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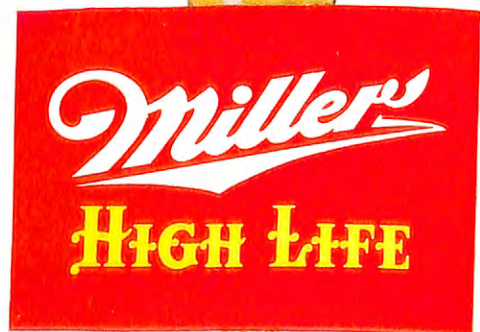


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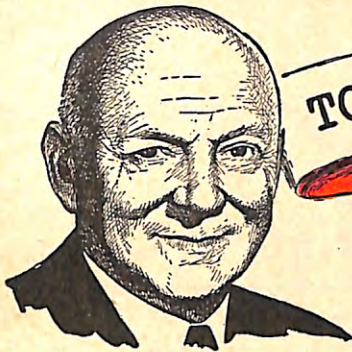
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



IN THIS PLACE where anything can happen and usually does it takes more than the shooting of five Representatives on the floor of the House by a gang of Puerto Rican radicals to give Washington the jitters. The situation was quickly well in hand and steps have been taken to provide greater protection. The incident is no reflection on the splendid work of Capitol police and doormen. In spite of all precautions it is difficult to provide absolute safeguards for the President, the Vice-President and the members of the Congress. The very nature of their duties brings them in contact with people, millions of people, some of whom have hatred in their hearts. In addition to official appearances they are required to attend social functions. They mingle with friends and join various groups, go to ball games, are seen on the street and in stores and restaurants. Visitors to the Senate and House office buildings may not realize it but the guards at the entrances are expert at spotting a crank or a fanatic. It's the same in the Capitol. Even the elevator operators are alert to detect any person who might be classed as dangerous. Cameras or boxes are not permitted in the Senate and House galleries, but are checked outside. Security measures have now been tightened and more protection is under careful consideration. It ranges all the way from having 200 sharp-shooting Marines and special Metropolitan police on duty, to a new system of passes for visitors and for bullet proof screens. Just to show members of Congress can take it, there have been a lot of wise cracks about "where wuz you when the shootin' started?" Rep. U. L. Burdick of N.D. augments this with a suggestion for 5 percent combat pay for Congressmen and 20 percent extra pay for "flight" duty whenever members have to duck and run.

MAKE STARLING RECORDINGS

Spring in Washington has brought the usual invasion of starlings and the birds have taken over their rookeries on downtown buildings. Two expensive methods have been used to get rid of them—either fill in the places where they perch or string them with electric wires to give the starlings a mild shock. Officials are now watching with interest the starling

situation at State College, Pa., where a novel gimmick drove them away last Fall. The good burghers there caught a few of the starlings, scared the blazes out of them and recorded their squawks and cackles on tape. They put loud speakers on the buildings and in the trees and turned them on and all the starlings beat it. If they don't come back this Spring, Washington may go in for starling recordings and have solos, quartets and chorus numbers.

WHITE HOUSE HELP SCARCE

Even the White House finds it difficult to get good domestic help, Howell G. Crim, chief usher says, especially the kind that stays steady on the job year after year. The White House requires 34 domestics at a total salary of \$103,103 a year. The oldest servant has been on the job since President Taft's time.

SECRETS GO ASTRAY

Government safeguards on secret information occasionally get all balled up to the consternation of some and the amusement of many. Allan Cromley, who runs the bureau of the Oklahoma City "Daily Oklahoman" here, knew something had gone screwy when his ticker machine began printing names and details of 18 security investigations rolling in from the Atomic Energy Commission office near Savannah, Ga. Instead of getting Washington 231, the ticker was tuned in on 221, the "Oklahoman." Cromley phoned AEC and a security officer picked up the information in record time.

HUMAN ENDURANCE LIMIT

Air Force tops are facing a new factor in figuring long range bomber flights. The planes have more range than the pilots have endurance. Aerial refueling has stretched the distances and the extreme speeds of the ships. Six-jet engine Boeing B-47s can carry a crew of only three. They fly at 45,000 feet with 600 mph plus speeds.

HAS ALL THE ANSWERS

Rep. Wright Patman of Texarkana, Texas, many years an Elk, has celebrated 25 years in Congress by writing a book giving 1001 answers to questions about our American government. Pat-

man says he answered so many questions from constituents he finally decided to round them up in a book.

STEAKS ALA SOLARIUM

When the solarium was built on the roof of the White House for the Trumans no one ever imagined it would be used as the place to broil steaks. President Eisenhower has admitted that he likes to cook his own steaks at times over charcoal. So Press Secretary Jim Hagerty explains that he fires up a portable broiler and lets the steaks sizzle. There are plenty of windows and the wind blows the smoke away.

SCOUTS GET HEE-HAW

At the strangest police auction here yet the Boy Scouts got a burro for \$55 and the cops around the warehouse hope they never see another burro, mule, jack-ass, or what have you. The long-eared thing was found grazing in the yard of a citizen some weeks ago and was caught by use of a carrot. They thought it was an overgrown rabbit. Pictures of the donkey were in all the papers and stories galore, but nobody would claim it and so it finally was put up for the highest bidder. The Scouts say they will use it on hiking trips if the burro will hike. They can be stubborn. Anyhow Hee-haw seems happy. The bid price at the glue factory was \$15. The one the Scouts had to beat was a tobacco farmer down in Maryland.

CAPITAL CUTTINGS

The 700 Lees of Chinatown outnumber the Lees of Virginia living here. . . . Kids who have Easter chicks and ducklings cooped up in their houses or apartments have been told it is illegal to keep them without a license. . . . Foreign embassies cannot operate radio transmitters here, but there is no law to compel them to remove them. . . . Smithsonian Institution, visited by 3,500,000 people a year, may charge 10 cents admission to help meet expenses. . . . GOP National Committee press releases have been dolled up by Jim Bassett, new public relations director, so they look like ritzy engraved invitations to a party. . . . District Dental Society has pictures to show it's the "bounce" in the drill that hurts, not the cutting. So what? . . .



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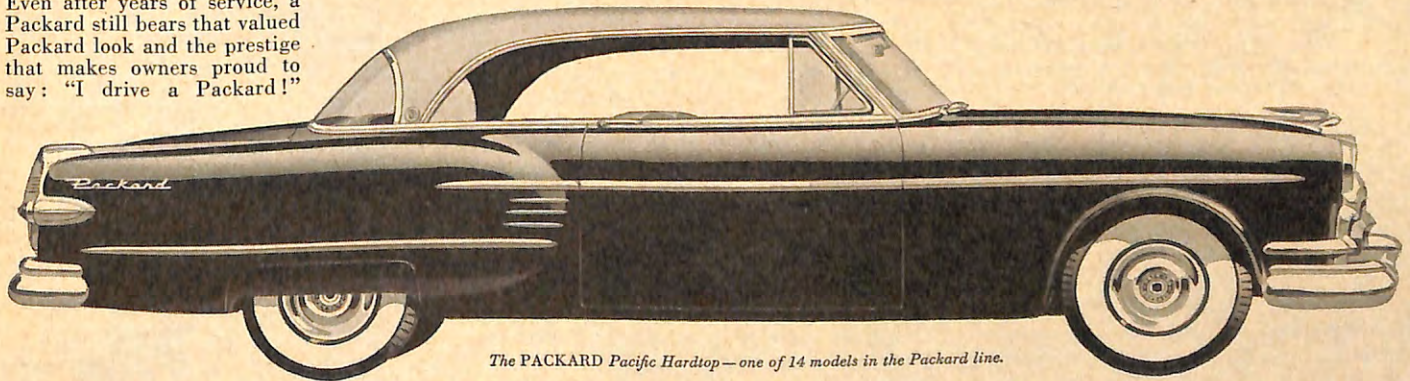
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WHY WE AID Pakistan

In an endeavor to extend collective security to Southern Asia.

BY BRUNO SHAW



Bruno Shaw, radio news analyst and for many years a foreign correspondent in the Far East, has contributed regularly during the past few years to our articles about communistic influence. Mr. Shaw recently became a member of New York Lodge, No. 1.

ON FEBRUARY 25TH of this year President Eisenhower announced his decision to give military aid to Pakistan. The announcement provoked mixed reactions, depending upon who had what axe to grind.

From Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India came a blistering denunciation of the United States action, and charges that military aid to Pakistan "was likely to create conditions that would encourage aggression." From Moscow, as was to be expected, came a warning to Pakistan "not to be fooled by American imperialism," and the customary announcement that this defense measure was a plot by the United States to make Pakistan a war base against "peaceful democratic countries." From Karachi, the capital of Pakistan, Prime Minister Mohammed Ali announced that the United States promise of military aid to Pakistan was "the most effective step ever taken to insure the security of our country." In the United States the reaction was less positive, consisting for the most part of "What's it all about?"

Ever since the original announcement

by President Eisenhower the Administration has been trying to answer this question. It cannot be answered completely in Washington because the final answer lies in the hands of the individual nations in South Asia rather than in our own. Only a few weeks ago Secretary of State John Foster Dulles compared it with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. "In the Western Pacific," he said, "the United States has a series of collective-security treaties which embrace Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan and Korea. Collective arrangements are now in the making in the Middle East with Turkey-Pakistan as the nucleus. These developments show the growing acceptance of the collective-security concept."

It is a fact, however, that this optimistic picture of collective security in the Middle East is more in the nature of a devout hope than genuine expectation—at least for quite some time to come. Actually, the collective security program for the mainland of Asia has proved a complete fizzle. Of those nations which should be seriously concerned with it, only two have reacted realistically—Turkey a few years ago, and now Pakistan.

The others are either engulfed in war, or preoccupied with quarrels with their neighbors, with economic and social discontents, or with political shenanigans that keep their governments in a state of perpetual ferment.

Indochina has been a battlefield for eight years, intensified by Russian and Red Chinese aid to the communist leader Ho Chi Minh. Burma has recognized Red China and sees a curiously inverted picture of the world situation as one in which two powerful states, the USSR and the U.S.A., are indulging in an ideological quarrel in which it has no concern.

India, because of lively enmity with Pakistan over possession of the northern province of Kashmir, which has been referred to the Security Council of the United Nations for adjudication, will most certainly not enter into any kind of collective security arrangement with Pakistan. In addition, the Indian Government seems obsessed by the notion that the United States is intent on pro-

moting a shooting war with atomic weapons, and that neither Red China nor Soviet Russia is a menace in Asia, and that if they are, the best way to cause them to cease and desist would be by extending a friendly hand instead of erecting defenses against them; and by the belief that United States military aid to Pakistan is a threat to India, despite the fact that the United States has made the same offer to India which the Indian



Government has rejected on the ground that India will be party to no war."

These then, are the nations among which Secretary Dulles speaks of hope of acceptance of the principle of collective-security in South Asia and the Middle East. But while he speaks of this hope, he is too practical a statesman merely to wait for its fulfillment. With the approval of President Eisenhower and of our defense department, Mr. Dulles announced, therefore, that the United States would enter into direct agreements with individual nations in the Far East which recognized the communist menace for what it is, and which of their own initiative requested military aid to build up their defense against the threatening communist storm.

So far as Pakistan's misuse of United States military aid is concerned, which the Indian Government has suggested is a possible danger, it is pointed out that the Pakistan Government has reaffirmed its peaceful intentions toward India, and

that the United States has declared that if Pakistan were to develop an aggressive attitude toward any of its neighbors, all the weight of the United States would be thrown into the balance against such a development. A unique condition in Pakistan that is worthy of mention, too, is the fact that among its seventy million people there is no communist party.

To understand why hope of collective security had to be abandoned in South Asia, and why this entire belt from the east coast of China to the border of Turkey has become a series of weak links in what the West had hoped might be a chainmail defense against communist aggression, it might be worth while to look a little more closely into what motivates the individual nations in this area.

We can begin with Pakistan, to whom the United States recently agreed to extend military aid for national defense. Until August 1947, Pakistan was part of the subcontinent of India. Earlier, in

February of that year, the announcement by Britain's Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee that the British Government would withdraw its troops and turn over all domestic power to India brought fear and terror to many of the religious and tribal groups in the country. In the northwest, in the Punjab, the Sikhs, of Hindu origin, were afraid of Moslem domination. Fighting broke out in Lahore, Amritsar, Multan and other cities in that area. Thousands of Hindus and Moslems murdered each other in the streets.

Between Moslem Punjab in the northwest, and Moslem Bengal in the east (both now West and East Pakistan), and predominantly Hindu India, there was no hope of unity. In this crisis which threatened nationwide civil war, a plan for partition was agreed to by both sides, and in this way Pakistan was born.

The demarcation in the Punjab, how-

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Lines with the vertical marks indicate major railroads. Heavy lines show the USSR-Red China boundary.

Mangrum



the Magician

BY AL STUMP

With seemingly little effort, but with courage and icicle nerves, Lloyd Mangrum has moved to the tournament golf top as leading money winner.

SINCE THE UNORTHODOX approach is the surest route to notoriety and a side dollar in sports, the case of Lloyd Mangrum is a strange one. In tournament golf, where anyone not wearing chartreuse slacks, a heliotrope jersey contrasting with two-toned suede shoes and a crazy hat—or with the famed name of Ben Hogan—is practically invisible to the press and public, the wisty Texan with the neat mustache stands out as a wry example of how to attain success without letting the folks know it. He is a great golfer—some experts insist the best tournament-to-tournament medal player

in the world. He is a most unorthodox golfer. Nevertheless, Sammy Snead, known as Nude Knob, has more hairs left on his head than Mangrum has newspaper rave notices.

Why this should be is difficult to see: One of our few athletes who is a war hero, this silent, somber man won four battle stars and two Purple Hearts with the Third Army in 1945 and suffered such wounds that doctors said he'd never play PGA golf again. In 1949, after an auto wreck, he was once more given up for competitive purposes. He once lost a possible U.S. Open championship and



\$100,000 because a bug lit on his ball. As one of the longest long-shots in history, he won the same event in 1946 after holing a 75-foot putt in the Open's most dramatic of finishes. Three times in tournament play Mangrum has scored a hole-in-one. In a San Diego match recently, he lost a plump purse by the strangest of flukes—the head of his driver broke off and went sailing away. The largest check ever written for one week's work at golf—\$22,500—went to Mangrum.

If that doesn't make him different enough, there was the time he toured a midwest course surrounded by a bodyguard. Anonymous hoodlums involved in making book against Mangrum capturing an important Open title—which he did, nevertheless—threatened to plug him when he stepped off the final green.

This says nothing of Mangrum's all-too-obvious deficiencies. A firehorse who should have hobbled out of sight on bowed tendons long ago, he will be 40 years old on his next birthday. His left knee—memento of a German bullet—creaks when he walks. He cannot hit a ball for distance with 50 professionals you can name; he is a thin 5-foot-10 and 158 pounds, a middleweight pitted against the heavyweight hitting of the Bullas, Ferriers, Sneads, Harberts, Middlecoffs and Worshams. None of the fierce drive of a champion is apparent—Mangrum moves along nonchalantly with a cigarette dangling from his lips, even letting the smoke wreath into his eyes as he putts, and he has yet to rip loose a soul-satisfying curse after a missed shot.

A GAINST that, there is this: while fans have been re-acting to every twitch of the better publicised stars, Mangrum, diligently plugging along to take a pot here, a pot there, has won more money than any other golfer in the postwar period of eight years. Today he is Mr. Moneybags of the PGA. Checking the accounts this spring, president-director Horton Smith found Mangrum in front with \$165,336 through 1953—an average of better than \$22,000 annually. Snead and Cary Middlecoff are next in line. Since the general idea of chasing the pellet from Atlantic City to Monterey Peninsula is to win the tourney sponsors' dough plus extracurricular benefits—(Mangrum's income from all sources has reached \$50,000 per season for some years)—it can be argued that the man you seldom read about is, in surprising truth, the foremost golfer of the day.

"If you take a *specific* event, like the PGA championship or the British Open, I'll go along with Hogan," remarks Gene Sarazen, who still tees them up. "Over a long season's pull, however, I'd have to take Mangrum—that skinny guy just freezes the boys up by never having a real bad day."

Consistent being just what the vast majority of pros aren't, Lloyd's record is remarkable. Playing 18,000 holes on



Holding the Palm Beach Round Robin trophy after winning the tournament in 1950 at Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, N.Y.

close to 1,000 links in 18 years, he has been in the money since 1946 more than 85 per cent of the time. He has won all of the big titles except the PGA and Masters. These include the U. S. Open, Tam O'Shanter "World Championship", Goodall Round-Robin, the All-American, Western Open and Bing Crosby Invitational, along with the Amptol in Melbourne, Australia and the Argentine Open. The past year he captained our winning Ryder Cup team against Britain. And won the Vardon Trophy for the year's lowest stroke average of 70.22 strokes per round.

On next June 17-19, when the National Open is held at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N. J., the fellow the clubhouse odds-layers will be most stoutly backing (excluding Hogan) will be Mangrum. Publicly, he will get little fanfare. He sticks in the background and the facts of his career are something he rarely discusses. No golf writer gets close enough to him to become his Boswell. Shy, diffident, introverted, Mangrum is either unable or unwilling to give out with the revealing or witty quote. On a few occasions he has been

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Mangrum comes out of the rough shooting his way to the 1946 U. S. Open Championship.



The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



While in Atlanta, Ga., Mr. James visited the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews. He was accompanied by, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Dr. E. L. Graydon and Thomas Brisendine, E.R. and Secy., respectively, of Atlanta Lodge, and Grand Lodge Treas. Edward A. Dutton.

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Exalted Ruler of Atlanta Lodge, presided at the banquet honoring the Grand Exalted Ruler that evening. During his stay in Atlanta, Mr. James laid a wreath upon the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews. He also visited Aidmore, the State Association Hospital for crippled children and was shown the site of the new Aidmore Hospital, now under construction at Emory University. His guide on this tour was State Assn. President Robert G. Pruitt who is also President and Chairman of the Aidmore Board of Trustees. Mr. James also was interviewed in a broadcast over station WAGA-TV.



The Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland and other prominent Elks visited **PALATKA, FLORIDA, LODGE NO. 1232** on Feb. 23rd. The carefully planned events arranged by P.E.R. Howell A. Davis, State Assn. Historian, and his committee included a reception, dinner and dance. Senator B. C. Pierce assisted E.R. George Currie in managing the evening's program by acting as Toastmaster. More than 300 Elks and their ladies were present and heard Mr. James' address as well as those of Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland and Grand Esteemed Loyal

GRAND EXALTED RULER Earl E. James arrived in Huntington, West Virginia, February 19th, in the private plane of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner who accompanied him on the visit. They were greeted at the airport by Warren F. Morris, P.D.D., West Virginia North, George B. Reinhart, D.D., West Virginia South and Exalted Ruler W. E. Hartley of **HUNTINGTON LODGE NO.**

313. Over 700 Elks and their ladies from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia attended the banquet given in honor of Mr. James that evening by Huntington Lodge.



Continuing South, Mr. James visited **ATLANTA, GEORGIA, LODGE NO. 78**, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Dr. E. L. Graydon,



Seen here during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge are, left to right, standing: Dr. C. E. Dove, Trustee; J. D. McGriff, Organist; A. G. Diemer, Treas.; Secy. Blackburn; William A. Wall, Grand Est. Loyal Knight; Sam Hudson, Esquire; Mr. James; T. P. Riggs, Jr., Trustee; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland; H. B. Thomas, Trustee; Chaplain Grafton; Charles Holmes, Inner Guard; G. H. Summerell, Trustee; Earl Hamilton, Tiler. Kneeling: John W. Riggs, Est. Lect. Knight; A. I. Tedder, Est. Lead. Knight; J. E. McDonald, E.R.; S. L. Sewell, Est. Loyal Knight.

Right: At the luncheon given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor by Frederick, Md., Lodge, reading counterclockwise from far left are: Mr. James, Est. Lect. Knight Robert S. Rothenhoffer, Treasurer H. David Hagan, Chaplain Paul V. McCarthy, E.R.-Elect L. Donald Davis, Grand Est. Leading Knight Lee A. Donaldson, B. W. Gallagher, Inner Guard Edward D. Farnsworth, P.D.D. Henry A. Schuoler, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Est. Lead. Knight Grover R. Ponton, Est. Loyal Knight William B. Bennett, Jr., Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles Hawthorne, Dr. Robert S. Barrett, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, E.R. Arthur R. Mason.



Left: At the banquet given by Tucson, Ariz., Lodge for the Grand Exalted Ruler were, left to right: Past State Assn. Pres. Elman Pace, D.D. Warren W. Strom, Mr. James, Past District Deputy Homer D. Moore, Exalted Ruler Paul R. McIntosh, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.

Knight William A. Wall. Other prominent Elks in attendance included Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton, State Assn. President Victor O. Wehle and Secretary James J. Fernandez, Past District Deputies J. Alex Arnette, W. E. Poland, Jr., and Fred R. Wagner, and D.D. B. W. Bryant. While in Palatka, Mr. James recorded an eight-minute address to be broadcast over station WWPF.

At IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH., LODGE, NO. 700, 250 Elks and their ladies attended a dinner honoring the Grand Exalted Ruler on March 1st. This function was the culmination of a two-day visit by Mr. James and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton. P.E.R. W. Fred Folle was Toastmaster at the dinner which was opened with a welcoming address by E.R. Ernest Perino. Mr. James

was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Broughton. D.D. Russell Kesler and State Assn. Vice-President Carl Fernstrum also spoke. Entertainment included selections by the Ishpeming Elks Chorus and the Iron Mountain Quartet and several acts by comedian Leo LeFebvre. A unique method of painting was demonstrated by Iron
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Upon his arrival in Huntington, W. Va., in the private plane of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner (right) Mr. James was greeted by, left to right: Past District Deputy Warren F. Morris, Exalted Ruler W. E. Hartley and District Deputy George B. Reinhart.



