into the Hubbard tank. The Elks are, left to right: Est. Lect. Knight James Parrish, Est. Loyal Knight W. M. McDaniel, Est. Lead. Knight G. B. Dick, Chairman, and E.R. Paul Cody.



Right: The Cumberland, Md., Beauties who appeared in the lodge's 1953 Minstrelks which netted \$9,200 for the Alleghany Co. League for Crippled Children. Gen. Chairman John H. Mosner and Director French Sensabaugh report that the shows have given the League over \$50,000.



Below: Sterling, Colo., Lodge officers lay the cornerstone, donated by Elks J. E. and Perry Koenig, for the 57-bed Logan Co. Hospital to replace the structure whose stone was laid by the 1920 Elk leaders. Pictured are E.R. Ray Richardson, his officers and P.D.D. David Hamil, P.E.R. and Speaker of the Colo. House of Rep., who made the address.



Above: Freddie Wilson, 1953 National Easter Seal Poster child, accepts various Nev. Elk lodge contributions from D.D. A. L. Crocker of Reno. With the boy is his mother and lodge Secy. J. C. Kumle. During the past six months the State Elks Committee has given \$2,500 to the Nev. Society for Crippled Children, and seven Nev. lodges gave another \$2,175.

Left: Elks Tommy Thompson and Frank McCormick, Cincinnati Reds scouts and former players, give Wilmington, N. C., Elk-sponsored Little Bigger League boys a few pointers.

### Morganton, N. C., Elks Put March of Dimes Over Top

As its first community project, Morganton Lodge No. 1852 sponsored the 1953 March of Dimes Campaign for Burke County. C. H. Crabtree, organizer and five-year Chairman of the County Chapter, a member of the lodge, was well pleased with reports at the dinner meeting at the lodge home ending the drive, for which Elk Harry W. Estes was General Chairman. Nearly \$27,000 was collected, \$15,741.37 from the Morganton area.

The local Elks fashion show netted nearly \$600; their Mothers' March on Polio, over \$900, and \$160 was collected at their March of Dimes breakfast. They were also responsible for street and business collections totaling nearly \$1,400.

### Oconto, Wis., Elks' Affair Attracts Young Promenaders

Like all serious-minded adults, the members of Oconto Lodge No. 887 are concerned about the safety of young people. When the local school planned its dance, a suggestion was offered that



A view of the speakers and several guests at Midwest City, Okla., Lodge's institution dinner.

No. 887 invite the students to a post-prom party at its home. The result was a really carefree affair—a big chicken dinner was provided, and a popular orchestra played all-request numbers.

### Wisconsin Elks Pass Foundation Goal

A report made at the May 16-17 Spring Conference of the Wisconsin Elks Assn. at Antigo, indicates that the State's Elks National Foundation Silver Anniversary goal of \$50,000, in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, has not only been reached, but left in the background by the State's 35 lodges.

Pres. Ed. H. Lattimer introduced to the 322 delegates at this session a departure from the usual by having the ritual exemplified by a proxy team composed of the All-State Champions. Marshfield Lodge won the State Ritualistic Contest for the fourth consecutive year with Baraboo taking second place and Oshkosh, third. It was decided at this meeting that the State Bowling Tournament will be held at Wisconsin Rapids, but that the following year, because of this event's increasing popularity, it will be split into three districts on a trial basis: Sheboygan for the N.E. Dist.; Wausau, N.W., and Baraboo, South.

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ities for diagnosis, therapy, research and professional training.

Social events during this conclave included a President's Social Stag, a State Banquet and a tea and card party for the ladies, which realized more than \$700 for the Cerebral Palsy Fund. The Ritualistic Contest, conducted by Pres. Dale W. Brothers of the Ohio P.E.R.'s Assn., was won by New Philadelphia Lodge. The Conventioneers saw four \$400 Elks National Foundation Awards made, and applauded the fine reports on the State's Youth Activities and Veterans Programs.

## NEVADA

Ely Lodge No. 1469 was host to the Apr. 16, 17 and 18 Convention of the Nev. State Elks Assn. P.D.D. Steven W. Comish was the principal speaker of the program, which was attended by guests from all throughout the area, including Past State Pres. Carol Sandstrom and P.D.D. E. R. Blackinton of Utah, and Past Pres. Bert Klink of Idaho.

Reports were made on the outstanding progress of the Nev. Elks' favorite project—the care and rehabilitation of crippled and handicapped children.

Elko was selected as the 1954 meeting place of these delegates who elected the following: Pres., R. P. Warren, Elko; Vice-Pres. (So.), E. J. Gilbreath, Las Vegas; Vice-Pres. (No.), Waltzy Elliott, Winnemucca; Secy.-Treas., L. P. Davis, Boulder City; Sgt.-at-Arms, Carl C. Merrill, Boulder City; Trustees (three years) Adolph Lipparelli, Elko; (two years) O. K. Adcock, Las Vegas, and (one year) Charles Smith, Ely.

Social activities included a special breakfast for the ladies, a Grand Ball and the Convention banquet when 400 persons saw the Elko Ritualistic Team win the First Team Trophy, and Boulder City, the Second Team Trophy. Elko Lodge also won the "revolving" State Assn. and Michael F. Shannon Trophies. Since this is the third time this lodge captured the State Championship, it is now entitled to keep all three trophies permanently. Individual awards went to Adolph Lipparelli as E.R., Joseph Lap-

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| State   | Place          | Date              |
| Montana   | Havre          | July 23-24-25     |
| Md., Dela., D. C.                                     | Salisbury, Md. | Aug. 20-21-22-23  |
| Wisconsin   | La Crosse      | Aug. 20-21-22     |
| Pennsylvania  | Harrisburg     | Aug. 24-25-26-27  |
| Tennessee   | Columbia       | Sept. 4-5         |
| California  | Long Beach     | Sept. 16-17-18-19 |
| Vermont   | Hartford       | Sept. 18-19-20    |
| *Ohio Summer Conference at Cedar Point Aug. 23-26     |                |                   |
| Indiana Fall Meeting at Indianapolis Sept. 26-27      |                |                   |
| Oklahoma Fall Meeting at Muskogee Oct. 2-3-4          |                |                   |
| Wisconsin Fall Meeting at Stevens Point Oct. 17       |                |                   |

pin of Boulder City as Est. Lead. Knight, Boyd Smith of Ely as Loyal Knight, Lee Frankovich as Lect. Knight, Pat Mann as Chaplain and M. Stenovich as Esq., all of Elko, and Paul Carter of Boulder City as Inner Guard. The P.E.R.'s of Ely Lodge presented the first Memorial Services ever conducted at a Nevada Convention; so well received was this ceremony, that it has been made a mandatory event for every State conclave.

## NEW MEXICO

All 16 lodges of the N. M. Elks Assn. were represented by the 883 persons attending the Gallup Convention May 7, 8 and 9. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, Pres. Campbell F. Rice of the Colo. Elks Assn. and Dr. W. L. Minear, Chief Surgeon of Carrie Tingley Hospital and Medical Advisor of the State Assn.'s Cerebral Palsy Program, were guests of honor.

Reports revealed that this group spent \$3,100 at the VA Hospitals in Albuquerque and Fort Bayard during the year, and the Assn.'s highly successful Cerebral Palsy Mobile Unit, operated by Ian Urquhart at an annual expense of \$15,000, had visited 151 young victims throughout the State; an additional unit is planned, and the Elks of Albuquerque augment this fine work by employing a speech therapist at the CP Day School.

The delegates saw Carlsbad Lodge take the Ritualistic title from the Las Vegas contingent, selected Tucumcari for the 1954 meeting and elected Ashley Thomp-

son of Albuquerque as Pres.; Joe Falletti, Raton, Vice-Pres. (No.); Hampton Martin, Carlsbad, Vice-Pres. (So.); James B. Thompson, Albuquerque, Secy.; Meleton Sandoval, Santa Fe, Treas.; Henry Balocca, Gallup, three-year Trustee, and James A. Baird, Las Cruces, and Tom Bryan, Artesia, one-year Trustees.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 25th Annual Convention of the N. H. State Elks Assn. was held at Keene May 22, 23 and 24, with more than 250 in attendance. Distinguished guests included Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan and D.D. William R. Burns, all of whom were special speakers at the business meeting and the State Assn. Banquet.

The New Hampshire Elks pledged a \$5,000 gift to the Crochet Mountain Crippled Children's Hospital, \$1,000 of which has already been paid, and another \$1,000 to be presented shortly. The State Ritualistic Contest, held at Franklin, was won by Laconia Lodge over Dover, Littleton and Portsmouth entries. Dover Lodge will be host to the Convention next May, and until that time, the following men will handle Assn. business: Pres., Edward Govangeli, Keene; 1st Vice-Pres., Timothy D. Flynn, Dover; 2nd Vice-Pres., Henry Salvail, Nashua; 3rd Vice-Pres., Lucien Langelier, Rochester; Secy., Norman Miner, Keene; Treas., Francis Taft, Keene; Tiler, Fred Lord, Keene; Sgt.-at-Arms, Guy Rich, Littleton; Inner Guard, Leo Connors, Franklin; Chaplain, John Goggin, Claremont; Organist, Wendell Shosa, Laconia. Trustees are (five years) Raymond Wentworth, Dover; (four years) Ralph Rossa, Portsmouth; (three years) Edward Theriault, Nashua; (two years) Joseph Collette, Claremont; (one year) Donald MacIsaac, Laconia.

## KENTUCKY

Nearly 350 persons were registered for the May 14, 15 and 16 Convention of the Ky. Elks Assn. at Louisville, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, Special Deputy Floyd Brown and Ind. Elks Assn. Pres. P. W. Loveland as special guests.

Reports were made on this Assn.'s outstanding Anti-Tuberculosis work, and its fine entertainment of veterans at various hospitals throughout the State. Charles Edward Foy, Newport, received the Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the State, and Miss Nanette Hall, Catlettsburg, won the Youth Award.

