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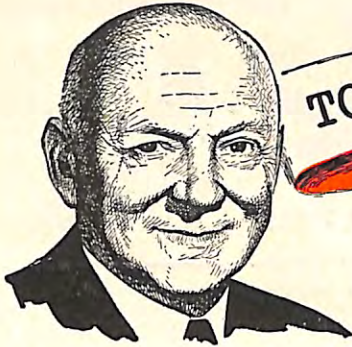
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



UPWARDS of a million young people are now looking for work and just how the labor market can absorb the new army of job seekers is causing some concern in employment circles. Colleges and high schools have held their commencement exercises and the graduates are starting out to work either full time or part time to earn money. In boom days the students easily found jobs but this Summer the situation is changed. Commerce and Labor Dept. figures, however, give no cause for pessimism. Unemployment generally is not serious and business activity has maintained levels requiring no federal emergency pump priming. Somehow or other, just as in former years, the college grads are finding openings for their targets and high school youths will land seasonal jobs. Rear Admiral Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, points out there are many opportunities for college graduates in the field of atomic energy. Admiral Strauss is not thinking in terms of atomic destruction but construction.

REPORTING COSTS MONEY

Cost of the Army—McCarthy hearings would run high in the millions if all of the expenses of newspapers, wire services, radio and TV coverage were included. Take 75 to 100 newspaper reporters, a dozen still photographers, 15 TV cameramen and 25 helpers, and another 25 radio columnists and broadcasters and try and figure it out. Transmission costs alone—telephone, telegraph, TV and radio were amazing—yet Mr. John Q. Public got the lowdown by spending a few nickels for newspapers and turning on the radio and TV for free.

CAPITAL'S FINEST VIEW

Visitors to Washington will be able in a few months to enjoy one of the finest views of the city, denied them these past 15 years. It is the breath-taking sight of the Mall, the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and many of the great buildings as viewed from the vantage point of the west plaza of the Capitol. The terrace developed leaks and water seeped down into the offices of eleven Senators. There are numerous other offices too which were flooded and to keep them dry the terrace was covered over

and the plaza closed. Now at a cost of \$837,000 the place will be made waterproof. Work is proceeding with difficulty, the hours being from 5 to 9:30 a.m. so the noise won't disturb Congressmen and Senators.

WALK AWAY WORRIES

As a weary Congress comes down the home stretch toward adjournment and members prepare for election campaigns this Fall a kindly doctor gives them this advice—"Walk away your worries." He is Dr. George W. Calver, attending physician to members of Congress and their staffs, and he is always on the job. Dr. Calver is a firm believer in walking to relieve tensions and high pressures.

WHO OUTRANKS WHOM

Quite a string of foreign potentates and high officials have come to Washington this Spring and early Summer. Each time a state dinner is arranged the official "Table of Precedence" is pulled out of the file and consulted by the protocol staff of the State Department. Most folks know the President heads the list, then the Vice-President, then the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Down the list, however, are some interesting arrangements. The Speaker of the House outranks the Secretary of State. Governors of States take precedence over U. S. Senators. Members of the House are higher on the ladder than the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Foreign Ambassadors are near the top of the list while our own Ambassadors and Ministers are well down the line. Below them come Archbishops and Bishops. Low men on the totem pole are Brigadier Generals and one-star Admirals along with first secretaries of foreign powers. Wives of officials rank the same as their husbands.

COACH TO MT. VERNON

There is now a coach and four making daily trips to Mount Vernon a good deal like in the days of George Washington. It's a real old-timer with room for four people inside and 12 on top. The horses were bought from Amish farmers in Pennsylvania and the harness and horn came from a TV property shop in New York. Makes the four-mile trip from Alexandria in 45 minutes. According to

custom the wheels are greased with castor oil, but the cushions have been fixed up with foam rubber. Tally-ho.

"NO COMMENT" PARAKEET

A parakeet in the White House named "Gabby" won't say a word. The bird, given to the President last September by Harry E. Smithson, Detroit businessman named physically handicapped "Man of the Year" for 1953, is kept in the solarium. Newsmen after trying to get the bird to say something want to change its name to "No Comment."

UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS

Uniform state highway traffic regulations are advocated by the Highway Transportation Congress meeting here as a method of reducing highway accidents. Rep. Clifford Davis, Tenn., declares one set of signals, signs and traffic laws would solve a great national problem.

HOME ON THE RANGE

A Holstein cow fell off a truck going through Washington and was reported to police to be grazing contentedly on a lawn. It was taken to the dog pound and reclaimed later. The driver never missed it until the truck reached Baltimore.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

President Eisenhower's White House appointments begin at 9 a.m. and generally continue until 3 p.m. There may be as many as seven or eight and a half dozen callers besides. The President likes to hold early morning conference breakfasts and is the brightest one around the table. He breaks up the grind of executive business when possible by out of door recreation, golf mostly.

POTOMAC PATTERN

One way to cut government expenses, says Rep. Clarence J. Brown of Ohio, is for federal officials to take fewer pleasure rides in chauffeured government limousines. . . . Recent third class Postmaster vacancies include Bullhead City, Ariz., and Hepzibah, West Va. . . . Washington's delinquent boys cost taxpayers \$500,000 a year for reformatory imprisonment. . . . Isaac Edwards, 72, after working 52 years as a State Department messenger, retired saying "I hate to leave."



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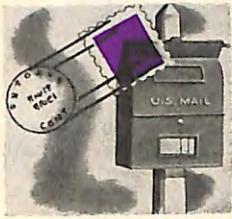
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

I wish to express our admiration and appreciation of W. R. Leigh's cover for your May issue. The colors and subject matter are perfect. I think I can appreciate the sentiment expressed in the picture better than most of the younger generation as I was raised on a ranch in Montana and coyotes were common in my young days.

One morning I walked to school alone and noticed a big mare galloping around, and later we went out of our way to see why she was so concerned. Her colt was dead. In the distance I noticed three full grown coyotes circling closer and closer until the bereaved mother dashed toward them and with angry snorts put the marauders to flight.

With the settling of the country and the fencing of the lands both wild horses and coyotes are very rare, for what trappers didn't do the poison bait did and no more do the mournful howls fill the cold winter nights.

We like The Elks Magazine, as well as the covers.

Mrs. W. N. Bichler
Chehalis, Washington

At a recent meeting of our lodge it was moved, seconded and carried that the lodge purchase four copies of "The History of the Order of Elks" as per the coupon in *The Elks Magazine*.

The motion also carried the stipulation that three of these copies be presented to the three libraries of the City and one be kept in the Secretary's office. We have a City Public Library, a College Library and a High School Library.

T. Nelson Douglas, Secy.
Hillsdale, Mich.

It is my sincere hope that both you and Mr. George Woodbury will appreciate, rather than resent, my calling attention to a somewhat flagrant error in English appearing in the interesting article entitled "Captain Kidd", May issue, page 11.

I refer specifically to the misuse of the pronoun "he" in the phrase "... and guarded by the restless ghost of he who died on the gallows before he could return" (bottom page 11). The writer evidently considered "he" to be the subject of the verb "died". It is not. That pronoun is the object of the preposition "of" preceding it, and should have been "him". The subject of "died" is "who".

Robert E. Capers

Ephrata, Wash.

Of course Brother Capers is absolutely right on this grammatical point. We always appreciate having errors of this sort called to our attention.

A Note of Appreciation

All of the important magazines devote a great deal of time and money to securing information about their readers, their business, family life, possessions, hobbies, general activities and reading preferences.

They do this partly to receive help in determining their editorial policy and, very importantly, to be in position to furnish advertising prospects with information which might demonstrate to such prospects the importance of their particular magazine as an advertising medium.

Naturally, The Elks Magazine follows the same practice and, fortunately, being owned by its readers, it gets a measure of cooperation in the gathering of information of this character that it is difficult for other magazines to obtain.

Advertising in The Elks Magazine is a very important part of the income of the Order. It has been an outstanding factor in enabling your Magazine to turn over to the Grand Lodge for the patriotic, educational and humanitarian activities of the Order nearly \$200,000 each year since its institution.

Recently we sent a questionnaire to 5,000 members of the Order. It was quite an extensive questionnaire and asked many things that might be regarded by some as personal and confidential.

The names were selected in accordance with the accepted practices of research organizations.

On that questionnaire it was provided that those queried were not to sign their names. This was done because we thought that there were some questions they would be more inclined to answer if their names were not signed and thus they could not be identified when their replies were returned.

The great number of questionnaires returned to us was highly gratifying.

To further our purpose in making this survey entirely unbiased we did not examine any of the questions but turned over the sealed envelopes to the Ross Federal Research Corporation to tabulate and analyze.

As a result there has been returned to us by the Ross Federal organization information that helps materially to establish The Elks Magazine as an extremely important advertising medium.

Here are a few of the facts that we can now present to those from whom we are soliciting advertising:

92.9 per cent of Elks are married; The average Elks family consists of 3.28 persons; 94 per cent own automobiles; 77 per cent own their own homes; Average income \$7,400; For every 100 Elks, 118 other members of their family read The Elks Magazine; 58 per cent fish; 48 per cent hunt; 33 per cent play golf.

The names of the cooperating Elks, as explained above, are not known to us, but we want to express appreciation for their cooperation which has been so helpful to us. It seems that the only way we can do that is to place this message in The Elks Magazine so that it will come to the attention of all members of the Order and thus reach those who so helpfully replied to our questionnaire.

We are indeed extremely grateful for this cooperation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

THE ELKS MAGAZINE

James R. Nicholson

GENERAL MANAGER

OUTLAW TRAIL

**Duke knew that anyone
with a peaceful mind
would walk up openly.**

**BY
WILLIAM BYRON MOWERY**



THE lonesome old hollow of the many whippoorwills had seemed to Duke a virgin-wild place where even the wandering "seng hunters" of the Ozarks never came. And yet he barely had discovered the big, rich patch of ginseng and started digging it up when he became aware he was not alone—some other person was around there in the silent woods, watching him.

The fear that he had been recognized—the "Stanley (Duke) Logan, 27, 6'-0", 170 lbs." of the *Wanted* posters—crept over him like a tingle of nettles. But he kept hold of himself coolheadedly, leaning on his digger stick as though resting, and glanced around casually at the laurel thickets and boulder nests within eye-shot.

For a few moments he saw nothing, heard nothing. But his outlaw year in the woods and fox-sedge uplands of the Rimrock Hills had given him a subtle sense for danger and he felt sure some human was near and the eyes on him were unfriendly eyes. Anybody of peaceful mind would have walked up openly, with a sociable "Evenin', pardner," instead of slinking around and spying on him from ambush.

It was a little past noon of the hot, late-summer day but the deep, mossy hollow, timbered with gray beeches and big burr oaks, was cool and moist and as dim as beginning twilight. The mid-day lull had silenced the birds and animals and except for the swaying whisper of the falls up at the head of the hollow, where the small brook tumbled down over the hundred-foot rimrock, the woods were cathedral quiet. In the brooding stillness the faraway whistle of sawmill and mine hoist at Cherokee Springs, five miles across the hills, had stirred up Duke's tormenting loneliness. He had gone the round of the seasons without talking to a human being, and the faint sounds reminded him punishingly that his home and friends in the town, his timber-scouting job and all the pleasant, familiar life which had ended so abruptly one summer ago were a distance from him no miles could measure.

Presently he heard the sleepy croak-note of a disturbed whippoorwill a dozen rods down hollow. Then the "snake call" of a vireo and a slight blurred movement in a spicebush thicket told him that the

unknown party was sneaking closer, up along the foot of a low sandstone outcropping.

He doubted if he had been recognized yet, the distance was a little long, and he wondered what the fellow yonder was up to. The suspicion struck him that the man knew about the rich ginseng patch and was maneuvering to drive him away from it, by one means or another. Covering almost half an acre of the bottom flat and reaching well up the north hillside, the bed was much the largest, with the tallest, oldest plants, that Duke had ever seen. In the code of the shy, solitary seng hunters a patch of wild ginseng was of the Lord's planting and belonged without quarrel to the man who harvested it, but he knew of certain town individuals, a few woods-roaming idlers, who would pay little attention to code or law when a bed that rich was at stake. Back in a remote, wild hollow a person of that kind might resort to ugly violence.

Trying to hide his uneasiness, he started edging over toward the shelter of a fern-hung rock. But he was still several steps from it when he was jolted by the sudden, blunt bark of a carbine, down by the outcropping. Almost at the same instant a slug came burning past his left arm, grazing the sleeve of his leather jacket.

The bullet was so viciously close that at first Duke believed the man had tried to put him away then and there, with a heart shot, and he dropped down behind a rotting log and flattened himself on the wolf-foot moss.

As the echoes of the carbine flounced up and down the hollow, he realized that a person of any gun experience would not have missed him completely at that short distance. So the shot had been a warning, peremptory as a rattlers whir, for him to get out of that woods. The fellow *did* know about the seng patch and *did* propose to have it, and the snarling closeness of that first bullet had been his way of saying he would make his next shot good.

The quiet settled over the hollow again, and as Duke watched and listened he was torn with debate—whether to get away, while he still could, or put up a fight for the seng. He was unarmed, against a rifle, and if he should happen to get

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**For a moment or two he tried to stand up to the savage
attack by knocking the smashes aside with his own stick.**



ILLUSTRATED BY WARREN BAUMGARTNER

Baumgartner



THEY CATER TO THE FANS

At the ball park or the race track, eating is almost as important as the sport—a situation which Harry M. Stevens has handled ably for 50 years.

BY DICKSON HARTWELL

**ILLUSTRATED BY
WILLIAM VON RIEGEN**



SOMEONE once said that if the dog is the noblest of the animals then the frankfurter must be the noblest of all dogs. "It feeds the hand that bites it," was the explanation.

If that was an accurate estimate we may expect some day to encounter a new monument in Washington. Along with the memorials dedicated to such moulders of America as Lincoln and Jackson there certainly should be one for Harry M. Stevens. For Stevens was the man who made the frankfurter a national institution. He was the man who made the hot dog *red hot*.

However, to tens of thousands of baseball and racing fans, for whose enormous and variable appetites he accepted responsibility, he will probably be most affectionately remembered for his vigor as a progenitor. Like John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who backed his foresight in building Rockefeller Center with four sons to operate it, Harry Stevens insured the future of the hot dog by hav-

ing four sons sworn to uphold it. Now three of *their* sons are in the business, as well as the son of a Stevens sister, and there are four boys so far in the fourth generation. Thus the Stevens Dynasty, as it is known to its relatively puny competitors, sustained by its alliance with the hot dog, seems likely to endure longer than that of Ming.

The Stevens operate all the food and drink concessions at 37 race tracks, including Belmont Park, Saratoga, Pimlico, Gulfstream and Churchill Downs. It has similar concessions at Yankee Stadium, Ebbets Field, the Polo Grounds and Fenway Park, where the Red Sox play in Boston. These concessions range from a portable, one-man race track unit, which can literally chase the customers (coffee 15 cents, orange 15 cents, franks 20 cents), to the splendid 1,350 seat restaurant at Churchill Downs (champagne \$14, steak \$4.50) which the Stevens open just one day in the year, Derby Day.

On a single day, such as Memorial Day, the Stevens have a potential 500,000 customers with a likelihood that all of them will buy something. Obviously, this is big business. But it doesn't really indicate how big the Stevens operation really is and they won't tell. The founder of the dynasty might well have been called Harry the Silent. They never give out information; they won't even say whether it is big or little. The only statistic given out is a reluctant admission that they sell "thousands" of hot dogs. To questions whether this is daily, hourly or annually, dynasty non-spokesmen murmur politely, "No comment."

One can envisage the size of the operation by watching a Stevens stand in operation. On a recent busy Saturday I observed one of their crack bartenders serve 28 thirsty race track fans in 20 minutes. The drinks averaged about \$1 each. Multiply that bartender by 40 or 50, and multiply those 20 minutes by five active selling hours and that one day by

196 days of racing each year around New York alone and you've got a pretty picture. Slightly exaggerated, maybe, but still very, very pretty.

When you figure that the business is run basically just the way it was operated more than 50 years ago, with no periodic masterminding by efficiency experts, no annual retooling, no advertising, no shuffling around of vice-presidents and with tips available directly from C. V. Whitney and Alfred Vanderbilt, the picture gets even cozier and rosier.

Such a business engenders devotion and that's what the Stevens boys give to it. The four sons of the original Harry, who died in 1934 after parleying a bag of peanuts into several million dollars (that was when it was all take-home), are Harold A., 74, Frank M., 73, William H., 71, and Joseph B., 64. Of this group, only William was a renegade and he finally relented. Bill became a banker in Niles, Ohio, where the brood was raised, but came out of retirement to join the dynasty during the manpower shortage of World War II.

The third generation to get active in the business includes Harry M. II, Joseph B., Jr., William H., Jr., and Homer Rose, the son of a Stevens sister. She has another son, D. Harry Rose, but he renegaded and is now head of the Department of Microbiology at Presbyterian Hospital in New York, a defection for which he has been forgiven. The operations of the dynasty are divided up among the family so there is a Stevens in charge wherever there is a Stevens operation. Joe, Jr., for example, runs three tracks in New Jersey. Being a highly compatible family, the Stevens never get in one another's hair.

THE STEVENS Dynasty has done for race track and ball park food what Fred Harvey did for railroad meals. They made it not only edible, but of high quality. They were once described by a disgruntled competitor as "acting as if they were Tiffany". The Stevens boys consider the term appropriate or, as one of them once remarked, "you might say Tiffany sometimes acts like they were Harry M. Stevens, Inc."

Partly for efficiency and partly to insure that every customer gets a full drink, the Stevens boys have designed a new battery bar. It is 64 feet long, manned by eight bartenders, but each tender has his own eight-foot section, his own cash register, bottles, glassware and full and personal responsibility for it. The bottles are mounted against the back wall, upside down, in automatic dispensers. The customer gets fast service and gets all he pays for, no method having been devised—up to this moment, at least—to short count the dispenser.

Practically all Stevens gadgets have been designed by the boys. One machine feeds sandwiches into heat-sealed cellophane bags. Another puts the franks, 100 to a package, in pliofilm bags which

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They Made May Day **AMERICAN**



Asst. Police Chief Robert L. Glover, left, of Ontario, Calif., gives a briefing to Ed Bordenkircher, one of the high school students who took over the city government for the day in conjunction with the Ontario Elks' Youth Day Program.



Pee Wee Reese, well-known Captain of the Brooklyn Dodgers, left, was Honorary Chairman of Hempstead, N. Y., Lodge's Youth Day affair. This photograph was taken when he received his "commission" from young Robert Schlesinger, whose father, Seymour J. Schlesinger, right, handled the program.

THE HEART of Elkdom was opened wide once again to the Nation's future voters in a series of well-planned salutes to youth. By happy coincidence May 1st, the day designated as Elks Youth Day, fell on a Saturday this year, and many lodges took the opportunity to devote the entire weekend to these celebrations.

While the majority of the lodges paid tribute to our teen-agers, this story is taken from those events which were reported to us, and gives a representative outline of what transpired on May Day throughout the country.

One of the most elaborate events was sponsored by the Michigan Elks Assn., whose Past Pres. Jay H. Payne is Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee and was one of the principal speakers at the program. This State affair, master-minded by Everett R. Scherich, E.R. of Jackson Lodge and Chairman of the Assn.'s Youth Activities Committee, was held in Lansing, with 700 selected high school students from all over the State taken on a tour of their Capitol and of Michigan State College.

PATRIOTISM KEYNOTES TALKS

At one of the outstanding Elk-sponsored answers to the traditional May Day celebrations which originate behind the Iron Curtain, the students heard inspired patriotic addresses delivered from the steps of the State Capitol by such distinguished civic leaders as Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a member of Lansing Lodge; the city's Mayor, Ralph Crego; Owen J. Cleary, Secy. of State; State Treas. D. H. Brake; Lt.-Gov. Clarence Reid; Attorney-General Frank Millard; Wade Van Valkenburg, Speaker of the House; State Supreme Court Justice John Dethmers, and the heads of many of the State departments.

The visit to Michigan State was highlighted by a luncheon for the young visitors, with a group of dignitaries including Judge Payne and his predecessor, Benjamin F. Watson; Dr. John A. Hanna, Pres. of the College; Pres. Charles Noble and Vice-Pres. S. Glen Converse of the Mich. Elks Assn., and other Elk and College officials. Following luncheon, the students participated in a dramatic Flag presentation ceremony conducted by Lansing Elk officers, assisted by the Boy Scouts. Later they attended various athletic events on the campus. Incidentally, Mr. Scherich doubled up on his Chairmanship duties by handling Jackson Lodge's program, too—a banquet and dance when \$225 in prize money was distributed to eight students before a crowd of 500 persons.

MAINE ELKS USE TV

Credit for another noteworthy State event goes to Pres. Brian M. Jewett and other Maine Elks Assn. officials. Tribute to the State's young people was paid by these Elks through three television shows produced by Mr. Jewett who appeared with civic and school officials on one 15-minute TV period Apr. 29th, with a half-hour Elks Youth Cavalcade program transmitted the following day. Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan also participated in this telecast, preceding a dinner at the home of Portland Lodge for 100 invited guests from Western Maine, including all participants in the Elks National Foundation and Youth Leadership Contests, as well as high school valedictorians, and football, baseball and basketball stars. Many State dignitaries were in attendance, including Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight C. Dwight Stevens, a member of the host lodge.

On May Day, 40 outstanding students



Left: During Circleville, Ohio, Lodge's All-County Junior-Senior Dance, State Chairman Dr. David Goldschmidt, second from left, presented the Dist. Youth Leadership Award to D. S. Johnson, fourth from left, who, with Miss Judith Goeller, received a County Award from Judge George Young, left, the lodge's Committee Chairman. Fifth from left is Exalted Ruler Charles Will, and at right is Youth Activities Committee Chairman Homer Lash.



Right: Launching Bismarck, N. D., Lodge's outstanding observance from the steps of the State Capitol are North Dakota's elected officials and the local students who were selected to assume their responsibilities on Elks Youth Day.



The Woburn, Mass., Elks were in the midst of their Golden Jubilee when May Day came along. Chivalrously, they devoted that entire chapter of their anniversary story to the Girl Scouts. Photographed when E.R. Timothy Ring, center, and Committee Chairman James Eaton, right, presented prizes to various winners in the lodge's Poster Contest.



Gov. G. Mennen Williams, an active Elk, signs the proclamation authorizing Michigan to recognize May 1st as Youth Day. Gov. Williams and Chairman Jay H. Payne of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, left, spoke at the Mich. Elks' program which took place at Lansing, with Everett Scherich, E.R. of Jackson Lodge, right, as Chairman.

from the State's eastern section appeared on a 45-minute television show with Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Jewett and Pres. Robert Haskell of the State Senate. This telecast followed a parade and outdoor program in Old Town when Mr. Sullivan was the principal speaker. Bangor Lodge was host to the 40 youngsters that evening. At this, and other Maine events, Youth Leadership and other Scholarship awards were presented.

STUDENTS TAKE OVER

Ontario, Calif., Lodge has long made youth activities a major interest, and its Youth Day Program gave ample evidence of its experience. Another of those lodges which arranged for selected students to take over various civic duties for the day, Ontario Elksdom held special assemblies in two high schools, when various awards



This pleasant scene took place at the home of Portland, Me., Lodge, when Elks National Foundation and Youth Leadership contestants from Western Maine were guests of honor at a banquet sponsored by the State Association and seven individual lodges. Among the 100 invited guests at this outstanding program were honor students, and many sports stars from several high schools.



Upper Valley youngsters from 31 communities were treated to an exciting day at Lebanon Municipal Airport by Hartford, Vt., Elksdom as the main attraction in its record-breaking Youth Day event. The intensely interested youngsters in this picture are inspecting the mechanisms in the cockpit of one of the planes which were on the field that day.



Photographed during the stimulating Youth Day Program conducted by Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge are the principals involved in the presentation of a total of \$2,225 in Scholarships and Bonds to the successful competitors in its Youth Leadership, Scholarship and Essay Contests.

and prizes were made to winners in Youth Leadership, and the Poster Contest the lodge conducted in its successful effort to promote interest in this observance. Selected by a panel of high school instructors, students took over the running of Ontario with the whole-hearted cooperation of the officials they emulated.

Miles City, Mont., Lodge also had a group of students from the State's high schools assume city and county management. Hosts to the young civic administrators at an "inaugural" luncheon, these

Montana Elks gave them, as well as their classmates who elected them in a hotly-contested campaign, a first-rate opportunity for a close-up of democratic government in operation. Chairman W. B. Hawke and his committee are well pleased with the results.

