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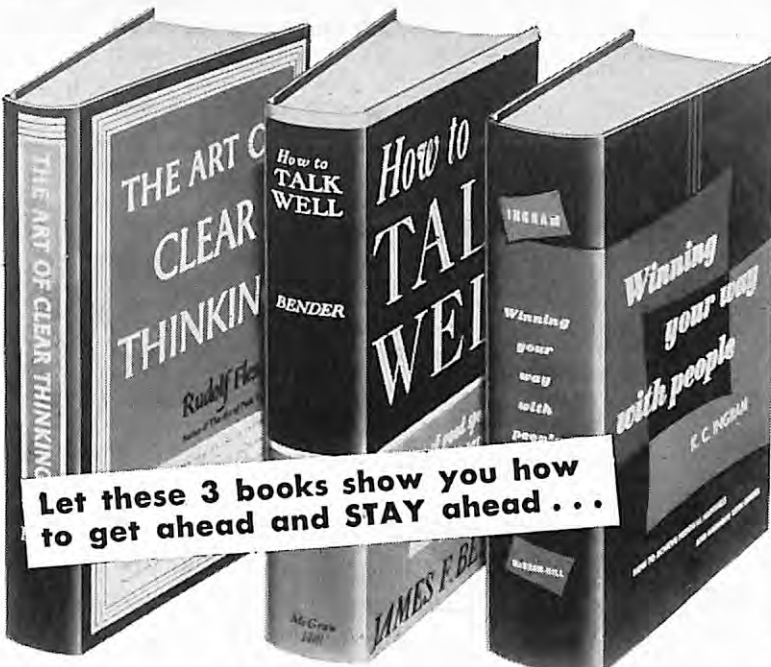
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

May I take this means to compliment you and your entire staff on the fine Elks Magazine you publish.

It is truly a he-man magazine, with interesting stories and informative articles on current topics and exciting places, as well as having good coverage on the events and activities of Elksdom.

I was especially interested by an article in the last issue of the magazine "Leadership Through Service" on the Editorial page.

H. M. Heyl

Wooster, Ohio

I am a Lincoln collector. It has recently come to my attention that the February 1950 issue of your magazine had a fine Lincoln article by Dr. J. G. Randall. I would very much like to secure a copy of this issue.

Albert O. Hoffman

Melrose Park, Ill.

I certainly enjoyed the cover of May issue of *The Elks Magazine*—and I also hear many comments on Mr. Leigh's work among the members of the lodge. Congratulations.

Stanley M. Krop

Red Lodge, Mont.

Please send me a copy of the February issue of the Elks Magazine or a copy of Robert A. Smith's article, "Should the United States Admit Red China," which appeared in that issue.

Our local study club is planning a round-table discussion on the Red China issue and unfortunately my husband's copy of the magazine has been lost.

Mrs. K. O. Van Eyck

Manistique, Mich.

I have been a member of the Elks for 15 years, have visited the National Home at Bedford, Virginia, and am mighty proud to be a member of the Elks. I enjoy the Elks Magazine very much and really like to read the "In the Doghouse" column.

W. Glen Guy

Logan, West Virginia

My husband is an Elk, and I enjoy your magazine at least as much as he does; I read it from stem to stern.

The cover of the May issue really captured my fancy. The name "Guarding the Foal" is certainly very appropriate. Having lived on a ranch, having my own horse, I really appreciate this superb painting of horseflesh.

Mrs. Dorothy Franklin

Oakland, Calif.

It has been pointed out to me several times what an outstanding edition the February number was.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's message is so down to earth; the Elks National Memorial is portrayed more vividly than it ever has been before. It is an outstanding issue, and you are to be complimented on top production.

We are inclined at times to take our magazine for granted, so I think it quite noteworthy that a group of just "ordinary" members should take unusual notice of a particular issue.

Oakley Morris

Visalia, Calif.

Dear Dr. Nadler:

This brief note is to express my appreciation to you for the clear, concise, splendid article, "Business Outlook," which appeared in the May issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

The small businessman is striving for the truth about the future economic outlook (regardless of trends) and your article in *The Elks Magazine* is just the type of report that gives him the general overall viewpoint—painlessly.

George V. Riley

Washington, D. C.

I am sending to you today, with our compliments, an advance copy of "Best Sports Stories—1954."

I think it will be of particular interest to you because it contains a story which appeared originally in *The Elks Magazine*: "It's Tough to Manage a Loser," by Bill Meyer and Tom Siler.

"Best Sports Stories—1954" was published on May 17th and includes 51 stories and 30 photographs. You may be interested to know that W. C. Heinz, who has written frequently for your publication, received the \$250 award for the Best Magazine Story.

Elliott Graham

Publicity Director

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It has been my privilege to read and enjoy *The Elks Magazine* for quite some time, I have also enjoyed many things in the way of entertainment given for the ladies, such as "Ladies' Night". I am writing to say that I so especially enjoyed the cover showing the lady finding her hat at a rummage sale for March, by Wesley Snyder. It is really a clever thing, and it certainly tells a true story of just how the female specie would react, in the desire to be "so exclusive" of just how badly she was cheated—even tho' like most of us, she too, may have liked a bargain—and who doesn't? I think you are most fortunate to have such a clever artist, as is Snyder, and I'll be looking forward to seeing more and more of his excellent work. All good wishes to the Elks, their fine Magazine and the excellent work they do.

Stella Hall Welsh

Seminole, Okla.

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THE SPEECH

JUST let me say that I am humbly grateful to you for electing me as your Grand Exalted Ruler.

This demonstration again manifests the great hearts and gracious understanding of my Brothers of this, the greatest fraternal Order on earth. To everyone who in any way helped make possible this great event, and who in any way contributed to this magnificent demonstration, I humbly and sincerely say, "Thank you!"

I accept the office of Grand Exalted Ruler and its great responsibilities with deep humility and with a prayer to Almighty God that I will prove true to the trust reposed in me. I have one great consolation in the firm belief that the great body of my distinguished predecessors, those twenty-five living Past Grand Exalted Rulers to whom we are all indebted, and to whom I am personally indebted, will put at my disposal their mature knowledge and infinite wisdom for the coming year. All of them have served with distinction and honor and have dedicated a lifetime of service to our Order. Indeed, with their inspiration, support and counsel, and with God's help, I cannot fail.

Further encouragement and inspiration have come to me this morning by the confidence and support you have indicated by your enthusiastic reception. I appreciate this, and in return assure you of a vigorous year with courage and determination to make this the best in the history of our Order. Progress demands that each succeeding year must be better than the last. And so, with confident anticipation, this year should be the best for the overall good of our great Order. I beg your help in achieving this goal with me and earnestly solicit your cooperation in breathing life into our slogan, "As Elksdom Sows, America Reaps."

We were fortunate this past year in having as our leader one who represents the highest type of Americanism. Through his extensive travels, the people of our nation have learned from him that our beloved Order has a deep and abiding faith in God and in the principles of our American form of government. Through personal example, he has demonstrated that we have a wholesome respect for our American way of life. He has added to the stature and prestige of our Order. It is therefore a proud privilege for me to succeed in office that splendid leader, the Honorable Earl E. James.

To my close personal friends and associates in Elksdom over the past quarter of a century, to the members of my

own Nutley Lodge, the Brothers of my great home state of New Jersey, to all who have made possible this great Convention demonstration and my election, I am most grateful. You have been loyal and steadfast throughout my career as an Elk and have made possible for me the achievement of all of Elksdom's honors. My gratitude is so deeply imbedded in my heart that my best efforts will ever be directed to merit your confidence.

Words cannot express my full appreciation to Governor Robert B. Meyner who traveled from Trenton, New Jersey, to give his inspiring nomination address. I am deeply grateful to you, Governor—you have given me great standards to aim for, and I shall try to merit your confidence and faith.

NOW, there is one among us to whom I owe a great deal, and I single him out as the best friend and finest mentor any man could possibly have. He has ever been my inspiration in Elksdom. His kind and sage counsel, his patience and encouragement made it possible for me to stand before you as your elected Grand Exalted Ruler today. His sterling character and kindly nature; his dynamic leadership and untiring, outstandingly successful work for Elksdom, have brought with it for him the deserved reference as the Number One Elk of our Order. We in New Jersey fondly and sincerely call him "Mr. Elk." To me he is the conscience of Elksdom. It is needless for me to tell you that I am talking about our beloved Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, and so, in this, my happiest moment in Elksdom, I just want to say, "Sincere thanks, Brother Jim, for making possible this day for me, sincere thanks from the bottom of a humble and most grateful heart. I hope, Brother Hallinan, that I shall merit your trust, and that when this administration comes to an end, I shall have lived up to your every expectation."

America today, under the leadership of our great President, is on the threshold of a new era that is destined to be the greatest in history. In this period of destiny, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as always, must play an important and vital part. Our 1,700 lodges and 1,140,000 members must assume an aggressive and positive leadership in the affairs of their communities that will be a driving force for betterment throughout our entire land, for "As Elksdom Sows, America Reaps." (Continued on page 43)

OF ACCEPTANCE

of WILLIAM J. JERNICK



William J. Jernick, Nutley, New Jersey,
Lodge No. 1290, elected Grand Exalted
Ruler on July 5th at the Grand Lodge
Convention held in Los Angeles, Calif.

Richards of the White

BY ARTHUR DALEY

Few managers can equal Paul Richards in his adroit handling of available manpower.

IT'S STILL A MITE TOO EARLY in the baseball season to determine how successful the Chicago White Sox will be in their bold bid to shatter the Yankee pennant monopoly. Perceptive observers, however, are agreed that the Pale Hose have as good a chance as anyone and a better chance than most. The reason? It's not hard to find.

The reason is Paul Rapier Richards, the lean and languid Texan from Waxahachie. Until Richards assumed the job as White Sox manager, they'd been embedded in the second division for seven straight years. Under him they've never been out of the first division. He's trans-

formed a dull, dreary ball club into one of the most exciting in either league.

QUITE A FEW years ago the civic authorities in Chicago were tinkering with the notion of paying special tribute to one of their baseball pioneers by renaming the street leading into Comiskey Park, the White Sox stadium. One suggestion was that they call it Comiskey Road. That was too much for one disappointed sportswriter.

"Why not name it Seventh Place?" he wrote tartly.

But the Sox have carefully avoided even the vicinity of seventh place during

the regime of the versatile and resourceful Richards. Using an artful blend of harsh driving and gentle persuasion in his freshman season of 1951, he had his hypnotized heroes so playing over their heads that they were in first place almost to the halfway mark in July.

Then, however, the law of averages caught up with them. So did the other teams. It was inevitable, of course, especially since Richards had conned an indifferent bunch of throwers into believing they were pitchers. The White Sox finished fourth, 17 games behind the Yankees—which was a quite remarkable achievement in itself. The next year they were third, 14 games behind, and last season they were third again but only 11½ lengths in arrears. Under Richards the Pale Hose have been sneaking up steadily and he's developed both a pitching staff and a pretty sound ball club.

It almost would seem that there are three distinct phases to the history of the

Fans jam Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox. Such record-breaking attendance is one result of Richards' rejuvenation of the White Sox.
United Press Photo



Sox

White Sox. For almost two decades they were one of the powers in the American League. But once they were wrecked by the Black Sox scandal of 1919, they drifted aimlessly and desultorily for another three decades.

The third phase began in 1949 when Frank Lane, a restless dynamo of a man, assumed full authority as general manager. He stirred those stagnant White Sox waters as they never had been stirred before. Stagnation of any sort is abhorrent to this man-in-motion. Unlike most baseball men, he'll make a trade just for the sake of a trade, even if it accomplishes no more than generating some temporary excitement.

THE TURNOVER was constant as ball players came and went while Lane impatiently waited to change the manager he inherited but didn't want. Once he maneuvered that, however, he reached out and gleefully grabbed the manager he did want, Paul Rapier Richards. That was to be the most significant and most productive of all the Lane transactions.

It wasn't much of a ball club that Lane gave to Richards in the spring of 1951, a rag-tag collection which consisted principally of discards from other teams. Yet Paul took that unprepossessing group and waved his magic wand over it.

Cinderella's fairy godmother didn't do a better job of transformation with a pumpkin than Richards did with the White Sox. For half the season his peons led the league and they stayed in contention until the final month.

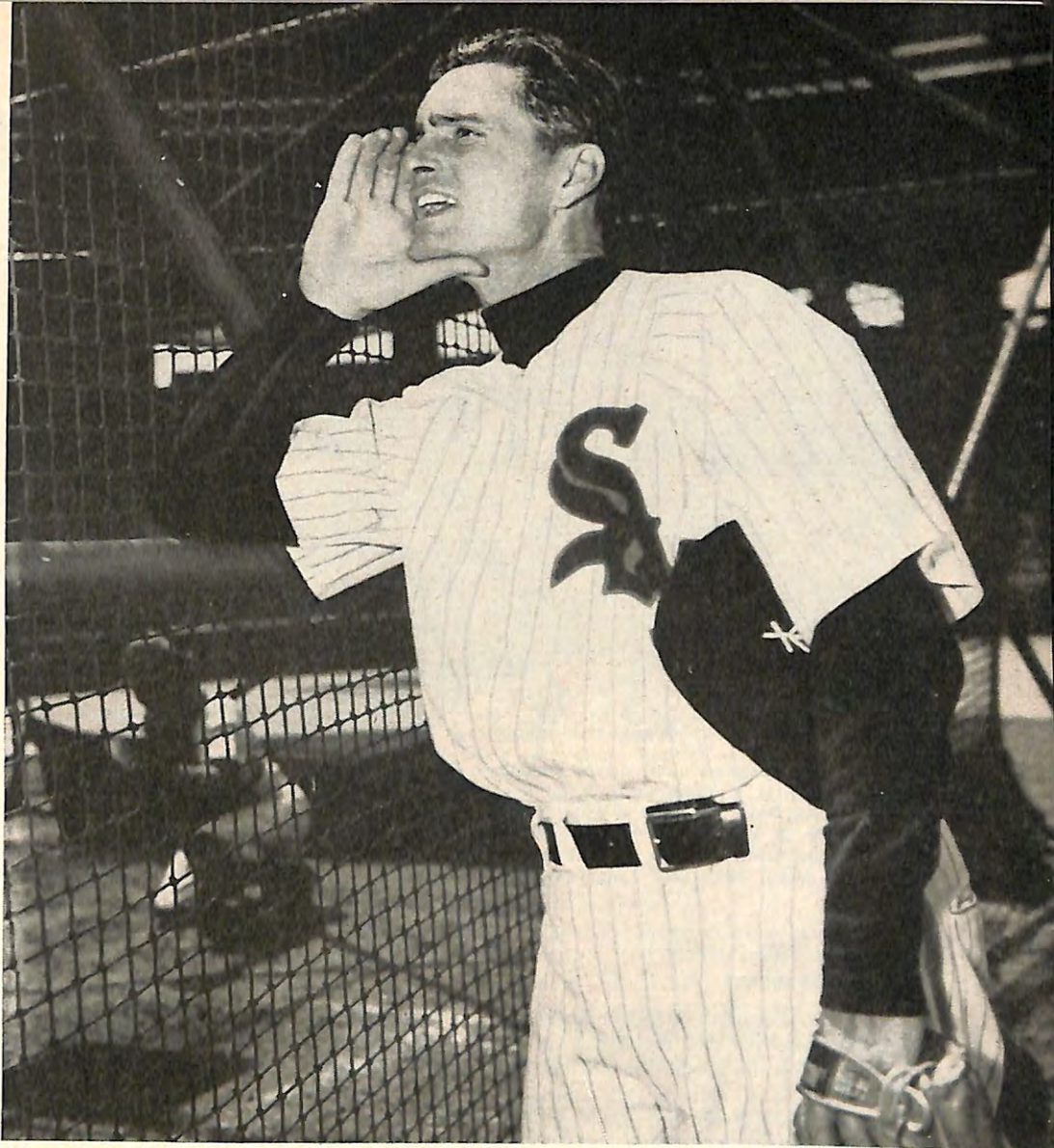
What is more, the White Sox have never been out of contention since. It hasn't been easy because the Chicagoans have always lacked power hitters, those strong-backed guys who can settle a ball game with one mighty swing of their bats. So it's been a war of movement and manipulation. Few managers in either league can match Richards in his adroit handling of available manpower.

It was the bellicose John McGraw of the Giants, the patron saint of all strategists, who once snatched victory from defeat with some particularly clever play and who then boasted to his hired hands:

"We'll win the pennant yet—if my brain holds out."

That statement was entirely in character with the Little Napoleon. It wouldn't be in character with the more modest

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Wide World Photo

Manager Richards shouts instructions as the Chicago White Sox work out at Comiskey Park.

Associated Press Photo



White Sox second baseman Nellie Fox is forced at second base with Yankee second baseman Gerry Coleman holding the ball. Play started when Minnie Minoso hit grounder to pitcher Whitey Ford and Ford threw to Coleman. Fox took out Coleman, preventing a throw to first; Coleman warned him against rough tactics and that's when the rhubarb between the players was started.

News of the State Associations



Pictured at the speakers' table during the Illinois Elks Assn. banquet are, left to right: Grand Lodge Committeeman G. F. Thornton, J. P. Kuhn of the Grand Forum, Grand Trustee N. H. Feder, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, State Treas. E. W. Schnierle, incoming Pres. R. G. Borman, host E.R. W. J. Lanctot, retiring Pres. Denham Harney, Lt.-Gov. J. W. Chapman, Secy. A. W. Arnold, State Supt. of Public Instruction V. L. Nickell, a P.E.R. of Champaign Lodge; Dist. Vice-Pres. Ray Tibbs, Ritualistic Committee Chairman Omer C. Macy and Chaplain R. J. Kraft.

Nearly 1,500 Attend Florida Sessions

All 64 lodges of the Florida State Assn. were represented by the 1,424 persons who attended the State Convention in Orlando May 21st through the 24th. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland introduced his 1953-54 successor, Earl E. James, who delivered an inspiring address to 400 delegates at the closing session.

On Sunday, Past Pres. Harold Colee was the eulogistic speaker at Services honoring the 367 Florida Elks who had passed away during the year.

Pres. Victor O. Wehle gave a most encouraging report on the Assn.'s progress, listing four newly-instituted lodges, with a net gain of 2,098 members. The Elks of the Sunshine State gave nearly \$150,000 to charities during the past year, with an additional \$55,589.38 to general welfare, and \$92,357.78 to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home.

Among the dignitaries who saw the State's youthful Stuart-Jensen Lodge No. 1870 take the Ritualistic Contest, with five of its members making the All-State Team, were Grand Est. Loyal Knight W. A. Wall, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Chelsie J. Senerchia, Walter J. Matherly of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Special Deputy Floyd Brown and 14 former Presidents of the State Assn. Two resolutions were adopted—one deploring the sudden death of Grand Treas. Edw. A. Dutton, the other extending the Assn.'s appreciation to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley for his efficient handling of the work of the Elks National Foundation.

Leading this organization are Pres.,

J. Alex Arnette, West Palm Beach; Vice-Presidents: R. W. Clements, Lake City; J. P. Smith, Gainesville; William Lieberman, Leesburg; G. F. Hickey, Tampa; L. J. Fraser, Pahokee; G. C. Nichols, Fort Lauderdale; Treas., Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee; Historian, H. A. Davis, Palatka; Tiler, Guy Linder, Orlando; Sgt.-at-Arms, Peter Gessner, Deland; Organist, George Hulme, Lake Worth; Chaplain, Rev. W. Pipes Jones, Palatka. James J. Fernandez of Tampa, Comptroller for the Harry-Anna Home, was again appointed Exec. Secy. of the Assn. Past Pres. Cullen H. Talton of Daytona Beach was reelected to a five-year term on the Board of Directors, and Grand Est. Loyal Knight Wall of West Palm Beach was made a seven-year Trustee of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

Floyd E. Thompson An Eloquent Minn. Elks Convention Speaker

The address delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson was applauded enthusiastically by the 800 persons attending the Minn. Elks Assn. Banquet in Rochester's Mayo Civic Auditorium. Mr. Thompson was one of three former leaders of the Order who were guests at the 50th Annual conclave of this organization, the others being Dr. Robert South Barrett and Sam Stern who, with Gov. C. E. Anderson and Dr. Charles Mayo, saw St. Paul Lodge take the Ritualistic Contest and receive the vote as host to the Midwinter Conference.

During this June 3rd through June 6th session, reports revealed that the Minn. Assn. is extremely generous in welfare work, veterans' aid and youth activities.

