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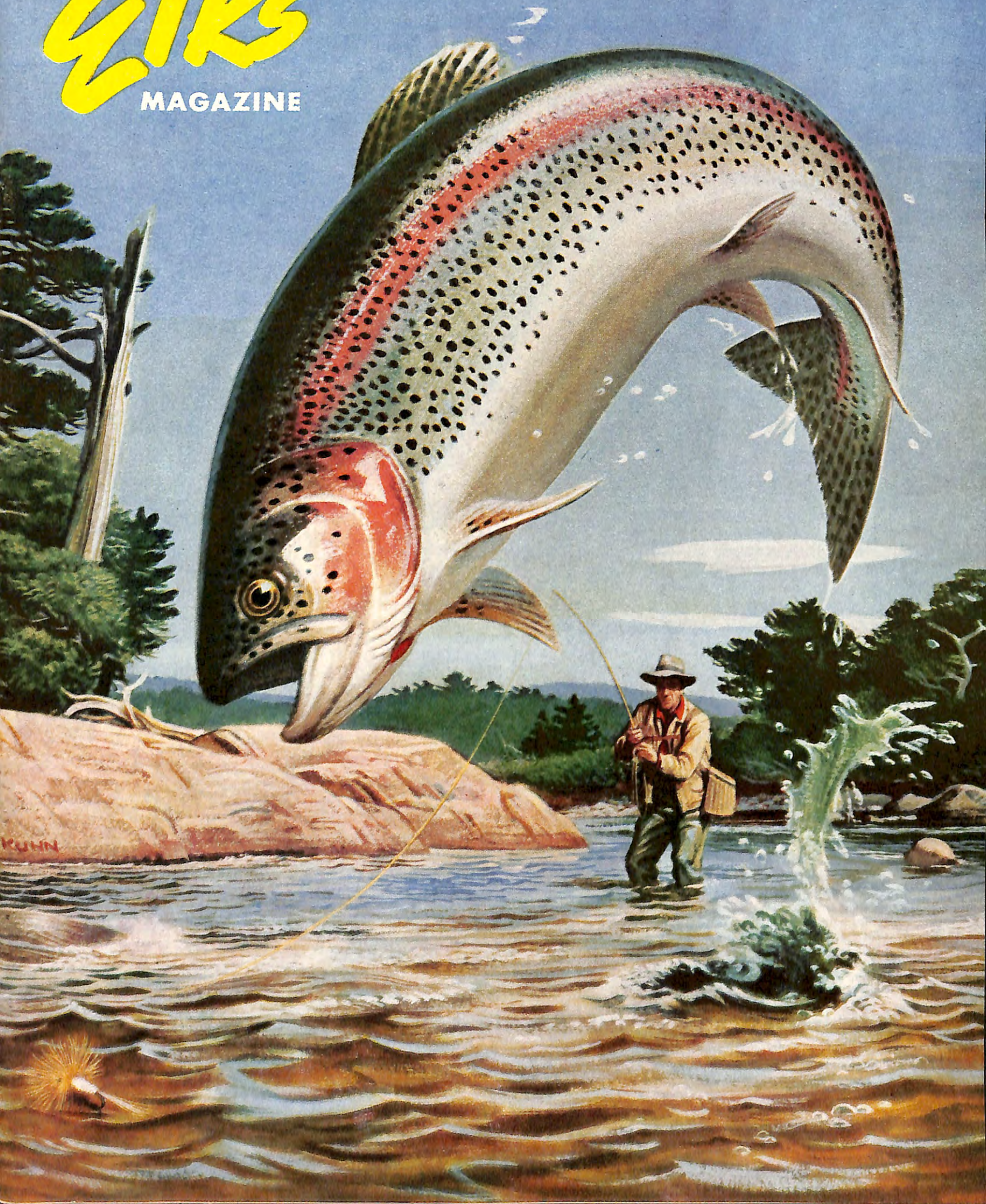
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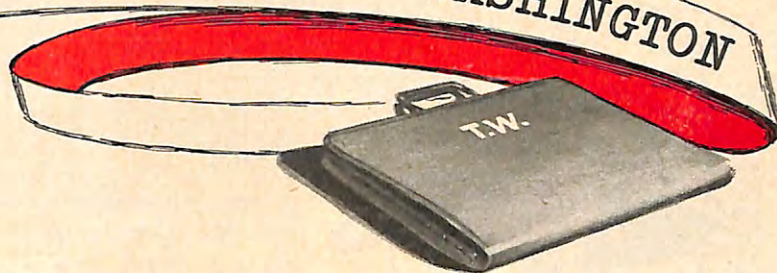
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## TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



**P**RESIDENT EISENHOWER now runs his press conferences like an old-timer. It has taken the Chief Executive a year to get used to meeting 200 or more members of the press at frequent intervals and be bombarded with questions for a half hour. However, even when he was not familiar with all the twists and turns of government, the President liked these press gatherings. Now he gets a big kick out of the questioning and his quick replies make the conferences lively affairs. The President is more at ease too. Under the schooling of television adviser Robert Montgomery, he is acquiring the techniques of public speaking, when to look up, when to pause, when to smile, when to emphasize a point. Aside from the showmanship, the President tries to make the press meetings constructive discussions of the problems confronting the administration and not just tricky quizzes loaded with wisecracks and needled jabs. He goes to the conferences well briefed on the questions which may be tossed at him. Press Secretary James Hagerty pretty well knows what the newspapermen are apt to ask and what angles will be brought out on the big issues of the day. The President is given facts and figures and such background as he should have in order to discuss them and present the Administration attitude. Once the conference begins the President is on his own. There is no prompting. White House press conferences now follow an established pattern. The President knows most of the reporters well. He faces about the same group each time and many each time occupy the same places in the conference room; truly a place where history is made.

### PROTECTION DEFENSE

Three years ago this column was first to give details of the \$35,000,000 communications center under Rock Raven Mountain in Frederick County, Md. Now that it is entirely finished, the "underground pentagon" as it is called has relieved a terrific headache for Defense Department heads. Without the huge atom bomb proof center this nation could be dealt a mortal blow in case the Pentagon was wiped out. That fear has passed. Communications with the Army, Navy, Air Force and all our far flung defense posts can be maintained regardless of any

attack. Five micro-wave radio stations link the cavern with normal communications facilities. The strange place far under the mountain and entered by winding passages was created by blasting and carting away 500,000 cubic yards of rock.

### CHAMOIS ISN'T CHAMOIS

Chamois leather doesn't come from the chamois antelope which is now practically extinct. It is the underside or "flesher" of a split sheepskin which is oil tanned after splitting. It can't be called "chamois" if it is buffed instead of split, and if it is not oil tanned, the FTC says.

### BEGINNING OF TIME

Scientists are preparing to look farther back toward the beginning of time by means of increasing the range of telescopes three or more times. By request of Dr. Vannevar Bush, President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, a \$50,000 grant has been made by the Carnegie Foundation of New York for the work. It may be that through new techniques of photography and electron microscopy we may be able to look back through space and determine just what happened in the beginning of the sun, the earth, the moon and the planets of our universe. Tremendous discoveries lie ahead.

### FIRST MOVIE POPULAR

At the Library of Congress the first movie, called "Fred Ott's Sneeze", is in the second month of a three-month run. It only lasts 2½ minutes but it's all free and crowds see it every day. It was the discovery of Thomas Edison in 1894 and it had 45 "frames", or separate pictures. The story is that Fred Ott, an assistant of the noted inventor, was a gentleman with walrus moustaches and prone to sneeze violently. Edison used him for the first movie, but when they were ready Ott couldn't sneeze. They say they gave him a big pinch of snuff, the camera started to grind and Ott produced a whopper of a sneeze.

### SAUCERS STILL MYSTIFY

Comes now these flying saucers still cutting capers. Commercial pilots keep reporting they see them in the Southwest Pacific, in the North Atlantic lanes, in different parts of this country. They have

been seen on the plane routes between Seattle and Alaska. Military Air Transport Service is working to speed up saucer reporting in an effort to arrive at something tangible. Some of the pilots say the saucers seem to have portholes which emit a bluish light, and that they seem to be controlled in some way, not drifting in the air currents like balloons.

### COFFEE MIXUP

Pentagon cafeterias raised the price of coffee from 5 to 6 cents and also the price of coffee substitutes. Customers would draw a cup of coffee and tell the checkers they had the substitute and thus save a penny. Those who don't drink coffee want their substitutes served in different cups so there can be no cheating and so they can get the substitutes at the usual nickel price.

### DISASTER CENTER

The corner of 11th and F Sts. in downtown Washington is considered the center of the A bomb target area by Civil Defense officials. Shelters here are called inadequate. What would happen if a bomb dropped on this capital city nobody knows. If there is a two-hour warning signal most people might be able to get out of the center zones.

### CAPITAL CAMERA

American Institute of Laundering admits it can't get women to quit washing their own stockings and lingerie and hanging them in the bathroom . . . Jet planes will take part in National Guard training this Summer for the first time . . . Spring is the worst disaster season according to the Red Cross with floods, tornadoes and windstorms heading the list . . . Trucking industry wants the Post-office to use more highway P.O. vehicles, arguing it would save time and money . . . Treasury is now pushing sale of \$50 E bonds instead of the \$25 ones in effort to boost sales one billion this year . . . Mrs. Eisenhower wears the best looking Spring hats in town . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Vollmer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in "perfect harmony." He has been White House piano tuner since the days of Teddy Roosevelt . . . Just to keep the record clean, Germany is no longer listed under U. S. quarantine as having flag smut of wheat.





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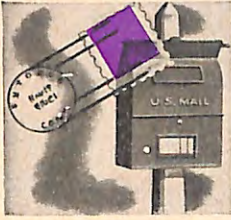
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## What Our Readers



## Have to Say

You won't mind, I am sure, being thanked again for the excellent article published in The Elks Magazine, "Your Share of the National Debt", by Dr. W. Randolph Burgess.

As a member of Davenport, Iowa, Lodge No. 298, it has been a real pleasure for me to see the many fine things that you have done in behalf of a very important program.

Ken Glass

Milwaukee, Wis.

If I can obtain a second to my motion, I propose a rising vote of thanks to The Elks Magazine for the article on page eight of the February 1954 issue by Robert A. Smith—"Should the UN Admit Red China?", and the arguments set forth, pro and con.

C. E. Cory

Mount Carmel, Ill.

I take this opportunity to commend you on the article in the February issue of The Elks Magazine, "Should the UN Admit Red China?" This realistic evaluation of a highly important issue of these times should be a "must" reading for every American, young and old. Keep up the good work.

K. D. Sloop

Santa Ana, Calif.

As the mother of a 3½-year old miniature of Roy Rogers, The Lone Ranger and Hopalong Cassidy combined, please let me salute Wesley Snyder for the cover of your February issue.

Without comment, I placed same before said son and he said, "It's a horse, Mommy, but what's that on it?"

In these days of wondering whether one's offspring will head for the hills or the moon, what *has* happened to the good old knight in shining armor?

Is there any possible way of obtaining a print of this picture suitable for framing. Thank you for a wonderful cover.

Mrs. M. A. Verry

Elmont, Long Island, N. Y.

Reading your editorial, "Strayed Elks", reminds me that I cannot understand why an Elk would permit his card to lapse. To me, once an Elk, always an Elk. The Elks are such a wonderful organization it is difficult for me to believe that anyone would intentionally drop out. I would like to appeal to all who know of any strayed Elks to contact them and find out what they are doing and urge them to return to the Order, for they need us as we need them.

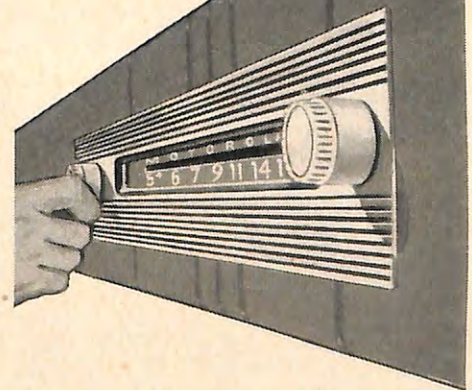
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BY OCTAVUS ROY COHEN

**The lady's future was in good hands  
—maybe a little too good.**

SUE CAREY fidgeted. The silence was almost tangible and the lethargy which enveloped the gargantuan frame of Jim Hanvey vaguely disconcerting.

Hanvey was slumped in an easy chair near the single window of his tiny living room. Pudgy fingers were locked across a paunch of large dimensions, his triple chins overflowed a narrow collar, and his eyes appeared to be closed in slumber. He displayed no symptom of interest—or of life—except that his belt buckle was agitated occasionally by what Sue diagnosed as evidence of respiration.

This was Miss Carey's first meeting with Jim Hanvey, and she was frankly unimpressed. For several years she had heard Johnny Frane and his friends discuss Hanvey's prowess. They appeared to entertain for the large detective a most profound respect, but it occurred to the blonde young lady that their judgment was unsound.

She decided instantly and unanimously that Jim Hanvey was as thick of head as of body. Surely no person so obviously somnolent could have achieved success in criminal investigation except by overwhelming luck. Yet she wasn't entirely sure of herself. Johnny Frane was no fool, and Johnny maintained—with insistent vehemence—that Jim Hanvey was shrewd.

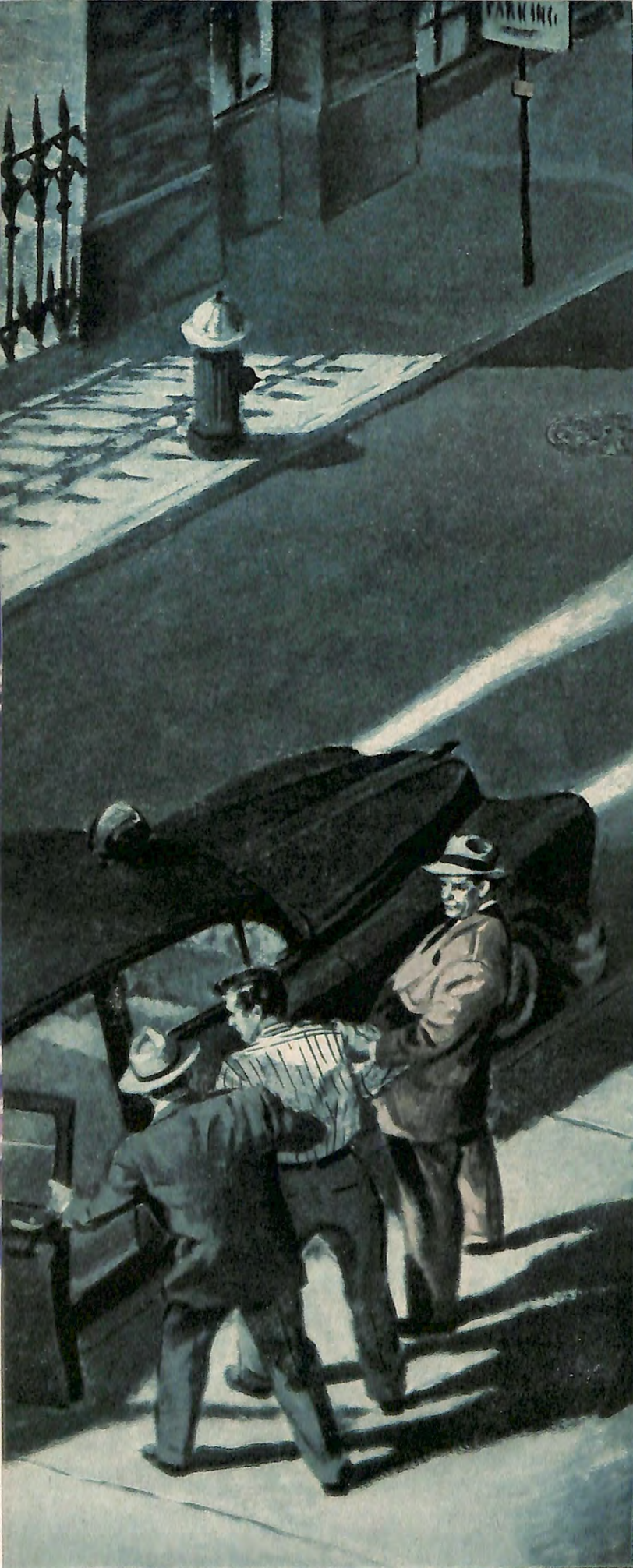
Sue Carey knew that if the big man in the easy chair would scrutinize her, he would be pleased. She was twenty-five years of age, naturally blonde, exquisitely shapely and not disinclined to welcome the admiring glances of the casual male. To discover one who was almost insultingly indifferent to her sex and her charm was a new and highly displeasing experience.

"Listen, Mr. Hanvey," she said—"I've got something big for you."

Jim's eyes—fishlike in color and lustre—uncurtained with interminable slowness. He looked at her without appearing to see her. His voice, soft and gentle, betrayed no particular interest.

"Something big?" he echoed.

Sue Carey leaned forward tensely. "Johnny says you're a square shooter, Jim Hanvey. He (Continued on page 51)



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Then she walked to the window. She saw Johnny enter a car with Jim Hanvey and his companion.

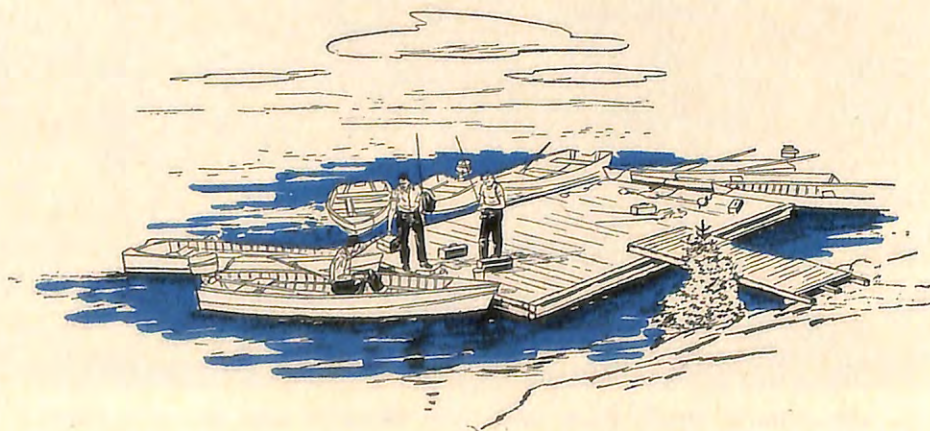




# FIGHTING MUSKIE

BY JAMES LOCKHART

*For this streamlined  
menace you'll need  
room—and strength.*







**When you feel the bruising strength on your rod, that's what makes muskie fishing.**

**N**O MATTER how many tales or how much old time folklore you have heard about the muskalonge, alias Tiger Muskie, Northern Muskalonge, or Wisconsin Muskie, you haven't heard it all yet, unless . . .

In Lake Chippewa near Hayward, Wisconsin, they've got the largest, meanest-acting muskies you'd ever hope to tangle with. The Chippewa Flowage is broad and long and is known primarily for being the finest pure muskie water in the world. Here on the big Flowage, 1,200 legal muskies are taken on rod and reel each season. The lake has 700 miles of shoreline which has miles of stump beds and weed patches. For this streamlined menace that Mother Nature designed, you'll need plenty of room for your muskie will want to run and jump and there's no stopping him. At times you'll think you're tied up to a young tiger and when you think you've got him at last, you'll find he's going again.

In the cool water of Lake Chippewa,

Louis Spray of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, landed the world record muskalonge—69 pounds and 11 ounces. While no one calls this a local minnow, the natives are sure there are bigger ones waiting to snag the right lure. If your back can take it and your wrists hold out, it's all worth the work and the waiting. When you feel the bruising strength on your rod, that's what makes muskie fishing.