J. P. Ratcliffe of Ashland was honored as incoming Pres. of the group at a banquet the final evening. Other 1953-54 officers are: 1st Vice-Pres., S. S. Soaper, Henderson; 2nd Vice-Pres., J. B. Staubach, Newport; 3rd Vice-Pres., T. A. Rogers, Paducah; Secy.-Treas., Paul J. Smith, Covington; Trustees: Dr. Bernard



Left: At the Spring Conference of the Md., Dela., D.C., Elks Assn., \$2,000 was turned over to the Cockeysville Sanitarium for cerebral-palsy victims. Dr. Miller, Asst. Supt., stands at left, Assn. Pres. R. Edward Dove at right. Seated in foreground is Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne.

Lipsitz, Ashland, Chairman; Charles Vandeveld, Paducah, J. S. Breitenstein, Louisville, and M. M. Hellmann (ex-officio), Louisville. Lexington was selected to be host to the 1954 session.

### ARIZONA

Safford Lodge No. 1607 played host to the 38th Annual Convention of the Ariz. State Elks Assn., May 6, 7, 8 and 9, when 824 registrations were recorded, making it the largest in the Assn.'s history.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis presented \$400 Elks National Foundation Scholarship Awards to Miss Sonia Deason of Flagstaff and Larry E. Kellner of

Globe, while Nancy Anderson of Bisbee and Richard L. Gilbert, Jr., of Phoenix received the two \$400 special handicapped student awards. Kathleen Bingham of Safford and J. Emery Baker of Phoenix received the \$100 Youth prizes.

Gov. Howard Pyle delivered the Memorial Address the closing day of the meeting, at which Pres. S. O. Morrow presided. Other speakers included former Ariz. Supreme Court Justice Evo de Concini, who discussed the work of the Florence Crittenton Home, and Past State Pres. Harry Williams who spoke on behalf of the State Industrial School for boys, which receives assistance from the State

Assn. Reports were heard on entertainment work at the State's three VA facilities, and the following men were elected to office until the meeting in Mesa next year: Pres., Raymond C. Wolfe, Bisbee; Vice-Pres., Arthur L. Welch, Miami; Trustees: R. W. Nichols, Bisbee; Roy W. Wilder, Douglas, and Duncan G. Graham, Mesa; Secy., M. E. McPherson, Bisbee, Treas., Alex W. Crane, Phoenix. Yuma Lodge won first place in the Ritualistic competition, with Phoenix and Safford following in that order. Prescott Lodge's team took the bowling Championship, and the Safford golfers took that contest.

## The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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secutive year, and brought home four of the six trapshooting trophies awarded. Ray Frazier was the individual winner, receiving awards for both the handicap and double races. Concordia Elks R. B. Wagor took the singles event, and H. Huber, the high over-all title. Atchison Lodge's five-man team took the State Championship Bowling Tournament, too, with a score of 2,798, and also placed in singles, doubles and all-events.

Wynne W. Ester, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, presented four \$250 awards for the Assn., as well as the \$400 Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the most worthy physically-handicapped high school senior of the State. Youth Activities Committee Chairman G. L. Batchelder presented two \$200 Bonds to the leading students for the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee.

The Memorial Service, arranged by State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Francis Zimkosky assisted by Pres. C. E. Klein and Secy. S. E. Patterson, was most impressive and had Past Pres. Walter Reed Gage as its inspired speaker. The delegates voted a \$500 gift to the Institute of Logopedics, \$400 to the Kans. Children's Service League, and \$250 to the Cerebral Palsy Hospital. Highlight of the session was a buffet luncheon at which Phog. Allen, well known coach of Kans. Univ. and a member of the Order, was an interesting speaker. New officers of this organization are Pres., Carl O. Pingry,

Pittsburg; Vice-Presidents: (four years) Dick Pucka, Lawrence; (three years) Howard Parsons, Chanute; (two years) Charles Gray, Hutchinson; (one year) Roy Gard, Goodland; Trustee (four years) William Essmiller, Great Bend; Treas., Clay Hedrick, Newton; Secy., S. E. Patterson, Augusta.

E.R. R. S. Eldevik and the members of THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN., LODGE, NO. 1308, were hosts to their national leader on the 5th of May, when 200 members heard his stimulating address. The occasion marked the first time in the lodge's 39-year history that it had the privilege of entertaining a Grand Exalted Ruler. Among the Minn. dignitaries present were State Pres. Dr. M. H. Carlson and Vice-Pres. Walt Jung, D.D. Dr. N. J. Rognlien and P.D.D. J. E. Bloomquist.

After participating in the dedication of the fine new home of POLSON, MONT., LODGE, NO. 1695, on May 8th, Mr. Stern was the guest of honor of HAMILTON LODGE NO. 1651 at luncheon the following day. E.R. Jack Sanderson welcomed the visitors who included State Assn. Vice-Pres. Oskar O. Lympus and Trustee Pete McBride. P.E.R. Jack E. Coulter was Master of Ceremonies for the program in which P.D.D. F. J. O'Donnell took part, and D.D. Frank J. Lasich introduced the Order's leader who visited MISSOULA "HELL GATE" LODGE NO. 383 that evening.

Sam Stern was an eloquent speaker at the banquet which highlighted the May

15th, 16th and 17th meeting of the MISSOURI ELKS ASSN. at HANNIBAL. Welcomed by Mayor Francis Kelley and E.R. Henry Schultz before an audience of 450 Elks and their wives, the Grand Exalted Ruler was accompanied by Earl E. James, and Grand Esq. H. H. Russell. En route by air to this meeting, these dignitaries landed at Baldwin Field, where E.R. R. M. Hurdle of QUINCY, ILL., LODGE, NO. 100, greeted them. The enthusiastic delegates, representing 22 of the State's lodges, selected J. Howard Hannah of Springfield to take over the duties relinquished by Ben Hanis of Kansas City as Pres. of this organization. He will be assisted by Vice-Pres.-at-Large Anthony Beckmann, Washington; Vice-Presidents (E.) Ed Huncker, St. Charles; (S.W.) Chris Schwensen, Warrensburg; (N.W.) Francis Karr, St. Joseph; Secy., J. Lyndon Sturgis, Springfield; Treas., M. F. Thurston, Columbia; Trustee-at-Large, Ben Hanis, and Trustees (N.W.) Max Frye, St. Joseph; (E.) Earl Henderson, Festus-Crystal City, and (S.W.) L. H. Durley, Sedalia.

A Kansas City team, the Western Blue Print Co. group, won the five-man event and the Snyder-Thornbill duo of that city took the doubles title in the Missouri Elks Bowling Tournament. The quintet from the host lodge won second place among the 14 five-man entries, fifth in the doubles and second in the singles, the last event being won by G. Schuster of St. Louis.



At the Mo. Meeting, left to right: State Inner Guard Henry Shultz, host E.R.; Grand Esq. H. H. Russell, Pres. J. H. Hannah, Mr. Stern, Past Pres. Ben Hanis, Earl James, Past State Secy. Clyde Ellis.



At Ridgefield Park, N. J., Mr. Stern posed with E.R. Wm. J. Porr, D.D. John Byrne, Grand Trustee Jernick, Grand Lodge Committeeman J. P. O'Toole, State Vice-Pres. Frank Scolino and other officials.

## They Made May Day American

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A unique feature was a tribute to Patrolman Edward H. Proctor, Director of the Police Boys Club, who, as the man who did most for the youth of the community during the year, received a plaque from E.R. Peter George. The youngsters were highly pleased with this affair, which included music of the Rhythm Kings, a 14-piece, prize-winning youth band, and a really fine boys' quartet.

### LOTS OF HOT DOGS

No doubt the favorite snack of America's youth was the piece de resistance at the majority of these parties. The fourth annual wiener roast Wilmington, N. C., Lodge conducted on Youth Day for 300 members of the Boys and Girls Traffic Assn. saw 1,200 hot dogs disappear. Quite a few were consumed at the Martinsville, Va., Elks' tribute to members of the high school band who enjoyed a square dance, with hill-

billy music, and theater party later.

Hot dogs aplenty were served nearly 1,000 children by Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge on the campus of the Ind. State Teachers College. The six-to-14-year-olds had a grand time, releasing helium-filled balloons to which stamped post cards, addressed to the lodge and signed by each child, were attached. We haven't heard who won the cash prize for having his balloon land the greatest distance away, nor the names of the ten other lucky youngsters who were rewarded.

### FAMILY AFFAIRS

Almost every lodge extended invitations to the parents of the young guests of honor, but Sayre, Pa., Lodge which, incidentally, has a completely paid-up membership, made it a special family party with a Fathers and Sons Banquet attended by 420 men and boys who were served by the members' wives. The Ains-

worth, Neb., Elks were pleased that parents accompanied quite a few of the 200 teen-agers they entertained at their Youth Festival, and so many fathers and mothers participated in the San Mateo, Calif., program that the local theater had to be used in order that all could be accommodated.

### AWARDS PRESENTED

Most of these events included presentation of Youth Leadership Awards, such as the Las Vegas, Nev., Elks' program in which State Vice-Pres. E. J. Gilbreath participated, and Mitchell, S. D., Lodge's ceremony, held at the World's Only Corn Palace, when the students enjoyed a band concert, followed by a Dance and Jamboree at the lodge home. Other lodges making these Awards were Catlettsburg, Ky., Atlanta, Ga., Bradenton, Fla., Madison, Ind., Redondo Beach, Calif., Chicopee, Mass., and Boone, Ia.

## The Camp of the Champ

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"This was shortly after Tex Rickard's death," Fleischer explains, referring to the late great promoter who had been conducting fights for Madison Square Garden, "and the Garden wanted to prove that it could still run fights in Rickard's style. Most of the newspaper men were more interested in that than they were in the fight."

So intense was their interest, in fact, that 458 of them descended upon the scene, some from as far away as China, Japan and the British Isles. This made it necessary for Fleischer's employers to take over two Miami Beach hotels—the George Washington and the Drake—and to house the overflow on the estate of a Detroit manufacturer of automobile bodies.