These Elks have purchased a fine site for their Boys Camp, scheduled to open next June. They have turned over about \$10,000 for this program to which Dr. Barrett made a personal \$1,000 gift.

The largest parade in Association history was staged on the 5th, and before they adjourned the delegates decided to meet in Thief River Falls next June. Until that time the following officials will handle the Assn.'s affairs: Pres., Joseph Manderfeld, Mankato; 1st Vice-Pres., E. M. Peacock, Minneapolis; 2nd Vice-Pres., Walter Jung, Thief River Falls; 3rd Vice-Pres., L. R. Benson, Rochester; Treas., L. E. Moening, Owatonna; Secy. C. W. Wilkinson, Duluth; Trustees: John Meurer, Minneapolis; E. A. Cook, St. Cloud; Dr. J. D. Mitchell, Duluth.

Springfield Elks Hosts to Great Illinois Convention

Springfield Lodge No. 158 deserves tremendous credit for the planning of its program for the Ill. Elks Assn. Convention June 4, 5 and 6, and for its gracious hospitality to over 1,000 guests.

Pres. Denham Harney presided at the opening session when host E.R. Walter Lanctot and Springfield's Mayor John A. MacWherter extended a hearty welcome to their visitors, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and Grand Trustee N. H. Feder were introduced.

Reports of various officers revealed the Assn. to be in excellent condition, enjoying a net gain of 2,109 members last year. Aurora Lodge captured the State Ritualistic Title and Trophy, and initiated a fine State Class during the Convention. Bede Armstrong, speaking for State Chairman Fred W. Graff, Jr., reported that the Illinois lodges and individuals had given \$16,520 to the Elks National Foundation.

At the request of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner, State Secy. Albert W. Arnold gave a detailed account of the work of the Ill. Elks Crippled Children's Commission for which he is Exec. Secy., revealing an income for the Commission of \$20,325.46, with 1,419 patients receiving 2,162 examinations at various clinics, and 117 patients receiving a total of 3,974 days of free hospitalization.

Committeeman Wm. A. Lauer announced that 52,000 hospitalized veterans had been entertained at 118 performances during the previous year, at an expense totaling \$17,719.73.

The delegates elected the following officers and then saw Past Pres. Don C. Patten install them: Pres., R. G. Borman, Carlinville; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Charles W. Clabaugh, Champaign; Secy. (reelected), Albert W. Arnold, Lincoln, and Treas. (reelected), Eugene W. Schnierle, Harrisburg.



Photographed during the impressive Flag Day ceremony held in conjunction with the Nebraska Convention, left to right: Congressman Roman Hruska, a member of Omaha Lodge and keynote speaker; E.R. Joseph A. Pane, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner.

During the Oregon State Assn. session Earl E. James, left, was pictured with Grand Est. Lect. Knight Frank Hise, center, and State Secy. Robert Mulvey, and two of the visually handicapped children who are patients at the Ore. Elks Eye Clinic at Oregon Medical School.

The Advisory Committee of Past Presidents held its annual banquet with Sam Ryerson, the senior member present, presiding, and Earl R. Schryver, the Assn.'s Auditing Committee Chairman, was the instigator of an innovation which will no doubt become a regular Convention feature—a dinner for lodge Secretaries. The initial event was attended by 31 of these officers who discussed lodge problems and exchanged ideas for their correction.

It was estimated that 800 Elks and their ladies attended the floor show held at the home of the Knights of Columbus on June 4th, and a large number of guests were on hand for the Saturday morning Memorial Services at which Dr. Feder delivered a moving address.

The annual banquet that evening was

the social highlight of the conclave, with Lt.-Gov. John W. Chapman, a member of the host lodge, as an unforgettable speaker. Followed by the President's Ball, this dinner program included the presentation of \$400 Elks National Foundation Scholarships to the State's four top students, a ceremony handled by P.E.R. Vernon L. Nickell of Champaign Lodge. Ray Tibbs, acting for State Youth Activities Chairman J. M. Dorris, also presented a \$100 Bond to the State's Youth Leader, and a plaque to DeKalb Lodge for its outstanding Youth Program.

Omaha Is Scene of Top Nebraska Convention

With the terrific success of the Neb. Elks Assn. Convention held in that city June 5th, 6th and 7th, Omaha Lodge No.

1817 proved itself to be a capable and hospitable host. The largest registration in years was recorded at this meeting during which Scottsbluff Lodge won the Ritualistic Title.

Because Omaha was celebrating its centennial during this meeting, it was necessary for P.E.R. James F. Sullivan, as Chairman, to reserve the use of the city's Theme Center stage for the Flag Day Service, highlight of the conclave, many months in advance. Therefore, this exciting ceremony was held on June 6th, with the city's Mayor officially proclaiming that date as Flag Day for the community. Between eight and ten thousand persons watched the Elks Parade which preceded the thrilling observance, when Marines, the local high school band and other musical groups joined the Elk



This photograph, taken during the New York State Convention when 44 scholarships were awarded, shows winning students, and some of the dignitaries on hand. Front row, left, is Chairman Franklin J. Fitzpatrick of the N. Y. Elks Scholarship Committee; seated, center, left to right: State Chaplain Msgr. Arthur Quinn, Rev. George Hucke who gave the

benediction and is the father of one of the students, Chief Justice Edmund H. Lewis of the N. Y. State Court of Appeals, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall and retiring State Pres. Bert Harkness. Standing behind Mr. Hall is Judge John F. Scilleppi of the Grand Forum, and top row, left, is State Assn. Secy. William R. L. Cook.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, right, presented a \$400 Elks National Foundation Scholarship to John B. Hermanson during the Memorial Services held at the South Dakota Convention. At left is retiring Pres. W. Bram McKenzie; second from left is J. Ford Zietlow, Chairman of the So. Dak. Elks National Foundation Committee.



The 1954-55 Maine State officers are, seated left to right: 1st Vice-Pres. Arthur J. Ferland, Pres. John E. Galvin, Admin. Asst. Brian M. Jewett, 2nd Vice-Pres. Joseph J. Cummings, standing: 3rd Vice-Pres. Dr. J. H. Nugent, Trustee Dr. W. D. Mazzacane, Chaplain James F. Usher, and Secy.-Treas. for the 27th year, Edward R. Twomey.

units in the line of march. The ceremony itself featured the Elks Glee Club, Boy Scouts and American Legion Band, with Congressman Roman Hruska, a member of Omaha Lodge, as the principal speaker, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner delivering the response, before a background of the more than 100 massed American Flags which had been carried along the parade route.

Officers of the State organization for the new term are Pres., Roy D. Greenwalt, Scottsbluff; Vice-Presidents, P. D. Zimmer, Falls City; W. K. Swanson, McCook; W. W. Wenstrand, Omaha; C. E. Burdick, Ainsworth; Treas., F. C. Laird, Fremont; Secy., H. P. Zieg, Grand Island; Trustees, J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha; George Mintzer, Alliance; S. R. Danekas, Broken Bow; E. L. Bradley, Columbus; G. L. Rathbun, Lincoln.

Georgia Elks Hear "Aidmore" Work Is Ahead of Schedule

Reports made during the May 20th, 21st and 22nd Meeting of the Georgia Elks Assn. at Savannah revealed that progress on its \$550,000 Aidmore Hospital is so far ahead of schedule that its completion date has been advanced to

Sept. 1st. Nearly \$184,000 has been contributed by these Elks during the year, in addition to their local charities, and the Aidmore Auxiliary, organized by the Elks' ladies of the State, reported a \$44,000 contribution to Aidmore in that period.

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland and Gov. Herman E. Talmadge were special speakers during the conclave at which former Grand Chaplain Rev. James E. King, Grand Est. Lead. Knight Lee A. Donaldson and Grand Treas. Edward A. Dutton, whose death occurred the day after the Convention closed, were also present.

At eleven o'clock on the morning of May 21st, the Memorial Services were conducted, with Mr. Donaldson delivering the eulogy, and Judge McClelland the "Eleven O'clock Toast". Held in St. John's Episcopal Church, these Services featured the premiere performance of a dramatic musical work composed by Frederick H. Opper, Sr., Savannah Lodge's oldest member. An anthem entitled "Great Is Jehovah" and dedicated to his lodge and Georgia Elksdom, Mr. Opper's composition was sung by 60

choristers, composed of the St. John Choir, supplemented by additional voices, including the composer's.

Atlanta Lodge No. 78 won the Ritualistic Contest against 12 competitors, and the 739 delegates elected the following officers: Pres., Robert E. Falligant, Savannah; Vice-Presidents: Roy E. Beddingfield, Dublin; L. S. Jamison, LaGrange; J. C. Woodward, Jr., Valdosta; Secy.-Treas., Roderick M. McDuffie, East Point; Chaplain, Rev. Thomas Brennan, Savannah; Sgt.-at-Arms, A. D. Humphry, Savannah; Tiler, W. E. Bryan, Thomasville.

The meeting adjourned with plans for the 54th Annual Convention to take place next May in Brunswick.

Lexington Home Dedicated During State Convention

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James participated in the dedication of the \$55,000 home of Lexington Lodge No. 89 whose members were hosts to the annual Convention of the Ky. Elks Assn., May 27th, 28th and 29th. Convention Chairman James T. Roebuck reported that there were well over 300 Elks and their wives on hand for the gathering during which the delegates made \$9,000 immediately available to the State Health Dept. for anti-tuberculosis work, the Assn.'s major project for 18 years. During this period the Ky. Elks have donated nearly \$150,000 to the program under the chairmanship of Past Grand Est. Lead. Knight Arnold Westermann. The success of the Elks' campaign is revealed in the fact that in 1936 the TB death rate per 100,000 population was 72.1; in 1952, the rate had been reduced to 29.8.

The outdoor dedication ceremonies of the Lexington Home were participated in by many dignitaries of Elksdom, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner. The building, purchased two years ago for \$27,500, and renovated at a cost of \$25,000 has three floors and a

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Arriving in Lexington for the Kentucky Convention, Grand Exalted Ruler James received the keys to the city from Mayor Fred Fugazzi in the presence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, Grand Lodge Committeeman Michael M. Hellmann, D.D.'s S. A. Banahan and J. A. Willingham, State Secy.-Treas. P. J. Smith, Convention Chairman James Roebuck, P.D.D. J. D. Biancke, State Publicity Dir. Parker Smith, host E.R. F. E. Bishop and Warren Wright, Jr., Elk owner of Citation.

ROD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

Panfish can be caught any way—but try a fly rod.



The Elks Magazine will no doubt be glad to confirm. I always finally have had to admit, unfortunately, that the book was right and I was wrong.

I recently looked up panfish, however, and while there is no question about the spelling, I simply will not, cannot and won't go along with the definition. A panfish, according to the dictionary, is "a small fish suitable for frying whole."

According to that, all sorts of fish would qualify as panfish. Most trout would fall into the category, but trout aren't panfish. Chubs, small suckers, gold fish, guppies, smelt, herring and shiner minnows all could be fried whole, but every angler knows they aren't panfish.

A panfish, as all fisherman know, is nothing but a pint-sized game fish. Through some unfortunate quirk, bluegills, crappies and the others were destined by nature to be small. The dictionary, as far as it went, was right. But not all small fish are panfish, by any means, and not all panfish are suitable for frying whole. A crappie or bluegill that weighs a pound—a larger than average, but not exactly unusual size—cooks better if he is filleted.

The panfish tribe, as anglers know it, includes all of those pint-sized brothers of the bass, the sunfish. Crappies, bluegills, rock bass pumpkinseeds, long-eared sunfish, green sunfish, warmouth bass, calico bass and the others of the family are panfish. At various places in the South all of them are called bream (pronounced brim), although the bluegill is the one most likely to be indicated when a southerner tells you he has been "brim fishin'".

Both yellow perch and the white perch of the Atlantic seaboard are panfish. But there has always been a question in my mind whether bullheads can properly be so called. True, they're about the right size, but they don't take flies and artificial lures, as do the others, and any angler who calls them game certainly has the makings of a Hollywood press agent. About the best that a bullhead can do is to wiggle when you pull him in.

There are a few others that might pos-

sibly be included in the panfish classification. The pickerel and the Rocky Mountain whitefish are a couple. Neither becomes very large, they often strike willingly at flies and lures and both give a good account of themselves, considering their size. I believe, however, that so far as I am concerned, I'd a little rather leave them out. The real panfish, for my money, are the sunfish smaller than bass and the perch.

I SUPPOSE there is no angling method by which panfish can't be caught. Cane pole, spinning tackle, bait-casting outfit or fly rod, they all work and they're all fun, but a couple of them are more fun and more effective than the others. These are spinning and fly tackle.

Spinning is, perhaps, the more effective under most conditions. It enables an angler to fish deep or near the surface and to cover more water. Furthermore, since the technique of casting with spinning tackle is so simple, anybody can handle it well enough to catch fish after thirty minutes practice.

At times, however, particularly when bluegills, rock bass or crappies are feeding on the surface, the man who can handle a fly rod sufficiently well to cast small, popping bugs will get more strikes

and have more fun. Also, when panfish are close to shore around brush, weeds and lily pads, a fly rod, in my opinion, provides the most efficient and sporting means to take them.

One of the most pleasant of all my fishing memories was provided by a day on a southern lake when a friend and I got into wonderful bluegill fishing in water about three feet deep that was grown up everywhere with reeds. We had been fishing for bass, but a wind came up and drove us into the shelter of a long, shallow bay, and there were no bass in the bay. We were poking along in the boat, casting plugs to every good-looking spot—but catching no bass—when my friend said, "Wait. I smell a brim bed."

That was a new one to me and I thought he was pulling my leg. I said, "You smell a what?"

"A brim bed. Didn't you ever smell one?"

I admitted that I hadn't and intimated, further, that the business of anybody's smelling fish seemed pretty far-fetched to me. He just smiled and, since I was sitting in the bow, asked me to drop the anchor. Then he laid down his plug rod and assembled his fly outfit, tying a tiny, red-and-white cork bug to the leader. He slid over the side of the boat and started wading away through the shallow water, casting here and there among the scattered reeds as he went.

After each cast, he allowed the bug to
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Photo by Ted Trueblood



Pumpkinseeds don't get very big but are lots of fun on a fly rod.

Starting Your Home



It's easy to start a home workshop and not hard to become proficient in it.

BY HARRY WALTON

TEN MILLION AMERICANS can't be wrong—and that's the round number at which some estimates put today's home carpenters and handy men. Most of them are people who only recently learned that they could work with tools and like it.

Some men—and women too—have discovered this when they couldn't put up with a dripping faucet or a sagging garage door any longer. Many who tackle such jobs themselves not only get things fixed, but discover they have fun in the process. It could happen to you, if it hasn't already.

After a few sessions with hammer and saw, you may discover a new hobby. The fellows with stethoscopes and the leather-couch specialists both speak in favor of hobbies, especially those altogether different from one's workaday tasks. In a penthouse atop a Chicago office building there is a large, lavishly equipped workshop. The man who owns it is a director in several big corporations, but after business hours he enjoys making fine gun stocks for his many hunting arms.

It's easy to start a home workshop, and not hard to become proficient in it. You can learn in easy stages. Information is everywhere—in books, how-to-do-it magazine articles, product and tool leaflets. Some stores provide demonstrations and classes. Friends with workshops are usually eager to pass on their know-how.

Eventually you may be surprised to discover hidden skills you never dreamed you had. This alone is worth the price of several sets of golf clubs or fishing rods—and may cost you as much in tools.

Starting late? It doesn't matter if you have never used tools before. Plenty of young people straight out of furnished rooms are finishing their own expansion attics. A middle-aged writer who sincerely believed he couldn't saw a straight line was goaded by friends into buying some

wrought-iron legs, lumber and paint. Long before he finished the modern furniture his wife wanted, he discovered he was having a wonderful time. The pieces he built are the pride of their Westchester home.

If you are a home-owner, the decision to start a home workshop is almost made for you. The town handyman has gone the way of the nickel beer. Installing faucet washers or patching leaky gutters may not appeal to you for its own sake, but such chores afford charming justification for buying tools. So does building cabinets or furniture for the house. With children in the family, you already have one foot in the workshop door. Every boy starts tinkering sooner or later, so if you don't start a workshop he probably will. But it's a fine thing for Dad to provide the right tools and pointers on using them. There is real companionship in building things together.

Why woodworking? Of course there are many other hobbies, but a knowledge of woodworking will come handy in many of them. Statistically, it is the most popular of craft hobbies. If you have to make house repairs, want to build some extra furniture, or are looking for a worthwhile pastime, woodworking is a good choice.

What does it take? A place to keep tools, first of all. It may be no more than a toolbox kept in a closet, or a plywood panel fitted with hooks, clips or brackets to hold the tools. The panel can be fastened inside a closet or to a cellar wall. Or you can hinge a couple of legs to the back of it, carry it wherever there is a job to do, set it up easel fashion, and have all your tools handy.

Making screens, building furniture, and repairing things can be done better where you can let chips fly without worrying about the rug. It may be part of a

garage, a utility room, or a corner of the basement. If at all possible, the workshop should be in a heated area. Otherwise it may be hard to work for long at a time in the winter.

You will need shelves, cabinets or racks for the tools. The board already mentioned can of course be made to hang detachably on a wall, leaving it removable for on-the-spot work. If there are small children in the family, tools should be hung out of their reach.

Sawhorses, which you can make from stock lumber and special brackets costing about two dollars a set, make handy work supports that can be taken wherever needed. But once you have a permanent workshop, you will soon want a workbench. A good one can be built from two-by-fours or two-by-sixes. I will talk more about that in the September issue when the Elks Workshop, a new monthly department, will start with full details about how to build a practical, handy workbench.

The tools to buy. It is probably best to begin with a few basic ones and add to them as need arises. Your growing experience then becomes your shopping guide. Buying on such a personal installment plan is, of course, also easier on the budget.

Tool bargains may prove disappointing in the long run. This is even more true of tools than of other second-rate merchandise, for in addition to first cost, you invest time and effort whenever you use the tools. Poor ones will yield a poor return. They can minimize your skill, make the task unnecessarily hard, and spoil your enjoyment of the job. Good tools not only last longer but are more fun to use—and fun, or satisfaction, should be your dividend on the work you do. First-line, brand-name tools are usually worth their price, and are safe buys for the inexperienced.

Most men who know tools usually buy them individually rather than in kits. Tool collections are sometimes mere merchandising packages, containing items of varying quality, and some for which one may have little use. Buying each tool



singly gives you a highly personal selection in which every one counts.

To make holes for wood screws or for nails you can use a push drill (about \$5). This has a mechanism that turns the chuck (in which the drill is held) while you simply push on the handle. It comes with a set of drill points that can be kept in the hollow handle.

More versatile since it will make holes in metal as well as in wood, is the geared hand drill (about \$4). A set of carbon-steel drills from 1/16" to 1/4" in 1/62" steps will do for most home-repair chores (about \$1.50). A countersink, which is an inexpensive reamer-like little bit, is useful for opening out holes so that flat-head screws can be sunk flush.

To make curved cuts, as for rounding shelf corners, you need a coping saw (about \$1.50). This is a U-shaped frame, with a handle at one end, in which narrow blades are held under tension. Blades are cheap and come in a wide variety—wide and coarse-toothed for thick wood, fine for thin stock or delicate fretwork, and so forth.

For some joints, as well as for mounting hinges and locks, recesses must be chiseled out. Two chisels such as 1/2" and a 1" size (about \$2 each) will take care of most such jobs.

A nail set (a type of punch used to sink nails below the surface) costs only a few cents. At least two screw-drivers (3/16" and 1/4" sizes) and a pair of slip-joint pliers should be in the tool kit.

Tools next needed. With the basic ones listed, you will be able to do many simple carpentering jobs, replace broken sash cords, make window valances, reset loose hinges and so on. But eventually you will need other tools.

A hole well inside a large panel, or a large-radius curve, for instance, cannot be cut with a coping saw. They call for a compass or keyhole saw, a slim blade tapering to a point, which can be inserted in a hole to start inside cuts, and has no frame to limit its cutting distance from an edge (about \$2).

A hand drill will make holes up to 1/4".

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NEWS of the LODGES

Hudson, N. Y., Elks Welcome State Vice-Pres. Folz

The homecoming celebration held by Hudson Lodge No. 787 for State Vice-Pres. Edwin J. Folz attracted over 300 members from the N.Y. N.E. Dist.

The recipient of several handsome gifts, Mr. Folz was paid tribute at a banquet attended by such dignitaries as James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, P.D.D.'s Paul Smoyer and Michael J. Degnan, former State Vice-Pres. Frank Fowler and Mayor John Kelly. Chairman was Louis Pirro.