Planned well in advance, Bismarck, N. D., Lodge's observance could not fail. Enthusiastic cooperation of the faculty of the city's schools was received by E.R. Glen H. Jahnke. Chairman of the two-part program. On Apr. 29th, the Elks



Above: Photographed during Sunbury, Pa., Lodge's gala Youth Day formal for nearly 250 young people are representatives of various other organizations which cooperated in making the success it was. At right is P.E.R. Robert E. Kuebler; center background is Carl N. Lloyd, Chairman of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee.



Above: Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge gave \$325 in Bonds to James Rector, Jr., left, through Committee Chairman Albert E. Boyer, right. Other honored students, center, are left to right: Marie Krinner, Junita Borg and Emil W. Heid.



Left: Norwich, N. Y., Lodge celebrated Youth Day with a dance for the community's younger element. During a pause in the festivities Steven Hirsch, Youth Leadership winner, was rewarded. He is pictured with his parents, left, and E.R. William Welch and Committee Chairman A. W. Gould, right.

gave recognition to local Scholarship and Youth Leadership winners, and the seniors of Bismarck, and St. Mary's High Schools and the sophomores of Bismarck Junior College with a program for over 300 students, faculty members and Elks and their wives. The second part of the observance was held on the morning of May 1st, when students whose classmates had elected them to various State offices were greeted at the Capitol by government officials, each of whom spent the entire morning with the student elected to his particular post, discussing with him the responsibilities of his office.

COINCIDES WITH JUBILEE

It just happened that the Elks of Woburn, Mass., were celebrating their 50th

Anniversary over the period which included the 1st of May, and it turned out to be a great day for the Girl Scouts of the community. Singling out these young ladies for special honors on this occasion, the Elks opened the celebration with a parade in which 300 girls marched behind the local high school band to the Commons, where handsome new American and Troop flags were presented to each of the 13 Troops by E.R. T. F. Ring, following his introduction by P.E.R. Ralph Metrano. Mayor F. H. Murray, Jr., spoke, Youth Committee Chairman James Eaton presided and Mrs. Norman Paulsen, Pres. of the Scout Council, delivered a brief talk. Following the ceremony, all its participants were guests of the Elks at their home.

Well aware of the interests of our boys and girls, the Hempstead, N. Y., Elks selected a format for their program that was a sure-fire hit. Held on the grounds of the lodge home for the county's younger set, it included music by the local high school band, a horseback drill by the crack Nassau Mounted Troop, a precision drill by a company from La Salle Military Academy and Tex Fletcher, well-known singing cowboy. To top it all off, none other than baseball's Pee Wee Reese, of the world-famous Brooklyn Dodgers, was Honorary Chairman for this exciting program.

KNOW-HOW PAYS OFF

Another group of Elks who offered something thrilling and unusual was Hartford, Vt., Lodge. No less than 746 children from 31 towns were given tickets for pop and ice cream as they entered West Lebanon Airport to attend the four-hour show the lodge planned under the direction of E.R. Bruce O. Campbell. Eager small-fry, most of them with their parents, trooped through the airshow system, viewing service, commercial and private planes, and waiting breathlessly for their lucky number to be called on the free plane-ride ticket; every half-hour, three youngsters went aloft with Pilot Jerry Winston; two Mustangs and a jet flew over the field doing stunts and maneuvers; an exhibition was put on by the Civil Air Patrol, and practically everybody had a chance to view the inside of the Northeast Airlines passenger plane that was open for inspection on the field that day.

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Havre de Grace, Md., Elkdom had an unusual and well-attended Youth Day event—a track meet at which E.R. T. E. Borneman, at the microphone, spoke, and at which Youth Leaders Herbert Blackson and Noreen Farrell, seated left, played major roles, presenting several of the handsome trophies to the winning athletes. Standing at right is Est. Lead. Knight Charles Voelker.



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

WHEN I assumed the Grand Exalted Rulership at St. Louis last July, I knew that I was beginning a year of hard work. Looking back, I realize now that I really had no idea how strenuous it was to be. But I do not regret one hour of time and labor that have gone into what I think is the most rewarding and stimulating experience any man can have—meeting and working with thousands of fine, able men who are tirelessly and enthusiastically serving our Order in so many splendid ways.

It was my determination that our Order should achieve new strength and prestige through the vigorous enforcement of the laws that reflect the high ideals of Elkdom; by the thorough application of sound business principles to the management of our affairs, involving as they do nearly a quarter of a billion dollars of assets; and by stimulating our benevolent and patriotic activities to greater service. In this program I have had the energetic and imaginative cooperation of the Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen, of State Association officers and of subordinate lodge officers to the highest degree. I am grateful to them, and I am proud of their achievements toward the high goals we had set.

CERTAINLY the Order of Elks has been strengthened by the action taken wherever I found it necessary to shift the emphasis from

club to lodge, thus freeing that lodge to serve its community as good Elks lodges do. Wherever an Elks lodge exists, it must reflect credit upon all other lodges, else all others will suffer by it.

Our membership has shown a healthy increase of 86,000. It could have been more, if we had been satisfied with mere numbers, which we were not. I have insisted that the privilege of Elk membership should be extended only to men of the highest standards. We must protect the good name and prestige of our Order.

THE LAPSATION and reinstatement studies conducted during the past year revealed much useful information. Too many men are admitted to membership who do not measure up to Elk standards; too many are admitted who are not interested in Elkdom and should never have been invited to join. Our studies showed, also, that one of our great weaknesses has been the failure to indoctrinate, or educate, the new member about the history, traditions, achievements and programs of the Order, of the lodge which he has just joined and of the State Association of which he is a part. These are wasteful practices which are easily corrected and should be corrected.

Intensive reinstatement efforts demonstrated that desirable men who have allowed their membership to lapse can be restored when properly approached.

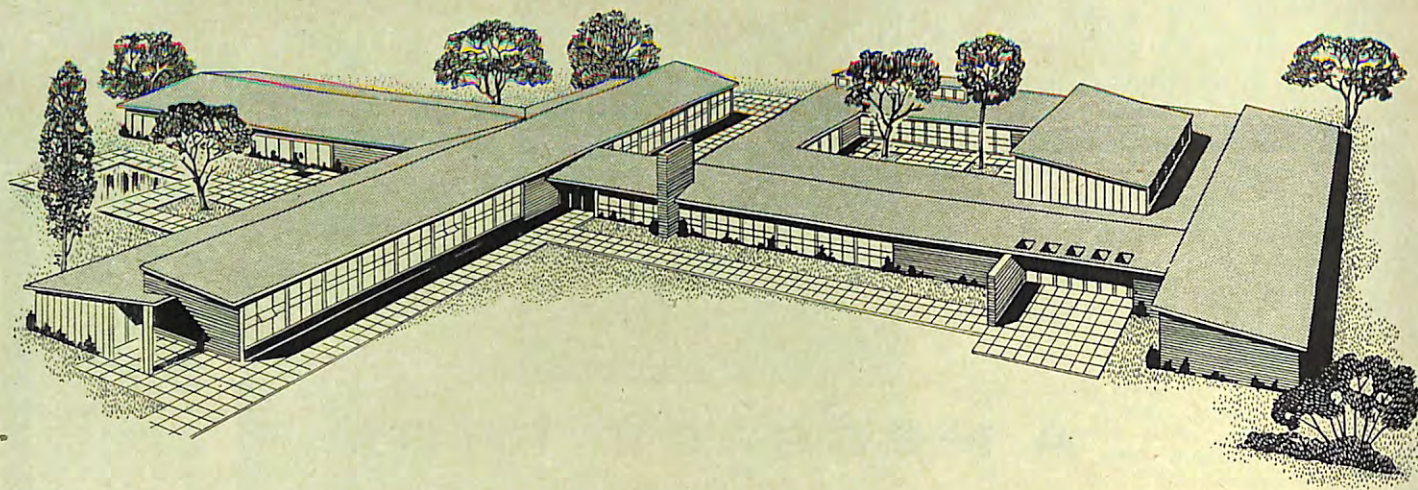
Under the energetic and imaginative leadership of the Lodge Activities Committee, the State Associations Committee and the Youth Activities Committee, the Order has moved forward to splendid achievements, with new programs and old. I am especially proud of the expansion of our youth work and of the great success of our Show Your Colors campaign to persuade our fellow citizens to display the Flag on Flag Day.

It has been a great and treasured privilege to serve you as Grand Exalted Ruler. I am deeply grateful to those great Elk statesmen, our Past Grand Exalted Rulers, for the wise counsel, understanding and support they gave to all my efforts. To my District Deputies and all who have contributed to help me and the Order, and they are legion, I extend my heartfelt thanks. The Elks are a magnificent Order. Let us all keep on working together, with those who shall come after us, to add to the magnificence of its traditions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Earl E. James". The signature is stylized and cursive, written over a white background.

EARL E. JAMES
GRAND EXALTED RULER

Architect's drawing of the new children's hospital the Idaho Elks are planning.



AID FROM IDAHO

BY ERNIE HOOD

Idaho Elks are backing up a long-standing program of assistance to crippled children with extensive plans for a new hospital program.

Second in a series of articles about the work of our State Associations on behalf of crippled and handicapped children.

WAY OUT WEST in the state where the big potatoes grow Elks are proving that their hearts are just as big.

By the time the Idaho potato crop is harvested next fall, the Idaho State Elks Association hopes to have enough in the bin to start construction of a \$450,000 Elks Convalescent Home that will permit expansion of services to the State's thousands of deserving in need of convalescent care and rehabilitation.

Detailed plans have been completed for a magnificent 80-bed and out patient facility at Boise, the State capital, and construction will start as soon as the necessary funds for the project have been subscribed.

Financing calls for \$210,000 from the State's 21,000 Elks, approximately \$80,000 already budgeted by the State Association; and \$160,000 pledged by the Idaho State Department of Public Health from Hill-Burton Act funds made available through the U. S. Public Health Service for hospital construction.

Confident of early and complete success in the fund campaign, Hayden Mann, Lewiston, President of the Idaho State Elks Association, declared: "The need is great and the Elks of Idaho will not fail. Thousands of unfortunate in-

dividuals pray for our success, and we will keep faith with them."

Typical of the waiting patients for the new facility is Debby Dains, the four-year-old Poster Boy of the 1954 campaign of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis, and funds are being collected in his name as the Debby Dains Fund of the Idaho State Elks Association.

Debby, in fact, is one of the State's many polio victims who partially recovered from the ravages of the dread disease in the present, modest facility that represents the Idaho Elks Convalescent Home. He entered the Elks Home at six months of age and is still receiving treatment there.

While Debby and more than 1,200 others have received treatment at the present center, Elks agree that "we have just scratched the surface."

Typical of facilities to be integrated with the Elks program as the result of Idaho Elks efforts, are:

In Pocatello, a special classroom for crippled children, mostly children with cerebral palsy. This school provides special education and some physical therapy. The school was started by parents of handicapped children.

In Boise, a school for cerebral palsy

youngsters operated by the Idaho Society For Crippled Children.

In Twin Falls, a special school for handicapped children. This school also has partial physical therapy services.

In Idaho Falls, a school for retarded children operated by the state education authorities.

In Boise, a school for handicapped children operated by the city school system.

In Boise, a workshop for the blind operated under the LIVE, Inc., program of the Lions club in cooperation with the State Department of Public Assistance.

In the role of coordinator, the Elks of Idaho will endeavor to complete the program for the state by combining a hospital school with physical rehabilitation and vocational rehabilitation.

It is the plan to operate a "house under one roof and centrally administered for hospital care, special education, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, vocational training and a sheltered workshop.

It will be the aim of the Elks in the new Convalescent Home and Rehabilitation Center to care for those whom other agencies are unable to care for, and to

complete the rehabilitation for those whom other services cannot complete.

To accomplish this, the new facility will include:

Expansion of physical therapy department to include a gymnasium and auditorium.

Expansion of occupational therapy facilities for more people and more varied activities.

Expansion of the teaching program by addition of classrooms and teachers for special education including a speech therapist for treatment of patients with speech difficulties.

Addition of a staff psychologist to test and evaluate patients to aid in their treatment program.

Social service to assist patients and parents of patients in solving personal problems and in checking home conditions and on follow-up treatment. (The Elks desire to keep patient costs at an amount low enough to avoid family hardship.)

Vocational counseling to assist the patient in training for new types of employment in which he is physically able to perform.

Placement service program to assist the handicapped in securing jobs.

Out patient department to handle the greatly increased load of patients needing treatment but who do not need hospitalization. The Elks planners point out in this connection that while the need for convalescent care has declined since 1947 as the result of developments in various communities across the state, including most of the private hospitals, the need for rehabilitation has grown to acute proportions.

THE present, remodeled mansion would be retained and used in the proposed program, but a temporary barracks structure would be eliminated as a fire hazard.

New construction would be a building of four units: The first would house inpatient rehabilitation center much on the order of the present-day facility; the second would provide space for a school making use of all of the latest techniques of special education for the handicapped; the third would house the vocational center; and the fourth would have in it special therapies needed to make the program complete, such as speech therapy, occupational and physical therapy.

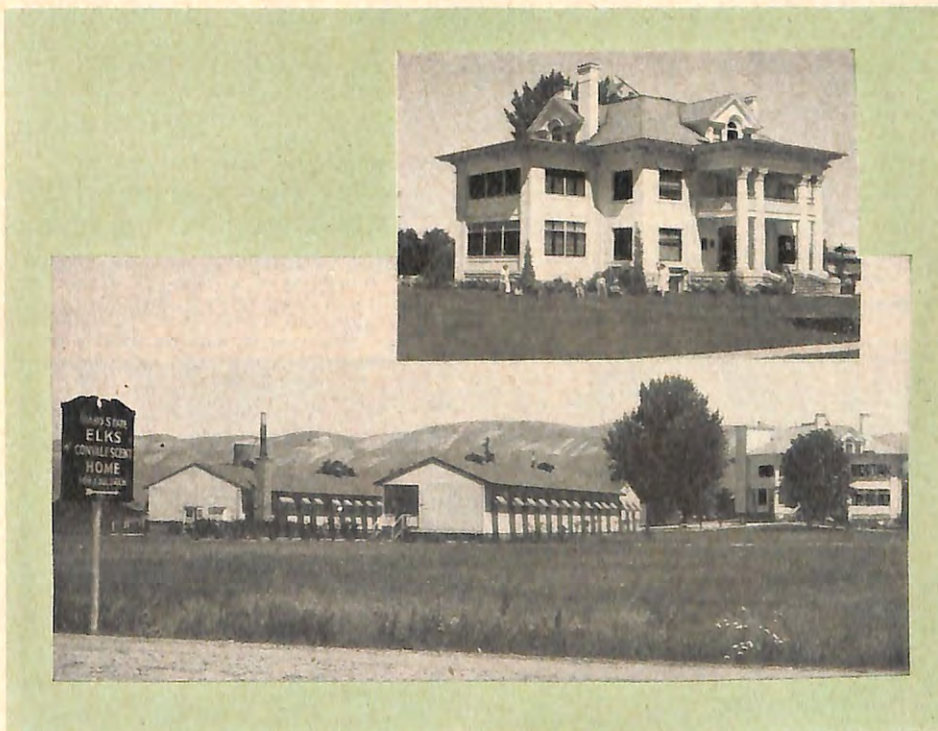
Elks pridefully point to the fact that since its inception the Home has had the services of a staff of outstanding Idaho medical men.

There are no other public convalescent homes or rehabilitation centers in the state, and it is estimated that there are 2,357 crippled children, 9,250 children needing speech therapy, 800 amputees, 8,000 partially paralyzed polio victims and 800 "totally disabled" on the public assistance rolls who could be assisted in

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Left to right standing: Sib Kleffner, Senator Herman Welker of Idaho, Robert D. Barbour, R. S. Overstreet, L. J. Peterson. Seated are Neil Meagher, manager of home, and screen star Bing Crosby.



At right is the original Idaho State Elks Convalescent Home for Children and below is the original home, with the two additional barracks buildings secured from the local Air Base and equipped and used for additional patient care when the polio epidemic became acute in Idaho.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



New Haven, Conn., Elkdom, observing its 70th anniversary, welcomed over 300 members to open house and a buffet supper. Highlighting the celebration was the presentation of valuable equipment to the city's two major hospitals. Grace New Haven Community received an Emerson Hot-Pak Machine; St. Raphael's received an X-ray and examination table for its clinic. At the St. Raphael ceremony were, left to right: Est. Loyal Knight James T. Golden, E.R. Bernard J. Gough, P.E.R. Wm. J. Rose, Chairman; Sister Louise Anthony, the Hospital's Asst. Director, Inner Guard Frank Battista and Est. Lect. Knight T. F. Marino.

Two Past Grand Exalted Rulers Attend New Mexico State Meeting

Over 400 Elks registered for the 25th Annual Conclave of the N. M. Elks Assn. at Tucumcari May 6th, 7th and 8th, when Pres. Ashley C. Thompson presided. The meeting was honored by the presence of two former leaders of Elkdom, John R. Coen of Colorado and Joseph B. Kyle of Indiana. Pres. J. A. Drehle and Past Pres. C. A. Rice of the Colo. Elks Assn. were also special guests at the meeting when Carlsbad Lodge took the Degree Team title, with Albuquerque in second place, and Las Vegas, third. Awards were presented to winners in various youth contests, with Molly Gratton of Roswell receiving the State's Most Valuable Student award.

Chairman Ed Harbaugh of the Assn.'s Cerebral Palsy Committee, reported that approximately \$36,000 had been spent on child sufferers during the past two years, and that Al Sparks would be the new

physiotherapist on tour of the State with the Assn.'s two-year-old Mobile Unit.

The delegates enjoyed a variety of entertaining programs, and made the decision to meet next year in Roswell, where the local Elks will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Until that time, the following will handle the Association's business: Pres., Robert J. Cunningham, Carlsbad; Vice-Presidents Dante Vaio, Albuquerque, and Pat Campbell, Jr., Las Cruces; Treas., Armond Mandell, Clovis; Trustees John Civerolo, Albuquerque; Charles Magruder, Tucumcari, and Frank Carnahan, Alamogordo; Secy., William Davidson, Carlsbad; Sgt.-at-Arms, Robert R. Gillespie, Silver City.

Lynchburg, Va., Elks Put On Outstanding Minstrel Show

The Virginia Elks Boys Camp Fund is richer by nearly \$4,000, thanks to the efficient handling of a Minstrel Show put on for its benefit by Lynchburg Lodge

No. 321. The entire community cooperated to put over this affair in which a cast of 125 participated. Both performances filled the high school auditorium to its 2,100-person capacity; in a city of 50,000 people, that's quite a record.

The 12-man Committee headed by General Chairman and Master of Ceremonies R. C. Wood utilized a magazine theme in the production of the show, entitled "Covers-Up", with skits built around covers of several nationwide publications. A bevy of 60 local beauties gave their time and talent to the success of this affair, also taking part in a parade which preceded the first performance of the event, put on by the John B. Rogers Producing Company.

Raymond Fuson Heads New No. Car. Elks Assn. Officers

Nearly 200 delegates, representing all but four of the State's lodges, elected Raymond Fuson of New Bern to head the No. Car. Elks Assn. for the ensuing year. Voting took place at Asheville during the outstanding annual Convention held May 13th, 14th and 15th, when three of the Order's most distinguished members shared speaking duties at various events. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis addressed the delegates on the 14th; Earl E. James, the Order's current leader, spoke at the Association Banquet, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler



This photograph was taken when the two most recent Units of the Calif. Elks Assn.'s Cerebral Palsy Project were put into operation, with Lancaster Lodge as host. Present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, State Pres. Edward E. Keller, the Project's Chairman Horace R. Wisely and Vice-Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit and Los Angeles County Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz. The host Elks served 1,000 guests their famous "Rage of the Sage" lamb barbeque, and entertainment was provided by "Tex" Ritter, the Los Angeles Elks Band and Santa Monica Elks Chorus.

NEW GRAND TREASURER APPOINTED

On May 26th, following the untimely death of Edward A. Dutton, Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James appointed Robert G. Pruitt of Buckhead, Ga., Lodge, to fill Mr. Dutton's unexpired term as Grand Treasurer of the Order.

Dr. Robert S. Barrett delivered a talk on the Elks' cerebral palsy work at the business session on the 15th.

It was reported that the N.C. lodges had given nearly \$90,000 to charity during the year, and when it was revealed that the Assn.'s Boys Camp needed \$2,000 for major improvements, that sum was pledged in a 15-minute rally.

The New Bern team won the Ritualistic Championship, Hickory Lodge was given the Fall Meeting and Winston-Salem was selected as the 1955 Convention site next May 26th, 27th and 28th.

The delegates, among them Thad Eure, No. Car.'s Secy. of State and a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, chose the following men to assist Mr. Fuson: Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Harley E. Olsen, Shelby; Dist. Vice-Presidents, Ralph G. Jones, Goldsboro; W. R. Pritchett, Jr., High Point, and Jas. A. Stewart, Statesville; Treas., Guy C. Killian, Gastonia; Secy., A. A. Ruffin, Sr., Wilson; three-year Trustee, Col. D. L. Madigan, Southern Pines.

Cumberland, Md., Minstrelks Again Hits Jackpot for Charity

Playing behind SRO signs at all four performances, the 1954 Minstrel Show put on by Cumberland Lodge No. 63 realized a profit of nearly \$8,500 for the Allegany County League for Crippled Children. The title for this year's show, "They're Off", foretold the racing theme of the fast-moving production.

Again under the direction of Honorary Life Member French Sensabaugh, and the Chairmanship of P.E.R. John H. Mosner, the 11th annual affair was a colorful and ambitious event with a cast of 175 participating in 17 lively scenes.

Following the last performance, the proceeds were turned over to the Allegany League backstage. On hand for this event were League Pres. Miss Henrietta Schwarzenbach, E.R. Joseph F. Stakem and other Elk and League officials.

Mississippi Elks Convene

Pascagoula was the site of the May 1st and 2nd Convention of the Miss. Elks Assn. when 105 delegates applauded the fine talks made by the principal speakers, Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, Edward Rightor, former leader of the Order, and Elks National Service Commission Special Rep. Floyd Brown.

Over 300 persons attended the banquet May 1st, and a typical seafood lunch the next day. The delegates voted to purchase 17-inch TV sets for the VA Hospital in Biloxi, and an all-out effort in cerebral palsy work was urged by Pres. Percy Coleman of Vicksburg who was elected to succeed himself in office, as were Secy. "Jimmie" Biggs, Natchez, and Treas., C. A. Reedy, Hattiesburg. New officers are Vice-Presidents T. A. Henderson, Greenwood, and A. C. Moss, Pascagoula; Sgt.-at-Arms, Joe Gipson, Gulfport; Tiler, J. E. Coleman, Greenwood, and Chaplain Max Lewenthal, Canton.



The largest class of the term of E.R. K. H. McIsaac, who was succeeded by John Gerald Strohm, was initiated into Fresno, Calif., Lodge in honor of State Pres. Edward E. Keller.



These are officers and members of Harlingen and San Benito, Tex., Lodges who traveled to Kingsville to attend the institution of the new Elks Lodge No. 1926 there. Two classes of approximately 50 men each were initiated by the officers of Harlingen Lodge, which was instituted only a year ago with a record 321 members and now boasts a roster of 503.



During his stay in San Juan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, fifth from left, visited with Puerto Rico's Governor, Hon. Luis Muñoz-Marin, right. Accompanying Dr. Barrett were several officials of San Juan Lodge, left to right: D.D. Charles W. Parkhurst, Past Grand Inner Guard C. W. Siegmund, Sr., Secy. Rafael Bird and E.R. H. W. Sauerhoff, Sr.



The largest class in Honolulu, T. H., Lodge's history was this 156-man group initiated in honor of Charter Member Harry Murray, P.E.R., seated center foreground, with P.D.D. J. R. Hudson, retiring E.R. Fred Smith, his officers and 16 Asst. Esquires. Each candidate received an American Flag, a copy of the Grand Lodge Statutes, the lodge by-laws, a volume carrying the lodge's 50-year history, and a story of its committee work compiled by Mr. Smith.



Since its 1949 institution, Mesa, Ariz., Lodge has sponsored a Boy Scout Troop whose big problem was the matter of transportation. It has been solved by Elk James Urban, left, who donated an Army chassis and bus body to the Troop, then joined other Mesa Elks in hours of hard labor fitting the body to the chassis, installing seats, and putting the motor in working order. He is pictured presenting title to the bus, which will also be used by the lodge's softball team, to Scoutmaster Elk Guy Nicoll as retiring Exalted Ruler Roy Swift looks on.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, third from left, inspects the ABC Championship awards for the 1954 American Bowling Congress which took place in Seattle, Wash. Others, left to right, are E.R. Arthur Emery of Tacoma Lodge which sent 25 teams to the tournament, Congress Secy. Frank K. Baker and D.D. Charles J. Weller. The balance of the 32-team Elk squad of participants in the event which Tacoma Lodge's Bowling Chairman Fritz Winder helped make a colorful affair, came from Vancouver, Longview, Puyallup and Aberdeen, Wash.