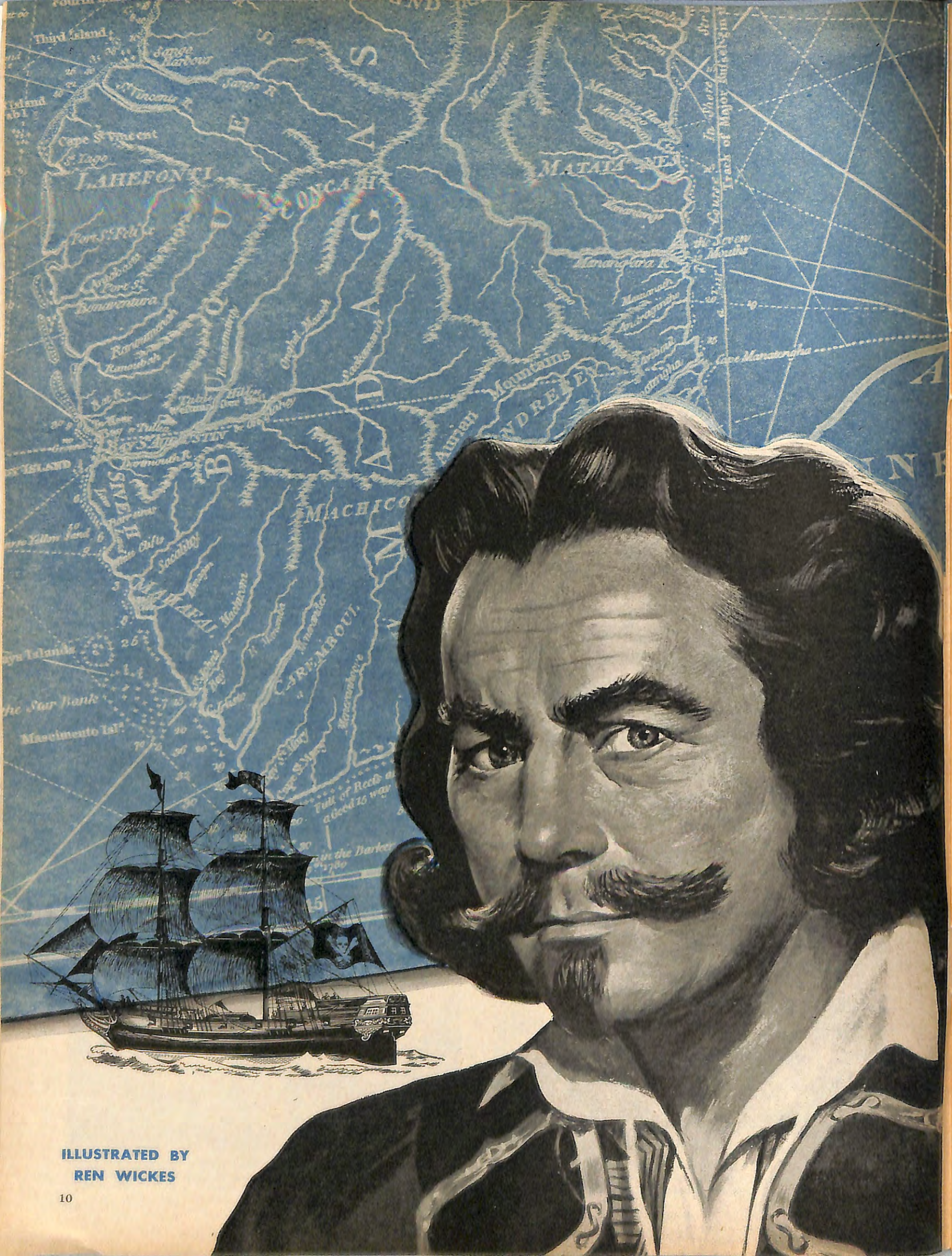
During his visit to Aidmore, the Georgia Elks Assn. Hospital for handicapped children, Grand Exalted Ruler James was photographed with a group of the children and Aidmore Board of Trustees Pres. and Chairman Robert G. Pruitt who is also State Assn. President.



Photographed on the occasion of the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Ishpeming, Mich., Lodge were, left to right: D.D. Russell Kesler, Earl E. James, Willard Robertson, and D.D. Raymond Roe.



While in Washington, D. C., Grand Exalted Ruler James visited Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. He was accompanied by Special D.D. Ambrose Durkin, left, and U. S. Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma.



ILLUSTRATED BY
REN WICKES



Captain KIDD

*Most notorious
of all pirates—
or actually an
innocent man?*

*"My name was Robert Kidd, when I
sailed, when I sailed*

*My name was Robert Kidd, when I
sailed,*

*My name was Robert Kidd; God's laws
I did forbid,*

And so wickedly I did, when I sailed."

THIS catch-penny ballad sung through the London streets of 1701 did much to hang an honest man and effectively damned his reputation for all time. So much for the power of the sensational press; so much, also, for an accuracy that even called him out of name! Just the same the blackest infamy has clung to the name of William Kidd, mariner, of New York. His has become a name to conjure with, the symbol of the arch-pirate of them all, the essence of the romantic wickedness on the high seas, the glamorous vision of far off tropical oceans heaving in oily swell under a brazen sky, of tall merchantmen richly freighted with the exotic wealth of India and the Spice Islands, of the chase, the cannonade and "boarders away!" Half-naked, eye-patched desperados swarm the vessel's side with cutlass, smoking pistol and crooked dagger. "No quarter!" "Dead men tell no tales". There is blood curdling torture for the hidden gems and the final atrocity of the plank. Then the blazing wreck sinking on the horizon as the pirate sheers away, the black "Jolly Roger" fluttering at the fore. And last of all, in imagination's aftermath, the whispered tap-room tale of iron bound chests, buried in the sands amid the moldering bones of those who might have talked, and guarded by the restless ghost of he who died on the gallows before he could return. These connotations of

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BY GEORGE WOODBURY

AUTHOR OF "GREAT DAYS OF PIRACY
IN THE WEST INDIES"

"COMPANIONSHIP THERAPY"

... an Elk Ego-Builder for the VA Patient

Through the ready cooperation of Elk committeemen and their ladies serving our VA Hospitals, one of the most serious problems concerning the preparation of hospitalized veterans for their return to normal civilian life is being solved.

VA authorities have found that the complete recovery of many patients subjected to long hospital confinement is often delayed because of a feeling of inadequacy that sometimes develops with the approach of the date of their discharge.

Apprehensive about his ability to face the problems of ordinary, day-by-day living, the VA patient often retires into a protective shell of disinterest, reluctant to relinquish the safety of the undemanding, noncompetitive existence of hospital life.

A remedy has been found in what might be described as "Companionship Therapy". While medical science is at work, the cheer and comfort of hospital visits by our volunteer groups do much to dispel despondency and hasten recovery.



Above: The Elks and their ladies are always ready to listen and offer friendly advice on these visits, and the knowledge that the Elks in his home community stand ready to assist him after his return is an important morale-builder for the hospitalized serviceman. In Oklahoma City, Okla., for instance, a VA patient is Barney Taysley who happens to hail from that city. He's pictured conversing with Elk Committee Chairman A. P. Kleinegger, his wife and daughter.



Below: These Elks broke the monotony for patients at Kennedy Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., by bringing smiling good cheer, their wives and, if you look hard enough in the background, even the children—and what can take you out of the doldrums quicker than a little boy?

Below: The talk, the laughter and the joking that come under the heading of "Fun" is carried into the hospitals by the Elks who sit right down with the servicemen and join them in various games—just as they would at a church social, say, in their own home towns. That's what's happening here at the Togus, Me., VA Hospital, with Augusta Elks Ralph Hubbard, Bob Milligan, Alfred Sanborn and Tony Trytek. John P. Waller is there, too, and so is his wife, sitting at left in the rear row.



Above: While formal entertainment is an important, spirit-lifting interruption in the routine life of the VA patients, even more important is the easy atmosphere created by the Elks through informal visits with the patients as their own families and friends, such as is evidenced in this picture at Chelsea VA Naval Hospital in Massachusetts. Reassured by the warm friendship extended to him by folks who are the counterpart of his neighbors in civilian life, the patient assumes an outlook that characterized his personality before he went to war; his desire to take his proper place in his own community is quickened; no longer discouraged, he looks forward to his release from the hospital with a new sense of hope.

ROD AND GUN

There are plenty of reasons for liking the voracious northern pike.

BY DAN HOLLAND



THE LARGEST PIKE I ever landed on a fly rod I smashed over the head like something vile and threw back in the weeds for the crows to eat; yet, strange as it sounds, I am an enthusiastic pike fisherman. It happened when another fellow and I were fishing the Nipigon River of Ontario, famous for its big brook trout. My friend had just taken a six-and-one-quarter-pounder at the head of a big pool, a trout like none I had ever seen. I was certain my turn was next. We shot the rapids to the next pool, got out of the canoe, and I took my time choosing the most likely spot for my first cast. No sooner had the Cockatoosh fly sunk beneath the surface of the boiling water than I had a heavy strike. I knew I was on to something big, really big.

For twenty minutes I fought that pike on my light tackle as expertly as I knew how, all the while picturing an enormous, re-sided brook trout on the end of my line. My largest brookie up until then had weighed only a couple of pounds, and I was as excited as a pointer pup in a chicken coop. At least it was fun while it lasted, and if he had broken off at this point I would still be talking about the record trout that got away. When I finally brought him into the shallows and saw that it was nothing but a pike, I kicked him out on shore, killed him and heaved him up on the bank without a second look. Any other time I would have dragged him around like a kid with a new toy, taking pictures from every angle, making everyone look at and admire him, demanding all sorts of compliments on my ability as a fisherman, and generally making a nuisance of myself.

The great northern pike is the Jekyll and Hyde of the fishing world. He has all the necessary characteristics to make him a fine sporting fish—in fact, I don't know of any other fresh-water game fish that will reward the fisherman with more solid action—yet, when he intrudes into a trout river or bass lake, he immediately becomes a "snake" and is despised as a vicious predator. This transformation can take place from day to day. I've had it happen to me many times in the north country. One day we will take our plug rods and have the time of our lives with these willing fighters in a pike lake; then the next day we will fish a nearby trout

river with our fly rods and wish all pike dead.

The answer to this paradox is the pike's voracious appetite. A baby pike is born all eyes and mouth, and his main objective in this world is to eat as much of anything and everything as he can cram into his mouth. The more he eats, the faster he grows. If he can get a one-tooth advantage over his baby brothers and sisters, he'll eat them, too; then he is really on his way to being a big boy. Of course all the while he must keep his eyes open and his engine idling to keep clear of his older cousins and uncles and even his old man. All's fair in the pike's little game of hide-and-eat.

A STOMACH analysis of large pike would include fish, frogs, snakes, muskrats, small ducks, and even a ham-on-rye and a bottle of beer if it were available. What's more, he wouldn't bother to take the beer out of the bottle before swallowing it. I've fished pike lakes up north where I wouldn't have dangled my hand in the water over the side of the canoe for a fifty-dollar bill. This avidity, this willingness to strike at almost any

moving object, is his main attribute as a game fish. However, he also fights passably well. He doesn't have the science or lasting power of a trout, and he's not nearly so inclined to jump and shake a lure as is a bass, but at least he fights as though he were red-faced mad, and that makes him exciting. What makes him mad, I imagine, is that the plug or spoon is caught in his teeth instead of going to his stomach where it belongs. Many times I have seen a pike turn and strike a lure that has pulled out of his mouth, sometimes after he has been on for several minutes and played up to the side of the canoe.

This same inclination to prey upon everything that moves is what makes the pike hated by trout and bass fishermen. He is a very efficient predator of other game fish as well as of members of his own tribe. It requires a lot of trout or walleyes or perch to support one big pike.

Each summer for several years we camped vacations on a little Adirondack lake that had fine small-mouth bass, crappie and perch fishing—each year, that is, until someone came along and

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Photo by Dan Holland



One of Dan's friends holds up a couple of fine northern pike caught in Canada.



Dr. Nadler is Professor of Finance at New York University. This article is a follow-up of his forecasts for business conditions in 1954 which ran in our January issue.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Dr. Marcus Nadler analyzes our complex economy and the prospects for the year.

IN THE JANUARY 1954 issue of *The Elks Magazine* the writer, in discussing the outlook for business for 1954, stated as follows: "Business activity during 1954 in all probability will be at a lower level than during the past year. The decline should be largest during the first half of 1954 and toward the end of the year a moderate improvement may be expected. The decline will result from the fact that inventories are very large. . . . A reduction in inventories invariably leads to a curtailment of production. A decline in consumer credit in the early part of the year may also be expected and this in turn will result in a lowering in the demand for durable consumers goods."

The above statement sums up two of the major difficulties from which the economy is suffering at present. The index of industrial production prepared by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (1947-49-100) declined from 137 per cent last July to 123 per cent in February, a decline of about 10 per cent. This reduction was to a considerable extent brought about by the curtailment of inventories and by a reduction in the sales of durable consumers' goods. Installment credit outstanding in January, 1954, was \$363 million less than in December. The reduction in consumer credit comes at a time when the total number of unemployed exceeds 3,500,000; when overtime, for all practical purposes has disappeared, and when the civilian labor force has de-

creased from 64,660,000 in July 1953 to 62,137,000 in January 1954. The repayment of the debt contracted during the period of the boom is, therefore, more burdensome today because there are fewer members of an individual family working and because job opportunities are not as plentiful as they were before.

However, it should be noted that the decline to date has been orderly, that there was no bad break in any segment of the national economy and that consumption expenditures on the whole have held up relatively well, clearly indicating that the people at large are not appreciably reducing their purchases. Shifts in consumption expenditures, however, have taken place and more is being spent on food and less on durable consumers' goods.

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE

All indications are to the effect that while inventories continue to be liquidated and consumer credit is being reduced that the over-all level of business activity will remain over the next several months at approximately its present level. There is a possibility that there may even be a further moderate decline in production from the level which prevailed in February 1954. It should be noted that the greatest portion of the decline in production is already behind us and that any further decline in the immediate future is not likely to be substantial. Toward the end of the summer or in the early fall an upswing in busi-

ness activity is likely to set in. The above conclusions are based on the following considerations:

1—In spite of the decline that has taken place in industrial production the construction industry is holding up very well. Construction contracts awarded in the 37 Eastern States, as reported by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, amounted to \$2.373 million for the first two months of 1954 as compared with \$2.097 million for the comparable period a year ago. It has been estimated that the number of homes to be started in 1954 will again exceed the one million mark. Moreover, the adoption by Congress of the housing recommendations of the President under which families in the lower-income group will find it easier to buy moderately-priced homes and home modernization in general under Title I of the FHA Act will be considerably eased. This should stimulate building activity further.

2—Public works are likely to continue at a high level in the immediate future. The decline in money rates that has taken place, partly as a result of the changed credit and debt management policies of the Administration, and partly resulting from the decreased demand for bank credit, will stimulate the flotation of tax-exempt securities by states, municipalities and public authorities and increase public works expenditures. Since the accumulated demand for public works is still large, the outlook for this phase of economic activity is indeed very favorable.

3—The tax reductions which went into effect at the beginning of 1954 and other reductions that will be enacted by Congress in the not distant future will increase disposable income of the people and in all likelihood this increased disposable income will be spent.

4—Experience during the past few months has clearly indicated that whenever the people are offered merchandise properly priced and of good quality it is promptly sold. This applies not only to durable consumers' goods such as television sets, which were sold in a larger number in January 1954 than a year ago, but also to many soft goods items.

5—The soft goods industries, and notably the textile industry whose business cycle is relatively short, seem to have overcome their present difficulties. Inventories are not excessive and the volume of sales is satisfactory although the margin of profit still leaves a great deal to be desired.

6—The economic security of the people is very high, since millions of individuals and families are covered by Social Security, unemployment insurance and private pension funds. Moreover, if the recommendations of the President concerning health and social security are adopted by Congress, as in all likelihood they will be, additional millions of Americans will receive the added Social Security protection which

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GREETINGS
from
Los Angeles



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

NORRIS POULSON
MAYOR

February 15, 1954

TO THE DELEGATES TO THE 1954 NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS,

Greetings:

I am delighted to learn that the 1954 National Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be held in Los Angeles from July 4th to 8th. As a member of Los Angeles Lodge No. 99, I am looking forward with particular interest to these important meetings.

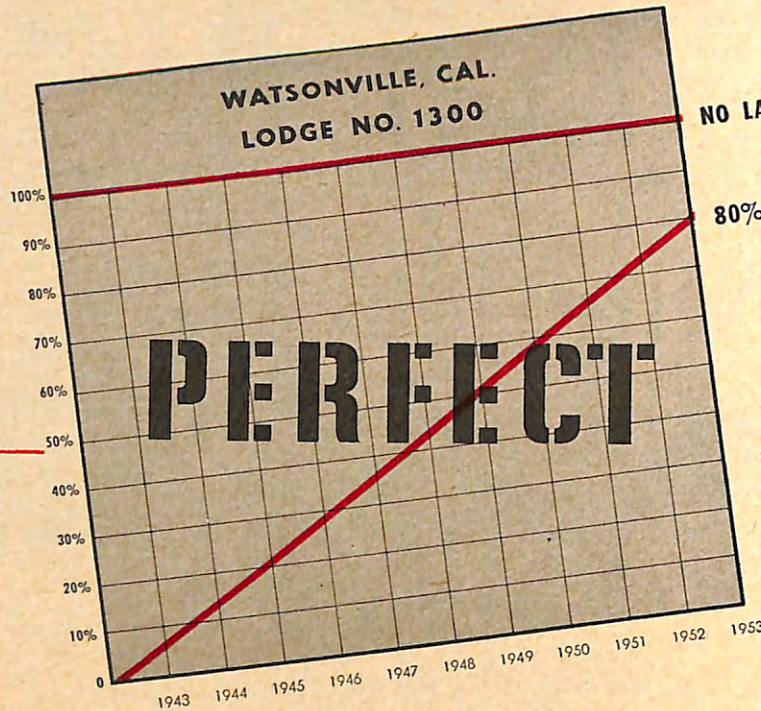
I know that the delegates from throughout the nation will thoroughly enjoy their stay here. Our city is, of course, one of the great vacation spots of the world.

May I extend to all Elks a warm invitation to come to Los Angeles for this convention. We are looking forward to meeting you and will do everything in our power to make certain that this 1954 National Convention is an epochal one in the history of the Elks.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norris Poulson".

MAYOR

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Through a vigorous, well thought out program, this lodge has achieved an unsurpassable lapsation record.

IT WOULD BE less than correct to say that lapsation is no problem for Watsonville, Cal., Lodge No. 1300, for it is a problem that Watsonville Lodge has licked right down to the ground. The accuracy of this statement is vouched for by these facts:

1. This lodge has not dropped a member for non-payment of dues in 11 years—1943 to 1953;
2. It has had a 100 per cent paid-up membership at every April and October during this period;
3. Watsonville Lodge's membership has increased 80 per cent in the same 11 years.

Every lodge official will know that this conspicuously outstanding record was not achieved by accident; nor is it the result of some magic formula, a hidden "gimmick." Watsonville's Exalted Ruler, Orlando R. Johnson, says modestly that the lodge has "been fortunate", but the truth is that Watsonville owes its splendid record to liberal and steady application of those old fashioned remedies—good planning and hard work.

SPECIAL DINNER HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL

Watsonville Lodge's attack on the lapsation problem dates from the lodge's institution in 1913. Twice every year since then, on the first meeting night in April and in October, the membership

has been invited to a free dinner, which has come to be known as "the Twelve-Dollar Dinner". That's the amount of the semi-annual dues. About half the dues are collected that night by the Secretary and Treasurer, who meet the Brothers just outside the dining room. In addition, many members, unable to attend the dinner, mail in their checks when they get the invitation.

COMPLETE FOLLOW-UP IS VITAL TO PROGRAM

On the first of each of the next four months, notices are mailed to those who have not remitted. At the middle of the fourth month, the officers and Lapsation Committee divide the remaining names and contact each member in person. If anyone hasn't paid prior to 30 days before the end of the six-month period, he gets a registered letter. As with other lodges, it is always the same few who hang back year after year. In these cases, the proposers and the Past Exalted Rulers who headed the lodge when these Brothers were initiated are given the responsibility of getting the dues.

Personal calls are made, when necessary, even on those members who have moved to distant towns.

One of the most interesting, and effective, phases of Watsonville's program is the screening and indoctrination of members. This process was started in 1936, when the Past Exalted Rulers,

realizing the importance of lapsation, organized an Advisory Board. Before an application is handed out, each prospective candidate is carefully screened by this Board, with particular emphasis upon his financial responsibility if he is otherwise desirable as an Elk. Not until then does the prospect receive an application, and with it he gets a strong lecture on the virtue of keeping his dues paid up at all times. It is made abundantly clear to him that the lodge does not want anyone who will not be interested enough in the great work of Elksdom to keep a paid-up membership card.

THEY TELL NEW MEMBERS ABOUT LODGE'S RECORD

Right after every initiation, and before any other business is transacted by the lodge, the new members hear a second forceful lecture. They are told of Watsonville's proud record on lapsation, and the lodge's stern intention to keep that record intact. They are impressed, also, with their individual duties and responsibilities as Elks.

It is no coincidence that George Covell, who has served as Secretary since 1934, is a banker, and that the lodge's Treasurers for years also have been bankers. As Past Exalted Ruler Jim B. Nielsen pointed out, this is "a combination hard to beat"!

A 100 per cent paid-up membership record is hard to beat, too.



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

TO YOU MEN who last month took the oath of office as Exalted Rulers of our 1,680 Elks Lodges, I extend my congratulations. You have attained a position of leadership that opens up to you a rare opportunity for real service.

It is up to you to determine whether your term as Exalted Ruler will be a wasted year, or one of satisfying accomplishment. Are you going to be a leader or are you going to "coast"—enjoy the honors of office and fail to assume your obligation, and thereby disappoint those who have confidence in your ability to lead?