Institutions Get \$10,000 from Burlington, N. C., Elks

Through its sponsorship of the opening game of the Bur-Gra Pirates this past Spring, Burlington Lodge No. 1633 was able to turn over to Elon Christian Orphanage and, through four scholarships, to Elon College a total of \$10,000.

Lodge officials, expressing their appreciation to the public for its cooperation, presented a \$2,500 check to the Orphanage, with a duplicate amount to follow on January 1st.

Dr. L. E. Smith, Pres. of the College,



Shortly before his election as 1954-55 Grand Exalted Ruler, Wm. J. Jernick, standing center, was honored by Newton, N. J., Lodge with the initiation of a class of 15 men who appear here with D.D. Vernet N. Hicks, State Pres., Louis A. Spine and the lodge officers.



Chambersburg, Pa., Lodge's So. Cent. Dist. Ritualistic Champions, left to right, standing, E. B. Bard, Jr., Inner Guard; L. E. Mohler, E.R.; D. E. Wood, Est. Lect. Knight; G. G. Myers, Chaplain; C. R. Ernst, Tiler; G. W. Horst, Est. Loyal Knight. Seated are C. G. Etter, Esq. and N. D. McClure, Est. Lead. Knight, who qualified for the All-Star Dist. Team which initiated 100 at ceremonies held at the home of Red Lion Lodge.



Sports Night at Gloversville, N. Y., Lodge featured Carmen Basilio, top welterweight contender, center, Howard DeFreitas, Publicity Director of the Saratoga Raceway, left, and the lodge's two championship bowling teams, represented by Edward Shanahan, second from left, and Phil Klein, fourth from left. At right is Sportscaster Phil Spencer, Master of Ceremonies for the event which drew an enthusiastic crowd of 175.



These Springfield, Vt., officers won the State Ritualistic Contest, and the New England title, too, at a competition which took place at Dover, N. H. Left to right, foreground: George Earle, Est. Lect. Knight; Ervin Balch, Est. Loyal Knight; Charles Breason, E.R.; Merle Page, Jr., Est. Lead. Knight; Joseph Nault, Esq.; background: Gilbert DuPont, Jr., Chaplain; John Madden, Candidate, and Willis Blish, Inner Guard.



When Earl E. James visited Hoquiam, Wash., as Grand Exalted Ruler he was pictured with other members of his party and local Elks. Standing, left to right: E.R. W. L. Adamson, Mr. James, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, D.D. C. J. Weller and P.E.R. Reuben W. Sandstrom, Trustees Chairman. At left foreground is Grand Lodge Committeeman Edwin J. Alexander and at right is lodge Secy. A. L. Gauvin.

JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT

was given a blank check to be filled in at a later date; each of the four scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,250 to cover a four-year course for each recipient. The project, part of the lodge's Youth Activities Program, was inaugurated during the term of Dr. J. R. Kernodle as E.R., with Edward M. Hicklin as Project Chairman.

Rome, N. Y., Elk Mourned

Rome Lodge No. 96, and the Elks of the entire State, were saddened to learn of the passing of P.E.R. Charles T. Lanigan on May 29th.

Born in Cortland Jan. 9th, 1893, Mr. Lanigan was initiated into Rome Elksdom in 1924. In 1930-31 he was District Deputy for the Central area.

Affiliated with the public school system of Rome for many years, he had been principal of its De Witt Clinton School for 33 years.

Famous N. Y. Housing Project Gets Its Own Elks Lodge

On June 15th, Levittown, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1931, began its existence as the newest branch of Elksdom in the N.Y.S.E. Dist. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan presided at these ceremonies, held in the home of Hempstead Lodge, and another former leader of Elksdom, George I. Hall, installed E.R. James Graham and his fellow officers, with P.D.D. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick assisting as Grand Esq. James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities addressed the initiates, presenting an Elk lapel pin to each of them.

Located in Nassau County on Long Island, Levittown was one of the first and biggest housing projects developed following the close of World War II. Transformed from a farm area to a thriving community of well over 25,000 inhabitants, this township has provided excellent cadre material for Elksdom in its 137 Charter Members of No. 1931.

Waterville, Me., Elksdom Marks 50th Anniversary

Charter Members Ellis Y. Eldridge and George J. Carbone were paid particular tribute by Waterville Lodge No. 905 at the banquet which climaxed its week-long 50th Anniversary observance on May 22nd. Welcomed cordially by E.R. E. B. Denton and P.E.R. J. O. E. Noel, Jr., who was General Chairman for this outstanding celebration, these venerable Elks joined a large crowd in applauding addresses by Mayor Richard J. Dubord, State Assn. Pres. Brian M. Jewett and D.D.'s Charles F. Harlow and Gerard Ferland, following their introduction by Toastmaster R. M. Squire.

Open House was held at the lodge home the first three days of the week, with a special entertainment program on the 20th, and Historical and Memorial Services the evening of May 21st. The banquet was preceded by a parade and followed by a Grand Ball.

THERE'S an Elk-sponsored Scout Troop in Erie, Pa., that is quite unusual. Strange as it may sound, it is "restricted"—not against any race, creed or color, but against the average American boy.

When an ordinary person thinks of the ordinary Boy Scout, long hikes and camping trips come immediately to mind. But there are lots of boys who aren't lucky enough to be able to enjoy these average sports—still they'd like to be Scouts, and they have all those intrinsic qualifications of a good Scout, in every sense of the word.

They are the physically-handicapped youngsters—the boys who are recovering from polio, or rheumatic fever, or the victims of cerebral-palsy. They are the boys who are "left out of things", to whom Springtime and summer are just a trial—because they cannot take part in the healthy outdoor activities which are rightful, natural pastimes of every child.

The Erie Elks recognize their limitations and problems, and decided to do something about them. As a result, they are sponsoring a Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop that makes one particular demand—you must be physically handicapped to become a member of it.

Just after the coming of Spring this year, the Troop was organized with four Scouts and eight Cub Scouts. That's when the above photograph was taken. It shows Scoutmaster Duane Ziegler administering the oath to Cub Scout John Grode and Boy Scout David Lee.

The Elks Committee consists of a number of capable men, familiar with Scouting. As a matter of fact, E.R. Charles Grode reports that there are many more men interested than Scouts at present, but he expects things to change before long—interest in the Troop's progress is growing so fast.

The Scouts have a Den Mother, Mrs. Helen A. Williams, trained to handle such groups. Physically handicapped herself, Mrs. Williams has a natural, sympathetic under-



standing of these boys' problems.

The Elks are making this endeavor for one purpose—to aid these less-fortunate youngsters to "go it on their own". They want the boys to know they have a place in society; feeling that "in unity there is strength", they are banding them together so they might help each other, act as a group, and, some day, to stand alone.

The Scouts National Headquarters is behind them 100 per cent, and the County Crippled Children's Society is watching their progress hopefully. They meet in the Erie Elks' home; they're learning handicrafts, becoming proficient in less vigorous activities, being encouraged to do everything they can do, and to do it well. That learning effort is depicted below, with Scouts Jack Lynch, David Lee and Bob Dever studying the manuals and explaining their contents to Cub Scouts Dick Pottorf, Eddie Kershaw and Larry Briggs.

Their sponsors have great plans in the fire for the boys—one is to take them to Cleveland for a ball game, and of course a competent doctor will accompany them.



LODGE NOTES

A noteworthy community endeavor of Hawthorne, Nev., Lodge occurred when 1953-54 E.R. Wm. H. McDonald and Est. Lead. Knight Arne Hansen presented the lodge's \$600 check to the Mineral County Drive for Polio, represented by Chairman Holman Barlow.

One of the recent well-attended affairs conducted by San Luis Obispo, Calif., Lodge was a dance marking the visit of local Shrine Club affiliates led by Pontate William J. Vaughan and welcomed cordially by E.R. Thomas L. Smith.

Modesto, Calif., Lodge is mourning its oldest member, Claude M. Maze, who passed away May 7th. Originally a member of Stockton, Calif., Lodge with which he became affiliated in 1903, Mr. Maze dimitted to Modesto when the lodge was instituted there in 1912. On his 90th birthday last Dec. 5th, he received a 50-year pin from his fellow members of Modesto Elkdome.

Another long-time Elk whose death occurred in May was Lancaster C. Ludwig, an Honorary Life Member of South Haven, Mich., Lodge which he joined on its institution, since 1930. A Great Lakes mariner for 75 years, Capt. Ludwig would have celebrated his 100th birthday on Nov. 12th this year. A devoted Elk since 1899 when he was initiated into Benton Harbor Lodge, the Captain walked 22 miles many times in order to attend its sessions. He was an active and interested member until a few months prior to his death.

Mother's Day ceremonies were held at Kittanning, Pa., Lodge with Est. Lead. Knight Robert Himes officiating for E.R. J. T. Limmon who was ill. Several P.E.R.'s of the lodge also took part in the program which included a pleasant musical interlude followed by an informal tea and reception for the honored guests.

Mother's Day was celebrated in a special way by another lodge of the Keystone State when the Elks of McKees Rock, under the Chairmanship of P.E.R. Charles W. Fickter, paid tribute to a large and appreciative group of mothers of the community. Mr. Fickter was Master of Ceremonies for this happy event during which a number of ladies were singled out for special honors. He was assisted capably by John C. Kyle, Jr., of the Entertainment Committee in making this party an outstanding success.

To supplement the work of the Committees acting under the National Service Commission, many lodges are making individual gifts to the VA Hospitals. West Haven, Conn., Lodge, for instance, recently gave a TV set to the veterans hospital there. Pictured with this gift at right are Hospital Special Services Chief J. H. White, P.E.R.'s F. J. Vellali and F. T. Coxeter and Elk Publicity Chairman Harry J. Kenney. Two years ago, Bath, N. Y., Lodge installed a hilltop TV antenna and cable system at the local VA center at a cost of \$1,500; later, cable and amplifier installation was extended to seven buildings at another \$1,500 expense. These Elks, with other N. Y. So. Cent. Dist. lodges, have now installed TV outlets throughout the entire residential section of the Center where veterans are enjoying TV on sets donated by individuals and groups. Pictured there, below, are Center Mgr. J. I. Spreckelmyer, Bath Elk John S. Taggart, and resident veterans Phil Ryan, Frank Butler, Patrick Spellman and Harold Humphrey, seated.



Right: Edgar N. Quinn, Secy. of the Elks National Bowling Assn., holds the 1954 trophy won by the Bowman Sinclair Products Team from Niles, Mich., background, holding their individual gold-watch awards, left to right: Fred Stout, Ross Linseumeir, Capt. E. Bowman, "Bud" Mullet and Roy Taylor.



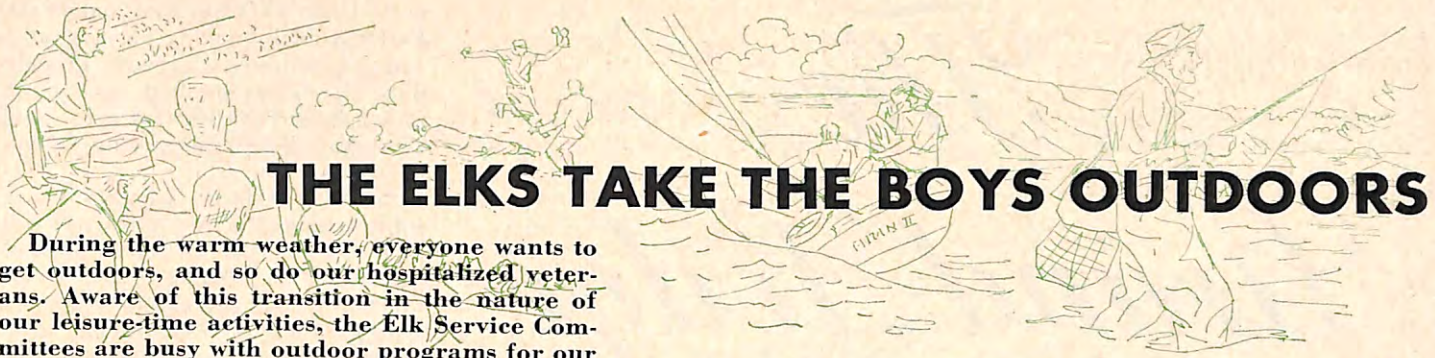
Left: Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, right, presents to Fairfield, Ala., Lodge the plaque its Youth Activities Program won for 1953-54. Accepting it are, left to right: E.R. J. R. Lewis, Committee Co-Chairman Otis M. Bibb and Chairman B. R. Williams. At rear is D.D. Ray C. Balthrop.

Canton, Miss., Elks March on CP

The Father's March, for the benefit of the United Cerebral Palsy Drive, conducted by the members of Canton Lodge No. 458 found hundreds of Elks visiting all homes in the community to explain the program and its need for funds.

These Elks came through with flying colors, accounting for \$975 of the more than \$1,605 total reported by County Chairman Rev. M. H. Wells.

The success of the venture resulted from careful planning and detailed organization and, of course, the full cooperation of the membership. The lodge started the Drive with its own \$100 contribution, and plan to make this effort an annual one, according to E.R. Louis Stein, and Chairman John Schultz and other members of the Committee. Secy. Griffin White, P. E. R., I. Lehman, Dr. J. B. Grace, I. Rosen and E. C. Kraft, Jr.



THE ELKS TAKE THE BOYS OUTDOORS

During the warm weather, everyone wants to get outdoors, and so do our hospitalized veterans. Aware of this transition in the nature of our leisure-time activities, the Elk Service Committees are busy with outdoor programs for our servicemen and VA patients. Some are taken to see the big-league teams in action, then there are fishing and boating trips, with the Elks going along, sometimes with their wives and daughters, to add to the happy, family atmosphere. Many wheelchair cases are included on these jaunts, but for the patients unable to take part in such activities, the Elks are bringing their outdoor entertainment to them . . .



Fraternal Center events go outdoors, too. In the Sumter, S. C., Iris Festival, this Elk Float, above, carried King Jack Nagrodess, A 1/C, and Queen Patsy Arnold and their entourage, who reigned during the Center's anniversary celebration.



Patio Parties are held twice a week at Columbia, S. C., Lodge's Center, above, with square-dancing and weinie roasts enjoyed by the Elks' guests and their lovely hostesses.



The Elks brought Walter Dick and his all-American Boys from Wheeling's YMCA to put on an outdoor acrobatic show for the patients at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, W. Va., above.



In Chicago, Ill., the grounds of Vaughn Hospital, left, are gaily decorated for frequent Elk parties that are the counterparts of the outdoor summer fairs which are popular in all our small towns.



The eyes of veterans in Texas, at the hospital in Waco where the Elks put on outdoor affairs, are often thus pleasantly occupied.

The Grand Lodge



Convention

LOS ANGELES, JULY 4-9, 1954

MORE THAN 3,300 Elks, their Ladies and guests were present in Paramount Theater, Los Angeles, as the 90th Grand Lodge Convention opened Sunday evening, July 4, with C. P. Hebenstreit, Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge presiding. After an overture by the well-known band from the host lodge, Los Angeles No. 99, the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Grand Lodge Officers were escorted to the stage by Grand Esquire R. Leonard Bush, Inglewood, Calif., Lodge. Opera singer Joseph Gaudio, a member of Los Angeles Lodge, then sang the "Star Spangled Banner", after which the Grand Chaplain, the Reverend Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster, Ohio, Lodge, gave the Invocation.

Convention Director Robert S. Redington, Past State President of the California Elks and a member of Los Angeles Lodge, was introduced and warmly welcomed. Brother Redington spoke of the

14 months of solid work that had made this Convention possible, and on behalf of 110,000 California Elks extended greetings from this great Elk State. He particularly spoke of how under the leadership of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon the original plans for the Convention were formulated and then continued under the direction of Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis following Mr. Shannon's death last fall.

Norris Poulson, Mayor of Los Angeles and a member of No. 99, gave a gracious address of welcome. Then the Elks National Champion Chanters from Muscatine, Iowa, Lodge, sang two songs.

Greetings from Governor

Brother Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California and a member of Los Angeles Lodge, offered a most heart warming address of welcome and was greeted with standing applause from the audi-

ence. Then His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, delivered a provocative address that clearly emphasized the patriotic responsibility of the Order to combat subversive forces endeavoring to undermine this country.

Presiding Officer Hebenstreit called for an expression of appreciation to the 24 Past Grand Exalted Rulers present, to whom the audience extended a warm ovation. Paying tribute to Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis and his unceasing efforts to make the 90th Grand Lodge Convention an outstanding success, Brother Hebenstreit presented Mr. Lewis who received an outstanding reception from the audience. After Mr. Lewis was presented, Governor Robert Meyner, Honorary Life Member of Phillipsburg, N. J., lodge, was asked to stand for an ovation from the audience. The Governor was present at the Convention for the purpose of nominating his close friend William J. Jernick for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler for the coming year, the nomination to take place the following morning at the Opening Business Session.

Speech by Mr. James

Following two vocal selections by the famous Chanters from Muscatine, Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James was introduced and the entire audience stood to tender him an ovation. The Grand Exalted Ruler spoke of his gavel which was made from teakwood taken from the Battleship "Oklahoma" attacked at Pearl Harbor. The gavel, with inscription in a silver plate, was presented to Mr. James when he visited Hawaii.

The theme of the Grand Exalted Ruler's address was the role of all Elks as one hundred per cent Americans in combatting subversive elements and how it had been his endeavor during his year in office to increase in the minds of the members, and the American public, the understanding that the Order stands "for the fine and the noble things in life; that its programs should be a constant source of pride to every citizen".

Mr. James made a strong attack on the misguided people who are duped by the communist conspiracy and pledged the resources of the Order to a continued and unceasing effort to play its part in preserving the freedom won by our American patriots on the 4th of July, 1776, a date most appropriately coinciding with the opening of the Convention.

Then followed a dramatic presentation to Mr. James of a beautiful American flag by the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. James gave a brief but very moving expression of appreciation for this gift. Brother Gaudio sang "God Bless America", accompanied by the Los Angeles Band, after which the Opening Public Session was closed with a benediction by the Reverend Otto Gruber, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles.

1ST Business Session

THE First Grand Lodge Business Session opened Monday morning, July 5, in the Paramount Theater with Grand Esquire Leonard Bush presiding, at whose request the drill team from Los Angeles Lodge escorted the Grand Lodge Officers into the auditorium and to the stage.

With Grand Exalted Ruler James at the rostrum, the customary opening ritual was held and Grand Chaplain Connelly gave the Invocation. Grand Exalted Ruler James then declared the Grand Lodge meetings opened and presented the Grand Lodge Officers. In introducing them he spoke of the service which they had tendered not only to him but to the entire Order during his year in office.

The splendidly trained drill team from Los Angeles Lodge escorted the 24 Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention to the stage and each was introduced by Mr. James with a gracious expression of appreciation. The following Past Grand Exalted Rulers were at the Convention:

James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge No. 494; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 2; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., Lodge No. 838; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo., Lodge No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge No. 556.

James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge No. 878; Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge No. 53; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., Lodge No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge No. 142; Robert South Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge No. 758; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge No. 28; Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge No. 299; L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., Lodge No. 1345; George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515; Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge No. 174; Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge No. 173 and Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge No. 260.

The delegates accorded the Past Grand Exalted Rulers a standing ovation and the Grand Exalted Ruler then requested a moment of silent meditation for the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge.

Next the Board of Grand Trustees was presented: Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 114; Nick H.

Feder, Belleville, Ill., Lodge No. 481; Arthur M. Umlandt, Muscatine, Iowa, Lodge No. 304; William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge No. 1290, and Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass., Lodge No. 10.

Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, submitted a preliminary report stating that 2,295 Grand Lodge members were present at the Convention. Grand Exalted Ruler James then presented the Grand Forum: Henry S. Lindsley, Denver, Colo., Lodge No. 17; John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Lodge No. 197; John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge No. 878; J. Paul Kuhn, Aurora, Ill., Lodge No. 705; Glen S. Paterson, Watertown, S. D., Lodge No. 838.

Brothers from Far Away

There was an especially large number of delegates from the Territories present, all of whom were warmly greeted as they were introduced. On hand were Brothers from Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Panama Canal Zone and Manila Lodge.

The delegates confirmed the appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson to the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission to fill the four-year unexpired term of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon. Likewise, the appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis to fill Mr. Shannon's

unexpired three-year term of office on the Grand Lodge Convention Committee was confirmed. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Treasurer of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, was re-appointed for a five-year term and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson was re-appointed a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation to serve a seven-year term. Fred B. Mellmann, Oakland, Calif., Lodge, was appointed to the Board of Pardons.