Some of the authors brought their entire families, and the study of the comparative capabilities of Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Stribling went on for seven weeks. During that time one student put in for, and received, \$320 as walk-around money—this in spite of the fact that everything was on the house—and another was reimbursed to the extent of \$650 to cover a hospital bill and the cost of an operation performed upon his wife.

"The liquor alone," says Mr. Fleischer, "came to \$32,100. We were paying eighteen bucks a bottle for bootleg stuff, and there were exactly four newspaper men who wrote their stories daily. The publicity staff wrote for the rest, and we were working eighteen hours a day covering for guys who couldn't see straight."

The fight attracted 18,600 persons and grossed \$201,000. The Garden Corporation lost \$132,000 which, it realized later, was exactly what it had cost to entertain the press.

This was undoubtedly the greatest free load in the history of sport, but its interest to historians is largely statistical. Although Fleischer still recalls with some awe the moment when the late W. O. McGeehan, then the country's foremost sports columnist, threw all of Fleischer's clothes and a trunk containing Mrs. Fleischer's apparel out of the window of their hotel room, the seven weeks were comparatively free of memorable incidents.

In the Summer of 1937 there was imported for the pleasure of Joe Louis a heavyweight out of Tonypandy, Wales, named Tommy Farr. Mr. Farr, for the bulk of his career, had been wasting his fragrance in such places as Pontypridd, Gilfach Gotch, Ystrad, Penygraig and Clydach Vale, but on his arrival in New York he found himself a celebrity.

When Farr's ship put in at quarantine, it was boarded by a host of sports writers and photographers intent on the study of the condemned man. He was then whisked away to Long Branch, N. J., where numerous attentions were danced upon him until, like Louis's punches, they went to his head.

Before many days Farr was no longer talking to his British manager, Ted Broadribb, and he was giving the newspaper men short answers. One night two British journalists squared off over a five-pound debt of some years standing, and the following morning Jersey Jones, the boxing biographer, was startled on arriving in the kitchen to see the English chef punching away at a whole ham suspended from the chandelier.

"It was the punchiest camp," says Mr. Jones, "that I ever saw."

Among Farr's retinue when he arrived

in this country were his ghost writer and an old crony from Wales. The ghost had an aversion for sunlight, and most of the time walked around in a bathrobe and wore a towel over his head. The Welshman had brought only one shirt with him and he wore this throughout the five weeks in camp.

"But," says Jones, "he turned it inside out for Sundays."

In due time it was inevitable that this atmosphere would affect even the promoter, Mike Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs then had a residence in Red Bank, N.J., and at 6 o'clock one morning several members of the literary set were aroused by calls informing them that Farr had been kidnaped and that Jacobs would supply them with the details of the story.

They dressed hurriedly and drove to Red Bank, on the way formulating the stories that, they were sure, would make the front pages of newspapers throughout the country. When they arrived at the Jacobs estate they found their host relaxing on a chaise amid his rose bushes.

"Forget it," Mr. Jacobs informed them. "I just wanted somebody for breakfast."

In the Spring of 1939 a match was made that was to bring together the two most beautiful bodies in the realm of sports. These belonged to Max Baer, a former heavyweight champion, and Lou Nova, an aspirant, and when the documents were signed it struck Ray Carlin, who was managing Mr. Nova, that while his man was undoubtedly the equal of Mr. Baer in most respects he could not match him in what is known as color.

To counteract this deficiency on the part of his charge, Carlin established a training camp for Nova in Nyack, N.Y., on the estate of a practitioner of yoga

known to his disciples as Oom the Omnipotent. While there Nova did forego certain pleasures associated with yoga, such as staring into the sun while horizontal upon a bed of nails, but at the same time he did share lodging with two elephants and an orang-utan and he did eventually meet a man named Walston Crocker Brown.

Mr. Brown had certain ideas which, he believed, were particularly applicable to the science of boxing, and which he coupled under the titles of "The Cosmic Theory" and "The Dynamic Stance." When Nova, having stopped Baer, among others, twice, went into camp in Pompton Lakes, N.J., in September of 1941, in preparation for meeting Louis, Brown was there, and if his departures served to no other good end at least they made newspaper copy.

Among those attracted by the publicity was Jim Braddock, a former dock hand from whom Louis had taken the heavyweight title. After watching Nova work three rounds, during which he assumed poses reminiscent of John L. Sullivan getting ready to tee off against Jake Kilrain and of Shufflin' Phil Douglas preparing to throw his spitball past Edd Roush, Braddock gave up his verdict.

"That cosmetic punch," said Braddock, "is all the bunk."

**E**VENTS proved Mr. Braddock eminently correct, and to the lasting disgust of Ray Arcel. Arcel was Nova's trainer—that is, he trained him when Nova was not listening to Brown—and at that time Arcel was making a career of dragging the opponents of Louis back to their corners. Eventually he was to pick up ten in all—earning, from Jimmy Cannon, a New York sports writer, the title of "The Pallbearer of Pugilism"—but it was with Nova that Arcel had hoped to break the monotony.

"Of all of them who fought Louis," says Mr. Arcel, "Nova had the best chance."

Nova had the body and the punch to do it, but above all he had going for him the fact that Louis had been hearing rumors about the Cosmic Theory and the Dynamic Stance. At least he performed that night in the Polo Grounds as if he did not know what to expect.

For the first time in his career Louis came out of his corner in a crouch and he waited. Nova waited, too, but standing up straight and stiff and when, in the sixth round, Nova got his feet crossed, a small smile crept across the normally dead pan of Louis and he hit Nova a right hand on the chops. Nova went down and when he got up he was informed that Arthur Donovan, the referee, had already counted him out.

Probably the most famous fight camp in the United States is that at Pompton Lakes, where, after Nova and various others, Joe Louis trained for most of his New York fights. It consists of a fieldstone and white clapboard house, made

ordinary by the legend that George Washington once slept there, a barn that has been turned into a recreation hall and press headquarters, a gymnasium with dressing rooms attached, and indoor and outdoor rings.

A training camp usually takes on the personality of its prime occupant, and thus during most of Louis's occupancy the camp at Pompton Lakes was a quiet, businesslike place. Only before Louis's first fight with Schmeling was it the scene of levity, over-run by pitchmen, grifters and amateur comedians, and so, seventeen years later, it comes as no surprise to the boxing cognoscenti that Schmeling knocked Louis out.

While Louis was training there to fight Max Baer, however, this being during that period while he was making a collection of the heads of former heavyweight champions, an event occurred at Pompton Lakes which has since been immortalized in poetry on the recreation room wall. It came about because Jersey Jones, then masterminding the publicity out of the camp, had been spreading stories, with the cooperation of the newspapers, to the effect that Louis was punishing his sparring partners so severely that a search was on for protective body pads.

It was a quiet Saturday afternoon. Louis had boxed and was now enjoying a siesta. The only beings stirring in the camp were Jones, Hype Igoe, the late boxing writer, and a friend of the latter, a trolley-car motorman of Irish origin who nurtured the belief, encouraged by Igoe, that he possessed a beautiful tenor voice.

"The motorman was singing," recalls Jones, "and Hype was sitting there with his eyes closed and listening, when through the door came Foulproof Taylor."

Taylor, a telegraph operator, had earned his familiar diminutive by devoting all of his spare time for years to the development of headguards and other devices for the adornment and protection of the bodies of boxers. He had also been reading the newspapers and was wearing not only a headguard but also a chest protector similar to that affected by baseball umpires.

"Punch me," Taylor said, walking up to Igoe and tapping him on the shoulder.

Igoe was lost somewhere among the Lakes of Killarney. Taylor tapped Mr. Igoe again and repeated his request.

"Punch me," he said.

"Go away," said Igoe, and he commanded the streetcar McCormick to continue.

"Please, Mr. Igoe," said Taylor. "Punch me."

"Wait a minute," said Igoe to the motorman and he arose. He drew back his right hand and he punched Taylor, but not on the headgear or the chest protector. He punched him on the chin, and Taylor took off away from Igoe and stern first through the wall-boarded partition separating the two rooms.

"Okay," said Igoe, turning back to his



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friend. "Now you can sing. He was insulting you."

"But there stuck Foulproof," says Jones, "and I had a heck of a time getting him out. It was like he was nailed there."

Today it is still possible for visitors to the shrine to see the hole made by Taylor in the wall. It is also possible to read above the hole, where a professional painter has inscribed it, the following quatrain, author unknown:

"Hypus Igoe

Through this wall

Knocked Foulproof Taylor

Protectors and all."

"Hype Igoe," says Jones reverently, "had a beautiful straight right hand."

**T**HE ONLY other man ever as transfixed in a training camp as Mr. Taylor was Izzy Kaplan, the late rotund photographer of the New York "Daily Mirror." This was in Endicott, N. Y., where Max Schmeling was preparing to be fouled in the fourth round by Jack Sharkey in their fight for the heavyweight title at the Yankee Stadium on June 12, 1930.

Kaplan had prepared to leave camp. While awaiting the approach of train time he fell asleep at the dining table, and while he slept several of his associates removed his feet from his shoes, nailed the shoes to the floor, replaced his feet and retied the shoes. Then they began slapping him with wet towels while shouting at him the news that his train was about to leave.

"Izzy," an eyewitness recalled recently, "put up one of the greatest fights I have ever seen."

For the most part the fighter in camp has little, if any, part in the levity that surrounds him, or used to in the gayer days before television cut into gate receipts and before Newspaper Guild contracts prescribed that a sports writer must get time and a half for everything over forty hours a week. It was when the newspapers could afford to keep a man in camp for six or seven weeks that he became bored, and thus inventive, and it has been seventeen years since the two newspaper men in Max Schmeling's camp climbed under their car and lay in the mud in the road when, through a thunderstorm, they mistook a chimney rising from the ground as the tail of a tornado.

A fighter—at least to his manager and to the promoter, if not to his wife or mother—is a valuable piece of property. There are some summer hotels that will house and feed a fighter and his retinue just for the publicity that derives, but in most regular fight camps it costs a fighter about ten dollars a day each for himself, his trainer and his one or two sparring partners. In addition he must pay his sparmates five dollars a round, and as most fighters eventually learn to add they soon come to realize the serious aspect of training.