It is because I wish you well, that I put these questions bluntly, at the beginning of your term, in the hope that it will help you to get your administration off to a good start.

What are the serious problems facing your lodge? Does your lodge answer correspondence promptly? Does the Club dominate the lodge? Is the Club properly operated? Is your lodge in a rut, or is it strong and vigorous, going places with a fine program of activities? Are you proud of your lodge's record of community service? Does your lodge back your own charity organization, the Elks National Foundation? Does it support the Elks National Service Commission's program of aid for our hospitalized veterans? What youth work is your lodge doing?

If your lodge cannot pass the test of these and other pertinent questions then it is not a good Elks Lodge, and it is shallow honor to head such a lodge. If that is the case, it is up to you, the Exalted Ruler and officers, to provide the leadership and inspiration that will arouse the membership and win support for a program that you will look at with pride a year from now.

Don't wait to swing into action. Appoint your committees and make your plans. Start Now!

May 1 is Elks National Youth Day. The Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities has asked every lodge to hold a Youth Day program on that date that will stimulate our junior citizens' devotion to the highest ideals of American life, and encouraging them in the task of preparing themselves for future responsibilities. You should grasp this opportunity to serve your community.

Every Elks Lodge observes Flag Day on June 14. This is the only national organization that so honors Old Glory. This year, the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities has planned an enlarged Flag Day project. With the slogan, "SHOW YOUR COLORS", this Committee has appealed to your lodge to have every business house and home in your community fly the Flag on Flag Day. Some of the "lunatic fringe" have promoted the idea that it is unsophisticated to be patriotic, and have discouraged manifestations of love of country. Get your lodge behind the Flag Day program and help to defeat this insidious attempt to destroy the ideals symbolized by the Stars and Stripes.

Help preserve our heritage of Freedom, that was purchased by the blood of our fathers, who died to throw off the shackles of tyranny! We must keep America strong, and keep the name "America", magic in the hearts of men who love freedom, throughout the world!

It is time for patriots to stand up and be counted!

Sincerely and fraternally,

EARL E. JAMES
GRAND EXALTED RULER



Officials of the South Carolina Elks Assn., pictured with Police Chief E. M. Hanna, a member of Rock Hill Lodge and one of the designers of the "Signs of Life", a program launched by his lodge and adopted by the Assn. as a State Project. Left to right: State Secy.-Treas. J. E. Parker, Jr., Pres. Ed Gullidge, Vice-Pres. Karl Grice, Anderson E.R. Hal Porter, Safety Education Director James E. Street of the Rock Hill Police Dept., Past Pres. J. Alex Neely, State Vice-Pres. B. F. Allen and Mr. Hanna. The program, aimed at the teaching and training of youngsters to recognize safety signs and observe them at all times, features a machine with an eye-catching electrical signboard and diagrammed street intersections complete with flashing lights and model cars. In addition, attractive eight-page booklets carrying 67 safety messages are issued.



This busy scene took place during the City Council Meeting conducted by the students of Medford, Ore., Senior High School, to which county officials, seated at left foreground, were invited. This meeting climaxed the Medford Elks' outstanding Annual Student Government Day Program.



With the officials who conducted the ceremony, are the 35 candidates from all lodges of the Oklahoma N.E. Dist. who were initiated at the home of Sapulpa Lodge. In the background are D.D. F. R. Hyer, State Pres. D. E. McCroskey and Past Pres. Arthur J. Hall, first, second and third from left.

NEWS of the LODGES

"Stray Elks Night" an Evanston, Ill., Hit

When Evanston Lodge No. 1316 observed the Order's 86th Anniversary, there were 40 enthusiastic members on hand who were affiliated with lodges from all over the United States.

This unusual fact was the result of a suggestion made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson that the event include Evanston Lodge's observance of "Stray Elks Night". A special committee, headed by P.E.R. Dr. O. E. Andres, P.D.D., sent letters of invitation to 192 Elks living within the jurisdiction of No. 1316, but holding membership in other lodges. The 40 who were able to accept joined 229 local Elks, together with Past Grand Exalted Rulers Thompson and J. Edgar Masters, the Grand Secy., at the Birthday Dinner.

Many of the Stray Elks who could not attend wrote to the Committee requesting that they be put on its mailing list for future events. This, of course, is being taken care of.

News of Mahanoy City, Pa., Lodge

Mahanoy City, Pa., Lodge No. 695 held its annual P.E.R.'s Night recently, when a Life Membership was presented to Isadore Janov. Since illness prevented Mr. Janov's attendance, his nephew accepted it from E.R. Robert Cook.

A class, initiated by a team of P.E.R.'s, heard an address by P.D.D. Dr. William Haverkost, and Dist. Pres. James P. Tolan reported on the Pennsylvania Elks' observance of Brotherhood Week which took place at Berwick.

Long Beach, Calif., Elks Celebrate Golden Jubilee

One of the finest Elk events on the West Coast took place during the week of Feb. 22nd, when Long Beach Lodge No. 888 celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The first evening was designated as Dignitary Night, when Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis delivered an eloquent address, following his introduction by the Jubilee's General Chairman, P.E.R. Clare McCord. Among the other 40 Elk luminaries who were on hand that evening were State Pres. Edward E. Keller, and the entire Major

Project Committee of the Calif. Elks Assn.: Chairman Horace R. Wisely, Vice-Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit, Secy. Fred B. Mellmann, Wm. W. Garvin, Vern R. Huck, Morley H. Golden, Robert J. Craine and Howard I. Lidster. P.D.D. L. C. Leedom was Chairman of this event, when Est. Lead. Knight C. Meade Talbott presented to Mr. Wisely a check covering the money collected in the lodge's Piggy-Bank Program for the Assn.'s cerebral-palsy work.

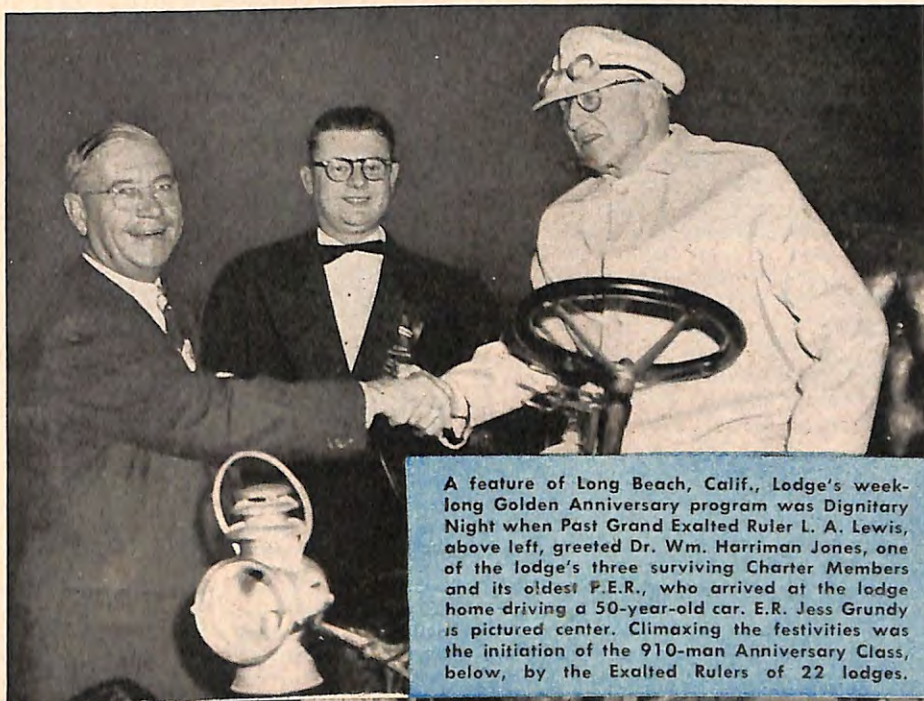
P.E.R. C. R. Hubbard was Chairman for Old Timers Night when the lodge's surviving Charter Members, P.E.R. Dr. W. Harriman Jones, Timothy A. Stephens and William MacDonald, received 50-year pins from P.E.R. C. M. Counts who also presented pins to P.E.R. J. E. Carter, Jr., Tom Quigley and A. B. Collins, half-century members, all introduced by P.D.D. R. P. Mohrbacker. The lodge's 20-year members, and 35-year Elks received their pins from R.E. Stricklin and Ed. M. Jones, two of the P.E.R.'s who conducted the lodge session.

Est. Loyal Knight Gerald Desmond was Chairman on Ladies Night when the distaff side enjoyed a vaudeville show followed by dancing and supper, and Civic and Fraternal Night found E.R. Jess Grundy welcoming 80 special guests—the presiding officer of every service club, lodge, veterans organization and civic group in the community, together with the Mayor, City Manager, City Councilmen, Assemblymen and Supervisors, and their ladies. Est. Lect. Knight Norman Allumbaugh was Chairman for this event, and Mr. Talbott was

Chairman the following evening at a gala Open House program.

The climax of the observance was a giant initiatory ceremony which took place at Municipal Auditorium following a two-block parade of the 910 initiates led by a color guard, the Los Angeles Elks Chanters, Santa Monica's Glee Club, officials of all participating lodges and the Escort Team, Rangers, Jesters and Band of the host lodge. Over 2,000 Elks witnessed the spectacular ceremony opened by the officers of No. 888 which was responsible for 640 can-

didates. The remaining 270 initiates became affiliated with 21 other California lodges whose E.R.'s joined host E.R. Grundy in performing the ritual. Lakewood Lodge which presented the largest number of candidates other than Long Beach, as well as the greatest number in proportion to its membership, received the plaques, offered for these two accomplishments, from Chairman Mohrbacker. Following an address by Past State Pres. Vincent Grocott, the entire assemblage returned to the lodge home where they joined their ladies.



A feature of Long Beach, Calif., Lodge's week-long Golden Anniversary program was Dignitary Night when Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, above left, greeted Dr. Wm. Harriman Jones, one of the lodge's three surviving Charter Members and its oldest P.E.R., who arrived at the lodge home driving a 50-year-old car. E.R. Jess Grundy is pictured center. Climaxing the festivities was the initiation of the 910-man Anniversary Class, below, by the Exalted Rulers of 22 lodges.



LODGE NOTES

Kodiak, Alaska, Lodge is growing fast; 17 men were initiated as the Grand Exalted Ruler's Class, and two months later a 21-man group came into the lodge as the Alaska Territorial Elks Assn. Class.

Huron, S. D., Elks were most impressed with a letter they received from Russell J. Cox, their 1953 Youth Leadership Contest winner. Although he won no State or National honors, he wrote: "I have gained far much more than the 'prize' offered. . . I look to my participation in that contest as the beginning of a pattern of happenings which lifted me out of the vacuum of cares which a fatherless family often must endure." The young man has since taken part in an Exchange Trip to Europe and is now employed in Washington under Congressman Harold Lovre. In closing, he said, "I hope this year's competition will include more applicants and that the program will expand through succeeding years to spread its benefits wide across Huron youth."

When Norman Gold retired as E.R. of Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge on Apr. 6, he wore the jewel Hampton, Va., Lodge presented to his late father when he retired as its E.R. exactly 50 years ago.

San Jose, Calif., Lodge helped to form Boys City and is one of its heaviest supporters. Wm. Gibson Jones, Editor of the lodge bulletin, wrote the history of the center, emphasizing the training in the American Way which the boys receive there and sent it to the Freedom's Foundation. As a result, its Pres., K. D. Wells, has announced that the National Awards jury selected Boys City to receive the George Washington Honor Medal.

W. S. Maxey, sole surviving Charter Member of Boise, Ida., Lodge, is still active in Elk affairs. A resident of Caldwell, this 81-year-old Elk, a member for 58 years, was Secy. of his lodge when Meade D. Deweiler was Grand Exalted Ruler—'way back in 1896-98.

Yankton, S. D., Lodge has received an Honorary Certificate from the V.F.W. Accepted by E.R. L. J. Gregory, the award was made to the Elks for giving the Most Outstanding Community Service during 1953.

Attleboro Lodge won the Mass. S. E. Dist. Ritualistic Title over Fall River at the Quincy Elks' home.

Right: Boulder, Colo., Lodge presents a \$40,000 check, completing its payment on a \$50,000 pledge, to the Community Hospital. Left to right: Est. Loyal Knight R. M. Ryan, E.R. H. O. Ashton, Hosp. Chief of Staff Dr. R. M. Waters, Hosp. Mgr. D. G. Hutchison, lodge Secy. C. S. Lough, Hosp. Board Member Ben Bernzen and Board Pres. F. G. Jamison.



Left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, second from left, presents to E.R. Joseph P. O'Neill Lowell, Mass., Lodge's third \$1,000 Founders Certificate. At left is Secy. F. V. Redding, P.E.R.; center, P.D.D. T. J. Dowd, Committee Chairman; right, Treas. J. R. Harrington.

Right: Florida's acting Gov. Charley E. Johns, a P.E.R. of Starke Lodge, signs the proclamation designating May 1st as Elks National Youth Day in Florida, in the presence of, standing left to right: State Assn. Pres. Victor O. Wehle, State Assn. Youth Activities Committee Chairman L. M. Strickland, P.D.D. Julian A. Smith and Fla. N.W. D.D. F. R. Wagner.



At Ashland, Pa., Lodge's testimonial to State Pres. Barney W. Wentz, left, Chaplain Melvin Walper presented to him a Life Membership card in an engraved, solid gold case.

1954 State Association Convention Information

STATE	PLACE	DATE
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
North Carolina	Asheville	May 14-15
Alabama	Birmingham	May 14-15-16
Georgia	Savannah	May 20-21-22
South Carolina	Charleston	May 21-22-23
Missouri	Springfield	May 21-22-23
New Hampshire	Dover	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
Texas	McAllen	June 2-3-4-5
Utah	Ogden	June 3-4-5
Minnesota	Rochester	June 3-4-5-6
Oregon	Tillamook	June 4-5-6
Michigan	Traverse City	June 4-5-6
Maine	Rockland	June 4-5-6
Illinois	Springfield	June 4-5-6
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	June 4-5-6
Indiana	French Lick	June 4-5-6
Connecticut	Danbury	June 5
South Dakota	Aberdeen	June 5-6
Nebraska	Omaha	June 5-6-7
Idaho	Idaho Falls	June 10-11-12
North Dakota	Dickson	June 13-14-15
Washington	Yakima	June 17-18-19
Rhode Island	Newport	June 19-20
Montana	Missoula	July 28-29-30-31
West Virginia	Elkins	Aug. 20-21
Virginia	Norfolk	Aug. 22-23-24

90th Convention

California Elks arrange distinguished program for Grand Lodge Convention.



Conferring on housing arrangements for the Convention, left to right, Robert S. Redington, Vice-Pres. and Executive Director of Convention Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, President of Committee, Frank Fitzpatrick, Grand Lodge National Convention Director. Standing: Allen K. Pollock, manager of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau, Ray P. Thelan, and Chester B. Caldwell, Vice-Pres. of So. Calif. Hotel Assn.

CALIFORNIA ELKDOM has readied a royal welcome for delegates and visitors to the 90th Grand Lodge Convention in Los Angeles July 4-8. Elks of the host state are planning not only for the largest national convention in the Order's 86 years, but also to make it the finest, with a wealth of California hospitality for every visitor. Under the leadership of Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, the Los Angeles Convention Committee has met weekly for over six months, and while a few details remain, elaborate arrangements have been completed for the business sessions and the entertain-

ment, pleasure and comfort of the visiting Elks and their families.

All sessions of the Grand Lodge Monday, July 5, through Thursday, July 8, will be held in the fully air-conditioned Paramount Theater, Sixth and Hill Streets, where more than 3,000 people can be seated in comfort.

Sessions in Paramount Theater

This handsome auditorium will also be the scene of the Public Opening Service Sunday evening, July 4. Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James will be the principal speaker with addresses by Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles, California's Gov. Goodwin Knight and His Eminence, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre. The musical program will feature one of the country's outstanding soloists and the Muscatine Chanters of Muscatine, Ia., Lodge No. 304, national champion chorus of the Order.

Special arrangements have been made for Sunday worship by Elks of every faith. Cardinal McIntyre will preside over a solemn high mass at St. Vibiana's Cathedral, Second and Main streets. Elks will be welcomed at St. Paul's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, other leading Protestant churches, and Los Angeles' Jewish Temples.

Keep Monday Open

State delegations are cautioned against scheduling events for Monday, so heavy is the program for that day. Exalted Rulers will be guests of the Grand Exalted Ruler-elect at a 1 p.m. luncheon in the famed Biltmore Hotel Bowl. The Committee on Judiciary and other Grand

Lodge Committees will conduct a clinic on Elk matters following the luncheon.

In another Biltmore dining room, Grand Exalted Ruler James will be host at a luncheon to his District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers on Monday.

For all ladies attending the Convention, a magnificent fashion show will be staged Monday morning and afternoon in the Lodge room of Los Angeles Lodge No. 99 at Sixth and Parkview streets.

Elks and their ladies are invited to attend the Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Paramount Theater, immediately after adjournment of the Grand Lodge business session. Nadine Conner, Metropolitan Opera Star, will be the featured soloist. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson will preside.

Dramatic Musical Production

Elks of Southern California will present the Cavalcade of Elkdom in Hollywood Bowl Tuesday night, July 6. A tremendous cast featuring Miss Conner and other singing stars, an Elk chorus of 100 voices, and a symphony orchestra of over 60 pieces will tell the story of the Order in a dramatic musical production. Hollywood Bowl seats 30,000 persons, and all Convention visitors are invited to attend without charge. The Committee is arranging transportation to and from the Bowl.

Benevolent Program

Wednesday morning's Grand Lodge session is open to all Elks and their ladies, with priority to delegates and members. for reports of the benevolent

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Forty Chevrolet convertibles will be at disposal of Grand Lodge officials during Convention. Left to right: Grand Esquire R. Leonard Bush, Robert S. Redington, William G. Nugent, Vice-President of A. E. Nugent Co., which is supplying the automobiles as a courtesy to the Elks, and Ray P. Thelan, Past Exalted Ruler of Los Angeles Lodge.

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Family Album



Grand Trustee Wm. J. Jernick, fourth from left, second row, Mountainside, N. J., Lodge officers and the Villa brothers, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh from left foreground: Guido, Seth, Edmond and Guy. A fifth brother will be initiated later.



Madison, Ind., Lodge is proud of this eight-member Elk family, Matthew J. Hoffman, Sr., left, and his sons. Reading left to right, the young men are Robert C., Maurice O., Herman E., Joseph J., Matthew, Jr., Clement G., and John J.



The officers of Kingman, Ariz., Lodge stand behind the Finch family, seated, all members of that branch of Elkdome, when their lodge honored them recently. They are, left to right: Charles, Arlise, Arthur, Sr., Owen and Arthur Finch, Jr.



When Tarpon Springs, Fla., Lodge paid tribute to its former leaders, junior P.E.R. M. D. Shear, right, initiated his father E. C. Shear.



Past State Pres. J. Victor Schad, right, a 50-year Binghamton, N. Y., Elk, shows his low numbered membership card to his son Frederic C. Schad, center, a member of the lodge's Golden Anniversary Class. At left is another son, William H. Schad, a member of Erie, Pa., Lodge.



E.R. G. J. Scognio of Fair Lawn, N. J., Lodge, right, congratulates his father, James Scognio on his recent initiation into the Order.



On La Crosse, Wis., Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night, John G. Zoerb, center, acting as E.R., initiated his sons John F., left, and Richard C.



When the fifth son of George F. Davenport, third from left, joined his father and brothers in Cadillac, Mich., Elksdom, they posed for this photograph. Left to right, the sons are Don, Keith, John, Max and Jay.



Sandusky, Ohio, Elksdom's "Four Horsemen", Fire Chief Wilson McLaughlin and his sons, when two boys, just out of the Service, joined their father and brother as Elks during the visit of D.D. Karl F. Gimbel.



As Exalted Ruler of Lafayette, Ind., Lodge, Fred L. Willis, Sr., left, enjoyed the privilege of conducting the initiation of his son, right.



P.E.R. Leo J. Barrette, third from left, with his sons James L., David W., and John H., all members of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Lodge.



Congressman John Phillips, left, a Riverside, Calif., Elk, congratulates his son Carl, right, on his initiation into Banning-Beaumont Lodge, in the presence of another son, Robert, also a member of Riverside Lodge, third from left, and E.R. Kenneth B. Husby.



Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge's E.R. E. D. Mullis, stands behind three generations of the Rippetoe family of Elks. Seated left to right are initiate William F. Rippetoe, Jr., his 78-year-old grandfather, W. Ray Rippetoe, an Elk since 1918, and his father, William F., Sr.



P.E.R. John D. Bowlby, right, with his sons, Richard, John B. and Edward, left to right, who were among the 50 candidates initiated into Somerville, N. J., Lodge in tribute to State Pres. Louis A. Spine.



Francis D. Coughlin, who has been a member of New York, N. Y., Lodge for 20 years, welcomes his four sons into the Order. Left to right: Francis P., Richard W., their father, Daniel J., and John F. Coughlin.



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BY HORACE SUTTON

MANHATTAN'S Central Park, the only patch of green that is really convenient to this department, has lately turned as green as the traffic stripe that New York officials paint along Fifth Avenue each year in honor of St. Patrick. The burgeoning of green here in Gotham is a clear and obvious sign that it is time to spread the travel folders all over the living room floor and settle the annual problem before every room is taken. This month, in what I earnestly hope is due time, I would like to lay before you the prospect of the National Parks, the domestic wonders which have been roped off inside Federal real estate to preserve them for those who are next in line. Let I be running athwart the space assigned to the discussion of dogs or trespassing the acreage allotted to Mr. Trueblood or

Holland's monthly discussion of *la chasse*, I had better confine things to the Western National Parks, not only for those going to, or leaving, the Convention in Los Angeles in July, but for all who love the spacious West.

First of all, I would like to take up the matter of Grand Canyon, a rend in the Arizona surface which somebody over at the Santa Fe Railway has recently described as America's Gorgeous Gorge. Well, *he* said it, whoever *he* is, and please do not direct any threatening letters to *me*.