Letters Are Read

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis came to the rostrum and read letters of greeting from President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon. The latter lauded the Order particularly for its outstanding youth programs.

A resolution was passed that the Grand Exalted Ruler appoint a five-man committee to obtain a suitable memorial for Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon, after which telegrams of congratulations from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Legion were read.

At the 1919 Grand Lodge Convention, at which Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell presided, the late William M. Abbott, then Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and later Grand Exalted Ruler, offered a Resolution pledging the Order unceasingly to combat subversive elements present in this country as an aftermath of World War I. A Resolution by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin also was adopted at that Con-

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Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James raises hand of Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect William J. Jernick after the election Monday morning. With them is Governor Robert Meyner of New Jersey. Brother Meyner came across the country to nominate his close friend.

vention asking each Lodge to frame that Resolution and hang it on the wall for all to see. This Resolution proved to be most prophetic.

With that farseeing action in mind, at this Convention Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland offered a resolution that the 1919 pledge be reaffirmed, saying: "We believe that affirmative action in support of the American way of life is the greatest tribute we can pay our flag. But in this era—where an international communist organization seeks to undermine our free governments—and 35 years after the original adoption of this binding pledge and resolution by our great American fraternity, it seems most fitting, proper and expedient to reaffirm and to republish this 35-year old Resolution; which is and must be the watchword of every Elk."

Will Print Resolution

This Resolution will be printed in its entirety on a full page in our September issue. The page will be published in such a way that every Lodge can remove it from the Magazine, frame it and hang it on the Lodge wall for all to see, thus proving the unwavering dedication of Elksdom to defeat subversive force.

Grand Exalted Ruler James gave his report and spoke briefly of his year in office. A digest of his Report appeared in our July issue. During his year in office, 55 new lodges were either instituted or received dispensations. The Grand Exalted Ruler particularly thanked his District Deputies for their great service and spoke of the splendid cooperation he had received from his secretary, Bert Wysor.

Then Mr. James asked the delegates to stand for a few moments in silent tribute to late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon, Grand Inner Guard Edward H. Powell and Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton, all three of whom were lost to the Order during the past year.

Fred L. Bohn, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, gave the preliminary Grand Lodge budget. Exalted Ruler Robert M. Garrick of Los Angeles Lodge was asked to come to the platform and Brother Garrick extended a most hearty welcome on behalf of his host lodge.

The appointment of John C. Cochrane, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, to a five-year term as a member of the Grand Forum was confirmed.

Election of Officers

Next order of business was the election of the new Grand Lodge Officers. In presenting the name of William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge No. 1290, for Grand Exalted Ruler, Governor Robert Meyner of that State gave an extremely eloquent nominating address. Governor Meyner, who has been an Elk for 16 years, took time from his multitude of duties to cross the country in order to nominate Mr. Jernick, a close friend for many years. The nominating speech of the Governor

was most impressive and he received outstanding applause after he placed Mr. Jernick's name on the ballot.

Fred Mellmann of Oakland, Calif., Lodge, then made a brief but most effective seconding speech. On motion from the floor, Mr. Jernick was unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler for the new year and was escorted to the auditorium and to the stage by Governor Meyner and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Hallinan and Hall. Then followed an ovation that lasted several minutes. The entire delegation from New Jersey marched into the auditorium led by the outstanding band from Los Angeles Lodge, after which there was beautiful singing by the Los Angeles Lodge Chanters. Mr. Jernick addressed the delegates as reported on page four of this issue.

After Mr. Jernick's speech of acceptance was concluded, the following Grand Lodge Officers were unanimously elected: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, Mich., Lodge No. 196; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Sidney W. Robinson, Reno, Nev., Lodge No. 597; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Jacob L. Sherman, Denver, Colo., Lodge No. 17; Grand Secretary, J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge No. 494.

2ND *Business Session*

THE Tuesday morning meeting necessarily was brief because of the Grand Lodge Memorial Service which was held immediately following the Session. After the Invocation by Grand Chaplain Connelly, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson offered a Resolution putting into effect a pension plan for Grand Lodge employees under the direction of a three-man Committee to be appointed at this Convention.

By Resolution, the Employees Pension Plan and Trust agreement recommended by the Advisory Committee of the Grand Lodge was adopted and approved as the plan and trust agreement of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, made the report of that Commission for Chairman Bruce A. Campbell. Mr. Campbell was present on the stage, but because of his health had asked Mr. Coen to make his Report. A digest of the Report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Coen then spoke of The Elks Magazine and how its income is so important to the Order. He emphasized the Magazine's importance as a source of revenue and that this year it paid from income all expenses of the Memorial Building and turned \$150,000 over to the Grand Lodge. For complete details on the Magazine income and costs, please refer to the digest

As is customary, this nomination was made by his close friend, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow.

Also, Grand Treasurer, Robert G. Pruitt, Buckhead, Ga., Lodge No. 1635, who was appointed last spring by the Grand Exalted Ruler to complete the unexpired term of the late Edward A. Dutton and was elected to serve a full year.

Other officers elected were: Grand Tiler, Otto Stielow, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge No. 299. Brother Stielow was nominated by his close friend and lodge member Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, Grand Inner Guard, S. O. Morrow, Flagstaff, Ariz., Lodge No. 499.

The delegates then elected Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, Calif., Lodge No. 614, Grand Trustee to serve a five-year term and Ronald J. Dunn, Oneida, N. Y., Lodge No. 767, to serve the three-year unexpired term of Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Jernick.

Reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Treasurer, Grand Esquire, Auditing Committee and the Board of Grand Trustees were then accepted.

The First Business Session closed with announcements by the Grand Esquire followed by the Benediction.

of Mr. Campbell's Report elsewhere in this issue.

Under the direction of Public Relations Director Otho DeVilbiss, the public relations department has made outstanding progress during the year, Mr. Coen pointed out, and he then discussed in specific terms several of the publicity activities of the year. The report of this department also is included in connection with the digest of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission Report in this issue.

Affecting Building

Mr. Coen developed a very important matter having to do with a proposal by the City of Chicago Park Board to construct a large field house immediately across the Avenue from our beautiful Memorial Building. This might very well detract from its value not only to the Order, but also as a land mark to visitors who come to Chicago.

Making it clear that in no way did the Order desire to interfere with the efforts of Chicago to provide proper park facilities, Mr. Coen pointed out that there were other equally desirable locations for this field house and that while no legal arrangement had ever been made when Chicago was selected as the site for the Memorial Building after several other cities were seriously considered, there was an unwritten understanding that no buildings which would detract

from the grandeur of our Memorial Building would be erected.

With that in mind, Mr. Coen presented a Resolution which in effect will instruct the Grand Exalted Ruler and the members of the National Memorial and Publication Commission to initiate such contacts and efforts as may be necessary to persuade the officers and members of the Board of the Chicago Park District to abandon any and all construction projects tending to "impair the objectives sought to be attained by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the original selection of the great City of Chicago as the site of our memorial to those of our brotherhood who gave their all in the defense of our country." This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Foundation Reports

After this Report, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley announced that the Report of the Elks National Foundation, of which he is Chairman, would be made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson. A digest of this Report also appears in this issue. Judge Thompson made a very stirring appeal to the delegates for unqualified support of the Elks National Foundation, reminding them that it was their national charity fund, the entire income of which is entirely spent for charitable work of the Order with the principal sum being preserved intact. He spoke of the tremendous growth of the Foundation, particularly during the past few years.

He urged every lodge to appoint an Elks National Foundation Committee to study the Foundation and not only build it within the lodge but also to work closely with the headquarters of the Foundation to extend its scope by increasing the principal fund.

Judge Thompson paid tribute to Mr. Malley for his 25 years of faithful service without compensation as Chairman of the Foundation. He pointed out that the original conception of this national charitable fund came from Mr. Malley and how he has devoted so much of his time during a quarter of a century to make it the success that it is today.

Cerebral Palsy Work

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett spoke of the tremendous work that the Foundation is doing in the cerebral palsy field, which is one of the most important parts of the program. Mr. Barrett spoke in moving words of actual examples of recovery or great improvement effected through the Foundation's donations that he had seen.

Then followed the customary gifts to the Foundation from those present in the audience. Each donor was asked to come to the rostrum and was introduced by Mr. Malley.

Next, Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan presented a Resolution that makes it mandatory for "any assembly or gathering of the members of this

Order" to observe the changes in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" recently approved by both branches of Congress. This Resolution requires that the second part of the pledge be "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The change represented is the inclusion of "under God" after one nation and is intended to strengthen the recognition of our Divine Source of freedom.

Benjamin Committee

Following this Resolution, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson made the final report of the Raymond Benjamin Memorial Committee which was appointed in 1952 to obtain a suitable memorial for this late Brother. In conformity with Mrs. Benjamin's wishes and with the consent of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, a beautiful bronze likeness of Brother Benjamin in bas relief and with appropriate description of his Elk activities

was placed upon the wall of the Grand Exalted Ruler's office in the National Memorial Building in Chicago on Saturday, April 17, 1954, and dedicated with impressive ceremonies.

Also a modest headstone was erected upon the Benjamin burial plot in Tulocay Cemetery, Napa, Calif., which is the location of Mr. Benjamin's home lodge.

Furthermore, this Committee reported that Napa Lodge has ordered a replica of the Memorial Building bas relief to be made and placed in the lodge. Also, Napa Lodge will award each year a trophy-size bronze plaque to the winner of the National Ritualistic Contest. This will be known as the Raymond Benjamin Ritualistic Trophy. Mr. Nicholson concluded this Report with a request that, having performed all the duties delegated to it, the Committee should be discharged, which was done by vote of the Grand Lodge.

With that Report the Second Business Session closed for the Memorial Service.

3RD Business Session

THE Grand Exalted Ruler was detained temporarily Wednesday morning to make an important radio broadcast and asked Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan to preside at the Third Business Session. Before the meeting the very fine Drum and Bugle Corps from Billings, Mont., Lodge No. 394, marched up the auditorium and stood in front of the stage and played two stirring numbers. The meeting then was brought to order

by Judge Hallinan, after which the Grand Chaplain gave the Invocation.

Chairman John F. Malley of the Elks National Foundation came to the rostrum and announced receipt of a check for \$2,500 from Queens Borough Lodge No. 878. This Lodge has been giving such donations for several years. Queens Borough's is the largest subordinate lodge contribution to the Foundation. Previous

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Presentation of Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Students Awards" on Wednesday morning. Left to right: Ruth A. Young, David Fleck and Charlotte M. Wood, each of whom received First Place awards of \$1,000. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow, John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, and Floyd E. Thompson making the presentation.

to the receipt of this check at the Convention the lodge had given \$23,600. Mr. Malley personally thanked Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, a Past Exalted Ruler of Queens Borough Lodge, for his enthusiastic support in making this splendid contribution possible.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, Treasurer of the Elks National Foundation, made the annual "Most Valuable Students Awards." Mr. Grakelow spoke excellently of the sterling qualities of the applicants of this year and of how much the Foundation meant to their scholastic careers. The young man receiving the first prize of \$1,000 this year was David Hayden Fleck, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. The competition among the girls was so close that the Trustees were forced to declare a tie for first place. Winners were Charlotte M. Wood, El Cervito, Calif., and Ruth A. Young, Peru, Ind. The three young people were present at the Convention as guests of the Grand Lodge and each gave very fine expressions of appreciation. A complete report of the scholarship awards will appear in the September issue.

The next order of procedure was the presentation of the Elks National Service Commission report by Chairman James T. Hallinan. This has always proved to be a very dramatic moment in the Convention. Led by the Great Falls, Mont., Band, a group of veterans from California hospitals came to the stage in wheel chairs and were placed at the front. Each of the boys was introduced and there developed a most interesting moment when Judge Hallinan spoke of Brother Ray Davis who was a patient in a veterans hospital when the Service Commission took recognition of his plight and helped him learn the trade of watch repairing. Brother Davis developed rapidly in this field and now owns a large jewelry store. He so much appreciated the Order's assistance that he became a member.

Working for Veterans

Judge Hallinan spoke movingly of the work that is being done by his Commission. A digest of his Report appeared in our July issue, but at the Convention Chairman Hallinan briefly sketched the highlights including the work of the Fraternal Centers and the hospitals. Robert N. Traver, Ontario, Calif., Lodge, Past State President of the California Elks, introduced Brother Davis who presented a traveling bag made from leather given to the hospitals by the California Elks under the chairmanship of Brother Traver. Again this year a large delegation of California Elks brought rolls of leather into the auditorium to be presented to various hospitals for the veterans to use in making leather work.

Chairman Hallinan spoke of an important new development in the work of his Commission. When Bryan McKeogh, Director of the Elks National Veterans Commission, went to Washington a short time ago, Veterans Administration au-

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan reporting for the Elks National Service Commission, of which he is the Chairman. Seated close to the rostrum is Brother Ray Davis, through the help of the Commission now a successful owner of a fine jewelry store.



thorities stated that while a great service was being done for the patients in the hospitals, the boy who had been discharged and returned home faced a serious problem in obtaining help. Mr. McKeogh said, "We will make everyone of our 1,700 lodges a clearing house and will get busy to find jobs for these veterans." The Commission is doing this, and with the support of the lodges, a serious situation will be corrected.

Chairman Hallinan reported that it would not be necessary to increase the assessment for the Commission and it will be held at 30 cents again this year.

Emergency Resolution

Grand Exalted Ruler James then recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner who presented a resolution to renew the assessment of \$1.00 per year for each member of the Order in the event of a National emergency. This resolution, which has been passed at each recent Convention, was passed unanimously.

Robert L. DeHority, Chairman of the State Associations Committee, gave his Report, a digest of which appears elsewhere in this issue. Brother DeHority introduced the members of his Committee: Michael M. Hellmann, Louisville, Ky., Lodge; T. Lawrence Cusick, Jamestown, N. Y., Lodge; Joe M. White, Topeka, Kans., Lodge, and Harold W. Swallow, Bound Brook, N. J., Lodge.

Herman J. Salz, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, gave his Report. He also introduced the members of his Committee: Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., Lodge; Leroy Schmid, Butte, Mont., Lodge, and James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, N. Y., Lodge. Brother Salz asked Brother Alexander to give a special report on the contest results. Brother

Alexander spoke very enthusiastically of the special program the Committee has employed and of the outstanding cooperation that it had received, not only from Grand Lodge members, but also from the subordinate lodges.

This year the Committee selected an "All-American" list of Elk Cities for outstanding Patriotic Service in the "Show Your Colors Campaign." These cities are: Auburn, N. Y.; Jersey City, N. J.; Pueblo, Colo.; Alameda, Calif.; Holland, Mich.; Gallup, N. Mex.; Tacoma, Wash.; Fairbanks, Alaska; Butte, Mont.; Bellaire, Ohio; Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Leadville, Colo.

In addition 12 special awards for Meritorious Patriotic Service went to these lodges: San Diego, Calif.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Bedford, Mass.; Louisville, Ky.; Rocky Mount, N. C.; Owatonna, Minn.; Memphis, Tenn.; Visalia, Calif.; Coeur d'Alene, Ida.; Shenandoah, Pa.; Greeley, Colo., and Jackson, Mich.

Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, Calif., Chairman of the California Elks Major Project Committee, gave one of the most dramatic presentations of the Convention in reporting the great work being done by his State in combatting Cerebral Palsy, illustrated with slides. Brother Wisely showed how the California work was being done in three divisions—research, scholarship aids to therapists and teachers, and mobile home units. There are 12 mobile units available for work directly in the home.

The purpose of the mobile units is to provide facilities in the areas in California where treatment for children afflicted by Cerebral Palsy is not available. Brother Wisely had at hand several therapists working in association with the California Elks and introduced them. He also introduced Margaret Rood, who is working with the Indio unit and is doing out-

standing experimental work in cerebral palsy. A very touching moment during this report was when children who have been materially aided in overcoming cerebral palsy were walked onto the stage and introduced. All were warmly applauded by the delegates.

There was time for Jay H. Payne, Chairman of the Committee on Youth Activities, to give part of his report. He asked Charles T. Bowie, San Benito, Tex., who during the year directed the youth

activities work in the West, to come to the rostrum. Brother Bowie presented Richard T. Martin who introduced a group of Boy Scouts from Glendale, Calif., Lodge. These young boys performed a life saving exploit that won them a certificate from the Boy Scouts of America that has only been awarded twice. Each of the boys was introduced. After the presentation Grand Exalted Ruler James declared the Third Business Session closed.

approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

A discrepancy and discrimination by which a member heretofore seeking affiliation by absolute dimit would have to receive six blackballs in order to be rejected, whereas a member seeking affiliation by transfer dimit required only three blackballs, was corrected. This amendment puts both on the same basis, but applies only to affiliations, and retains the six blackball provision for members seeking reinstatement in their own lodge.

Leases in excess of five years require approval of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Trustees.

Maximum period of suspension for violation of club rules now is one year.

4TH Business Session

THE final Business Session opened Thursday morning with the customary Invocation from Grand Chaplain Connelly, after which the three members of the Pension Committee were appointed as follows: John K. Burch, Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge No. 48, Chairman, for a one-year term; Clyde E. Jones, Ottumwa, Ia., Lodge No. 347 for a two-year term, and Hugh W. Hicks, Jackson, Tenn., Lodge No. 192, for a three-year term. Fred L. Bohn, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees gave the final report and Nick H. Feder, Home Member of the Board, offered a Resolution retaining annual Grand Lodge dues at \$1.80 a member, which was passed.

Brother Feder submitted a Resolution concerning Thomas J. Brady, Brookline, Mass., Lodge No. 886, who last year retired from the Board to become Superintendent of the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va. Brother Brady served as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees nearly five years. In recognition of his valued service a Resolution was passed authorizing the Board to procure and present to Brother Brady a suitable testimonial for his great service, together with a copy of the Resolution.

New District in Oregon

Arthur M. Umlandt, a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, announced that on recommendation of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and the Oregon State Elks Association, the number of Districts in Oregon has been increased from three to four.

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles Hawthorne reported that the Elks National Home Film Fund contributions this year totaled \$6,400. Brother Hawthorne expressed the appreciation of the members of the Home for having this entertainment provided by the lodges through voluntary contributions of \$5 each.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton presented a Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Grand Lodge to all who had contributed to this notable Convention, particularly including Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A.

Lewis, Robert S. Redington, the members of the various Committees as well as Brother Keller, president of the California Elks Association, and the press, radio and television that had widely publicized the Convention.

Attendance Report

Dewey E. S. Kuhns submitted final attendance figures, as follows:

Past Grand Exalted Rulers	24
Grand Lodge Officers	19
Grand Lodge Committeemen	38
District Deputies	145
Special District Deputies	8
Representatives	1399
Alternate Representatives	68
Members of Grand Lodge	994
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H. L. Blackledge reported for the Committee on Judiciary, thanking this Committee for the support he had received. He introduced the members of this Committee: William S. Hawkins, Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Lodge No. 1254; John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., Lodge No. 65; A. F. Bray, Richmond, Calif., Lodge No. 1251, and Waldrop Windham, Homewood, Ala., Lodge No. 1738. Chairman Blackledge said that during the year the committee had written 305 formal opinions and decisions, many of which could have been answered by reference to the Annotated Statutes and the previous opinions cited. He urged members to consult the Statutes before asking for decisions, although the Committee always is ready to answer questions not clearly understood.

Important Changes

Several changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were submitted and passed by the Grand Lodge. The intent of these changes can be summarized as follows:

Provision has been made for each subordinate lodge to create a standing committee to handle Youth Activities programs.

The Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of State Associations, and any revisions thereof or amendments thereto (not heretofore approved) shall not become effective unless and until

Splendid Editorial

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow then read into the minutes one of the finest editorials that has ever been written about the Order. This editorial appeared in the Los Angeles "Times" during the Convention and was based on the Grand Exalted Ruler's talk at the Opening Public Session Sunday evening when he pledged the Order to continue its militant drive to eliminate traitors from this Country. As the "Times" stated, the Grand Exalted Ruler spoke not only for all Elks, but for every American. Mr. Grakelow described the outstanding support that the Order had received from the Los Angeles newspapers and stated that this was the best publicized Convention that the Order had ever held.

Judge Payne, Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, continued his report from the previous Session and announced the Youth Leadership Contest results. Ninety-eight boys and girls representing every State and Territory of this country were entered in the finals of the Contest.