Interested? Don't start for Wisconsin this season unless you plan on a rough and tumble sort of sport. If you are a novice, there are a few tools designed to give you an even chance. All the tricks of the sport as well as the best fishing science are needed to land a fighting muskie. Set aside your lightweight bamboo bait casting rod and get a sturdy muskie-action rod to cast heavy plugs and spoons. Most muskie fishermen prefer a line of 20 to 25 pound test and a variety of lures. Surface or near surface lures are the most popular. If you can bribe an old timer into a look in his tackle box, you

will usually see a Cisco Kid, a Billy Finn bucktail, and several other bucktail varieties, a jointed Pikie, a Bonnett, and other good size plugs. If the old timer is not set in his ways, he might even have started using spinning equipment last season in quest of the muskie. First reported success of spinning was a 16-pounder snared with a flat fish with a 6-pound line after nearly an hour battle. The record Lake Chippewa catch with spinning tackle was 27 pounds.

If you are a fresh water fisherman, I suspect you have dreamed of the day when you might snag into a real live muskie. Even the most ardent salt water angler or dry fly enthusiast secretly hopes to land a muskie someday. Save up your patience and plan carefully. Remember he is a solitary, ill natured, crafty old boy and the bigger and older he gets the wiser he becomes. Guess that's what makes him the last word among fresh water game fish.

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Maybe you've made your first cast or chased all over the lake for a week, then you feel a lightning jerk and you know you have pounds of fighting fury. You sit there tingling all over with sweat running down your neck and completely lose all sense of time. You are a long way from landing him and you pray that your equipment can take it. Gradually, his runs get shorter and you work more carefully but you don't really breathe until your partner or guide gaffs this streamlined jet. You've had to work hard and the whole thing is simply incredible. You're lucky, you sit back and relax and just now realize that this crafty old fellow has taken an hour of your time. For the first time thoughts like a mounted trophy or can he be quick frozen enter your mind. There's one thing for sure—from that moment on, brother, you're a muskie fisherman.

The Chippewa Flowage includes such natural lakes as Chief, Tyner, Rice, Crane, Scott and Pokegama. These lakes, less than thirty years ago, were big name fishing lakes before the big Flowage was developed. The feeder streams of the Chippewa were great fishing waters way back when Hayward was the logging capital of the North. Now the same waters have brought Wisconsin's Indian Head country the title of Muskie Capital of the World. Muskie season always opens on Lake Chippewa the Saturday closest to May 25 each year and closes November 1. Early June fishing and the late September and early October season is usually best for muskies, but the greatest fishing pressure is on during the vacation months. Don't worry even if you don't get there till fall—there'll be plenty of those fighters left.



These elusive fighters range in size from just the legal fish of 30 inches long and tipping the scale at from 6 to 9 pounds up to record size. There is such a thing as beginner's luck but by and large it's the fisherman who knows his stuff that gets the most fish. This is particularly true in fishing for the fighting muskie. One can't make too many blunders and keep company with this fellow. Technical skill is fine; however, there are several other ingredients necessary. One is the ability to sense what weed patch or stump bed and what plug to pick out; what new whim or movement the muskie is going to try. Maybe it's patience—ever watch an old timer as he works every foot of a likely spot? Then again, maybe it's the ability to think like a muskie—and out-smart him.

When you've fished all day and you decide to head 'er in, you hope like everything that one of the other boys has started the evening meal. You're dead tired and starved but when you smell that outdoor fire, brother—that's it. Have you ever tasted muskie steak? Cut them down through the middle about an inch thick. They will be wishbone shape; dip in flour, salt and pepper and fry to a golden brown. Cook it gently as you would a small fish; be cautious to cook a muskie only until it is tender—no longer. Fish is done when it can be separated easily from the bone. Test with a twig or toothpick. Muskie can also be baked or broiled or mounted for a den wall.

Although you can find any type of accommodation, a final meal cooked on the shore in the pine-scented North Woods makes a perfect ending for any fishing trip.







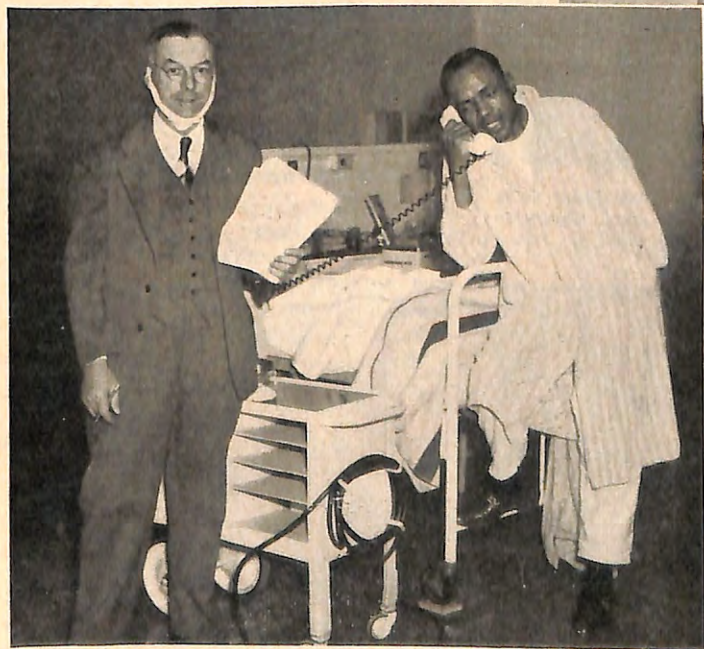
# How's Everything at Home?



"OPERATION BEDSIDE TO FIRESIDE" is what they call this project up in Chicopee, Mass., where the Elks arranged with Westover Air Base officials to have bed-ridden airmen telephone their homes. Watching this young flyer, Pvt. Robert Marks, talk with his mother in Wisconsin, are, left to right: Committeeman Matthew Stec, E.R. D. B. Buckley and Chairman Alphonse Maynard.



IT ISN'T ONLY the hospitalized men who are cheered by this fine Elk program. Not long ago, this picture was taken at a party given by the Elks of Louisville, Ky., at their Fraternal Center. The young soldier, shown here surrounded by some of his benefactors, won the chance at a call home which made him very happy, as his expression shows.



WHAT IS BETTER than a talk with someone who cares about you—especially when you're hospitalized and, perhaps, a little discouraged? The members of Martinsburg, W. Va., Lodge know how important that is and at Christmas time, they made it possible for many of the patients at Newton D. Baker VA Center to call their homes all over the country. Here, P.E.R. Earl C. Shroades, Chaplain and Chairman of the lodge's Committee, waits to make sure this veteran has made contact. The bandage around Mr. Shroades chin is the mask visitors to TB wards wear for the patients' protection.



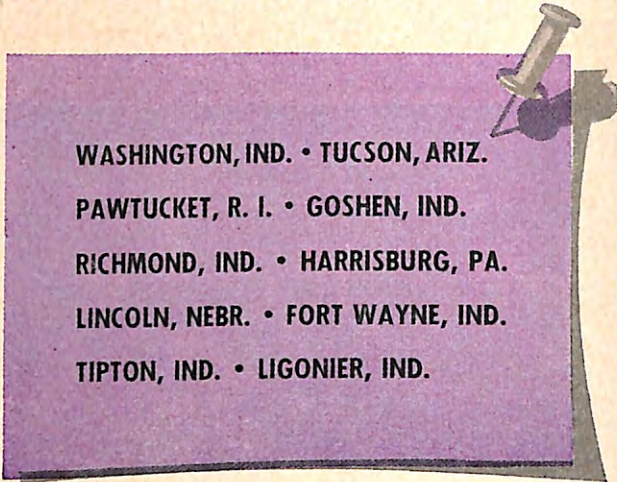
THIS FREE CALL HOME idea is a regular thing with the Columbia, S. C., Elks who made it possible for Pfc. L. M. Cartmill to talk to his mother in Lafayette, Ind., while his pals and a few of the hostesses at the Fraternal Center, shared some of his pleasure.



# The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



Seen at Harrisburg, Pa., Lodge, seated, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Mr. James, Mayor Robins. Standing: State Association President Barney W. Wentz and E.R. Albert J. Filippelli.



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Among those at Richmond, Ind., meeting, front, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, Mayor Lester Meadows, Mr. James, D.D. Stanley F. Youngflesh, State Assns. Comm. Chairman R. L. DeHority, E.R. J. C. Holinko, State Assoc. Vice-Pres. Cecil Rappe, D.D. Earl L. Aders.

ON JANUARY 5th, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. James, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, arrived at **TUCSON, ARIZONA, LODGE, NO. 385**. During the day, escorted by E.R. Paul McIntosh, Secy. John D. Frakes and State Assoc. Pres. Ray Wolfe, they visited the Arizona State Elks Assoc. Hospital. That evening the lodge held a banquet in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler; over 500 Southern Arizona Elks attended. Among the prominent guests were Warren Strom, D.D., and Homer D. Moore, P.D.D., Arizona South; Past State Assoc. Pres. Elman Pace and the Exalted Rulers of all lodges of the District.

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James began his tour of Indiana lodges with a visit to **WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 933**, on January 31st. He was greeted by Grand Lodge and State Association Officials and by Officers of all 14 Southern District Lodges. Mayor Homer E. Beasley was present to welcome Mr. James and visiting Elks to Washington.

The prominent Oklahoma City attorney next visited **RICHMOND LODGE, NO. 649**. He was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Richmond Lodge on February 1st and was introduced by P.E.R. W. W. Reller. Acting as Toastmaster, D.D. Stanley F. Youngflesh introduced prominent Elks and civic leaders, including Mayor Lester B. Meadows; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and Grand Lodge State Associations Committee Chairman Robert L. DeHority who accompanied Mr. James on his Indiana tour; D.D. Earl L. Aders; Cecil Rappe, first Vice-President of the State Association, and P.E.R. Albert E. Morel, a Charter Member of Richmond Lodge. Eagle Scout Eric Hines of Connerville, Indiana, speaking in behalf of the Whitewater Valley Coun-



Seated here at Washington, Ind., Lodge are, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, E.R. David S. Taylor, Mr. James, D.D. Arnold Fitzgerald, State Assn. Committee Chairman R. L. DeHority. Others include State Pres. L. A. Krebs, 1st Vice-Pres. Cecil Rappe, D.D. Russell Stephenson, D.D. Earl L. Aders, State Trustee Floyd Beldon, P.D.D. Earle Kremp.



cil of Boy Scouts, thanked Mr. James for the interest he has shown in Scouting and other youth activities.

On the evening of February 1st, the Grand Exalted Ruler was feted at a dinner given by **TIPTON LODGE, NO. 1012**, with D.D. Russell Stephenson acting as Toastmaster. Dinner was served by members of Phi Beta Psi sorority from Purdue University and the Crawfordsville Elks Chorus provided entertainment. E.R. William Kritsch then opened the meeting at which Mr. James addressed a large group of Elks from all parts of Indiana.

Next day, Mr. James and his party visited **FORT WAYNE LODGE, NO. 155**, at which a luncheon was held in his honor. Among the Elk dignitaries present were State Trustee Charles P. Bender; Herbert Beitz, 2nd Vice-Pres., State Assoc.; State Chaplain Don Reed, and D.D. Charles S. Rupley. Mr. James was introduced to the more than 200 persons in attendance by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. On behalf of Fort Wayne Lodge, E.R. W. Robert Fleming who acted as Toastmaster presented Mr. James with a \$1,000 check for a Benefactor's Certificate in the Elks National Foundation.

After a short informal visit to **LIGONIER LODGE, NO. 451**, Mr. James and his party were escorted by a large motor caravan to **GOSHEN LODGE, NO. 798**. The distin-



E.R. W. Robert Fleming presents \$1,000 check on behalf of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Lodge to Mr. James for Elks National Foundation.



E.R. Merle C. Karnopp of Lincoln, Nebr., Lodge, who is also Sheriff of Lancaster County, makes Mr. James an Honorary Deputy Sheriff. Looking on, left to right, are: Organist Stanley Capps, Est. Lect. Knight Max Barrett, Esquire Joe Cashen, Inner Guard Max Rezek, Secretary Ralph Connell, Est. Lead. Knight George Farley, Est. Loyal Knight Lon King and Chaplain Ben Myers.



Mr. James is pictured here at the Tipton, Ind., meeting of Indiana Central Dist. Exalted Rulers. Seated at his left and right, respectively, are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and E.R. William Kritsch of Tipton. Other Elks present are Exalted Rulers of Central District lodges.

guished visitor was welcomed to Goshen by Mayor Roth. Following the smorgasbord dinner given by the lodge in his honor, Mr. James and the prominent Indiana Elks who comprised his party were introduced to lodge members at an informal meeting. Approximately 400 local and visiting Elks attended the function.

A Testimonial Dinner was given on February 10th by **HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, LODGE, NO. 12**, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the lodge and

honoring Grand Exalted Ruler James and the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers. E.R. Albert J. Filippelli was Toastmaster and an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Claude R. Robins, a Life Member of Harrisburg lodge. Among the prominent guests were State Association Pres. Barney W. Wentz; Vice-Pres. Ruël H. Smith; Grand Lodge Auditing Committee member H. Earl Pitzer; D.D. Harry E. Stover, Jr.; South Central District Assoc. Pres. R. Raymond Artz, and Vice-

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At the banquet held at Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge were, left to right: E.R. Robert A. Magill, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and John F. Malley, Mr. James, D.D. James F. Duffy, Jr., former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum John Mullen and Judge John Hartigan.



Grouped around the power-saw given to the Grand Exalted Ruler by Goshen, Ind., Lodge are, left to right: Mr. James, E.R. Thomas K. Gorman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, D.D. Earl L. Aders, State Assns. Committee Chairman DeHority, and P.E.R. Roy Rogers, Jr.



**BY ERWIN A. BAUER**

**N**O MATTER where you live nowadays, the chances are good that there's better fishing—perhaps even virgin fishing—than you've ever had right near home. No gag or gimmicks are involved. Such a place may be just a few minutes from your fireside. Probably you can choose from several places.

Government sources recently reported more than 600,000 farm ponds in the United States today. Many are within sight of the skyscrapers of large cities. Nearly all contain fish of one species or another and at least half can offer a brand of sport that isn't available on any heavily fished public waters. A new and vast fishing potentiality was created when farmers were convinced that ponds were valuable, if not actually necessary, to their economy.

Few landowners considered fried bluegills or planked bass when government farm planners and soil conservation agents started selling the idea of small impoundments. They were more interested in a year-round water supply for livestock, for irrigation, or for fire protection. Ponds were stocked with fish, then forgotten. So inadvertently, new and fertile fishing holes were spotted all over intensively developed landscapes where anglers once were strictly out of luck.

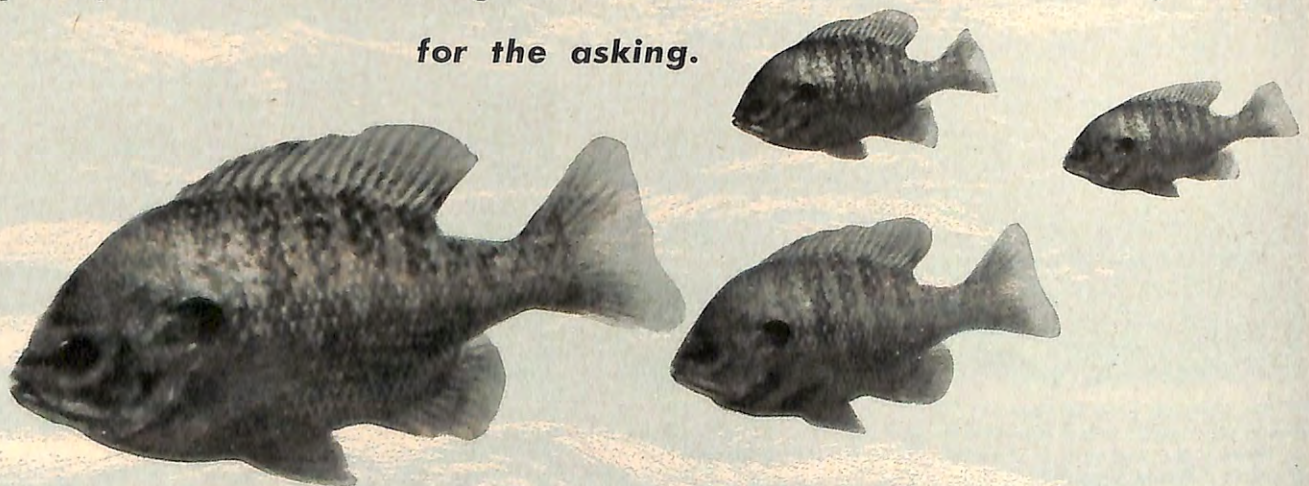
Considering that it's rare to find a modern farm without a pond, virtually every rural township offers sportsmen the raw material for brand new outdoor experiences and fishing adventures. The price



Small maneuverable boats like this are perfect for fishing farm ponds.

# FISH THE PONDS

*Even within sight of large-city  
skyscrapers there is fishing adventure  
for the asking.*





of many summer evenings' fishing in near-virgin water is usually just a courteous inquiry of a pond owner. In other words, good sportsmanship alone can provide hours of fishing in near wilderness peace and solitude—away from the hosts of anglers you find on other waters.

Without reservation, many of my happiest fishing experiences have occurred on farm ponds—on small waters of little more than one surface acre to an extreme of three acres. I learned of them by driving the backroads when the hot summer evenings in town drove our entire family out into the country. With just one exception, no simple and straightforward request to fish was refused. Only on one or two more occasions did these visits result in poor fishing. Actually some of these farm pond jaunts led to fast friendships and to hunting privileges when the season changed.

**I**T WAS MORE THAN a decade ago when biologists in the Midwest and southern United States began to experiment with fish and fish populations in small ponds. Most notable of the pioneers were Alabama's Swingle and Smith who made many notable discoveries. But to this day, many facts about ponds and their management have never been completely determined. But two conclusions important to fishermen were reached, at least to a reasonable degree: that bass and bluegills together were most compatible in ponds and that the more of them you catch, the better. The second was a break for fishermen; a factor that often makes farmers more liberal in granting permission to fish.

Generally, catching farm pond fish is elementary, but it does have a few peculiarities of its own. It is light tackle fishing pure and simple—both for the most sport and the most fish. Farm pond bass are unsophisticated compared to their cousins in other waters, but they do have whims and characteristics of their own. Some of these are standard no matter where the farm pond is located.

A pond, fenced to exclude livestock (and most of them worth fishing are) and situated in a watershed that is not eroding, will be clear or nearly so when other waters are high and roily. The small volume of water also permits temperatures to rise more quickly in springtime—so you can fish earlier than ever before. State fishing regulations do not apply to farm ponds.

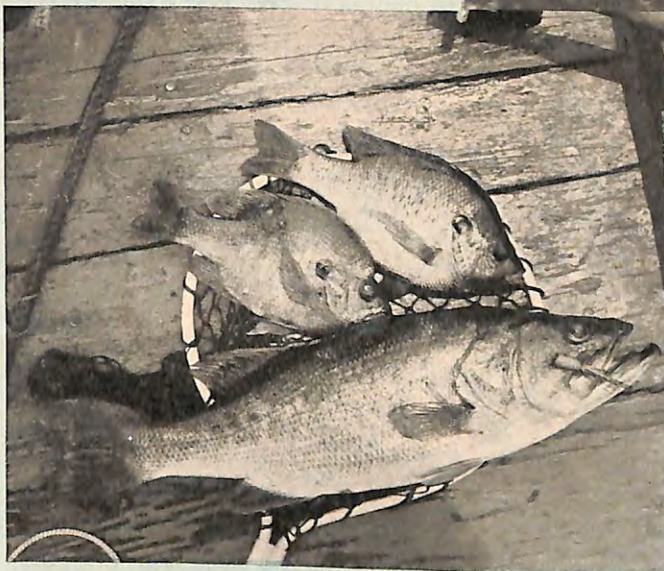
While most ponds grow an abundant crop of weeds early in the season, there is a period when large areas of bottom are still bare and free of weeds. Then, for a few short weeks, conditions are perfect for a gentle and leisurely sport—"worm thumping." A generous bunch of worms "thumped" slowly along the bottom in deeper sections, maybe in the vicinity of the dam, is deadly. Although the actual catching may sometimes lag, this is the way—and the time of year,

when—the largest big-mouths in farm ponds are collected. No other legal method, at least none that I have used, fools the old grandpappies so effectively.