Well, as anybody knows, the Santa Fe people have been hauling passengers into this area for a number of years now, and at what I vaguely suspect is a profit. But there is even greater profit, I mean to one's self, in being faced with the overwhelming magnificence of a chasm 217 miles long, 4 to 18 miles wide and a mile deep, washed at the bottom, by the rushing Colorado, hurrying to spill itself in the sea. The Santa Fe pulls right into Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim, where there are any number of facilities for setting up light housekeeping or spending a transient overnight. El Tovar Hotel, built of native boulders and pine logs, has more than 80 guest rooms, charges about \$3.50 single without a bath, \$5 with, and the meals are moderately priced. Bright Angel is a collection of cabins and a lodge on the rim of the Canyon, with prices a shade less than the hotel. A coffee room serves meals. Furnished cabins with or without bath and with maid service are also on hand. There are motor trips around the rim drive and for the pioneering and hardy types, there are muleback excursions all

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the way down to the banks of the Colorado for lunch, returning to the rim in the late afternoon.

Up in Wyoming, Rockefeller money has brought new quarters and more acreage to the Grand Teton National Park. July will see the opening of a cottage colony with room for 260, and a temporary lodge has been set up to handle the crowds until the new lodge opens in the fall. The grandest of the Grand Tetons is 13,766 feet and flowing below is the Snake River, down from Yellowstone to the north and pouring into Jackson Lake which is 14 miles long. The nearest railroad station to the Grand Tetons is at Victor, Idaho, a stop on the Union Pacific and from there a bus will bring you to Moran, Wyoming. Jackson Lake Lodge, a mile and a half north of Moran, gets \$8.50 a night for a room for one or two with private bath (\$6 without bath), and the Jenny Lake Lodge, where all accommodations have baths, offers a modified American plan, that is with two meals, charging \$25 a day for two.

From the Grand Teton Park it is no distance at all—130 miles to be roughly specific, and in the West that is no distance—up to Yellowstone National Park. Now Yellowstone's geyser has been pic-

tured as often as Niagara's Falls but it is a formidable sight all the same. What's to do at Yellowstone? Well, one can fish in the lake or row a boat or sit in a speedboat, or just rent a cabin alongside Yellowstone Lake and watch it. There are horses to ride, great vistas to see, and even dances at the Park every night. And also there are the elk, the deer, the moose, the antelope, the buffalo and the bighorn sheep, walking around, as unharnessed as a tourist. There are vents in the earth that pour steam, and hot spring terraces, and there are bears.

Yellowstone opens in June and to get you there is the Northern Pacific and a fleet of great Diesel engines which will deposit you at any one of three entrances to the park—Gardiner, Cody, or Red Lodge. The North Coast Limited rides through the Bad Lands of the Dakotas and the ranch lands of Montana. Via the Burlington, the route falls by way of Nebraska, alongside the Black Hills of the Dakotas and the scene of Custer's Last Stand at the Big Horn Mountains. And from the West Coast there is service from Portland, Tacoma, and Seattle to Livingston and Billings, Mont.

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Over countless ages the boiling hot springs at Mammoth have formed these great terraces.



Above: With a record-breaking entry of 520 teams, these officials conducted the opening ceremonies of the 13th Annual Bowling Tournament of the Ohio Elks Bowling Assn. at Dayton. Left to right: General Chairman F. H. Niswonger, S.W. Dist. Chairman George Lawrence, State Pres. Walter Beer, host E.R. W. B. Finlay and Assn. Pres. E. A. Wight.

Left: As part of its Scholarship Night, Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge paid tribute to two high school teachers for their outstanding service in connection with the lodge's fine scholarship program. They are Miss Irene E. Smith, left, and Miss Estelle R. Stone. With the ladies are seated, Youth Activities Committee Chairman A. E. Boyer, and, standing, left to right: Asst. Supt. of Schools Sam Essock, Ralph S. Graves, E.R. E. O. Bremer, School Supt. H. S. Vincent, Francis O'Reilly and Sylvester Dretzka, Secy of Wis. State Board of Pharmacy. All are Elks except Mr. Vincent.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

CENTRAL EDITION

Lakewood, Ohio, Team Wins N.E. Ritualistic Contest

The officers of Lakewood Lodge No. 1350 took the Ohio N.E. Dist. Ritualistic Championship at a competition conducted in their own lodge home. Youngstown, defending District title-holder, took second place in the eight-team contest, with five of its officers winning a place on the All-District Team, to Lakewood Lodge's two.

P.E.R. Robert D. Soules of Painesville Lodge was Chairman of the Committee which handled the arrangements for the two-day event.

Menasha, Wis., Elks Dedicate Home

Charter Members of the 53-year-old Menasha Lodge No. 676 were honored recently as part of the program dedicating the new lodge home. State Assn. Secy. Leo Schmalz of Kaukauna was on hand to see W. H. Pierce and C. E. Pierce, the two surviving original members, and Past State Secy. Fred Butter-

worth, a 50-year Elk, congratulated by Dist. Vice-Pres. Chester Weed. At 87, Mr. Butterworth, who served No. 676 as its Secy. for 17 years, is the lodge's oldest member.

Ground for the handsome \$150,000 building was broken in January, 1953, and the lodge took possession of the 11-room edifice in November. Many of the rooms are air-conditioned and furnished with indirect lighting. Dinners are served every weekday from a fully-equipped electric kitchen.

Saginaw, Mich., Lodge Holds Father-Daughter Banquet

Although the weather didn't cooperate, the first Father-Daughter Dinner held by Saginaw Lodge No. 47 was quite successful. About 60 persons braved the elements to enjoy a delicious dinner in the Mural Lounge of the lodge home.

Miss Julie Vaughan, daughter of the Chairman of the program, gave the young ladies' welcome to their paternal

parents, with Dick Harden responding. Later, the group adjourned to the lodge room for a concert and motion pictures.

Bellaire Lodge Takes Ohio S.E. Bowling Tournament

The fifth Annual Ohio S.E. Dist. Elks Bowling Assn. Tournament closed with the Elks No. 1 Team of Bellaire Lodge as new Champion, taking the five-man event with a total of 3094 pins.

Jim Dunn was General Chairman for the contest in which nine lodges were entered, with 54 five-man teams participating.

B. Stutz and J. Stutz of Uhrichville took the doubles, Earl Willoughby of Dover, where the event took place, won the singles and B. Shafer of Barnesville came out on top in the All-Events.

Beloit, Kans., Elks Enjoy Helping March of Dimes

The Mitchell County Polio Fund is over \$300 richer following the home-talent benefit show sponsored by Beloit Lodge No. 1779. The show, entitled "You Can't Beat Fun", was performed two evenings in the City Auditorium. Approximately 75 local residents took

A view of the hundreds of local and visiting Elks who attended Evans-ton, Ill., Lodge's observance of the Order's birthday. Combined with "Stray Elks Night", it attracted about 40 Elks affiliated with other

lodges. Standing at the speakers' table in the background are P.D.D. Dr. O. E. Andres, Chairman; Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and J. Edgar Masters, the Grand Secretary, and E.R. E. T. Shableski.



part, and E.R. Harold Davis expressed himself as well pleased, both with the proceeds and the enjoyment it provided the audience and performers, as well. The Elks had previously turned over \$100 to the March of Dimes.

Children Benefit from Aurora, Ill., Elks' Charity Dance

Aurora Lodge No. 705 donated the proceeds of its 3rd Annual Charity Dance to the Valley Parent Group for Exceptional Children. The gift consisted of \$1,000 in cash and a \$450 Bell

and Howell Sound Movie Projector. This school, where children who cannot be educated through the ordinary methods are trained, was created by a group of parents a year ago. It is attended by 17 youngsters, and the local school board has provided a building on a temporary basis, and some financial assistance has been supplied by interested persons and the Batavia Community Fund. However, most of the work and money necessary to get this project started has been provided by the parents themselves. When Aurora Lodge heard

of this school and investigated its operation, its members were more than pleased to be able to help.

Troy, Ohio, Elks Honor P.E.R.'s

Gerald Scott, Pres. of the P.E.R.'s Assn. of Troy Lodge No. 833, joined other former lodge heads in taking the chairs of office on No. 833's recent P.E.R.'s Night. Each of the honored guests was called upon to make a few remarks during the session, and later they joined about 100 members at a "Rabbit Dinner."



Beloit, Kans., Lodge presents a check to the March of Dimes bringing its total gift to that campaign to \$400. Left to right: Secy. Thayne Horne, E.R. Harold F. Davis, Chaplain Merle Jones, Esq. Adrian H. Lorentz, County Polio Fund Chairman Dalton Muck and P.E.R. E. L. Hayes.



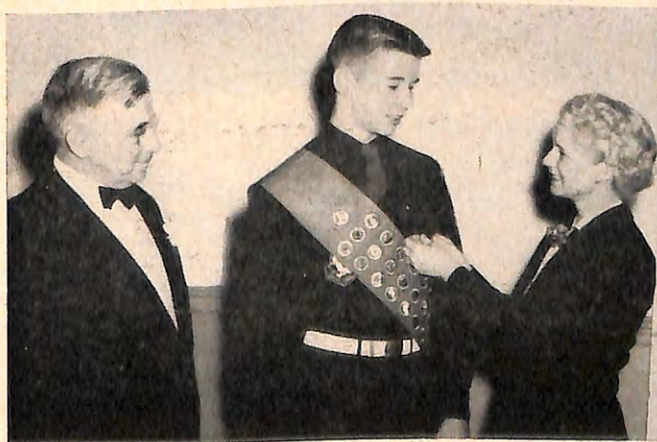
Trustees Chairman J. A. Moslander presents the final payment on Grand Island, Neb., Lodge's \$5,000 pledge to St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing to Bus. Mgr. John Hurley. Others are, left to right: Hosp. Adm. Sister M. Edwardina, lodge Secy. R. E. Townsend and E.R. C. O. Cole.



McCook, Neb., Lodge's gift of a \$1,400 delivery table is presented to St. Catherine's Hospital. Left to right: P.E.R. T. F. Colfer, Trustee Clarence Corey, Sister Pascalla, Sister Aloysius, E.R. Joe Rothmeier, Sister Zita, Trustees Chairman Dr. B. A. Dennis, P.D.D., and Trustee H. E. Stinnette. This is the second delivery table donated by the lodge which also gave the institution an electrocardiograph machine.



Aurora, Ill., Lodge donates \$1,000 and a \$450 Bell and Howell Sound Movie Projector, the proceeds of its Annual Charity Dance, to the Valley Parent Group for Exceptional Children. Left to right: Est. Loyal Knight W. R. Schmeiser, Tiler W. H. Eissler, Sr., Esq. Paul Carlson, Trustee and P.E.R. A. E. Schmeiser, E.R. Homer L. Fry, Inner Guard F. F. Novotne, Chaplain Albert Grace, Est. Lead. Knight J. B. Kuney, Jr.



When F. E. Gilbert visited Ionia, Mich., Lodge as District Deputy, he saw Mrs. Richard Hawley, wife of a P.E.R., pin an Eagle Scout Badge on her son Rex, a member of the Troop sponsored by the lodge.



This scene took place in the basement of the Concordia, Kans., Lodge home when the Elks sponsored a Bloodmobile visit. The first of three two-day appearances there, this one collected a total of 295 pints.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Bucyrus Elks Hosts to Ohio N. Cent. Dist. Contest

Seven teams entered the Ritualistic Contest of the Ohio N. Cent. Dist. which had Bucyrus Lodge No. 156 as host. Elyria's efficient entry won top honors over last year's championship team from Willard. Elyria, Marion and Willard each placed two officers on the All-District Team, while Bellevue Lodge put one officer in that group. Dist. Chairman P.E.R. M. Ernest Widner was in charge of the competition.

Milwaukee, Wis., Elks Conduct Unusual Scholarship Night

The scholarship program which Milwaukee Lodge No. 46 has been conducting for many years has received outstanding assistance from two of the city's teachers, Miss Irene E. Smith and Miss Estelle R. Stone.

On the lodge's recent Scholarship Night, No. 46 took the occasion to pay special tribute to these two women for their ability "to teach the Constitution of the United States", and their aid to the Elks' Scholarship Fund. Albert E. Boyer, Pres. of the Milwaukee School Board and Chairman of the Lodge's Youth Activities and Scholarship Committees, presented awards to Miss Smith and Miss Stone who have devoted a total of 55 years to furthering the education of

Milwaukee's high school students.

About 300 high school principals and teachers, and members of the lodge and their wives, heard Mr. Boyer explain this year's program which will give \$1,625 in U.S. Bonds to winners of four contests for Milwaukee County high school seniors, including a patriotic essay contest on the U.S. Constitution.

Twins Win Battle Creek, Mich., Elks' Scholarship Honors

Twin sisters in the Lakeview High School senior class walked off with top honors in the Scholarship Contest sponsored by Battle Creek Lodge No. 131.

Marilyn Jo Crandall was selected for her outstanding scholarship record, receiving a \$50 U.S. Bond; her twin, Marlene Joan, won the second-place award of a \$25 Bond. Municipal Judge Wm. C. Burke was Chairman for the event, assisted by James Sullivan and William Worth.

Wilmington, Ohio, Lodge Mourns Fred Bath

The Elks of Wilmington Lodge No. 797 were saddened recently to learn of the passing of Fred W. Bath, following a heart attack.

A Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge, Mr. Bath was well known throughout the area, having served as District Deputy for Southwest Ohio in 1950.

Ferndale, Mich., Elks Entertain Scouts

A fine dinner was served to about 50 members of Boy Scout Troop F5, sponsored by Ferndale Lodge No. 1588, at

the lodge home recently. Led by their Scout officers, the boys marched from their weekly meeting at the local Community Center to Ferndale Lodge where a number of Elks donated a total of \$142.50 to the Troop for the purchase of tools and equipment. Mayor Bruce D. Garbutt was the principal speaker, and Charles Coleman, a representative of Eastern Air Lines, ran an interesting film on airplanes. Frank J. Clancy was Toastmaster.

Toledo, O., Elks Visit Wauseon Lodge

Led by E.R. Edward J. McCormick, Jr., a group of members of Toledo Lodge No. 53 made an official visitation to Wauseon Lodge No. 1734 recently. The 25 visitors included several other officers of Toledo Lodge who made the trip by chartered bus.

The ladies of Wauseon Lodge served a fine dinner which was followed by a lodge session highlighted by a rendition of the Elks' history which had been set to music by Al Shanks.

Ohio S.E. Dist. Ritualistic Competition Reported

For the fifth consecutive year, the Degree Team of New Philadelphia Lodge No. 510 captured the Ritualistic Championship of the Ohio Southeast District. Five teams competed in the contest which took place at the home of Cambridge Lodge.

Five members of the group won places on the All-Tournament Team, with Esq. Don Brown leading all other officials in the individual scoring.

Right: P.E.R. Jack McNeil Johnson, Scoutmasters and officers of El Dorado, Kans., Lodge with members of the Troop the lodge sponsors who won Second-Class and Merit Badges.



Above: Fourteen underprivileged boys became members of Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge's Boy Scout Troop when District Scout Commissioner Gordon Jackson, center, presented its charter to Elk Scoutmaster Carl Yinger in the presence of the boys and the lodge's Committeemen.



Right: P.E.R. Anton Harris, extreme right, presents an American Flag to East Chicago, Ind., Lodge's Scout Troop. At left are P.E.R. S. F. Kocur and Glenn Hutchins, Committeemen.

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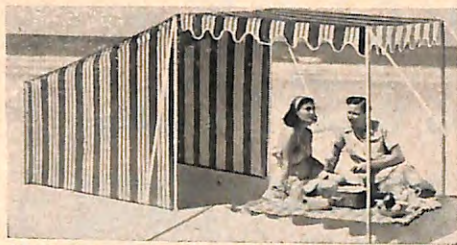
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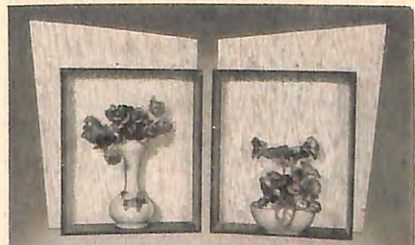
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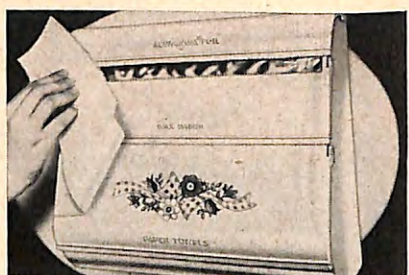
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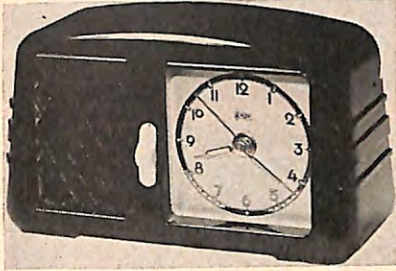
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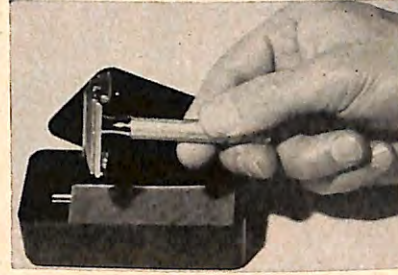
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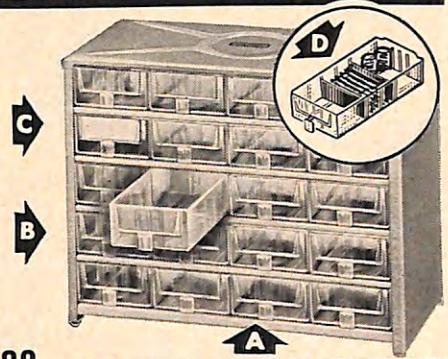


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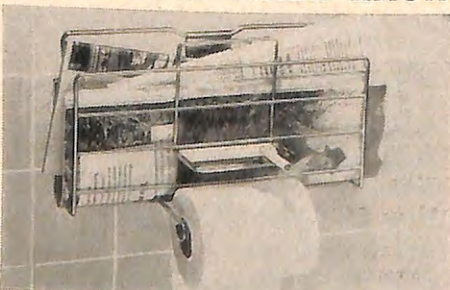
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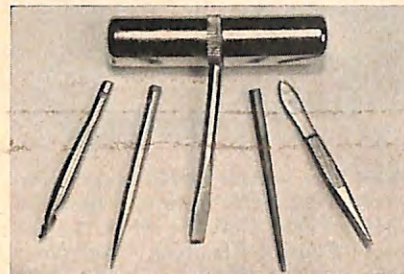


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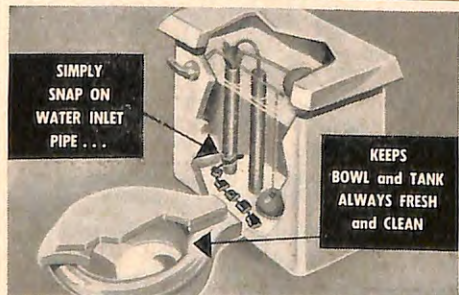
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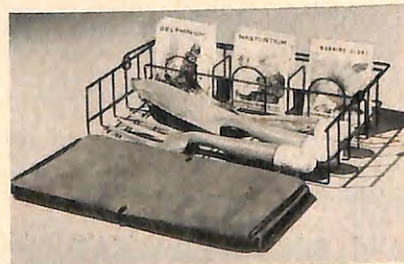
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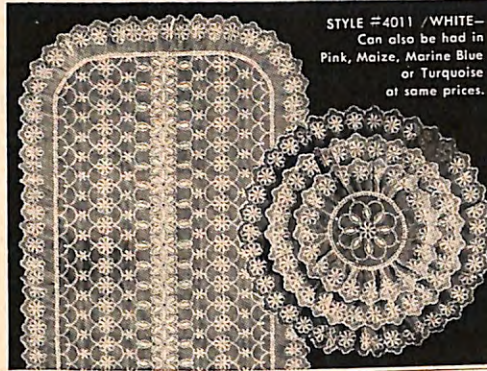


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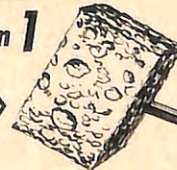
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In the Doghouse

Faust tells more about Army dog training.

LAST MONTH you may recall that this department dealt with Fido as a soldier in the historic past and in modern warfare. Readers may also remember that it ended with a promise to tell just how our Army today trains its dogs. To those good Brothers who are new to our Order and new among our readers, I'll brief such matters in that previous article as will have bearing on what follows. Throughout World War II, the Army and other branches of our Armed Forces recruited dogs for the famous K-9 corps as volunteers given freely by patriotic owners. At that time there were some thirty-two breeds listed as acceptable. Today, the Army buys its dogs and accepts only one breed—the German shepherd.

Among the 10,000 dogs volunteered during the last big hassle, it was found that many later could not be de-trained for private ownership, hence could not be safely returned to their original owners. The special training that some had been given made them forever after unfitted for civilian life. So today Uncle Sam is in the dog business on his own. Prices paid by the Army range from \$50 to \$150. All dogs purchased become the property of the United States Government and are not returned. The reason for narrowing the choice to German shepherds has been stated to be because that breed is the most easily trained and managed. I know, your breed is just as smart, maybe smarter, and probably just as easily managed, but the choice is Uncle Sam's—and what are we going to do about it?

As previously written "In the Doghouse", all dogs must be from one to two and one half years old, 22 to 28 inches high at the shoulder; minimum weight 60 pounds. Both male and female are accepted, but the latter must have been spayed 120 days before acceptance. Dogs must be alert, steady, vigorous and responsive. While a dog may be alert it doesn't always mean that it is responsive, this being a characteristic that prompts instant obedience to a command and quick reaction to a situation. Dogs must be mentally as well as physically sound and show no trace of shyness. A shy dog is seldom if ever a dependable dog. Now a dog may be gun shy at first but unless this can be corrected the Army considers him unfit for military service.