Youth Awards

U. S. Savings Bonds awards were as follows: For boys: John Gordon Hough, Oshkosh, Wis., \$400 Bond; Terrence Murphy, Manhattan, Kans., \$300 Bond, and William John Stack, Jr., Miami, Fla., \$200 Bond.

Girl Winners: Mary Alleen Pace, Phoenix, Ariz., \$400 Bond; Phyllis Marie Ruggieri, Pueblo, Colo., \$300 Bond and Elizabeth Lyn Havens, Joplin, Mo., \$200 Bond.

The awards for the best Elk Youth program were as follows: First place winner this year was Seattle, Wash., Lodge No. 92 and Exalted Ruler Clyde Witte came to the stage to receive a beautiful trophy. Certificates of Merit were awarded to Green Bay, Wis., Newport, R. I., Leominster, Mass., and Oak Ridge, Tenn. The Committee also awarded the Wisconsin State Elks Association \$200 for its intensive youth work. Certificates of merit were awarded to the

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following State Associations: Texas, Indiana, Maine, Florida and Nebraska.

Ritualistic Committee Chairman Arthur Roy introduced his Committee: M. E. H. Smith, Greeley, Colo., Lodge No. 809; Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn., Lodge No. 72; George F. Thornton, Oak Park, Ill., Lodge No. 1295, and Ted. W. Nelson, Redlands, Calif., Lodge No. 583.

Brother Roy stated that more lodges than ever before had participated in the State and District contests. The new National Champion is Atlanta, Georgia, Lodge and Past Exalted Ruler E. L. Graydon of that lodge introduced his team and was presented with a plaque and an award of a check of \$500, his team having scored 93.1269 in the contest. Each officer of the Atlanta Ritualistic team scored highest in the contest and therefore this great Ritualistic team becomes the All-American team for the year. Second in the contest was Greeley, Colo.; third, Vincennes, Ind.; fourth, Sonora, Calif.; and fifth, Bristol, Tenn. There were 35 teams entered in the contest.

Mr. James Is Cited

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell then read a Resolution commending Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James for his splendid work during the year. Mr. Campbell cited the contributions to the Order by Mr. James, not only as Grand Exalted Ruler, but also as a member for many years serving in many capacities. The Resolution paid tribute to his fine character and directed the Board of Grand Trustees to obtain a suitable testimonial of appreciation for Mr. James. This Resolution was passed with standing applause.

Brother Henry Learned, Los Angeles Lodge, announced that the Huntington

Announcement from Grand Trustees

The Board of Grand Trustees this year would like to call the attention of the Order to a point which if carried out will save the time and trouble not only of the Board, but also members of the Order. All building applications should be sent directly to Ronald J. Dunn, Oneida, N. Y., Lodge No. 767, Elks Temple, 191 Main Street. All applications for entrance into the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, should be directed to Home Member Nick H. Feder, Belleville, Ill., Lodge No. 481, 11 W. Lincoln Street.

Park, Calif., drill team was the new National Champion. Joseph Harbison, captain of the drill team, came to the stage and was presented with a plaque. Inglewood, Calif., received a plaque for second place in the drill team contest. The Santa Monica, Calif., band was awarded a plaque in that contest.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan came to the rostrum to install the new Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Lodge officers elect were escorted into the auditorium by the Los Angeles drill team and after Mr. Jernick was duly installed, Judge Hallinan turned the gavel of office over to him. The Los Angeles Chanters then sang and Mr. Jernick expressed his appreciation for their splendid Convention work.

Brothers from New Jersey came to the stage and expressed appreciation of the honor bestowed on Mr. Jernick. Louis A. Spine, Past President of the New Jersey State Elks, on behalf of

34,000 New Jersey Elks and 70 Lodges presented Mr. Jernick with a gold key to a beautiful sedan. Joseph Bader, Lyndhurst Lodge, on behalf of the New Jersey Elks presented Mr. Jernick with an eight-piece sterling silver set, which he in turn will give to Mrs. Jernick. Exalted Ruler John A. Gorham of Mr. Jernick's home lodge in Nutley, New Jersey, presented a Resolution from each of the 70 New Jersey lodges pledging their unqualified support to him during the year. Then followed a most moving moment when Brother William J. Jernick, Jr. came to the rostrum to present a bouquet of roses from Mr. Jernick's mother to his father.

Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick announced that Mathew J. Coyle, Nutley, New Jersey, had been appointed to be his Secretary. The Grand Exalted Ruler appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan to the Grand Lodge Convention Committee for a five-year term.

New Committees

The Grand Exalted Ruler announced the appointment of the following Grand Lodge Committees for the new year:

► *Youth Activities Committee:* Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Charleston, W. Va., Lodge No. 202, Chairman; Brian M. Jewett, Bath, Me., Lodge No. 934; Frank Hise, Corvallis, Ore., Lodge No. 1413; Charles C. Bowie, San Benito, Tex., Lodge No. 1661, and Oskar O. Lympus, Missoula, Mont., Lodge No. 383.

► *Lodge Activities Committee:* Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge No. 593, Chairman; James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, N. Y., Lodge No. 1457; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., Lodge No. 755, Joseph Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J., Lodge No. 1505, and Walter R. Gage, Manhattan, Kans., Lodge No. 1185.

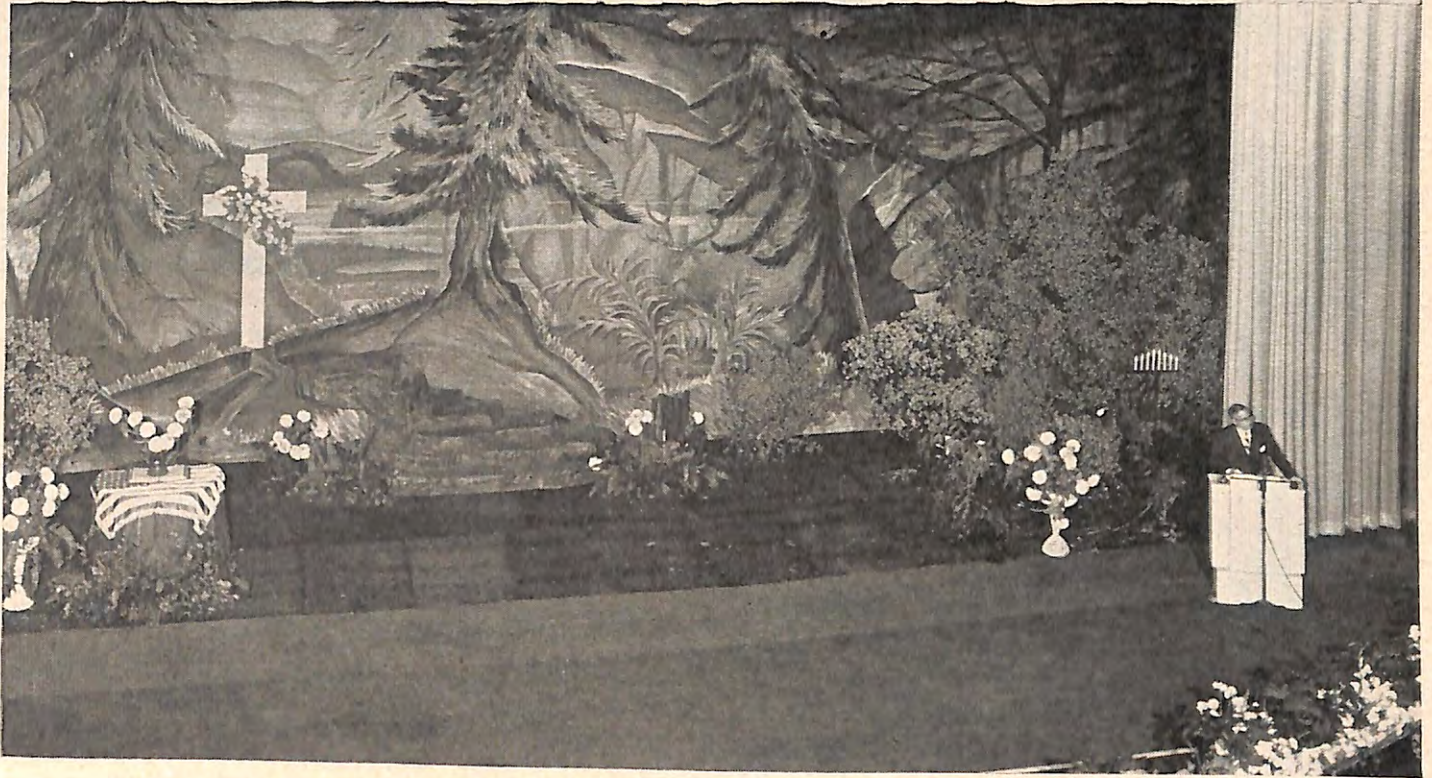
► *Ritualistic Committee:* Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn., Lodge No. 72, Chairman; M. E. H. Smith, Greeley, Colo., Lodge No. 809; Cy A. Kremser, Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge No. 1350; John Hafich, Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge No. 44, and Leo P. Ronan, Decorah, Ia., Lodge No. 443.

► *State Associations Committee:* Vincent H. Grocott, Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge No. 613; Michael M. Hellmann, Louisville, Ky., Lodge No. 8; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge No. 932; William S. Wolf, Pontiac, Ill., Lodge No. 1019, and Cullen H. Talton, Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1141.

Looking forward to next July, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow, member of Philadelphia Lodge, invited all present to come next July to the "Cradle of Liberty" to enjoy a Convention, plans for which already are under way. The convention will open July 11. After thanking the Convention Committee in Los Angeles for the outstanding work they had done this year and also Past Grand Exalted Rulers Hallinan and Hall for their support, the Grand Exalted Ruler closed the 90th Grand Lodge Convention.



New National Champion Ritualistic Team from Atlanta, Ga., Lodge. Also declared All-American Team at the Grand Lodge Convention. Left to right: Robert H. Young, Esquire; Eugene G. Webb, Esteemed Leading Knight; O. L. Purdue, Chaplain; E. L. Graydon, Exalted Ruler; Vollie S. West, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; M. Tom Bryant, Esteemed Loyal Knight, and Morris Manheim, Jr. Inner Guard.



Stage of the Paramount Theater, Los Angeles, decorated for the Grand Lodge Memorial Services, July 6th. Standing at the right, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis delivers a memorable eulogy for his friend, late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon.

The GRAND LODGE

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AT THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, Tuesday morning, July 6, the Annual Grand Lodge Memorial Service was held in Paramount Theater, Los Angeles. Nearly 4,000 Elks and their wives and families filled the theater.

The stage of the theater presented a most beautiful sight and in somber colors with unusual lighting represented a sylvan glade. There was a special altar in the form of a massive tree stump and a large flowered cross. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland briefly explained to the audience the purpose of the Annual Grand Lodge of Sorrow.

After an organ prelude by Brother Ben Herbert, Grand Chaplain Richard J. Connelly gave the Invocation. Then two boys from the Cathedral of St. Vibiana lighted the tapers, following which trombonists played "Rock of Ages." Then followed a most beautiful tableau as Miss Ardis Sommers Guthrie slowly walked into the glade as the Recording Angel and with her were two lovely little girls, Shirley A. Montgomery and Cheryl M. Swarner, representing Angels. The "Hour of Eleven" then tolled.

Metropolitan opera singer Nadine Conner, the possessor of one of the great voices of this country, sang "Ninety and Nine".

Brother Vincent J. Grocott, Past

President California Elks Association, gave the General Eulogy for the 15,518 Brothers lost to the Order during the year. "We gather not in sorrow nor in doubt as with those who have no faith or hope," Mr. Grocott said in a most moving tribute to our departed Brothers.

Last spring, Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton died most suddenly and untimely, and a memorable eulogy to him was delivered by Robert E. Falligant, Past President of the Georgia Elks Association. Brother Falligant spoke eloquently of Brother Dutton's years of service to the Order, of the many Offices that he had held and of his prominence as an attorney.

Schubert's "Ave Maria" was sung by Miss Conner and then Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, a close friend of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Shannon for 35 years, delivered his eulogy. This eulogy to one of the greatest of our Elks will never be forgotten. Mr. Lewis traced Mr. Shannon's personal life, which was so closely connected with Elkdom. He spoke of his unceasing love of the Order equaled only by his love for his country. He was a dynamic leader, Mr. Lewis said, and was one of the first not only to recognize the dangers of communism, but to state forthrightly as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1934-

1935 his serious alarm about subversive elements.

"Friendship is an Elk quality", Mr. Lewis said in opening the eulogy. "No one can afford to lose a friend, but when that friend was your mentor in the great university of Elkdom—when he taught a lesson so inspiring and so resolutely founded that it challenged my utmost and best—when working as a team by his inspiration we carried higher and higher the torch of Elkdom in California—when that great friend inspired thousands of others to finer impulses and greater accomplishments—then you recognize, as I do, the limitations of our language to express adequately what I feel and what I would like to express.

"Always he taught us to improve our lot. California, Arizona and Nevada must be foremost in all Elk accomplishments. He was never content that the Order should be static or fail to progress . . . Elkdom is tremendously better because he lived, and we—his friends of a lifetime—have found life much richer and much fuller because he loved".

Following this eulogy "Taps" was played by the trombonist and after Miss Conner sang "Auld Lang Syne", the audience departed from this unforgettable Service with Brother Herbert playing the Postlude.



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IF THERE IS anyone on hand who has been nursing the notion that Hawaii is merely a romantic idyll, a sort of sun-swept suburb of Japan, handy only to movie stars, the rich neighbors, and the makers of travel films, there was startling news this spring. The event of Douglas' new DC-7 airplane, last of the piston engine aircraft before American industry switches to jet, brought all kinds of new records this year: New York to Miami in three hours and a half; Los Angeles to New York in six hours and a half. Putting the mammoth DC-7 on the great swing from the world of Manhattan to the world of Waikiki, a feat engineered by United Airlines some weeks back, produced an overall time of 17 hours. More than that, by leaving the runway at Idlewild a few minutes after seven in the morning, and stopping only once along the entire stretch of 5,000 miles—in San Francisco—the last of the piston engines was able to run the sun a pretty good race. When we landed in Hawaii amid a few score of orchid-bearing, singing well-wishers, it was just after six in the evening, with plenty of sun still left. (On the other hand it was just after midnight in Manhattan which we had left 17 hours before.)

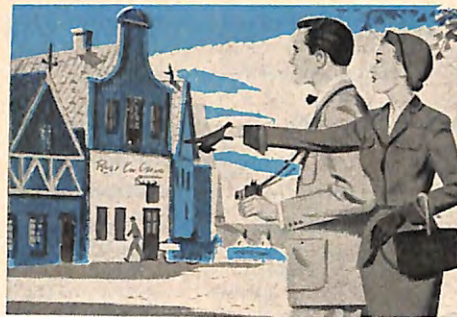
Despite the new nearness of the islands, Hawaii will always prove to be a string of unbelievable atolls, for suddenly you are in quiet and song and up to your ears in flowers. In Hawaii, as a steward on the plane told me on the way out, flowers don't necessarily connote funerals and burials. They are symbolic, rather, of the good things of life and these Hawaii seems to have been able to sift with great success. Bustle, phones, appointments, or even shoes, seem to be necessities which aren't always necessary out here. The Royal Hawaiian Hotel proved to be a mammoth hostelry of great charm and luxury. The mynah birds, which may be the bane of the manage-

ment's existence, since they chirp through the night, were rattling in the trees outside my room as I arrived, but they seemed only to add a tropical *ambiance* to the proceedings. There on the table of the *lanai*, looking out to the greenery, was the familiar pineapple, all cut and trimmed into long finger stalks, but put back together again.

Downstairs, the tremendous dining room bulged out towards Pago-Pago, almost as far as Europe from New York. A promenade down the broad corridor brings you to the edge of the garden and beyond that the sand of Waikiki and the sea, with bright *kahili* torches burning at its fringe. Out, you could look, to the peace of Polynesia, and to the South Pacific, and you weren't a day out of the subways in New York, and the bus drivers who snarl, and the cabs and the cacophony.

THE NEXT morning all Waikiki was alive with boats, rigs, boards, and tourists. Catamarans cut the sea, and the wind that whistled into your ear and cooled the confines of your cerebellum was only delicious, like a splash of cold water in your face after listening to an outdoor dissertation in the sun of the Fourth of July. There were outriggers to take you running on the waves, and, if you could handle them, your choice of surfboards. And there was Diamond Head to look at, like a sturdy sentinel, and pretty girls, and beachboys who spent their spare time weaving straw hats festooned with little palm trees, shimmering birds of straw, leis and oleanders.

It is a worthy experience, although it may leave you a little hungry, to sit in on a Hawaiian luau, a sort of Polynesian banquet. In the first place, one must arrive in typical raiment. For men this means an aloha shirt which is just like an ordinary shirt except that it has been colored with some sort of hysterical pat-



tern, preferably large flowers or wild birds. For ladies, the dress has to be a *muumuu* which is a Mother Hubbard, originally introduced by the missionaries from New England, bless them, back in the early 1800's. Acceptable too, are *holokus* which are Mother Hubbards which have been somewhat shaped.

A fat pig, who is the star of a luau, is roasted in an underground oven called an *imu* and when the pig is done, a Hawaiian priest chants over him in what I take to be a Polynesian expression of Grace. The rocks which have been used to heat the insides of the pig are removed, and you are invited to sit at a long table covered with *ti* leaves. *Ti* leaves, which are not tea leaves, are used for all manner of decoration in Hawaii, not excepting decorating grass skirts. For seasoning there is a sprinkling of rock salt. What you eat, if you eat it, is some of this roasted and mashed pig, some steaming fish wrapped in hot *ti* leaves, chopped raw salmon called *lomi-lomi*, baked yams, baked bananas, and baked breadfruit.

Also, if you are game, have retarded tastebuds, and a pioneering spirit you will eat *poi* which would pass for library

Ewing Galloway Photo



View of famous Diamond Head from an attractive walk along the bay.

paste anywhere else, but it is actually a sort of thick muck that you eat with your fingers. Strictly for Polynesians, and you'll be happier if you take my word for it. I don't know why anybody would want to, but in case this is all the most delicious banquet you ever sat crosslegged at, you can buy a whole canned *luau* outfit with directions for serving at Don the Beachcomber's, a mammoth South Sea Island place across the street from the Royal Hawaiian. You may be a little hard-pressed at home to provide the entertainment which usually follows a *luau*. Besides the characteristic hula dances, it may very well include Samoan Fire Dancers, sword dances and all sorts of near violence.

NOW there is a good deal more to Hawaii than meets an eye which has fastened its gaze on the pleasantness around Waikiki Beach. Indeed there are other islands to the right and left of you, and you can be transported hither and yon by Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines in either DC-3s or Convairs. The prices are reasonable enough.

An hour in one direction, for example,
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News of the State Associations

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basement, and boasts a cocktail lounge, TV and card rooms and a dining room.

Louisville Lodge won the Ritualistic Competition against Covington's entry, and Steve S. Soaper of Henderson Lodge was elected Pres. of the Assn. for the new term. Other officers are Vice-Presidents: Jerome Staubach, Newport; Tom Rogers, Paducah; Steve Banahan, Lexington; Secy.-Treas., Paul J. Smith, Covington, and three-year Trustee, D. Thomas Powell, Covington.

The Conventioneers saw Youth Leadership Awards for the State presented by Gordon Glenn, Committee Chairman for Western Ky., while State Chairman Edward Stahl handed Kentucky's \$400 Foundation Award to Larry A. Raymond.

N. Y. State Assn. Presidency Goes to T. Emmett Ryan

N. Y. State Assn. delegates, meeting at Syracuse for the 42nd Annual Convention with an estimated attendance of 5,000, elected T. Emmett Ryan of Albany as President, reelected Secy. Wm. R. L. Cook of Queens Borough and Treas. Claude Y. Cushman of Binghamton, and selected the following as Vice-Presidents: Eugene Cress, Herkimer; J. G. Collins, Mt. Kisco; Daniel Becker, Newburgh; C. E. Ward, Whitehall; L. B. Cave, Syracuse; J. H. Furlong, Schenectady; E. C. Kramer, Oneonta; L. C. Weniger, Great Neck; J. F. Hayes, Dunkirk, and E. W. Walsh, Rochester. T. S. Leahy of Ilion; R. A. Henry, Middletown; F. W. Fitzgerald, Saranac Lake; F. E. Connell, Oswego; P. A. Buchheim, Albany, and C. A. Epps, Lockport, are Trustees.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, N. Y. State Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney and Mayor Donald H. Mead addressed the opening session, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall installed the officers.