A fighter in camp will sleep nine or ten hours a night, rise at 7 or 8 o'clock in

the morning and do from three to six miles on the road. Then he will cool out, eat a heavy breakfast—the first of his two meals—and then he will loaf or rest until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when he will work for an hour in the gym and ring. About 5:30 or 6 p.m. he will eat his second meal, made up largely of steak. After dinner he will walk his food down, and then kill time until he retires for the night.

In killing time some fighters have even been known to read, and they will read "The Racing Form" or "God and Man at Yale," which latter treatise was being digested by Walter Cartier, the New York middleweight, at Long Pond Inn, Greenwood Lake, N.Y., just before he went to London last Spring to clutch Randolph Turpin until the referee called the whole thing off in the second round. Most of them, however, spend their leisure talking, playing cards, shooting pool or pitching horseshoes, and only occasionally, in the case of extreme extroverts, will they throw someone into a nearby body of water.

Rocky Graziano, the rather recent middleweight champion of the world, is such an extrovert. Several Summers ago he was encamped at Long Pond Inn in the company of Tony Pellone, the New York welterweight, and together they set a trap for Jack Healey, then one of Graziano's managers and a man of positive opinions as to his ability to do almost anything.

"Here comes Healey," said Pellone to Graziano as Healey approached them on the dock. "Let's give it to him."

"Good," said Rocky.

"Say, Rock," said Pellone, raising his voice. "How far do you think it is across this lake?"

"It's pretty far," said Graziano. "It must be a half mile."

"Do you think you can swim it?" inquired Pellone, and by now Healey was at their side.

"I don't know," said Graziano. "It's pretty far."

"I could swim it," said Healey.

"You're crazy," said Pellone.

"Sure I could swim it," repeated Healey.

"You could?" said Graziano, feigning disbelief.

"Absolutely," said Healey.

"So go ahead," said Pellone and Graziano in duet, and into the water they threw their quarry. He landed on the flat of his back and came up spitting water and grabbing for the dock.

"I thought you could swim across the lake," said Graziano as Healey hauled himself out. "Why didn't ya?"

"Because I didn't say I could do it," said Healey, rolling up his soggy left sleeve, "with my wrist watch on."

Graziano was one of those who, city bred, had nothing but disdain for the bucolic life. Another before him was Billy Conn who explained his dislike for country living to a literary circle one day

at Brown's Hotel at the Southern end of Greenwood Lake where, ostensibly, he was preparing to fight Joe Louis for the second time.

"How do you like it here in camp?" one of the journalists asked the Pittsburgh metropolitan one day.

"I hate it," said Conn. "I'd rather be in town."

"Why?" another asked.

"Because," said Conn, "the crickets annoy me."

There was very little else that annoyed Conn. The final Sunday of training he shared his gymnasium with a wedding party.

The gym at Brown's had been established at one end of a large dining room. Conn was in the habit of punching the heavy bag not more than ten feet from the bar, and on this day when the marital celebrants marched in and took over a long table he simply went on straining and sweating while the wine flowed and the toasts flew.

"I only hope," a New York sports writer remarked recently, "that the marriage turned out better than the fight."

That was the Yankee Stadium fight when Conn fled and the customers, some of whom paid \$100 a head to sit in, bled. Louis finally ended the agony in the eighth round and later, Eddie Murphy, a New York baseball writer, best characterized the events of the evening in one succinct question.

"Did anyone," he posed, "ask Conn when he first realized that he was pitching a no-hitter?"

"But camps ain't what they used to be," says Whitey Bimstein, one of the best known trainers, "and fighters ain't what they used to be either."

Bimstein was thinking of fighters like Paolino Uzcudun. Whitey prepared Uzcudun to meet the most formidable heavyweights of the time, and in those days, a quarter of a century ago, there was more spring in Bimstein's legs than there is now and so he would referee Uzcudun's sparring sessions.

**O**NE DAY in Uzcudun's camp at Orangeburg, N.Y., Bimstein detected that Uzcudun was allowing his sparring partner to tie him up inside. Much of Uzcudun's prowess rested on his ability to fight well in close, and so Bimstein began to remonstrate with his pupil.

"Pull that left hand out from under there," he began shouting at Uzcudun. "That left arm don't belong there, Paul. Use it!"

Suddenly Uzcudun stopped. He yanked his left arm loose and he turned to Bimstein.

"How do you mean?" he asked. "Like this?"

With that he let the left go. It hit Bimstein on the chin and stretched him on his back on the canvas.

"Those were the days," says Bimstein now, with detectable sadness. "I used to love to see fighters get cranky in camp."

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resolution making the CD Program one of their Major Projects, and L. L. Barrett, Pres. of the organization at that time, immediately presented this resolution to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, thereby setting the pace for every other such group in the State.

## ELK COMMITTEES SET UP

The Willimantic, Conn., Elks have a large-scale Civil Defense Committee working in cooperation with the local defense officials, and Jamestown, N. D., Lodge has an energetic group of patriotic members who are not only assisting the local authorities, but the county officials too.

The Jacksonville, Fla., Elks are ready to act in any disaster that might befall the city. Its Wardens Casualty Team, the first such group to be composed entirely of members of one organization in that particular community, has received considerable commendation from local authorities. These Elks are fully prepared to handle all phases of this very important work.

## LONG-TIME PREPAREDNESS

Brookline, Mass., Lodge has been active in Civil Defense work since 1950, under the able leadership of Civil Defense Director Thomas J. Brady, a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, whose office has taken every opportunity to keep the 63,000 members of the community informed on civil-defense development.

The manpower and physical facilities of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28, were made available to CD officials over two years ago. The decision to offer the lodge home as a decontamination, communications, first-aid or any other headquarters was part of the all-out CD program adopted by the members of Wheeling Lodge who are all enrolled as civil defense volunteers, and have been care-

fully indoctrinated in first-aid and other emergency relief work.

## CALIF. ELK BUILDINGS OFFERED

When Oxnard, Calif., Lodge dedicated its magnificent \$350,000 home, E.R. Peter Fox, in the presence of over 300 citizens, as well as the Commanding Officers of several nearby military installations, turned over to Mayor Rudolph Beck a key symbolizing the lodge's willingness to have the building and its grounds used by the Civil Defense Council in the event of any emergency. Adm. Wm. H. Standley, USN Ret., former Chief of Naval Operations and Ambassador to Russia under the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, delivered the main address on this occasion.

Another group of California Elks, the members of Richmond Lodge, gave the CD authorities the right to use that lodge building as a feeding and housing center in case of necessity. The Defense Coordinator there is B. W. Richardson, a P.E.R. of the lodge, who made the arrangements with several other former Richmond Elk leaders, as well as State Assn. Secy. Edgar W. Dale. Walter T. Paasch, County Clerk and another Past Exalted Ruler of this branch of the Order, administered the Loyalty Oath to approximately 150 of his fellow members at this meeting.

The Oroville, Calif., Elks turned over the basement of their lodge home to the protection of their fellow citizens. Following the acceptance of the building as an air-raid shelter, the Elks bought and erected a large Shelter Area sign so that, in the event of an emergency, any persons in the vicinity will be able to see immediately where it is they may go for protection. Jay Spencer, a member of the lodge, donated an entire day's work to preparing and erecting the sign.

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## Prophet and Loss

(Continued from page 7)

double de price dat you paid fo' dem."  
"Nossuh. Sorry."

The stranger said, "What good is an Atomic 8 Convertible if you has a'ready starved to death?"

"They could ca'y my casket in it. It'd be the swankest fun'ral Bumminham ever did see."

"Fumadiddles! Ise askin' you again—"

"Ain't no use, Feller. I just don't aim to sell."

The huge man regarded Florian with disgust, not entirely unmixed with respect. "Tell you what I'll do," he vouchsafed. "Gimme a half interest in two of them tickets an' I'll buy you a full meal."

Mr. Slappey debated. The pangs of hunger were gnawing at his insides, the thought of adequate nourishment proved irresistible. At length he said, "Seems like the answer is Yes."

The stranger swung around to Bud Peaglar. "You hearn what the gen'lman ordered," he boomed. "Make it snappy, an' load the plates down with proteins an' stuff." Then, as Mr. Peaglar limped away, the big man held out his hand. "Please to meet up with you, Florian. My name is Jaundice J. Jones."

Mr. Slappey's hand was almost crushed by the proffered fist. "You is suttinly a charity-lovin' man, Mistuh Jones. Been in town long?"

"Naaah. Me an' Alabama never did git along too good. Where I live mostly is Atlanta."

"Nice town," commented Florian politely. "It's right on the railroad."

Bud appeared with the succulent Brunswick stew—a large portion of it—and a cup steaming coffee. Mr. Slappey drank a few sips and then started eating hungrily. "Brunswick stew," he murmured ecstatically. "This is the fondest thing I is of."

"Me an' you bofe," agreed Jaundice. "And now, Brother Slappey—leave me see them raffle tickets you got."

Florian paused from his happy gastronomic labors long enough to extract ten brightly colored bits of pasteboard from a wallet which contained nothing else of value. "Pick out two," he counselled genially. "We'll make a note of the numbers, an' you an' me will be partners on 'em."

Mr. Jones hesitated.

"Sho' want to pick out good ones, eh Florian? Think of me an' you bein' co-owners of a snazzy, brand new Atomic 8! Hot ziggety dam!"

Bud Peaglar was occupied at the grill far down the counter. The pervasive fragrance of frying pork chops sifted through the smoke-filled atmosphere and aroused Mr. Slappey to a fury of impatience. The Brunswick stew merely had whetted his appetite; now he was ready to commence eating.

Jaundice J. Jones inspected and rein-

spected the tickets. Eventually, while Bud still wrestled with the pork chops, he selected two.

"These is them, Florian," he announced. "I puck 917 an' 3,098."

Florian said, "Make a note of them numbers, Jaundice."

Mr. Jones produced a notebook and pencil. With infinite exactness he inscribed the numbers of the two tickets: 917 and 3,098. "We is fifty-fifty on them," he stated. "Right?"