"Thumping" is made to order for spinning tackle—and vice versa if you happen to look at it that way. A flyrod can be used in a pinch, but it doesn't measure up to the threadline method. No sinker or float is used—nothing but a gob of worms or nightcrawlers large enough to cast on three or four pound line. Use a small hook, say a No. 6.

There are days when a deep running plug or a pork chunk worked very slowly along the bottom will do business. If

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Above, and left, are a couple of nice catches of bass and bluegills from a pond in Kentucky. While the bass don't run large, for the most part, with light tackle they provide splendid sport. Fisherman below is working a farm pond located in Northern Ohio.





BY TED TRUEBLOOD

# Fair Bait

The surest way to  
inspire hope is to walk into  
a tackle shop on an early spring day.





THE pleasantest way to spend money that I know anything about comes as the natural result of visiting a sporting goods store along toward the beginning of April. I always get more than I pay for. Suppose I select a reel that costs ten dollars. Not only do I get the reel; I also take home a hundred dollars worth of anticipation.

And buying tackle, contrary to what many wives with their peculiar feminine viewpoint may think, is of urgent necessity, always. Did you ever know a fisherman who had all the tackle he needed? Of course not. Maybe he could limp along with his meager assortment that barely filled two closets and overflowed into the garage. He always was desperately in need of a new and better reel, a lighter or heavier rod or a line that would float higher or sink deeper or that was

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WILLIAM VON RIEGEN



different in some other respect from the fourteen he already had.

Furthermore, winter is hard on anglers. Spring is a long time coming and its arrival finds their spirits at low ebb. Their morale is shot. The surest way to inspire the hope that will carry a man through the last few bitter weeks before the season opens is to wander innocently into a tackle shop and start to look around. Before he has been there fifteen minutes, any true fisherman will discover something that he has always wanted—needed, I should say—and its purchase will brighten his soul.

Just as is the case with anything else, however, there are a few rules that must be followed if one is to achieve the utmost.

First—and this is of great importance—it is imperative that you have nothing definite in mind when you go in. If, for example, you recall that last summer you lost your one and only Gurgling Gertie bass plug and make a special trip to buy another, the results are likely to be most unfortunate. There is an excellent chance that, with your mind's eye closed, so to speak, to all the other wonders on rack and shelf you may buy one Gurgling Gertie and depart.

I have a friend, a methodical, unimaginative fellow, who invariably follows this procedure. As the result, he finds a visit to a tackle shop no more stimulating than stopping at the newsstand for a package of cigarettes. He will be in and out with his purchase, whatever it might be, in five minutes. He knows what he wants and he gets it. He has my sympathy.

The second rule is always to employ what I call the innocent approach. Say you're walking rapidly along, maybe on your way to pay the telephone bill or running an errand for your wife. Something in a window catches your eye. Why, sure, fishing tackle. Hmmm. I see they've finally made a landing net with a scales built into the handle. "Weigh them as you land them," it says. I wonder what it costs?

So, your errand forgotten, you wander in. You have no idea of buying anything, really. Once inside, you see good old Herb, the proprietor. Haven't had a chance to chew the rag with Herb for months. "How's it going, Herby boy?"

You see what I mean? Surprise yourself, that's the way. Don't even think of buying anything. Herb will take care of that. In fact, figuratively speaking, Herb had his hand in your pocket the instant he saw your moon-struck face in the window.

The third rule, fortunately, is the easiest of all. You should be short of money. The reason is obvious. If you spend money for fishing tackle that ought to go for something else it will make you

feel somewhat guilty. It is a well-established fact that anything is more fun if your conscience bothers you just a little all the time you're doing it.

Let us assume, now, that you have entered the store under ideal conditions: you stopped more or less by accident, you have nothing in particular in mind to buy, and whatever money may be in your wallet is earmarked for something else. Good. You're off to a wonderful start.

Let us observe how Herb does his part in bringing you this unexpected happiness. You said, "How's it going Herby, Boy?"

"Hello, Charlie." Herb is friendly, but not effusive. His entire attention seems to be absorbed in attaching a new spinning reel to a rather tricky display rack. But don't be fooled. He's studying you as carefully as if you'd pushed a limit raise at him in poker. And, believe me, he has a better idea than you think of the spots where your armor is the thinnest.

But he doesn't say anything, just continues fiddling with the reel. He's giving the atmosphere a chance to soften you. You lean against the showcase and glance down. Row upon row of glittering reels brighten your tired eyes. The clean odor of fresh rod varnish, emanating from the wonderland of the back room, strikes your nostrils. It helps. You've already forgotten the errand.

EVENTUALLY Herb gets the reel attached to his satisfaction, puts his elbows on the case and says, "Well, just three weeks more."

"Eh?" (You're studying a strange-looking rod on the shelf behind the case.) "Oh, yeah. Opening day. Yep, won't be long now. Say, what's that thing on the butt joint of the fly rod back there?"

"Oh, that? It's Milton's latest." Herb reaches down the rod in question and lays it on the showcase. "New line dresser. You clamp it on the rod here." He demonstrates. "Your line slips under this hook and feeds through the cone. Suppose you're fishing dry flies. You put in this cartridge." He slips one in. "Dries the line and dresses it, all in one operation."

"Now say you decide to fish wet for a while. Take out the white cartridge and put in one of these black ones. Special detergent paste makes the line sink."

"Well I'll be doggonned," you say. "Pretty clever." Herb reluctantly hands it over and you examine it closely. "But wouldn't it be apt to get in the way?"

"Yeah, sure," Herb says. Then, leaning over the counter, he adds confidentially, "Strictly a gadget. But you know how some fishermen are. They read about

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You're mentally laying a floating fly right in the mouth of that monster.



# Counterfeiting

## A LOSER'S GAME

**The T-Men usually nab them before they get started. If not very shortly after.**



Note difference in detail. Left half from counterfeit \$10 bill compared to right half which is genuine. This picture printed by special permission of the Chief, U.S. Secret Service, Treasury Department. Further reproduction in whole or part strictly prohibited.

**BY TOM WRIGLEY**

LONG AGO the slinky business of making and passing counterfeit money was known in polite underworld circles as "Shoving The Queer." A lot of it was shoved, too, but the flood of "queer" money, due to the clever work of the U.S. Secret Service, has now dried down to a mere trickle. Counterfeiting is becoming a very unpopular indoor sport for the gimlet-eyed craftsmen who know how to make plates and run presses.

Counterfeiting is as old as the hills. Back in Civil War days when all kinds of "greenbacks" were in circulation one-third of all the currency was bogus. In some places so many phoney bills were around, a genuine bank note was looked at with suspicion.

So the Secret Service was organized, under the Treasury Department, and counterfeiters were arrested by the hundreds. Bill Wood, once the Keeper of the Capitol Prison, was the first Secret Service Chief, not Allan Pinkerton, as many have believed.

The new crime-fighting organization did such a good job knocking off the

"boodlers," as counterfeiters were called, that its work has been vastly expanded. It protects the President and members of his family, the President-elect, and the Vice President at his request, and investigates all kinds of forgeries and skulduggery involving government checks, bonds, farm loans, and U.S. securities.

U. E. Baughman, Chief of the Secret Service and 13th to hold that post, shuns publicity. The whole Service, in fact, keeps out of the limelight. Chief Baughman won't say so, but it might be believed, based on the results attained, that the T-men simply love to go after counterfeiters and run them ragged.

During the past year they knocked off 20 big counterfeiting plants, 12 of them before they even put a bum bill in circulation. Around \$287,000 in counterfeit bills were seized, compared with \$767,804 in the 1952 fiscal year. There were 188 arrests, compared with 279 in 1952.

These figures do not mean that the money-makers are getting smarter. The amount of fake bills turned up around the country tells the story of what's going on and counterfeiting can right now be said to be at an all-time low. The same opportunities to make funny-money exist, improvements in the art of printing and engraving and in photography, in fact, are in favor of the counterfeiter. But the vigilance of the Secret Service men and their uncanny ability to ferret out the law-breakers has produced results.

Chief Baughman says counterfeiters are in a class different from many other types of criminals. They could be said to be the elite of crafty law-breakers. Some are devilishly clever, skilled in the art of photo engraving, in plate making and in printing. They have a good knowledge of papers and inks. They actually take pride in their work. Do some of them get away?

"Well, I can't say we have a perfect record," said Chief Baughman. "There are a few cases where the counterfeiters may have been frightened out of business. Or there may be cases where something happened to stop the printing after a few bills were turned out.

"Here's the other side of the picture. Some counterfeiters may have confidence they can beat the game. They know they are smart. The layout looks good and

they set up a plant and begin making counterfeit money, a good imitation perhaps. In many cases we close in on them before the operation is completed. Our objective is to get them before they get a single bogus bill in circulation and we often do just that."

A typical case happened in Chicago last year when the Secret Service swooped down on two men, one, believe it or not, a university student and nabbed the plates and all the business. They confessed they had planned to destroy the plant the very next day.

Chief Baughman came up through the ranks and has held every title in the Service except one. He knows from experience that counterfeiters can be linked with desperate gun play for he has done his share of trailing. In one case he ran to earth, the counterfeiter had his own daughter strangled in order to collect \$5,000 insurance. In another counterfeiting case, messed up with a big insurance swindle in Pennsylvania, he broke up a murder ring in which 21 known deaths by arsenic poisoning, to collect insurance were proved. They say upwards of a hundred were victims. Baughman arrested the ring leader, who with others went to the chair.

There's a remarkable collection of phony bills at headquarters in the Treasury Building. Secret Service officials say they are all poor imitations but to the ordinary observer they sure look pretty good. Most of the counterfeits are \$10 or \$20 bills. Counterfeiters figure as long as  
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U. E. Baughman, Chief of the Secret Service, which dates back to the Civil War, when counterfeiting in this country was widespread.



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# For ELKS who TRAVEL

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**BY HORACE SUTTON**

FOR THOSE nautical types who have neither the time, the idle dollars, nor the inclination for setting the rudder for Europe, we have on hand here some rather sizable bodies of water that may satisfy the maritime urge at about what it would cost you in tips to get abroad. I refer to the Great Lakes, our own inland seas, where a ship can very easily slip out of the sight of land, the bounding main can bound, the spray can splatter a man's face and who is to tell whether you are heading for Saginaw Bay or Southampton.

There are several different ways of traversing the inland waters both of the United States and of Canada, but the choice is not great. Despite the advantages of scenery, central location, and great areas of population from which to draw, shipping on the Great Lakes has never been fully exploited. The "Five Sisters" is what the French explorers and the Jesuit priests used to call the Great Lakes, and perhaps there was more traffic on them then when the mode of conveyance was a birch bark canoe, and the travelers were black-robed padres and coon-skin-covered frontiersmen.

Although the bearded soldiers of the King of France and pelt-laden trappers no longer traverse the route, the sea, the balsam-flavored air, the untrammelled, peaceful shoreline are quite the same. To take you there nowadays there is in the first place the Georgian Bay Line which operates out of American ports. Its twin oil-fueled ships, the S.S. *North American* and the S.S. *South American*, which it likes to call the "Sister Queens of the Great Lakes," make eleven 7-day cruises each during the mid-summer vacation season. These week-long trips cost anywhere from \$130 to \$160 plus tax (15 per cent), depending upon the time of the season and the location of the cabin. The *South American* sails an "Adventure Cruise" starting in Buffalo and picking up passengers in Cleveland and Detroit, proceeding then to Mackinac Island, the Soo, Duluth, Detroit and Buffalo. For those in the Detroit area, five-day cruises

that leave from the Detroit docks, cruise to Duluth via Mackinac Island and return to Detroit, start at \$115.

Meanwhile the *North American*, sailing on the "Voyageur Cruise," operates

out of Chicago, that old midwest seaport, cruises Green Bay, Wisconsin, visits Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie (The Soo) stops in Parry Sound, cruises Georgian Bay, and stops in Buffalo,



From Old Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island. Blockhouse at left is a part of the Old Fort. Larger ship at the dock is the S.S. *North American*. Land in the immediate background is Bois Blanc Island and in the far distance is Michigan mainland.



Cleveland and Detroit. Both cruises are 2,200 miles long and the prices are scaled the same.

Combination, all-expense vacations can be planned, tying in the Georgian Bay Line ships and the Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island. The island has always been a popular place, first with the Indians who traveled there for mid-western conventions. They called it Michilimackinac, meaning the Great Turtle, and what significance that had with Indian pow-wows ought to provide nine or ten days research in the handiest library. But not by me.

Anyway, the English put a fort on the place in 1779 which is still on hand, but in 1816 the U.S. took over the island. Six years later it became the headquarters of the American Fur Company. Well, business has pretty well dwindled on Mackinac Island except for tourists who come in the summer time and business pow-wows which are held at the Grand Hotel, an inn possessed of the longest porch devised by man. For anyone who has desired to avoid such ills of the motor age as the smell of gasoline and the ceaseless toot of the horn, Mackinac Island is an ideal retreat. Its only means of powered locomotion is the horse and wagon.

As for the Canadian Soo, it is the "Gateway to the Last North" and don't ask me why somebody came upon that peculiar way of putting it. The French were first on the scene here in 1618, and a Jesuit Mission was established in the environs in 1636. It was also the home of 16,000 Indians. Westward from The Soo is the 350-mile expanse of Lake Superior. And at The Soo itself are all kinds of British woolens and British chinaware to outfit the tourist and all kinds of impedimenta for outfitting sportsmen heading up to the Last North.

Also spanning the Lakes are liners of the Canadian Pacific which cross twice a week in summer from Port McNicoll, a

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# NEWS OF THE LODGES



Each year Coraopolis, Pa., Lodge presents a donation to the D. T. Watson Home for Crippled Children to provide the youngsters with motion pictures and to maintain the Home's movie equipment for the year. Participating in this year's ceremony, were, standing left to right: Tiler Geo. E. Lacy, Committee Chairman R. R. Gregory, patient Douglas Harford, Home Administrator Miss Lucille Cochran and E.R. F. T. Swartz. Bed patients are Joan Edenfield, at left, and Rebecca Heard.

## Plainfield, N. J., P.E.R.'s Honored

Gov. Robert B. Meyner, an active Phillipsburg Elk, was an honored guest on P.E.R.'s Night at Plainfield Lodge No. 885. Over 400 men, including Secy. of State T. J. Patten, a Perth Amboy P.E.R., saw the lodge's sole three-time E.R., G. L. Feaster, and other P.E.R.'s initiate a 52-man class. Candidates included Congressman H. A. Williams, Jr., and P. E. Smith, *Courier-News* Mng. Ed.

## Madera, Calif., Lodge Instituted

Madera Lodge No. 1918 looks forward to a bright future and a broad charitable and social program as the newest branch of California Elksdom. Approximately 500 local and visiting members were on hand for the ceremonies. D.D. Ernest M. Rabanus led the team of other dignitaries of the District which handled the institution, and Fresno Lodge's E.R. K. H. McIsaac conducted the initiation of the Charter Members—178 initiates and 74 who transferred from other lodges.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis installed E.R. Frank Bergon and the

other officers of No. 1918, assisted by Grand Esq. R. Leonard Bush, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Harry B. Hoffman, Chairman Horace R. Wisely of the Calif. Elks' Major Project Committee, State Pres. Edward E. Keller and Vice-Pres. Melvin Schlitz, Past Pres. Robert J. Craine and former State Vice-Pres. Clyde N. Jackson.

Although the ceremonies were held in the gymnasium of Madera Union High School, the new lodge owns a fine piece of property and a fine \$25,000 home, purchased through \$50 loans made by its membership.

## Washington State Assn. Meets in Seattle at Winter Session

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Lt.-Gov. of the State, delivered the principal address at the 51st Annual Mid-Winter Convention of the Washington State Elks Assn. The two-day meeting, sponsored by the two lodges in Seattle, Ballard No. 827 and Seattle No. 92, found a 100-per cent representation of the organization's lodges in attendance, to make it one of the largest in

Assn. history; 900 persons were registered, with 300 at each session.

The delegates adopted the initial program for its Major Project Activity, inaugurated a year ago. Utilizing a slogan suggested by Mr. Anderson, "Helping Others to Help Themselves", the project has assistance to the cerebral-palsied as its main objective.

Pres. D. P. Shew announced his plans for the annual meeting to take place at Yakima in June, and Edwin J. Alexander of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities urged State-wide participation in ritualistic work. For the second consecutive year, Walla Walla Lodge won the State Ritualistic Title.

## Glendale, Calif., Elks' Scouts Cited for Rescue

National Court of Honor Citations were awarded to 11 members of Boy Scout Troop 18, sponsored by Glendale Lodge No. 1289, and their Asst. Scoutmaster Al Andersen, for their heroism in rescuing four members of a family whose car had plunged off a Mount Palomar road into a deep ravine.



When the largest lodge in the Minn. Cent. Dist., Minneapolis, visited the smallest, Alexandria, an ice-fishing contest was held. Here, Alexandria Lodge's Est. Loyal Knight Joe Thornton presents the championship plaque to the visiting members' E.R. Fred Bauler in the presence of host E.R. Don Butler, third from left, and D.D. Norman Hansen, right.



Dignitaries who attended the ceremonies initiating the Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James Class of Portland, Me., Lodge were, standing, left to right: D.D. Charles F. Harlow, E.R. William P. Mennealy, Pres. Brian M. Jewett of the Maine Elks Assn., Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight C. Dwight Stevens and Past Grand Inner Guard Fred L. Sylvester.





The Ohio Valley General Hospital Expansion Campaign is \$25,000 richer as the result of a pledge in that amount made by the Wheeling, W. Va., Elks. Left to right: Roy E. McClelland of the Elks' Committee, Trustee Rousha Warffuel, P.E.R. D. Milton Gutman, Carl O. Schmidt, representing the hospital, E.R. Harold D. West, and P.E.R.'s Adam Martin, Trustee R. C. Hazlett, and Committeeman C. Lee Spillers.



Scoutmaster Neil MacDiarmid receives the special citation awarded to Glendale, Calif., Lodge's Boy Scout Troop 18 in recognition of the Scouts' heroic rescue of a family of four whose car had plunged 400 feet down a steep cliff. The award was made by the National Scout Court of Honor, represented by National Scout Commissioner P.E.R. Aubrey Irwin. At right is P.E.R. R. T. Marvin, Scout Committee Chairman.



Irrington, N. J., Elks are proud of a year-long rehabilitation project which made it possible for 18-year-old Ray Brown, seated, to walk for the first time. With the young man are, left to right: Committeemen John H. Graessle, Elmer P. Miller, Chairman Charles E. Zusi, State Treas. Alois J. Koschir, George W. Kaufman and E.R. L. K. Schwarz, Jr.



The \$1,500 realized through Sycamore, Ill., Lodge's "Days of '49" celebration, is presented to the city's Recreation Commission for its Community Center. Left to right: P.E.R. Roy Smith, Co-Chairman of the event, Mayor Emil Jesperson, Rev. Harold Michael, E.R. James Cliffe, and the celebration's other Co-Chairmen, P.E.R.'s A. F. Dolder and Lynn Oehlert.