Dignitaries present in Asheville for the 1954 Convention of the North Carolina Elks Assn. included, left to right, foreground: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Secy. of State Thad Eure, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities; standing; Pres.-elect Raymond A. Fuson, host E.R. William A. McElduff, and retiring Pres. Col. Donald L. Madigan.



Grand Trustee William J. Jernick, left foreground, received a key to the city from Weehawken, N. J., Mayor Charles F. Krause, Jr., a member of the local lodge, at its tribute to retiring E.R. Adam H. Reiser, left, which was attended by more than 200 persons. Others pictured are P.D.D. Grover Asmus, D.D. Bart Boyle, Mayor John E. Otis of West New York, and Rev. Cornelius Boyle, all of New Jersey Elksdom.



Above: This is a photograph of the "O" Team, winner of the 1953-54 Bowling Tournament of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge's 23-team league. Left to right they are Philip Brand, Jr., Allen E. R. Craig, Capt. Jack Renehan, George Farb and Louis Scileppi.

At right is Donna Roby, one of the Derby Doll Show Girls in "They're Off!" the theme of this year's Cumberland, Md., Elks Minstrel Show put on annually for the Allegany League for Crippled Children.



Mesa Scene of Arizona Sessions

A group of California Elks, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, joined 715 delegates to the 39th Annual Ariz. State Assn. Convention at Mesa May 5th through the 8th. One of the visitors, P.E.R. Frank Linnell of Newport Harbor Lodge, headed the officials who judged the Ritualistic Contest, won by Yuma Lodge's 1953 Champions.

New officers of this organization which does a great deal of Veterans Service, cerebral palsy and youth work, are Pres., Dr. Duncan G. Graham, Mesa; Vice-Pres., J. B. Scott, Clifton; Treas., Alex W. Crane, Phoenix; Trustees: Raymond C. Wolfe, Bisbee; Harold Pine, Clifton, and Joseph T. Pecharich, Jerome; Secy., Wm. J. Laasch, Mesa; No. Dist. Asst. to the Pres., J. C. Haldiman, Phoenix; So. Dist. Asst., John C. Steel, Ajo.

Many entertaining activities were enjoyed, including a special Elks Day program at the Arizona Downs Race Track, and the banquet and ball at Phoenix Elks Park saw 650 in attendance.

Alabama Elks Welcome Distinguished Visitors

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, one of his distinguished predecessors, Hon. John S. McClelland, Ed. W. McCabe of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee and Special Rep. Floyd H. Brown of the Natl. Service Commission joined 500 Alabama Elks, including Governor James E. Folsom, at the 1954 State Assn. Meeting. Held in Birmingham May 14, 15 and 16, the conclave closed with Memorial Services at which W. W. Windham of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee spoke.

Mobile Lodge won the Ritualistic Title, and the following officers were installed: Pres., A. J. Duke, Birmingham; Exec. Vice-Pres., F. E. Schmidkofer, Florence; Secy.-Treas., Carter Dobbs, Decatur; Trustee, J. E. Marshall, Florence; Tiler, Gilbert Allen, Tuscaloosa; Dist. Vice-Presidents: A. A. Powondra, Cullman; E. C. Snarr, Anniston; W. E. Watson, Tuscaloosa; G. M. Bailey, Mobile; L. P. Patterson, Dothan; William Hopson, Auburn-Opelika; G. W. French, Selma; John Wiegand, Homewood; Chaplain, K. P. Brown, Mobile; Inner Guard, Lambert Mackentepe, Cullman; Outer Guard, Roger Flynn, Bessemer; Sgt.-at-Arms, Howard Pope, Birmingham; Organist, T. T. Davidson, Birmingham; Publicity, Ira Naler, Birmingham.

1954 State Association Convention Information

Montana	Missoula	July 28-29-30-31
Md., Dela., D.C.	Annapolis	Aug. 19-20-21-22
West Virginia	Elkins	Aug. 20-21
Virginia	Norfolk	Aug. 22-23-24
Ohio	Cedar Point	Aug. 22-23-24-25
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	Aug. 22-26
Tennessee	Knoxville	Sept. 3-4
Colorado	Durango	Sept. 10-11-12
California	San Francisco	Oct. 6-7-8-9



ELKS HONOR SCOUT HERO



JUST six months ago, Columbus, Ga., Lodge's Sea Explorer Ship 194 was chartered. It's a good ship, with a good crew, and its sponsors are mighty proud of it. They're particularly proud of Scout Houston Sansome, or "Sonny" Sansome as they know him down there; a short time after the first of the year, "Sonny" saved the life of a fellow Scout.

One day "Sonny" was working on a project in his backyard, while out in front two other boys were busy on something else. In the process, one of them spilled pitch on his clothing and used gasoline to remove the stain. Then, without thinking, he walked too close to an open fire; his clothing ignited immediately. Panicked, the boy began to run. Seeing the youngster's plight, "Sonny" Sansome made a flying tackle to stop him. Covering the victim with his own body, he managed to extinguish the flames at considerable risk to himself.

As a gesture of appreciation for his heroism, his sponsors gave Scout Sansome a gold wrist watch, and that's when this picture was taken. With the young man are Elks Jack Lester, Roy A. Nelson, James I. Maloney and C. Ed. Berry.



Left: At Nutley, N. J., Lodge's "Charter Night" when its Explorer Scout Post No. 149, composed of boys between 14 and 18 years of age, received its charter were, left to right: Joseph F. Bader, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee man, principal speaker; Esq. Everett Zabriskie, the lodge's Youth Activities Committee Chairman; Scout Executive George Stata, and P.E.R. Henry J. Bragger. The others are members of the Post.

GIANT of Jim Creek



The most powerful voice on earth, with a world-wide range—that's Radio Jim Creek.

BY COMMANDER MERLE MACBAIN

NO PRESS releases were issued and no one paid much attention back in 1947 when U. S. Navy work crews first began slashing their way through a forest of Douglas fir and chasing the mountain goats, bear and cougar from their ancestral lairs in a remote region of the Cascade Mountains in Western Washington. Then word got around that they were building a new kind of super-powerful Buck Rogers radio station up in Jim Creek Valley, northeast of Seattle.

Rumors began to fly.

Farmers vowed that their cows would dry up as a result of all those super-

charged electrons whipping around or that the milk, if any, would turn sour. Some even hinted darkly about the possible effects on humans.

Later, when the million-watt mechanism was turned on for test operations, some folks reported the somewhat disturbing experience of finding their hair literally standing on end. One man complained that when he reached out to open the door of his automobile, he was knocked flat on his back. Others insisted that they had been turned into human receiving stations with their teeth chattering in Morse code rhythm as their

bridgework picked up the dots and dashes of the Navy's messages. One mountaineer who was standing on a tree stump, and therefore not properly grounded, reported that the nails in his hob-nailed boots attracted such a concentration of electrons that they began to smoke.

Navy engineers deny emphatically that their new "Big Jim" radio giant will either sour milk or affect vital statistics in the State of Washington. They admit, however, that there are areas where the static field laid down by the mountain top antenna will indeed make your hair stand on end and they are not prepared to deny the possibility that a person within, say, a mile or so of the new station could tune in the signals with his teeth, or rather with his amalgam fillings, if conditions were just right. But it isn't at all likely. They have made the area quite safe for motorists by providing "grounding stakes" for parked cars. The cars are simply driven up against metal stakes so that the accumulated static will be harmlessly drained off.

Radio Jim Creek, to use its right name, was built to Navy specifications by the Radio Corporation of America and was put in commission with a suitably dramatic ceremony in the fall of 1953.

It is the biggest piece of electronic equipment ever put together. It radiates 1,200,000 watts of energy with all stops out, which makes it a shade more than

Official United States Navy Photos



General David Sarnoff, left, "pounds the key" as Admiral Robert B. Carney dictates the first world wide message sent from Radio Jim Creek.

twice as powerful as its nearest rival and just twenty-two times as potent as the biggest U. S. commercial stations. It is unjamable except by another transmitter of equal power, of which there is none. For "towers" it uses two 3,000 foot mountain peaks between which is suspended the largest antenna ever constructed—ten spans each more than a mile in length.

Big Jim's loud voice can be heard, without benefit of relay, by ships in any of the seven seas. It can out-shout the magnetic storms of the Arctic to reach our farthest outposts and it can knife beneath the surface of the ocean to give information and commands to submerged submarines.

THE IDEA was generated back in Washington, D. C., in 1946 by global-minded experts who recognized that our naval communications system was no longer adequate to act as the 'voice of command' for a fleet and fleet air arm which now had the monolithic mission of controlling the world's oceans and the north and south approaches thereto.

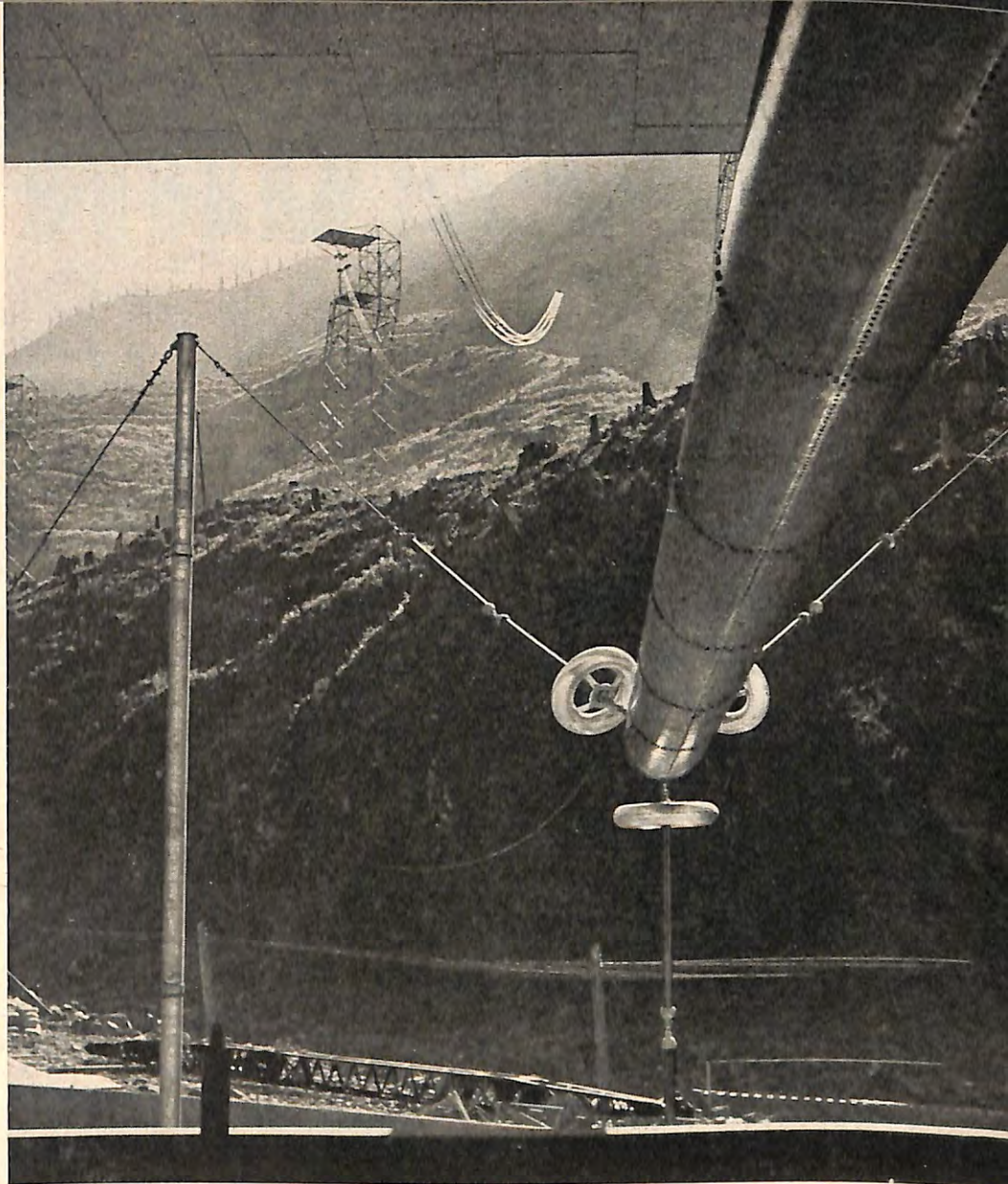
Desired was a single voice able to speak instantaneously to fleet units everywhere; a voice that could be heard not only by carriers and cruisers with their extensive antennae but by submarines prowling alone and little ships on distant missions. To be heard by such, it must be a powerful voice and, to fight its way through atmospheric interference, impervious alike to weather and to sun spots, it must be in the very low frequency (VLW) range.

VLW calls for equipment of enormous size and complexity. Such equipment in turn must be comfortably close to reliable and adequate sources of power. There were a few other requirements laid down by the master minds in Washington for their new super-station. For the antenna they wanted twin mountain peaks standing 6,000 to 8,000 feet apart, rising 3,000 to 4,000 feet above sea level and at least 2,000 feet above the intervening valley floor. There must be plenty of ground round and about that was free of human habitation. At the same time, the site must be available to what the military calls logistical support (groceries and spare parts in this case) and it should be close enough to recreational facilities to keep the help from going stir crazy.

The Navy wanted, in other words, a remote and uninhabited mountain fastness located near a big city and close to a major power plant. The search moved almost immediately to the West Coast and eventually to the Puget Sound area where there is a big power plant, Bonneville Dam, and a big city, Seattle, which is so close to uninhabited wilderness that its inhabitants can practically shoot bear from their bedroom windows.

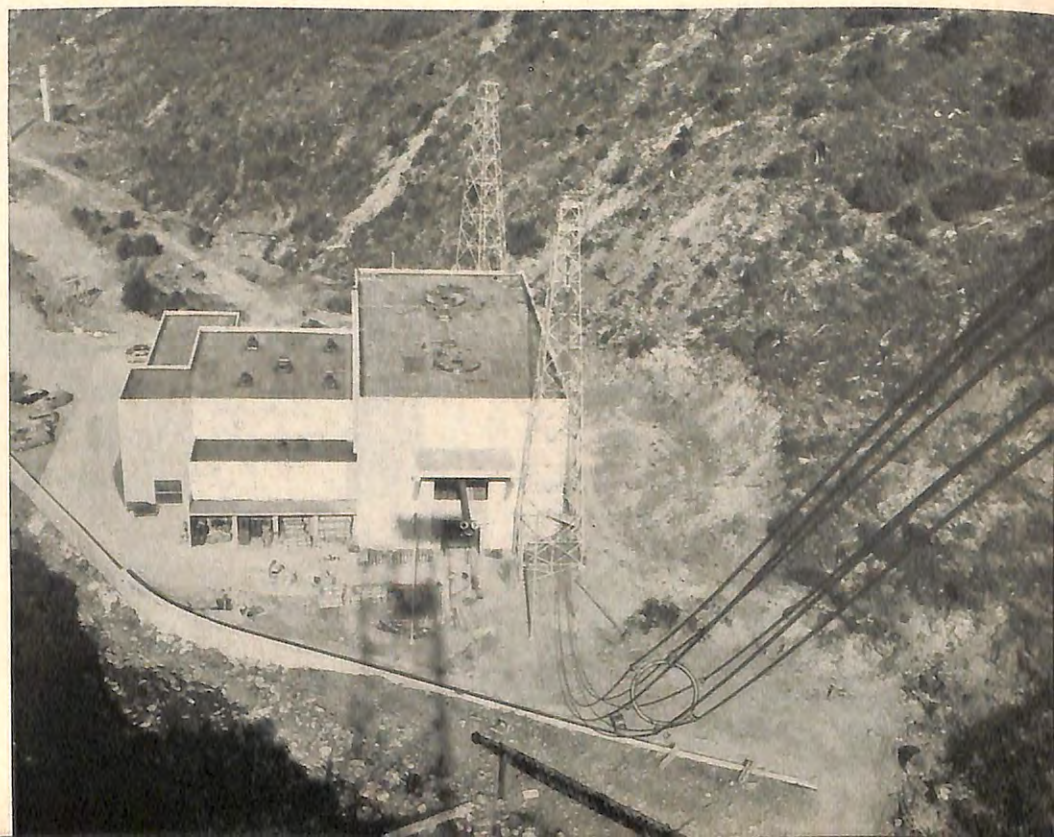
An engineering task force surveyed 36 sites in the Puget Sound area alone and eventually fixed on Jim Creek Valley as

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Above: View from transmitter building, along antenna lead-in trunk, shows 145-foot bus tower halfway up the mountain. This is one of thirteen such towers supporting the transmission line.

Below: Bird's-eye view of the transmitter building which nestles between 3,000-foot mountains.



ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

The wall-eyed pike—which isn't a pike—at least is good eating.



THE LARGEST wall-eyed pike on record was caught at Fort Erie, Ontario, on the 26th of May, 1943, by a man named Patrick E. Noon, and it weighed 22¼ pounds. The smallest on record was the

one I caught the last time I went wall-eye fishing. Things like that happen to me, and it's not because I don't use nationally-advertised rods and reels and the latest, flashiest gadgets. I even cast fairly well for anyone in my weight class. And it doesn't seem to help if I fish according to the latest and loudest proclamations of the moon-tide-barometer-thermometer fish-forecasters. So I am not complaining about catching a small walleye. Sometimes I don't catch any.

Once, however, I did land a big wall-eyed pike. In fact, according to my scheme of things it was a tremendous one, with a protruding pot-belly and glassy eyes almost as big as dimes. It weighed a little over eight pounds, and that's no dace. To tell the truth, though, I wasn't fishing for walleyes at the time, and that may account for it. In fact, it hadn't even occurred to me that there might be a walleye in the river until I brought him alongside the canoe.

I was proud of that fish until I happened to tell a walleye-fishing specialist about it. He was a rather odd character, bald as a buzzard with thick-lensed glasses and smooth, damp-looking skin sort of like a frog, but he was a man who always spoke with enormous authority on the subject of fishing; so I knew he would be interested in my big one. I finished the story with a flourish, explaining how I barely managed to slide the monster over the gunnel of the canoe before the hook dropped from his jaws, and waited for congratulations. Instead, he merely commented: "You can't count that one, you know. You weren't even fishing for walleyes at the time."

"I know," I insisted. "That's the point. Why can't I count him?"

"It wouldn't be fair to take credit for that fish," he explained coolly, knocking the ashes from his cigarette, "any more than it would be to miss a partridge on the wing and kill a squirrel sitting in a tree behind him; thereby claiming to be a good shot."

At first this seemed to be rather harsh judgment on my fishing ability and I

wanted to tell him so, but I couldn't come up with an answer. The more I thought it over, the more logical was his argument; so I guess I am still no wall-eyed pike fisherman, even if I did feed the whole camp, including the cook, with that one fat eight-pounder.

WHEN my glassy-eyed friend saw he had me down, he went on to tell me that I couldn't catch them because I didn't think like a walleye. "Put yourself in the fish's place," he explained, "and then you won't have to depend on luck." This sounded like good advice; however, not being too adept at holding my breath, I decided the only way to put myself in the fish's place was to read up on all the scientific data I could find about the wall-eyed pike. I took him from earliest childhood to the frying pan, and came up with some amazing facts. After this study, I am glad that I don't think like a walleye, even if I do come home empty-handed.

To start with, a wall-eyed pike born

into a family of average means and circumstances discovers immediately that he has at least fifty thousand twin brothers and sisters. If his mother happens to be on the corpulent side and has had several seasons of experience in these matters, he may even have as many as a half million brothers and sisters making a simultaneous entrance into this existence. If the young walleye were the type that had difficulty placing names and faces, this could have a serious effect on his personality. From all I can gather, however, he gives it not a thought. When he emerges from the egg and takes his first look around, he apparently thinks only that this is a wide and wonderful—if slightly wet—world. Spring is in full bloom and the water around him is crowded with all manner of wiggling, swimming and crawling delicacies—some of them a bit clammy and slippery at first acquaintance, but a fellow has to develop a taste for some of the better things in life. Nature, conveniently, had given him big eyes to see these edible creatures with, a wide mouth and sharp teeth to catch them with, and a large stomach to make them at home. Yes, to a

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Dan Holland holds up a nice walleye caught late in the evening—ideal time for walleyes.



The ELKS Get The Job

Aiding veterans after hospital discharge goes to National Service Commission

SEVERAL months ago, Vice-Admiral Joel T. Boone, U. S. Marine Corps, Rtd., Chief Medical Officer of the VA, conferred with the members of the Elks National Service Commission on enlisting the Order's support in assisting veterans to secure gainful employment after their hospital discharge. The Commission immediately pledged its full cooperation, promising prompt action as soon as the VA's arrangements were made to put a workable plan into effect.

Late in May, at a meeting in Washington, D. C., called by James H. Parke,

Chief, Voluntary Service Division, Special Service of the VA, a Committee on Planning for the Patient's Discharge, composed of ten representatives of interested organizations, one of them the Elks, was formed to handle this work on a national level.

In discussing the mechanics of this huge undertaking, the Elk representative offered an outline of a plan which was so favorably received that this Order was authorized to put it into operation as a pattern for nation-wide adoption. A pilot-test of its efficiency will be

made at 13 VA Hospitals scattered throughout the country, eight of which already have a preliminary, localized, program in operation.

As soon as the Elk plan is perfected, it will be presented to the entire VA Voluntary Service of over 40 member groups, including the B.P.O.E.

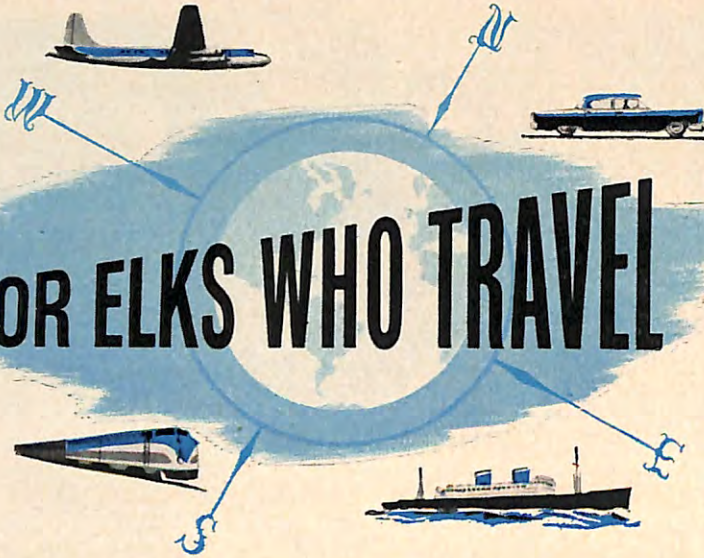
In being privileged to establish the groundwork for this important program, your Order has once again given proof of its willingness and competence to handle any situation in which it can benefit our servicemen.

Briefly, the Elk plan is as follows:

- Each lodge will appoint a Veterans Rehabilitation Committee
- The Elks National Service Commission's representative at each VA Hospital will be supplied with the name of the Chairman of the Committee for every lodge in Elkdom.
- When a patient is leaving a Hospital, the Commission's representative will immediately notify the Chairman of the Committee for the lodge in whose jurisdiction the veteran resides. He will also notify the National Service Commission headquarters in New York City.
- The National office will communicate with the local Committee head who will promptly look up the veteran on his arrival home to offer any assistance the serviceman might need. He will then report to the Commission headquarters the results of the interview, and also any action his Committee might take to assist the veteran.



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THE MOST POPULAR corner of the nation, hands down, is that sizable chunk of territory encompassing the Great Smokies which sits partly in North Carolina and partly in Tennessee. Standing with one foot in each state, fourteen years ago the late President Roosevelt dedicated the giant tract of land, much of it garnered through the efforts of John D. Rockefeller Jr., as a national park.

As one of the youngest of the country's enclaves, it has in its short history, become the most visited of them all, passing Yellowstone, Yosemite and others far more famous and indeed possessed of more spectacular wonders. Two and a quarter million tourists came to gaze on the Smokies last year, rolling up to the gates in no fewer than 750,000 cars.