A capacity crowd witnessed the public presentation of \$14,500 in Scholarship Awards which followed a luncheon honor-

1954 State Association Convention Information

Md., Del., D.C.	Annapolis	Aug. 19-20-21-22
West Virginia	Elkins	Aug. 19-20-21-22
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

ing the 44 winning students and their parents. Two \$300 Youth Leadership Awards were presented with Judge Hallinan presiding, and an inspiring address delivered by Chief Justice Edmund H. Lewis of the N. Y. State Court of Appeals.

The Memorial Services, during which Past Presidents H. E. Sullivan, J. H. Mackin and L. W. Roohan were eulogized, included selections by the male chorus of American Legion Post No. 41.

The delegates, who voted to meet at Rochester on May 19, 20 and 21 next year, enjoyed many activities including the Ritualistic Contest won by Rome Lodge over Lynbrook and Jamestown in that order, the President's Ball, golf tournament and the traditional Elks parade in which Troy Lodge captured the Grand Prize, Port Jervis boasted the largest delegation, Fulton Lodge had the best float, Ogdensburg the best band, and Norwich the top drum and bugle corps.

Missouri Elks to Continue District Initiations

The Convention the Missouri State Elks Assn. holds each Spring took place this year at Springfield on May 21, 22 and 23. Among the 900 persons in attendance were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, who addressed 700 guests at the Ozarks Hickory Barbecue; former Grand Esq. H. H. Russell, and Past Pres. Arthur Allen of the Colo. Elks Assn.

The Missouri delegates voted to make a permanent part of the Assn. program

the District Initiations inaugurated so successfully during the past year, and final plans were made for the 1954 session of their Boys Camp near Joplin where an anticipated 150 under-privileged boys will spend a few weeks.

During the three-day period many interesting events took place, including a golf tournament with about 200 participants, a bus tour of the Ozarks country, and a dance at which an exhibition was put on by the Promenaders, a group of Southwest Missouri State College students, World Champion Square Dancers.

Joplin Lodge's entry captured the Ritualistic Title, and these officers were elected: Pres., Anthony J. Beckmann, Washington; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Francis Karr, Trenton; Dist. Vice-Presidents: N.W., C. Ray Franklin, Excelsior Springs; S.W., Guy Moore, Joplin; East, E. B. Kelley, Clayton; Trustees: N.W., Clyde J. Ellis, Kansas City; S.W., L. H. Durley, Sedalia; East, Druey Goodman, Louisiana; Treas., M. F. Thurston, Columbia; Secy., F. H. Baumann, Wash.

John E. Galvin New Maine Elks Assn. President

John E. Galvin of Millinocket was elected Pres. of the Maine Elks Assn. at its Convention at Rockland June 4, 5 and 6. Retiring Pres. Brian M. Jewett of Bath was elected to the new office of Administrative Assistant. Edward R. Twomey of Portland became Secy.-Treas. for the 27th successive term. Other officials are 1st Vice-Pres., A. J. Ferland, Jr., Rumford; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joseph J. Cummings, Augusta; 3rd Vice-Pres., Dr. John H. Nugent, Portland; 4th Vice-Pres., John Nahra, Old Town; Trustees: Dr. Walter Mazzacane, Biddeford-Saco; Charles F. Harlow, Sanford; Leon Cates, Portland; Arthur Sturtevant, Bath; Frank Kaler, Rockland; Lawrence Murphy, Rumford; Alfred Bolduc, Lewiston, and James E. Mulvany, Bangor.

Over 400 Elks and their ladies were on

Right: Idaho's new officers, standing left to right: Trustee W. C. Rullman, Vice-Pres. F. D. Hilliard, Pres. Clifford Warr, Vice-Pres.-at-Large Patrick H. King and Vice-Pres. Loris Winn. Seated at the left is Secy.-Treas. George Hargraves, while at the right is Trustee Ed D. Baird.



Left: Dignitaries at the Rochester Convention of Minnesota Elksdom, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and Sam Stern, Gov. C. E. Anderson and Dr. C. W. Mayo of the famed Mayo Clinic.



During the Florida conclave, Grand Exalted Ruler Earl James, right, presented to James J. Fernandez, Comptroller of the Fla. Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home, Orlando Lodge's \$15,000 check for the Home.

hand for the conclave, held at the Samoset Hotel which will be the scene of the 1955 meeting, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, Grand Trustee Edward Spry and George Steele of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee were speakers at the President's Banquet.

Reports were made on the Assn.'s work at the VA Hospital at Togus, from which a Certificate of Appreciation was received, and on its extensive crippled children's work. State Committee Chairman Gerard Ferland presented a handsome plaque to Millinocket Lodge for its outstanding efforts for our youth.

Special events of the program included a reception and ball at Rockland Lodge, a water ballet, and a floor show. Winners in various events included Gardiner Lodge's bowling team; Biddeford-Saco Lodge's golfers, with Steve Polakewick taking individual honors; Dr. Nugent winning the cribbage tournament; David Joseph of Waterville, the pool competition; Converse Fenn of Bath, the fly-cast-

ing contest and Rodney E. Ross, Jr., also of Bath, the billiards tourney.

Meeting in conjunction with this Convention, the State P.E.R.'s Assn. elected Dr. Nugent as its Pres. and James Burns of Rockland as Secy.

New Foundation Formed by New Hampshire Delegates

An important decision made during the N. H. State Elks Assn. Convention at Dover May 21, 22 and 23, was the formation of the Crotched Mountain Foundation; for the relief of needy and handicapped children at the Crotched Mountain Hospital. It was the presentation of a \$1,000 check, the third in a pledge of \$5,000, to this Hospital that highlighted the meeting when a young patient, Billy Lovely, who a year ago could not walk at all, with the assistance of crutches and braces traveled the full length of the lodge hall to accept the gift from retiring Pres. Edward Govangeli.

The 85 delegates at the opening session saw the host city's first Key presented to Mr. Govangeli by Mayor John Keenan, and the Outstanding Youth Activities Plaque awarded to Keene Elkdom. The Foundation Scholarship went to John G. Pierce. John Egeris and Ernest Peters received Youth Leadership prizes.

Impressive public Memorial Services attracted a large crowd, and the Presidential Banquet at City Auditorium was also well attended following the installation of the new officials by D.D. Stanley M. Burns: Pres., Timothy D. Flynn, Dover; 1st Vice-Pres., H. J. Salvail, Nashua; 2nd Vice-Pres., Lucien Langelier, Rochester; 3rd Vice-Pres., Guy Rich, Littleton; Secy., William Pforte, Dover; Treas., Calvin Seavy, Dover; Trustee (five years), Ray Finnegan, Berlin; Sgt.-at-Arms, Leonard Taylor, Portsmouth;

Chaplain, John Goggin, Claremont; Tiler, George Zahos, Keene; Inner Guard, Theo. Laroche, Laconia; Organist, Wendell Shosa, Laconia.

Idaho Elks Pledge Support to New Hospital at Boise

During the June 10, 11 and 12 Convention of the Ida. Elks Assn. at Idaho Falls, the delegates gave their pledge to raise \$220,000 toward the construction of the Convalescent Hospital these Elks are erecting in Boise. On a per capita basis, each member will contribute \$10 in order to achieve this goal, and during the meeting it was disclosed that all lodges had attained at least part of their assessment, with one lodge reporting its full quota.

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl James was on hand for this conclave, as was U. S. Senator Henry C. Dworshak, both of whom were guests of honor at the banquet the eve of opening day. Ed D. Baird, former Grand Lodge Committeeman and a member of Boise Lodge, was elected a Trustee of this organization, as was W. C. Rullman of Wallace. Other officials chosen by the nearly 800 delegates are Pres., Clifford Warr, Preston; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Patrick H. King, Boise; Dist. Vice-Presidents: No., Lorin Winn, Moscow; East, F. D. Hilliard, Pocatello; So., W. D. Haskins, Twin Falls; Secy.-Treas., George Hargraves, Pocatello.

Boise Lodge won the Chorus Contest in the presence of many of the delegates who decided that the Assn.'s Midwinter Meeting will take place at Gooding early in December.

Rutland Chosen as Vermont's 1955 Convention City

Meeting in Barre June 4th, 5th and 6th, the delegates to the 27th Annual Convention of the Vermont Elks Assn. selected Rutland for their 1955 conclave, and planned their yearly drive for funds for Thorpe Camp for Crippled Children, their favorite Charity.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, a special guest of the Convention, was enthusiastically received as the principal speaker at the Annual Banquet, when Elks National Foundation and State Assn. Scholarships, as well as Youth Leadership Awards, were distributed. Springfield Lodge won both the State Ritualistic Championship Trophy and the Membership Contest Plaque. It also won top honors for the float it entered in the parade Saturday afternoon. This pageant, one of the largest in Barre's history, had many outstanding participants, including Gov. Lee E. Emerson and other civic officials, and was followed by the Convention Ball at Municipal Auditorium.

The State Bowling Trophy went to Hartford Lodge, with Montpelier Lodge taking the Team Golf Championship, and the State Cribbage Title going to Bennington Lodge. David Walsh of St. Albans won individual Golf honors.

Dominic F. Flory of Rutland is the new Pres. of this Assn. Assisting him are



Officers of New Bern Lodge who won the North Carolina Ritualistic Championship, left to right: Incoming State Pres. Raymond Fuson, Coach; Hilton Hudnell, Jr., E.R.; G. B. Riddle, Jr., Est. Lead. Knight; D. MacRay Lancaster, Est. Loyal Knight; R. D. Sumrell, Est. Lect. Knight; C. E. Hancock, Jr., Esq.; J. B. Land, Chaplain, and D. M. Parker, Jr., Inner Guard.



The new officers of the Ohio Elks Assn. were pictured as they were installed by Past Pres. L. G. Scrimger, standing at the microphone at left, during the Convention banquet in Columbus.

1st Vice-Pres., John B. Finck, Bellows Falls; 2nd Vice-Pres., Charles W. Landry, Brattleboro; 3rd Vice-Pres., Clarence V. Akley, St. Johnsbury; Tiler, John W. Conant, Rutland; Secy., Roger J. Sheridan, Montpelier; Treas., R. Newton Owens, Rutland. Three-year Trustees are T. W. Patnode, Rutland; A. H. Pecor, Burlington; B. O. Campbell, Hartford, and John Brown, Bellows Falls. Leo. F. Keefe is Chaplain and R. E. Blay is Sgt.-at-Arms, both from Rutland.

Four-Day Texas Session Takes Place at McAllen

The Monte Carlo Cafe in Reynosa, Mexico, was the colorful setting which the host Committee selected for the Past Presidents' Dinner-Dance held during the 1954 Convention of the Texas Elks Assn. One of many social highlights of this meeting, the dinner was attended by most of the 1,000 Elks and their ladies who were guests of McAllen Lodge June 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

El Paso Elkdom won the Ritualistic Contest, with Baytown and Harlingen in second and third places respectively, and Beaumont Lodge won the Youth Activities Award for the State, with San Benito taking second-place honors. The latter lodge's entry was named Best Book Type in the State's Lodge Publications Contest, with El Paso Lodge's bulletin carrying Best Pamphlet Type, and Baytown's the Best Mimeograph Type.

State Chaplain Rev. Wm. D. Boyd delivered the address at the moving Memorial Services conducted Friday morning when Past Pres. H. S. Rubenstein delivered an eloquent eulogy honoring Past Pres. James H. Gibson.

The Convention closed with the President's Ball in the patio of the McAllen Lodge home, and the decision to hold the 1955 meeting at El Paso June 1st through the 4th. Heading this organization which maintains the splendid Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine are Pres., Dr. D. E. Biser, Dallas; Vice-Presidents: J. T. Martin, Temple; T. M. Brooks, San Antonio; Irvin Navratil, Brenham; W. C. Ragsdale, Big Spring; Richard Frederick, Marshall; C. C. Barnhart, Fort Worth; Treas., R. B. Lockett, Brenham; Secy., H. S. Rubenstein, Brenham; Chaplain, Rev. Wm. D. Boyd, Big Springs; Trustees (six years), Herbert Peters, Beaumont; (one year), Cecil Honea, Denison. Past Pres. Victor E. Ferchill of Longview was elected to the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Board.

At the opening session General Chairman Lloyd Burwick delivered a talk introducing "The Elks March Triumphant" written by a long-time member of San Antonio Lodge, Delt Edwards, and dedicated to the Order. The generous composer has had copies printed and they are ready for sale, all profits going to his State Association's Crippled Children's Hospital. This bright and lilting work, played for the delegates by organist Betty Kaye, caught on very



State Pres. Vic Ferchill was photographed as he made his address opening the Texas Elks Assn. Convention. Seated left to right are Past Presidents Harry Nass, Raymond Wright and Floyd Ford, E.R. Harry Kunce of McAllen, Chaplain Rev. Wm. Boyd and Convention Chairman Lloyd Burwick.

quickly, with the host lodge launching the sale of this composition by immediately purchasing 500 copies.

South Dakota Convention Is an Outstanding Success

Nearly 600 Elks and their ladies were on hand for the So. Dak. Elks Assn. Convention at Aberdeen, June 5th and 6th, when Past Grand Exalted Rulers James G. McFarland and Dr. Robert South Barrett were special guests. Dr. Barrett being the principal speaker at the Memorial Services when he presented a \$400 Elks National Foundation Award for So. Dak. to John B. Hermanson in the presence of J. Ford Zeitlow, former Chairman of the Grand Trustees.

During the business meetings conducted by retiring Pres. W. Bram McKenzie, it was reported that \$2,654.50 had been spent by the State's lodges for eyeglasses for needy children, and that over 1,100 youngsters had been examined at the various Elks' crippled children's clinics at a cost of over \$6,000. To assist them in this latter program, Dr. Barrett presented a personal gift of \$500 to the So. Dak. Elks. Before they adjourned, the delegates voted to purchase a \$1,000 Permanent Benefactor's Certificate in the Elks National Foundation.

A highlight of the meeting was a parade in which the well-known Sioux Falls Elks' Motorcycle Patrol performed.

Fred Green of Brookings was elected Pres. for the coming term, with Mr. McKenzie of Sioux Falls Lodge named Vice-Pres.-at-Large. Ross E. Case of Watertown, L. J. Gregory of Yankton and Don Fletcher of Deadwood are Vice-Presidents; Dick Hanten of Huron is Secy., and M. M. Korte of Aberdeen is Treas. Trustees are Ronald Felker, Madison, and Harold Ricketts, Mitchell.

Exhibits Feature So. Car. State Assn. Activities

Under the auspices of State Secy. James E. Parker, Jr. of Rock Hill, the So. Car. Elks Assn. activities were displayed prominently during its Convention at Charleston May 21, 22 and 23. One display was a word-picture, representing

the efforts of the Assn.'s 12 lodges, grouped around a huge map revealing each lodge's location. Another covered all the State Assn. projects, including its "Signs of Life" safety program.

At a public meeting Dr. Grice, Pres. of Charleston College, presented the Elks National Foundation Award to Miss Francis Self, and also handed six \$400 Scholarships provided by the Assn. to the successful students. In addition, individual lodges awarded 19 scholarships which ranged as high as \$500. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland then introduced the program's special speaker, Earl E. James.

State Chaplain Rev. Frank V. D. Fortune of Sumter was the Memorial Services speaker. Other officers of his organization for 1954-55 are Pres., Louis E. Burmester, Charleston; Exec. Vice-Pres., Marston S. Bell, Anderson; Dist. Vice-Presidents Ben Scott Whaley, Charleston; Sam Doughton, Columbia, and Hal Porter, Anderson. Mr. Parker is once again Secy.-Treas. In the Ritualistic Competition, Anderson's entry took high honors.

The host lodge provided many fine diversions, with the highlight a naval orientation cruise on which 200 were guests aboard fleet minesweepers, *U.S.S. Pochard* and *U.S.S. Sprig*.

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Dominic F. Flory, left, accepts the gavel of office and congratulations from his predecessor, Archie Buttura, retiring as Pres. of the Vermont Elks Assn., at the Barre Convention.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON is making a name for itself as a capital of argument, strife, and discord. Departmental frictions, sensational charges and investigations headline the news, but things are not as bad as they seem. The District of Columbia is not a "District of Contention" but really a world capitol of culture, of beauty, of friendly people. Government workers do not get excited over name calling and are not fooled by political smears. All the sensational whoop-de-do means nothing to them. Like news reporters and photographers, they have seen them come and go. One cannot get an impression of the real Washington by front-page stories. Look inside Washington's excellent newspapers and much space is given to the art exhibitions, the churches, the scientific societies. The city offers rich opportunities for culture, education and spiritual advancement. Most visitors, naturally, go to the government buildings, the monuments and the amusement places. They are impressed with the beauty of their Nation's Capitol, even in these sweltering dog-days. That beauty is more than "skin deep."

Everywhere, young and old are going to classes, to meetings. There are hiking trips to study nature. Thousands find inspiration in the great National Gallery of Art. Churches of every denomination and for every faith, even to a Mosque with a minaret, are filled with worshippers.

IKE AND MAMIE'S FARM

President and Mrs. Eisenhower had hoped to be able to move furniture into their new farm house near Gettysburg, Pa., by August 1 but the date has now been advanced to around October 1. Work on the house is progressing steadily, however. It's a strongly built brick and stone structure, not large, but ideal for their needs. What will be the President's office has a huge fireplace with a Dutch oven. The Eisenhowers visit the place every chance they get.

URANIUM SPECULATION

Gold mining stocks used to lure investors with get rich quick dreams and now it is uranium. All of which calls attention once again to the Securities and Exchange Commission which looks into

stock selling deals to the general public over an amount of \$250,000. If you want to buy uranium stocks in a company you know nothing about just ask to see the SEC approved prospectus.

AIR SAUCER SEASON

Pentagon officials are receiving fewer reports of seeing flying saucers, but the Air Force still is studying the mystery. It has 75 cameras and gadgets at various points in the country ready to photo the things if they come into view. Officially the Air Force says there is no proof that flying saucers really exist. Air Secretary Harold Talbott was said to have seen one on a plane trip to California. He said the report was unfounded, that he had flown 160,000 miles in 15 months and had never spotted one. This is presumed to be air saucer season.

TENANTS LOYALTY TEST

Tenants in low rent Government Housing projects can be required to sign a loyalty certificate under a law passed by Congress in 1952 and upheld by the D. C. Municipal Court of Appeals. If they refuse to swear they do not belong to any subversive organization they can be evicted on 30-days notice.

ROBOT DOCTOR

Those scientific magicians at the Bureau of Standards have come up with a robot doctor. It is called a "physiological monitor" and it keeps a continuous watch over patients while on the operating table. The machine continuously checks the patient's breathing, heart beat and blood pressure. Doctors can tell at a glance the condition of the patient without having to have an assistant make the tests. The robot was developed for the Veterans Administration and the tests at Mount Alto Hospital have been successful.

BUILDINGS CHANGE

Air conditioning has revolutionized public building construction, Public Buildings Administrator W. E. Reynolds, just retired, declares. There is now complete freedom of design in Federal Buildings. Elevators are arranged in banks, corridors have no projections and many have rounded corners. Trucks do not nick them. All of the windows in the big

United Nations Building in New York have to be washed from the outside, Reynolds says, while new Federal buildings have revolving or turn over windows which can be washed from inside. Long flights of exterior steps are not needed for beauty or service, he says, and roof parapets are out because they cause leaks. Working conditions are ideal.

FOR SAFER DRIVING

The D. C. Traffic Advisory Board proposes that all drivers with District permits be called for re-examination every six years. Meantime, the new point system for traffic violations here is pronounced a success. It is like the way some boxing bouts are decided, only the driver doesn't try to get points but to avoid them. Points mean penalties.

THOSE RATION BOOKS

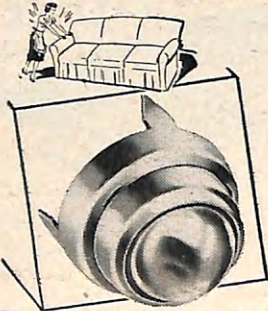
The bad news of the moment comes from the Office of Defense Mobilization with announcement that estimates of cost and time to provide ration books in event of another war. Enough of the pesky books to get started will cost \$3,000,000. The idea is to get them stock-piled and store them away, where everybody hopes they will rest in peace.