Scrolls were presented to the Scouts and Mr. Andersen, while Scoutmaster Neil MacDiarmid accepted the citation for the Troop. This was the first time in the history of Scouting in this country that the award was given to a group for rescue work.

With Mr. Andersen, the boys were returning from a two-day outing when they

saw the wrecked car at the bottom of a 400-foot ravine. Scrambling down the steep slope, carrying ropes and first-aid kits, the group pried open the door and rescued Walter C. Hale, his wife and nine-year-old son. Then they lifted the car to free another son who was trapped underneath.

The boys applied first aid, made

stretchers of the car seats and carried the Hales back up the slope to the road and called an ambulance. The Scouts who took part in this skillful and intelligent action were Larry Walther, John Murray, Robert Vaughn, Gerry Robbins, Wayne Massey, Gene Moody, Jerry Sherman, Larry Sheldon, Bob Jurgens, Warren Harkins and David Thompson.



A view of the officers and candidates from the eight Colorado No. Dist. Lodges who participated in the Dist. initiation at Greeley.



## LODGE NOTES

A brother and sister took first and second prizes in the essay contest conducted by Lincoln, Ill., Lodge. Steven Power, Jr., 17, a high school senior, and his freshman sister, 15-year-old Elizabeth, won \$25 and \$15 respectively for their treatment of the subject: "Communism—a Disease of the Nations". Their proud father is a member of the lodge.

P.E.R. George P. Forbes is one of the two surviving Charter Members of 52-year-old New Rochelle, N. Y., Lodge, and likes to keep busy. A retired newspaper publisher, Mr. Forbes has just taken over the duties of lodge Secy., succeeding the late Joseph Zauner.

As usual, lodges all over the country took the lead in assisting the "March of Dimes", and down in Alexandria, La., the Elks dreamed up a stunt that helped quite a bit. A team of "Italian" musicians, composed of E. F. Rodriguez, Sr., as the organ-grinder, Ned Terry's son as the monkey, Vic Kolin playing the accordion and Johnny Velotta wearing an elk's head, strolled the streets of the city grinding out music for the fund to the tune of \$125 before a heavy downpour forced them to disband.

Another Elk stunt that boosted the Polio Fund began when C. J. Dickinson, a Waukegan, Ill., Elk, was having lunch at the lodge home. He wondered how many dimes, placed side by side, would be required to trim the circular bar, and decided it would make a nice contribution to the drive. A nearby skeptic bet \$5 that Mr. Dickinson wouldn't be able to raise \$25 that way. Mr. Dickinson immediately laid out ten dimes, and within 15 minutes they had 240 companions. The skeptic paid off, and Mr. Dickinson added those 50 dimes to the string. Other lunchers added their contributions; the waitresses gave their tips, and within an hour and a half the circle was complete. There were 1,005 dimes, and Mr. Dickinson promptly sent the \$100.50 to campaign headquarters.

Roy S. Pike, Secy. of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Lodge which was instituted last June, reports the passing of its first Charter Member, Meyer Black. A devoted member of the new lodge, regularly attending lodge sessions, Mr. Black will be sadly missed by his fellow Elks.



At the opening of the Ohio No. Cent. Dist. Elks Bowling Assn.'s 1954 Tournament at Avon Lake, when Lorain Lodge was host to nearly 600 bowlers, front row, left to right, the Assn.'s Honorary Vice-Pres. Chris Schneider and Vice-Pres. Edward Felder, Tourney Mgr. Dale Livingston, Assn. Secy. C. J. Keller; standing: Mike Dunlap, Assn. Vice-Pres. Roger Krumholz, Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Committee Chairman Walter Penry, host E.R. Clarence Marsh, City Safety Director Peter Goohs, Lorain Mayor J. J. Jaworski, State Pres. Walter Beer, Avon Lake Mayor L. M. Rupert, State Trustees Chairman Arthur Socin, Clyde Myer, Assn. Chairman E. A. Wight and Joe Boehm.



Long-time New England Elks with host officials when Manchester, Conn., Lodge paid them tribute. Seated, left to right: Hartford Old-Timers S. J. Turkington, initiated in 1911; J. G. Pentland, initiated in 1913, and G. L. Graziadio and M. J. Madden, who have been Elks since 1918.



Some of the 24 Elks from all over the State who competed for the trophy shown here, four smaller awards and \$160 in cash prizes offered in the Eighth Annual Billiard Tournament of the Ill. Elks Assn. held at Champaign. Wayne Belford of Springfield took top honors over Bud Stinson of Champaign, Lawrence Vilmure of Springfield and Charles Armstrong of Oak Park.





## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

The fine club facilities that are maintained by hundreds of Elks lodges in all parts of the country are a credit to our Order, and a feature of Elk membership that helps to make it attractive to the best men in any community. A well-appointed club, capably managed and properly integrated with the lodge's activities, is the kind that we want associated with Elkdom. After all, this Order has 86 years' experience at managing clubs, and we should know how to do it by this time.

One thing we have learned is that where the club predominates, neither the club nor the lodge is a success; but strong, active lodges usually have well-managed clubs. Where the lodge comes first, there you will find also a good club. The reason is easy to find. The lodge that does things, that has a planned program of public service will have a spirit of friendliness, fraternity and community purpose that will be reflected in the atmosphere of good fellowship of its club.

The clubroom Elk misses the real pleasure of membership. The man who lives unto himself alone, who enjoys the club facilities but takes no part in his lodge activities and rarely attends a lodge meeting, the man who thinks it is "smart" to take all he can get and give nothing in return—that man is poor indeed. There is no one richer than he who has helped

someone less fortunate, who has made his community a little better because of his activity and influence. The Chinese have a saying that, "If a man plant melons, he will reap melons; if he sow beans, he will reap beans". This is true of every man's life. For every action there is a reaction. Good begets good, and evil begets evil. This is the law of compensation that governs all mankind. No man can call himself a good citizen unless he makes a contribution of his time and effort, as well as money, to the welfare of his community. The Elks lodge should be the medium through which good citizens can make their contributions.

That is the real philosophy of Elkdom, and I hope that every officer who assumes lodge office this month will be guided by it. I hope that every officer will be determined to make his lodge a more powerful influence for good in the community by expanding its program of service. It will build the lodge's prestige. It will attract and hold men of character. We don't want any other kind.

EARL E. JAMES  
GRAND EXALTED RULER



# Trout Tricks

*Sometimes imagination and initiative are better than luck.*

BY DAN HOLLAND

THE Eastern trout fisherman has a problem all his own, and it's no easy one. In the West a fellow can often walk a mile or two from the road or, better yet, pack in, and find some pretty exclusive fishing. In the East, however, practically all public trout waters are readily accessible and heavily fished. Roads in the East developed out of the old trails, and the trails followed the rivers. The towns, too, having grown around mills that needed water power, are on the streams and rivers. Offhand I can't think of a good trout stream in the Northeast, excluding parts of Maine only, that isn't thoroughly inhabited throughout its length. There's hardly a mile of any of them that cuts through any "wilderness" that isn't available by automobile.

Consequently, except where a direct hatchery-to-hook situation exists, the Eastern fisherman must be good to be successful. The chances are that every

trout he casts a lure to has seen that same lure before as well as several variations of it. To do a good job and continue to do a job, the fisherman must have several things on his side. Luck, of course, is one, and perseverance is every bit as important. However, out-ranking both of these by far, I think, are a couple of qualities known as imagination and initiative. If a fisherman can develop and exercise these, he'll surprise himself, even on a stream that is heavily pounded.

By imagination I mean partly that a fellow has to learn to catch them "where they ain't." This may sound ridiculous on the face of it, but it isn't. The obviously good trout water is whipped daily, but the fellow with imagination will find trout where it doesn't look good and consequently where it isn't fished. The only way to explain this is to describe a few such spots I have found, some strictly by chance, some because I didn't have any

better sense and one or two that I actually figured out.

One New York stream was good fishing for about a third of a mile long, from the point where it emptied out of a dam down to a wood swamp where it flattened out into a slow mud-bottomed stretch that was obviously dead. It meandered sluggishly for a half mile, then broke off into a short rapids again that occasionally had a trout or two in it. When things were dull, we would walk down to this riff to give it a try. Aside from frogs, turtles and muskrats, all we ever saw along this slick stretch through the swamp were occasional chubs. There was one spot in particular where chubs were always rising. One day I was so desperate for a little action that I decided to take even a chub, but because of the trees and brush bordering the swampy section I somehow had to get out into the middle of the sluggish stream. When I slipped in

Photo by Dan Holland



A quiet stream like this sometimes offers the best trout fishing.



off the steep bank, I went in to my arm-pits before I touched the muddy bottom, and I thought it was hopeless. However, being wet anyway, I inched my way out toward the middle and was surprised to find that the water became more and more shallow as I went. The biggest surprise of all was that the center of the stream was a gravel bar only thigh deep.

When I discovered this, I took a closer look at the dimpling fish above me, then I began to get excited. I realized as I watched them that they could just possibly be trout. When they ignored the first two flies I floated over them, I really became anxious. Then, when I made a careless cast and put down the one nearest me, I was certain they were trout. Eventually that afternoon I took two plump, brightly-colored brown trout, one eleven inches and the other thirteen, which for that stream were plenty good. Time and again after that I sneaked down to this gravel bar in the swamp and came back with a nice trout or two, and, like the true fisherman I am, I never let on to anyone where they came from. Somehow everyone seemed to get the idea I was catching them out of the short rapids down below.

**T**HIS was a unique situation and possibly would never be repeated on another stream. However, this isn't always the case. I have one system of fishing "where they ain't" that I have repeated successfully on many streams. I purposely hunt water where no one with a lick of sense would bother to wet a line. There's usually some good water on a trout stream that is practically never touched. For instance, anyone working a heavily-fished stream has brains enough at least to get out of town. It's bad enough in the country. Consequently, I try the opposite. It doesn't always work, of course, but I've taken many a fine and unsuspecting trout out from under the shadow of a mill, or in someone's dooryard, or from under the back porch of the general store. This backside view of a town isn't in keeping with the usual trout-fishing atmosphere, but that can be overlooked if results are forthcoming.

A variation of this same system, except out in the country, is to fish deliberately in a farmyard. I've taken trout alongside a barn where the stock go down to water, or where the cattle cross the stream on their way to and from a pasture when I had been unable to raise a thing where the stream cut through open farmland or nearby woods. This is simply because no one else had been foolish enough to fish there.

Another unusual place where I have found trout is in a spring hole off to one side of the main river. It has happened a couple of times. The first was an accident. For some reason I struck out across the middle of a pasture after an unsuccessful morning on the stream and happened on two deep, clear holes, one about thirty feet across, the other about twenty,

and each contained several overly-fat brook trout. The overflow from the spring to the stream a good quarter-mile away was a mere trickle, little more than soggy ground in places, but apparently with sufficient flow to allow trout fry and fingerlings to run up from the stream to the spring. I had stepped over it fifty times or more where it entered the stream before I accidentally discovered its source that morning. I took a couple of the brookies home with me that day and continued to use it for my private hatchery for several seasons, never overdoing it but merely taking one occasionally.

Ever since then I've been hoping to find a similar set-up, and I happened on one a little over a year ago. The stream I fished split, some water following what was obviously the old course of the stream but at least ninety per cent of it entering the newer channel. The big one was the one I fished, of course. Two hundred yards downstream the two riverbeds rejoined, and I noticed that the flow of water in the old bed was definitely larger than at the point where it had left the main stream above. This old river bed made a large arc out from the main stream and I hurried along it to find out where this extra water was coming from, hardly daring to hope I would discover another springhole. I found it, all right, and now I know how a prospector feels when he makes a rich strike. It wasn't just one little springhole; it was a deep, alder-lined stretch of water at least a hundred yards long, and it was plumb full of trout. I took eight or ten there in a couple of hours on dry flies, the best a nineteen incher. This story has a sad ending, however. I was a guest at the time and I'll very likely never fish the stream again. My host was bug-eyed when he saw the trout I brought in, and I suppose I could have told him where I found them, but on second thought I decided it would be much more fun for him to discover it himself. Of course he had been there only ten years at the time without finding it. At any rate, I'll spend the rest of my trout-fishing life trying to find just one more such springhole.

**T**HE MOST recent unusual trout spot I discovered was just a few miles from home, and I had passed it up for five seasons. A stream runs through our valley which in the spring looks ideal for trout. However, it runs very low in mid-summer and there is enough pollution from the towns along its course to raise the water temperature above the point where trout can survive. Its feeders all contain small trout, but these can't enter the main stream and grow up as they should in the normal course of events. Consequently, I never bother to fish it. At the end of the valley the stream drops suddenly through a gorge, then levels off a couple of hundred yards before becoming lost in a large river.

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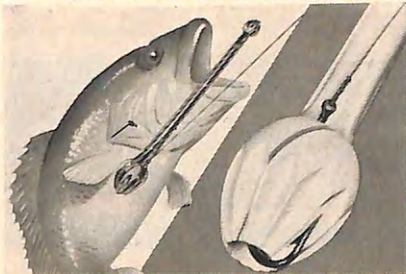
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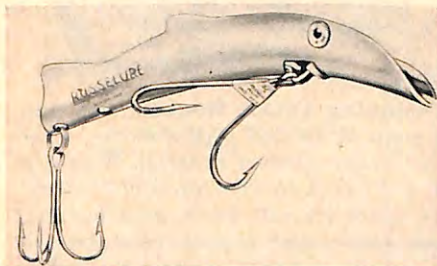
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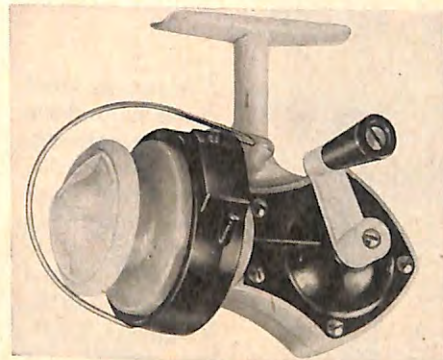
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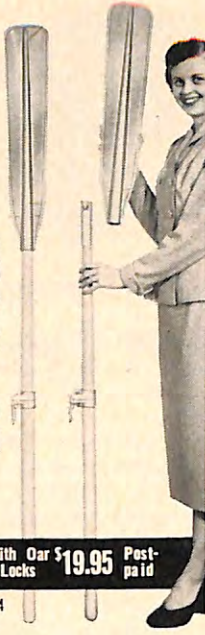
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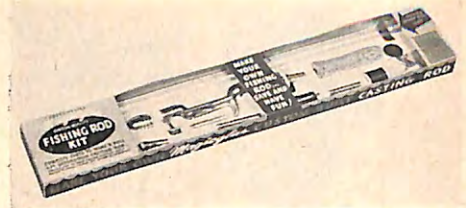
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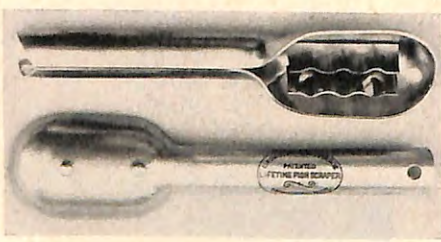
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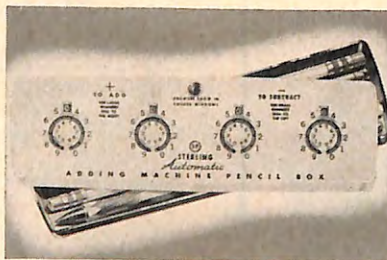
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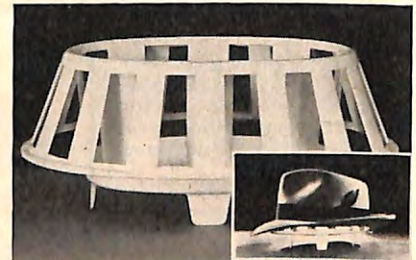
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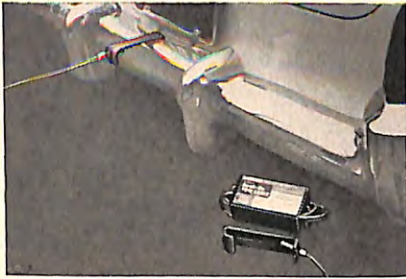


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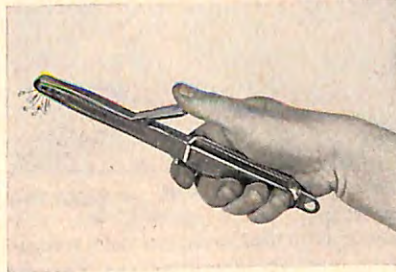
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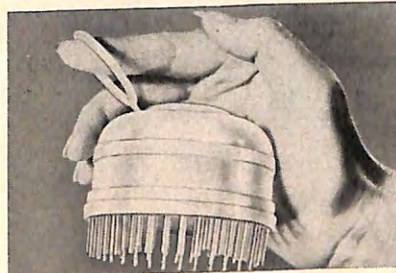
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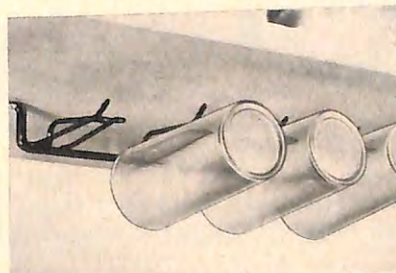
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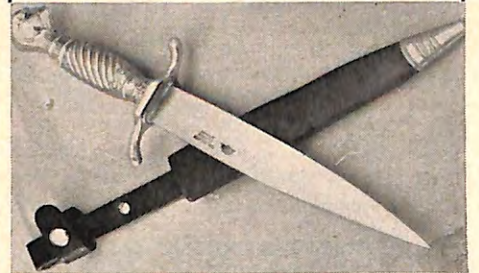


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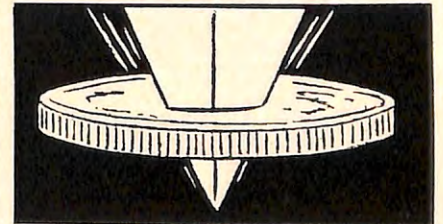
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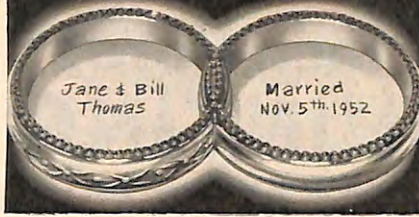
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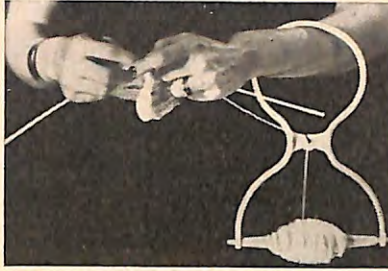
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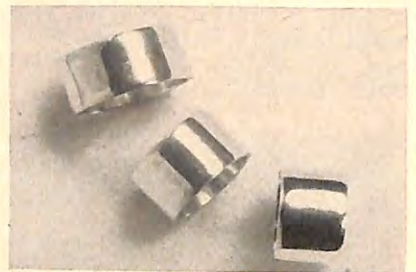
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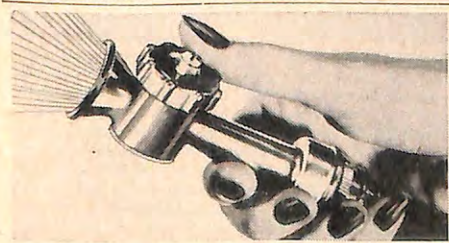


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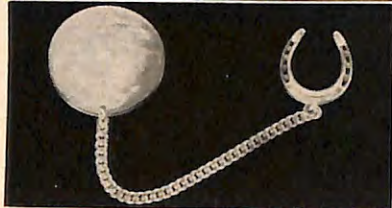


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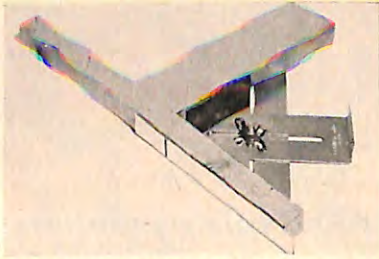
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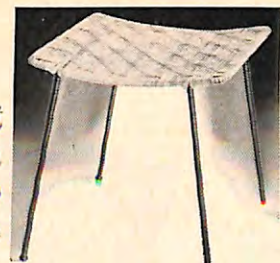
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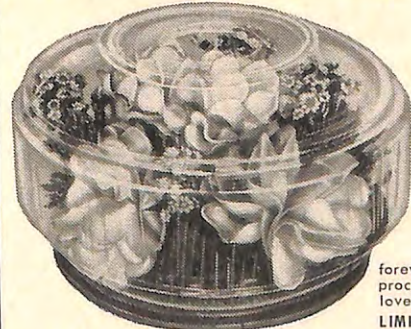
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# In the Doghouse

**Dogs have a long and distinguished role as soldiers.**

**A**S THIS IS WRITTEN, Uncle Sam has shed his uniform to don his diplomatic striped pants but his nephews in his army are still operating on an if or when basis backed by a Nation's hope that there'll not soon again be an if or when. Yes, the Army still follows a course of preparedness particularly in the matter of its canine recruits. Many who read this will recall the heroic deeds performed by the K-9 Corps during the last World War in the course of which some 10,000 dogs were enlisted. Many were killed, many wounded but none selected for duty were known to flinch from danger.