"Right." Florian gathered up all ten of the tickets and restored them to his wallet. "You has made a good deal, Jaundice," he said. "For one lousy buck, plus mebbe two bits, you has boughnten yo'se'f a half interest in a new 1953 convertible."

The meal progressed slowly but inexorably. By the time Mr. Slappey had finished the main course he was able to approach the lemon meringue pie with the deliberation of an epicure. Finally he leaned back, mopped his lips delicately with a paper napkin and heaved a vast sigh of contentment.

**J**AUNDICE JONES picked up the tab for his own meal and Florian's, and the two men . . . one slim and short and sartorially elegant; the other, tall and broad and indifferently clad . . . wandered out into Eighteenth Street. In answer to a question, Jaundice stated that he was living at Sally Crouch's Cozy Home Hotel for Colored. He learned that Mr. Slappey was the star roomer at Sis Callie Fluker's imminently respectable establishment on Avenue F. "But Ise always downtown," volunteered Florian, "hangin' 'round Bud's place, or maybe the Penny Prudential Bank Buildin'. Right now, Ise got things to do. Be seein' you Saddy night."

"Okay, Partner." Jaundice gave him a grin, but there was no warmth in it—just a warning. "I reckon I shouldn't throw good breath after bad by tellin' you that I don't espek you to double-cross me."

The debonair Florian grimaced with horror. "I never in my whole born life double-crossed nobody," he protested. "Specially somebody as big as you."

Florian was magnificently unperturbed by the mathematical odds he faced. He was sole owner of eight chances and half owner of two. Precisely 3,990 other tickets were outstanding, but Mr. Slappey was in the grip of one of his most profound hunches. "It don't take but one ticket to win," he told himself, "an' Ise certain, sure, positive I has got the one."

Early Saturday night Mr. Slappey appeared at the lodge rooms of The Sons & Daughters of I Will Arise. It was a gala occasion. Posters announced that the drawing would be held at 10 p.m.

and that the car and license and all other papers were to be properly endorsed over to the lucky winner. Following the drawing there would be dancing to the music of Aleck Champagne's Jazzphony Orchestra.

Promptly at ten o'clock Lawyer Evans Chew indulged in a large hunk of oratory. He then introduced Isaac Gethers, Grand Magnificent High Potentate, and Isaac, in turn, brought forth the blindfolded little girl who was to pick the lucky number.

An audible silence hung over the throng as the bowl stopped spinning and the little girl reached into the 4,000 assorted ticket stubs. Eventually she selected a ticket. This was taken from her by Isaac Gethers.

"The deëd," he announced, "has been did. The lucky number has been drawn. It is . . ." He turned the stub over in his palm: "It is number one, two, one, one."

There was a vast inhalation, a clatter of disappointment, and the atmosphere was pierced by a shrill scream.

"Boyohboyohboy! I got it. Right heah! Number one thousand two hundreded an' eleven!"

All eyes were directed to the frantic, frenzied Florian Slappey. Despite his sturdy optimism, Mr. Slappey seemed both surprised and delighted. He was yelling and waving his winning ticket, and to himself he was thinking, "Boy! Is I ever lucky! I don't got to share this ticket with Jaundice J. Jones."

Mr. Slappey fought his way toward the car where he was joined by Isaac Gethers and Lawyer Evans Chew. Isaac extended congratulations on behalf of himself and the lodge. He then presented Florian with a large manila envelope which he said contained all the papers which went with the ownership of the car, and on which—in the brief three minutes since the drawing—the name of Mr. Slappey had been officially inscribed. He then handed Florian the two shiny new keys which made the transaction legal, absolute and final.

Eager lodge members joined forces to wheel the car from the lobby to the curb. Florian had difficulty shaking off his friends and ensconcing himself behind the wheel. As he fitted the key into the ignition lock, the door on the opposite side opened and Jaundice J. Jones wedged his mammoth shape into the car. He said, "You sho' is a lucky feller, Brother Slappey. Leave us see how she runs."

Florian did not object to company. In fact he felt more than halfway sorry for the big man who had rescued him from starvation and whose disappointment at not sharing the profits must have been acute.

"Right you is, Brother Jones," he an-



swered heartily. "Leave us spurn the highway fum beneath our wheels."

He pressed the starter and the motor whirred to rhythmic, powerful life. Mr. Slappey set the automatic gearshift to "Drive", released the brake and touched the accelerator lightly with the pointed toe of a shiny shoe. The Atomic 8 leaped forward and Mr. Slappey swung southward with the cheers of the crowd still ringing in his ears.

Florian was experiencing one of his moments of maximum exaltation. He wasn't so much surprised at winning the car as he was to discover how good a car he had won. For fully ten minutes as they climbed Red Mountain and dropped down into the valley beyond he held forth on the magnificence of his new possession, and then he addressed a remark directly to his companion.

"Brother Jones," he said, "I sho' has got a marvellous automobile."

"Yes *suh!*" Jaundice's voice matched the enthusiasm in Florian's. "We sho' has."

"You said it . . ." Then Mr. Slappey did a slow take as the import of his companion's remark penetrated. "Jaundice," he said reprovingly. "You is gittin' mighty careless with them pronouns."

"What kind of foolishment you talkin', Mistuh Slappey?"

"Just what I meant. You said *we* has got a fine car. You mean *me*."

"Nope." Jaundice shook his head. "When I say *we* I mean *we*."

"But—"

Mr. Jones reached toward the dashboard, turned off the ignition and extracted the two keys which were still attached to the same key ring. He said, "Reckon us better git out of the car to discuss this matter proper."

"Why cain't us talk where we is?"

"On account," explained Jaundice, "it'd be a howlin' shame to mess up the new upholstery."

He stepped out of the car, circled it with amazing speed and reappeared on Florian's side. One muscular arm was extended, five powerful fingers wrapped around Mr. Slappey's inadequate biceps, and Florian was pulled unceremoniously into the highway. Then Mr. Jones proceeded to give the astonished and unhappy Florian a shaking which made his teeth rattle.

Mr. Slappey did not submit without protest. "This ain't right," he howled. "The ticket that won this car was mine. You didn't have no half of it."

"I did. An' I can prove it."

"How?"

"You remember when I selected the two tickets that was gwine be half mine, I written the numbers down in my li'l black book?"

"Yassuh. I sure do."

"Then look. . . ." Jaundice produced the notebook and flipped it open. On an otherwise blank page were inscribed two numbers: 917 and 1.211. "You

see," he said triumphantly. "There it is, black on white."

Mr. Slappey quivered with rage. "I is bein' crooked," he screamed. "You tore out the ol' page and written a new one. Why, the ink ain't hardly dry yet."

"Is you inskintuatin' that I is dishonest?"

"Nossuh, Mistuh Jones—I ain't inskintuatin' no such of a thing. What I is doin' is to *say* it. You is a low-down, ornery, waul-eyed, knock-kneed, double-crossin' crook, an' . . ."

That was as far as Florian got before Jaundice started swinging. The smaller man put up the best resistance of which he was capable, but it was far, far too feeble. After the seventh or eighth trip to the concrete, Mr. Slappey decided it would be sound strategy to remain where he was. He looked up into the evil countenance of his arch enemy and heard Jaundice's big voice.

"You better acknowledge our partnership befo' you git to be a candidate fo' the Over the River Buryin' Sassiety, Florian."

"You wouldn't . . ."

"Brother, you ain't showin' right good sense. Ise askin' you one mo' time: Would you ruther be half owner of a swell new Atomic 8, or be completely extincted?"

**T**HE DECISION was bitter but inevitable. Mr. Jones seemed capable—and even eager—to separate Florian from his small remaining stock of breath.

"The car is half mine, Florian?"

Mr. Slappey emitted a sepulchral groan. "Half yours," he conceded reluctantly. "But I'm tellin' you right now, Mistuh Jaundice J. Jones . . . no matter how bad you beat me up, you can't keep me fum thinkin'."

Mr. Jones grinned expansively, informed Florian that he was entitled to do all the thinking he wished, and then he extended the hand of friendship. "An' furthermo'," he said, "Ise givin' you back yo' key. Ise keepin' the second one. Us'll take turns usin' the car."

When they climbed back into the machine, Jaundice took the wheel and Florian crouched in the far corner, mumbling with helpless rage.

There ensued a period of misery for Mr. Florian Slappey. The Beau Brummel of Birmingham's Darktown assumed an indifference which he was far from feeling. He did not proclaim his discomfort to any save a few intimates, and so—as the apparent owner of a gleaming new convertible, 1953 model—his credit was re-established, and he even—on the few occasions when Jaundice permitted him to use his own car—managed to earn a few dollars by renting it out, though always with the stipulation that he do the driving.

The situation was fraught with abject misery for Florian. He had nosedived into the slough of despond and saw no way of emerging. He had neg-

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lected to have his original agreement with the pugnacious Mr. Jones witnessed. He faced a dreary future, knowing that eventually the truth would out: that the general public would learn how completely and emphatically he had been hornswoggled . . . and that was almost the bitterest prospect because then his pride would be dragged ignominiously in the dust.

He carried his tale of woe to Lawyer Evans Chew. That erudite barrister listened patiently and then rendered his verdict. "What you is behind is the eight-ball," he stated. "It ain't that I doubt you, Florian—but speakin' from a legalistic stan'point, it becomes a question of proof . . . an' you cain't prove nothin'. 'Co'se, you can sue Mistuh Jones fo' alienation of yo' automobile, but that ain't likely to git you nothin' but beat up."

Mr. Slappey emerged from the conference feeling unutterably low. There was nothing he could do, and no time in which to do it. Yet the thought of being trod upon indefinitely was intolerable. He was bereft of ideas, and consumed with the passion of revenge.

It was when he had reached the very nadir of despair that he encountered his friend, Jasper De Void. Jasper was long, lean and gangling. He was also a gentleman of parts, and, according to his story, was preparing to leave Birmingham on a business trip which would consume several weeks and would take him to Atlanta, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis and Montgomery.

"If'n I had a car like yours, Florian," he said, "I'd drive ev'ry inch of the way. Boy! would I knock my business friends dead if I could dazzle 'em with a car like that, an' make 'em think it was mine."