WHY SMOKIES ARE POPULAR

What makes the Smokies so popular, the rangers say, are the bears and the landscape. The place is full of flowers. And there are more trees within its limits than exist in all Europe. There are silver bell trees that bloom pink and white and are called gopher wood by local citizens. The ladys' trees bloom late into the autumn, and there are tulip trees six feet in diameter and 500 years old. It is always startling to realize that they were growing when Columbus first planted the flag. Twenty-six kinds of orchids bloom in the park, not excluding pink moccasin. And through May the hills are covered with mountain laurel which locals prefer to call ivy. By June the rhododendron burst into bloom, acres of it, all purple and red. To see all the flora and to identify it, naturalist guides will take you on easy two-mile walks, a free service of the National Park Service.

That other attraction, the bears, are there in almost as great profusion and they live on nuts and things, filling in with whatever they can beg or steal from passing travelers. An unguarded picnic

lunch is almost sure to disappear, and the bruins have been known to climb right inside automobiles if there is something succulent in the air. Although nobody has been really seriously injured, the Park Service wishes visitors would realize that the bears are beasts of the field and have not been tamed and domesticated. They can take a swing at you and they have sharp claws. Also, if your food runs out, they can have short tempers. Nonetheless, people do still feed bears by hand, and the arrival of a bruin family along the highway of a Sunday afternoon in July never fails to result in what the rangers call a "bear jam."

Aside from the bears, the flowers, the mountains and the smoke or fog that so often hangs over them, one of the most interesting things about the park are the relics of the mountain people who lived in the area before it was set aside as a government preserve. A whole pioneer homestead has been gathered together as it might have stood some years back, with a chicken house, a "bee gum stand" or beehive, fashioned out of hollow logs, a smoke house, and an "apple house" for storing apples. Here the mountain people, descendants of hardy Scottish and English pioneers lived simply, brewed moonshine, and maintained a rugged life on \$200 to \$300 a year.

FOR CAMPERS

For those who want to see the park in the most natural way possible there are five camping sites, each fitted out with comfort stations, water taps and fire-places where you can pitch a tent and flip flapjacks over a fire. There is also a lodge on the top of Mount LeConte to which you must walk but it is a comfortable and handy place to spend the night with a permanent roof overhead should you desire to see the sunrise or the sunset from the mountain tops.

On the other hand, for vacationers who



find it a vacation if the beds are warm, the quarters comfortable, and the food cooked by experts—I fall in this group—there is a delightful mountain resort called Gatlinburg at the Tennessee gateway to the park. Almost unknown a score or so years ago, Gatlinburg now has five handsome full-fledged hotels and some seventy motels, about the best collection of drive-ins I have seen anywhere in the country.

VARIED ACCOMMODATIONS

The Mountain View Hotel, one of the old standbys, is a big and roomy place with a lobby full of rockers, and a spacious dining room where you will run across hot biscuits with mountain honey, country ham, and green beans cooked with bacon, a Southern specialty. It can take 200 people, charges about \$7 to \$9 a day per person, \$14 to \$16 a day for two with all meals included. The New Riverside will offer you rooms with or without air conditioning. The same goes for the New Gatlinburg Inn. Doubles here run as low as \$6.75 in both inns, or as high as \$12 a day for the best single room, meals included. If you want European plan and take your meals in the

local restaurants, figure from \$3.50 to \$5 a night per person.

Aside from the hotels, there is, as I say, a wide assortment of motor courts, and at least two of them, Twin Islands and Town Court, sit alongside the Little Pigeon River. Easy chairs are set out on the river banks and you can spend the evening hours watching the rushing river tumble on over the rocky bed. Even a quick lunch place is called the River View because it offers just that along with the ham and eggs (and grits). Up towards the center of town there are luxurious motels like Smokyland with eighteen units built of native stone, tiled baths, electric heating and wall-to-wall carpeting. For these places figure about \$7 to \$9 a night for two, but motels in Gatlinburg can be had as low as \$2 per person per night. One even offers free use of a swimming pool.

If you're the type who likes to bring home something to remember a place by, as what traveler isn't, you won't have any trouble finding things to buy in Gatlinburg. A long string of handsome shops carries a fine selection of mountain crafts. At the Wood Whittlers you can watch
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Elks Magazine Travel Service

More and more readers of The Elks Magazine are taking advantage of the services offered by our Travel Department. Last year travel inquiries were 168 per cent greater than 1952.

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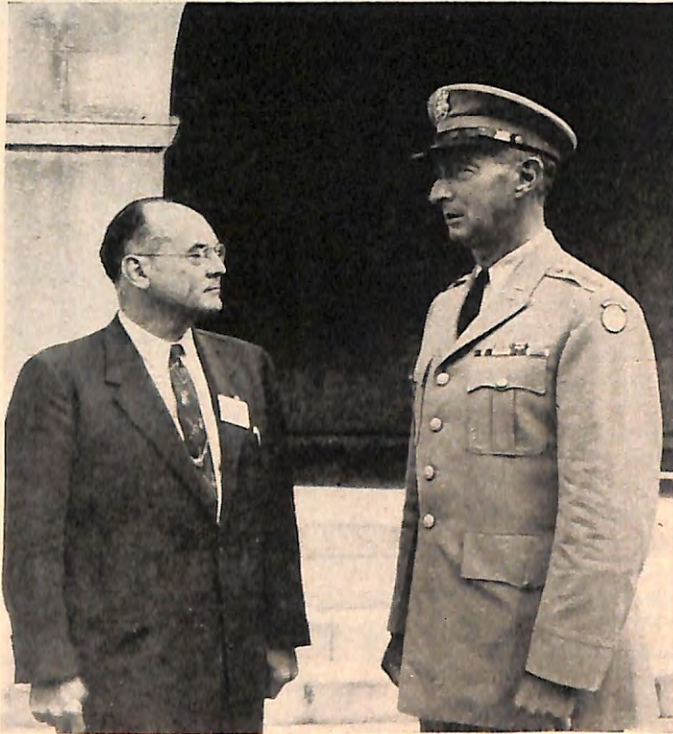
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The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



While in Charleston for the South Carolina State Convention, Grand Exalted Ruler James visited the world-famous Citadel. He is shown here being greeted by the school Commandant, General Mark W. Clark.

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Shown here at the banquet given by Chattanooga Lodge are, left to right: Grand Exalted Ruler James, Exalted Ruler Frank G. Copeland and Edward W. McCabe, member of Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee.



Mr. James, standing, addresses the luncheon meeting held in his honor at Greenville Lodge. Seated, left to right: Morristown E.R. Robert Hodges and P.E.R. W. J. Barron, D.D. Leon E. Easterly, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee member Edward W. McCabe and E.R. L. R. Sandel.

GRAND EXALTED RULER Earl E. James attended the meeting of the Alabama Elks Association at Birmingham on May 15th. In addition to the large numbers of Alabama Elks present, the guests included Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Governor-Elect James Folsom, Floyd H. Brown, Special Representative of the Elks National Service Commission, and Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee member Edward W. McCabe.

The next day, Mr. James, accompanied by Grand Lodge Committeeman McCabe, began a four-day tour of Tennessee lodges. That evening he was the guest of honor at a banquet given by **KNOXVILLE LODGE NO. 160** for its Officers and Past Exalted Rulers. State Association President S. J. Elkins, Jr. joined E.R. Allen Bell, Jr. in welcoming Mr. James to Tennessee. The luncheon held in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler by **KINGSFORT LODGE NO. 1833**, next day, was attended by more

than 100 officers and members of the lodge. That afternoon, the prominent Oklahoma City attorney visited **ELIZABETHTON LODGE NO. 1847**. He was greeted at the city limits by a large delegation of local Elks headed by E.R. Stanford Nave and escorted to the lodge home. This eventful day was climaxed by a visit to **BRISTOL LODGE NO. 232** where Mr. James was honored with a banquet. More than 250 persons attended, including Maurice Conn, Vice-President of the State Assoc. E.R. Cecil Thomas presided.

Next day, May 18th, following a visit to **JOHNSON CITY LODGE NO. 825**, the Grand Exalted Ruler was the guest of **GREENEVILLE LODGE NO. 1653** at a luncheon. Mr. James was greeted by E.R. L. Roessler Sandel and District Deputy Leon Easterly. The afternoon's activities included an informal visit to **MORRISTOWN LODGE NO. 1667** and a tour of the Cerebral Palsy center operated by the Knoxville Lodge. Mr. James then continued on to **OAK RIDGE LODGE NO. 1684**. He visited the Youth Center sponsored by the lodge as part of its Youth Activities program and was later honored at a banquet presided over by E.R. John J. Siegener and attended by more than 250 persons including State Assoc. Secy. George Dykes.

Before leaving Oak Ridge next morning, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited the Atomic Energy plant which has helped to make the city world famous. He then went to **CHATTANOOGA LODGE NO. 91**, where he was greeted by E.R. Frank G. Copeland and many of the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers. He was introduced to over 400 members and guests at a banquet given by the lodge that evening.

On May 20th, accompanied by Grand Lodge Committeeman Edward W. McCabe, Grand Exalted Ruler James arrived in Charleston, S. C., to attend the Convention of the South Carolina State Association. While in Charleston he visited the famous Citadel College where he renewed his acquaintance with General Mark Clark; with General Clark, who is now Commandant of the Academy, Mr. James watched a review of the cadets. That evening, following an introduction by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, the Grand Exalted Ruler addressed the Convention.

The next day, May 21st, Mr. James, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland, Grand Lodge Committeeman McCabe and Albert C. Winter, E.R. of **SAVANNAH, GA., LODGE, NO. 183**, left for Savannah to attend the Georgia State Association Convention.

On June 2nd Grand Exalted Ruler James was the guest of **SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR., LODGE, NO. 1367**, at a breakfast. Earlier that morning, E.R. Bernard Dougherty and Secretary Glen Avery had driven to Torrington, Wyoming, to bring Mr. James to Scottsbluff Lodge. Among those present at the breakfast were H. L. Blackledge, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, and Mayor Clark Williams.



First, second, third, fourth, fifth and twelfth from left in group of Officers and members of Oak Ridge Lodge are: State Assoc. Trustee John Smith, Grand Lodge Committeeman Edward W. McCabe, D.D. Leon E. Easterly, Mr. James, E.R. John J. Siegener, State Secy. George H. Dykes.



Left to right at Knoxville Lodge luncheon are: Frank G. Williams, Grand Lodge Committeeman Edward W. McCabe, Mr. James, House Committee Chmn. T. R. Bandy, Sr., P.E.R. J. A. McConnell.



Seen here with some of the patients at Knoxville Lodge's Cerebral Palsy Center are, left, to right: State Secy. George H. Dykes, Pres. S. J. Elkins, Jr., Grand Lodge Committeeman Edward W. McCabe, D.D. Leon E. Easterly, Mr. James, P.E.R. Kenneth F. Branscom, founder of the Center, P.E.R. Louis T. Stachel, Chairman of the Board of the Center, and E.R. Allen Bell, Jr.



Excerpts from Annual Reports Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Los Angeles in July.

The Grand Exalted Ruler

GRAND EXALTED RULER EARL E. JAMES said in opening his Report to the Grand Lodge, "At this year's end, I am very proud of the progress of our Order, of the accomplishment of many of our programs, and above all, exceedingly proud of the loyalty and the devotion to duty of every subordinate lodge officer, District Deputy, Grand Lodge Officer and Committeeman.

"At the beginning of the year, I was determined that this Order should grow in strength and prestige. That every member in every lodge be justly proud of our every act during the year. It was my hope that because of our efforts this Order should be more respected and revered throughout the length and breadth of this Land. I believe that we can now be proud of our success."

Membership

Mr. James made the lapsations one of the key points of his program because of its important effect on the membership growth that the Order has enjoyed for several years. Through cooperation with The Elks Magazine, lists of Elks who have moved from their home lodge were mailed by The Elks Magazine to the lodge in the city where they are now residing, with the intent that these lodges put on a program and contact each stray Elk in the area. Special letters were mailed to each District Deputy over the Grand Exalted Ruler's signature, urging special effort and personal contact with delinquent members. Mr. James' "personal contact campaign" was very successful, and resulted in the institution of several membership projects. In the opinion of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the strong lapsation program resulted in saving 10,000 members this year.

With the slogan "50,000 more in '54", the membership reached an all-time high of 1,140,000 members at the time that this digest of the Grand Exalted Ruler's Report is published. For complete details about the membership gains, refer to the digest of the Grand Secretary's Report which follows on the page opposite this report.

District Deputy Conferences

Three District Deputy Conferences were held during the year—Chicago, Salt Lake City and at the Elks' National Home in Bedford, Va. The conferences met with splendid success, and more than 200 District Deputies and State Association Presidents attended. In fact, only three District Deputies and one State President did not attend the conferences, and all four had excellent reasons for being absent. At the conferences, the District Deputies were given the Grand Lodge programs and objectives of the year.

"I now express my deepest appreciation for their sincerity and effectiveness in 'carrying the ball'. They have done a magnificent job, many times under difficult circumstances. I shall ever remain grateful for their loyalty to the Grand Lodge Program and I am proud of each and every one of them for personal loyalty, friendship and fine support." the Grand Exalted Ruler said in his Report, paying tribute to his District Deputies and the State Association Presidents.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers

In his Report, Mr. James expressed particular appreciation for the assistance given to him by the Past Grand Exalted Rulers of the Order saying, "The courtesies, complete cooperation, work and assistance given to me by the 'Past Grands' of our Order, have made this year both pleasant and successful. These gentlemen who have dedicated their lives to Elkdom, have responded instantly to every call of service. Their help and advice has been generously given at all times. This Order and myself are greatly indebted to these great Americans!"

Appreciation of Help

The Grand Exalted Ruler explained, in considerable detail, the work of the Grand Lodge Committees during the year, and expressed his sincere appreciation for their contribution towards making his year in office a success. Digests of the Reports of these Committees appear in

this issue as well as the August issue.

Mr. James particularly thanked Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary, for rendering every possible assistance; the Board of Grand Trustees; the late Edward A. Dutton, Grand Treasurer, who died suddenly in May and was succeeded by Robert G. Pruitt, a member of Buckhead, Ga., Lodge, No. 1635. The Grand Exalted Ruler also expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given to him by the Grand Lodge Chair Officers; Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, of which H. L. Blackledge is Chairman; Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, and other members of this Committee; the Ritualistic Committee, headed by Arthur J. Roy; and the Grand Forum, composed of Henry S. Lindsley, Chief Justice, John L. Walker, John F. Scileppi, J. Paul Kuhn and Glen S. Paterson.

Mr. James expressed his sincere appreciation of the splendid work that Superintendent Thomas J. Brady is doing at the Elks National Home. He also pointed out in his Report the helpful assistance he had received from Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation; Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission; and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of the National Memorial and Publication Commission.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

During the year, Grand Exalted Ruler visited more than 215 lodges in all of the 48 States, and in the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska. Largely, the meetings were State-wide or on a District basis, and were very well attended. The Grand Exalted Ruler travelled more than 100,000 miles in making these visits. He also made 58 radio broadcasts and 24 appearances on television. "The rich experiences that I have enjoyed throughout the United States and its possessions, and the personal friendships which I have made, have been a source of great

personal pleasure and inspiration." he said with reference to the subordinate lodge.

Emergency Charity Fund

The chief expenditure under this fund was \$1,000 that the Grand Exalted Ruler directed be given Vicksburg, Miss., for needed assistance resulting from tornado damage. This gift was supplemented by gifts of Vicksburg Lodge, Canton and Gulfport, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Alexander City, Ala., each of which made donations to the fund. "We have the fervent thanks of the people of Vicksburg, Mississippi, for this aid", the Grand Exalted Ruler said in his Report. Mr. James said in concluding his Re-

port, "This year has been a rich experience. This year's service and my association with the Brothers of our Order will be a treasured memory. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve this great American fraternity. To each member of our Order, who has contributed to making this year such a success, I offer my profound gratitude and thanks. I ask that every member give my successor and his administration, the same loyal and generous support that you have given me and that you continue to render the same high type of service to our beloved Order.

"May each of you be inspired by Almighty God to be of service to your fellowman, your community, your country and your God."

ment, in which the banner of Elkdome has advanced to a higher position on the field of progress and development. Our members, who have given of their time and ability to the broadening and bettering of our relations with their home communities, are resting on their well-earned laurels. Our past is secure. Where are we going?

"We cannot definitely state how the future will develop in detail, but we have established our success on the fundamental principles of Elkdome, and continued advance is assured.

"Lapsation continues to be a problem. The solution, if any, must be found on the subordinate lodge level and this means more intensive work by Lapsation Committees. These committees, through
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The Grand Secretary

FOR the 14th consecutive year the membership of the Order moved forward and as of March 31st our membership was 1,122,803. This compares with a membership of 1,097,003 at the close of the previous fiscal year and represents a gain of 25,800, Grand Secretary, J. Edgar Masters reported to the Grand Lodge.

Membership

During the year subordinate lodges added 80,956 to their membership rolls by initiation, 11,468 by dimit and 7,757 by reinstatement. In the same period 144 were expelled; 40,616 members were dropped for non-payment of dues; dimites were granted to 18,103, and 15,518 Brothers were lost by death.

United States Securities

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Securities in the following amounts, at cost:

In the Reserve Fund.....\$599,503.11
In the General Fund..... 200,000.00
In the Home Fund..... 220,000.00
\$1,019,503.13

During the past year Series G Bonds in the amount of \$50,000 came due. These bonds were cashed immediately and the money was used to purchase \$50,000 of Series K. Of these K Bonds, \$35,000 was placed in the General Fund and \$15,000 in the Home Fund. Because of over-subscription, the Treasury Department directed that \$5,000 of our K Bonds be cashed and this sum was deposited in the Reserve Fund bank account and subsequently used, along with \$19,503.13 accumulated from interest, to purchase \$24,503.15.

Bequests

During the year the Grand Lodge received from the Estate of Adelaide Estella Bear, Camden, New Jersey, the sum

of \$31,958.13, which includes deduction of legal fees. This will be known as the T. L. Bear Fund and will be used to aid Camden County New Jersey children to fit themselves for a trade and will be administered by a Grand Lodge agency.

Finances

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$1,855,308.34; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98, making total assets of \$3,064,693.32. Subordinate lodges, the Grand Secretary reported, at the beginning of the year just closed had \$24,792,348.43, cash on hand. Total assets of the subordinate lodges are \$243,710,172.06.

Growth of The Order

In concluding his report, Grand Secretary Masters said, "Another year has passed into the history of our Order, a year well filled with splendid achieve-

Membership By States, 1954

State	Membership	State	Membership
Ala.	6,401	Nebr.	15,435
Alaska	7,726	Nev.	4,080
Ariz.	13,935	N. H.	5,708
Ark.	2,877	N. J.	33,887
Calif.	107,444	N. M.	7,861
C. Z.	1,311	N. Y.	72,572
Colo.	28,808	N. C.	10,822
Conn.	19,164	N. D.	12,604
Del., Md.,		Ohio	57,656
D. C.	11,757	Okla.	7,665
Fla.	28,366	Ore.	40,538
Ga.	17,879	Pa.	89,849
Guam	292	P. I.	544
Hawaii	2,095	P. R.	795
Ida.	20,636	R. I.	7,052
Ill.	58,062	S. C.	6,682
Ind.	45,720	S. D.	9,633
Ia.	28,856	Tenn.	9,868
Kan.	21,676	Tex.	20,969
Ky.	7,461	Utah	5,016
La.	2,820	Vt.	5,663
Me.	5,218	Va.	12,751
Mass.	36,936	Wash.	52,036
Mich.	50,378	W. Va.	18,188
Minn.	14,460	Wis.	27,037
Miss.	3,240	Wyo.	10,374
Mo.	13,163		
Mont.	20,837	Total	1,122,803

Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which subordinate lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the lodge year from April 1, 1953, through March 31, 1954:

Activities	Amount
Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 689,749.73
Summer Outings, Camps, and Health Resorts	272,656.43
Crippled Children	965,205.98
Medical Aid and Hospitals	464,876.87
Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets	940,665.80
Elks National Foundation	151,155.80
Youth Work (except for scholarships, free textbooks, etc.)	601,677.67
Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc.	209,020.27
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	357,601.61
Veterans' Relief	157,875.94
Miscellaneous	1,067,745.15
Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of July, etc.	183,096.18
Total	\$6,061,327.43

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each state and special jurisdiction during the period from April 1, 1953, to March 31, 1954:

State	Amount	State	Amount
Ala.	\$ 43,117.21	Nebr.	\$ 77,303.94
Alaska	20,738.25	Nev.	34,919.07
Ariz.	90,820.07	N. H.	20,913.36
Ark.	18,285.93	N. J.	318,907.43
Calif.	644,482.05	N. M.	45,833.78
C. Z.	4,795.05	N. Y.	432,615.29
Colo.	276,238.18	N. C.	89,450.10
Conn.	94,643.05	N. D.	42,435.70
Del., Md., and D. C.	115,717.60	Ohio	193,268.81
Fla.	196,289.06	Okla.	43,306.72
Ga.	264,033.70	Ore.	228,725.70
Guam	2,218.37	Pa.	300,183.77
Hawaii	18,824.47	P. I.	6,348.13
Ida.	122,051.61	P. R.	5,044.75
Ill.	330,326.87	R. I.	63,105.94
Ind.	156,089.55	S. C.	62,707.63
Ia.	75,779.84	S. D.	29,741.23
Kan.	81,238.70	Tenn.	74,323.24
Ky.	37,124.96	Tex.	179,585.11
La.	17,349.49	Utah	59,712.64
Me.	18,669.47	Vt.	33,339.97
Mass.	272,506.93	Va.	55,794.44
Mich.	106,273.69	Wash.	170,767.63
Minn.	50,958.87	W. Va.	119,896.86
Miss.	13,089.16	Wis.	113,779.46
Mo.	68,918.94	Wyo.	47,393.93
Mont.	71,341.33	Total	\$6,061,327.43

Elks National Service Commission

personal interviews, can convince delinquent members that their own lodges desire their personal presence rather than the few dollars for dues.

"The fact that we have dropped 40,616 members for non-payment of dues means that we have not properly assimilated the new members we have initiated. If new members were instructed in 'What It Means to Be an Elk', and were assigned to personal participation in the activities of their lodges, they would soon become enthusiastic in Elk work.

"The money contributed by our lodges to charitable and welfare work is comparable in amount to that spent in previous years. There is no phase of human need that has not been reached, and many lives thereby have been made happier."

Dispensations

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern

Dispensation Granted	Name and Number of Lodge	Instituted
6-3-53	Worland, Wyo., No. 1908	6-21-53
6-9-53	Hugo, Okla., No. 1909	6-20-53
6-19-53	Grand Prairie, Tex., No. 1910	6-26-53

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James

7-10-53	Mooreville, N. C., No. 1911	8-8-53
7-28-53	Holiday Isles (Madeira Beach), Fla., No. 1912	8-14-53
8-7-53	Ridgecrest, Calif., No. 1913	10-10-53
9-4-53	Gaffney, S. C., No. 1305	10-15-53
9-21-53	Metuchen, N. J., No. 1914	10-4-53
11-5-53	Phillipsburg, Kans., No. 1915	12-13-53
12-15-53	Keyser, W. Va., No. 1916	1-24-54
12-30-53	Culver City, Calif., No. 1917	4-12-54
1-11-54	Madera, Calif., No. 1918	2-20-54
1-15-54	Gardena, Calif., No. 1919	2-19-54
2-22-54	Barstow, Calif., No. 1920	3-27-54
3-8-54	Aurora, Colo., No. 1921	3-21-54
3-12-54	Glasgow, Mont., No. 1922	4-3-54
3-15-54	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, No. 1923	4-11-54
3-15-54	Willoughby, Ohio, No. 1924	4-25-54
3-19-54	Logan, W. Va., No. 1391	4-25-54
3-25-54	Gatlinburg, Tenn., No. 1925	4-10-54
3-30-54	Kingsville, Tex., No. 1926	4-13-54
4-3-54	Athens, Tenn., No. 1927	4-24-54
4-8-54	Lake Charles, La., No. 435	4-19-54
4-12-54	Flemington, N. J., No. 1928	4-25-54
5-12-54	Parker, Ariz., No. 1929	
5-12-54	Moses Lake, Wash., No. 1930	
5-14-54	Levittown, N. Y., No. 1931	

Special Note

At the time the 1953 Annual Report of the Grand Secretary went to press, twelve lodges, for which dispensations had been granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, had not been instituted. Dates of institution of these lodges were as follows:

Quincy, Calif., No. 1884	5-23-53
Manchester, Conn., No. 1893	6-13-53
Greater Wildwood (North Wildwood), N. J., No. 1896	4-26-53
Pompano Beach, Fla., No. 1898	4-30-53
Lodi, Calif., No. 1900	6-5-53
Jacksonville Beach, Fla., No. 1901	6-19-53
Verona, N. J., No. 1902	5-24-53
Dover, Del., No. 1903	6-13-53
Cottage Grove, Ore., No. 1904	6-3-53
Palm Springs, Calif., No. 1905	6-19-53
Ardmore, Okla., No. 1906	6-19-53
Rangely, Colo., No. 1907	6-27-53

PPOINTING out that eight years have passed since the end of World War II, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, opened his Report to the Grand Lodge with a reminder of the continued, devoted efforts of the Order in the interest of former servicemen and women and how this interest has increased rather than diminished with the passing of each year. "The end of conflict in Europe and the Pacific brought back thousands of wounded to our Veterans Hospitals. They joined the sick and helpless of other wars being cared for by the Veterans Administration. Their ranks were later increased by the casualties of the Korean campaign," Chairman Hallinan pointed out.