In that war a considerable number of the dogs were volunteered by their owners and given as a patriotic duty to the service of their country. But it was found at the end of the war that not a few of the dogs, having undergone special training for war, could not be de-trained for civilian life, hence could not safely be returned to their original owners. Today the Army method of recruiting dogs has changed. The Army now buys its dogs. As I write this I have in front of me a book of some 144 pages titled "TM 10396—Technical Manual" issued by the War Department. It is an interesting volume but one that would scarcely hold the attention of anyone who was not technically interested in dogs and the subject it covers. It does, however, hold fascinating high-lights and it is the purpose of this article to give them to you.

But first let me digress a little and brief the history of dogs of war. The use of dogs for military purposes is by no means new. In their frequent and almost endless wars the Greeks of long ago employed dogs. Paintings and carvings show large dogs similar to the modern mastiff, equipped with heavily spiked collars. Those dogs were trained to be savage and formidable in attacking. Roman armies too were not unacquainted with the use of war dogs and recognized them as a definite army unit. In the Middle Ages army dogs were equipped with armor similar to that furnished for horses but of course on a much lighter, smaller scale. Frederick the Great in the course of the Seven Years War used dogs in his armies as messengers.

In our own American Revolution the enlistment of dogs was urged along with the enlistment of men. Napoleon encour-

aged the use of dogs for outpost duty in his Egyptian campaign. Centuries earlier dogs played an important part in helping the Spaniards conquer Mexico. In the Crimean War, 1854-56, involving Turkey, Russia, France, Britain and Sardinia, Russian guards were aided by dogs and both North and South in our own Civil War employed dogs in their respective armies.

**B**UT UP TO modern times on the American scene the dogs were brought into service by their masters—the soldiers. In the Russian-Japanese War of the early part of this century both sides used dogs. Russian ambulance dogs rendered particularly effective service.

It wasn't long after that the French began to use dogs as ammunition carriers. The dogs so used were of a powerful Pyrenean type, a breed roughly resembling the St. Bernard. The dogs were particularly useful in mountainous areas as it was found that many could carry loads of 500 cartridges at a time. In both desert and mountain warfare dogs have played important roles as sentries and to locate hidden gun posts.

The Bulgarians conscripted their sheep dogs during the Balkan uprising in 1910. In 1911 the Italian army shipped some of their sheep dogs from the country around Rome to Tripoli where they were stationed in sand dugouts well ahead of

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## NUTLEY, N. J., LODGE PRESENTS A CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

**Nutley Lodge No. 1290**, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, by unanimous resolution adopted in regular session assembled on the 21st of December, 1953, resolved that it would respectfully submit the name of its outstanding member, William J. Jernick, as a candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Grand Lodge at its annual reunion in Los Angeles, Calif., in July.

**William Jernick** was born in Newark, N. J., in 1901, and was initiated as a member of our Fraternity in Nutley Lodge in 1929. He immediately demonstrated a keen interest in Elksdom, and after serving on many of our committees, he was elected to the offices of Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight and Esteemed Leading Knight. In the year 1935 he was unanimously elected Exalted Ruler. During his year as presiding officer he gave unstintingly of his time, efforts and service, and his leadership brought a substantial increase in membership as well as a general improvement in the financial structure of our lodge.

**In the year 1939**, after many activities in the State Association which included the Chairmanship of the Ritualistic and Public Relations Committees, his efforts won for him the recognition of the New Jersey State Elks Association by his unanimous election as President. During his term of office, as a result of his outstanding leadership, the membership of our Order in New Jersey was increased for the first time in 14 years. Recently, Brother Jernick has served as Chairman of the New Jersey Elks Crippled Children's Program and Director of its Easter Shield Campaign.

**His sound judgment**, fidelity and capacity for hard work won him recognition from our Grand Lodge, where he served on the State Associations Committee in 1940, and again in 1947 when he was Chairman of that group. In 1948 he received the honor and privilege of being selected by the Grand Exalted Ruler as Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge. In 1950 and again in 1951, he was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer of our Order, and at the New

York Grand Lodge Convention in 1952, he was unanimously elected Grand Trustee for a term of five years. He is now Approving Member of that Board.

**Throughout** his 25 years of membership in our Order, he has always participated in all activities of his lodge, his State Association and the Grand Lodge. Through his planning and willingness to sacrifice his time and energy, our State has been privileged to institute formally seven new lodges in the last two years.

**In addition** to his services to Elksdom, William Jernick has been recognized by the Town of Nutley by election as Mayor, and for the first time in the history of our town was reelected for two successive terms, completing eight years of faithful service to our community. He also served as its Director of Revenue and Finance, and Director of Public Safety. Among other honors bestowed on him by civic and charitable organizations were the Presidency of the Nutley Rotary Club and his appointment as Director of the Essex County Chapter of the Cerebral Palsy League.

**In the year 1922**, he married Madeline Strong of Newark, N. J. Their family consists of two sons, both members of Nutley Lodge of Elks, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

**In business**, William Jernick has been associated with Thomas A. Edison, Inc., for 37 years, now occupying an executive position with that corporation.

**Brother Jernick's** leadership in fraternal, civic and patriotic organizations has been characterized by his ability to weld groups of people into a cooperative unit working harmoniously under an effective plan of organization. His constant service to our Order, and the success of every Elk program of which he has been a part, mark him as an outstanding member.

**Nutley Lodge** is proud to present, as a candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler, its Brother William J. Jernick, whose exceptional attributes especially qualify him to fill with honor and dignity this important office.

Henry Bragger, Exalted Ruler  
Henry Conover, Secretary

## GRAND SECRETARY J. EDGAR MASTERS PRESENTED FOR REELECTION BY CHARLEROI, PA., LODGE

**S**INCE 1928, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494, has placed before the delegates to each Grand Lodge Convention the name of J. Edgar Masters as a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary, to which he was appointed, late in 1927. Each year, the delegates have unanimously elected him to that post.

Again this July, the Grand Lodge members in session at Los Angeles, Calif., will have the opportunity to reelect Mr. Masters to the position to which he has devoted his time and talents so successfully for so many years.

In 1908, J. Edgar Masters was elected Exalted Ruler of Charleroi Lodge with which he had been affiliated for five years. In 1911, his noteworthy career in the Grand Lodge began with his appointment as Chairman of its Auditing

Committee, and membership on its Social and Community Welfare Committee. For a five-year period, he was a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, its Chairman for three terms. Inevitably, his outstanding abilities led him to the highest position in the Order in 1922.

At the close of his term as Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Masters was appointed to the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission of which he was a member until he became Grand Secretary.

With understandable pride, the members of his lodge again endorse Grand Secretary Masters as a candidate to succeed himself in this vital position.

William S. Pancoast, Exalted Ruler  
Walter L. Stroud, Secretary



## Trout Tricks

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before, but finally this past spring it dawned on me that the water at the base of the gorge would be sufficiently well aerated for trout no matter how warm it might be above. No one fished there since all the local fishermen realized the stream was hopeless, and I hadn't seen any trout there; yet, the more I thought about it, the surer I was that they would be in the first big pool below the gorge. I became so convinced that I made a play of it in town one morning, saying I was going trout fishing and would be back in a few minutes. I returned in just a little over a half hour with two rainbows, one fourteen and the other eighteen inches. That kept them guessing. The best part of it was that I figured it out and called the shot in advance—and it took me only five years to do it!

These are just a few examples where I have found trout others had passed by. It's up to each fisherman to find his own such spots. Someone who was clever at it could follow along behind me and fill his creel time and again from places I never dreamed a trout might exist.

And imagination and initiative in fishing don't stop here. There's more to it than finding trout where others don't fish. It should also be carried into the field of lures and methods of fishing. As I've traveled about I've found that fishermen

in any one area tend to fish pretty much according to a common formula. If one certain type lure is very popular, of course there is a reason for it. Probably it imitates a predominate local food. Its effectiveness converts one fisherman after another to its use, but in time it becomes overdone. That's when a fisherman with a new idea can outdo the others.

**S**OME YEARS AGO I started using a Colorado spinner on Eastern streams and made a killing. The Colorado had been popular for years in the West, but for some reason was rarely used in the East. Today, with the advent of spinning and all the flashing, glittery gadgets that go with it, the Colorado has lost much of its effectiveness. Now the opposite is becoming true. When spinning is all the rage, a fly fisherman can step in and make the gadget fisherman look bad.

Whatever may be your pet method of fishing—spinning, bait casting, fly fishing or bait fishing—it pays to have an open mind and to experiment. Try using very large or very small lures and you just might take the big fellow that has been passing up the run-of-the-mill lures for years. I knew one fellow, for instance, who did a whale of a job on Eastern streams with a bait-casting rod and a small bass plug. No question a big trout

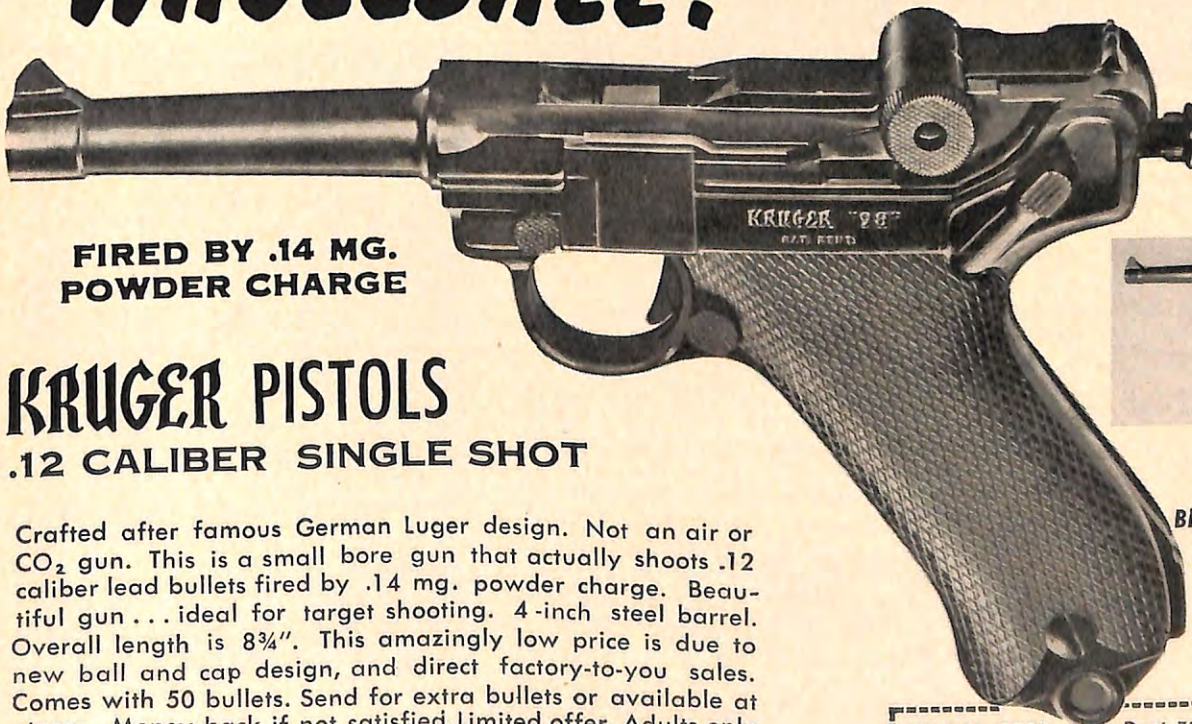
likes to get his teeth into something big and solid.

In spite of this, it's my own opinion that there's just as much room for experiment with very small lures. Don't worry about its being too small for a large fish to bother with. The largest living creature on the face of the earth, the blue whale, lives on plankton, the tiniest of living things. This is the whale that looks as though his dental plates had been sold to him by a Fuller Brush man. This hundred-ton giant swims lazily through the sea and seines out the tiny particles of food with this brush-like arrangement in his enormous mouth. Similarly, the largest of all sharks, the forty-foot basking shark, lives on the tiniest of food by seining it from the sea water as it breathes, probably not realizing it is eating at all. So don't worry about a twenty-inch trout turning up its nose at a tiny fly. Open enough stomachs of large trout and it will soon become obvious that it is the small nymphs, flies and crustaceans that keep them running.

Of course this is just a general idea and may not prove much as far as any one fisherman is concerned. The man who will do a job on Eastern streams is the individual who has his own ideas, who fishes a little differently and gets a step ahead of his fellow fishermen.

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Ontario, Ore., Lodge is less than eight years old, but its Ritualistic Team is All-State Champion, as evidenced by these cups and plaques won at Bend in the District and State Contests.

## P.E.R.'s Night at Reno, Nev. Lodge a Combination Event

Reno Lodge No. 597 welcomed 16 new members on P.E.R.'s Night, with a group of its former leaders conducting the ritual. The event, which followed a roast-beef dinner, was combined with the lodge's observance of the Order's birthday.

State Assn. Pres. R. P. Warren of Elko was on hand to address the candidates, whose response was made by Emile Gezelin.

## Berkeley, Calif. Lodge Honors the Old Guard

The Old Guard took over at the P.E.R.'s Night observance of Berkeley Lodge No. 1002, when 22 out of a possible 29 former E.R.'s were on hand. Of the 54 active members of the lodge who were initiated by E.R. Earl La Trace and his officers during his term, 34 were present to see the Past Exalted Rulers conduct another initiatory ceremony.

The event, which also marked Old Timers Night, saw 100 veteran Berkeley Elks participating in the ceremony which

paid special tribute to 18 of the active 22 members of the classes of 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908.

## Montana Elks Assn. Hold Midwinter Meeting at Dillon

A two-day cold-weather conclave of the Mont. Elks Assn. had E.R. Dave H. Williams and the members of Dillon Lodge No. 1554 on the receiving line. Mayor E. S. Townsend, a member of the Order, welcomed the delegates and Past Pres. Otto Powell delivered the Invocation. Pres. Oskar O. Lympus presided at the meeting at which 21 of the State's 23 lodges were represented, with D.D.'s R. M. Gilder, H. L. Snyder and F. B. Thraill participating.

Various interesting committee reports were read, with Ritualistic Committeeman Chester Johnson revealing that all but three of the 23 lodges participated in the contests which found Hamilton leading for the West; Butte for the S.W.; Great Falls for the North; Billings for S.E. lodges, and Miles City for the East. Nearly \$16,000, received from the Grand Lodge and raised by the State's lodges,

was spent on the entertainment of veterans hospitalized at Fort Harrison and Miles City, with the Helena Elks leading in this important work. Past Pres. DeWitt O'Neil reported that the State had been given national recognition for the tremendous amount of hides the Mont. Elks had shipped to Los Angeles for use in the VA therapeutic programs.

The delegates decided to hold their summer meeting at Missoula July 28, 29, 30 and 31, with a special train to run to Hamilton one of those days. They also approved a motion that the Assn. favor the establishment of a lodge at Glasgow.

## Great Falls, Mont., Elk Program Breaks Blood Donation Record

When E.R. Rudy Peterson urged the residents of his city to participate in the one-day blood-bank program he and the members of Great Falls Lodge No. 214 were sponsoring, he hoped to break the State record of 451 pints. After the donors were taken care of, and a tabulation made, it was revealed that the donation far exceeded his expectations; 610 pints had been collected. A total of 646 persons turned out in 20-below zero weather to break the record held by the Great Falls Air Force Base personnel.

Ten local doctors, 20 volunteer nurses and the Red Cross staff were on hand with two trained nurses who had capable assistance from over 100 Elks and their friends. Free transportation, breakfast and lunch were provided for the donors, with 4-H clubbers acting as baby-sitters on request. John Elliott and his committee handled the operation most efficiently.



During the past three years Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge has given nearly \$10,000 to the Utah Society for Crippled Children and Adults. The money is raised through Christmas Collection Containers and an Annual Easter Seal Dance. Here, Committee Chairman Edgar W. Hansen, left, presents another \$1,200 to the Society's Executive Director, Elk Kenneth H. Roth, right, as E.R. Burton Birkinshaw and little Miss Janet Tingley look on.





El Paso Lodge has two children at the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital. One of them is 12-year-old polio victim Thelma Ramirez, pictured here with her parents, E.R. J. W. Chamness, Jr., Committee Chairman P.E.R. V. B. Andreas, Sr., Est. Lead. Knight C. Arthur Fineron and Sam Rotner. The child's parents accompanied her to Ottine as guests of the lodge, so that they could help to get her settled there.



Over 200 athletes from five high schools and a local junior college were guests of Santa Ana, Calif., Lodge at its Annual Athletic Night when these six young sports stars were photographed holding their trophies. The Elks standing in the back row are, left to right: Est. Lead. Knight Carl E. Proctor, Stanford University's Head Coach C. C. Taylor and Committee Chairman Bill Cole, local High School Athletic Instructor.



San Luis Obispo, Calif., Lodge's committee put its new barbecue pits into operation at an affair attended by over 200 Elks and guests. Left to right: Frank C. Huyette, Clinton R. Farrar and Albert M. Stornetta.



Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge conducted a dance at Elks Park which brought \$1,282.97 to the March of Dimes. Left to right: County Campaign Chairman C. R. Igoe, little Miss Sandy Stern and E.R. W. T. Choisser.



Left: P.E.R.'s Night at Richmond, Calif., Lodge had all but one of its 26 living former leaders on hand. Among them were Charter Member Dr. C. L. Abbott, the lodge's first E.R.; A. F. Bray of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee; P.D.D.'s J. E. Durand and C. C. Anglim, and Charter Member John A. Bell.

Right: The 30-voice Children's Farm Home Choir, operated by the WCTU, received these handsome robes and collars from Corvallis, Ore., Lodge. Making the presentation were, left to right, at left, Est. Lead. Knight Harold Larkin, E.R. Harvey McConnel, Lect. Knight Dr. Robert H. Holcomb, Loyal Knight William F. Raw.





# NEWS of the LODGES



At Anaheim, Calif., Lodge's First Annual Baseball Night, attended by 400 members, are the officers and some of the special guests. Among the diamond stars on hand were Duke Snider, Babe Herman, Bill Veeck, Del Crandell and Fred Haney. Vig Ruedy, former big-leaguer, was Chairman.