The faint forerunner of an idea commenced to percolate through Mr. Slappey's brain. Jasper didn't know that Jaundice claimed part ownership of the car, and Florian had no intention of disclosing that nauseating fact. If he could remove the car from the reach of Jaundice Jones, if he could make Jaundice think it had been stolen . . . if, he at the same time, could pocket the sizeable rent that Jasper De Void was willing to pay. . . . Florian's expression grew positively beatific as the potentialities of the situation presented themselves.

Less than an hour later he had entered into a deal with Mr. De Void. Jasper paid Florian a sizeable hunk of money in advance and promised to return the car within a month. But Florian was cautious.

"Ise on'y doin' this fo' two reasons, Jasper," he said, in a conspiratorial tone. "Tust: You is my friend, an' I crave to he'p you. Second: I is broke, and I can use the cash money. But I is makin' conditions. You is to take the car at eleven o'clock tonight. I'll give you the key an' tell you where you can find it. You ain't to let nobody know that I is

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rentin' it to you . . . on account it wouldn't do my credit no good if folks knew how broke I was. An' third, you is to be responsible fo' anything that goes wrong with the car."

Jasper agreed with enthusiasm to all three of Florian's stipulations. He accepted the key from Florian, and was told that the car would be found that night near Sally Crouch's Cozy Home Hotel. "An' if it ain't there," stated Mr. Slappey, "I'll be there myse'f to tell you where you can git it."

But the car was there, as Mr. Slappey had confidently expected it to be. This much he had learned: Jaundice Jones was a creature of habit. He turned in at approximately the same hour every night, he left the car in identically the same spot.

Mr. Slappey met Mr. De Void at the appointed spot, drove with him to Jasper's place of business on Eighteenth Street and helped his friend load his baggage and business paraphernalia into

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the roomy trunk compartment. Mr. De Void settled himself behind the wheel and waved airily.

"Hear I go," he announced. "Fo one month Ise gwine make like Ol' Man Prosperity hisse'f."

Mr. Slappey was utterly contented when he turned in later that night. His dreams were pleasant. His good humor persisted until the dusk of another day was settling over the Alabama metropolis. It was then that he encountered his *bete noire*, Mr. Jaundice J. Jones.

Mr. Jones announced grimly that the Atomic 8 had disappeared. During his recital he kept a close eye on Florian's expression. What he saw confirmed his conviction. What he heard made him even more certain.

Mr. Slappey said, with simulated unhappiness, "Well, I'll be dawg-bit! Somebody done stole our car."

Mr. Jones spoke with flat, ugly grimness. "Ise askin' you somethin'," he grated. "How big of a fool do you take

me fo'? Do you espek me to believe that car was stole?"

"Why sho'. If it ain't where you thought it was, an' if it has gone some-where else . . . it must of been stole."

"Leave me see yo' key to the car," Mr. Jones demanded abruptly.

Mr. Slappey's heart plummeted. "I—I ain't got it with me."

"How come not?"

"I reckon I lost it."

"So-o . . ." Jaundice shook Florian mercilessly. "I been espektin' somethin' like this, Mistuh Slappey. I know you took that car an' that you got it hid out somewhere. So I is gwine work you over right now to see if you change yo' mind about knowin' where the car is. Then ev'y day it doesn't show up, Ise figurin' to beat you up again."

For one awful instant, Mr. Slappey was permitted to peer into a future that reeked of melancholy. Things weren't working out as planned. Jaundice J. Jones was exhibiting a shrewdness which Florian had never suspected.

He gave Florian a light though painful going-over. At its conclusion he said, "Tha's just a sample, Brother Slappey. Ev'y day I'll find you, no matter where you is at. An' each time it's gwine git wuss."

One thing Florian soon discovered: Mr. Jones was as good as his word. Day after day he rooted Mr. Slappey out of whatever hiding place that once-debonair gentleman had selected. More often than not, their encounter was in a public place and Florian's physical discomfiture and mental anguish was suffered under the eyes of amused spectators. It seemed as though Mr. Slappey couldn't escape Mr. Jones. He wanted nothing so much as to crawl into a hole and pull the hole in after him.

At first he emerged from each walloping vowing vengeance, but as the days followed one another in endless and painful procession, Florian's boastings took on a hollow sound and succeeded in convincing no one, least of all himself.

Given the choice, Florian would have called the entire deal off. But his hands were tied. All he knew of Jasper's whereabouts was that Mr. De Void was somewhere in the vast region bordered by Atlanta on the east, Memphis on the west and Montgomery in the south.

Florian existed meagerly on the money Jasper had paid him for the rent of the Atomic 8. Part of the cash went for occasional lodgings at places where Jaundice Jones would be unlikely to find him, a portion went for food, and the balance was spent for various and assorted ointments.

"Oh, whoa is me!" wailed Florian. "I ain't gwine be able to survive this heah treatment much longer. Right now, I is one big ache."

He was caught, trapped, imprisoned. He had become a creature to be looked down upon, not up to. He was an object of mirth, of derision. He was caught

on the horns of a dilemma, and the horns were goring him. His misery was the most constant, the most acute, the most embarrassing, he had ever experienced.

Time dragged interminably. Florian awaited word from Jasper De Void, but he heard nothing.

And then, when it seemed that time itself had stood still—when Florian had become convinced that misery would continue to pile on misery until mind and body could no longer stand it—when it seemed that he had irretrievably lost face in the community . . . it was then that Jasper De Void returned.

The manner of Jasper's reappearance in Florian's life was anything but reassuring. Mr. Slappey had lurched into his room after an unusually painful encounter with the grim-visaged Mr. Jones. He had annointed himself with liniments and had crawled into bed to rest his aching body.

He heard a noise at the window, a brief rattle which sounded like a gust of rain. Then there was silence . . . then the noise was repeated. Florian sat up in bed, too bone-weary to admire his gay Hawaiian pajamas. From out of the stilly night came a cautious voice. It called, "Florian! Hey, you! Wake up!"

Mr. Slappey staggered to the window. He raised the glass and peered into the blackness. "Who that?" he inquired.

"Me," came the answer. "Ise throwin' pebbles at yo' window."

Florian scrambled into a robe and hustled downstairs to admit Mr. De Void.

ONE GLANCE at Jasper's face was all Florian required to know that his friend was the bearer of evil tidings. Jasper was not explaining: he was apologizing. Florian said, "Nothin' don't matter 'ceptin' that you has come home, Brother De Void. I don't care what Jaundice does with that car fum now on, so long as he leaves me be."

Jasper said sadly, "Tha's just it, Florian. He won't."

"Who won't?"

"Jaundice J. Jones. Time he finds out the news, he'll just about massacre you."

Mr. Slappey blinked. "You says words, Jasper—but they don't make no sense. Where at is my Atomic 8?"

Jasper probed into his pocket and produced a handful of currency. "Heah's two hound'ed dollars, Florian. The garage man said the job would be done fo' one hund'ed, but Ise doublin' it so you won't be mad."

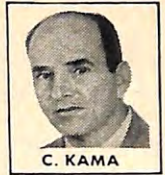
Premonition of fresh catastrophe assailed Florian. "You mean somethin' is wrong with the car?"

Jasper nodded. "Brother," he announced, "that car is a mess."

Mr. Slappey collapsed on the bed and regarded his friend in the dim light. "Tell me mo'," he ordered. "Things can't be wuss than what they has been."

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De Void and the Atomic 8 had experienced a highly disastrous collision with a telephone pole somewhere south of Montgomery, Alabama. The body of the car had been severely battered, the fenders on the right side smashed, and now it appeared that the Montgomery mechanic had underestimated the damage. "The frame is maybe bent," explained Mr. De Void unhappily, "an' the motor sounds like it's got whooping cough."

Mr. Slappey wrestled with this new problem. If he turned the car over to Jaundice in its present dilapidated condition, he'd probably find himself among those who were resting in peace; if he didn't, his daily torture would continue.

He explained his position to his friend from whom he got a lot of sympathy but no sound advice. The car was smashed—that's all there was to it. It was still in operating condition, but the defects under the hood were certain to appear with continued use. "An' then," stated Jasper, "Jaundice will find out fo' shuah that you rented me the car an' fum the minute he does, you better start totin' a bunch of lilies, just in case."

The night passed in fruitless debate. Early the following morning, Florian decided to do what little was in his power. He drove the beat-up Atomic 8 to a garage just outside the city limits and paid \$75 of the \$200 Jasper had given him for the job of repairing the exterior damage. "Fenders, paint job . . . anything to make it look good," he explained. "Don't bother to fix up nothin' you cain't see."

Four days later the work had been completed. Florian and Jasper viewed the car with pride and astonishment. They agreed that it had never looked better . . . or not much better, anyway. The mechanic then handed them a list of the car's internal troubles, but these Mr. Slappey ignored. "It'll run, won't it?" he asked.

"Sho'ly, Mistuh Slappey. But I ain't sayin' how far or how fast."

They left the car in the garage after promising to call for it that night or the next. On their way back to town Mr. De Void cast a questioning eye on his friend.

"What you got in mind, Florian?" he asked.

"I dunno. Mebbe somethin', mebbe nothin'."

"Want to tell me?"

"I ain't gwine tell nobody. I ain't even shuah that I'd trus' myse'f."

That night Florian camped out with Jasper De Void. All the next day he remained in hiding. The following evening he drove the Atomic 8 to a secluded spot in the neighborhood of the house where Mr. De Void maintained a room. He parked in the deep shadows, locked the ignition, extracted the key and seated himself alongside Jasper on the crub.

"That crazy car," stated Mr. De Void admiringly, "looks real good."

"Don't look no other way," agreed Mr.

Slappey. "An' that brings me to the last favor Ise ever gwine ast you."

Jasper regarded his friend with some suspicion. "Tain't nothin' perilous?"

"Naaah! Nothin' like that. What I crave is that you keep watch on the car all night tonight."