Since this is one of the more interesting

aspects of war dog training, let's see how the Army goes about it. In the beginning, weapons of small caliber are discharged from a distance but well within the hearing range of the dog. The distance is gradually decreased and progressively heavier caliber ammunition is used.

Manual TM 10-396, issued by the War Department, deals extensively with the care and training of dogs for the Army and advises to start this training when the dog is engaged in some activity which absorbs his attention such as eating or during routine training. The theory, and it is more than theory, is that the dog in this way subconsciously becomes accustomed to gunfire at a distance. Later when the dog is more experienced and definitely found not to be gun shy, the firing can be closer and closer without unduly disturbing him. The shooting is done casually and intermittently. If the dog shows undue alarm he is not forced to sit quietly under repeated firing. The gun practice is over for the time being and is resumed when the dog has quieted down and forgotten his fear.

Procurement of dogs for Army training is under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army. Training is a function of the Military Police Corps under jurisdiction

of the Provost Marshal General. Prior to acceptance all dogs are examined by a licensed veterinarian. Following purchase dogs are shipped to the Army Dog Training Center, Camp Carson, Colorado. After successful training, and it must be successful or the dog that fails ceases to be a soldier, dogs are shipped to Army units that need and use them.

As soon as a dog is taken from his shipping crate he is supplied with a leather collar, a chain collar, a harness, kennel chain, leash, muzzle, brush, comb, waterproof blanket, gas mask, feed and watering pans. The collars carry a metal tag bearing the number assigned to the dog. Next follows an exercise period (on leash) and the dog is put in quarantine under supervision of the veterinarian attached to the dog's unit. The canine rookie is then left alone long enough for him to get over the excitement of his journey; some dogs ship well, others don't. This also allows the dog to become accustomed to his surroundings. Shortly thereafter the dog's description is recorded and our recruit is then placed in the hands of the veterinarian for tattooing of Fido's number either on left ear, flank or stomach.

All dogs are groomed daily the year
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This exercise teaches the dogs not to move under any circumstances unless ordered to.

GRAND LODGE STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS

Immediately following Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James' meeting with the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee last Fall, its Chairman, Robert L. DeHority, sent to every State President and Secretary a letter outlining the program, urging that each phase be put into the hands of a capable committee.

The points included *Dues Collection and Lapsation, Membership, Rehabilitation of Specific Lodges* and the *Institution of New Lodges*, as suggested from recent surveys.

MULTIPLE PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

From District Deputy reports received to date, treating on the subjects of Dues Collection and Lapsation, a detailed survey was made and a copy of the reports sent to each State President and Secretary, and the Chairman of the State Lapsation Committees. From present indications it is quite evident that the goal of no more than a five-per cent delinquency by April 1st will be realized.

Aimed at increasing our membership, State and/or District Classes were scheduled for initiation during January. Reports being received by the Committee indicate a gain of approximately 5,000 new members. The Committee reports the noteworthy fact that it has received 100 per cent cooperation of the State Presidents in this program which was given an added

impetus by the issuing of unique, individualized promotional posters urging participation in these mass initiations.

POSTER PROJECT ELUCIDATED

These posters also announced the following awards:

1. To the State Association recording the highest percentage net gain during the current Grand Lodge year.
2. The State Association with the lowest percentage of loss for non-payment of dues during the year.
3. The Association with the highest percentage of new members and reinstatements during January, 1954.

Concerning the Rehabilitation of Lodges, the Committee states that only seven have been reported as being in the hands of a Rehabilitation Committee, thereby attesting to the fine over-all condition of our lodges.

In connection with Item 4 on the agenda, at this writing it can be announced that the Grand Exalted Ruler has granted Charters to 14 new lodges; an additional four are pending, and eight are in the process of organization.

In addition, the Committee has sponsored a State Associations News Bulletin Contest in which any Association desiring to participate must submit three issues of its bulletin published during the Grand Lodge year. Citations will be awarded in this competition at the Los Angeles Convention.

SPECIAL AWARDS

For the six *Best* Community-Wide Show Your Colors Campaigns

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

For the six *Best* Lodge Indoor or Outdoor Flag Day Programs

SUGGESTED "SHOW YOUR COLORS" CAMPAIGN

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PROMOTION:—Letters to Veterans' Organizations, Fraternal Groups, Service Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Retail Organizations, Industry Associations, Central Labor Council, Labor Organizations, Building Service Union, Building Management Associations, Public Officials, School Authorities, Ministerial Associations, Religious Groups, etc., urging announcements, resolutions, etc., supporting our program.

SPECIAL:—Proclamations by Mayor, Governor, etc. Merchants Window Displays, Retail Flag Sales, Merchants Street Flags and Decorations, Lapel Flags, School Programs, Parades, Band Concerts, etc.

POSTINGS:—Committee should make every effort to see that FLAGS are posted on Homes, Factories, Schools, City Buildings, County Buildings, State Buildings, Federal Buildings, Offices, Hotels, Parks, Streets, Fraternal Buildings, and all Public Places. (DON'T FORGET YOUR LODGE HOME.)

Send your FLAG DAY and/or your special "SHOW YOUR COLORS" Campaign reports to EDWIN J. ALEXANDER, 212 North Rogers, Olympia, Washington, immediately (Air-Mail) after June 14th, for June 25th judging.

FLAG DAY IS ELKS DAY



ELKS FLAG DAY
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SHOW YOUR COLORS

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Your Grand Lodge Activities Committee urge every LODGE, every MEMBER and every CITIZEN to make June 14th a great day by reviving the Good Old Patriotic American Custom of "SHOWING YOUR COLORS" on FLAG DAY and other Patriotic Days.
Let 1,125,000 ELKS spread a thrilling RED, WHITE and BLUE - STAR SPANGLED RAINBOW OF BEAUTY AND COLOR ACROSS THE FRONT PORCHES OF AMERICA.
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Mail your FLAG DAY entries (campaign, promotion, stories, pictures) to Edwin J. Alexander, 212 North Rogers, Olympia, Washington. (Air-Mail) immediately after June 14th for June 25th judging. (See details see Idea and Suggestion Sheet)

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YOUR GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE URGES YOUR SUPPORT

SHOW YOUR COLORS

"Across the Front Porches of America"

Your Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities urge every Elk to revive the patriotic practice of "Showing Your Colors" on your Home, Office, Factory, Farm or place of business on Flag Day—June 14.



TRAVEL GUIDE

More and more of our travelers are asking about the Caribbean in the summer time. So we went to the Caribbean Tourist Association where Louis S. Law, Executive Director, told us "It is a boast of the Islands that far from suffering in tropical heat and humidity, as is the common belief, visitors find it cooler and less humid than any section on the Mainland except in the mountains. This is due to the constant presence of the gentle Trade Winds.

"Another popular misconception is the Islands are alive with mosquitoes and other insects. Those with experience will tell you they have no screens or mosquito nets. They will also tell you they sit on lighted verandas without bother from insects of any sort."

So . . . plan a Caribbean jaunt this summer with the secure knowledge that a pleasant vacation is ahead.

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Because a considerable part of the 2,100 miles between the Canada-U.S. Border and the Alaska-Canadian Border is through rugged wilderness the Canadian Custom and Immigration Authorities are rigidly enforcing the general regulations with respect to in-transit travel over any route. This includes the Alaska

Highway. "Every individual entering Canada either from Alaska or the United States . . . should have in his possession a sufficient sum of money for the trip or should be able to prove . . . he can obtain in Canada any additional funds he might require." Other strict regulations pertain to trailers, repairs, tools, etc. It is suggested that those going this summer obtain a copy of the regulations to avoid delay and embarrassment.

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On the other hand your return to the U. S. from Canada Immigration-wise will be easier. The requirement that every motorist open his trunk for inspection is no longer in effect. Cars will be checked at random, however, to insure compliance with the Custom and Immigration laws.

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Get up to go to school at 4 a.m. Fishing school that is. With two of North Carolina's choice vacation spots for background you may now go to school to learn about fish and how to catch them. North Carolina State College, Raleigh, now offers two Sport Fishing Institutes as features of its Extension Division summer curriculum. The salt water Institute

at Moorehead City, June 14-18. Fresh water Institute at Fontana Lake in the Great Smokies May 3-7.

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W. T. Stephani of Pleasant Grove, California, writes to report that "the Nogales to Mexico City Highway is completed all the way except for about 60 miles and it is not a very rough detour . . . almost parallel with one ferry crossing and two fords of small streams."

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Air-line trip insurance you buy from the vending machines is being reduced, reflecting the current safety record of the air transport industry. The reduction has been put into effect by one of the largest air-line insurance companies. Others have indicated they will follow suit. Now 50 cents buys \$12,500 coverage instead of \$10,000; \$1.00 buys \$25,000 instead of \$20,000.

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Fred M. Nesbitt (Marquette, Mich., No. 405) recommends "using a credit card for gas, oil, etc. . . . without a lot of bookkeeping you have a complete record of car costs and need to carry less money. We used a Texaco card and found the stations clean and the attendants helpful."

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BAGHDAD-on-the-DESERT at Las Vegas, Nevada—Wilber Clark's Desert Inn. "Everything Under the Sun" for enjoyment and relaxation. Sports—night life and superb cuisine in a setting of desert grandeur. Reached by air, railroad and main highways—an unforgettable interlude say even our experienced travelers.

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All Americans, especially veterans, have been invited by the French Government to attend the historic ceremonies commemorating the 10th anniversary of D-Day. M. Rene Coty, President of France, will lead the ceremonies beginning June 6 marking the final phases of World War II. France this year also celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Battle of the Marne.

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F. W. Getman (Redding, Calif., No. 1073) writes to tell us of his trip back from Cuba via Delta Air-Lines. He says, "I cannot say too much for Delta Travel. The food and the service are the best."

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Doctors are recommending that transcontinental motorists take Highway No. 80 except in hot months. Not only are weather conditions better, but particularly for those with heart conditions—never more than 5,000 feet above sea level. However, accommodations are likely to be cheaper on Route 66.

TWO EARL E. JAMES

SPECIAL TRAINS MAY BE NEEDED

The Earl E. James Special Train to the Grand Lodge Convention in Los Angeles has attracted so much interest that it may be necessary to run two trains to accommodate all of those who want to get aboard.

Invitations were extended to Elks Associations of eleven other middlewestern and southwestern states to join the delegation from the Grand Exalted Ruler's home state on the trip to Los Angeles and according to Chester H. Selby, Chairman of Housing and Transportation for the Oklahoma Association, the response has been so great that consideration is being given to arranging for a second train to accommodate all of those who have expressed a desire to join the Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Train, which will be made up exclusively of Elks and their families. The Oklahoma Association gives assurance that it will do everything possible to accommodate delegations or individual Elks from other states who would like to join the Grand Exalted Ruler's Special. Anyone interested is requested to communicate directly with Ralph F. Johanson, c/o Santa Fe Railway Company, Oklahoma City, Okla. Requests for space should be made without delay so that satisfactory arrangements can be made.

The Earl E. James Special, an ultra delux Santa Fe train, will depart from Kansas City at 10 p.m. Friday, July 2nd, and arrive Los Angeles at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 4th.

For Elks Who Travel

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ferent tours through the great untrammeled tract which you can buy at the time you get your railroad ticket. They include some meals and lodging and just about everything else except souvenirs. They also include all train meals and one is allowed to order anything, and that includes steak.

For those on their own, Yellowstone has tourist cabins at \$2.25 a night for two including beds and mattresses, stove, washstand—the simple necessities. However, there are less rugged accommodations in cabins, lodges, and hotel at rates up to \$14 a day for room and bath and meals. For a regular furnished cottage with lavatory but no bath (and no meals), you should figure to pay about \$3.50 per night.

WAY OUT WEST in Washington there is Mount Rainier National Park, a white-peaked wonderland of 378 square miles commanded by Mount Rainier itself, an extinct volcano of 14,408 feet. It is the highest continually ice clad peak in all the land and has 26 built in glaciers with more than 45 square miles of ice. Under the ice are roaring rivers hurrying off to be warmed in the great Pacific. And with all the ice there are also flowers, nearly 700 different kinds of them, and three score lakes and ancient trees. You can breathe it all in, or gaze at it from a rocker on a hotel porch, or take a saddle horse off to a skyline trail through the fields of flowers, the old woodlands, and beyond the woods to heights where trees grow no more. The rangers give evening talks and organize walking trips. Sunrise Lodge, on the north side, has meals but no overnight accommodations, but you can put up at the National Park Inn at Longmire on the south side for \$5 a night for two without a bath, \$6.50 with one. Paradise Inn, on the east side, is somewhat more expensive. All expense tours to Paradise out of Tacoma or Seattle are available.

In California, there is the majesty of Yosemite Valley, a gorge sliced by a glacier and now 3,000 feet deep, a mile wide and seven miles long. Quite a cut. Yosemite Falls plunges 2,425 feet and a wedge of stone called El Capitan rises straight out of the ground until it reaches a height of 3,000 feet. Every evening in summer at Glacier Point, burning embers are dropped over the canyon wall, causing a cascade of fire that tumbles for 1,000 feet. Yosemite is 208 miles from San Francisco, 312 miles from Los Angeles. Once there, saddle trips, hiking trips and such can all be arranged, not to mention hand-tailored pack trips to almost any place in the great reserve. And to sleep in there is anything from a tent to the fine Ahwahnee which has rates as high as \$23 a day for one in a room with, a bath and meals included. Tents are cheaper.



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Rod and Gun

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ruined it all by dumping a bucketful of pike fry into it. Of course, the crappie and perch were doomed, and the bass fishing would never again be the same. We took an immediate dislike to all pike, pike fishermen, and their kin folks as well. For several summers we didn't return to the lake; then one July we decided to go back and raise havoc in general with the pike population just to get even. As it turned out, we had never before had as much fun on that lake.

THE great northern pike is distributed widely in northern waters all the way around the roof of the world, including northern Asia and Europe as well as North America. He is found in varying numbers throughout our northern tier of states and is especially plentiful in the northern Midwest, in such states as Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The waters of this area undoubtedly once swarmed with great northern. The fishing is still good there, and this is indication enough of what it used to be. The pike is such a willing striker that, given enough opportunity in the form of fishermen, he is bound to get himself into trouble sooner or later. Where the pike fishing is good today, it must have been excellent in the early days.

In out-of-the-way lakes in northern Canada there is still pike fishing today the way it must have been in the upper Midwest a hundred years ago. There are lakes up there where two enthusiastic fishermen with good tackle, strong backs—and possibly weak minds—could land a thousand pounds of pike in one day. At least one day last summer up in the Hudson's Bay country a friend and I—both with the above qualifications—did just that as near as we can figure. We caught pike and caught pike all day long, some of them 25- and 30-pounders. It was just a matter of bringing them to the canoe and taking them off because we seldom made a cast that was barren of a strike at least. We wished later that we had kept an accurate count of the pike we landed that day, but probably no one would have believed us anyway.

However, to anyone who doubts this thousand-pounds-in-a-day fish story, I should issue a warning. There are times when it is unwise to doubt the word of a fisherman or hunter as the following story will indicate. A friend in southern New York State who had worked out crow shooting to an exact science once proudly boasted that he and another shooter had killed 473 crows that day, whereupon one of the boys piped and said: "That's a lie, Ed, and you know it. No one ever shot 473 crows in one day. Be reasonable and maybe we'll believe you." Ed said nothing, but the next morning at dawn he drove a truck out to his blind at the local dump where he had done the shooting,

proceeded to load all 473 dead crows in the back, returned to town and dumped them on the front porch of the doubting gentleman. On top of the pile he put a note: "You count 'em."

But to return to pike fishing, we had an enormous advantage that day in addition to fishing where there was apparently no end to the pike. We had a guide in the stern of the canoe who patiently removed hooks and released pike as fast as we could bring them in. This is the nastiest part of pike fishing. A great northern has a face full of razor-sharp teeth, and he always chooses the worst moment to clamp down and shake his head. An occasional pike, in fact, seems to save all his energy for this last-minute personal combat. He allows himself to be dragged to the canoe like a dead weight, clinging doggedly to the spoon or plug but otherwise showing no interest whatsoever in the situation. He may look harmless enough, but taking hold of him to remove the hooks can be like grabbing a mad wildcat. If the plug with its dangling hooks is on the outside of the mouth, the job can be doubly dangerous.

Our guide that day wore heavy gloves and came equipped with long-nosed pliers. Also, he had done that kind of work before. He released about two hundred pike without getting a scratch, and he had to kill only about a half-dozen of the big ones that had taken the lure too deep. Actually I doubt if he really had to kill those few except that he had a hungry dog team waiting at home. Anyway, if I had been in his position, I would have been covered with cuts to the elbows, and I would have been in a rare pike-killing mood.

Without the aid of pliers and gloves, a pike can usually be made to hold still by grasping him firmly over the gill covers. If it is a very large one, however, this can be quite a handful. An even surer grip, and one that is even more certain to cause him to lie still, is applied with the thumb and forefinger in the eye-sockets. The pressure seems to paralyze the fish momentarily, but apparently leaves no ill after-effects. A pike so held and returned to the water seems to be quite normal after his release. In fact, he may turn right around and hit the same plug again the next cast.

AS TO the best method of pike fishing, nothing much is required in the untouched waters of the north except the ability to cast a spoon or plug. However, pike anywhere like a moving lure, and, as a general rule at least, the more action it has the better they like it. Also, generally speaking, they want their food under the surface. I've seen rare exceptions to this up north when we've had good fishing on top-water plugs, and those occasions have been the finest of all. The best

part of pike fishing anyway is his savage strike, and if this can be brought to the top where it can be seen plainly, it is twice as exciting. For some reason, too, only the big fellows seem to strike at a surface plug. Possibly it is because a pike has to be big enough to take a fond interest in ducklings, muskrats and such before he pays much attention to what goes on overhead. At any rate, the pike my partner and I have caught on surface plugs have been from 15 pounds on up.

Quite a few pike are taken by trolling and a few by bait fishing. However, neither method is as effective as casting. There is a definite reason for this. A pike's method of feeding is to ambush his prey. He will lie still alongside a weed bed, his mottled sides matching the dappled shadows of the filmy weeds, and wait for some careless perch or young pike to wander within range of a sudden lunge. Or perhaps his blind will be a rock or fallen tree. He can remain motionless alongside a submerged log to the point that he looks for all the world like a broken stub protruding from its side. Fishermen have often seen pike pursue this same tactic beneath the very boat or canoe in which they are sitting.

THIS METHOD of feeding from ambush is the reason that casting is the most effective method of pike fishing. The fisherman must go to the waiting pike, which puts one strike on the troller and two on the still-fisherman. The troller can work the outside of a weed bed or rocky shore, but an accurate caster can work the outside, the inside and all the pockets in between.

The best lures are colorful spoons, first, and plugs with plenty of action second. There are occasions when one particular plug or spoon may work well and others not at all, but as a whole a pike isn't too particular. It's a rare day when a man who knows pike and knows how to handle a red-and-white casting spoon can't tempt them into hitting.

Certainly there are reasons for disliking pike. Being a trout fisherman, I know the feeling well. But, take him for what he is, and there are plenty of reasons for liking him. His willing, savage strike is one. Another is that he doesn't require any coddling or involved stocking programs. He is so prolific and voracious that he will manage without any outside help. In fact, I think it would be impossible to "fish out" pike, even in a small lake. Give him the right conditions and plenty to eat, and he will more than take care of himself. He will be around ready to provide action when all else fails, and for this he deserves plenty of credit. Actually there's not a great deal of difference between the great northern pike and his highly-praised cousin the muskalonge, either in his appearance or in his actions on the end of a rod. The muskalonge is comparatively rare, however, and the pike is common. That's what tips the scales.

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Why We Aid Pakistan

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ever, cut through the middle of a population of some three million Sikhs, leaving two million on the West Pakistan side, and a million on the India side. Conflict between Sikh and Moslem was inevitable, and before the year was out pitched battles had been fought between them, and migrations of millions of Hindus out of the Punjab into India took place, with millions of Moslems fleeing India Pakistanward for safety. In this melee, which involved some six million Hindus and Moslems, it is estimated that more than a million men, women and children were killed or died of starvation.

Eventually, in January of the following year, peace was achieved—but only upon the assassination of the great Indian leader Mohandas Gandhi, which so shocked and shamed both Moslem and Hindu that it subdued even their deep rooted discord and bitterness. Out of the peace came a Pakistan of seventy million people, 85 per cent of whom are Moslems, located in two sections distantly separated from each other by a thousand miles of Indian territory. One more problem still remained to be settled.

Directly north of Pakistan, bordering on Afghanistan, Soviet Turkestan, and West China, is the province of Kashmir, a state of 85,000 square miles and 5,000,000 people, which controls the passes leading through the massive and otherwise impenetrable mountains into central Asia. In this province a small Hindu aristocracy has for years ruled a large but illiterate Moslem population.

When, in the fall of 1947, Pakistan's independence was declared from India, religious war broke out in Kashmir. Sikhs attacked Moslems, and Moslem Pathans from the North West Frontier joined in the fray on the pretext of helping their co-religionists, inaugurating a reign of looting, massacre and abduction of women. By the time Indian troops tried to move in to the rescue, the mountain passes were blocked by snow.

India lodged a complaint with the Security Council of the United Nations in January 1948, Commissioners from the U.N. came, investigated, and on December 31, 1948, a cease fire was agreed upon. Since that time, both Indian and Pakistani troops have been quartered in Kashmir, and such peace as exists there is an extremely uneasy one. In an effort to arrive at a final solution of the problem of Kashmir—to whom does it belong, India or Pakistan?—it was agreed at a meeting of the prime ministers of both countries on August 16, 1953, that by the end of April of 1954 a plebiscite would be held in Kashmir, under the auspices of the United Nations, to allow the Kashmiri people to make their own decision.