These are the P.E.R.'s of Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge who were honored at a meeting following a Birthday Barbecue Dinner attended by 200 members. David S. Licker, left foreground, presided.



During a visit to Long Beach, Calif., Lodge with Los Angeles E.R. R. P. Thelan, left, R. S. Redington, center, Executive Director of the 1954 Grand Lodge Convention, received a \$2,000 check from E.R. J. W. Grundy.

## Ontario, Ore., Lodge Makes Great Progress

The Elks of Ontario Lodge No. 1690 have a great deal to be proud of. They recently dedicated their fine new home with many dignitaries of the Order taking part in the ceremonies, and their Ritualistic Team is All-State Champion. For a lodge of less than eight years' existence, this is quite a record.

The home, erected at a cost of \$125,000, was opened officially at a three-day program, with a 50-man class initiated in commemoration of the affair.

Among the Elk officials present were Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Frank Hise, Clifton B. Mudd, former member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, District Deputy J. H. Moore and Past District Deputy Elmo A. Angele.

Boise, Ida., Lodge sent its topnotch Elk Gleemen and its Band to add to the musical enjoyment of the affair.

It was last October in Bend that the Ontario Team won its cups and plaques that go with the District and State Ritualistic Championships. The group, led by E.R. Jack Judson, shares the pride of the entire membership in the lodge's outstanding Youth Program, in which over 50 members are enrolled in an organization called the "Elks Honor Club". Through their efficient and consistent efforts, juvenile delinquency within the lodge's jurisdiction has been almost entirely eliminated.

## Le Mars, Ia., Elks Double Up on Charity

The Elks of Le Mars Lodge No. 428, highlighted their benevolent activities by making a contribution of \$866 to a lagging polio drive in an area designated as an epidemic locality. Another of its recent benevolences was the donation of a large-screen television set to the Plymouth County Home.



Photographed during the record 610-pint blood collection made at the home of Great Falls, Mont., Lodge are some of the donors and a few of the 100 Elks and friends who assisted the Red Cross Officials in charge.



**Greeley, Colo., Lodge Host at Big District Ceremony**

The home of Greeley Lodge No. 809 was the scene of the initiation of 57 candidates representing Boulder, Brighton, Fort Collins, Fort Morgan, Greeley, Longmont, Loveland and Sterling Lodges. The impressive event received the whole-hearted cooperation of the entire North Dist., with all officers of the eight lodges in attendance, assisting E.R. Martin J. Goble of Fort Morgan in the handling of the ritual.

Among the guests were M. E. H. Smith of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, D.D. Leonard Keagy, State Vice-Pres. C. B. Metcalf, Chairman Richard L. Tatman of the State Ritualistic Committee and Byron Albert, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee who will be a judge in the National Ritualistic Contest next July.

Officials of several of the participating lodges joined host E.R. Ross I. Shaklee on the committee on arrangements for this outstanding event. Grand Lodge Committeeman Smith was host to about 100 officials at a dinner prior to the session, which was followed by a luncheon for about 500 members.

**Ohio N. Cent. Bowlers Compete**

The 16 alleys at Avon Lake Recreation were kept humming by the 598 Elk keggers who participated in the 1954 Tournament of the Ohio No. Cent. Dist. Bowling Assn. E.R. Clarence Marsh and the members of Lorain Lodge No. 1301 were hosts for the meet which had Dale Livingston as Manager, P.E.R. Russell B. Minch as Chairman.

There were 114 teams entered in the five-man event, and 299 in the two-man play. Prizes totaled \$2,508.52, with ten trophies awarded. Unofficial reports list the Buettin Sales Team from Marion, the Trustees of Ashland, and the Glackin Chevrolet group of Mount Vernon as the top three five-man entries; W. Axthelm-S. Sharrock of Marion, M. Balconi-R. Tremper of Sandusky and W. Goohs-F. Ursic of Lorain headed the doubles list, and J. Tarry of Elyria, E. Funston of Mansfield and R. Tervenn of Bellevue placed in that order in the singles. In the All-Events (actual pinfall), honors went to R. Whitemeyer, Wooster; A. Graf, Mount Vernon, and B. Lewis, Ashland.

**1954 State Association Convention Information**

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Nevada	Elko	Apr. 22-23-24
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	Apr. 23-24-25
Ohio	Columbus	Apr. 29-30, May 1-2
Mississippi	Pascagoula	May 1-2
Arizona	Mesa	May 5-6-7-8
New Mexico	Tucumcari	May 6-7-8
Kansas	Wichita	May 7-8-9
Alabama	Birmingham	May 14-15-16
North Carolina	Asheville	May 14-15
Georgia	Savannah	May 20-21-22
South Carolina	Charleston	May 21-22-23
Missouri	Springfield	May 21-22-23
Florida	Orlando	May 23-24
New York	Syracuse	May 27-28-29
Kentucky	Lexington	May 27-28-29
Wyoming	Torrington	May 31, June 1-2

**SHE WOULDN'T GIVE UP**



**E**DITH POVAR is a fighter. She has been fighting and winning battles since she was six, when she heard a doctor pronounce her mentally deficient and advise her mother to put her in an institution. Edith stuck her tongue out at the doctor, a figurative declaration of war that she has waged for so long, and successfully, to conquer the cerebral palsy that afflicts her, and to bring help to others suffering from the same disability.

Fortunately, Edith's mother disregarded the doctor's advice, and the girl was allowed to grow up with her brothers and sisters in Dorchester, Mass. When the schools wouldn't take her, she didn't let that daunt her. While brother or sister read homework aloud, she looked over a shoulder and gradually the symbols on the pages and the words she heard became associated, and she learned to read. By demonstrating this ability to the school officials, she was finally admitted. When she was 12, the family moved to another neighborhood in Boston, and Edith faced the same educational barrier. After repeated rebuffs, somebody told her about the Industrial School for Crippled Children. It didn't admit the cerebral-palsied, but Edith, a seasoned battler, got permission to take a special test. She passed with such high marks that she was accepted.

Edith's graduation from high school brought the period of her greatest trial. She wanted to work, to be a useful member of society, but there were no jobs for CP's. She found, too, that the social affairs enjoyed by boys and girls her age were not open to her. As she became more and more isolated, Edith retreated into a private world of books. She studied psychology, music appreciation and creative writing, especially poetry for which

she had shown considerable talent at an early age. But all this was not the fulfillment of her hopes. Her work was without purpose, and one day Miss Povar's fighting spirit rebelled. She wrote a letter to the *Boston Traveler* which published it, in which she asked why the public, made up of so many generous people, was doing nothing to free from their prisons of despair the thousands of cerebral-palsy victims in Massachusetts. In response, friends and relatives of cerebral-palsy sufferers got in touch with Miss Povar, and out of this grew the United Cerebral Palsy Council of Boston, of which she is Executive Secretary. It was the start of a movement that has led to the organization of several other councils in the Bay State, the establishment of clinics and schools for the cerebral-palsied, stimulation of research, social groups for young and old, job training and other activities that, taken together, represent remarkable progress in seven short years.

But Miss Povar, driven by her burning desire to do everything humanly possible for CP's, especially those hundreds of cases that appear each year, has ambitious plans for the future. To better equip herself to carry out her mission, Miss Povar decided that she should extend her education. She applied to the Elks National Foundation; last fall its Trustees gave her a \$400 grant permitting her enrollment in Boston University.

By her great example in overcoming severe physical handicaps, by her fighting spirit and inspiring leadership, Miss Povar has brought hope to many. She has blasted a large hole in the wall of indifference that society had erected against the CP's, and now she is preparing herself to remove that wall completely.





# TRAVELGUIDE

*In the future if you hold a ticket for a flight by air-line coach and you fail to show up for the take-off you will be expected to pay a penalty when you present your tickets for refund. The Civil Aeronautics Board has O.K'd a charge of 20 per cent for "no-shows."*

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For the visitor to New England this summer we suggest a stop at Mystic, Conn. Here the *Mon Lei*, a Chinese junk, may be seen. It was sailed here from China in 1942, with a crew of four, in 86 days. Also of interest to visitors will be the teek settee from the private stateroom of Lord Horatio Nelson's flagship *Victory*, the figurehead of the *Great Republic*, largest clipper ship ever built, and the log of the clipper *Andrew Jackson* when she rounded the Horn to San Francisco in the record time of 89 days 4 hours. Mystic is a must for those interested in the old whaling and clipper days of the last century. The *Charles Morgan*, famous new Bedford whaler, also is there.

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*A century and a half ago it took 550 hours to cross the continent by stage-coach and rail. Fifty years ago the trip could be accomplished in 100 hours by rail. Today it takes less than 10 hours via scheduled airliner. Tomorrow with the jet? 5 hours or even less. Before Air transportation a New Yorker with two weeks vacation could not visit Hawaii unless he wanted to spend only two days there—the trip took 7 days each way. Today he is able to*

*spend 14 of his 16 days in the Paradise of the Pacific by taking scheduled airline flights.*

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The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad offers a very popular five-day, conducted All-Pullman Tour from San Francisco through Yosemite to Los Angeles. The itinerary is as follows:

1st Day—Leave San Francisco 8:30 a.m. Lunch enroute at Merced. Arrive at Yosemite at 4:45 p.m. Remain overnight at the famous Ahwahnee Hotel.

2nd Day—Side trip to Mariposa Big Trees and Glacier Point. Remain overnight at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

3rd Day—Leave Yosemite at 8:20 a.m. Arrive at Monterey 5:30 p.m. Remain overnight at the Casa Munras Hotel.

4th Day—Leave Monterey at 8:30 a.m. Arrive Santa Barbara 5:30 p.m. Remain overnight at the Mar Monte Hotel.

5th Day—Leave Santa Barbara at 2:00 p.m. Arrive Los Angeles 5:30 p.m.

All meals and hotel accommodations are included in the price of the tour, which is \$137.98 per person (double) and \$147.98 single including all taxes

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*Charles F. Haase (Atchison, Kansas No. 647) writes to report on his recent trip to the South, "The Sinclair Oil Company selected a lovely route through*

*the Ozarks and on down to the Gulf of Mexico which was also very interesting. The highways were perfect with only one very short detour—a tribute to Sinclair and their "know-how".*

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The new 1954 Winter-Spring edition of the Quality Court Guide Book is off the press and available at no cost. This association of independently owned and operated courts lists 389 select motor courts east of the Mississippi River and Canada. Write for copy of Quality Courts, Inc., P. O. Box No. 997, Fredericksburg, Va.

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*Motels now outnumber hotels 2 to 1 in the United States, reports the latest Motel Census conducted by the American Motel Magazine. The number is now 50,576, whereas in 1951 there were only 43,356. California has the greatest number with 7,330, Florida is in second place with 4,124 and New York is third with 3,305, late reports say.*

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There are several new hotels now completed in Hawaii. On Maui Island the Maui Palms at Kahului; At Waikiki, The Breakers Apartment Hotel, the Mar-Jo Apartment Hotel, Coconut Grove Hotel and the additions to the Edgewater Hotel and the Aina Luana Apartment Hotel should ease accommodation shortages somewhat this spring and summer in the Islands.

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*Scientists at the University of California have listed the factors to watch in order to minimize chances of highway accidents while on your vacation trip. Underestimating the distance you can drive in a day and then pushing on regardless. Overestimating and trying to make it at all costs. Driving while tired and "letting down" or becoming careless of your driving efficiency as you near your destination.*

## For Elks Who Travel

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short train trip from Toronto, to Fort William on the northwestern shore of Lake Superior. A boat train leaves Toronto on sailing days, which are Wednesday and Saturday, and passengers step from the train into either the *Keewatin* or the *Assiniboia*. They aren't new ships but there are such cruising amenities as morning bouillion and afternoon tea, dancing to recorded music, and deck games.

The first night takes the ships across Lake Huron to St. Mary's River, and the fifty-five mile river excursion brushes past trees and shrubbery, almost like sailing through a woodland. These ships too go through The Soo and then there is no land and at night nothing to see but the sky and if you are lucky, the northern lights shining silver and green.

At Port Arthur or Fort William, roughly north of Duluth, the ships connect with Canadian Pacific trains heading west to the Lake of the Woods, to Winnipeg and on to Banff and the West Coast. They also embark passengers who are heading east into the Toronto and Ottawa areas, to Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and wish to break their trips. Since both ships take cars, it makes an ideal combination tour and cuts down on the long-haul driving for those biting great distances.

Another choice are the cruises run by the Owen Sound Transportation Co., leaving Owen Sound, Ontario, every Saturday at midnight, sailing across Georgian Bay to Killarney and arriving back in Owen Sound at 6 a.m. Monday morning. This week-end cruise is a

favorite of those escaping the big city heat, for it does afford two nights "at sea", good food and dancing. The Owen Sound also has five-day cruises aboard the S.S. *Norgoma*, leaving every Monday evening. Music and dancing and a buffet are on hand and waiting for anyone who would rather not go to bed. After a night on Georgian Bay the ship pulls into Killarney, a village reachable only by water, then on to Killarney Quarries where silica is produced. There is plenty of time to nose around.

After browsing through the Champlain and Indian country, the ship spends the middle of the week winding through Wilson's Channel, playing a sort of watery slalom with the navigational markers. That night the ship docks at The Soo and there is time for a movie or sightseeing



the town. The ship is back in Owen Sound on Saturday morning and you debark after breakfast. The *Norgoma* was built in 1950 and carries a hostess.

The Canada Steamship Lines which used to operate steamers on the Great Lakes now confines its activities exclusively to the St. Lawrence and the Saguenay, which are derivatives of the "Five Sisters" anyway. These cruises originate at Montreal, largest inland seaport in the world, 1,000 miles from the sea. They sail down the St. Lawrence, past Three Rivers, put into Quebec at 8 p.m. the same night. There is dancing on board. The second day the ship comes to Saguenay, turns in to the tributary river and docks for the night far back in the Canadian woods. The next day the cruiser sails down to Tadoussac for a beach party at the big hotel and fishing camps

which are owned by the Canada Steamship Lines. The next morning is free for golf, swimming, tennis as long as you arrive on board for a one p.m. sailing. The ship makes the beautiful Manoir Richelieu by six that night in time for a party at the hotel's Casino. Passengers who get up early will have time for a ride, a swim or a round of golf on the Manoir Richelieu course which has an inclined railway to take you from some greens to tees. A noon sailing will bring you to Quebec at cocktail time. There is a side trip to Ste. Anne de Beaupré the following day and there is an overnight sailing down to Montreal. All in all, it is six days away from everything. The tariff is \$135 plus tax (and up) and things begin on June 21st, which is the first day of summer. Well, turn over the motors, boys, it isn't so far 'til then.

### Fair Bait

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these things in a magazine and then they're never satisfied until they get one. I have to stock 'em in self defense." He takes the rod out of your hands and puts it back on the shelf, just a little before you're ready to part with it.

He has now accomplished two things. He has flattered you by making it clear that he considers you above such nonsense and he has demonstrated that he is not trying to sell anything. Good old Herb. Your heart warms toward him. The conversation shifts from tackle to its use. Herb listens politely as you tell him—for the third time—about the monster

you caught under the dock at Juniper Lake.

At exactly the right moment Herb says, "What'd you get him on?"

This innocent question leads—as Herb knew it would—to a ten-minute monologue on the merits of the Beer Bottle Bucktail. Herb listens as though your words were of earth-shaking importance. Meanwhile, he is making a decision. Are you ripe, or should he soften you up some more? He decides to wait. "Give this bird five more minutes," he thinks, "and I can knock him over."

"Say," Herb exclaims as you pause

### PROMINENT LOS ANGELES ELK DIES



Harry Leonhardt, for thirty years Official Greeter at Los Angeles Lodge No. 99 and one of the best-known Elks on the West Coast, died recently. Brother Leonhardt had a long career in show business and is photographed above, at left, with one of his many thousands of friends in that field—the late William Farnum, well-known actor and one of the stars of the early days of motion pictures. Mr. Leonhardt once managed the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, where in 1906 he directed a huge benefit for victims of the San Francisco earthquake. While he was a member of New York Lodge No. 1 for fifty years, thirty-four years ago he moved to California and a few years later became the Official Greeter at Los Angeles Lodge. His congenial manner and the way he made thousands of Elks visiting the lodge feel at home long will be remembered.

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"The pleasantest way to spend money I know comes as a result of visiting a sporting goods store towards the beginning of April".

Plenty of big ones there. You remember Ed Goff got a 4½-pounder out of the Split Rock Pool last year? . . . Say, have you seen Oakley's new dry-fly line?" Herb retrieves a flat, square, and previously well-concealed box from the display case. He drops it carelessly in front of you.

"Looks like they've got it this time. There've been a lot of hollow lines. Float like a snake for a while. Then they get a crack in the finish. Water gets in and they sink like a rock. Done for."

Herb pauses here while you get the neatly coiled line out of the box and look at it. After a bit he says, "Water can't get in this one, even if you scrape the finish off with a knife. You know why? It's braided around a nylon tube. Yep. Just like 15-pound-test leader stock, only hollow. Float forever. Never need to dress it."

"Why the different colors?" you ask.

"They've pulled another slick one there. Ever raise a fish, say 35 feet away, miss him and decide to change flies? Sure. We all do. But when we go to cast back we can't remember how far out he was. Chances are, we cast too far and put him down."

"Well, this line is marked off in ten-foot sections. Ten green, ten brown, ten yellow, ten black, then the same thing over again. All right. You raise a fish and decide to rest him a few minutes. You notice the line changes from brown to yellow right at the butt guide. No need to remember you're using a nine-foot leader and add up to 29 feet. No need to hold the line. Just reel in and when

you're ready to cast again you can lay your fly down in the same spot. Exactly."

At this point Herb lapses into silence. You feel the line. You unwind a few feet and pull it through your fingers. You should be thinking about the bill you were going to pay but, even though you feel vaguely guilty, you're not. You're mentally laying a floating fly right in the mouth of that monster in the pool back of Finn's barn.

Herb gives you time to raise, play and land him. Then he says, "Now this line, naturally, is a little lighter than a solid-braided one. So they've used a different system for marking the sizes. This is Number 1001. It's equal to an HEH. Number 1002 is the same as an HDH. The third, 1003, will balance a rod that takes an HCH."

Hmmm. Your light rod takes an HDH. Better get the HCH and then you can use it on the 8½-footer for bugs, too. "Ought to be just the ticket for bass bugs," you say. "How much?"

"Nineteen eighty-eight."

That rocks you, but you're on the hook and practically in the net. You get the lone twenty out of your wallet and toss it on the counter. Herb wraps up the proper line and hands you back twelve cents.

"Where you going to open the season?" he asks as you grope your way toward the door.

"Huh? Oh, darned if I know. Might try the East Branch this year," you say as though you hadn't given it a moment's thought before. "So long, Herb."

"So long."

## Fish the Ponds

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worms are unavailable, you can always substitute them.

After the bass move into more shallow waters, and this happens earlier than in adjacent natural waters, the flyrod and bass bug season begins. There is little need for any other type of tackle. Bugs—any kind—alone will serve until that period in autumn when the color of the hills and the sharp air convince you that there is other game to be pursued. There is a magic period, though, usually right after October begins, when the bass seem to hold a final and frenzied spree. If you are present with a good supply of bugs, you will have much to relate on the long winter evenings later on.

Best of the bug patterns are the spent-wing, deer hair types. The color probably makes little difference, but if you want my own favorites, try gray or brown. Hair

bugs require little action; if you retrieve quickly, an advantage is lost. Nothing more than a slight vibration of the rod tip after a long pause is necessary. Do this deliberately—even lazily.