Mr. De Void agreed, figuring that he was making small sacrifice for his buddy after having busted up his cherished automobile. He dragged a chair onto the veranda of his boarding house and settled himself for a long night.

Mr. Slappey walked downtown. He avoided his usual haunts where there would be the greatest likelihood of encountering the vengeful Jaundice Jones. Already he had had enough of Mr. Jones to last him a half dozen lifetimes. "If I never see that feller again," he told himself, "it'll still be twice too soon."

When the night had advanced sufficiently for Mr. Slappey to consider himself moderately safe, he walked to his lodgings at Sis Callie Flukers and tucked himself into bed. But he did not immediately fall asleep. He heard one o'clock strike, and then two. Shortly thereafter he heard a tense, excited calling from outside. It was Jasper De Void and there was urgency in his voice. Mr. Slappey went downstairs, admitted his

visitor, and tiptoed with him up to the second floor room.

Jasper was consumed with woe and worry. "There wasn't nothin' I could do, Florian. Not nothin'. He just come along, took the car . . . an' off he went."

"Who? Where?"

"Jaundice J. Jones. He come walkin' down the street, seen the Atomic 8 standin' there, jumped behind the wheel an' drave off. I had half a mind to stop him, but the other half of my mind advised me that committing suicide would be entirely fatal . . . so I left him go."

Mr. Slappey shook his head and muttered something unintelligible as he pulled on his clothes. He insisted that Jasper accompany him downstairs.

From a public telephone booth he established contact with Sally Crouch's Cozy Home Hotel where he was informed that Mr. Jaundice Jones wasn't living there any more. The night clerk stated that Jaundice had appeared suddenly out the darkness, rushed to his room, returned with his bags packed, had paid his bill and then said goodbye.

"What did he do then?" asked Florian.

"He exodusted."

"Did he say where he was goin' to or when he'd be back?"

"Nossuh. On'y thing he remarked was



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that he was gwine stay far, far away fum Bumminham forever, or even longer than that."

Mr. Slappey replaced the receiver on the hook, linked his arm through Jasper's and suggested a stroll through the deserted civic center of Darktown. "Who is now out of my hair is Jaundice J. Jones," he said with elation. "An' Brother! Is I ever happy."

Jasper said, "I just don't dig it, Florian. I understand that you would be happy with Jaundice gone, but when I remember that he stole yo' bran' new car . . ."

"That beat-up ol' heap! Bright an' shinin' on the outside, but ruind under the hood. You know, Jasper, I figure that come mornin' Brother Jones will be some other State: Geo'gia mabee, or either Tennessee. An' he won't never return."

Jasper stopped walkin'. He regarded his friend with inquisitive eyes. "You ack as if you had done somethin' good instead of losin' yo' automobile," he said.

"Well, I sho'ly ain't mis'able."  
"How come not?"

"I'll esplain." A note of triumph sounded in Florian's voice. "After you come back to town with the car, I commenced to do a li'l thinkin'. Also, I investigated."

"Investigated what?"

"Brother! It don't make no never-minds what a man investigates, so long as he uses his brain for somethin' else than just to have headaches with. Me, I crawled off in a corner where nobody could interfere with me an' I started thinkin' thoughts."

"Was they good thoughts?"

"You know I never have no other kind, Jasper. One of my most important thoughts was about that envelope they handed me down at the lodge rooms right after I won the Atomic 8. Until night befo' last I never looked at them papers. Guess what I discovered?"

"What?"

"Fust off, the usual things: bill of sale made out to me. Receipt for the license. Plus."

"What you mean, 'Plus'?"

"I mean the plusstest plus that ever was. I mean somethin' to drive the thunderclouds outen my life an' fill it up with sunshine and barbecued ribs."

Mr. De Void was regarding his friend

with interest, not yet, however, unmixed with skepticism. "Quit beatin' up the bush, Florian. What else did you find amongst them papers?"

"An insurance policy," retorted Florian gleefully. "It was took out by the lodge when they boughten the car, before they raffled it off. They endorsed it over to the winner, which his name was Florian Slappey."

"An' so . . . ?"

"Well, that policy says, among other things, that if my automobile was ever stole, I would receive the full value in cash. I figure I'll git about two thousand dollars."

"Wow!" Mr. De Void regarded his dapper friend with amazement. "Is that somethin', or is that somethin'? You is rid of an ol' wreck which you don't know how long it would run anyway, you has just about got two thousand dollars in yo' pocket, you still have most of the money I give you for the rent an' also how much I handed you fo' havin' the outside of the car fixed. What you is doin', Mistuh Slappey, is good." Then Mr. De Void shook his head. "But one thing I got to say, Florian . . . you is the luckiest man alive."

"Me? Lucky?"

"Yeh, you. 'Sposin' Jaundice J. Jones hadn't of stole that car?"

"But he did steal it. An' when I colleck my insurance, they is gwine make sure that Jaundice won't never set foot in this noble an' so'veign state of Alabama again. Does that esplain ev'thing?"

"No, Florian—it don't. The luck was with you. You couldn't be sure that Jaundice was gwine elope with the car?"

"Yes, I could be sure."

"How come?"

"Well, yestiddy afternoon Jaundice J. Jones got a synonymous letter. It was left in his box at the Cozy Home Hotel. It told him that the car was in town, an' it described ezactly where it would be parked at a certain hour last night."

Mr. De Void shook his head. "You talk awful smart," he said. "But you couldn't possibly know that somebody was gwine write that synominous letter to Jaundice."

"Says you, I couldn't. Mr. Slappey's countenance was wreathed in smiles. "The reason I knowed all about it was this: I wrote that note myself."

## Rod and Gun

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across them. It is possible, at least, that I could do as well by other methods or lures under these conditions if I were a good bass fisherman, but I am not; so I usually turn to this lure for action.

This is what I am talking about. It is a lure—or, actually, a combination of lures—which imitates a frog, although one would hardly believe it at first look. It is a single-hook, weedless spoon combined with a frog-shaped pork chunk. Such weedless spoons come in various

sizes and finishes, and pork chunks and rinds come in an even greater variety, but for bass—for this particular combination—I use only one model of each. I use a No. 2 spoon in a silver finish, not gold, copper or enamel. Apparently the silver best imitates the white belly of a frog. For the pork-chunk attachment I use the type with two trailing strips of rind, like the legs of a frog. From time to time I have tried various shapes of rind alone and chunks without the trailing legs, but



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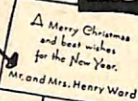
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Although it is the lure itself which does the trick, there's a little bit in knowing how to use it. As already mentioned, it is most telling in the shallows among the weeds and pads. The hook is reasonably weedless. No hook is absolutely weedless or it would necessarily be fishless too. However, if this spoon is handled gently it can be brought through a mass of pads, alternately sliding over their slick surfaces and dunking into the open pockets between without fouling. Largemouths will remain in such shallows, lying in the shade of the pads in wait for minnows and frogs, throughout the hottest weather; whereas in open water bass are inclined to retire to cooler depths in mid-summer, at least until the cool of the evenings. Therefore, during the day, the pads and weedbeds are the place to fish. However, when fishing in open water, this lure also has the advantage of sinking rapidly to any desired depth.

As to method of fishing, the most important rule is to work it slowly. Most fishermen make the mistake of working a lure too fast no matter what they are using, and this particular one certainly is most effective fished slowly. Combined with the slow retrieve, it seems to be an advantage to bob the rod tip occasionally to give the spoon and chunk a dipping, erratic motion.

I use this lure on a bait-casting rod.

I feel I can control this erratic motion best with the direct action of the bait-casting reel. Also in fishing around pads where a tangled fish is often a lost fish, I feel I have better control over the fish than would be the case with a slip-drag reel. However, this may be just a matter of personal preference. I have no doubt that it could be worked with fine results on a spinning reel. The spoon-and-chunk combination makes a heavy, solid lure that can be cast easily and accurately on either type gear.

The only thing I can say against this method of bass fishing is that I miss quite a few strikes. However, I am a fisherman who likes action. I would certainly prefer to miss three or four strikes and hook one, for instance, than to get no strikes at all. And even in missing strikes it has an advantage over most artificial lures. Most missed strikes are short strikes; that is, the fish doesn't strike far enough forward to reach the single hook. When he strikes short, of course he hits only the pork chunk. The chunk is soft and yielding, not too different from the frog the bass thinks he is after; therefore, he willingly comes again and again. An eager bass will sometimes strike three or four times on successive casts—and eventually get hooked. This repeated striking isn't generally true of bass, however. When one of them takes a pass at a succulent-looking minnow and clamps down on wood and steel instead, he doesn't strike again. He's off on the run to see his oculist.

Such short strikes are often the fault of the fisherman rather than the lure anyway. Usually it is the result of too-fast a retrieve. I know better, but I am often guilty of this lapse. The fishing is slow and through impatience I gradually cast and retrieve faster and faster. This is just the time I should fish more slowly and carefully, but I'm not built that way.

Otherwise, missed strikes are usually the result of small fish. This lure is a big

one actually. From the eye of the spoon to the tip of the pork-chunk legs it is about five inches long, quite a mouthful for a grade-school bass. I have caught little fellows only about eight inches long on it, but the small ones usually manage to bump the pork chunk around and that's all. I have also caught them larger than eight pounds on this lure. Such a bass doesn't miss. He didn't get that big through poor aim.

And that's about the size of it. It is a simple business, an easy lure to use, and too deadly. As little as there is to it, when I've described it I've said all I have to say about bass fishing. It's my only secret, and it's not my secret alone, of course. I run across others occasionally who use the identical rig, and many of

these men fish with absolutely nothing else. It is the spoon and frog-chunk or nothing. I won't go that far. Top-water fishing is still my favorite, even if I don't catch as many bass. And the real charm of bass fishing for me will always be night fishing, the fascination of that chorus of sounds peculiar to a bass pond on a summer's evening combined with the mystery and elusiveness of trying to lure a bass up out of his dark depths. That's it. One good top-water strike on such a calm, dark evening, even if I miss him, means more to me than a tubful caught underwater in the daylight. However, when I can't have it that way, or when I develop an overpowering desire for a fish fry, then I resort to the easy way, the silver spoon and frog-chunk.