CAPITAL CAPS

Dried skim milk the government bought at 17 cents a pound is being sold for use in chicken feed for 3½ cents a pound. Loss to date is over \$55,000,000 . . . Each Congressman gets 10,000 cook book pamphlets a year to distribute to constituents . . . Agriculture Department says the world coffee situation will improve in 1956, if you can wait that long . . . Senator Theodore Francis Green of R. I. is out for another term. He is 86, oldest member and still going strong . . . Seven conscientious objectors, excused because of religious belief from serving in the armed forces, are serving in the great National Institutes of Health Clinical Center as "normal patients" or human guinea pigs . . . Civil Defense says you can build a lean-to home shelter against atomic attack for \$40 and has a booklet of plans . . . The 16-foot python in the Zoo laid a batch of eggs, first since 1930, but like the other batch they didn't hatch. It seems that python eggs in captivity almost never do.

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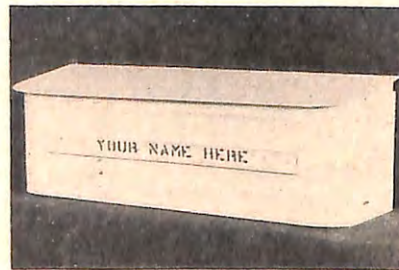
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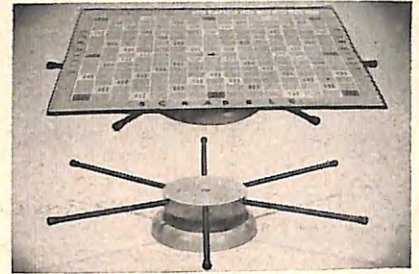
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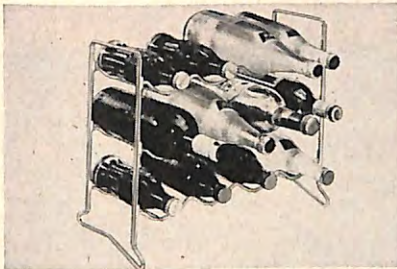
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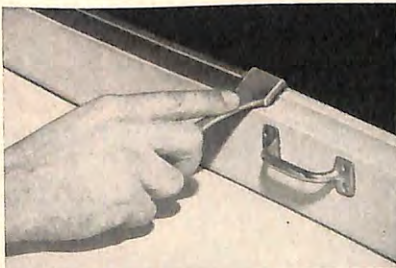
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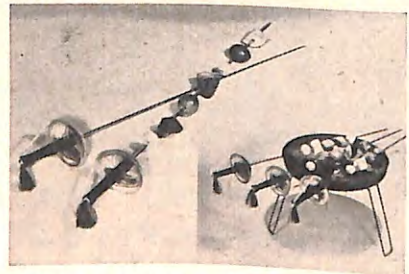


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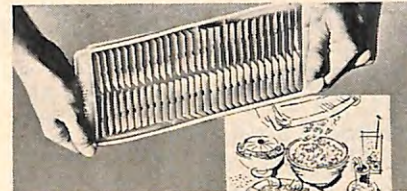
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NEWS of the LODGES

New Youth Program Launched by Burbank, Calif., Elks

For many years Burbank Lodge No. 1497 has been the major support of the community's youth activities. Both the Boy Scout and Sea Scout Troops the lodge sponsor have been cited for their activities on many occasions.

Last fall, this lodge undertook a new youth program, the sponsorship of a Junior Bowling League composed of girls and boys between eight and sixteen years of age. Sanctioned by the American Junior Bowling Congress, this League is the first such junior group to be set up in California, according to information

the lodge received from the Congress.

Not long ago, the lodge closed the season for these juvenile keglers with a special program when awards were made to the winners.

Montana Elks Bowling Events Popular

The 13th Annual Bowling Tournament of the Montana State Elks Assn. took place between Feb. 27th and Mar. 20th in Helena, with one of the biggest registrations in years competing for nearly \$2,000 in cash prizes.

A handicap affair, the competition saw Deer Lodge keglers take the team event

and a \$100 prize, with the doubles title and \$75 going to Ostenberg and Crowley of Butte. W. Gaspard of Billings won the \$50 prize that went with the singles event, with Watkins of Havre taking the \$25 award in the All-Events contest. Red Lodge won the Sportsmanship Trophy, while the Deer group took the Participation Award.

Teen-Agers Guests of Keokuk, Ia., Lodge

The second annual All-Night Party conducted by Keokuk Lodge No. 106 for 250 High School Juniors and Seniors was a repetition of the first and highly successful affair last year. Planned by the Elks and Adult Teen-Age Council Committees, the affair followed the students' annual prom which ended at midnight when the young people returned to their homes to don more informal attire, and then went on to the lodge home for more dancing. At one o'clock everyone flocked to the Grand Theatre for a special showing of "Johnny Guitar", arranged for them by Pete Nepote, then once again returned to the lodge home for dancing, entertainment and games, and a full-course breakfast at seven a.m.

Well-chaperoned by cooperative Elks, their wives and other interested adults, these affairs achieve their purpose by keeping hundreds of teen-agers so busy with ten hours of entertainment that there is no danger of their being involved in highway accidents.

Fresno, Calif., Elks Strong CP Major Project Backers

For the past three years Fresno Lodge No. 439 has sponsored a Minstrel and Variety Show for the benefit of cerebral-palsy victims, the Major Project of the Calif. Elks Assn. Following the Assn.'s adoption of its Coin a Day Program some time ago, instigated successfully by Past



Above: Bathing beauties depict the Gay 90's at the home of Long Beach, Calif., Lodge prior to the "Miss Universe Pageant" in which the Elks participate every year.

Below: For the third year Farmington, N. M., Lodge is sponsoring a Little League Baseball Team. In two seasons, the boys have lost only four games, taking the League pennant annually. This year, they are again leading the League under Mgr. Frank Palmer, standing left, and assistant Al Turner.



Left: Helena, Mont., Lodge's Bucks Club gives \$400 for electrical laundry equipment to the Shodair Hospital babies' ward. Left to right are a nurse, Club Chairman Kenneth Davis, lodge Secy. M. E. Anderson, Hosp. Supt. Edwin Grafton, and Past Exalted Ruler J. Harry Moore.

Right: Roswell, N. M., Lodge's Bowling Team, the past season's local Service League Champions. Left to right: L. W. Taylor, R. C. Phillips, Bill Bailey, Everett Thurm, and Morris Pruitt.



Pictured when Pittsburg, Calif., Lodge celebrated L. M. Slosson's 50th Anniversary as an Elk were, left to right: P.D.D. Henry J. Budde, former Grand Tiler Louis B. Browne, the guest of honor, and Fred B. Mellmann, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. A Charter Member and Pittsburg Lodge's third E.R., 77-year-old "Bill" Slosson received a 50-year-membership pin from Mr. Mellmann in the presence of a large group of his friends.



Left: This photograph was taken at groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building Stockton, Calif., Lodge is erecting for the Boy Scout Troop it sponsors. The boys' present home is to be razed to make way for a bridge; through the efforts of Elk Harold Arnold, Scout executive, and the generosity of Mr. Kessel who presented the land as a gift, the Troop will have a building with four patrol rooms, a staff and storage room, lavatory and a large activities room. E.R. C. K. De Young was Master of Ceremonies, and Chairman Henry Wolters arranged the program which had Judge Robert P. Sullivan as speaker, followed by a reception.

Right: Burbank, Calif., Lodge is the first in the State to sponsor a full league of Junior Bowlers. Pictured with the winners of the first trophies and awards presented to the young people, foreground, by their sponsors are, standing left to right, background: Youth Activities Committee Chairman Edward Swartz, Est. Lead. Knight George Haven, E.R. W. W. Sooy, Miss Hattie Wooster, Coach, and the lodge's Junior P.E.R. Walter Gieselman.



Left: At a meeting in the home of Marysville Lodge at which Chairman Herb Price, first row center, of the Bay Dist. presided, an Elks Veterans Service Commission for the Calif. No. Dist. was formed. Sacramento P.E.R. Frank J. Luttig, seated fourth from left, was elected Chairman; E.R. James Wall of Auburn, second row right, Vice-Chairman. Others are District officials.

Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis for the purpose of furthering this work, No. 439 picked up the idea, also with great success. Not long ago, officials of the lodge mailed over 1,700 Piggy Banks to each member of No. 439. Painted in the Elks' Purple and White, the banks carry the lettering: "A Coin a Day—They'll Walk and Play", and they're a familiar household item in the home of every Elk in the State who are expected to, and do, drop a contribution in their banks each day, to augment the Assn.'s funds for the relief of the unfortunate victims of cerebral palsy.

The new Fresno officers under E.R. J. G. Strohm went to Madera Lodge to initiate 14 candidates for their hosts. A week later, the Madera officials returned the compliment, initiating the exact same number into No. 439.

Kingman, Ariz., Elks Dedicate \$75,000 Home

The handsome new home of Kingman Lodge No. 468 was dedicated to "tolerance and the principles for which the Flag of our country stands" during impressive ceremonies attended by nearly 400 persons. The overflow crowd listened in quiet attentiveness as Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis spoke the words of dedication, and turned the keys of the building over to acting Grand Esq. John M. Blair, who in turn presented them to

Al Leader, Chairman of the lodge's Board of Trustees.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of an Elk's clock by Needles, Calif., Lodge, and of a beautiful Bible from the Phoenix Elks. Mr. Lewis also had the pleasure of handing an Honorary Life Membership to P.E.R. Ira Rawlings, as his lodge's grateful recognition of his untiring efforts toward the construction of the new home.

This dedication ceremony was the climax of a day of festivities which drew hundreds of Elks, their wives and children to Kingman.

At noon, a squad from the Kingman National Guard at impressive ceremonies raised an American Flag which had once flown over the Nation's Capitol.

A buffet luncheon was served, and during the afternoon hours the visitors played golf and other games until evening when the formal ceremony took place. E.R. Don McCraley opened the program, introducing Mr. Lewis, who was assisted by Past Grand Est. Lead. Knight M. H. Starkweather, and P.D.D.'s Lester Ruffner, Sr., John M. Blair, Carl D. Hammond, Dr. J. T. Pecharich and Paul H. Morton, all Arizona Elks, and P.D.D. E. E. Galligan of Needles, Calif.

The day's activities, under the Chairmanship of Paul H. Morton, closed with dancing and a floor show put on by the talented Elks' ladies of Kingman.



Mailing Cerebral Palsy Piggy Banks to the more than 1700 members of Fresno, Calif., Lodge are, left to right: E.R. John G. Strohm, Elk S. K. Wood, Postmaster, and P.E.R. K. H. McIsaac.



Junior P.E.R. Howard McAfee and Mayor John Runkle, both Bishop, Calif., Elks, pictured with the ten picnic tables the lodge presented to the city's new park recently.



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

National Memorial And Publication Commission

IN HIS REPORT to the Grand Lodge meeting in Los Angeles in July, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, related the activities and progress of this Commission during the year.

Memorial Building

Attendance at the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago during the year was 93,925, making a total of 1,846,951 visitors since the building was opened.

The Memorial Building is now 28 years old, and hence renewal and replacement expenses increase each year. During the last fiscal year these items, over and above ordinary expenses, amounted to \$8,877.12, but this included a new roof to the south wing of the building which cost over \$5,000. While it is impossible to anticipate all of the expenses for the next year, Chairman Campbell stated that it was definitely known that it will be necessary to effect repairs which will cost about \$2,400.

All expense of maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building is paid from the earnings of The Elks Magazine. During the fiscal year from June 1, 1953, to May 31, 1954, these expenses amounted to \$79,606.84.

Death of Michael F. Shannon

During the last year Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, a member of the Commission for the last eleven years, died. "He was a valued member of the Commission, always interested in his work and lending his great ability in the management of the Memorial Building and the Magazine. The members of the Commission are particularly saddened by his death," said Mr. Campbell. The Grand Exalted Ruler appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson of Tacoma Lodge No. 174 to replace Brother Shannon.

The Elks Magazine

On May 31, 1954, The Elks Magazine concluded its 32nd year as national publication of the Order. During the year, 13,654,641 copies of the Magazine were printed, representing an increase of almost 400,000 over the previous year. During the year eight issues of the Magazine consisted of 60 pages, including covers, and four issues of 56 pages—a total of 704 pages. The total number of pages, including covers, in all issues was 803,175,612, making an increase of nearly 30,000,000 over the previous year. Earnings of The Elks Magazine for the year were \$259,807.41 as compared to \$240,807.17 for the previous year. As in previous years, the net income of the Magazine was affected by a steadily rising production cost that every national magazine has faced for several years. By production cost, printing and binding expenses are meant. However, this year, while there was an increase in production cost, the printing and paper costs were virtually the same as the previous year, and the increase was due almost entirely to the increased number of pages which were published—as stated before, nearly 30,000,000.

There was again an increase in the total per capita cost of publication—from \$1.05 the previous year to \$1.09 during the past year. Against this \$1.09 cost, there was an advertising income per capita of 31 cents, making the net cost per capita 78 cents.

The importance of advertising income to the earnings of the Magazine and hence to the activities of the Order that the Magazine supports from its income was emphasized in Mr. Campbell's Report by the statement that the total net income for the year from the sale of advertising was \$344,538.38 as compared to \$291,903.22 for the previous year. This amounted to an increase of 18 per cent. Compared with the corresponding income two years ago, there was an increase of nearly 40 per cent. This year the Maga-

zine carried 1,218 advertisements as compared to 1,065 during the previous year.

Elks Family Shopper

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Campbell called particular attention to the Elks Family Shopper, saying, "The Elks Family Shopper has now been in existence for nearly three years. It has been very popular with the members of the Order and its advertisers have been especially well patronized.

"Accordingly, it can be justifiably stated that the Elks Family Shopper has been a successful venture. For the period of eight months following its institution in September of 1951, to the end of the fiscal year, May 31, 1952, net advertising income was \$33,826.86. For the fiscal year ending May 31, 1953, the advertising total was \$50,487.41 and for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1954, advertising income was \$86,941.51.

"It is especially important, we realize, to scan very carefully the character of items offered for direct mail sale and delivery; and we feel that we have been remarkably successful in maintaining the high standard of the advertisements appearing in the Elks Family Shopper."

History of the Order

The distribution of the "History of the Order," published in July 1953, has proved very gratifying, Mr. Campbell said. He stated that the fact that lodges and individual Elks are purchasing the History and placing it in a large number of libraries throughout the country, as well as many lodges, is proving a splendid means of acquainting people with the many years of service of the Order to our country.

Official Elk Jewelry

At the Convention last July the Commission was authorized by the Grand Lodge to purchase and sell official

emblems of the Order based on designs previously approved by the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Advisory Committee. A contract was made with a leading jewelry manufacturer, and the pins are now available through The Elks Magazine. There has been a strong indication that the distribution of this selected design jewelry will be very general and of impressive volume.

Public Relations

This past year saw further progress in the public relations program for the Order under the direction of Otho De Vilbiss, who is Public Relations Director. The object of the program is to keep the American public more fully informed about the contributions of the Elks to the welfare and security of our country.

The program for the year was launched at the St. Louis Convention, which received excellent coverage. For example, approximately 1,500 clippings were received from newspapers from all over the country, and this would by no means indicate the total number of news items that were run about the Convention.

The activities of the Grand Exalted Ruler form an important part of the work of the Public Relations Department. Chairman Campbell expressed his appreciation for the splendid cooperation of the lodges in distributing publicity material about Mr. James. This material is prepared by the Public Relations Department and forwarded to the Exalted Ruler in advance of visits for distribution to local newspapers. As a result of this cooperation, Mr. James spoke over the air 82 times, and about 800 newspaper articles concerning his official visits were received.

The Public Relations Department also

worked closely with the subordinate lodges on several national events, including National Newspaper Week, March of Dimes and Know Your America Week. About 1,000 newspaper clippings were received on National Newspaper Week, and 400 on the March of Dimes, which was particularly timely this year for the Elks because Debby Daines, March of Dimes poster boy, has spent most of his life recovering from polio in the Idaho Elks Convalescent Home at Boise. Working with the Lodge Activities Committee, the Department provided an outstanding program to aid the subordinate lodges in holding successful Flag Day ceremonies. The theme this year was "Show Your Colors", and the principal feature was a 25-minute radio program, which the Mutual Broadcasting System scheduled on its full network of 580 stations.

An important action of the Department during the year was handling, at the request of the Grand Exalted Ruler, details of a Reinstatement Survey, involving the home lodges of his District Deputies. The purpose of the survey was to find out why those dropped for nonpayment of dues in the years 1951 to 1953 had allowed their membership to lapse, why they joined in the first place, and to seek reinstatement of all desirable ones.

More than 5,000 newspaper clippings and articles about the benevolent and patriotic activities that are carried out throughout the Order were received by the Public Relations Department, Mr. Campbell reported.

Disposition of Earnings

During the 32 years of its existence, the aggregate surplus earnings of the Magazine have amounted to \$6,663,565.71. The Commission has already turned over

to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$5,950,341.90, an average of nearly \$200,000 a year. Typical uses of this income are: Building of an addition to the Elks Home at Bedford, Virginia; decoration of the Memorial Building; operation and maintenance of the Memorial Building; contributions to the Elks War Commission and the Elks National Foundation; establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$599,503.11, and for general Grand Lodge expenses.

Had it not been for the earnings of the Magazine, the per capita tax for many years would have been materially increased, Chairman Campbell pointed out. But as a result of these earnings, the Grand Lodge budget has been balanced, provision has been made for a Reserve Fund, and other important expenditures have been made.

On June 1, 1953, the surplus of the Commission was \$683,023.24. On May 31, 1954 it was \$713,223.81, a net increase of \$30,200.57. However, Mr. Campbell pointed out that during the last fiscal year out of surplus earnings the Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge \$150,000, and in addition paid the expense of maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building, amounting to \$79,606.84. During the past 32 years, The Elks Magazine has turned over \$6,100,341.90 to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings.

Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission submitting the report are: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, John R. Coen, Vice Chairman; John S. McClelland, Secretary; Emmett T. Anderson, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, and James T. Hallinan, Treasurer.

Elks National Foundation

THE THEME of this report is the future of the Elks National Foundation," said Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman, in opening his annual Report to the Grand Lodge.

Continuing, Mr. Malley said, "We wish our members to realize that it has wonderful potential value as an effective agency for good deeds, in consonance with the principles, virtues and realistic, exalted reach of our great American Order."

"Every member of our Order annually or more frequently contributes to some organization for a worthy cause; that is commendable. Do not forget our own Foundation. We appeal to our members, who should be our great reservoir of strength, to donate something to the Foundation every year. Make it large or small but make it something."

"*Though you Can't Give a Million, Be One of a Million to Give.*"

Current Year

During the year, the Foundation recorded substantial additions to the Principal Fund as a result of the Silver Jubilee promotion last year which marked the 25th Anniversary of the Foundation. Total receipts for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1954, were \$335,923.26, which was the largest of any year in the history of the Foundation.

Mr. Malley called particular attention to a bequest under the will of Gertrude Genzberger, Butte, Mont., of \$1,000, and the balance of a bequest under the will of Elizabeth M. Rogers, St. Petersburg, Fla., of \$2,497.76. The report again appealed to every member, particularly attorneys, to be alert to the opportunity of advising friends and clients to make provision in their will for bequests to the Foundation.

In addition to the Consolidated Prin-

icipal Fund of \$3,474,394.83, the Foundation has a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$115,188.85. All money accumulated in this Fund is invested exclusively in government securities and, when added to the Principal Fund, bring capital assets of the Foundation to \$3,589,583.68. The most recent analysis of the Foundation's investment portfolio shows an increased market value of securities amounting to about \$800,000.

Barrett Foundation

While in its report the Foundation ordinarily mentions only bequests which have been received, in the report this year Mr. Malley stated that he desired to make an exception and talk about the exceedingly substantial amount to come to the Foundation under the irrevocable provisions of the Barrett Foundation.

On October 22, 1947, Past Grand

Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett and his wife, Viola Tupper Barrett, organized the Barrett Foundation, a charitable, religious and educational corporation under the laws of the State of Virginia, and conveyed to this corporation commercial real estate in St. Petersburg, Fla., valued at approximately \$1,000,000. This real estate is leased to national chain stores for terms of from ten to thirty years and is unencumbered.

The annual net rental yield is \$35,000. The irrevocable provisions of the trust agreement are that in October, 1977, the Barrett Foundation shall be liquidated by conveying one-half of the total assets of the corporation to the Elks National Foundation and the other half to the National Florence Crittenton Mission. In the meanwhile, the income is being distributed to charitable, religious and educational institutions in which Dr. and Mrs. Barrett are interested, including the Elks National Foundation, Elks State Associations and other organizations carrying on worthy projects.