An angler with an understanding wife, as well as an inclination to being on the water at daybreak, has an advantage in bug fishing. First light on a calm and dewy morning almost invariably finds every large-mouth in the pond lurking closely around the fringes of cattails and other vegetation. The water may be shallow enough to betray the movements of feeding bass, and on them a carefully presented bug is murder. You wouldn't believe it could happen.

As a second choice, or if you dread the sound of an alarm clock in the pre-dawn hours, wait for a damp and drizzling evening peculiar to early autumn.

momentarily (and might think of your errand). "did you hear about the big rainbow Sam Collins saw in the East Branch? No? Well, I'd as soon take Sam's word for a thing as if I saw it myself. And Sam swears it's true.

"Seems his boy, Frankie, was trapping muskrats along the East Branch in there back of the old Finn place and one Saturday Sam decided to go along. This was about a month ago. It had been pretty cold, as you recall, and there was a lot of shore ice. Sam got to walking along on the ice, looking for trout, while the boy was fiddling with his traps.

"You know the spot where the creek makes that bend right behind Finn's barn? It drops into a deep hole, then comes out over a gravel bar and makes a swing around a big rock?

You nod and Herb goes on. "Well, Sam discovered he could walk on the ice—it was frozen solid over the dead water—right out to the boulder. He had climbed up on it and was looking into the open water when, all of a sudden, he said, he almost fell off the rock. A trout that was two feet long came drifting back out of the deep water over the gravel, just upstream.

"Stayed there, just fanning in the current, not ten feet away, for more than a minute. Sam got a good look at it. It was a rainbow and a good one—three inches thick through the shoulders—and when it tipped a little Sam said it looked as deep as a bass. Must have weighed six pounds.

"Pretty soon the trout swam back into the deep water, but Sam couldn't move. Said he just sat there staring at the water until Frankie finally called and brought him to."

"Golly!" you say—and you're a goner now—"where do you suppose it came from?"

"Must have swum up out of the lake.



Wait for the evening that is still warm, even though there's an ominous warning that it may be the last one like it for another year. This is a magic time for bass bugging. It's a time when a bug fished patiently — almost disinterestedly — produces shattering, surface strikes that will leave you talking to yourself. Sometimes all the way home.

With farm pond bluegills it's another story—a fairly simple story, too. Even less sophisticated than their kin of Southern swamps and glacial Northern lakes, they present no problem too difficult for fishermen of any skill or with any tackle. It's just that easy—with one exception. Sometimes there are too many fish and they are too easy to catch.

Once stocked in a pond, and as long as freeze-outs, poison, or drainage do not destroy them, bass will thrive, at least fairly well, and there will always be a few of catchable size. But once the bluegill population grows out of balance and these most prolific of the prolific clan of sunfishes start multiplying biologically, it isn't long before the pond contains an astronomical number of fish. Most of them are stunted and much too small to be of any value. Chances are good, then, that you find either a fair supply of large bluegills or a tremendous supply of runts.

I've watched drainage operations on a number of old ponds that literally astounded the owners. Bluegills, none larger than three inches, were so plentiful that it was impossible to estimate the actual number. At the same time, there were always a good number of bass in graduating sizes up to two, and in one case, up to a pair of three and a half pounders. Incidentally, it is unlikely that records will be broken by the bass you take in farm ponds. If you know your business, though, you will finish each season with a fair share of bragging fish.

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Woodland, Calif., Lodge No. 1299, in order to acquaint local fellow citizens of the city with the great work of the Order, presented copies of the "History of the Order of Elks" to the Woodland City Library and Yolo County Library, including four of its branches. The History also will be presented to Dixon and Arbuckle Libraries since those areas are under the jurisdiction of Woodland Lodge. Making the presentation in the photograph above, left to right: Morris Pritchard, Esquire of Woodland Lodge; James McDermott, Exalted Ruler; Mrs. Vivian Douglas, County Librarian, and Mrs. Irma Bruton, City Librarian.

dozen or so more casts, he describes an arc out from shore to a point where unproductive water is reached. By advancing along the shore after an arc is completed, vast areas are covered completely.

Often it's best to wade, especially when fishing over bluegill beds or when the day is uncomfortably hot.

Perhaps the best equipped of all pond fishermen is the sportsman with a light and portable car-top boat. There are ponds with sections made inaccessible to bank fishers by marshy borders and extensive weed beds reaching too far out from shore. Inflated rubber or plastic boats in the smaller sizes were made for just such places as these.

It's sometimes hard to believe, when driving across the countryside, that there is fishing in the numerous ponds you see from the road. And, incidentally, there are many more you can't see. In either case, these small waters have furnished surprises and memorable incidents galore in recent years. Land owners have been astounded to see bass I've taken from ponds that have lain idle for years. And I've enjoyed both the solitude and the rewards of wilderness fishing less than an hour from my home.

There's virgin fishing near you, no matter where you live. Just find a farm pond and ask permission to fish there. It's as simple as that.

**Counterfeiting—A Loser's Game**

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they are making the stuff they might as well make big ones—not too big, but enough to get money when cashed at most any place. Making dollar bills is regarded as pretty low down in the counterfeiter's who's who. They're easier to pass, that's true, but it takes a lot of time and patience making any phony bill.

There is a case, however, which is exceptional. Down in Texas last year a fellow was bagged for making fake dollar bills. He practiced for six years and finally was able to shave a dollar bill in two. He pasted these shaved halves on imitation bills he printed. Thus he had two one dollar bills, one with a real front side and one with a real reverse side. He would pass the bills always with the genuine side up. That's making money the hard way.

Some smart alecks still make spurious coins, generally quarters and half dollars, sometimes even nickels. Is a nickel worth imitating these days? The Secret Service regards these operations as "nuisance." The amounts made and passed are small, but the counterfeiters are run down just the same as though they were making big money.

Restrictions have been lifted so that it is now legal to print illustrations of coins, for after all you can't pass a picture of a coin for money. But it is a violation of the law to print a likeness of a bill and the law is very strict on this point. In other words it is illegal to show a picture of a bill in a billfold. It has to be strictly "stage" money.

Those who handle large amounts of money easily spot counterfeits, Chief

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The Secret Service gives these pointers to Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public on how to detect a counterfeit bill:

Genuine bills are printed on special paper from engraved steel plates. It is a very elaborate and intricate process. The work is done by the finest engravers in the country. Counterfeit bills are etched or copied from genuine bills and the copy is not as sharp or distinct as the original. Moreover, they are printed on imitation paper.

So—look at the portrait, compare it with that on a genuine bill. Examine the borders of the bill. In a counterfeit the fine lines are not clear and distinct. They are etched, not engraved. Look at the numbers on a bill. On a counterfeit the figures are not printed evenly. The Treasury Seal is also a distinguishing feature. In a counterfeit the saw teeth on the rim of the seal are blunt and uneven.

## The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

(Continued from page 11)

Pres. Marvin A. Swagert. More than 300 Elks, including representatives of Carlisle, York, Red Lion, Gettysburg, Lebanon, Chambersburg and Middletown lodges, attended. The principal address was delivered by Mr. James who was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis.

Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and Henry C. Warner, Grand Exalted Ruler James arrived in Providence, Rhode Island, on February 14th. They were met by a group of prominent Rhode Island Elks, including State Assoc. Pres. David F. Fitzgerald and D.D. James F. Duffy, Jr. Following a conference in Providence with Elk dignitaries from all parts of the State, Mr. James and his party proceeded to PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND, LODGE, NO. 920, where a reception and dinner were held in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Mr. James was welcomed to the city of Pawtucket by Mayor Lawrence A. McCarthy, a member of Pawtucket Lodge; Governor Dennis J. Roberts, a member of Providence lodge, extended greetings of the State. State Assoc. Vice-Pres. Richard Moran was Toastmaster. Mr. James made the announcement that Dr. Edward C. Morin, a member of the lodge and Treasurer of the State Association, had been appointed Grand Inner Guard of the Grand Lodge filling the unexpired term of the late Edward H. Powell of Providence Lodge No. 14. The Grand Exalted Ruler then joined E.R. Robert A. Magill and other officers and members of the lodge in the ceremonial burning

On the genuine they are very sharp and distinct. Look at the words. On a counterfeit they are apt to be imperfect and a little blurred because they have been copied and not engraved.

One more trick. If you have a bill you think is counterfeit, crease it across the middle of the portrait. Now crease a genuine bill the same way and put the two together so that the halves of the portrait are matched. The counterfeit will show up plainly.

All merchants who handle large amounts of cash should be listed with the Secret Service to get notices of counterfeit bills promptly. Apply to the nearest Secret Service office. And if you spot a counterfeit the Secret Service says, "don't return it." Delay the passer if possible under a pretext and notify the police.

The U.S. Secret Service is not a large force. It has field offices in some 58 cities. Besides Chief Baughman the key officials are Assistant Chief Carl Dickson and Executive Aide to the Chief, Harry E. Neal. The Service gets but three lines in the Congressional Directory. It operates on a small budget. But without noise or fanfare it sure gets results.

of the mortgage on the lodge home. This event marked the opening of an eventful year of commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Pawtucket Lodge.

Among the more than 350 persons in attendance were Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan; Judge John E. Fenton, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary; George Steele, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities; John W. Moakler, James W. Leighton, Frank L. Suffoletto and Marshall S. Yemma, second, fourth, fifth and seventh State Association Vice-Presidents, respectively; State Assoc. Secretary Paul F. Murray; State Trustees Michael Tuscano, Pierce J. Keane, Clifton W. Higham, Frank E. McKenna, Frank Peabody and Michael Regauld. Later that evening, Mr. James and his party, led by Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, motored to Boston.

### Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary\*

- APRIL 23-25 Baton Rouge, La., State Convention
- MAY 1 Wichita, Kans., State Convention
- 14 Asheville, N.C.
- 15 Birmingham, Ala., State Elks Assoc. banquet
- 17 Kingsport, Tenn., luncheon meeting Elizabeth, Tenn., dedication of lodge
- Bristol, Tenn., evening banquet
- 18 Johnson City, Tenn., luncheon Greenville, Tenn., banquet
- 19 Morristown, Tenn.—Oakridge-Knoxville luncheon
- 21 Charleston, S.C., State Elks Assoc. meeting
- 22 Savannah, Ga., Elks State Assoc. banquet
- 24 Orlando, Fla., State Elks Assoc. meeting
- 29 Lexington, Ky., State Convention
- 31 Torrington, Wyo., State Assoc. meeting

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**In the Doghouse**

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sentries to warn of enemy activity. During the long drawn-out Spanish-Morocco war dogs were used by the latter's soldiers. These were camouflaged in draperies and trained to run in front of the lines to attract Spanish fire and thus reveal gun positions.

With the outbreak of the first World War dogs began to be consistently trained and used on a large scale. The Germans were first to use them and in the course of the war employed about 30,000 for messenger and rescue work. The French and British were quick to follow with the armies of the latter two nations using the dogs for more varied work. With demobilization in 1919 the French had to dispose of some 15,000 dogs and during the years 1914 to 1918 French military casualties among dogs were more than 3,500 killed and 1,500 missing. In the same war both French and Belgian armies used draught dogs while during the hard winter of 1915, 400 sledge dogs, mostly Huskies, were imported from Canada. These dogs worked in the deep snow that nearly brought the war to a standstill in the Vosges Mountains. It is a matter of record that one section of the dogs took only four days to haul 90 tons of ammunition up to a battery which men, horses and mules had vainly struggled for more than two weeks to reach. It is said that a couple of teams of seven dogs each could do the work of five horses. Some who read here may recall that the first World War was largely a trench war with seas of mud a great obstacle to movement of men. But the sticky going didn't stop the war dogs, especially as messengers between military units.

Dogs were first officially inducted into the United States army March 13th, 1942, when Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson signed a letter of authorization following the application of Major General Edmund B. Gregory, Quartermaster General. In July, 1942, the Remount Branch, Quartermaster Corps, finally took charge of all war dog activities.

In the first World War American forces were slow to use dogs and why this was so I frankly don't know. But the usefulness of dogs as adjuncts to our forces was finally recognized. With World War II, that recognition became official. Today our army recognizes dogs as weapons. The dog's natural instinct of guarding and protecting are relied upon in his training to make him an important part of the military establishment. Contrary to methods employed previously, war dogs today are not trained to become vicious one-man dogs. As with other soldiers, their training is for discipline and instant obedience.

A dog's record carries his name, date of "enlistment" or purchase, his breed,

height, weight, markings, serial number, health record and name of his former owner. His reward for serving are good food, excellent medical attention and association with men who understand and like dogs. Men assigned as trainers are not selected haphazardly. American war dogs have fought side by side with our soldiers, marines and coast guardsmen. They fought and they died, many of them in many places throughout the world where American forces operated. In the list of campaigns they took part in are North Africa, France, Italy, Battle of the Bulge and Germany. As the Quartermaster Corps says of them, they were to be found wherever the going was tough and this holds true too of such places as New Guinea, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Luzon, Burma and other battle areas on the far side of the world.

**A**S THIS is written, some 27 dogs are in Korea with American troops. Here and there some individual dogs have won official citations but here's the gist (if I may take the liberty of condensing) of a blanket distinguished unit citation awarded the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon 27 February, 1954;

"The 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations in Korea during the period 12 June 1951 to 15 January 1953. The 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon during its service in Korea has participated in hundreds of combat patrol actions by supporting patrols with services of expert scout dog handler and his highly trained scout dog. While participating in these patrols were invariably located at most vulnerable points in the patrol formation in order that the special aptitudes of the trained dog could be used to give warning of the presence of the enemy. . . . has won on the battlefield a degree of respect and admiration that has established it as a unit of the greatest importance to the Eighth United States Army . . ."

As mentioned earlier, the army now buys its dogs with prices ranging from \$50 to \$150 for each dog. During World War II some 32 breeds were listed as acceptable. Today the army accepts only one breed, the German shepherd. The dogs must be one to two and a half years old and either male or spayed female if spayed 120 days before purchase. Coat — heavy, healthy. Minimum height is 22 inches; maximum is 28 inches. (The height of a dog is always measured from top of its shoulder to bottom of forepaw.) Minimum weight accepted is 60 pounds. The dog need not be a registered pure bred but it must be a German shepherd with no clouded ancestry. Temperament



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ing for interior guard duty as sentries, interior guard duty to attack, tactical service as messengers, tactical service as scouts and tactical service for casualty work. Sledge and pack dogs fall into a separate category.

In a later article I'll tell how the dogs are trained and other details relating to the services they perform and if I can round up some anecdotes which I'm on the hunt for I'll give them to you.

## Impatient Lady

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says if you give your word, you'll keep it."

"Johnny ought to know," murmured Mr. Hanvey. Then, as an afterthought: "Good lad, Johnny."

Miss Carey was not to be diverted from the object of her visit.

"If I was to tell you something important, Mr. Hanvey—something that would help you a lot—would you promise to take care of me?"

"That all depends, Miss Carey. I don't shield folks who have done something wrong."

"I haven't, though. If I promise you that—and help you—would you protect me from personal danger?"

Hanvey weighed the problem. "I reckon I would, Miss Carey. I sure reckon I would."

She remembered what Johnny Frane had said. And not only Johnny, but Eddie Warner also. They had told her that Jim Hanvey could be trusted. She wasn't exactly satisfied, but she told herself fiercely that both men couldn't be wrong.

"Remember when the Gregory jewels disappeared, Mr. Hanvey? About three months ago?"

She fancied that she detected the ghost of a flicker to Jim's right eyelid.

"Yeh . . . I remember. Smooth job. 'Bout a hundred thousand dollars' worth."

The girl nodded. "The loss was paid by the insurance company, wasn't it, Mr. Hanvey?"

"Uh-huh. They paid it."

"Then they put you on the case, didn't they?"

"Yeh, Miss Carey: They sure did. I work for them."

"You haven't had a bit of luck, have you, Mr. Hanvey?"

His big head moved slowly from side to side. "Not a bit."

"All right . . ." She drew a deep breath, in the manner of a timid diver about to take the initial plunge. "Suppose I could tell you who stole the Gregory jewels, and just where they're hidden . . . would that interest you?"

"You know all that?" he inquired.

"Yes. And I'll tell you—provided you'll see that I don't get into any trouble."

"Hmm . . . You want protection for somebody?"

"No!" The word came from between her lips like a poisoned dart. "You can

recover the jewels and send the man up. You see: I'm squealing. That's why I have to have protection. If it ever got out that I told—well, you can figure for yourself what would happen to me."

Mr. Hanvey's abdomen expanded alarmingly; then reacted.

"It's a deal," he said quietly. "You play square with me, and I'll look after you." He settled into a temporary stupor from which he emerged with a question. "Who was it?"

"Johnny Frane!"

AND NOW even Jim Hanvey's stupendous indifference betrayed evidence of having been punctured.

"Johnny Frane?" he repeated. "Ain't he your boy friend?"

"He was," said Miss Carey. "Or anyway, he claimed to be. But I'm all washed up with him."

"Mmmm . . ." Instinctively Hanvey's fat fingers produced a most amazing instrument. It was the delight of Hanvey's life: a solid gold toothpick which had been presented to him many years since by a grateful, though thoroughly incarcerated, gentleman. Mechanically Mr. Hanvey opened and closed the gleaming blade of this astounding weapon. Then he propounded a question.

"Does Johnny know you're sore at him?"

"No."

"You're sure he did the Gregory job?"

"Sure I am. And I know where the stuff is hid."

Hanvey sighed. "I'm disappointed in Johnny. I thought he was running straight."

She said sharply: "Johnny had everybody fooled with his pious talk. It ain't in him to go straight. He pulled that job, and he pulled lots of others."

"And you want him to do time, eh?"

"Yes," she snapped, "I certainly do!"

"Why?"

She hesitated briefly; then the words cascaded: "That's why I came to you, Mr. Hanvey. I knew you were working the case and not having any luck. I knew no matter what happened you'd keep my name out of it as long as you got what you were after. All I want out of it is that Johnny should do a long, long stretch."

"Why?" repeated Hanvey. Then: "But perhaps it ain't none of my business."



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Hanvey's eyes closed for a moment. "Nice feller, Eddie—and awful handsome." Silence. "If he wants to marry you—why doesn't he?"

**SUE CAREY** shook her head. "You needn't ask such a crazy question. Mr. Hanvey... not if you know Johnny Frane. You see, Johnny is real gone about me. He's jealous. And dangerous. If I was to marry Eddie Warner, Johnny would kill both of us.

"I got a right to happiness, Mr. Hanvey. I've strung along with Johnny a lot of years. He's a square. Just reads books all the time and never goes nowhere: no dancing, no anything but just pretending like he's good, and all the time he's pulling jobs—like this Gregory one. Well, I say no man has got a right to keep me from marrying the man I'm crazy about. And besides, Johnny is a crook anyway, and belongs in the pen—so why shouldn't he be there?"

"And I'm to send him up so it'll be safe for you to marry Eddie Warner?"

"Yeh. Sure. That's why I came to you."

Jim appeared to be gripped by an intense melancholy.

"I'm powerful sorry for Johnny," he observed. "I thought he was going straight. But if what you say is true, Miss Carey... why he won't bother you again for a lot of years."

"And you'll never let him know I popped off?"

"No-o... The guy who stole those Gregory jewels has got plenty coming to him. And it seems as though Johnny's in line to get it. Now, suppose you tell me where he's got 'em cached."

"They're inside the steam radiator in the sitting room of his apartment. He doesn't need heat in this weather and he was a plumber's assistant once when he was a kid, so he knew how to work it."

"Steam radiator, eh? I always knew Johnny was clever."

"You've got to find 'em so he'll never suspect I told you, Mr. Hanvey. I want to be at his apartment when you pick him up. You gotta say you know he did the job, and you've got to hunt everywhere before you sound the radiator. If he ever suspected me... well, you know what he'd do."

"Yeh," agreed Jim, "Johnny's real bad medicine."