## For Elks Who Travel

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The Northern Pacific Railway runs several "Yellowstone Vacation" tours, among them a four-day trip based on a cost of \$69.50, which begins at Gardiner Gateway, northern entrance to the Park area.

Yellowstone occupies the northwest corner of the state of Wyoming, but for those who are looking for lands even more northern, there are the Northern Rockies which form the Glacier National Park in the top of Montana. These mountains rise in an abrupt wall straight out of the Montana plain and appear even higher than their average of about 10,000 feet. The range is covered by dense forests, glacial valleys and mountain meadows tossing with wildflowers all summer long. There are some sixty silver glacier caps, 200 lakes, and cascades and waterfalls on which there is no census. If it's warm around your block, come to Iceberg Lake where small but cold bergs float on the surface in the middle of the summer.

There is no problem about where to rest one's head between sightseeing excursions. The Glacier Park Hotel com-

mands the east entrance, Many Glacier sits on the edge of Swiftcurrent Lake, and the Lake McDonald Hotel rests by the shores of the largest lake on the west side of the park. The hotels are outstanding among national park accommodations and the cuisine is noted for seafood from the Northwest, mountain trout, Montana beef and home baking. The hotels are on the American plan, starting at \$9.25 per day. There also is lodging to be had at Alpine chalets at Granite Park and Sperry Glacier and at a number of camps with grocery stores nearby.

Glacier is the only national park on the main line of a transcontinental railway—The Great Northern—and is in easy reach from Chicago, St. Paul, or California and the west via Portland or Seattle. The Western Star, a Great Northern streamliner, stops at both the east and west entrances of the park every day during the summer season which on the railroad calendar runs from June 15 to September 10.

A good part of the Glacier Park area was bought from the Blackfoot Indians whose reservation adjoins the premises. The tribe sends a delegation to pitch a summer encampment near the Glacier Park Hotel and presents pow-wows each night. They wear beaded white buckskin, war bonnets of tossing eagle feathers and other raiment representative of the well-dressed Indian.

## In the Doghouse

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dog for very long; the news about Drum was soon relayed to his two-room cabin less than a mile away from the Hornsby place. Like other mild-mannered men, Burden wasn't easy to anger but like many of his kind, once aroused, he became furiously persistent. He demanded quick satisfaction from Hornsby. The latter, with the obstinacy that sometimes marks a guilty conscience, disclaimed all responsibility for the dog's death. Wasn't Drum trespassing on Hornsby land; wasn't the dog very likely a killer of some of his sheep? The quarrel became open and if you lived in the vicinity at that time you were either a Burden man or on the Hornsby side of the fence. Burden, thoroughly convinced that Drum was the victim of the misdeeds of other dogs, secured the services of attorneys Philips and Vest to open an action for damages. The impetuous Mr. Hornsby engaged the firm of Crittenden and Cockrell to defend him. It is interesting to note that most of the legal eagles involved later became prominent nationally. Crittenden became Governor of Missouri while attorneys Vest and Cockrell were elected to the United States Senate.

The first trial resulted in a hung jury. But the persistent Burden wasn't satisfied, so Hornsby was again obliged to defend himself at a second trial which also ended in a stalemate. However, Burden kept punching and at the con-

clusion of a third trial, January 1870, he was awarded \$25 damages. Hornsby appealed for a new trial, which was granted. How much this legal bush-wacking cost each man is a mystery. By the time the fourth trial began the legal business almost overshadowed the cause of the trial. Poor old Drum was only a dim figure in a cloud of legal technicalities. Burden won the fourth round and was awarded, this time, \$50. But he had sued for \$200 and fifty was something short of that—too short to suit him.

He had the case reopened and the fifth trial was scheduled for September 23rd, 1870. Our historian tells us that it was one of those typical fall days. By this we could assume that it was bright but with that far-off haze which mellows distance and there was perhaps the faint odor of burning leaves or wood. Maybe you've known such days. The Burden-Hornsby duel by this time had attracted so much attention that the little courthouse was filled and an over-flow of spectators milled around the outside. Public opinion ran strongly pro-Hornsby. After all, the verdict of \$50 rendered at the last trial was a lot of money to pay for a dog (this was particularly true eighty three years ago) especially an ordinary farm hound dog. Burden didn't think so. He remembered Drum, Drum on the trail, Drum cornering his game, Drum's soft brown eyes and his unswerving loyalty.



For Burden there was no dog like Drum—anywhere. But inside the courtroom the opinions were pretty much pro-Hornsby, too, although an occasional Burden man was heard. The prolonged battle had become intensely personal.

Up front, close to the judge's bench, were the usual close-mouthed conferences between attorneys, shuffling of papers and throats were heard clearing making ready for speaking. Rapping his desk, the judge called the court to order and the trial began. Long before it was over all concerned, other than Burden and Hornsby, were bored although the sentiment in favor of Hornsby seemed to increase. Burden's case seemed hopeless and that hopelessness was further seen in the stony attitude of the jury. As the trial progressed attorney George Graham Vest slumped deeper into his chair, his mind apparently far away from the case. His colleague Philips leaning toward him whispered sharply, "George man, come to life. It's up to you now to wind up this affair. You'll have to make the concluding address to the jury."

Vest arose slowly and in an almost sleepy way began to speak. "Gentlemen," he said in a voice free from emotion and in a manner free from gestures, "the best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money a man has he may lose. It flies away from him when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when suc-

cess is with us may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its clouds upon our heads. But, gentlemen, the one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the sores and wounds that come from encounters with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. If riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

"If misfortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true, even in death."

The jury adjourned—but only for a few minutes. They returned and their verdict—\$500 damages in favor of the owner of Old Drum.

If you have read this closely you'll have noted that nowhere in the 369 words of attorney Vest is there any mention of Old Drum or the case on trial.

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# EDITORIAL

## A YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE



When Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern had completed six months of service as the head of the Order, *The Elks Magazine* was pleased to take editorial recognition of the salient features of his stewardship.

When this issue of *The Elks Magazine* reaches its readers but a few days will remain before Brother Stern turns over to his successor the emblem of authority.

As he reflects upon the accomplishments of the year he will recall much that will be most gratifying to him.

He has stressed the charitable activities of the Order which was natural for one who had devoted a great deal of time and effort, in and out of the Order, to acts of charity and benefactions reaching into many fields.

Probably no Grand Exalted Ruler since the creation of the Elks National Foundation has done more to strengthen and develop the interests of the members of the Order in that great charitable and educational institution and to encourage substantial financial support of its program.

Encouraging the Grand Lodge Committees under his direction to start their programs early in the year, he has continued to guide and stimulate their activities throughout his term of office.

We are pleased to express appreciation of the cooperation we have received from Grand Exalted Ruler Stern.

Each month his messages have been received well in advance of the deadline of the issue for which they were individually intended. He has helped the Magazine by seeing that reports of his visits, accompanied by suitable photographs, have come forward promptly, thus lightening the work and the worries of the Editorial Department.

He has been tireless in his visits to the subordinate lodges; no journey has been too long or too uncomfortable for him to take when he felt that a visit would meet the desires of his Brothers and enable him to perform a service.

The members of the Order will wish him a full measure of enjoyment in the well-earned rest before him.

## AN HONOR FOR ELKDOM



All Elks are interested in hearing of members of the Order who obtain important recognition in other fields of activity. Last March *The Elks Magazine* published a list of the members of the Order who are in the Senate and House of Representatives and it was

truly impressive because of the high percentage of members who are in these two great legislative bodies.

Particularly noteworthy was the elevation of an outstanding Elk to a high position last month—the installation on June 2nd of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick as President of the American Medical Association. Dr. McCormick has served the Order earnestly and with distinction for many years and at the same time has had a distinguished career in his profession. He is a Fellow of the

American, as well as the International; College of Surgeons. England awarded him the Military Cross for his medical work in France with the B.E.F. during World War I. He was the United States Representative to the World Health Assembly, an agency of the United Nations, at a meeting in Switzerland a few years ago.

In Elkdom, Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick has contributed largely of his knowledge and experience as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation, being particularly interested in the cerebral palsy work of the Foundation.

All members of the Order congratulate the American Medical Association for securing the service of this distinguished Elk as its leader this year.

## GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS



Occasionally we get the opportunity to see an editorial calling the public's attention to the many ways in which the local Elks lodge is contributing to the betterment of the community. There are many more printed, no doubt, that don't come to our attention.

We are sorry about that, for we would like to see all of them, so that we could share with the members of these lodges the feeling of satisfaction and justifiable pride that comes from having somebody else look you over and say, "Well done."

One such editorial appeared recently in the Cambridge, Mass., Chronicle-Sun, noting the Fiftieth anniversary of Cambridge Lodge No. 839.

"Every now and then we meet one of those wise-guy characters who tries to tell us that the Elks are nothing but a lot of Good Time Charlies without a serious thought in their heads," observed the editor. "The wise guys are dead wrong, however, when they imply that the Elks are so busy having a good time that they give no serious attention to the problems and needs of the community in which they live. We have just finished reading the Fifty Year History of Cambridge Lodge of Elks and we are greatly impressed with the amount of money that the Lodge has raised and spent for charity here. If our arithmetic is correct, the 50-year total (covering both boom times and bust) is \$203,000."

Listing some of the Lodge's major benefactions, the editorial concludes: "We doubt that any other social or fraternal organization in the city can surpass this record over the last 50 years. We congratulate the Lodge upon its record of charity in action, and wish our Elks success in their big anniversary celebration which is coming up."

And out on the West Coast, the Everett, Wash., Herald a few months ago published a fine editorial feature on Everett Lodge No. 479 and its outstanding service programs. It concluded with this accolade:

"It long has been the desire of the officers of Everett Lodge to make the Elks Home one of the major centers of the community's interest and every evidence points to the fact they are well on their way toward achieving this goal."

These are examples of the solid public relations that hundreds of Elks Lodges have won in their communities. Any lodge, large or small, that has not achieved the same reputation in its community can do so by following the inspiring examples of those that have.

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