Entirely apart from religious and political considerations, Kashmir is vital

to Pakistan because of its water supply. The six rivers necessary to Pakistan's economic life, irrigating some twenty million acres, all rise within Kashmir's frontiers. Their water is the lifeblood of west Pakistan, and its control by a hostile neighbor, which is how Pakistan now views India, would be agreed to by Pakistan's Moslem leaders only over their dead bodies.

At the very time this issue of *Elks Magazine* rolls off the presses, the plebiscite in Kashmir is due to be held. Whether it will be depends on the good faith of the leaders of the Indian Government who are aware that, since the population of Kashmir is predominantly Moslem, they will vote to join Pakistan. India has been procrastinating on this issue, and during the past year its government has tried, by subterfuge and pressure, to avoid a showdown on this critical matter.

Adjoining Pakistan on the west is Afghanistan, which the United States has tried for several years to bring into more friendly accord with its neighbor. Between these two nations, for the past five

years, there has existed a state of "cold war," which on occasion has turned fairly hot on the border that separates them.

The Afghanistan Government, judged by Western standards, is representative in name only. Of its twelve million people, only fifty thousand are eligible to vote, and only seven thousand voted in the last election two years ago. There has never been a census, there are no election lists, and candidates are nominated and voted for at village meetings in a manner that would make American professional politicians drool with envy. Head of the Afghanistan Government is King Mohammed Zahir Shah.

What Kashmir represents as a source of conflict between Pakistan and India is duplicated in the northwest area of Pakistan itself as a source of dispute between Pakistan and Afghanistan. This area, inhabited by some eight million Moslem and Pashtun tribesmen, has its own political and religious leaders who want to be no part of any state. Afghanistan, which would like to control it even indirectly, has been helping the local Pashtun tribesmen in a movement to create an independent Pashtunistan out of northwest Pakistan. To this the Pakistan Government has reacted violently.

Afghanistan, whose western neighbor is oil-rich Iran, has oil resources of its own. Two years ago its national assembly passed a bill to nationalize oil, whereupon a United Nations technical mission under Philip Beck, American, was invited to make a survey in the Shibarghan area 45 miles from the Soviet border, where rich oil deposits were located.

So far as friendly relations with Pakistan are concerned, there is the blunt declaration of Afghanistan's King Zahir: "We have the most friendly feelings for Pakistan, but we cannot forget the cause of Pashtunistan." Collective security, however, is another matter. When Afghanistan's leaders are convinced that their national survival depends on help from Pakistan, they may bury the hatchet. It seemed last month that Afghanistan was at long last convinced that unless it did so it stood a good chance of being swallowed up by the Russian colossus leaning heavily against its northern border.

Iran, adjoining Afghanistan on the west, is a political and economic volcano whose politics, except for the fact that they can be deadly in a world threatened by communist aggression, might be something strictly out of Alice In Wonderland. Typical of the Iranian political merry-go-round were the events of the year 1953.

In that one year Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh, who had nationalized the nation's oil resources the year before, tried to establish himself as dictator by demanding that the *majlis*



Artist William Robinson Leigh, at the age of 87, is the most distinguished practitioner of the Western school of painting—the art also of the late Frederick Remington and Charles Russell. Mr. Leigh's painting on our cover this month is typical of his dramatic work and reflects his great love of horses. In 1906, Mr. Leigh went West, having persuaded the Santa Fe Railroad to give him a ticket with the understanding he would paint a picture of the Grand Canyon. The company was so pleased with the painting that five more were commissioned. Thus Mr. Leigh started what has proved to be a long and notable career of painting great scenes from the early West—the cowboys, Indians, buffalo, cattle and above all the spacious and colorful West that is so important in our traditions. Last April the Grand Central Galleries in New York held a retrospective exhibition of Mr. Leigh's work from 1906 to 1953, including the painting on our cover, for which *The Elks Magazine* has exclusive reproduction rights.

(parliament) give him full power to disband that assembly. He won a vote of confidence, and got it. In the meantime, the economy of the nation had completely disintegrated because the oil wells and refineries expropriated from the British had been idle, and a loan that Mossadegh hoped to get from the United States was refused by President Eisenhower.

By August of last year Mossadegh found himself cooperating with the Iranian Tudeh (communist) party, and with their support, heading toward dictatorship. On August 15th, Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi fled the country. His commanding general, Fazollah Zahedi, was arrested. Four days later the Shah returned, General Zahedi was free, Mossadegh was on trial for his life, and the United States granted Iran \$45,000,000 as a first installment of a loan.

The political leaders of India's 320,000,000 people have their own special attitude toward communist aggression. Two years ago, in October 1950, Chinese communist troops invaded Thibet, despite the fact that Red China's Foreign Minister Chou En-lai had made a definite agreement with India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that Peking's bid for physical control of Thibet, against the wishes of the Thibetan people, would be made over a conference table with the help of Nehru's good offices, and not by force.

When Nehru protested to Peking this violation of its agreement, he was told bluntly that: "The problem of Thibet is entirely the domestic problem of the People's Republic of China and no foreign interference shall be tolerated."

Let down, disappointed, and outraged by Red China, the leaders of the Indian Government in a manner peculiar to themselves seem to have hit upon a policy that will not again permit this to happen. They have adopted a sympathetic attitude toward Red China, and are opposing with every means at their disposal every effort on the part of South Asian nations to defend themselves against communist aggression.

When announcement was made of United States military aid to Pakistan, Prime Minister Nehru declared: "This is a serious thing. It means that the cold war comes to Pakistan, and therefore, comes to India's borders on the West and East. It means that if a hot shooting war developed it also comes right up to the borders of India."

Even though on his very doorstep the Indian Prime Minister has seen the Chinese Communist invasion in Korea, and all its terrible devastation; and even though still closer to him is the eight-year communist-made war in Indochina, Mr. Nehru finds himself able to say that United States military assistance to Pakistan is "a form of intervention in Asian affairs," and that "it is difficult to even imagine aggression against Pakistan from that great country China."

Red China is now an integral part of

the communist plan for domination of the world by force. Its vast manpower, resources and terrain are all tools for the execution of this plan. Huge industrial installations already have been built in Sinkiang, in far west China, along the border of the Kazakh portion of the Soviet Union. More are being built elsewhere in Chinese Turkestan and in Mongolia. Multiple railways span this continental threat against world civilization.

During the past few years, the Soviet Union has been supplying Red China not only with sinews of war, but with enormous quantities of industrial and railway equipment for the foundation of future war. China's western provinces, which for thousands of years have been either autonomous or semi-autonomous, are now being brought completely under the heel of Peking by armed force. Railways have been built connecting up with the Trans-Siberian line at strategic points, assuring Russia of mobility of troop movements and war supplies across the entire Asian continent in the event of World War III.

IN THE MEANTIME, the nations below the communist belt continue their quarrels and refuse to enter into regional joint defense. And India, while doing both, denounces the West, despite the fact that among secret documents found in Berlin at the end of the last war was a Nazi-USSR agreement dated November 26, 1940, which stated: "The Soviet Union declares that its territorial aspirations center south of the national territory of the Soviet Union in the direction of the Indian Ocean"—and that there is no evidence to show that, since then, any Soviet objective in this area has been changed.

So far as Pakistan is concerned, the United States takes the position that that nation has assets to offer the free world. Among them are a strong army which provided a large part of the finest and most distinguished regiments of the Indian Army before partition from India. She has the manpower to expand that army. But since seventy per cent of her national income is now being devoted to national defense, she needs military aid so that she may forge a more substantial economic structure from her own resources, as well as guard her northern borders against communist aggression that threatens all South Asia.

The United States holds the belief that if other nations in this area will participate with Turkey and Pakistan in their mutual security effort, it is possible that communist aggression may be halted at that point. But that if those nations continue to maintain a blind faith that "it can't happen here," or if they prefer quarreling with each other rather than improving the lot of their own people and looking to their own defenses, then anything can happen, not only to them, but to us as well.

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Business Outlook

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will further increase their economic security. Liquid savings in the hands of the people exceed \$200 billion.

Additional favorable considerations governing the longer-term picture are the facts that the population is growing, that the decentralization movement from congested cities to suburbs continues, that wages remain high and in some instances are still increasing and that the economy is dynamic, based to a large extent on the huge amount of money spent on research by government and industry. However, it will take some time before all these forces begin to operate and therefore under conditions as they exist today it would not be realistic to expect any substantial improvement in business activity in the spring or early summer months.

FORCES AT WORK

Late in the summer or early in the fall, as was stated before, an upswing in business activity may be expected. The reasons for this conclusion are:

1—During the next few months because of the lower level of production the increased sales effort by industry and trade will lead to a liquidation of inventories where they are still heavy. During this period the volume of installment credit outstanding is likely to decrease further, thus not only reducing the period of repayment for the individual families but also materially improving their credit standing. In all probability new models for durable consumers goods, and notably automobiles, will appear earlier this year, probably in the late summer or fall and this plus the fact that they may be better-priced or that greater values may be offered to the ultimate consumer should stimulate sales. An increase in the demand for durable consumers goods is bound to have a pronounced effect on a number of other industries such as steel, certain types of textiles, glass, etc., with favorable repercussions throughout the economy.

2—In the summer months construction of homes, office buildings and public works should reach a high level and this in turn will create a considerable demand for raw materials and labor and hence increase purchasing power in the hands of ultimate consumers.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

Business activity is bound to be influenced by the measures already taken by the government and those contemplated for the immediate future. The credit policies of the Reserve authorities in the last few months have undergone a radical change, with the result that not only have money rates decreased materially but also the availability of bank credit has increased.

The elimination of the excess profits tax as well as the reduction of personal

income taxes by about 10 per cent will increase the disposable income in the hands of the people. Moreover, the prospective reduction in excise taxes will have the effect of a reduction in prices on a number of commodities. In addition, the Administration has recommended important changes in the Housing Act not only to stimulate construction of new homes but also the modernization of older houses, in Social Security and has made preparations to speed up public works if this should be needed. The President has further indicated that if business activity fails to improve the Administration will take all measures at its disposal in order to stimulate business activity and prevent a material increase in unemployment. One may expect that if business by the summer or early fall is not improved additional steps will be taken by the Federal government to stimulate business activity.

An important intangible factor in this connection is the confidence of business, investors and consumers that the Administration measures presently contemplated and those under consideration will be effective not only in preventing a worsening of business but will stimulate those dynamic forces now operating in the economy. This confidence of business is reflected in the plans for large-scale capital expenditures, the confidence of investors is reflected in their absorption of the sizable volume of new private and public flotations, and the confidence of the consumer is reflected in the continued high level of demand for housing and consumer goods.

CONCLUSION

The boom which set in in 1941 came to an end in the middle of 1953. The downward readjustment in which the economy of the United States now finds itself was long expected and did not come as a surprise to any student of business. The decline in industrial production so far has averaged about 10 per cent and any decrease that may take place from the present level is bound to be minor. However, since inventories are still large and a further reduction in installment credit is to be expected, and since any transition from a sellers' to a buyers' market is painful, the assumption that an upswing will take place in the spring or early summer does not appear to be warranted.

In all likelihood the overall level of business activity will remain at about its present level or even moderately lower during the next few months with a real upturn to be expected only later on in the year.

In spite of the decline in business activity and the increase in unemployment a pessimistic attitude must not be adopted about the future. Not only is the

economy sound but there is also a great pent-up demand for public works and the construction industry promises to be at a higher level in 1954 than prevailed in 1953. Capital expenditures by corporations for plant and equipment will remain at a high level and according to the estimates of the Department of Commerce may be only by four per cent smaller in 1954 than in 1953.

When the upturn sets in, the pattern of business will not resemble the one which prevailed from 1946 to the middle of 1953. The pent-up demand created by the war has been met. The productive capacity of the country is 50 per cent greater than it was at the end of 1945 and family formations during the last two years have been smaller than the number of homes erected.

The economy of the United States will continue to grow based on the increase in population, the rise in the standard of living and the decentralization movement which creates a new mode of life and new demands for all kinds of goods and services. The economy of the United States of the future is bound to be highly dynamic, based on the huge expenditures for research by industry and government.

Competition is bound to be keen, perhaps keener than ever before. While there is reason to look to the future with a great deal of confidence, now perhaps more than ever before is the time for industry and trade to adopt measures which will lead to lower costs of production and distribution. The high-cost producer in the future is not likely to fare well. The low-cost producer and distributor, on the other hand, will continue to grow and prosper with the economic growth of the country.

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Lansing Lodge No. 196, by resolution regularly adopted, and with full approbation of its Past Exalted Rulers' Assn., takes pride and pleasure in presenting Benjamin F. Watson for consideration of the delegates to the 1954 Grand Lodge Convention as a candidate for the post of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight.

Exalted Ruler of his lodge in 1937-38, Brother Watson progressed rapidly in Michigan Elk affairs, and was elected President of his State Association in 1943.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 1943 to 1946 when he was elected for a five year term to the Grand Forum whose Chief Justice he was in 1950-51. In 1952-53, Brother Watson was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee.

Lansing Lodge warmly endorses Brother Watson as being eminently suited to the important post of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James was guest of honor at the Opening of the 34th Annual Elks National Bowling Assn. Tournament in Toledo, Ohio, rolling the first ball to start play. On this occasion, the Assn.'s Pres., Edward F. Klecka, right, presented to Mr. James, center, a \$1,000 check for a Permanent Benefactors Certificate in the Elks National Foundation. Looking on are Toledo Trustee Fred Lees, General Chairman of the Tournament, left, with the Assn.'s Treas., Joseph F. Krizek, second from left, and Secy., Edgar N. Quinn, fourth from left.

Mountain artist Ralph DeGaynor; using a spray gun, he painted a landscape scene which was completed and framed in time to be presented to Mr. James before the dinner ended. Before the dinner, Mr. James visited the local Veterans Hospital where the Elks presented a program for the patients.



Grand Exalted Ruler James arrived in Toledo, Ohio, on Thursday, March 4th, for a weekend visit. He was greeted at Municipal Airport by Elks and Civic Officials, including Mayor Ollie Czelusta who presented Mr. James with Toledo's traditional glass key to the city. Among the prominent Elks in the delegation were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, Sr., and Toledo Lodge E.R. Edward J. McCormick, Jr. Mr. James was honored at a dinner given that evening by **TOLEDO LODGE NO. 53**. The next day the Grand Exalted Ruler conferred with State and District Officials and on Saturday he opened the Elks National Bowling Assn. Tournament.

On March 10th, the prominent Oklahoma City Attorney was received by President Eisenhower in the Executive Office at the White House. Mr. James was accompanied by Senator Robert S. Kerr, who nominated him for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, and Representative Tom Steed, both from Oklahoma, and Special District Deputy Ambrose Durkin who represented the Grand Exalted Ruler at the White House Conference on Traffic Safety in February. The eventful day included visits to Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland of California and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon; Mr. James was also admitted to practice law before the Bar of the United States Supreme Court at a ceremony witnessed by Brothers Kerr and

Durkin. That evening the Grand Exalted Ruler was honored at a banquet given by **WASHINGTON, D.C., LODGE NO. 15**. Among those in attendance were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, Special District Deputy Ambrose Durkin, Past Exalted Rulers John D. Fitzgerald, Philip U. Gayaut, Francis B. Myers, Rosell T. Pickrel, Past District Deputies A. J. Kessinger and Edward Dove, Secretary of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association.



The following week, on March 16th, Grand Exalted Ruler James visited **FREDERICK, MARYLAND, LODGE NO. 684**. He was accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Howard R. Davis and Robert S. Barrett, Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Charles Hawthorne and Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Lee A. Donaldson. Exalted Ruler Arthur Mason presided at the luncheon in honor of Mr. James, which was attended by his party and officers of Huntington Lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

MAY 1-2	Pascagoula, Miss. State Convention
14	Asheville, N.C.
15	Birmingham, Ala., State Elks Assoc. banquet
17	Kingsport, Tenn., luncheon; Bristol, Tenn., banquet; informal visits to Johnson City, Elizabethton, Tenn.
18	Greenville, Tenn., luncheon; Oak Ridge, Tenn., banquet; informal visits to Knoxville, Morristown, Tenn.
19	Chattanooga, Tenn., banquet
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
JUNE 4	Tillamook, Ore., State Convention
10	Idaho Falls, Idaho State Convention
18	Yakima, Wash. State Convention

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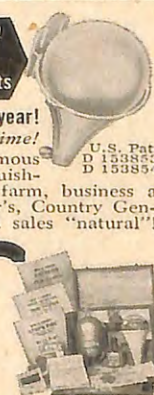
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90th Convention

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members, for reports of the benevolent work of the Elks National Foundation, Elks National Service Commission, the Youth Activities Committee and State Associations Committee. Most Valuable Student Scholarships, Youth Leadership awards and prizes in other contests will be presented then.

On that same day a Beach Day entertainment has been scheduled in Santa Monica; Harbor Day events at Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors, and a tour of South Coast beaches including Huntington Beach, Newport, Balboa, Laguna Beach and the Mission of San Juan Capistrano. The return trip will be through the beautiful orange, lemon, walnut and avocado groves.

Visitors will find busses, and private cars with drivers, available for the trip of their choice.

The Convention Committee has arranged, also, for tours of Hollywood and the homes of movie stars. Tickets will be available for those who wish to visit television and radio performances.

Another Wednesday entertainment highlight will be horse racing at beautiful Hollywood Park, one of America's finest tracks. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate Convention visitors.

The Grand Lodge Convention will close with the business session Thursday morning July 8 when the Grand Exalted Ruler and the corps of officers for the

year 1945-55 will be formally installed.

Ritualistic teams will compete in the ballroom of the Alexandria Hotel, Fifth and Spring streets, Los Angeles, within 10 minutes from nearly all hotels.

Drill team contests will be run off in colorful Lafayette Park, where bleachers will be erected for spectators. There will be contests for bands, glee clubs and quartets with prizes awarded by the local Committee.

Hawaii Elks have arranged a post-Convention excursion that will include all points of interest in their beautiful Islands. For information on schedules and rates write the Los Angeles Convention Committee, 607 South Parkview street, Los Angeles 57.

Mangrum the Magician

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involved in newspaper controversies with other golfers and tournament management, but found the experience painful. Now Mangrum passes off attempts to draw him out, courteous but remote. His golf game has almost a flip touch, it is so casual. While others tear their hair and develop all known varieties of the golfing "yips", there is good reason why Mangrum takes the whole thing in easy stride. "After Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge," he has said to a friend, "knocking a small ball around the grass hardly seems worth worrying about."

Even among the high-rolling pros, who'll bet you on anything from gin-rummy to the direction the wind will shift, Mangrum stands out as a gambling man. Given the proper odds, he'll accept almost any challenge. George S. May, the effervescent Chicago millionaire who promotes Tam O'Shanter, once laid Mangrum \$3000 at 4-1 that he couldn't birdie the toughest hole on his Niles, Ill., course. Losing that wager, May then put \$2500 on the line that Lloyd couldn't tie or beat the Tam record of 63 strokes *under tournament conditions*. "He was all over Cook County in his first round—shot a 72," says May in awed tones. "Next day, he went 31-32 with four pressure birdies on the last five holes for a 63. After that, I stopped betting with the guy." The essence of Mangrum's game is that he bears down the way a Las Vegas card-shark turns a hole-card ace—just when you think it can't happen. Nobody "reads" a golf course better than Man-

grum. At the 36-hole halfway mark of a tourney, when he is pacing himself and still studying wind, turf conditions and placement of his shots, his name usually is well down the scoring list. Cary Middlecoff calls Mangrum "Whirlaway" for the manner in which he comes flying in the stretch to upset the leaders—"The kind of a finish," as Middlecoff puts it, "that gives the rest of the boys goose-flesh around the heart. The way he closes at the wire, I figure he's using either benzedrine or a battery."

Nevertheless, "The Human Five-Iron", as the Texan is known for his unsurpassed pitching ability, is a study in languid relaxation. He is a trim, debonair fellow with a world-weary expression and distinguished flecks of grey in his thick, wavy-black hair who never hurries, never frets. He is immensely popular with galleries. Kids love him because he throws them his used balls—will empty his bag if they persist. Women find his Anthony Eden mustache devastating and feel he could play a suave D'Artagnan in the movies.

HE IS the most rigidly disciplined figure in golf. During a Phoenix match, a woman broke through the ropes as he was studying an eight-foot putt worth \$2,000 if he sank it. "Autograph, please!" she piped brightly.

Everyone braced for an explosion. "In just a moment," Mangrum replied quietly. He turned, dropped the ball, then signed her scorecard without comment. Another time, an addled photographer

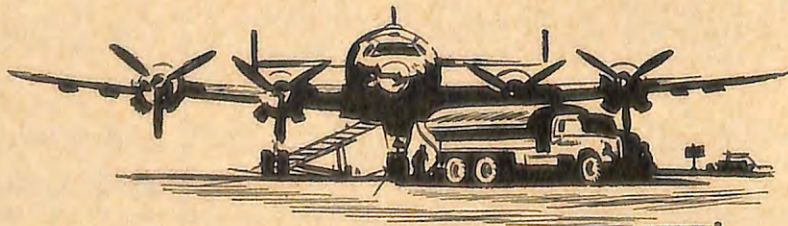
flashed a bulb in his face as he was driving.

"Anybody else would have bent a brassie around the guy's neck," snorts Jim Ferrier. "I know I would. But The Mustache just asked him very polite-like not to do it again. The drive? Well, it spliced the alley about 260 yards out. Nothing bothers that weird Mangrum but Mangrum."

The case of the "\$100,000 bug" is held up by PGA historians as one of the most hideous mishaps of all time. In the 1950 U.S. Open, after a 287-stroke tie with Hogan and George Fazio, a bitter play-off resulted. There is a distinct coolness bordering on feud proportions between Bantam Benny and Mangrum. At the 17th hole, Hogan was one-up, but feeling the heat of a typical Mangrum finish, Fazio was out of it. At that point, a small, green bug with only 150 acres of course to settle on parked atop Mangrum's ball and—from habit—he picked it up to blow the insect away. At once, a USGA official called a two-stroke penalty.