Continuing, he said, "Mindful of the great sacrifices made by these former members of the military in all wars, Elks throughout America unite in this solemn pledge: 'So long as there are veterans in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them'. We are proud to report that this pledge has been faithfully kept. At the present time, programs of entertainment, comfort and cheer are being presented on a regularly scheduled basis in 183 hospitals throughout the United States . . . Veterans Administration officials are high in their praise of the proved curative powers of what can be described as 'Companionship Therapy' furnished so lovingly by our Committees."

Fraternal Centers

The Elks National Service Commission now has 12 Fraternal Centers in operation and, as Chairman Hallinan said in his report, they are hailed as a friendly and cheerful "Home Away from Home" by thousands of servicemen and women who have been afforded the benefits of these now famous Elk havens of hospitality. The Fraternal Centers are currently located in the following cities:

Tucson, Ariz.
 Santa Maria, Calif.
 Key West, Fla.
 Columbus, Ga.
 Valdosta, Ga.
 Waukegan, Ill.
 Louisville, Ky.
 Kinston, N. C.
 Columbia, S. C.
 Sumter, S. C.
 Laredo, Tex.
 Cheyenne, Wyo.

Korea

During the past year, 1,200,000 cigarettes were sent to the fighting forces in Korea and each pack contained a cheery

message from the Elks. The Commission has received hundreds of heartwarming letters and postal cards in appreciation of this thoughtful Elk service. More than the cigarettes, the letters indicated how deeply the boys are pleased to know that the Order is thinking about them.

Additional Aid

Within the past few years a problem has arisen in connection with many patients after their return home from a Veterans Hospital. Long time confinements have a tendency to retard the patient's ability to adjust quickly to the problems of every-day living. On the other hand, the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration after a patient leaves the hospital is limited by law. To meet this problem, the aid of service and fraternal organizations has been requested.

In February, Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone, U.S. Marine Corps Ret., Chief Medical Officer to the Veterans Administration, conferred with the members of the Elks National Service Commission at their mid-winter conference to enlist Elk support. As a result, a plan to assist in securing employment was formulated. When the Veterans Administration completes arrangements for processing referrals of cases that need assistance, each Exalted Ruler will be asked to appoint a Veteran Service Committee in his lodge, its function being to contact and interview the patient immediately after his home coming from the hospital. After his capabilities are established, an appeal to the general lodge membership for assistance in job placement could bring about the desired results.

Courtesy Cards

This service was instituted four years ago and requests for Courtesy Cards justify continuation. These cards are issued to blood relatives of members of the Order now serving in the Armed Forces who were under 21 at time of induction. Splendid reports have been received from these young non-members who experienced gracious hospitality at Elks lodges upon presentation of these cards. A supply of cards is available by writing to the Elks National Service Commission, Room 3257, Chrysler Building East, New York 17, N. Y.

"Keep In Touch"

The Commission again urged the Order "never to lose sight of the fact that precious years are taken out of the lives of the boys in Service in order that we may continue to enjoy the great privileges of our American way of life". One excellent

way to express this appreciation is to send a cheery note from home. Each Exalted Ruler is asked to emphasize the importance of correspondence with our Nation's defenders through lodge bulletins and meeting announcements.

Duration Sticker

This sticker was designed by your Commission and approved by the Grand Exalted Ruler when it appeared desirable to provide a uniform method of assuring that when an Elk serviceman presented a card stating that his dues were paid for the duration, there would be no confusion in the mind of anyone examining that card. All cards bearing this Duration Sticker should be honored. These stickers are available and will be furnished upon request by our Commission to all lodges without charge.

Conclusion

In concluding his Report, Chairman Hallinan expressed his appreciation of the assistance given by Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters and his staff.

Then Mr. Hallinan said, "It is with deep regret that this year's Report records the serious illness of our faithful Executive Director, Brother William M. Frasor. His many years of experience, his faithful devotion to the work of the Commission, his always cheerful presence, all are greatly missed. We express the sentiments of his legion of friends in Elksdom in the fervent wish for his complete and rapid recovery.

"In the absence of Brother Frasor, we have been fortunate in having available the services of Brother Bryan J. McKeogh, who so successfully directed the operations of our Grand Lodge Conventions in New York and St. Louis. . . To him and the office staff goes our appreciation for the fine manner in which the many and varied duties of the Commission's office were carried on.

"For the Field Work necessary for the

successful operation of the Commission program we are deeply grateful to Brother Floyd H. Brown for a task performed with diligence and competence.

"The measure of our success and the extent of our achievements in the final analysis depend entirely upon the degree of cooperation given by the officers and members of our subordinate lodges. It is with great pride and sincere appreciation that we report that this assistance has been enthusiastically and generously given.

"We come to the end of eight successful years of operation with some apprehension about the responsibilities that face us tomorrow. While the shooting war has ceased in Korea, our troops are still alerted.

"The United States stands alone as the bulwark of freedom in a troubled world. While we fervently pray for Peace on Earth, we must stand ready at a moment's notice for the sacrifices necessary to insure that Peace. Our reassurance comes from the knowledge that the Order of Elks stands ready to face whatever problems the future might bring.

"Our Commission activities through the years have more than justified our existence as an important functionary of our Order. We now enjoy a national prominence and prestige that is second to none in our ability to discharge our duty in our Nation's defense and to manifest our appreciation to our gallant defenders. This reputation brings with it added responsibilities. We have no doubt that we will be able to maintain our richly earned distinction. We are ready for any call of our country."

Members of the Elks National Service Commission submitting the Report are: Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Chairman, E. Mark Sullivan, Secretary, Henry C. Warner, Vice-Chairman, George I. Hall, Treasurer, Howard R. Davis, Assistant Treasurer, Frank J. Lonergan, Wade H. Kepner, Emmett T. Anderson, Joseph B. Kyle, William Hawley Atwell, Charles E. Broughton and Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James.

that matured in the same amount. United States Savings Bonds Series K in the amount of \$15,000 were purchased for the Home Fund from matured Series G Bonds of the same amount. In the Report the Board points out that these bonds do not represent an additional investment. The Board also purchased for the Reserve Fund, United States Treasury Bonds with a par value of \$15,000, at a cost of \$14,503.13.

Building Applications

During the past fiscal year the Board received 126 applications from subordinate lodges requesting approval to purchase, sell, make alterations, or erect new buildings.

Authorization was granted to subordinate lodges by the Board of Grand Trustees, and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler, for the purchase of property, and additions or alterations to buildings, construction of new Homes, including contemplated expenditures for new furnishings, furniture, and equipment, in the amount of \$7,200,727.81. The Board approved the sale or exchange of property totaling \$1,148,924.39.

Elks National Home

One of the Order's great institutions is the Elks National Home for aged members, located in Bedford, Virginia, at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here needy Brothers are provided with a sanctuary of rest and security. The Home, which is under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees, is located on 167 acres of fine farm land and has eight modern buildings recently appraised for \$2,300,000.

There is a 35-bed hospital at the Home, completely furnished with the latest medical equipment. Each resident lives in the privacy of his own furnished room and is free to occupy his time as he wishes.

There are recreation facilities, a library, movies twice a week and excellent food served by trained dietitians. In the Report, the Board of Grand Trustees paid particular tribute to the splendid work and cooperation of Superintendent Thomas J. Brady, who is responsible for the actual operation of the Home. The Board expressed the hope that someday every member of the Order will visit this wonderful Home.

Expenses

For the year ending May 31, the average number of residents at the Home was 288 as compared to 275 last year. Average cost per resident was \$714.06 as compared to \$731.56 for the previous year. The Board reports that the operating cost of the Home was \$146,736.37 and for the previous fiscal year the operating cost was \$128,513.69. This cost was arrived at after taking credit for maintenance payments by the subordinate lodges, as well as maintenance recoveries.

Board of Grand Trustees

THE Grand Lodge Session in St. Louis last July closed on the 9th and immediately after the Board of Grand Trustees met and elected Thomas J. Brady as Chairman; Fred L. Bohn, Vice-Chairman; Arthur M. Umlandt, Secretary; Nick H. Feder, Home Member, and William J. Jernick, Approving Member.

In September when Chairman Brady resigned to become Superintendent of the Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia, Grand Exalted Ruler James appointed Edward A. Spry to complete his unexpired term. This required reorganization of the Board and Fred L. Bohn then be-

came Chairman; Nick H. Feder, Vice-Chairman and Home Member; Arthur M. Umlandt, Secretary; William J. Jernick, Approving Member, and Edward A. Spry, Member.

At the direction of the Grand Lodge meeting in St. Louis, the Board of Grand Trustees presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern and retiring member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Douglas E. Lambourne.

The Board purchased for the General Fund, United States Savings Bonds Series K in the amount of \$35,000. These bonds were purchased in lieu of Series G Bonds



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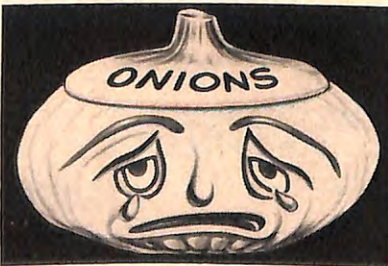
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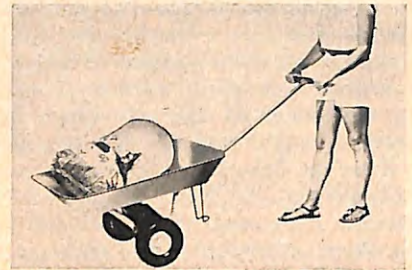
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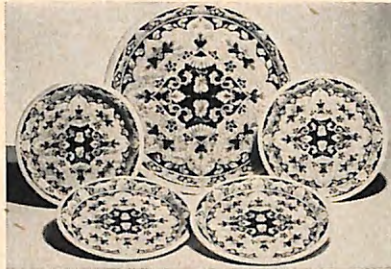
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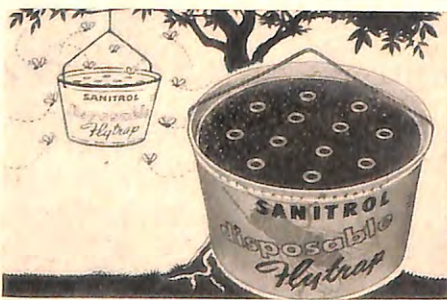
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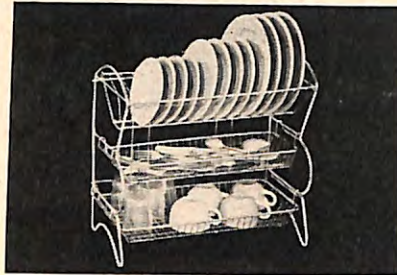


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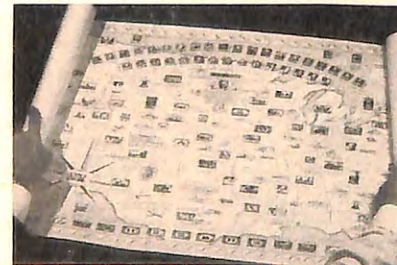
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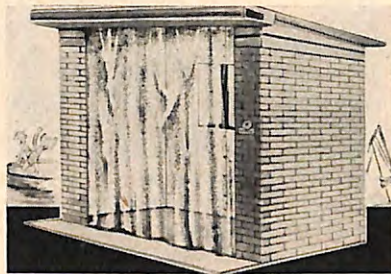
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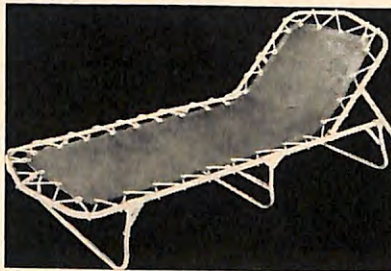
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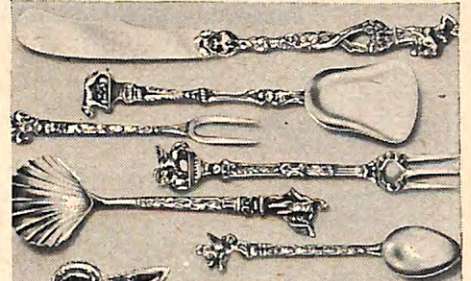


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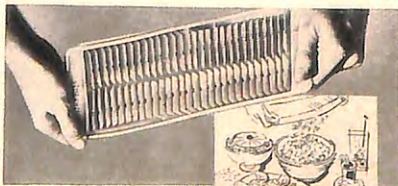


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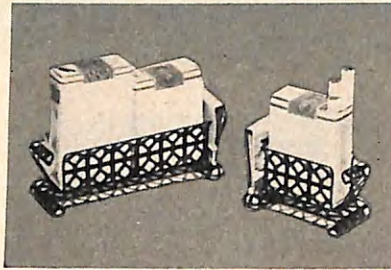


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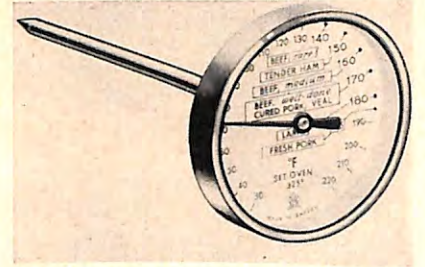
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In the Doghouse

A trained dog makes an excellent burglar alarm.

SOME years ago I had occasion to talk with a professional burglar who was at the time in circulation and so far as I know not at odds with the gendarmes and among other things I recall his mentioning that men of his profession had a profound distaste for ransacking any place that harbored an alert dog. The size of the dog made no difference but what did concern the prowling gentry was the alarm that such a dog may sound and the consequent unwelcomed attention it may attract. No, the size of the pooch doesn't matter (barring very young puppies) because even one of the very small so called lap dogs can create a considerable racket, particularly if it has been given some training in the business of being a good watch dog. Now training a dog to be a watch dog and training to be a guard dog are two different things although a pup can be drilled to combine both duties. Later on I'll discuss those differences, but first let's see what to do about making Fido a good watchman.

Fortunately, there aren't many dogs so dull that they can't be made more alert than usual. The dog's natural protective instinct is such that it only needs a little encouragement to become a reliable watch dog. That protective instinct comes down to the dog from the days when all dogs ran wild and only dogs that were alert and prompt to defend themselves, their mates or puppies, survived. But it is true that among some of our modern dogs we still find a few in whom this instinct may be dormant and it is about this kind of dog as well as the normally alert pooch that this article is written.

Rule No. 1 is that if you want your dog to be your watchman, and this goes for any other purpose, you keep him; don't let anyone other than members of your own family feed him. The canine tid-bit panhandler often becomes everybody's dog and in doing so ceases to be your dog or the dog of your family. This is just one more good reason why dogs should not be permitted to run at will by their owners.

There are a half dozen other reasons why Fido shouldn't be allowed to become a vagabond which I have cited in these articles from time to time but for our purpose now we'll rest with the rule against the dog being fed by strangers or mistakenly kind neighbors. The dog that is a neighborhood gadabout in time will scarcely know which home should

get his protection. Keep your dog reasonably confined. If you have a back yard, put him on a dog trolley. This will enable him to exercise at will but restrain him from wandering. If you haven't a yard it is the better part of wisdom to give your dog his exercise periods at all times on leash. I'm not advocating that you encourage your dog to become unfriendly with people other than members of your family, but if you want to keep him more watchful it is best that you discourage over-friendliness between the dog and strangers no matter how well-intentioned the latter may be.

PAMPERING and over-feeding are conducive to dulling the sense of alertness. The "sharp" dog, on the alert and with an always ready appetite, is the more likely to be vigilant. Pampering will do to the dog just what it will to a child—spoil it and make it interested only in its own comfort and not at all in you except as a source of food supply. Such a pup likewise will have no interest in being alert as to your home and possessions. The dog simply becomes a

lazy loafer and lazy dogs are a dime a dozen as watch dogs.

Most dogs are self-appointed butlers when it comes to answering a knock on the door and this sense of curiosity on the part of the dog can be developed to the point of making the pooch a good watchman. The ringing of the doorbell is another sound that will arouse the curiosity in many dogs. When you are indoors with your dog and there's a knock on the door or the doorbell rings make a big to-do about it, create mock excitement and try to communicate the excitement to the dog. Rush to the door and give the dog a few whispered "sic 'ems." But be sure that you have complete control over the dog when you open the door. After all, the visitor isn't going to enjoy becoming an item in your dog's diet, and if bitten by an over-excited dog might give you reason to look around for a lawyer. The idea at this stage is definitely not to provoke the dog to attack but merely to develop its sense of alertness.

Another means that I've used is when alone with one of my dogs, particularly
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In the last few years the Boxer has moved far forward in popularity.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

WESTERN EDITION



Officers of Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge and other dignitaries pictured with Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, center foreground, when a class was initiated in his honor. Present were Past State Presidents C. P. Hebenstreit and Stephen A. Compas, and State Assn. Treas. Floyd E. Tumbleson.



The Coeur D'Alene, Ida., Elks Chorus, directed by Gilbert N. Burns and accompanied by Mrs. H. V. McDonald, sang at the lodge's 1954 Mother's Day Program attended by over 300 Elks and guests.



Members of the Bucks Club of Butte, Mont., Lodge purchased a Stryker Frame and a Stryker Walker for the use of the community. Placed in St. James Hospital, it joins an iron lung, double respirator and hot-pack machine the lodge has already provided to this institution and Community Memorial Hospital. Photographed with the most recent gift are Chairman William Harris, Co-Chairman George Malmo and other Bucks Club Committeemen, foreground, with lodge officers at the rear.

L. A. Lewis Guest of Nevada Elks

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, accompanied by several other California Elks, was guest of honor of the delegates to the 1954 Convention of the Nev. Elks Assn. in Elko, Apr. 22nd, 23rd and 24th. During the meeting, the delegates voted unanimously to increase donations to the Crippled Children's Program and to make it the Assn.'s Major Project for the year. In the Ritualistic Contest, the entry from the host lodge won top honors and the new L. A. Lewis Revolving Trophy. Boulder City Lodge was runner-up, with four of its officers capturing individual honors along with one from Elko, one from Ely and one from Winnemucca. An Elko bowler, Lloyd D. Hessel, took that trophy, while Otis Wright of Las Vegas won the Trapshoot.

Social activities were many and diversified, with over 200 persons on hand for the closing banquet. Memorial Services conducted by P.E.R.'s of Elko Lodge were impressively handled.

Officers for the new term are: Pres., E. J. Gilbreath of Las Vegas where the Convention will take place next April; Vice-Presidents, L. P. Davis, Boulder City, and Lloyd D. Hessel, Elko; Secy.-Treas., Vern Hursh, Reno; three-yr. Trustee, John Weber, Ely; Sgt.-at-Arms, Lauren W. Lappin, Boulder City; Chaplain, Waltzy Elliott, Winnemucca; Tiler, John M. Billings, Hawthorne.

Yakima, Wash., Elks Build "Talent Bank" for Scouts

Last fall, Yakima Lodge No. 318 inaugurated a Scout program which has brought tremendous benefit to the Scouts, the community and the Elks themselves.

It is difficult for Scout executives to find men sufficiently capable to act as Counselors to the boys interested in earning any of the 92 Merit Badges available. Realizing the potential of the Elks membership in providing experienced men to give personal tutelage to the youngsters in these subjects, its support was enlisted. From a survey in which each Elk indicated his hobbies and interests, vocational and otherwise, a "Talent Bank" of 400 competent members was formed. Men and boys meet to discuss an activity of mutual appeal; when the Elk counselor feels his apprentice has absorbed sufficient intelligence in his topic to warrant his making application for a Badge, he gives the young man his official go-ahead.

It's a personal-interest project that is paying off—just a few months after it went into effect. Dr. Clement French, Pres. of Wash. State College, presented Eagle Badges, Scouting's highest award, to five Scouts and one Scoutmaster at a Court of Honor in the home of Yakima Elkdom. E.R. Ross Kincaid welcomed 250 parents and friends of the honored Scouts who presented miniature Eagle pins to their mothers, and Universal Scouters' pins to their fathers.



Sister M. Regis of St. Vincent's School accepts a block of tickets to the Scout-O-Rama, held in May at Peabody Stadium, from Est. Lead. Knight G. E. Ahlman of Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge. Others pictured are E.R. Charles Taylor, Explorer Scout Roy Heinisch and Boy Scout Don Wilson, and four of the 160 students of the school who were the Elks' guests.



P.E.R. Robert E. Walker, fourth from left, presents an Honorary Life Membership in the "Five O'Clock, Shrimp, Smoked Oyster and Sardine Club" of Santa Ana, Calif., Lodge to Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, left, among others. Other men who organized the club, C. H. Johnson, Walter Collins and P.E.R. Wm. R. Gordon, look on.



Riverton, Wyo., Lodge's E.R. Jack Hepp presents \$100 scholarship awards to Rupert Brockman, 4-H boy winner who also received the Elks National Foundation Award for Wyoming; Fay Sprout, 4-H girl champion, and Richard Drake, winner of the FFA contest. The young people, members of their families and many local and county 4-H leaders were entertained by the Riverton Elks at a luncheon.



Equipment the Modesto, Calif., Elks gave various retarded children's schools, with representatives of the lodge and recipient organizations. Left to right: P.E.R. Warren Jaggard; Est. Lect. Knight Ralph Johnson; Mrs. Eileen Dempster, Pres. of Stanislaus School; E.R. Robert Anderson; Co-Chairman Arthur Emerzian; Mrs. Chatterton, Pres. of the Crippled Children's School, and Esq. Earl Thompson.



E.R. A. T. Beall, left, and Secy. Nicholas Ney, right, pictured with members of the Ladies Bowling Team of Caldwell, Ida., Lodge which won the annual State Championship four consecutive years in competition with other women's bowling groups representing Elk and business organizations. The Caldwell ladies are Dot Richardson, Flo Jensen, Jean Balding, Jean Christopher and Capt. Verda Stuart.



At a Yakima, Wash., Elk ceremony, Scouting's Eagle Award went to, standing, left to right: Scoutmaster John Lund, Scouts Kenneth Cooper, H. R. Yetter, Ronald Long, Charles Slavens and Dean Smith. Seated are E.R. Ross Kincaid, Scout Council Pres. O. H. Erickson, Wash. State College Pres. Dr. C. C. French, Scout Council Advancement Chairman Dr. E. E. Samuelson and Area Scout Exec. Joseph Scanlon.



The officers of Long Beach, Calif., Lodge are pictured foreground, with retiring Exalted Ruler Jess W. Grundy, center, and the class of 44 candidates they initiated as a tribute to him.

Mont. State Scholarship Committees Meet

Following a two-day meeting of the Scholarship and Youth Leadership Committees of the Montana State Elks Association which took place in Butte not long ago, the names of eight winners in the girls' division, as well as eight in the boys' group of entries, in the Scholarship competition were announced. Each of the first-place winners was the recipient of a

\$300 prize, while the remaining seven awards for both boys and girls ranged from \$250 to \$100 each. The top student in the girls' division, Miss Nelita Ann True, sponsored by Bozeman Lodge, was the recipient of the \$400 Elks National Foundation Award for her state, and also tied for second-place in the Leadership Contest, in which three boys and three girls received various prizes for Montana—top awards were \$100 Bonds; second- and third-place winners received \$25

U. S. Savings Bonds.

P.E.R. Joseph E. McCarthy of the host lodge was in charge of arrangements for the meeting during which the committeemen made their decisions from a total of 58 entries in the Scholarship competition, and 17 in the Leadership Contest, sponsored by a total of 18 of the 24 Elks lodges in Montana.

Claremore, Okla., Elkdom Growing

In 1942, Claremore Lodge No. 1230 was reorganized following a period of inactivity; since that time its affairs have been progressing most satisfactorily. In the past year or so, its membership was almost doubled, and not long ago the largest class in the past 12 years was initiated. The ceremony, conducted by E.R. J. A. Henry and other officers of Tulsa Lodge, was part of a District Fellowship Meeting conducted by Claremore Lodge in its new headquarters in the Will Rogers Hotel. The initiates—16 in For Claremore, three for Muskogee Lodge and one for Keokuk, Ia., Lodge—were named in honor of D.D. Floyd Hyer, in appreciation of his untiring efforts in behalf of No. 1230.