Miss Carey remained only a few minutes longer. Then she thanked Jim Hanvey and departed, a demure little thing in new and stylish spring clothes. Walking down the street she speculated once again on the colossal stupidity of men. How in the world had two such acute gentlemen as Johnny Frane and Eddie Warner been hypnotized into the belief that Jim Hanvey was clever? Why, the man was hopeless: heavy, dull, sleepy and not even observant. However, since Johnny credited him with being smart,

Mr. Frane would in all probability not suspect that Hanvey had received inside information.

The following evening when Johnny returned from work, Sue Carey was at the apartment. Since Sue had a key and was not unaccustomed to calling informally, Johnny was not surprised.

Into this scene Jim Hanvey intruded, accompanied by a large, square-shouldered individual who neglected to remove his hat. Jim accepted an introduction to Sue Carey with grand impassivity, and gave no hint that he had ever seen her previously. Then, in answer to Johnny's query, Jim announced that he was exceedingly sorry, but that he had come to escort Mr. Frane to jail.

Johnny assured Hanvey that there was some mistake. He reminded the mammoth gentleman that he had been running straight for three years, working honestly and steadily—and otherwise conducting himself with unassailable probity. In response to this, the hatted gentleman accompanying Jim Hanvey uttered a skeptical "Oh yeah?" and inquired of Mr. Frane where the Gregory jewels were hidden.

Johnny said, "What's the idea, Jim? You know I didn't have anything to do with that job."

Mr. Hanvey shook his head sleepily. "Sorry, Johnny, I've got you dead to rights."

Sue Carey had been clutching Johnny's hand in excellent simulation of affection. Now she became dramatic.

She declared—with gestures—that the intrusion was outrageous, and Mr. Hanvey more stupid than he looked. She asserted that she knew Johnny had long since seen the error of his ways and had been treading the path of rectitude. She knew she was putting on an excellent show—and she enjoyed it. Even Jim was moved to silent applause.

"Hope you're right, Sister," he commented. "But I think different."

The detective with the hat glanced at Jim. "Shall we frisk the joint, Chief?"

"Reckon we better," agreed Hanvey.

**JOHNNY FRANE** watched impassively as the search proceeded. His face was inscrutable, and only the gleam in his level, black eyes betrayed more than casual interest.

Sue admired Jim's methods. First, he searched all the obvious places with painstaking thoroughness. Then he and his companion probed into less obvious nooks and crannies. There was just the faintest suggestion of a triumphant smile on Johnny's lips when his associate commenced tapping the radiator pipes.

"Sounds funny, Jim."

"What does?" asked Hanvey innocently.

"This here radiator. And look, Chief—I'd swear it had been tampered with right recent."

The detective with the hat visited the janitor and returned with a kit of tools.





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For ten minutes he labored at the job of disconnecting the radiator feed pipe. Then he uttered an exclamation of triumph.

"Hey Jim! Look!"

Jim Hanvey looked. He looked at a diamond collar, a huge emerald ring, and several lesser pieces of jewelry. He looked at Johnny.

Mr. Frane appeared to be stunned. Sue Carey flung her arms about him. "Oh Johnny," she moaned, "Why did you do it?"

Mr. Frane's voice was cold. He pushed her away. "Shut up!" he ordered. Then he turned to Hanvey.

"No use telling you they were planted, is there, Jim?"

Hanvey shook his head. "No use, Johnny."

"Just the same, I'm telling you!"

Sue interrupted, with a fine imitation of hysterics.

"Some dirty crook planted this stuff on Johnny. He never stole that stuff." Her voice rose shrilly. "Can't you see what happened, Johnny? Your friend Hanvey has framed you."

Hanvey seemed to be unimpressed, and Mr. Frane made a gesture of resignation.

"Somebody," he commented, "has thrown a harpoon into me. Some day I'll find out who it was. And when I do . . ."

He did not finish the sentence. Nor did he need to. Sue Carey shuddered.

The detective with the hat attached took Mr. Frane's arm, and the three men crossed the room to the accompaniment of loud wailings from the lovely throat of Miss Carey. Just before departing, Jim

Hanvey addressed a quiet, friendly comment to Johnny.

"This ain't but half the Gregory haul, Johnny. Where's the other half?"

"I don't know anything about any of it," maintained Johnny. "I've been framed."

"It'll be easier for you, son," repeated Jim, "if you tell me where the rest of the stuff is."

"I'm not talking, Jim. I don't blame you for thinking I did the job . . . but I didn't. Maybe we'd better go."

Sue Carey continued her weeping until she was quite sure that Johnny was out of earshot. Then she walked to the window. She saw Johnny enter a car with Jim Hanvey and his companion, and move off in the general direction of a severe prison sentence.

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The girl was radiant. "It is kinda neat," she agreed. "Now you and me can get married right away."

Mr. Warner was cautious. "Not right away, Sugarfoots. We'd better wait until Johnny is convicted and sent up."

"There ain't a chance of him getting loose."

"I know . . . but we better wait just the same. Then there won't be any danger at all."

THE PROSPECT of postponing her nuptials did not greatly appeal to Miss Carey, but she was compelled to accept Eddie's decision. After all, things looked quite rosy. Johnny—who had become rather a nuisance with his devotion—was safely stored away for many years; Eddie Warner, who had stolen the Gregory jewels, was free from suspicion, and still possessed one half the magnificent haul. Sooner or later, Eddie would have been suspected . . . but now that Mr. Frane had been cast in the role of fall guy, Mr. Warner was safe. He could leave town without exciting suspicion, dispose of his booty in leisurely fashion, and settle down—temporarily at least—to a life of domestic bliss.

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But on the afternoon of the sixth day while Jim Hanvey was lolling in his easy chair, gazing sleepily through the window at the jagged skyline of the city, there came an impatient and insistent rapping on his apartment door and Miss Carey burst into the room. Her cheeks were pallid. Her eyes were large and round. She ignored Hanvey's more or less hospitable grunt and flashed straight to the point.

"Where's Eddie Warner?" she inquired tensely.

Hanvey's big head moved from side to side. "Haven't seen him, Sister. Why?"

Sue asked, "Johnny Frane . . . Is he still in jail?"

Hanvey's prodigious tummy was agitated by a sigh.

"No: Johnny ain't in jail."

"Good God . . . I thought you promised . . ."

"Couldn't help it, Sister. Johnny got sprung yesterday afternoon."

"He's free?"

"We-e-ell: I wouldn't be saying that exactly. He's out on bond." The fishlike eyes dwelt upon the young lady with a slight show of interest. "You look kind of scared, Sue. What's the matter?"

"Everything, Eddie has disappeared!"

"Aw say . . ."

"I tell you he has. Him and me were going to get married today. Last night we were to have a wedding supper. But he never showed, and he wasn't at his apartment. I waited there for hours, then went back to my place thinking he might be 'phoning me there. I kept calling his apartment all night long . . . and still he wasn't there. All day today, I didn't hear from him . . . and so I came to you." She appeared to be on the verge of tears. "And now you tell me Johnny Frane was turned loose yesterday!"

Jim seemed unusually obtuse. "What's that got to do with it?"

"Can't you see? It's got everything to do with it. Johnny's out! He's smart, Johnny is. He must have discovered right away about me and Eddie . . . and that's where Eddie has gone."

"Where, Sister . . . where?"

"He's dead!" she whispered. "Johnny must have killed him. And he'll kill me next!"

"You've probably doped it all wrong," argued Jim. "Of course we got to admit that it would take something mighty important to make Eddie break a date to marry you . . . but that doesn't necessarily mean that nothing short of being bumped off is strong enough. The chances are he heard about Johnny being sprung, tried to get in touch with you, failed—and holed up somewhere."

"I hope so . . . Oh! I do! But how will he reach me?"

"At your apartment," suggested Jim.

"I'm scared. If Johnny is after us, he'll be watching my apartment."

"How about waiting at Eddie's? Johnny either has found him, or else knows that he's hiding out, so the chances are he won't be bothering that place any more."

Miss Carey agreed that this plan, although not without risk, was the best yet suggested, but she was an exceedingly nervous young lady when, a half hour later, she let herself into the lavishly furnished abode which she had hoped to move into that very day as a legally wedded wife. Years of association with Mr. Frane had implanted in her a most profound respect for Mr. Frane's idea of retribution.

Of course, Johnny wouldn't suspect that she and Eddie had framed him on the Gregory thing, but he would have discovered that a romance had been flourishing, and she was even more fearful of his jealousy than of his anger.

She seated herself and smoked in-



numerable cigarettes. She paced the floor and smoked more cigarettes. She thought many things—none of them pleasant.

And then she heard a key grate in the lock. The apartment door opened.

Eddie Warner! It must be Eddie! She moved eagerly across the sitting room to greet him.

Johnny Frane stared at her from the doorway. He gazed levelly, and his expression was not one to inspire her with any vast sense of reassurance. His voice was flat.

"I thought I'd find you here," said Johnny Frane.

Her question was uttered before she had time to consider.

"Where's Eddie? What have you done with him?"

His eyes flicked her contemptuously. "Same thing I'm going to do with you."

"You—you killed him?"

"Why not?"

"Oh! Johnny . . ." She wept: frankly and copiously. "You wouldn't kill me, Johnny! You *couldn't!*"

"No?" The thought appeared to amuse him. "We'll see about that."

He didn't talk much. He never had, for that matter. But he did things, and she didn't like the message she read in his eyes. She heard his voice, cold and brittle as snapping icicles.

"I'm hep, Sue. Even that the Gregory thing was a frameup. But what I want to know now is: Where's the rest of the stuff?"

She denied that she understood, but he was insistent.

"They've got me dead to rights," he admitted quietly. "They'll be sending me up for that . . . and maybe for what I did to Eddie. My only chance is to make a getaway. So you'd better tell me where the rest of it is. I can go a long ways on fifty thousand."

Miss Carey sagged.

"It—it won't do no good for me to tell you, Johnny."

"Why not?"

"Because Eddie's got it hid in a safe deposit box. Nobody but Eddie can get in."

"Are you lying?"

"Would I be? I'm scared, Johnny. Honest, it ain't going to get you nowhere to kill me. I'm sorry for what I done . . ."

"Where did Eddie put the stuff?"

She mentioned a big bank. "It's box 1706, Johnny. He's had it for years."

"Under what name?"

"Alton Rogers. But don't you see, Johnny—you couldn't get in there, even if you had the key."

"I have the key all right. I got it the same place I got the one to this apartment."

"But that doesn't help. You got to sign a card—and everything. Oh! Johnny . . . please . . . I've done the best I could . . . but you'll only mess things up worse by trying to get into that box."

He gave a short, bitter laugh. "You're worried about me, ain't you?" He turned

abruptly and walked to the door of the apartment. When he returned a huge figure bulked behind him.

"I've got the lowdown, Hanvey," said Johnny. "Warner has been renting a box for years under the name of Alton Rogers. Sue spilled the bank and box number. We've got the keys . . . and still she says I can't get in."

Hanvey's voice was mild. "You're right. Johnny couldn't get in. But I can, Sister—I can."

She pointed at Johnny Frane. "You better watch out for him, Jim Hanvey. He murdered Eddie."

The portly detective smiled. "No, he didn't. Not but what he would of been justified. But he didn't just the same."

"You don't know! He told me . . ."

"Listen, Sue." Jim talked gently, as he would to a child. "Eddie ain't been murdered and ain't going to be. He's nice and comfy in jail, where I put him. He's facing a long stretch for the Gregory job."

SUE CAREY sank into a chair. She felt quite discouraged. "You double-crossed me," she moaned. "You said you'd play square."

"Sure I did. I said if you'd play straight with me, I would with you. And you didn't. You were helping Eddie get away with that other fifty thousand dollars' worth of jewels. And you were doing a dirty trick to a good guy who has been trying to go straight." Hanvey fingered his golden toothpick and smiled beautifully. "I couldn't let you get away with that, Sister . . . I just simply couldn't."

"When did you suspect my story wasn't true?" she inquired.

"Right from the first. You see, I've always sort of figured that a double-crosser ain't on the level with anybody."

"Then why didn't you pick Eddie up right away—instead of making me suffer like this?"

"Proof," responded Hanvey amiably. "Nobody can be convicted without that. And all the evidence I had was against Johnny—not against Eddie. Besides, I had to find out where the rest of the stuff was hidden."

She made one more desperate plea. "You won't let Johnny kill me, will you, Mr. Hanvey? Please . . ."

Jim shook his head slowly. "I won't stop him, if that's what you mean, Sue. But ever since we first talked things over he's been explaining to me that you ain't worth it. And besides, Sister—where you're going to be for the next few years, Johnny won't have a chance."

Johnny spoke curtly. He said: "And even if you were free, I wouldn't waste a bullet on you."

"I—I don't believe you," she said weakly.

"That's your trouble," commented Mr. Frane. "If you had believed me from the first, you wouldn't be in this jam. Don't forget I always told you Jim Hanvey was smart."

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# Editorial

## A FRESH START



In one of his sonnets referring to Spring, Shakespeare speaks of April, "dressed in all his trim", as a month which puts "a spirit of youth in everything".

It would seem that we in the Order of Elks harness the forces of this seasonal rejuvenation by starting the new subordinate lodge year in the month of April. Following the laws of the Order, each of our 1,670 lodges this month will place either new or reelected men in office to begin their service at a time when April's magic power is with us to implement a propitious start.

We do not, however, place our full reliance on such a seasonal rebirth of spirit in our officers. For any officer who approaches the hour of his installation unaffected by the demands of the moment, we have the impressive charges of the installing officer, together with his eloquent reminder of the duties and obligations, the opportunities for service and accomplishment, that are vested in the lodge leader at this start of the new administration.

Yet, it is not enough to fix our attention on the officers alone. How about the lay member? He is not being installed. He is not stirred in a formal ceremony which brings home to him his duties, obligations and opportunities to serve his lodge. Nevertheless it is vital that he, too, forge his resolutions to cooperate in every possible way with the new slate of officers he has helped to elect.

Let us urge every Elk to seize the inspiration afforded by this fresh start and resolve to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the lodge officers in the twelve months ahead to the end that his lodge may increase in strength and accomplishment, and maintain its creditable standing in the community. If a member can find no other way of rendering active assistance, he should determine to lend his officers the encouragement of his regular attendance.

May April intensify this sense of a fresh start and implant within us all a spirit of vigorous youth which will carry each lodge, and our Order, to new heights of accomplishments.

## ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH DAY



The fifth annual Elks National Youth Day will be observed on May 1 by lodges throughout the country. In the five years since the first observance in 1950, Elks National Youth Day has won just recognition as an important contribution by our Order to the development of America's future leaders. The extent and the quality of the lodge observances have grown each year and, as a result, Youth Day has become a major annual event, as well it should be.

The idea of setting aside one day each year on which to give recognition to our nation's youth for their accom-

plishments as junior citizens, and to inspire and encourage them in their preparations for their future responsibilities in a society of free men, was tinged with inspiration. The decision to select May Day for this annual event was a stroke of genius.

What a perfect choice! By default of the world's democrats, May Day had become identified as a Communist holiday, when the advocates and supporters of this system of organized bestiality attempted to sell it to the public as the way to freedom, peace and happiness. Much of this treasonous propaganda was directed at our young people, and, false-labeled as it was, was designed to appeal to youth's eager desire to make a better world. Thus, Elks National Youth Day serves not only the primary purpose of providing stimulus and encouragement to our youth, but also to offset subversion by drawing a sharp contrast between Democracy's freedom and Communism's slavery. Youth Day began with the trenchant slogan:

### *Make May Day American*

Youth Day is a major project in the program sponsored by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities. Another is the Youth Leadership Contest. These two projects are closely related, and the Committee has wisely recommended that lodges honor the winners of their local Leadership Contests as a part of their Elks National Youth Day observance. This would be most appropriate and it would be an extremely effective way in which to focus the community's attention on its young citizens, the part they are playing in the community's life and, perhaps, lead to projects and programs of benefit to youth.

Youth activities have long since become a year-round interest with the Elks. Lodges and State Associations are steadily expanding their work on behalf of our youth. Elks National Youth Day has been an important stimulus in this expansion. We are confident that Youth Day of 1954 will set a new high mark for this event.

## BID THEM WELCOME



With so many Americans moving about the country, we are bound to have a great many Stray Elks—members who have moved from the city where their lodge is located. Many of them retain their membership, but a large number eventually become statistics in lapsation reports, because little is done to retain their interest in Elkdom. Like other phases of our fraternity's business, this problem has engaged the attention of Grand Exalted Ruler James, and his attack upon it has pointed the way to its solution, with great gain for our Order.

Recently *The Elks Magazine* furnished subordinate lodges with lists of Stray Elks living nearby. Grand Exalted Ruler James followed this up with a letter to all Exalted Rulers requesting them to get in touch with Stray Elks in their jurisdiction, and to invite them to enjoy the hospitality of the Lodge. Surely Elks should be the first to welcome their own. Enthusiastic reports from a number of lodges on results already achieved show that the plan is sound.

Now that a start has been made, it should be the policy of every lodge to seek out the Stray Elks and give them hearty welcome.



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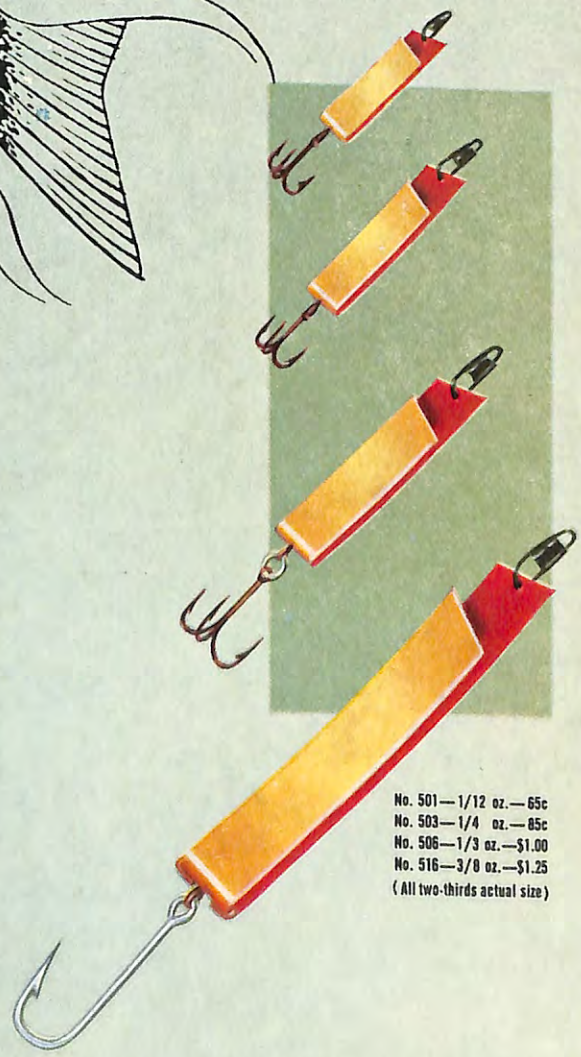


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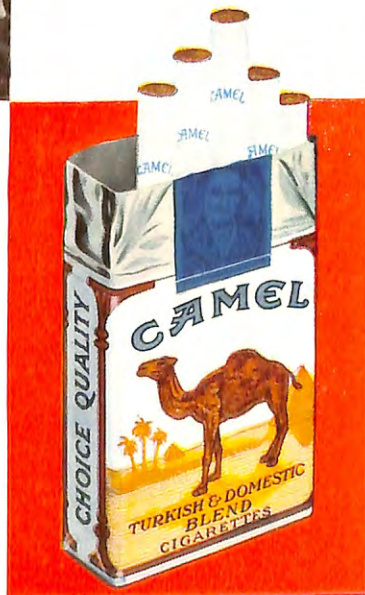


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