Under PGA rules, wiping the ball is permissible, but in this, a United States Golf Association affair, the pellet is sacrosanct. There was a yell of protest from Mangrum's backers in the crowd of 10,000. At least a small tantrum was indicated from a man skewered by a million-to-one bad break. But Mangrum merely said, "Read me the rule." Then he had it read again. "Fair's fair," he replied. "Your shot, Hogan."

Blowing a chance at \$100,000, the



minimum an open championship is worth in cash and cashable prestige, has ruined many a golfer for future competition. Yet at the end of the 1951 season Mangrum was still Mangrum—cool, detached, the steady par-breaker in golf. His \$26,088 won led the money list and his 70.05 stroke-average won the Vardon Trophy.

Any Mangrum biographer runs into an unbudgeting obstacle. He dislikes the spotlight to the point of hiding from reporters. Diffident and one of the hardest personalities to fathom in sports, a mystery even to many of his brother pros, he refers most inquiries to his wife, Elita. A tall, handsome woman, who married Lloyd in 1934 when he was poor, she says, "He may be on the reserved side, but, then, he isn't in a sociable line of work. Lloyd looks calm, but he fights his nerves as much as anybody. I think it would help him to blow up when things are going badly. I'd understand if he snapped my head off. But in 20 years he's never spoken an angry word to me."

After a match, Mangrum bypasses the usual gay whirl and flowing bourbon of the clubhouse. Elita has a hot toddy waiting. They dine quietly at their hotel and by 9 p.m. he gets his 39-year-old legs to bed—the reason he has lasted 18 years in the most nerve-shattering of vocations.

Not many years ago the Mangrums didn't have the price of a decent set of matched clubs for Lloyd. Today they

own California beach apartment houses, one valued at \$150,000, a radio-appliance store, part of a producing Texas oil well and are building a \$50,000 home at Apple Valley, California. "Ma," says Lloyd, his pet name for his wife, "has all the business brains. She runs the show. I make it and she invests it."

A WORKHORSE himself, Mangrum's measure of a pro is how often he steps up and wins in day-in-and-out, body-fagging play over all types of courses in all sorts of weather. Last August he was honed down to 145 pounds when he faced a 23-foot chip shot from the back fringe of the final hole in the Tam All-American. A chip and two putts would tie him with Snead at 278 strokes. An approach and one putt would win \$3400. Typically, Mangrum had the pin pulled. He went boldly for the cup. The ball hopped twice and rolled in.

A golf maxim as old as "replace all divots" is: "Never copy another man's swing." Yet the slender Mangrum's game in large part is an amalgam of Horton Smith's classic putting, Johnny Revolta's short-iron technique, Walter Hagen's controlled hook off the tee—stars he caddied for and deliberately set out to mimic when he was a kid of 10 in Dallas, Texas. Then, Lloyd was chasing every loose dime and quarter he could spot. His somewhat frozen personality is the result of family hardship plus a record unusual even in the PGA. Man-



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The Elks Magazine again was honored by having an article selected for one of the Annual Awards of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The Honor Certificate Award this year was to Garrett Underhill whose article, "Russia Can Produce", appeared in our March 1953 issue. Each year Freedoms Foundation selects articles, speeches, editorials, sermons, etc., which, in the opinion of the Foundation, best further the American Democratic way of life.

grum lived an insecure, gypsy boyhood. He drove cabs and worked as a night-club bouncer to earn greens fees. He went hungry hitch-hiking to his early tournaments and spent seven shabby, hopeless years trying to win his first professional purse. He was 27 before he won anything important—the 1941 Atlantic City Open. Five years and an assortment of harsh setbacks later, he teed off in the United States Open with just enough money scraped together to pay his entry fee—"a success after I won it," he wryly remarks, "when my life was nearly half over."

HIS FIRST remembered home was a small farm in Trenton, Texas. He was born there August 1, 1914—the day the Kaiser's troops invaded France. Thirty years later, not far from that point, a Nazi sniper was to shoot Mangrum full of holes. Lloyd's family farmed, improvidently. When he was five or six, they moved to Dallas. Shortly, he was on his own. "Just put it I never got to high school," he says briefly. "From the time I was 14, I supported myself."

An older brother, Ray, later was to gain considerable fame as a touring pro. Employed at the Cliff-Dale Country Club in Dallas, he landed Lloyd his first caddy job. Texas incubation of links kings and queens is one of the most remarkable circumstances in sports. At about the same time Mangrum was shanking his first approaches at Cliff-Dale, Fort Worth was producing Hogan and Byron Nelson, at Houston was coming up Jimmy Demaret and from the general area appeared Ralph Guldahl, Jack Burke, Jr., Babe Didrikson, Betsy Rawls and Betty Jameson. Mangrum credits much of the phenomenon to prevailing high winds. When you've grown up socking a ball into the teeth of a Texas gale, mastering the art of boring it low and under tricky cross-breezes, coping with wind and rain on the putting greens, you have a weather eye acclimated to the worst conditions a roving pro can meet.

But Mangrum was a maverick Texan—he lagged far behind the others. At 16 he was in Los Angeles, caddying at Sunset Fields. He worked endlessly on accuracy of his shots, the only answer to his inability to power the ball out of sight. At 19 and 20 he was making a dollar by playing pick-up games at \$15 and \$20 a side with low-handicap amateurs, deliberately putting himself under the toughest pressure. For if Mangrum lost, he didn't eat. He won enough of the time to enter his first major tourney—the Southern California Open of 1936—and placed sixth. Willie Hunter, the victor, won \$1,100. After entry and caddie fees, Mangrum had \$23 left of a \$45 purse. The next year he ventured onto the Gold Dust trail. Shellacked at all stops, he went broke, had to return to California and rustle up a job.

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I earnestly hope, and I expect, that the 1,680 Elks Lodges will be leaders in Know Your America Week for the protection and the preservation of our wonderful American heritage.

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EARL E. JAMES
GRAND EXALTED RULER

in PGA ranks get blunt advice from Mangrum when they seek him out. "How's your stomach?" he asks. "Think it can get along on black coffee and bakery buns for a week at a stretch? Can you sleep in an open car all night and play under-par golf the next day? Would you hock your watch, your luggage, everything but your clubs, to get to the next tournament, if you had to beg a ride?" If the eager candidate is single, under 25, tough, determined and demented enough to answer yes to the questions, Mangrum tells him to give the pro game a fling—with the understand-

ing the odds are at least 1,000-1 he won't last six months. "There are 5,000,000 golfers in this country," he says. "About ten or 12 of them average \$10,000 or more a year as pros. Maybe 15-20 more make expenses. After that, it's ulcers, unpaid bills and mooching handouts."

Mangrum had to mooch. Coming out of the west to his first St. Paul, Minn., Open in 1938, he played with a set of mongrel clubs, the irons mismatched and the woods an ancient patch job. He had \$50 in his pocket at the meet's start. When it ended, Mangrum was 34th in the field. An unknown, he couldn't dig

up meal money or fare to the next PGA meet. "What do I do now?" he asked Scotty Chisholm, the oldtime Scottish announcer and golf writer. Chisholm looked him over cannily. "Well, you could quit."

"Quit!" flared Mangrum. "I can beat those guys. All I need is time!"

A fine case of shrieking nerves was the trouble; he was beating himself. Mangrum would go par, par, birdie, par . . . then would pitch or hook himself into trouble and take six or seven strokes recovering. He'd brood over the one slip. His concentration would waver, another error would result and he'd blow himself out of the running. The solution came hard. He had to grow into the philosophic concept that in every round he should fully expect to miss five to six shots. He told himself to count on that many blunders. When he hit the rough or a bad trap, he told himself to shrug, "Well, that's one I expected to miss. And I'll probably miss four or five more." A great many players see this logic. Few can make it work for them. Walter Hagen did. Mangrum did, too, and thus beat tension, the killing curse of tournament golf. By 1942 he had won Opens at Atlantic City and New Orleans, the Inverness Four-Ball with Lawson Little and earned some part of the cash pot in 28 of 34 PGA medal-play meets. On the verge of crashing through into the big chips in 1943, Mangrum was called into the Army.

Mangrum, a man who fought the Hitlers in a fierce, blind fury, was two years in Europe and many months attached to 90th Reconnaissance, the spearhead of its division. The price was terrible. Lloyd's platoon had five lieutenants killed. He—a corporal—and a buddy were the only two enlisted men surviving from their original outfit on VE-Day. In a skirmish outside Frankfurt, a concealed sniper killed the recon lieutenant. Somebody screamed off to the right and Mangrum, who has a defective hearing in his right ear, turned his head to locate the sound. At the moment a bullet drilled through the back of his helmet, the slight turning being just enough to save his life. Moments later another G.I. was hit in a ditch across the road from Mangrum. Sliding out after him, Lloyd was shot through the shoulder and lower leg. "I don't remember how long I laid there," he says. "But I sure figured it was the finish."

Later, in the push on Berlin, Lloyd stopped a couple of pieces of shrapnel with his chin. An ex-90th officer reports that he refused to go to an aid station, remaining in combat for the next six straight days.

The wounds were but minor annoyances compared to the catastrophe of Fontainebleau. Forced to drive without lights, he overturned his jeep. Bones were shattered in his upper left arm and shoulder. He was clapped into a cast from neck to waist. Six dark months in

a hospital healed the bones but left the delatoid muscles so damaged that doctors informed him he'd never hit another golf ball. Removing the cast, they were delighted he was able to move the arm at all. Mangrum had hoarded a few precious golf balls through all the cannonading. He took leave in the Bavarian hills, exercised daily. Eventually was able to move his arm in a slow arc. But when he tried to swing a club the pain made him gasp.

A NUMBER of close to incredible things have happened since Mangrum came home from the battlefield in 1946. Last fall in the \$25,000 All-America tournament—his special dish—a crackling electric storm drove fans from the course. Other pros soared into the high 70's, but Mangrum made birdies chirp with a 71. Along with earlier rounds of 69-68, he added a final 67 to take one of the year's prized pokes—13 under par over one of the world's toughest courses against the worst weather.

In 1949, Ben Hogan was at his best, sweeping 10 PGA events in a row. As defending champion, he seemed to have the Los Angeles Open—called "Hogan's Alley"—in his pocket. Mangrum scored a placid 72 the first round. Then, in a pelting hailstorm that spoiled most other scores, he lashed out an astonishing 66 to embarrass Hogan. "Ben was never greater than," points out golfer Lew Worsham. "Yet Lloyd knocked him off on Hogan's favorite course, 284 strokes to 292."

All of this, however, is begged by the slim Texan's return from Fontainebleau after the war, wherein he faced the inevitable question: was he still a golfer or should he heed medical advice and find other work in support of his family? Mangrum's wife, Elita, (they have three children) cast a decisive vote. Had she wavered, says Lloyd, he'd have called it quits. Scoffing at his worries, Elita packed him off. He played those first comeback holes in painful recognition that the galleries were pulling for a Purple Heart wearer and that he couldn't deliver for them. His arm ached dully. Worse than that, because of his limited swing, he was hitting 220-yard pop drives and was bereft of his special skill with the irons. Much as he struggled against it, he was compensating for the injury by letting his right side do too much of the work. Now and then one of his bleeding-heart fans—usually a woman—could be seen praying for him as he faced a shot. "Mangrum," remembers Cary Middlecoff, "was like a ghost walking. He knew exactly what to do—and couldn't do it. Hours after a tournament was over, you'd see him on Maniac Hill (the practice green) trying to get back his touch."

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Where most experts stress grip and paying close attention to the line of the putt, Lloyd is unconcerned with both. "It's simply like pitching coins," he puts it. "You have to swing the ball up to the hole, not hit it up. I always try to make my backward and forward strokes the same length, except for short putts when I don't take as much front stroke as I do back stroke. And line of the putt isn't nearly as important as distance. Any time you 3-putt a green, it isn't because you're at one side or the other, but because you're short or over. Distance is everything—and you get the right distance by learning just how much swing to take, exactly as in pitching coins to a line."

But putts wouldn't fall for Mangrum. Just making ends meet by patronizing the cheap motels and quick-lunch counters, he came to the U.S. Open at Cleveland's Canterbury Country Club in June of '46. Byron Nelson, Hogan and Demaret were the wide favorites. Sam Snead and Charlie Harper were currently hot and contending. No one mentioned Mangrum as even a possibility. However, at the end of the 62nd hole, it was the lean corporal who pressed the pace-setting stars, Nelson and Vic Ghezzi. The 63rd hole at Canterbury remains the most critical Mangrum ever played.

The squint-eyed Nelson, as great a clutch-playing golfer as ever spit on his hands, drove 290 yards down the middle. Ghezzi was almost as long. Trying to match them, Lloyd pulled his tee shot out of bounds for a two-stroke penalty. Then he underhit his approach to be short in four strokes and topped his fifth to wind up about as far from the cup as was possible on the gigantic green. His ball was 75 feet from the cup.

"Why bother?" spoke up someone in the crowd as Mangrum studied the putt. On an undulating green, he was two, maybe three, putts from holing out. That would put him five down to Nelson and four to Ghezzi with only nine holes remaining—in short, *kaput*.

Using his "Blue Goose" putter, a light, aluminum-headed model. The Moustache "swung" his putt across the carpet. The ball slid off two hillocks, sped into the cup, leaped upward a good foot and plopped back in for one of the most fantastic pressure shots ever seen

exotic wickedness that the English love are forever cemented to the name and legend of Captain William Kidd. It has taken two hundred years to dispel this wonderful, theatrical illusion and learn the truth about the man and his truly pathetic fate. Much too late to save his life; too late even to salvage his slandered reputation. For reputations, such as his, all undeserved though they may be, have become indelibly ground into the very texture of Anglo-Saxon folklore

Your Statement of Dues

A number of Lodge Secretaries have written to us that the form of the Statement of Dues adopted by our Order several years ago is not generally understood. They mention that some members mistake the phrase: "Annual Dues include the sum of one dollar for your subscription to The Elks Magazine" to mean that they must include an extra dollar for the Magazine when remitting dues.

We would like to remind all members that the amount which they are to remit to the Lodge Secretary is the amount shown on the dues statement—no more, and no less. If any member remits a different total than given on the statement, he complicates a procedure that was designed originally to be very simple and involve a minimum of detail bookkeeping.

As you may know, Section 15 of Article III of the Order's Constitution sets forth how the cost of publishing your Magazine is to be met by providing that the Grand Lodge shall assess upon each member annual dues to cover the expense of publishing and distributing the national journal. It has been ruled that your Magazine

must be published monthly, that a copy of each issue must be mailed as a paid-up subscription to each member, and that each Lodge is responsible for the collection and transmission of the per capita assessment.

This section is carried into effect, as we mentioned, very simply. On April 1st of each year, your lodge remits to the Grand Lodge one dollar for each member on the lodge roster. And then, when you pay your lodge dues, which include the dollar for your Magazine, your lodge is automatically reimbursed for your share of the publication cost.

If we were making a story of this, there would be more to tell. We could point out, for instance, that your Magazine has turned back to the Grand Lodge for the Order's outstanding benevolences a total of six million dollars of surplus earnings. But our sole purpose here is to help the busy lodge Secretaries collect dues in the most direct and least involved manner, and so may we emphasize again that our members are expected to remit to their lodges exactly the amount billed on the Statement of Dues.

in the Open. It gave Mangrum a bogey six and a fighting chance.

Nelson and Ghezzi, having to re-adjust their thinking to include a player they'd written off as a threat, slipped over par. They finished with 284's. So did Mangrum. In the play-off over 18 holes, all three turned in par 72's. The first double play-off in modern Open history now was necessary; three worn, gray-lipped golfers walked out the next morning to settle it.

Dark clouds scudding off nearby Lake Erie brought light rain, then a thunderstorm, to Canterbury. Nelson and Ghezzi shot cautious under-par 34's the first nine. Mangrum, out to decide it before he collapsed, gambled and fell behind, 3-down at the 13th. One of the games of comebacks seemed finished.

Then a fury broke loose above. The gallery scattered as lightning split a tree. The rain was a solid sheet. Greens be-

came invisible and the sky seemed to shake. Mangrum, the G.I. who'd known the real thing, looked up at the lightning and—as witnesses insist—laughed. He birdied the 483-yard 13th, the 14th, the 15th. He walked to the 615-yard 16th with the impossible within his grasp. A friend clutched his arm. "Lloyd, for heaven's sake, play it safe!"

Mangrum didn't. He put every ounce of his power into a drive that matched the others. He hit a tremendous long-iron over a yawning trap. Then he pitched close and impassively ran down a 10-foot birdie putt. At the final green, Nelson threw up his hands. Mangrum blasted from a sand-trap to 40 feet from the cup, boldly played for the pin, stopped six feet away and then tapped in the clincher. He was the Open Champion of the country by one stroke.

The corporal from Fontainebleau had come all the way back.

Captain Kidd

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and can never be removed. And yet in many ways the reality makes a much better and more convincing tale than any fictionalized account. Debunked folklore is often drab, but not in the case of Captain Kidd. His story gains in the translation from legend to fact.

The turn of the century, from the sixteenth hundreds to the seventeenth hundreds, was a turbulent milestone in English history, and a fatal one in the career of Kidd, until that time one of its least ex-

alted characters. William III, by the Grace of God, King of a far from United Kingdom, Protector of a passionately divided Faith, etc., perched uneasily upon a wobbly throne. Dutch husband of English Mary, he had come by accident of marriage to an alien crown. Protestant successor to Catholic James II, he had a far from popular mandate from the British people to support his claims. There were troubles in Scotland, in Ireland, within England itself—to say noth-

ing of a chronic war on the continent against the French. Revolt at home, wars abroad, every kind of religious and political disunion everywhere coupled with a wrung-out treasury made this king's lot a far from happy one. Then, to cap it all, Mary, his wife and most valid reason for his title, died.

These were dark days for England, but there was the glimmer of brighter times ahead. English sailors had broken the Portuguese monopoly in the East and learned the long perilous route around Africa and on to the teeming wealth of India. The French had gotten there, too, so that the Anglo-French wars in Europe found their counterpart in the Far East, just as they did in their rival colonies in the wildernesses of the New World. Both European powers jockeyed for the favor of the all powerful Great Mogul, Moslem ruler of India.

SO MATTERS STOOD when rumors came whispering from the distant East. Straggling sailors found their way back to British ports with lurid tales of happenings on the far off African Coast, by Madagascar on the sea lane to India and even in the Indian Ocean and Red Sea. Piracy of no trivial kind had showed its ugly head. Presumably with every pot of beer these seaborne tales became more and more lurid. Rumor gave way to certainty when a full throat howl of protest rose from no other than the Great Mogul himself. His own ships were being pillaged—and by English pirates. A tall ship well loaded with pilgrims and their offering bound from India to Mecca had been intercepted and stripped. Before very long gold pieces from Far Eastern mints, and exotic jewels began to appear, as though in confirmation, in the longshore taprooms of England and the American Colonies. Rumor became more specific. Captain Avery, the notorious pirate, had picked the Indian Ocean as his happy hunting ground. Avery, so the story spread, had even captured the daughter of the Great Mogul and taken her for wife, as well as fabulous treasure in gold and jewels. He had even established himself as a pirate king on the island of Madagascar where he ruled a flourishing pirate kingdom. A Portuguese shipping gazette ran a story about how a fleet of Portuguese ships of the line had stumbled on this very hornet's nest and had made an attack that cost them every ship but the one which had limped home with the news. Whatever was going on was no small scale venture. It was piracy clearly enough and it was big, well organized and formidable.

Then, another more ominous letter from the Great Mogul—an ultimatum this time. Part of his extensive harem, bound Meccawards with pious intent and well loaded with treasures, had been taken. Pirates had made off with girls, gold and ship all at one fell swoop. This was too much. Unless the King of England put an end to such outrages—and

right speedily—he, the Great Mogul, would send his army against the British in India and drive them into the sea.

King William, bereaved and bothered at every turn, summoned his council and deliberated. The Great Mogul might be a coffee-colored heathen, but he was indecently rich, undeniably powerful and notoriously ill-tempered. He meant business and they knew it. But the Treasury was empty, there was a war on with France and Parliament wouldn't vote any money for such a far-flung venture; but something had to be done or goodbye to Britain's golden vision flickering in the East. Such a farewell, King William knew, would be his own recession. And there was no accurate or trustworthy information about all the piracies. Perhaps this yarn about Avery, the pirate king, was really true. If so, how powerful was he? Should they send a fleet and break it up, or send an ambassador and make an alliance. It all depended on what this shadowy menace on the Indian Trade Route really was. Nobody knew.

The Right Honorable Richard, Earl of Bellomont, came out with the solution which answered all requirements. He was a favorite of the King's and a loyal and trusted councilor. He was, furthermore, a practical politician and a wealthy man—and had every intention of continuing that way. This was a time for private enterprise, Business men should take over where Government refused to tread. Bellomont proposed a semi-official scheme that would disembarass the King in his relations with the Great Mogul and at the same time return a nice percentage on the investment. King William was to contribute three thousand pounds out of his own pocket, Bellomont, Robert Livingston and several other financiers would get together the rest of the necessary capital and they would all together form a kind of private piratical highjacking company. They would buy and outfit a suitable private warship and dispatch it under a trusted captain to the scene of the trouble in the Indian Ocean, Red Sea and thereabouts for the express purpose of pillaging pirates, "and otherwise annoying them," as it was quaintly phrased. The Great Mogul could regard this as a punitive expedition—and it would be—but better than that it was practical, for all the booty taken would be divided among the original stockholders in the venture. King William, by commissioning the expedition's captain, would lend official flavor to the enterprise.

In a word, it was a business proposition pure and simple. The only trouble was it was not especially pure and as events turned out became very far from simple. But this was the way out of a narrow corner for William; he had a Dutch nose for dividends anyway, so he accepted.