E.R. Ernie Smart presided, welcoming the lodge's 125 guests, among them D.D. Glenn E. Edwards of Kansas South.



Inspecting the tablet in Pasadena, Calif., Lodge's \$7,550 Memorial Room are, left to right: P.D.D.'s Dr. Harry Mitchell, Robert Paine and Raymond Crowell, P.E.R. Carroll Nordquist, Est. Lead. Knight Robert Taillac and Exalted Ruler Gordon Schaffer.



Est. Lect. Knight Melvin E. Coles, Chairman of Berkeley, Calif., Lodge's outstanding Mother's Day Services, pictured as he presented orchids to the oldest and youngest mothers, and the oldest and youngest grandmothers who were special guests of the lodge this year.



Above: The officers of Prescott, Ariz., Lodge and the first class of candidates to be initiated by them during their new term.



Bowling is a popular activity of Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge, with 50 members participating during the past season putting seven teams into various leagues. Above the winners in the "835 Scratch League", left to right: Capt. Les Briggs, George Bulifant, Bud Norman, E.R. John D. Morris, Dan Rudat, Chaplain Tom Hamlett and George Rickabaugh, Bowling Committee Chairman. Missing is Hank Koenig. Three league records were set by Les Briggs with two; Tom Hamlett, with one.

They Made May Day American

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FIELD EVENT ACCLAIMED

The members of Havre de Grace, Md., Lodge scored a hit with their program which received the highest acclaim of Governor Theodore R. McKeldin and the mayors of all municipalities in the two counties which come under the lodge's jurisdiction. Opening with a track and field meet, the observance closed with a dance for students from ten high schools, following a radio program which featured the winners in the Youth Leadership Contest, the most outstanding athlete, Mayor Walter L. McLhinney and school and Elk leaders. Eleven trophies and 54 medals were awarded, with Bel Air High School taking the team championship in this first inter-school track and field meet of the area, and the outstanding athlete award going to Paul Mankowitz. Several track stars passed up the conflicting Md. State High School Meet in order to enter the Elk event which was so successful that it will be held annually. Chairman Thomas J. Farrell and his Youth Activities Committee, as well as the other Elks and outside organizations which cooperated, deserve great credit.



Left: Pictured during Jackson, Mich., Lodge's Program, left to right: Scholarship Chairman John Archbold, P.E.R. Bonnie White, William Dotterweich, Mary J. Anderson, David Trevarthen, Ed Hardy, Lawrence Mack, Velda K. Taylor and E.R. Everett Scherich. Seated is Richard Burdick, an outstanding student who was a victim of infantile paralysis when he was eight years old.

Right: Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge's Program saw 14-year-old Harold LeBeau given a bicycle, and a two-week summer vacation. Harold's sightless father is Theodore LeBeau, a member of the lodge. Left to right are Committee Secy. Robert Hayden and Chairman George Locklin, Mr. LeBeau, his son and E.R. Pierce J. Keane.



SPECIAL AWARD PROGRAMS

Several of the lodges' observances were dominated by special ceremonies when local, State and District Elk officials presented Scholarships, Bonds and other prizes to outstanding young people. One of these took place at Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge when E.R. P. J. Keane rewarded 14-year-old Harold LeBeau before 200 fathers and sons. Among them



Left: Asbury Park, N. J., Lodge's Leadership Award goes to Granville D. Magee, Capt. of the Wall Central School Basketball Team, from E.R. Russell Casserly. The ceremony, which took place in the Press Auditorium, was witnessed by Joseph Liebesman, left, and P.E.R. Roland J. Hines, right, both members of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee.



E.R. Wm. R. Brennan presented her award to "Most Valuable Student" Sue Seedle during Longmont, Colo., Lodge's Youth Day Dance.

was the recipient's father, a member of the lodge who lost his sight some time ago. It was Harold's devotion to his father and ailing mother which won him the tribute.

At Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, \$1,625 in U. S. Bonds went to winners in various competitions, including an essay contest and examination on the U. S. Constitution. Former Grand Lodge Committeeman Wm. I. O'Neill, speaking on "The Future Strength of America Lies in Our Youth", was applauded enthusiastically by his lodge's 225 young guests.

A group of 16 Palo Alto, Calif., scholars received a total of \$2,225 in Bonds and Scholarships from E.R. J. D. Morris on behalf of the local Elks at a program attended by many civic leaders and school officials. The same sort of program was conducted by the Elks of Quincy, Mass.,

Lodge under the direction of Committee Chairman John J. Joyce, Jr.

DANCES ARE POPULAR

Many of the lodges held formal and semi-formal dances for the young people of their communities. Well over 200 were guests of Sunbury, Pa., Lodge, while Longmont, Colo., Elksdom welcomed over 600 teen-agers. Circleville, Ohio, Lodge is proud of the success of its dance for 350 students and 50 parents of the county, and Norwich, N. Y., Lodge's festivities included the presentation of a plaque to be placed in the local high school. It carries the name of 1954 Youth Leader Steven Hirsch, with places for the names of his successors.

Looking back on Elks Youth Day, it would appear that our teen-agers have no cause for lament.

TRAVEL GUIDE

With golf weather coming up, we are reminded by George E. Heit, President of the Bedford Elks Country Club, Bedford, Pa., that in addition to an exceptional 9-hole golf course, the club offers hunting and fishing in season, tennis and horseback riding. Located on Route 220 and about one-half mile from the center of Bedford, the club has about 50 rooms beside the club facilities and a special dining room. Brother Heit will be happy to hear from readers going that way and will cheerfully supply any information on the club and its many advantages.

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Way up the other way—Car service in Alaska between Juneau and Haines will be available twice weekly. One-way rates: \$35 per car, \$10.50 per passenger, plus tax. This makes possible a complete Alaskan loop trip sea and land; take car aboard ship via Inside Passage to Juneau, ferry to Haines, continue on Haines Highway, drive home on the Alaska Highway.

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Horace Sutton, who writes "For Elks Who Travel" each month in this Magazine, has just published his latest book, "Sutton's Place". Since you enjoy his articles each month in the Magazine, we are sure you will want to read his book. At all bookstores—\$3.50.

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Grand Secretary J. E. Masters has forwarded a letter from Brother Michael J. Dunn, General Counsel of the American Bowling Congress, reporting on his recent trip with Mrs. Dunn to the West Coast. Mr. Dunn says, "Wherever possible we stopped at the various Elks Clubs. All of them were very hospitable. Those that stand out especially were Rock Springs, Wyo., and Seattle, Wash." Mr. Dunn particularly recommends that all Elks going to or near Seattle visit the Club and enjoy the hospitality of Gordon Richards, Assistant Manager of the Club, "who went out of his way and has the happy faculty of making you feel at home. He deserves a lot of credit."

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Hay feverites can "fly away" from their miseries this summer by visiting Jamaica, British West Indies, and other Caribbean Islands. The constant Trade Winds there do not

permit injurious pollen to settle and get in its dirty work.

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of whom are Elks, extend a particular welcome to traveling brothers and their families. The Spring and Summer Edition of the Courtesy Court Guide is now available without cost. Write Morgan T. Binney, Courtesy Courts United, Inc., 360 N. W. 128th Street, Miami 50, Fla.

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United Airlines now offers additional cars for air travelers desiring the use of an automobile at their destination. Their recent agreement with National Car Rental System is similar to those already in effect with Avis Airline Rent-A-Car Service and Hertz Drive-Ur-Self System. Request "Fly-Drive" accommodations when you purchase your ticket—the car will be ready when you arrive.

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Holland—Windmills, Wooden Shoes and Tulips—will, according to advance reports, welcome more tourists this year than ever before. One reason is that five days driving, averaging only 150 miles a day, are enough to cover the most interesting parts of the little kingdom. Rental of a small American car for five days amounts to \$30; gasoline will cost another \$25. A \$30 deposit is required. Driving is to the right and the roads are wide and straight.

Photo by H. W. Hanau



Typical of the Great Smokies is Fontana Lake in North Carolina.

Road scouts employed by the automobile association roam the highways on yellow motorcycles prepared to help drivers. One scout recently pulled up beside a small airplane which had made a forced landing on the highway, repaired the engine and sent the pilot on his way.

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J. R. Dennison (Rice Lake, Wis., No. 1441) writes to say, "We enjoy reading *The Elks Magazine* and think you are doing a wonderful job with it. We always save them for our guests to read and their comments have been most gratifying." Marawaraden, Dennison's resort in the Indianhead country of Wis., is a well known vacation spot.

For Elks Who Travel

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native craftsmen turn out custom-made furniture by hand. The Smoky Mountain Handweavers have the looms humming turning out handwoven skirts and stoles, jackets, ties, and even homespun on order. The Country Store, a mammoth emporium, also turns out loomed things. Besides, it has a fine selection of patch quilts, finished by mountain ladies during the winter. The patterns are called "double wedding ring," "dogwood," "sunflower," "Dutch doll," and sell for \$40 to \$50 each. Hand-loomed skirts are \$12.50 in wool. Since country stores sell everything, The Country Store makes no bones about hanging hams next to skirts. Packed in salt for four months, dipped in hot water and then rubbed in black pepper, borax and sugar, the hams can be taken home for \$1.20 a pound.

Among the other specialties are fancy brooms, mountain jewelry made in Asheville, wood carvings, hooked rugs, and nylon handbags which are put together by mountain people in their own homes. You can buy honey in at least three flavors, sourwood, buckwheat, and wild flower; and sorghum molasses in two—either black and gooey or tan and creamed to spread on toast. Gatlinburg also specializes in candy making. An immaculate glass place called the Ole Smoky Candy Kitchen manufactures and dispenses in full view of the world, turning out such strange concoctions as lemon pecan divinity, black walnut truffles and pink colored rainbow nougats shot through with peanuts, to mention just a few.

In case anybody's interested in learning how to engage in local crafts, the University of Tennessee extension school runs a craft workshop ending on July 17th right in Gatlinburg. There are courses in jewelry-making, advanced pottery, textile design, rug weaving, and enameling, both beginning and advanced. Anybody who gets proficient enough might be enticed to retiring to the mountains and spend the rest of his days weaving rugs. Who knows?

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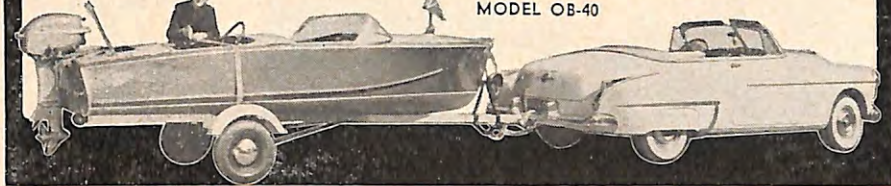
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GRAND TREASURER EDWARD A. DUTTON PASSES AWAY



GRAND TREASURER EDWARD A. DUTTON

ON MAY 23rd, in the sudden passing of Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton, a member of the Savannah, Georgia, Lodge No. 183, since March 15th, 1932, the Order lost one of its most distinguished members.

In 1939, Brother Dutton was Assistant to the Grand Esquire, and the following year was elected Vice-President of the Georgia Elks Association. In 1941, he was District Deputy, serving under Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, and at that time was instrumental in the installation of Buckhead Lodge No. 1635. In 1943, Brother Dutton was elected President of the Georgia State Elks Association, and in 1946, he served on the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

Always interested in the work of the Georgia Elks, Brother Dutton, in 1948, became a Director of "Aidmore" and the Crippled Children's League of Georgia. In 1952, he was appointed Grand Treasurer, an office which he filled up to the time of his untimely passing.

In addition to a wholehearted devotion to the progress of Elkdom, Brother Dutton enjoyed an outstanding career as an attorney in his home state. At the time of his passing, he was President of the Georgia Bar Association, and before that, had been very active in civic and legal affairs.

It is with sincere regret that your Magazine reports the loss of this great Elk, who always had been so actively and productively interested in the work of the Order.

They Cater to the Fans

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keeps them fresh until opened. They heat their franks in water instead of grilling them, and the hot water container is their own design. Their latest stand racks sandwiches by contents in slots so they can be dispensed more speedily. Fast service means turnover and turnover is what the Stevens are fondest of. They really sob for those poor but eager customers who must go drinkless or foodless during the peak rush periods. Thanks to Stevens ingenuity there aren't many of them.

The eating habits of sports fans are influenced greatly by the event, and, of course, the weather. You can't sell peanuts to a patron of the races because his hands are full of paper and pencil in a desperate effort to figure a likely bet. The baseball fan, however, has little to do with his hands and can shell peanuts during an exciting game without even being aware of what he is doing. Base-

ball fans are given to intense periods of concentration during which they wouldn't take their eyes from the diamond to watch Marilyn DiMaggio do a fan dance. This fact was for years disconcerting to the Stevens boys because they felt it cut deeply into their soft drink sales. Baseball people wouldn't tilt their heads back to drink from a bottle for fear of missing something. The problem was finally resolved by giving the fans straws.

In the south, hot dogs have a low popularity but soft drinks are guzzled with abandon. In Minneapolis and St. Paul, the fans refuse hot dogs and demand hamburgers. New Yorkers spurn popcorn, but in the Middle West it outsells peanuts.

The Stevens can tell almost within a hundred what the turnout is likely to be on a given day at any of the events where they are concessionaires. They can, that is, if you can tell them the

weather. Though they are philosophical about it, the weather is their greatest headache. Once at the Garden State track at Camden, N. J., their predictions, based on the weather reports, indicated a crowd of 32,000 ought to show and they stocked accordingly. But the weather turned raw and cold and only 20,000 showed up. The Stevens boys gave the surplus, as is their custom with an overstock, to local hospitals. But when the weather plays along with them they usually hit it right on the nose. After the huge Dempsey-Tunney fight they had just 16 sandwiches left over.

Beer sales soar on hot days but, strangely, sales of ice cream fall off. Coffee and bouillon, introduced as a coffee substitute during the war, are staples on cold days, but a real coffee drinker takes his java on a hot day, too. This is mildly disconcerting to the Stevens boys who wish that sports fans

would suddenly turn in to a race of tea drinkers. Coffee that used to cost 32 cents a pound now goes for \$1.17 and this has a devastating effect on profit even with the increase this year to 15 cents a cup.

Along with corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew, the most popular dish served in their restaurants is clam chowder. The red, or Manhattan, variety; not the white Boston. The family takes a special pride in this dish. "We've got racing fans who follow the horses at our tracks from New Hampshire to Florida," one of them remarked recently. "They want and they get exactly the same chowder at Narragansett as they do at Gulfstream. We haven't changed the recipe in 50 years."

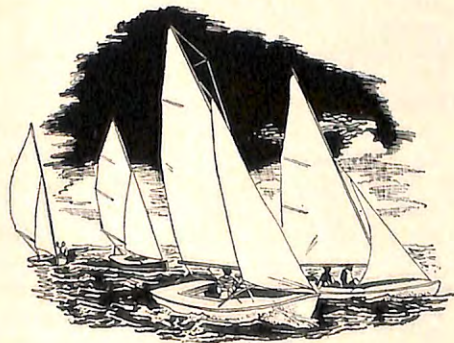
And here it is in a recipe that serves six:

- 12 large clams chopped fine
- 6 large tomatoes
- 3 large potatoes
- 1 Spanish onion
- 2 leeks
- 2 green peppers
- 2 hearts of celery
- ½ teaspoon curry powder
- ¾ teaspoon paprika
- pinch of thyme, salt, pepper and flour

Chop the tomatoes, onion, leeks, peppers, celery. Boil clams and potatoes separately until tender, seasoning potatoes with thyme. Fry onion, leeks, celery and green pepper until tender. Put all together in a pot with enough milk for six portions. Cook slowly. When finished add curry, paprika and flour, making paste of latter. Salt and pepper before serving.

That's the way the founder of the Dynasty made it and that's the way it is made today. But the original Harry M. never expected to make clam chowder and he certainly didn't start out to become a hot dog magnate. He was brought up in London and at the age of 21 he decided that the laws of longevity were working against him. Every job he wanted was held by some elderly gentleman, and right under him, pushing up, was some not so elderly guy. He figured a lot of people would have to die before he could get to the top in England, so he married and brought his bride to America.

Things were tough all over in 1882, and Harry wasn't making like the spec-



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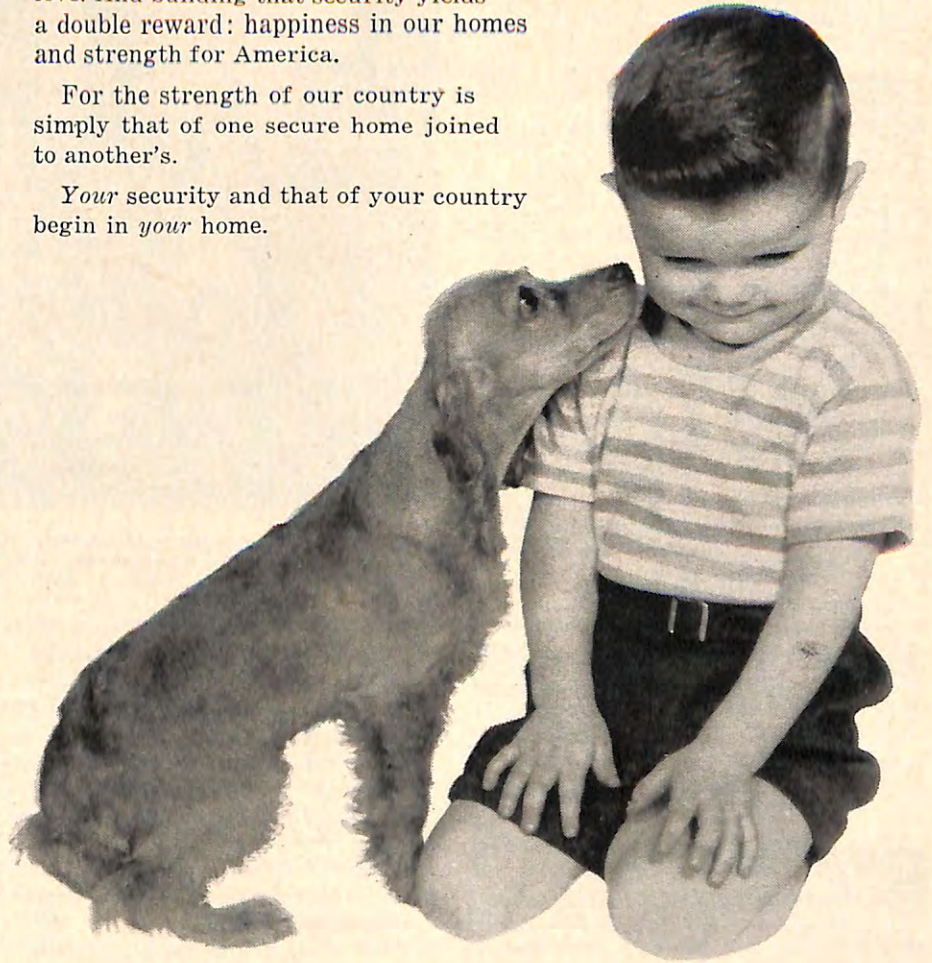
Any moment, now, it will happen . . . a little hand reaching . . . a puppy-tail wagging . . . and suddenly a boy and his new dog will be tumbling together in the beginning of love.

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tacular doing odd jobs around New York when he heard that there was a big steel mill in a place called Niles which was hiring men. He went to the railway station and asked for two tickets to Niles.

"Ohio or Michigan?" the clerk asked. "Whichever one is where the steel mill is."

The clerk didn't know, but Ohio was the cheapest, so Harry took that. When he got there he found the steel mill, but there were no jobs. Everybody was on strike. When the strike ended, he was hired, but it didn't take long to convince him he wasn't cut out to be an iron puddler. With a rapidly growing family he needed more money. He hit the road as a book salesman selling, among other works, the memoirs of General John Logan, then a celebrated Civil War hero, and the plays of Shakespeare, whom he was fond of quoting.

ONE MORNING in Columbus he met an unusual run of sales resistance at the Firestone Buggy Works where he was extolling the merits of a volume called "Irish Orators and Oratory". When a hearty lunch failed to revive his spirits after this ordeal he decided to see a ball game. Trying to be a salesman in America, he had found, required a working knowledge of baseball to almost precisely the same degree that it required a working knowledge of the language. Being English, no matter how hard he tried to understand it, baseball was a source of continuing confusion to him.

On this afternoon, he bought a score card, hoping it would clarify anticipated ambiguities and explain the rules. It did neither. It merely listed the line-up, quite inaccurately. Feeling cheated, a sensation which he could not long abide, Stevens rose up in wrath and sought out the business manager of the Columbus team.

"This program is a disgrace," he said stoutly. "Let me handle it. I'll give you half the profits."

The manager didn't think there would be any profits and he coyly said Stevens could have all he made; he would sell him the concession for \$500 for the season. Stevens agreed at once.

Stevens' lack of \$500 could be described in one word as "total", but he wasn't chagrined. To a man who had been trying to sell "Irish Orators and Oratory" that morning the prospect of selling advertisements in a score card to a bunch of baseball crazy businessmen was downright inviting. By the next afternoon he had \$700 in contracts.

That night he stayed up with the printer until all his programs were printed and the next day he lugged them to the ball park. Up to this point practically nobody bought score cards because everybody always knew the score anyhow, and the regular fans knew the players by sight. Nobody had ever heard of sales psychology at that time, but Stevens started using it that afternoon.

Korean Children Visit Memorial Building



On the extreme left is Ahn Byoung Won, Director of the Choir; the officer in uniform on the right is Commander Dal Bin Chung, head chaplain of the Korean Navy. Seated, center is Hubert E. Allen, Superintendent of the Memorial Building.

THE Famed Korean Children's Choir paid homage to Elks who served in Korea during the war in a special Memorial Day Ceremony held in the Elks Memorial Building in Chicago.

Under the directorship of Ahn Byoung Won, one of the two men who organized the choir originally, the Choir sang two Korean hymns and other Korean and American folk songs. Hubert E. Allen, Superintendent of the Headquarters Building, greeted the Choir.

After the children sang, they toured the Building and romped around the front stairs. They were under the guidance of Commander Dal Bin Chung, head chaplain of the Korean Navy.

The Choir, 22 girls and three boys,

When the fans came into the stadium they found a vigorous young man in a bright red coat and an old high silk hat booming out an irresistible invitation to purchase a score card. "You can't tell the players without a score card," he yelled—the tried and true phrase which has never since been changed by Stevens' hawkers. And people bought from him like crazy.

Knowing a good thing when he saw it, Harry bid for and got the score card concessions at Toledo and Milwaukee, endearing himself to the fans of the beer city by printing half the program in German, the city's second language. Then

from seven to 13 years of age, are presently touring the United States in support of the American-Korean Foundation's campaign to raise \$10,000,000 to "help the Koreans to help themselves." General James Van Fleet, retired commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, heads the Foundation, and Dr. Howard A. Rusk, associate editor of the "New York Times" and international authority on physical rehabilitation, is president. President Eisenhower is backing the campaign enthusiastically.

Other famous American landmarks the Choir visited include the White House, where they serenaded President and Mrs. Eisenhower, the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell.

he went on to Pittsburgh, Boston and Washington. When he hawked in Washington, he added zest to the proceedings by announcing the arrival of celebrities. "Here comes Senator Smith," he would shout and everybody would turn to gape at Senator Smith, who invariably showed his appreciation for the publicity by buying a program.

Though he was doing all right, Stevens realized he still wasn't in the big time and the big time to him meant New York. He wanted to be Harry Stevens of the Polo Grounds. The day he landed the contract was one of the most momentous in his life. He placed himself at the

entrance to the Polo Grounds and became as much a part of the place as the Giants themselves. He would tell late-comers the score, who had stolen second and who was pitching—and sell them a card.

These were exciting days in baseball, just after the turn of the century. In 1900, the old Western League was re-grouped and made into the American League, which promptly demanded recognition as a major circuit. The 24-year-old National League refused and war was declared. In 1901, the Nationals drew 1,920,031 customers and the Americans 1,683,584. But that year the Giants, alas! finished in seventh place, a factor that affected the program business then, as now. Stevens was fervently hoping for a winning team.