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liability than William Kidd, then master of a packet ship running scheduled voyages, passenger and freight, between New York and Plymouth, England. He was in Plymouth just then and available. The noble gentlemen who made up Crown, Bellomont & Co., piratical high-jackers, knew as much about Kidd as nobility could be expected to know about humble sailormen. William Kidd, born in Greenock, near Glasgow, son of a Presbyterian minister, had used the sea for most of his 44 years. He was a middle-sized, slightly built man whose naturally swarthy complexion had been rendered several shades swarthier by repeated voyages in the West Indies, where he had won a comfortable fortune as commander of a successful privateer during the wars. He had a snug and established home on Liberty St. in New York where he lived between voyages with his wife and infant daughter. In the judgment of the noble lords this was just the man to command their expedition.

A year later William Kidd on the quarter deck of the "Adventure Galley" sailed from Plymouth. There were two royal commissions in his pocket, one authorizing him to prey upon pirates and the other authorizing him to prey on French ships should he chance to meet with any, for there was the usual war on with France. The "Adventure Galley" had been outfitted and equipped especially for this kind of work. She carried thirty guns and a crew of eighty men, all hand-picked for fighting quality. But pirating on pirates required more than the usual compliment of men. The idea, like piracy itself, was to capture intact by boarding and hand-to-hand combat; just battering each other to bits by long range cannonade had no appeal or point when booty

was the object of the whole transaction anyway. So Captain Kidd steered for New York to pick up more men. There he increased his crew to one hundred and fifty-five, and sailed for the Indies.

The Earl of Bellomont advanced politically and became the new governor of New York, where he replaced a man named Fletcher who was under a cloud because of his familiarity with certain notorious pirates. Fletcher was known to have entertained at his home none other than the notorious Captain Thomas Tew of Rhode Island, a piratical character that Kidd had been especially commissioned to catch. Bellomont, as Fletcher's political rival, became quite outspoken and self-righteous about people in high places who had truck with pirates.

FOR more than a year nothing at all was heard from Kidd, or the fortunes of the "Adventure Galley." But more and worse reports streamed constantly from the East about piratical depredations. The situation there instead of becoming better had become infinitely worse. More and more ships of the Great Mogul were taken, as well as those of all other nationalities, including English. The uproar went beyond the King and became subject for Parliamentary investigation. Parliament, which was never one hundred per cent behind King William, discovered that all sorts, kinds and conditions of men—many in high places—were secretly financing doubtful seafaring ventures. Then they nosed out the commissions granted to Captain Kidd and the fat was in the fire. It was really something for the King's not very loyal opposition to discover that the King himself held stock in the Kidd venture, along with many of his favorites and familiars.

From this it was only a step to assume that Kidd had turned pirate himself and was responsible for these outrages. Anyway, the King's political enemies felt secure in making such a scandalous assertion. It must be Kidd, and with the King's commissions in his pocket too.

Parliament now took a turn at the pirate problem by issuing an Act of Pardon for all pirates operating in the Indian Ocean or thereabouts who would surrender themselves before a certain specified date. Only two were excepted from this general pardon—Captains Avery and Kidd. This sort of thing had been done before in times of piratical stress and had worked—at least for a while. Pirates, when they heard that a general pardon was being offered, flocked to surrender themselves, receive their discharge papers (tear up their police records, as it were) and then felt quite free to go back to piracy with an easy conscience. But this time, and for political reason of the greatest moment, somebody had to hang and either Kidd or Avery would do.

In the tangle of rumor and political wish-fulfillment that enmeshed Captain Kidd from here on Captain Avery played an important part. Avery was an Englishman known to have attained some success as a pirate in East Indian waters and known also to have plundered a ship of the Great Mogul. This had in turn captured popular fancy in England. There was a play written about him and his fabled career that had an excellent run in the London theaters. It was called "The Successful Pirate" and was his alleged biography. But the sober truth of the matter was that he was dead at the time the Act of Pardon was issued. Moreover, far from being a pirate king he had died a beggar in the streets of Biddleford.

Elks and Their Ladies Hold Get Together Party on Okinawa



Elks from twenty-one lodges and their ladies gathered in February for a social and get-acquainted party on the faraway island of Okinawa. This was the first time such a meeting has been held and Brother W. J. McDonnal, Walla Walla Lodge No. 287, was elected President pro tem and Alex George of Anchorage Lodge No. 1351, Secretary pro tem. Other similar dinner meetings will be held on the last Saturday of each month. Standing, left to right: James Stewart, Ventura, Calif.; Ernest Wich-

man, Manila, P.I.; Louis Holmes, Astoria, Ore.; Mrs. Thelma Reid; Smith Rhoden and Mrs. Rhoden, Cristobal, Canal Zone; Harry Booth, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. and John TenBrook, Astoria, Ore.; Tom Twohey, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Otto Davis; Mrs. Booth; Al Anderson, Salinas, Calif.; Mrs. Twohey; Mrs. Dick Linton; Lt. Burke, Alliance, Nebr.; Dick Linton, Port Angeles, Wash.; Bro. O'Sullivan, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. and Major Rodney Dexter, Junction City, Kans.; Capt. R. L. Stark, Plattsburg, N. Y.;

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Seated, left to right: Mrs. and Dwight Alvord, Ventura, Calif.; Mrs. Henry Rogers, Alameda, Calif.; Mrs. and Alex George, Anchorage, Alaska; Bill and Mrs. McDonnal, Walla Walla, Wash.; Major Bill and Mrs. Kennedy, Pa.; Harold J. Hart, Waukegan, Ill.; Miss Jameson; Mrs. Shiro, and Mrs. Stark. Truly a most enjoyable event.

near Bristol, and the diamonds he had stolen from the Great Mogul in turn had been stolen from him by a dishonest merchant. Too late in his career, Avery had come to realize that not all pirates are to be found on the high seas. But no one in England knew the truth about Avery until many years afterwards.

Then one day a truly astonishing thing happened in the port of New York. A small ship entered the harbor and at the helm was none other than the now notorious Captain Kidd, big as life and twice as natural. He had heard at Amboyna in the Dutch East Indies that he was declared a pirate and had returned to clear himself of the charges. He had with him a considerable treasure secured—so he claimed—under the commissions he carried, and also the registry papers of the ships he had taken as proof. All in all the expedition had not been a great success. The "Adventure Galley" had proved leaky and such a bad sailor she had to be abandoned; his crew were mutinous and hard to handle. The Earl of Bellomont had Kidd arrested instantly, his papers were seized and he was shipped at once to England to stand trial. Bellomont was itching to clear his political skirts of anything savoring of his part in the scandalous business. It is hard to imagine that if Kidd had really been a pirate he would have been so idiotically foolish as to surrender himself to certain death, but the popular opinion was that he trusted his noble friends to get him off and also that before landing in New York he had slipped ashore somewhere and buried a vast hoard of treasure he had not declared.

THE trial of Kidd at Old Bailey in London was a scandalous cause célèbre from the start—a compound political as well as judicial scandal that reeked in the nostrils of an England long accustomed to pungent justice. He faced a "hanging court," and there was never the slightest intimation from the onset that there would be any other outcome. Too many important people, including the King, were implicated; someone had to swing to appease the irate Great Mogul and save England's budding interests in India. Kidd was accused on the double count of Piracy and Murder. He told his story in full detail and it was neither very interesting nor very exciting. The "Adventure Galley" had met with, and taken, a number of prizes, but only one, the "Queda," merchantman, out of India, proved of any great value. They were all French or small-time pirate vessels. Kidd had shown the papers to prove this point to a number of people, but for some strange reason these alleged papers could not now be found. They had been turned over to Bellomont at the time of the arrest, but had subsequently vanished. The charge of piracy collapsed, unproven, so the court resorted to the charge of murder. Here the going was easier. The hard-bitten crew of the "Adventure Gal-

ley" had mutinied on several occasions. Disgusted with unsuccessful highjacking they wanted to go for piracy. Kidd had put down the various mutinies with no gentle hand, which was hardly a novelty in seafaring circles of the time. On one occasion he had killed the ship's gunner in an exchange of fisticuffs. Never before or since had anyone seriously questioned a captain's right to deal severely with mutiny, but Old Bailey did this time.

Kidd was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged. "Being moved and seduced by the Devil he (William Kidd) did make an assault in and upon William Moore upon the high seas with a certain wooden bucket, bound with iron hoops, of the value of eight pence, giving the said William Moore one mortal bruise of which the aforesaid William Moore did languish and die."

So Captain William Kidd was hanged with all solemnity at Execution Dock in London on the 23rd of May, 1701. His body wrapped in chains and dipped in asphalt creaked on a gibbet set up near Tilbury Dock for many years thereafter, ostensibly a warning to all mariners whose thoughts might stray toward piracy, but actually a reminder not to place one's faith in Princes. Even if Old Bailey could not make the charge of piracy against him stick, the general public certainly did. All the unexplained atrocities and piratical outrages in the East were ascribed to Captain Kidd and found voice in a street ballad which still is found in any anthology of sea songs. These ballads were the tabloid and sensational press of 18th Century London and exerted a profound popular influence.

As though in confirmation of the general impression of Kidd's large scale piracies, from this time on depredations in the Indian Ocean dwindled almost to nothing. There was never any question of the extent of piracies about the time of Kidd's presence in that part of the world; there was no question but that the trouble largely ceased with his death. Two and two appeared to make a wholly satisfactory four and solve a nasty political and diplomatic problem at the same time.

Fully a quarter of a century after Kidd's trial and execution another story trickled back to England from the enigmatic East. This explained in detail the real authors of the large scale piracies and the true account of the yarns about pirate kingdoms ascribed to Avery, but which could not have been of his doing. A solitary and grizzled survivor of one of the most bizarre and really unique social experiments of all time had finally found his way back to his native La Rochelle in France. The old sailor had with him the manuscript written by "Captain Misson," known to his men as "The Good Captain." It was the full account of the founding and the fate of the Utopian Democracy of Libertatia on the Island of Madagascar. This manuscript finally found its way to England and into the hands of Charles Johnson, the pirate his-

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torian, who published an excerpted account. But no one then linked the story with either the careers of Avery or Kidd, or gave it more than passing attention.

"Captain Misson's" real name is unknown. His was a princely family of France and he did not want them implicated. This young and idealistic Frenchman had joined with a renegade Italian monk named Carracioli, and the same Rhode Island Yankee, Thomas Tew, so well liked in the higher social levels of New York, to establish an ideal, philosophically perfect State on the Island of Madagascar. Basically it was a kind of maritime Robin Hood society depending upon well organized piracy; a robbing of the rich for the benefit of the poor. Misson provided the idealism and the military genius; Carracioli contributed the almost Machiavellian statecraft, and Captain Tew was the hardheaded business manager. Well organized and astutely managed by these three, Libertatia rose to a flourishing colony of more than two thousand people. They set up a fully representative government on democratic principles, with elected President and officers. Under the white banner, inscribed "A Deo a Libertate"—"For God for Liberty," there was no discrimination shown to race, color, creed or previous

condition of servitude. Libertatians were of all manner and kinds of men. They constructed dockyards, built a well-equipped pirate fleet, and such effective shore batteries that it was they who had nearly destroyed the Portuguese fleet. They had carefully codified laws, far in advance of anything then understood in Europe, schools that were free to all and printing presses. It was here, too, that so much of the Great Mogul's treasure found its way—and also his surplus wives. But all was maintained with the strictest secrecy. Literally no one in Europe knew of its existence. Libertatia was prospering when suddenly in a single night, without warning and from the least expected quarter, it was wiped out. They had taken every precaution against the outside world but never had considered the natives on Madagascar a menace. A single assault burned the colony to the ground and undid the work and planning of years. Carracioli was killed, Misson fled out to sea only to lose his life in shipwreck. Tew alone of the original three escaped and he made his way back to Rhode Island with a few survivors, only to lose his life in a minor piratical scrimmage shortly afterwards.

Unknown Libertatia was the death and damnation of Captain Kidd, and the mis-

placed glory of Avery, "the successful pirate" and perhaps worst failure of them all.

Two hundred years too late to save his life and much too late to salvage his reputation, the papers of the ships that Captain Kidd had taken were found in the Public Record Office in London. Kidd was right: all of the ships were lawful prizes under his commissions.

There is a ring of pathetic truth in Captain William Kidd's last words: "My Lords, it is a very hard sentence. For my part I am the innocentest person of them all, only I have been sworn against by perjured persons." As one of his contemporaries, more astute than most, expressed it, Kidd was, "Hanged by a dog-grel ballad, sung to a villainous tune."

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Because no time element is involved, we have held Mr. Woodbury's article for several months. In the meantime, in February, the Sunday afternoon television program "You Are There" also had the idea of exonerating Captain Kidd and devoted a program to the subject. However, believing that Mr. Woodbury has material that did not appear in the broadcast, and that many Elks Magazine readers did not see the TV program, we are running the article.

In the Doghouse

(Continued from page 36)

round. The dog's handler looks to its ears, teeth, nails, eyes and nose. The army is mighty particular how it keeps its purps. Fleas and other parasites external or internal are eliminated as much as possible. Dogs are given well balanced diets and with more scientific attention given to Army dog feeding than is usually accorded to the dinner pails of most house pets. Being war dogs they've got to be kept in good condition. Ordinarily the dog is given one meal a day but if his weight falls off he will get a supplemental meal of eggs, milk or cereal until he's back to normal. Dogs are never fed immediately before going to work or following vigorous exercise. Naturally, feeding procedures vary with the situations in which war dogs are employed. Under war time conditions, out where the shooting may be fast and furious or the patrols long and arduous, Fido has to take the same chances for his eatments as do his human fellow soldiers.

Where possible, the Army tries to select enlisted men to train as war dog trainers who have more than average understanding of how a dog's mind functions. Other requirements are a basic knowledge of the breed of dog and much more than average experience in feeding, kenneling, grooming and canine first aid to keep a dog in such physical condition as to assure maximum working efficiency. The principles of Army dog training are, to repeat, knowledge of how a dog's mind works, constant repetition of training exercises, recognition of the dog's

progress and patience. These are the same basic principles employed by all successful dog trainers, Army or civilian. The trainer must establish himself as master of the dog or dogs he trains. Punishment for willful disobedience is seldom employed and trainers are not permitted to slap the dog with hand or leash. The hand is always reserved to indicate commands or used for patting and praise and the leash is taboo because the dog will associate his leash with punishment and thus the training will be retarded. Following training sessions, dogs are permitted a few minutes of romping and playing. In its training procedure the Army frowns on giving a dog rewards of tid bits for successful performance. The reason—the dog may become accustomed to such rewards and expect them for some successful service in the field or military operation where such rewards are not available.

Basic training which must precede any



special military training includes heeling, sitting, lying down, taking cover, staying where told, crawling, jumping and coming when called or signaled. All these are performed by the dog while on leash. Off-leash training includes the down or drop and jumping. Taking cover, dropping or down are pretty much alike in that the dogs are taught to drop flat to the ground on command. The command "cover" is a slight variation which may see the trainer dropping down beside his dog. This may at some time become a military necessity and the dog is drilled in this duty so it will not become alarmed when the trainer drops to the ground. For example, if a man and dog on patrol suddenly encounter an enemy who does not first see the patrol, it is obviously necessary for both man and dog to drop to the ground to avoid detection. Crawling is likewise a necessary lesson for the dog to learn. Both man and dog may be out on a mission under enemy fire and to fulfill that task successfully may be obliged to work toward an objective without being seen by the enemy. It is a principle of army training that when dogs are trained for specialized work they must not be trained for more than one job. Otherwise, the direction of their thinking is diverted.

Following the basic training described here the dog can then be trained as sentry, scout, messenger, attack dog or casualty dog. For the special jobs dogs are carefully screened. Their basic training records are studied and dogs are

allocated to duties which they seem best qualified to learn. The least specialized of all training is for sentry duty because it requires the least time and effort on the part of the trainers. Dogs selected for this service usually are drawn from the ones found unsuitable for other special training. Sentry work is primarily alertness, keen scent perception and hearing. The dog that passes his first test for Army service, you'll remember, must be alert. As further assurance of alertness the sentry dog's training will include walks with his trainer, on leash of course, at which time someone with whom the dog is not familiar will suddenly appear from hiding and pretend to attack the dog with a light switch or stick. The trainer assists by giving the command "Watch him." The stranger will tease and aggravate the dog. This lesson is repeated until the dog connects the command "Watch him" with a possible attack on himself or his trainer. The attack dog is taught to attack on command and to bite. Such dogs are used to apprehend an escaping prisoner, replace a sidearm where it would be dangerous to shoot at the person escaping, to guard prisoners and when prisoners are being transported. The method of training is much like that employed to develop greater alertness in a sentry dog but for this work the attacking stranger comes close to the dog and does all he can to arouse Fido to fighting, biting fury. The attacking person wears heavily padded equipment.

The dog must be taught that a movement against its trainer calls for instant attack, but the dog must also be taught to cease attack instantly on command from the trainer. An attack dog always works with one master. The scout dog's duties are pretty much that of the sentry dog. He is taught to indicate the pres-

ence of a stranger. These dogs are used mainly for patrol duty. Under adverse weather conditions, or when nights are particularly dark, the dog can detect strangers through his keen sense of scent and hearing long before his human patrol partner would be aware that an enemy was in the vicinity. Two trainers are assigned to the potential messenger dog. Training begins within a limited area. Each trainer occupies a position distant from the other. One calls to the dog while the other releases it. In time the distance between the two trainers is increased. The one who calls the dog hides and it is the dog's job to find him. The trainers alternate between one sending, one calling the dog. The sender later hides and it is the dog's duty to find him. As distances are increased the dog learns to travel where directed on command.

The casualty dog's training also calls for use of two trainers. One acts as the "casualty", the other as the "finder" or rescue worker. A Red Cross insignia is worn on the collars of these dogs. Their training greatly resembles that given for messenger work. The "casualty" makes himself seen by the dog and then moves off about fifty yards, where he drops to the ground. The other trainer, the "finder", keeps the dog on a long leash and uses the command word "Search." He emphasizes the sound of the S. He leads the dog to the "casualty" and this is repeated over and over until the time arrives that the dog shows that it can find the other trainer on command, at which time the "casualty" goes a greater distance away and hides. The dog's scent perception and the encouragement given by the trainer using the word "Search" soon enable it to locate hidden persons and lead its trainer to them while off leash.

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Editorial

SHOW YOUR FLAG



Some months ago there appeared in *The Elks Magazine* an editorial calling attention to the fact, and deploring its existence, that we, the American people, appear to be growing less vigorous and aggressive in our demonstration of our patriotism—our love of country—our devotion to Our Flag.

That editorial was the result of a Fourth of July automobile trip by the writer of the editorial through several communities. He returned from that trip impressed and saddened by lack of display of the Stars and Stripes on homes and places of business on the anniversary of the day on which the founders of our country declared:—

“That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

the anniversary of the day on which was born a nation that has become the most powerful, the most beneficent nation in the world.

Some time ago we heard one of the leading publishers of this country say that what we needed in the United States today was more Fourth of July speeches.

Probably he was right and that we would be better off if we devoted less time, thought and expressions of fear of the “Hammer and Sickle,” and more to exalting the symbol of that freedom which the poet said:—

“Tore the azure robe of night and set the stars of glory there.”

In any event, the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities appears to feel that, at least, on Flag Day, June 14th, which it was resolved by the Grand Lodge in 1911 should be a day to be observed by all lodges of the Order by the use of a ritual prepared for that purpose, the Flag should be displayed generously and conspicuously.

On page 16 of this issue of *The Elks Magazine*, there appears an appeal from the Lodge Activities Committee to all Elks to “Show Your Flag.”

It is to be hoped that in this splendid campaign for a more generous display of the Stars and Stripes particularly on its birthday should be observed as nearly unanimously as is possible.

SECRETARIES



Too often, too generally, the important contribution that the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges make to the development, the strength and the accomplishments of that lodge, is likely to be overlooked.

As this editorial reaches the members of the Order, some Secretaries will have been reelected to serve for another year and others will have entered upon the duties of that office for the first time.

All of them have tremendous power for good in the service of their respective lodges.

It has been repeatedly emphasized that if we were to avoid the loss of members through non-payment of dues, the Order would be gaining at the rate of 70,000 to 75,000 per year instead of 25,000 to 30,000 annually.

Holding members to the payment of their dues is the job primarily of the Secretary, even when there are Committees on Lapsation and Reinstatement active in the work.

The Secretary probably knows more of the individual members and knows them better than does anyone else.

The Secretary who has a keen and constant appreciation of the opportunity and responsibility that is his of keeping the members paid up in dues is a vital factor in the protection of the lodge membership record.

It is indeed true that

“Much of the success of a lodge depends upon the Secretary.”

SUBORDINATE LODGES



The importance of the subordinate lodges to the strength and growth and effective operation of the Order of Elks should not be overlooked.

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The Grand Lodge, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees can originate plans and programs but their pronouncements just would be as “sounding brass or a tinkling symbol” if the subordinate lodges were not available to carry out the plans or programs the central powers or agencies of the Order create.

Of what avail would it be if patriotic, charitable, educational or civic improvement programs were created and endorsed by Grand Lodge agencies if such programs were not acceptable to and carried to a successful conclusion by the subordinate lodges. The subordinate lodges of the Order of Elks are the heart and the strength of Elksdom.

SOME KNEW BETTER



Apologists for the young communists of the depression years of the 1930's are referred to this quotation from Thomas Wolfe's “You Can't Go Home Again”. Written in the middle 1930's when Wolfe was 35 years old, and living in Greenwich Village, hot-bed of communism, the novel was published posthumously in 1940.

“In this year of Our Gentle Lord 1934, . . . Japan is preparing to go to war again with China within two years, Russia will join in with China, Japan will ally herself with Germany, Germany will make a deal with Italy, and then make war on France and England, America will try to stick her head into the sand, and so keep out of it, but will find it cannot be done and will be drawn in. And in the end, after everybody has fought everybody else up and down the globe, the whole Capitalistic world will join up finally against Russia in an effort to crush Communism.”



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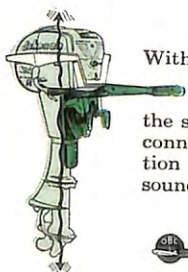
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