THE NEXT YEAR he got a break. In the middle of the season he put a new slug of type in his program which read, "John McGraw, manager". By 1903, when the war between the two leagues was settled and baseball was organized as we know it today, McGraw had the Giants in second place and Stevens was so prosperous he put in ice cream as a side line. The following year, McGraw won the pennant and Harry added peanuts and soda pop. He won it again the next year and thereafter there never seemed any doubt that Harry Stevens would one day be a tycoon.

Now Stevens was setting his sights high. He got the concession on the steamer *North Star* for the America's Cup races, at that time probably the most exclusive sporting event in the country. There he favorably impressed H. K. Knapp, who owned the steamship line and was also president of the Saratoga Racing Association. Knapp invited Stevens to take over the problems of catering to the tastes of Diamond Jim Brady, and assorted Vanderbilts, Astors, Whitneys and Morgans at Saratoga.

Shortly after he got used to rubbing elbows with such gold dust he made his first real money. William D. Whitney,

father of the more famed Harry Payne Whitney, came to him at the races one day and asked him how much money he could raise in a hurry.

"About \$35,000, I think," Harry said uncertainly.

"Get it and give it to me."

Though new to the tradition, Stevens realized that on the race track one never questions the word of a Whitney and he did as he was told. Not long after Whitney sought him out and handed him a check for \$200,000. As a gesture of appreciation for Stevens' food he had cut him in on a stock market "transaction", as they were euphemistically called in those days.

This was a nice sum of money for a fellow in his early forties to have in the corral, but it was nothing to the harvest that Stevens was to reap from the snap judgment that made him famous.

It was a raw, spring day at the Polo Grounds and the customers were sitting on their hands shivering at every suggestion that their outlook might be brighter if they surrounded some ice cream or soda pop. What they wanted was something hot.

Over and over to himself Harry repeated "something hot . . . something hot . . . something hot. . ." Then in a burst of sunlight it came to him. He called his scores of vendors around him. "Go out to every butcher store you can find and buy all those long German sausages you can find—those dachshund sausages. What do they call them? Frankfurters. And," he added, "go to the bakeries and buy all the rolls there are."

When his men returned he heated the sausages in hot water, told his men how to put them on a roll and loaded them up. "Now we need one thing more—a catchy phrase to sell them. Try this: 'They're red hot. Get your red hot dachshund sausages now. Red hot.'"

And the vendors went out and the customers welcomed them as a lost Alpinist receives a St. Bernard.

But it wasn't Stevens who gave them their name which is probably the best



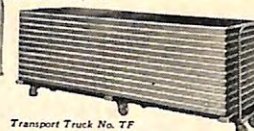
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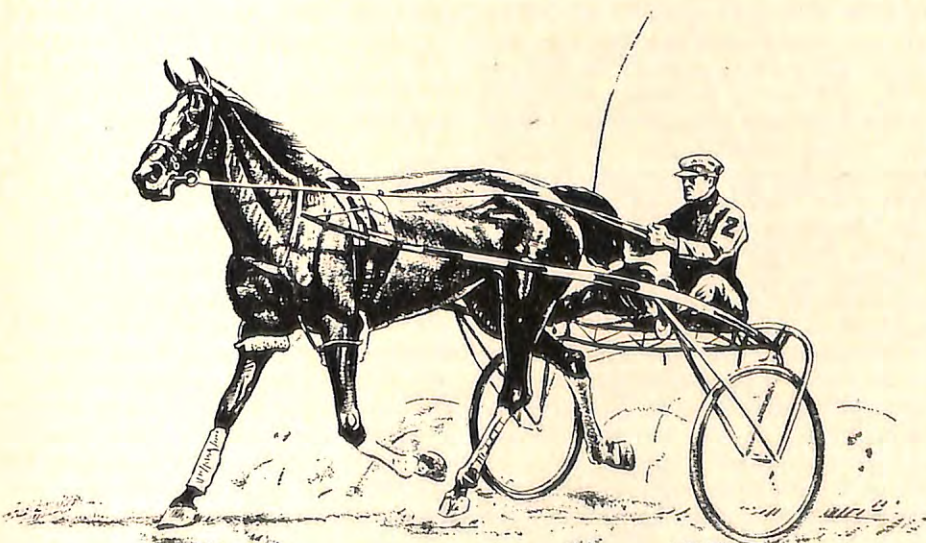


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EACH month, a prominent Dallas concern has singled out a citizen of that City for mention as "First Citizen" and for May selected Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell, a distinguished jurist. After the selection is made, a complete biography is prepared and printed. Below is part of the published biography of Judge Atwell:

"One of the most distinguished judicial careers of our time began in 1922 when William Hawley Atwell was appointed United States District Judge of the Northern District of Texas. During the thirty-two years that he has occupied the bench of Dallas' Senior Federal Court he has been called to preside in Federal Courts throughout the entire United States. His own district has multiplied many times and his home, Dallas, has become the capitol of the Southwest. The high standards of justice and integrity that he has set for his court and the departments under his jurisdiction have had no small part in developing Texas."



known Americanism in the world. It was the famed sports cartoonist, the late T. A. Dorgan, known to millions as TAD. When the hot dachshund craze got going TAD picked it up and drew them in his cartoons, making wisecracks, barking at one another and cavorting all over the cartoon. Either he couldn't spell dachshund or it was too long. Anyhow he shortened it logically to dog and the phrase hot dog was born.

THOUGH the hot dog today accounts for only a small part of the Stevens gross, there is no likelihood that it will be dropped from the menu in the foreseeable future. As with other things, the main problem is keeping its price down. Rising costs give the Stevens boys considerable headaches because they feel a special obligation to fans who think enough of a sport to attend the event in person instead of using television, a medium of communication of which they are not particularly fond. For example, they believe that peanuts are an inalienable right of every baseball fan and that Abner Doubleday included peanuts when he invented the game. Upon them is the heavy responsibility for seeing that peanuts are constantly available, just as on the umpires is the no greater responsibility for calling the plays.

Viewed in this light, it is easy to appreciate that the Stevens boys suffer enormously when the cost of peanuts climbs steadily from eight cents a pound to 28 cents. It is, in their view, an economic conspiracy to deny the fan of his rights. They do what they can to hold the price and have steadfastly clung to 10 cents a bag, quite a feat when the peanuts alone represent an investment of about four cents. If the bag is somewhat

more slender than it used to be, the Stevens hope the fans will understand.

All businessmen are apt to look with special favor on their customers, but the Stevens boys have a special and deep-rooted affection for sport fans. "They are the greatest people in the world," one of them says warmly. "They really know what loyalty is."

Despite occasional boos and cat-calls, baseball fans are among the best behaved of all people who come together in crowds, the Stevens boys feel. "They almost never throw things at umpires. Our breakage loss at ball parks is practically nonexistent."

This is somewhat in contrast with the loss at the Kentucky Derby where two thousand dozen glasses are broken each time the race is run. In an effort to restrain this uninhibited crowd, the Stevens introduced a souvenir mint julep glass that sold, complete with highly potable julep, for \$1.25. It was hoped that the Derby fans would buy these glasses and preserve them. They did, by the hundreds, but this year they broke 2,000 dozen ordinary glasses anyhow.

Stevens has about 4,300 regular employees, but during the course of a year they will employ around 14,000 people. A hustling vendor in the Yankee Stadium can earn from \$60-\$75 a week through the season and as much as \$150 a week in a close pennant race near the season's end. Because the top is fairly crowded with people named Stevens, a vendor starting out would not expect to work his way up to the presidency, but he could become manager of a racetrack operation, say, a position about equal in earning power—and a lot more fun—to the vice-presidency of a moderate size bank.

The employees the Stevens are most

proud of, though, are no longer with them. Being one of the most sentimental families north of the Mason-Dixon Line, they are constantly trying to help people. Over the years many young men have come to them asking for jobs during summer vacations, because they were trying to work their way through college. Such a request has seldom been denied. Today there are literally hundreds of Stevens' alumni who are engineers, chemists, doctors, dentists, and geologists, active in nearly every state. At least a dozen helped put themselves through the priesthood.

"Some of them are very prominent and I wouldn't want to embarrass them by giving out their names," a Stevens said recently. "But every once in a while we get a letter from one of them, thanking us for helping. They were about the best

salesmen we ever had. They really felt they had to make money. In this business there is no substitute for an incentive."

If the Stevens boys ever need any incentive to stay in the hot dog business they can get it from the attendance figures which indicate that sport, especially racing, is here to stay. When old Harry was breaking into the Polo Grounds, the paid attendance for both leagues for the year was 3,603,615. In a recent record year it was 20,920,842. That's a healthy increase, but it is nothing compared with horse racing. In 12 years, U. S. attendance at horse races jumped from 8,000,000 to more than 26,000,000 and it is still climbing.

In a world of uncertainty such figures can be mighty soothing. No matter what happens in Indo-China it looks as if the Stevens are here to stay.

Aid From Idaho

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the course of time at the new hospital facility.

"Our aim is to return these children and young adults to lives useful to themselves, their families and their communities," said L. J. Peterson, chairman of the operating board of the Elks Convalescent Home as well as director of the Idaho State Department of Public Health. Peterson has been a prime mover in the program and it is through his efforts the State has pledged \$160,000 toward construction of the new units.

Another of the original planners with Peterson is his fellow board member, R. S. Overstreet, Boise. Other, no less active operating directors are A. A. Steele, Nampa; M. L. Parrott, Caldwell; E. R. Bullock, Lewiston; Harry Elcock, Twin Falls and R. L. Pence, Burley.

Overstreet, Peterson and others first sounded the need for a convalescent home in the late 1930's.

With the assistance of Ed Baird, Boise businessman and then chairman of the state association's board of trustees and Joe Imhoff, a past Exalted Ruler of Boise

lodge, the planners were able to secure permission of the Idaho State Elks Association for purchase of a site in Boise in the year 1941. Members of the original crippled children's commission of the State Association were Overstreet, Nicholas Ney, Caldwell; Tate Taylor, Blackfoot; Coy Barnes, Lewiston; and H. C. Tillotson, Wallace.

The war years intervened, but in 1947 the Elks pushed remodeling of a big, rambling 25-room out-moded mansion on their site in order to care for hundreds of victims of an Idaho polio epidemic. So pressing was the need that 150 residents of the Boise valley converted the big building into a clean and ready convalescent unit in less than three days. Fourteen patients were admitted the day of completion. Imhoff was the first chairman of the operating board.

In the epidemic of 1947 and in other, more recent polio outbreaks the 55-bed facility has been crowded with as many as 95 patients at one time. Forty-two of Idaho's 44 counties have sent patients to Boise, and others have come from such

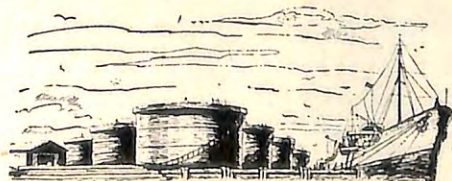
NEXT ISSUE

In the August issue, The Elks Magazine will run a full-length article about home workshops. This article will be written by an expert in this field and is being run in recognition of the wide-spread and fast-growing interest in "Do-It-Yourself-Work".

This article will be followed up in September with the introduction of a new department which will run each month under the heading "Elks Work-

shop". We feel that this new department, which will cover a wide variety of home projects with graphic illustrations to provide proper instructions, will meet a reader-interest demand important to this publication predominantly read by home owners.

Also, in the August issue, there will be a full report about the Grand Lodge Sessions to be held in Los Angeles from July 4th to 8th.



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Only other sources of revenue are those from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the Idaho Society for Crippled Children, which pay per diem cost for patient care; insurance from some patients; and pay by a few patients who desire and are financially able to meet the costs.

The planners also realized that the facility itself would only meet the ex-

isting problem of care on an emergency basis.

Subsequent studies therefore took both care and cost matters into consideration.

Insofar as cost was concerned, it was decided by the State Association directors that with the State Department of Public Health assistance the matter of finances could and would be met by the 21,000 Elks at a per capita rate of \$10.

The matter of co-ordinating the program to those of other agencies such as the Idaho Society For Crippled Children; LIVE, Inc., operated by Lions Club for the blind; the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis and the Crippled Children's Service of the Idaho State Department of Public Health took even greater planning than the financial campaign, for the objective had to be a sound approach to the great task of reaching multitudes of forgotten young-

sters and young adults in need of rehabilitation.

With the cooperative effort of the aforementioned agencies, it is now agreed the program of treatment and rehabilitation will reach vast numbers.

First announcements of the Elks program in the public press brought scores of letters from the handicapped of Idaho who are taking new hope as the great heart of Idaho Elkdom throbs in sympathy and understanding.

Every Elk in the state of Idaho is dedicating himself to the task at hand in the principle of brotherly love.

In the words of President Mann of the Idaho State Elks Association:

"We will keep faith with these children . . . with these young adults who look to us with shining eyes of hope. Ours is a sacred obligation . . . we will not fail them."

Rod and Gun

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new-born walleye it's a wonderful world.

What's more, with all his little brothers and sisters, plus first and second cousins and the neighbors' kids, there's no problem getting a gang together to play catch. That would be enough to delight any youngster. However, he soon learns that the games little walleyes play are for keeps, winner take all, head foremost. Also, he will learn that their sense of humor has a macabre touch. A young one's idea of something funny is to ask his kid sister to look at his tonsils; then, after he has swallowed her, to stare coldly into space, give an expressionless, throaty chuckle and say: "She didn't know fish don't have tonsils."

Fish pastimes being what they are, the young walleye's chance of reaching maturity—and the frying pan—are less than one in ten thousand, which should tend to give even a wall-eyed pike some sort of complex. Yet it doesn't. He never becomes temperamental like a muskellonge, nervous like a trout or excitable like a bass. He just plods along, eating or being eaten, and doesn't worry about a thing. A wall-eyed pike with normal health and appetite and no allergies will consume twenty or thirty other fish each day—an average total of about fifty thousand unfortunates down the gullet if he should live ten years—so it is only fair that something eat him some day. Even when this fish-eat-fish routine is interrupted and he becomes hooked by a fisherman, he doesn't get excited. Here today and gone tomorrow. That's life.

Even the name wall-eyed pike should be enough to influence his personality if he were the sensitive type. In the first place, he is no more wall-eyed than any other fish. His eyes have a glassy, milky appearance, which gives him an expression that is blank even for a fish, but he is not wall-eyed. And in the second place, he is not a pike. Actually he is a perch, the largest of the tribe, which is some-

thing to be proud of, but no one ever gives him credit for it. Fishermen in different parts of the country may call him Susquehanna salmon, blowfish, doré, pickerel, okow, jack salmon, yellow pike, and a few other names which aren't to be repeated here, especially when a big one gets away, but no one ever calls him perch.

By the time I had learned this much about the wall-eyed pike, I decided it was useless to try to put myself in his place. I don't have the temperament for it. I would be a nervous wreck in no time; yet the walleye is as complacent, predictable, and easy-going as any game fish we have. We could never think alike. The only time I'll ever put myself in his place is if the canoe should upset, and I don't intend to stay there any longer than necessary. Obviously, if I were to become a wall-eyed fisherman of parts, I would have to try a different approach. From this point on I decided to satisfy myself with facts concerning his natural existence and leave his mental processes to my thick-lensed friend.

One fact of importance to fishermen is



the cause of the milky appearance of his eyes. One writer I came across waxed eloquent about the merits of the wall-eyed pike, stating that he was the fish of mystery because of his inscrutable stare, then went on to say: "One gains the same impression in viewing his eyes as in looking at a blind horse." His idea of a compliment and mine are hardly the same. Nevertheless this blind look is important to the fisherman. Actually it is the opposite from what it appears. It is caused by a reflecting surface in the back of the eye which passes any available light through the iris twice. An owl has similar reflecting surfaces, as does a frog, a moth, a cat or any other creature which is abroad principally in the hours of darkness. In other words, a wall-eyed pike is obviously a lover of the late hours, and he has excellent vision for it. He will eat a minnow any time of day or night it comes his way, but he is most active—and therefore most vulnerable—toward dusk.

ALTHOUGH he doesn't school to the extent of his smaller cousins, the yellow perch and the white perch, he is inclined to stick pretty close to other members of his tribe. That is, where one is caught, that is the place to look for others. He sometimes hangs around weed beds, just as he does his big neighbor the great northern pike, but otherwise lives over a clean, sandy or rocky bottom, seldom over a muddy bottom. This may be around a rocky point or it may be over an offshore bar.

Also, the walleye is a wanderer. He is seldom found in a small lake, and this may be the reason. He demands room to stretch his fins. In a river, the place to look for him is beneath a dam, falls or sharp rapids. He will concentrate there in the eddies and backwaters. In such a northern river where there are both trout and walleyes, the trout will be beneath the heavy current and tight against the

white water, the walleyes in the swirling black water alongside.

The higher the sun, the deeper goes the walleye. Early in the season when the sun is fairly low in the south, he may be caught in shallow water; however, in summer when the sun is high, he will drop down into water ten to twenty feet deep. In any case, he will generally feed within a couple of feet of the bottom. That is the place to look for him. A fly fisherman working only the surface water can fish over walleyes all day and not produce fish number one.

FROM these facts—that he wanders, usually in a body, that he lives over a clean bottom, and that he feeds close to the bottom—it is obvious that the most logical way to locate fishing is by trolling. It is the most efficient way of exploring for walleyes. A triangle rig which holds the trolled lure or minnow a foot or two off the bottom is an ideal fish-finder when the object is the wall-eyed pike. Once located, the fisherman can resort to still-fishing with minnows, bait casting with a deep running lure, or even fly fishing if he has the patience to allow his fly to sink sufficiently after each cast. It is not true that you can catch a wall-eyed pike by putting salt on his tail, no matter what anyone may say, but almost anything else goes once the fisherman has located a bar where they are feeding. If the plug, spoon or fly looks anything at all like a minnow in the water the walleye will hit it.

Having armed myself with all this valuable information, I actually began to catch a few more walleyes, such as they were. In time I even began to consider myself something of an authority on the subject, perhaps even in a class with the fishy-eyed fellow who discredited my eight-pounder. Then I even landed several other pretty good ones in the north country; however, it is a disturbing thing, almost all of them were taken when I was fishing either for great north-erns or trout. Naturally these don't count. I can't recall that I ever caught a really good one when I was trying; so I can come to only one conclusion, a discouraging one: I am not a wall-eyed pike authority. Maybe I don't wear the right kind of glasses.

Giant of Jim Creek

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the one place that fulfilled all conditions. The Valley itself was pristine forest land. It is flanked by twin 3,000 foot mountain peaks, the Blue and Wheely mountains. It is just 175 miles from Bonneville Dam and only 55 miles from the urban attractions of Seattle.

It is worth noting in passing that Jim Creek has been associated with big things from the beginning. The valley itself, says the myth, was created by Paul Bunyan who stamped an extra deep footprint there as he busied himself scooping out

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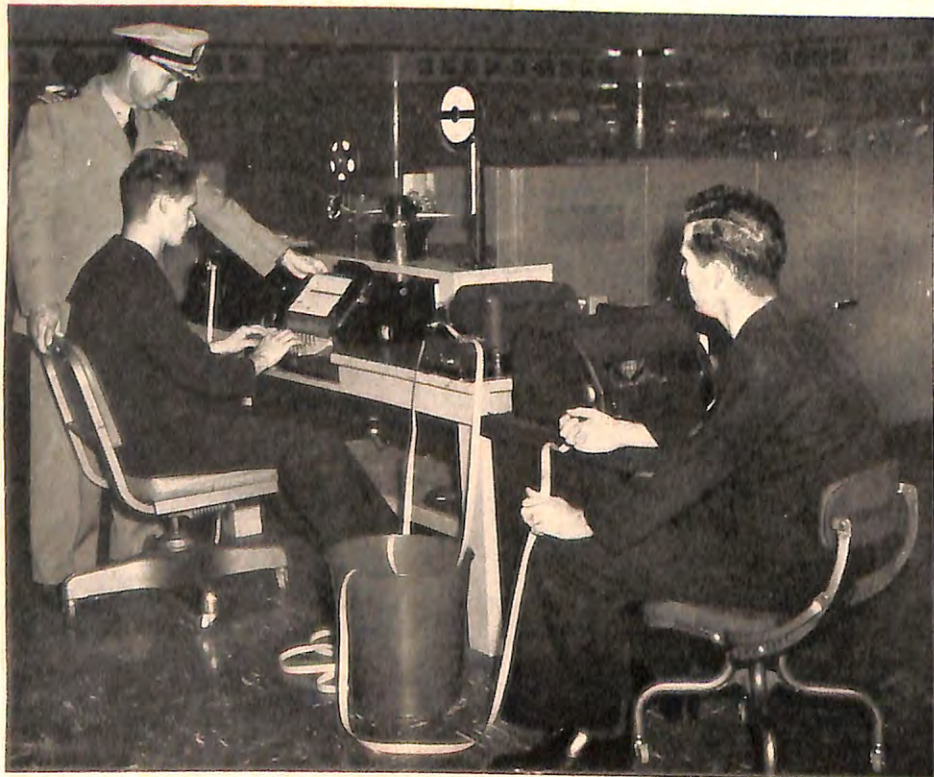
While this 'taming of the West' epic was going forward in the Cascades another kind of pioneering was taking place back East in an RCA Victor factory building at Camden, New Jersey, where a hand picked group of RCA and Navy engineers set to work designing the biggest antenna ever conceived and finding answers to all the problems involved in doubling the power output of the biggest transmitter then in operation.

The engineers had the design problems licked by 1948. Fabrication, which called for the assistance of 175 RCA subcontractors, took another two years. When factory tests were completed in 1950, RCA hired twenty-seven freight cars and moved their electronic giant to Seattle by rail.

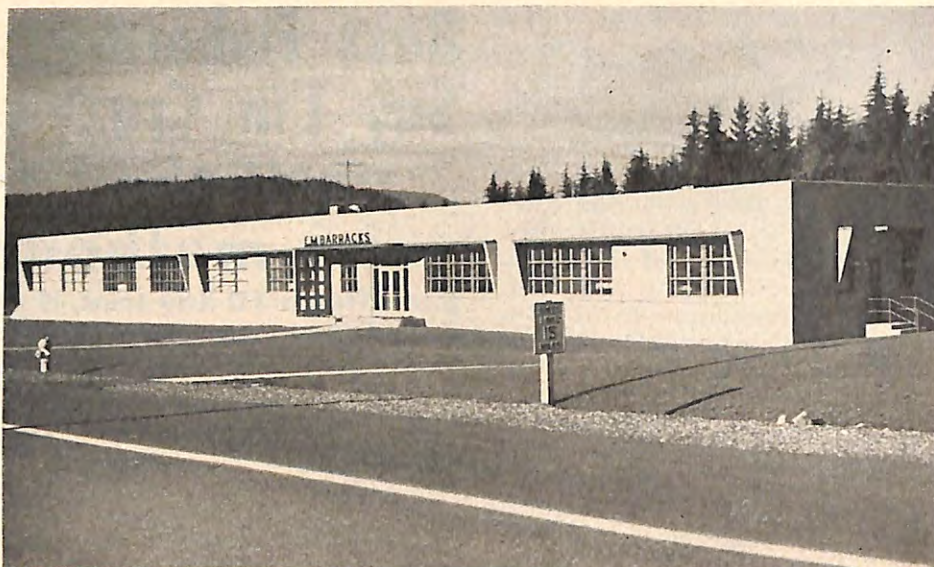
Construction of towers and buildings, installation of the equipment and then exhaustive tests in the methodical, perfectionist Navy manner, took another three years. On the 18th of November last, the station was formally dedicated and put into regular operation.

The dramatic highlight of the ceremony came as the two hundred guests crowded around an old-fashioned telegraph key while Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Carney, dictated and RCA's General Sarnoff tapped out the first operational message.

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came back in just six minutes from the battleship *Wisconsin* in Japanese waters. Then in quick succession came replies from the carrier *Yorktown*, the destroyer *Floyd B. Parks* and the submarine *Bluegill* in the Western Pacific; the submarine *Sablefish* in the Northwest Atlantic, the cruiser *Pittsburgh* in the South Atlantic, the carrier *Tarawa* in the Mediterranean and the destroyer *Charles S. Sperry* in the Caribbean.

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Outlaw Trail

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recognized the hunt for him would start up afresh, now when the posters were faded and the search had all but died out. But it galled him to be gun-driven out of the hollow and robbed of his woods prize. He had been figuring that the big patch, added to the other seng and the golden seal he had been gathering all summer, would pay off the shameful spate of debts his younger brother Wally owed people in Cherokee Springs. It would be a tragic while, twenty years to life, before Wally would pay any debts himself.

He thought: "If I could find out who this party is, a stranger or a person from town . . . If he's somebody would recognize me, I'd have to let him take the seng. But if I'm unbeknown to him, why then this bush-sneak business is a game I could play too, rifle or no."

Keeping flat, he worked down along the log to a clump of small pawpaws, slipped across the brook to a ravine mouth and up the ravine to the rimrock. From there he circled down toward the sandstone outcropping, through the laurel and devil's-club of the slope. As he neared the cliff he kept to the stretches of silent moss and swung around the sleepy whip-poorwills along his way. Drawn by the dimness and the cool of the hollow, the dusky-colored birds of the twilight were everywhere, drowsing on the rocks, logs and the lower limbs of the burr oaks.

He came out at last on the lip of the twenty-foot cliff, by the young smoke tree he had used as a guide, and when he cautiously inched out and looked down he found himself directly over his enemy.

The man's face was hidden by his hat and for a minute Duke could see only that he was a big, heavy-set individual, squatting Indian-wise against the rock and watching up hollow. His iron-shod stick and two gunny sacks showed he had come to dig up the patch. He seemed to know that the person he had shot at had somehow slipped away from the log and faded into the woods, and the whereabouts of his shadowlike enemy had him worried.

A squirrel scabbling up a beech caused the man to tilt his head, and Duke silently swore. It was Hobe Haskell, a town loafer he had known for years, had even hired occasionally as a tie hacker when rush jobs came along.

For several bitter minutes he crouched

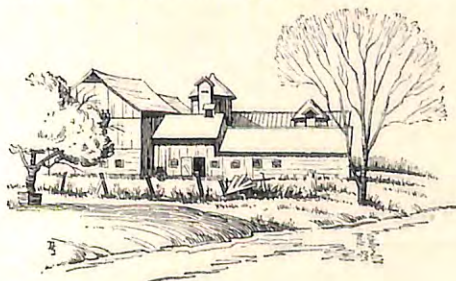
there by the smoke tree and tried to think of some way to save his rich find, but all his thoughts came to the same dead end—Haskell would recognize him instantly. However lazy and coarse the man might be, Hobe Haskell was no coward or fool who could be tricked or scared off, but a dangerous, bush-wise person who would have to be disarmed, fought and driven away. Stirring up the manhunt would mean living day and night again in the dread of getting captured, being trailed and hounded again by shiftless trappers and suchlike who were after the grubby, hundred-dollar reward. And all that was too heavy a price even for a seng bed that would run close to half a thousand dollars.

As he was leaving the cliff edge he heard the scolding of a rock wren a hundred yards down hollow, and then, nearer, the angry squeaking of a pair of hummingbirds. For a minute or so he thought the intruder was some animal—wolf or fox or wildcat—but then he made out, still nearer, a faint *clink* of iron on rock, as of a digger stick against a stone.

It seemed strange to him that a pathless old hollow where nobody ever came should suddenly have three visitors all of a day, and he believed there was something more to this than accident. Wondering who the newcomer could be, he angled out along the hillside and down to the bottom flat and slipped into a tangle of grapevines near the brook.

As he waited, thinking about his encounter with Haskell and other galling incidents of the past year, he realized that for all the days of his outlawry he would be helpless to defend himself against getting robbed, hounded, even shot at by the Hobe Haskells. It was one of the realities of a fugitive existence, like the gnawing loneliness. As long as he was an outlaw—that was the grim part of it with Duke. He could see nothing different or better ahead. Nothing could change the fact that he had broken the law, whatever the circumstances, and faced a prison term if he was taken.

The newcomer, following up along the little stream, finally came in sight around a rock jut, and Duke caught his breath sharply. Through the mat of vines he had a glimpse of a gingham dress, a slender figure, a head of auburn hair. Then the girl stepped out onto an open gravel bar and stood there looking





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around as though for some landmark, and he saw who she was.

His guess had been that the person coming up the hollow would turn out to be a kindly, oldish fellow-townsmen called Dan Everett, night watchman at the zinc mine, who spent his spare time back in the hills digging medicinals to make a little extra money. Twice recently he had run onto Everett in that eastern spur of the Rimrocks and watched him from a distance. Now he saw that his guess had not been altogether wrong—the newcomer was Leetha Everett, the youngest of Dan's three grown children.

Though he had gone occasionally with her older sister during high school and afterward, he had known Leetha only as a quiet, serious-eyed young girl. Four years ago some foot-loose construction boss had married her, taken her away and later had deserted her. Near the time of Wally's trouble last summer she had come back to Cherokee Springs with a two-year-old daughter and now was living with her father in the old clapboard home on Elm Street.

As she stood there within whisper reach but totally unaware of his presence, Duke found it hard to imagine that any man could be so irresponsible and so shiftless in love that he would cease to cherish and want her. Still in her early twenties, she was a slim, attractive girl, with hazel eyes and unusually pretty hair, and she still had that serious, thoughtful air about her that he had always liked. He remembered thinking it had been brave of her to come back home where everybody knew about the sorry ending to her marriage, and now this trip, a girl alone, five miles deep in the hills, seemed to him cut from that same quiet courage.

HER iron-tipped stick, undoubtedly her father's, and the tote sack she carried showed that her trip had something to do with digging seng. And then, in a rough fashion, he saw the explanation of her coming there, and it jarred him all through. Dan Everett must have wandered up the hollow, found the big patch, lacked time to dig it then and for some reason had been unable to get back. So Leetha had come for it herself.

He pictured Hobe Haskell waiting up yonder, claiming the seng patch at gun point, and he went a little pale. "Girl, girl," he breathed, "you're purely walking into trouble, bad trouble."

Not seeing her landmark, Leetha started on up along the stream, and again Duke was torn with debate. His good sense warned him it would be a ruinous mistake to follow her; he'd get drawn into her trouble willynilly. "You've played everything safe all year," he told himself, "and that's why you're still free. A person the law's after can't afford to help anybody else."

But even as he was thinking this he slipped out of the vines and silently

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shadowed Leetha, keeping her in sight the best he could as he angled up the slope and then swung down toward the smoke tree. He felt he had no real choice in the matter. Here was a girl he knew, a gentle, worthy girl, going up against a man like Hobe Haskell, and except that he himself looked out for her she was miles from any friend or help.

By the time he crept out to the cliff edge and looked down, Haskell had stopped Leetha and she was confronting him in the little open between the spicebrush and the rock. As he had guessed, they were disputing about the seng bed and he could see that the argument would be short and one-sided.

"Anybody tetches that seng patch, you or anybody else, I'll boot 'em clean out of this hollow," Haskell threatened her bluntly. In his harsh tones and whole attitude there was no trace of a man's instinctive consideration toward a girl. He glanced uneasily around at the woods and hillsides, then looked again at Leetha. "Like I've told you twict, I found this bed myself, 'way last spring, but I been too busy all summer to come and dig it."

In her quiet way Leetha punctured his lie. "'Twas my dad found this bed, Mr. Haskell, just last week. He mentioned it to Sam Jenks, in Sam's store, the day before he took sick, and you happened to be there and overheard, and that's the onliest reason you know anything about it at all."

Haskell colored up hotly. "Don't go calling me any eavesdropping sneak-thief." He took her roughly by the arm and turned her around. "Now git! I got other troubles in here to mind, 'thout messing with you."

Leetha pulled free and confronted him again. Duke wondered why on earth she didn't give in when she was so helpless, and he suspected that she needed the

seng money badly. What with the sickness she'd mentioned, a child, a home to keep going, she probably needed that money more than he and Haskell put together.

Still he waited, fighting his anger down and thinking that Leetha might leave and he could shadow her safely out of the hollow. But when he saw Haskell jerk the digger stick out of her hands and break it over a rock and then give her a shaking and a shove, the last linger of that hope faded out. With a careful glance at the lay-out below he drew back from the edge of the cliff and stood up.

As he went out along the cliff he heard the sounds of a scuffle, and he hurried. At a dip in the outcropping he leaped down to the flat, turned back along the foot of the cliff and came up silently to the spicebrush.

Haskell's carbine was leaning against a sapling oak, and he attended to that first, thinking, "Shut of this, there'll be no killing around here, whatever else happens." He picked the weapon up by the muzzle, swung, smashed it against the tree and broke it in two, across the lock. Then he threw the muzzle piece away and walked out into the little open.

The smack of the gun against the oak had brought Haskell whirling around. "Logan!" he grunted, staring at Duke. "That must a-been you—a while ago, and I never knowed—"

"Well, you know now," Duke cut him short, checking an impulse to lay his digger stick over Haskell's head. In the couple of minutes it had taken him to get there Haskell had overpowered Leetha and started manhandling her back along the way she had come. "Now clear out and keep on going—all the way back to town. I know you'll peddle it you saw me in here but that can't be helped now."

Haskell made no move to leave. He

had got over his surprise and picked up his digger stick, and was standing wide-legged at the far edge of the open, eyeing his enemy. Duke could see that his forbearance had been wasted and he had a fight on his hands. The man was measuring him, looking him over for the bulge of a pocket gun and planning some hidden move. He noticed Haskell's fingers tightening on the digger stick and he guessed what the move would be. That heavy, hickory-heart stick, its iron head pointed like a lance and knife-sharp along the edges for cutting roots, could be a club or spear or slashing blade in a showdown fight.

"I don't figger," Haskell finally said, "as I have to take any orders from a fellow belongs to be in the pen. You couldn't get that patch a half dug 'fore I'd be back here with Dep'ty Will Tuttle and a party, and they might jest string you up to a beech and be done with it. If I'd a-knowned it was you a while ago I'd a-dropped you kicking right then, and ever'body would a-said it was good riddance—"

"Why, that's not so, that's ridiculous," Leetha contradicted him. "People *don't* feel that way about Mr. Logan, and you know it." She moved around Haskell and across to Duke and put her hand on his arm in a little gesture of gratitude. "He's just trying to scare you away from here, Duke, with that talk about how people feel. We all know you did all you could to stop Wally from running with that River City gang. Everybody in town knows you hadn't anything whatever to do with that bank hold-up and shooting, excusing that you hid Wally afterwards and tried to help him get away."

HER WORDS astonished Duke. The honesty about Leetha Everett made him believe her without question but it dumfounded him. Little by little he had fallen into the outlaw's frame of mind and come to think that his friends had forsaken him, the town had turned hostile and accusing. And now to hear that people had understood his harsh dilemma and nobody connected him with the crime itself—he had never heard news more welcome or heartwarming.

"Jest the same," Haskell answered Leetha, edging a step nearer Duke as he spoke. "the law says he goes to the pen,

and that's where he'll wind up soon or late."

"They'll have to capture him first," Leetha said. "They've been a whole year trying and nobody's had a glimpse of him till today, and even this is only because of—well, of me. And if they do take him, we'll none of us think the less of him when his term's over and done with."

It seemed to Duke almost dream-strange for a girl to be standing there beside him, an actual girl of flesh and blood, talking to him and calling him "Duke" as in the old days. For a year that had been the longest year of his life the world outside the hills, the world of men and women, had been little more than a far-off whistle or a high plane thrumming across the sky, and it had begun to grow dim and illusory, like something half memory and half imagination. Now it was suddenly very real again, as real and living as Leetha Everett. . . . He felt that before his woods-hermit year he had never fully known how sweet a world it was.

He took Leetha's hand from his arm and moved a little away from her, watching Haskell narrowly for that moment when the man would tense himself for a lunge. He had little heart for the fight that Haskell was forcing on him. He believed he could whip the slower, heavier man and see to it that Leetha got the seng patch, but otherwise it seemed to him that a victory which would find him heading back into the far hills for another lonely round of the seasons would be bitterly empty and meaningless.

He flicked a glance at Leetha and saw her looking at him in a puzzled way, not understanding why he did not want her near him. But in the next breath she caught on and her frightened eyes went to Haskell. It was the moment when the man had stopped shuffling his feet and edging forward and was crouching a little for his lunge and swing.

"Duke! Watch him! He's going to—" Already on guard, Duke leaped back from the vicious, two-handed smash, and Haskell's digger stick missed him altogether, its iron head swishing down and hitting the ground like a rock rattler that had struck short.

There was a second or two when he could have caught Haskell javelin-wise



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with his own stick, while the man was off balance and wide open, but he deliberately let the chance pass. He wanted no killing on his hands, or any serious injury to the man. In the last couple of minutes the notion had been growing on him that this meeting with Leetha Everett and Hobe Haskell was more momentous than he had foreseen and that it had already swept him along to the point of no return. Haskell's taunt about his winding up in the pen and Leetha's revelation about the town and his friends had touched off a thought in his mind and it was jiggling through his brain almost explosively.

He had no time then to think his thought through. Haskell had recovered from the lunge, closed in again and was slashing, jabbing and smashing at him in a fury. For a moment or two he tried to stand up to the savage attack by knocking the smashes aside and parrying the blows with his own stick. But he took a glancing swipe against his head and then a slash that ripped his jacket sleeve from shoulder to elbow and bit into his arm, and he had to start backing away, backing around the little cleared space, with Haskell trying to hammer his guard down and get in a smash that would finish him off.

Breathing heavily, Haskell stopped and eyed him. "Like I thought, a yellow-belly," he snarled. "If you won't fight, git."

A warm trickle was running down his arm from the slash Haskell had given him, and Leetha saw him flip the blood from his hand.

"Duke—you're hurt. Let him take the patch. It's not worth periling yourself for."

Duke wanted to tell her that the stakes here, the stakes for himself, were bigger than any seng bed; that they were nothing less than an end to his woods-hermit life and a return to the world outside the hills. But he merely shook his head to her plea and backed off another step.

Again he saw Haskell gather himself for a lunge, and the little moment of warning saved his life. As he leaped back that time the murderous smash missed

him so narrowly that the iron head slashed down through the front of his jacket and buried itself in the moss between his feet. Before Haskell could jerk it free and arch it up again, Duke caught the weapon with his own stick, caught it squarely in the middle, with every ounce of his body in the swing. The blow tore the weapon out of Haskell's grip and sent it spinning out of reach in the spicebrush.

"Now then," he said, as Haskell flipped his stinging hand and came at him to grapple. He managed to get his stick turned end for end, and laid the hickory-heart handle solidly alongside Haskell's head. From the sheer momentum of his rush Haskell came crashing on into him, but he was out cold on his feet, and Duke let him slide down onto the moss. . . .

AFTER Leetha had fixed up his arm he took her up along the brook and showed her the huge seng patch. "By the time I get all that dug," he said, "the whippoorwills in here will be calling, so I'll pitch in and start digging."

She looked at him questioningly. "But Hobe's threat, Duke; his very last words—that he'd be back with Mr. Tuttle—"

"Why," Duke said laconically, "that'll be just fine." He pushed his digger stick down under one of the dark-green plants, lifted it out of the woods soil, broke off the man-shaped root and dropped this into her tote sack. Then he shelled the bright-red seed pod and thumbed the seeds into the fresh humus, like a true seng hunter, so that in time some other person would find there a bed as good as the one he had found. "Will Tuttle can help me tote this seng back to town, along with my own stuff, in a cave two hollows over."

Her eyes widened with shock as she caught his full meaning. She lifted her hands to his shoulders. "Duke! You don't really intend—that?"

"I purely do." Then he said: "I was waiting on some miracle 's spite of knowing there couldn't be any miracle—how blind can a person be? When Hobe said I'd wind up in the pen soon or late, I realized he was dead right. But mostly

it was what you told me—that I was clear of everything but helping Wally and nobody'd look down on me after my term was over with."

She was silent, thinking, studying him. "I believe you're doing the right thing, Duke," she remarked quietly. "It won't be any long term. Mr. Tuttle said to Dad not long ago that if you'd stayed and started your sentence, your time would be 'most over with by now. But a step this sudden and serious, Duke—what if you regret it when it's too late?"

"I can take it," he said. The prospect of months in prison did daunt him. It was like a dark valley he would have to cross, and it would not be without its shame and cost and pain. But once over it he would be a free man. Free of loneliness. Free to get on with his timbering work. Free to walk down Elm Street when the evening moon rode high and call on the girl he'd befriended in a lonely hollow of the Rimrocks. Strange, he thought, how this hour had turned out. For a whole year he had played everything safe and it had gained him nothing, and then a rash, foolhardy step had put his feet on the road to the open.

Leetha said, "You've done so much for me already, Duke—the least I can do is help you dig this bed."

He shook his head. "You've no digger stick. If you'll just sit on that log yon, where I can see you—just sit there and say something to me every now and then . . . It's been two forevers since I've even seen a girl."

Leetha looked at him long and searchingly, reading his restraint toward her, reading that he hated any appearance of collecting on the debt she owed him. He saw a smile come into her eyes at his awkwardness and silence—a smile tender with understanding and warm with invitation. Finally she said: "It must have been a dreadfully long time, I know. You've been so nice to me, Duke, that—if you're maybe wondering, after this long while, what it would be like to kiss a girl again—"

It astounded Duke, the way she had read his deepest wish.

In the Doghouse

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at night, I'd pretend to hear a noise and then speak in a warning manner to the dogs. A vibrant "What's that?", or "Who's there?", spoken sharply but not loudly, coupled with a pretense of excitement and alertness on my part, would put the dog on guard. Were the purpose behind this not serious it would have been amusing to see the dog prowl back and forth between door and windows trying to find out what made the boss excited. In the course of time almost every dog I've owned became "sharp" and a better than average watchman.

You might even go so far as to have someone other than a member of your family purposely tap on your door or rat-

tle the window pane. The reason for having a stranger, or at least someone not too well known to the dog, cooperate in the training is because Fido's schnozzle is so keen that he would all too quickly detect the scent of anyone well known to him and naturally would be indifferent to being watchful or sounding an alarm. If you want your dog to be your night watchman, the pretended alarm on your part is particularly important. If you'd rather not ask a friend to act as "prowler", then you can do this yourself and have some member of the family remain indoors with the dog. But be careful that you do not remain on the other side of the closed door or window.

Step away quickly because the dog will detect your scent and the lesson instead of being just that will become another kind of game for the dog. Of course, whoever remains with the dog should follow the excitement pretense. Whenever drilling the dog for watching encourage it to bark.

To train the dog for guard duty have someone strange to the dog pretend to take away one of its toys or part of its bedding. Have that person make little snatches at the object. Then scold the stranger and do this sharply. Make it clear that you disapprove. Next, praise the dog and pet him every time he shows resentment toward the individual who is

trying to take away the dog's possessions. When doing this, however, be sure that you have control of your dog so that his resentment of the teasing and pretended theft doesn't result in an attack. Be doubly sure if the dog is one of those large galoots. A medium to big dog can inflict severe wounds if sufficiently aroused.

It has been said that the average home does not require a very tough canine citizen for a guardian but in this writer's opinion the situation varies with the home. In some homes occupied by women living alone a good guardian dog is a handy critter to have around the house, particularly at night, and more particularly if the home is located in a lonely location or adjacent to a dangerous neighborhood. When word gets out that a good and belligerent guard dog is kept in such a home it is likely to have a discouraging effect on a casual prowler. Of course, the hardened professional, while averse to breaking into a home, may be so determined to enter that he'll take a chance. But that sort of fellow is usually a big-time operator and after a big haul he has ways of eliminating the dog from the scene and doing this quietly too.

Poison, of course, is one of the methods and thus it is vitally necessary that the guard dog be taught never to accept food from strangers or anyone other than its master or members of the household. On large estates guard dogs render valuable service, as they also do in various business houses, some of the larger stores (for night guard duty), industrial plants and civil institutions and certain military establishments as well as in some branches of the armed forces. The guard dog employed other than in

the home is usually trained to attack. When not on duty such a dog is more often chained or kenneled and is by no means a playmate for little Harry or Harriet. The dog confined on a chain most of the time frequently becomes vicious without any encouragement and for this reason a dog for the home should not be confined that way.

Tom Farley, dog authority, in a press release relates an amusing story of an over-zealous Dalmatian guardian of firehouse property owned by the Port Washington, Long Island, fire department. The dog, named Smoky, of course, refused to permit any but the members of that department to remain near firehouse property. The high spot of Smoky's guardianship occurred when one of the old engines was sold to a fire department of a nearby town. Smoky was restrained until the visiting firemen proceeded to drive their purchase back to their firehouse. Smoky was then released and instantly raced after the engine. It took him more than a mile to overtake it. Running abreast of the driver's seat he leaped into it, thus dispossessing the driver. A hurried telephone call had to be made to summon a fireman from the Port Washington station to get Smoky off the seat.

If you want your dog to be particularly watchful at night, feed him early in the day and give no food after that. If you want him as your daytime watchman, feed him at night. Dogs sleep more soundly when their stomachs are full.

You cannot expect your dog to be a good watchman or guardian unless he enjoys good health, so it's up to you to guard his health and not by home doctoring if he becomes ill but by the best veterinary service you can get.

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Editorial

A YEAR REVIEWED



A few days after this issue of *The Elks Magazine* is in the mail the twelve months' stewardship of Earl E. James as Grand Exalted Ruler will come to an end.

The outstanding features of his year of service have been his stressing to the subordinate lodges the importance of rendering good work in community helpfulness, his concrete suggestions relative to such services, his consuming interest in the soundness rather than the bigness of lodges, his earnest and effective direction of his District Deputies and committee members and his ability to do administrative work while traveling almost continually.

We have felt that the administrative responsibilities of a Grand Exalted Ruler were so important compared to the inspirational opportunities afforded by travel and visits to subordinate lodges that the most effective work could be done only if a Grand Exalted Ruler spent half his time in his headquarters office.

We are obliged to admit that Grand Exalted Ruler James has succeeded remarkably well in carrying his office with him.

To do this it has been necessary for him to concentrate, without let or hindrance, on the daily problems and the opportunities of administrative action, perfect and maintain a plan of keeping in close and continuous touch with his office and to be capable of working day and night with the minimum of respite.

Perhaps an explanation of his ability to do this is found in his reply recently to a newspaper reporter who asked if he were not fatigued as a result of his constant traveling. That reply was:

"The Elks are engaged in so many heartwarming enterprises that we do not tire easily.

"Such a stimulus is a wonderfully refreshing thing."

Perhaps one of the outstanding features of the administration of Grand Exalted Ruler James has been his perfectionist attitude in respect to the laws of the Order and their unqualified observance by the officers of the subordinate lodges.

In any event, he has been reluctant to accept any compromise where fidelity to the principles of the Order, the Statutes of the Grand Lodge or the by-laws of the subordinate lodges are involved.

There has been the saving grace that if stringent action taken by him in respect to a Grand Lodge officer or a member of the Order was proved to be unjustified he has very graciously accepted such proof.

We have found cases where the reproof of the officers of subordinate lodges seemed to them somewhat harsh at the time; on reflection, however, these officers came to the realization that the censure was justified and had proved beneficial.

— It would be difficult to recall a Grand Exalted Ruler who has more earnestly and conscientiously adhered to his oath of office and has so religiously met his responsibilities.

YARDSTICKS



What makes a successful lodge?

The answers to the question are apparent to the great majority of Elks. Active officers, cooperative members, hardworking committees, good planning, are the responses that will come most readily to their minds.

What is the test of a successful lodge?

This question, too, evokes a number and variety of ready answers, such as: the lodge's identification with, or leadership in, its community; the extent of its charitable work; the capability of its officers; the number of its fraternal activities; the attendance at lodge sessions. Of course, all are important, but some of us place more stress on one than the other. Our yardstick is the attendance at meetings.

Good attendance, to our way of thinking, is the most significant because it is a result which proves that many of the other items listed here exist as causes. It shows unquestionably that the officers are interested, active and capable. It reflects the pride of the membership in the lodge's place in the community. It bespeaks the members' endorsement of the fraternal and charitable activities. It evinces, more than anything else, the members' desire to fulfill the objectives set by lodge leaders.

Every lodge leader should place good attendance at meetings high on his list of items to receive special attention early in the new lodge year. He can accomplish little without it. He cannot convert an empty seat into an enthusiastic Elk who will promote his program.

While attendance is an end result, it is something that can be planned and cultivated. As it thrives and flowers it will scatter seeds to produce its kind; active Elks eager to get into the full swing of fraternal life. It is obvious that the first move to create this desired result is a well-rounded program. After those activities have been listed which have proved popular in the past, it is always desirable to embark on new ventures which have stirred interest in the members of other lodges. No doubt a number of items which one reads about in the Lodge News section of *The Elks Magazine* have appealed to Exalted Rulers for inclusion in their own program.

The next step, of course, is to appoint a good sized committee for each activity headed by a Chairman in whom the Exalted Ruler has real confidence. Each of such committees should be encouraged to work steadily towards its planned event and report progress at each lodge meeting. There will thus be created a nucleus of active members who have a sustained interest in the events of the lodge who will attend meetings regularly and will draw other members to the lodge rooms through their enthusiasm for the program.

To have planned such a broad interest takes work and it is extremely rewarding.

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