Appreciation

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley particularly paid tribute to the support the Foundation had received during the year from Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James. "We are grateful for his efforts and sincere encouragement," Mr. Malley said. He also expressed appreciation to The Elks Magazine for its cooperation with the Foundation, and particularly mentioned an article about the Foundation which appeared in the January issue under the title of "Mission of Service." He then pointed out that the successful year concluded in April would not have been possible without the help of the District Deputies, Presidents of State Associations, Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, as well as members of the Foundation Committees, both State and local, "who have carried the torch for the Foundation in their respective areas."

Founder Certificates

Twenty-five of the forty-eight States show every lodge recorded has subscribed for Honorary Founder Certificates, namely:

Arizona	Nebraska
California	New Hampshire
Connecticut	New Mexico
Illinois	New York
Iowa	North Dakota
Kentucky	Pennsylvania
Maine	Rhode Island
Maryland	South Dakota
Massachusetts	Utah
Michigan	Vermont
Minnesota	Virginia
Montana	Wisconsin
	Wyoming

Current Distribution

During the year the Foundation continued its important work in the field of Cerebral Palsy and to date has expended \$111,633.18 for training doctors, therapists, technicians, nurses, teachers and other qualified persons. Grants covering the cost of tuition, maintenance and other necessary expenses have sent 211 persons qualified by aptitudes and educational background through courses of specialized training in the treatment of Cerebral Palsy at leading universities and medical institutions of recognized standing. "We regard this Cerebral Palsy Program as one of the most humanitarian of the projects which have been sponsored by the Foundation," Mr. Malley stated.

Other Benefits

This year the Foundation awarded \$25,000 in cash under the long-standing "Most Valuable Students" program. These awards are offered to students throughout the country who are outstanding in scholarship attainment, in character, in citizenship and in extra curricular activities. A full report of the awards

made at the Grand Lodge Convention will appear in our September issue, as well as an announcement of the awards to be made next year.

Every State is eligible to receive one or more Elks National Foundation Scholarships amounting to \$400 each, and this year 99 scholarships were awarded by selection of the State Associations. In addition, the Foundation made the sum of \$5,000 available for awards by the Youth Activities Committee to outstanding youth leaders selected by the Committee.

Expenses

For administrative purposes the Foundation expended \$30,721.69 during the year but it should be thoroughly understood that this entire amount is paid by Grand Lodge appropriation. Nothing is deducted from the income of the Foundation to defray administrative expenses.

Conclusion

Concluding his report, Mr. Malley said, "We have endeavored to present the picture of the Elks National Foundation in close up and in perspective so that it will appeal to the practical and to the imaginative. We want you to know what you have. We want you to visualize what is easily attainable in the future. There has been put together an agency for good deeds which is functioning creditably and bringing prestige to our Order. But what we have and what we can do now are comparatively insignificant to the possibilities of the future if all of us do our part with enthusiasm. Let us strive for greater heights and new horizons of service."

Elks National Foundation Trustees submitting the annual report to the Grand Lodge are: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman; Robert S. Barrett, Vice Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; Charles H. Grakelow, Treasurer; L. A. Lewis, Edward J. McCormick and Sam Stern.

Youth Activities Committee

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE Chairman Jay H. Payne opened his annual Report to the Grand Lodge with the statement, "Recognizing the youth of our land as our greatest national treasure, and knowing that among America's youth of today are her leaders of tomorrow, the Order of Elks truly and sincerely believes that service to our boys and girls is paramount among our fraternal objectives". Chairman Payne then recounted the outstanding program of his Committee during the year.

To launch the Committee program for the year, a questionnaire was sent to every State Association President and Exalted Ruler with the result that direct contact was made with the Youth Activi-

ties Chairman in almost 1,400 of the 1,680 subordinate lodges—a participation record of more than 81 per cent. The Committee then mailed out its "Certificate of Participation and Youth Program Booklet" which contained detailed information and suggestions for an effective year 'round Youth Program, including full information about the Youth Leadership Contests.

Early in the spring the Committee mailed a "Progress Report and Reminder" which was intended to back up the lodge youth programs, with particular attention to the Youth Leadership Contests. During the six weeks immediately preceding May 1st, the Committee supplied 7,000 full-color Youth Day Posters

to subordinate lodges and state associations. While the report was filed too late for complete information, preliminary returns indicated extremely satisfactory Youth Day observance. For example, one State with approximately 40 lodges reported that no lodge in the State helped less than 250 boys and girls, and that in fact one lodge showed substantial service to no less than 4,000. Every Elk in that particular State contributed \$1.00 for Youth Activities and the least amount spent on Youth Activities by any lodge was \$800. The known maximum in that State was about \$5,000.

While no definite figures could be determined, the Committee expressed the conviction that possibly from two to four

million contacts were made with our country's youth.

At the special request of Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, this year's Youth Programs included special help and rehabilitation aids for underprivileged children, as well as social, recreational and educational projects for healthy and normal children. The Committee was very much encouraged by the response from the subordinate lodges, especially during the Christmas season. Included in the special programs was active support of the Boy Scouts, Boys' Clubs, Girl Scouts and 4-H Clubs. Each State and Territory was asked to select the lodge which had effected the most outstanding program, and the results are announced in the report of the Grand Lodge proceedings elsewhere in this issue.

No less than 30,000 Youth Leadership Contest Entry Blanks were distributed by

the Committee. Every State and Alaska held a Youth Leadership Elimination Contest and awarded their winners as suggested by the Committee. By special grant from the Elks National Foundation, a \$100 maturity value United States Savings Bond was presented to each top State winner. Virtually every subordinate lodge participated in this program.

A committee of prominent Americans served as judges for the Youth Leadership Contest, namely: Vice President Richard M. Nixon, F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Judge Philip B. Gilliam.

Youth Day

This year showed a splendid response to Elks National Youth Day, which was held on May 1st. The purpose of this event was to pay tribute to American

Youth, who in the words of the Committee are "Tomorrow's Mature Citizens and America's Future Leaders". Civic leaders in cooperation with the subordinate lodges held many exceptional programs designed to impress upon our young people their responsibility as citizens. Chairman Payne stated that this great Elk program deserves the support of all.

Concluding this report, Chairman Payne said, "Our service on this Committee has brought to each of us a greater realization of the satisfaction which come from service to youth. We are sincerely grateful for the privilege of serving the Grand Lodge and the Youth of America in this capacity during the past year."

Members of the Youth Activities Committee submitting this report to the Grand Lodge are: Jay H. Payne, Chairman, Joseph F. Bader, Charles C. Bowie, Walter J. Matherly, and George Steele.

Lodge Activities Committee

THE Lodge Activities Committee, with Herman J. Salz Chairman, had a splendid record during the year. Chairman Salz extended his sincere appreciation to Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James for the support he had given. The Committee met in St. Louis during the Convention immediately after being appointed and made plans for the year. The membership slogan "50,000 more by April, 1954" was adopted and it was decided that a Certificate of Award would be given to the lodges placing in the various events. As a result of these meetings, a printed program listing the events by months was prepared and distributed to each subordinate lodge, Grand Lodge Officer and Committeeman.

In October, Newspaper Week observance, which has become a very important annual lodge program, was announced. As the report stated, "our interest in Newspaper Week" is to say to our press "thank you for a good job well done." The slogan for Newspaper Week this year was "An Informed Press Means an Informed People." The Committee particularly thanked Otho DeVilbiss, Public Relations Director of the Order, and Regina Fisher, Associate Editor of the Elks Magazine, for the help they extended. Results of this event were reported in our January issue.

The Lodge Activities Committee stressed membership this year, and prepared posters for the National Homecoming and Round-up night, which is held in October. In November the Grand Exalted Ruler class was held, and this was also publicized with a timely poster. A special letter called attention to Memorial Sunday, and the results of the awards for the services were announced in the February issue.

The Community Responsibility program has become quite important, and a letter was sent to all Exalted Rulers and District Deputies in January, calling their attention to this event. The results of which were as follows:

Lodges Less Than 750 Members

- First—Galena, Ill., Lodge No. 882
- Second—Rocky Mount, N.C., Lodge No. 1038
- Third—Kodiak, Alaska, Lodge No. 1772

Lodges More than 750 Members

- First—Boise, Ida., Lodge No. 310
- Second—El Paso, Tex., Lodge No. 187
- Third—Butte, Mont., Lodge No. 240

In the Report, the Committee also announced the winners in the annual Lodge Bulletin Contest, as follows:

Lodges Less Than 750 Members

- First—Lancaster, Calif., Lodge No. 1625

- Second—Logan, Utah, Lodge No. 1453
- Third—Linton, Ind., Lodge No. 866

Lodges More Than 750 Members

- First—Inglewood, Calif., Lodge No. 1492
- Second—Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge No. 1415

- Third—Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge No. 154

In March, a letter was sent to subordinate lodges calling their attention to their responsibility in nominating and electing the proper personnel for the various offices.

Considerable attention was given to Flag Day, which has become increasingly important as the public more and more becomes aware of the forces outside that menace this country. The "Show Your Colors" campaign, aimed to get as many flags flying from the home as possible, was very successful. The winners in this event are reported in connection with the coverage of the Third Business Session at the Convention in this issue.

Members of the Committee submitting the Report were: Herman J. Salz, Chairman, Woodward, Okla., Lodge No. 1355; Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge No. 593; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N.C., Lodge No. 735; Leroy Schmid, Butte, Mont., Lodge No. 240, and James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, N.Y., Lodge No. 1457.

State Associations Committee

CHAIRMAN of the State Associations Committee, Robert L. DeHority, stated that a five-point program had been the key effort of his Committee during the year. This program included dues

delinquencies and lapsations; membership; rehabilitation of specific lodges; institution of new lodges as suggested from a survey of all localities, and promotion of State Association projects.

Early in October, every State Association was provided with details concerning the State and District Classes to be conducted during January. In this con-

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In the Doghouse

If you keep your dog in trim you'll be in good trim, too.

LIKE very many people, most dogs seldom get enough exercise. No, I'm not referring to the pooch that lives in suburbs whose owner lets him roam at will and may O. Henry's classic curse of the forty-seven cross-eyed crickets fall upon that miscreant. I write about the dog that is confined either to suburban home or city apartment and whose master or mistress, while fond of the dog, indulgent in feeding and petting is content to let it go at that. But there's much more involved in taking proper care of Fido. Such matters as training, grooming and medical attention when required are too often given secondary attention, as is that important duty of seeing that the dog gets regular, daily exercise.

Lack of sufficient exercise causes the dog to grow fat and as it ages, increasingly lazy. This in turn is likely to leave the door wide open for that Old Debbil Disease to walk in and tap the purp for a session with Him. The same holds true of the dog's owner. Although I've long ago ceased being fanatic about exercise, having spent too many of my so called salad days in a gymnasium, I still believe in walking as one of the best means of keeping in reasonably good physical condition. And it doesn't cost a sou.

If you've ever attended a dog show you may have wondered at the sleek fitness of the dogs and if it's your first show perhaps have also wondered what magic the exhibitors employed to bring their dogs to such a physical feather-edge. There's no necromancy about it; it is simply a matter of diet and, of equal importance, the daily exercise which is a must for the dog that is actively campaigning on a show circuit. Such exercise calls for long daily walks. I may add that the person whose job it is, whether owner or handler, is the more likely to be endowed with better health and physical fitness than is the infrequent walker. To the owner who is sincerely concerned about his dog there's no better or more pleasurable exercise than taking him for a daily jaunt. This is particularly urged for those who for some physical reason, or who may be nudging the sunset years, cannot bound around a tennis court or do hand-springs for the admiration of the crowd on the beach. For anyone reasonably healthy, walking doesn't do things to the blood pressure and it gives the dog just what the doctor ordered.

The only exception I make about this business of walking for Fido is for the

dog that has a large backyard fenced in such a way that he can't get out of it, or the pooch that has such a yard and is chained to a dog trolley which is a contraption I've described so often in these columns that I'm afraid the Editor will blue-pencil it if I repeat it here. If you don't know what such a trolley is, and want the details, just drop me a line and I'll gladly tell you. It's a means to keep a dog confined to a specific area and yet permits him to have plenty of exercise. But even if confined to a trolley or free to roam the yard the dog still will benefit greatly by frequent walks—long walks if possible. It helps keep muscles hard and keep down excess weight for both dog and owner. However, if yours is an old dog then of course long walks are not advised, or if the dog is unwell then the business of walking is not to be considered.

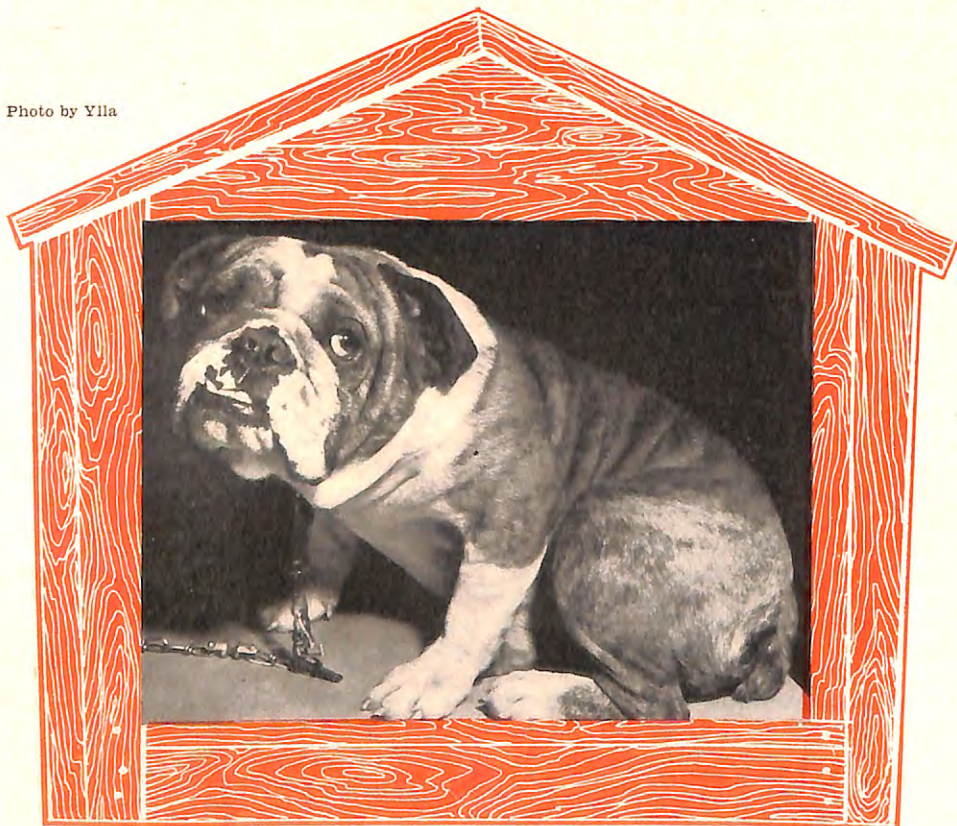
WHILE this department isn't running in competition with any "What the Well Dressed Man or Woman Should Wear" feature, I will advise that for those walks with your pooch you wear

only the most comfortable clothes and shoes. Sherlock Holmes would have said "Elemental my dear Mr. Watson" but it's surprising how many people will for fashion's sake undertake long walks wearing uncomfortable shoes or clothing. If yours is one of those dogs not properly trained to walk with you, and so many are not, then he'll continually lunge ahead of you and it won't be long before you'll either cut down the mileage considerably or get so tired trying to hold your dog that you'll say the heck with it and retire to a hammock under the trees or the comfort of your restful arm chair.

When I advise walking with the dog, I'm assuming that you, as you should, keep the dog on a leash. If this were written twenty or even ten years ago and you had reached open country I'd say, at that time, then turn your dog loose. But not so today. Unless you live in the wide open spaces there's scarcely a place where you won't find automobile traffic. This means a dangerous hazard for the dog and likewise for the driver of a motor vehicle. While the pooch is endowed with

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Photo by Ylla



The English bulldog gets along in his placid way without much attention to exercise.

Speech of Acceptance

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To me, America is the hope of the world, the embodiment of those things that are fine and decent. To me, America's freedoms are priceless, her faith in God is noble and inspiring. To me, America is a shelter for the poor, a haven for the oppressed. She is the most generous nation on earth. To me, America stands today in all its beauty and majesty as a beacon light of decency for all the world to emulate. These fine principles were not developed and maintained by those who neglected their duties and responsibilities; on the contrary, they were promulgated by those with strength and faith and confidence. We must be willing to work diligently at keeping these principles, for "Faith without works is dead." We must work at democracy to make it thrive, and we must constantly strive to improve it.

DEMOCRACY is predicated upon the education of her people. If the citizens are ignorant, the government is in danger. Unscrupulous leaders are ever alert to the possibility of usurping unlawful power, and it is only by eternal vigilance that we can defend ourselves against them. We have a grave responsibility to see that our form of government remains strong and good through our own participation in its functions.

Over our world hangs the shadow of the hydrogen bomb. Our world has been split into two hostile groups by conflicting ideologies. The one recognizes and fosters universal human freedom and human rights. The other shackles those freedoms and rights and considers the people mere tools. Communistic leaders propose to overwhelm the democracies, to hold the world in tyranny and slavery. Our thinking, our living, our planning, our deeds must point toward the preservation of our freedom against these very real threats. If this world had more respect for Divine guidance, it might have less need for guided missiles. Let us always remember that whatever the price, it's worth it just to breathe the free air of America. As one great statesman recently said, "Peace is always easy to achieve—by surrender. Unity is also easy to achieve—by surrender. The hard task, the task that confronts us all, is to combine peace and unity with freedom." Our great fraternity must, therefore, be militant, aggressive, understanding and tolerant to assist our government to achieve this goal.

Experience has taught most of us personally that better knowledge of our fellowman breeds more understanding, more kindness, more love for him. We fear only what we do not understand. Through cooperative endeavors, we become more closely associated; from closer association, we develop understanding, and from understanding grow tolerance

Bass Fishermen will Say I'm Crazy . . . until they try my method!

But, after a 10 day trial, if you're at all like the few other men to whom I've told my secret, you'll guard it with your last breath.

Don't jump at conclusions. I'm not a manufacturer of any fancy new lure. I have no rods or lines to sell. I'm a lawyer and make a good living in my profession. But my all absorbing hobby is fishing. And, quite by accident, I've discovered how to go to waters that everyone else says are fished out and come in with a limit catch of the biggest bass you ever saw. The savage old bass that got so big, because they were "wise" to every ordinary way of fishing.

This METHOD is NOT spinning, trolling, casting, flyfishing, trot line fishing, set line fishing, hand line fishing, live bait fishing, jugging, netting, trapping or seining, and does not even faintly resemble any of these standard methods of fishing. No live bait or prepared bait is used. You can carry all of the equipment you need in one hand.

The whole secret can be learned in twenty minutes—twenty minutes of fascinating reading. All the extra equipment you need, you can buy locally at a cost of less than a dollar. Yet with it, you can come in after an hour or two of the greatest excitement of your life, with a stringer full. Not one or two miserable 12 or 14 inch oversized keepers—but five or six real beauties with real poundage behind them. The kind that don't need a word of explanation of the professional skill of the man who caught them. Absolutely legal, too—in every state.

This amazing method was developed by a little group of professional fishermen. Though they are public guides, they never divulge their secret to their patrons. They use it only when fishing for their own tables. No man on your waters has ever seen it, ever heard of it, or ever used it. And when you have given it the first trial, you will be as close mouthed as a man who has suddenly

discovered a gold mine. Because with this secret you can fish within a hundred feet of the best fishermen in the county and pull in ferocious big ones while he comes home empty handed. No special skill is required. The secret is just as dead in the hands of a novice as in the hands of an old timer.

My secret will be disclosed only to a few men in each area—men who will give me their word of honor not to give the secret to anyone else.

Send me your name. Let me tell you how you can try out the secret method of bringing in big bass from your "fished out" waters. Let me tell you why I let you try my method for 10 days without risking a penny of your money on instructions or lures.

There is no charge for this information, now or at any other time. Just your name is all I need. But I guarantee that the information I send you will make you a complete skeptic—until once you try it. And then, your own catches will fill you with disbelief. Send your name, today. This will be fun.

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and affection. A nation composed of tolerant and freedom-loving people is a strong nation. A new and better world will be created by man when his sight is enlightened by knowledge superimposed upon intelligence. Then the mind of man, through understanding, love, brotherhood and peace, can promote unity for the common good.

As a patriotic Order, we as Elks must assume leadership in this unity of the people. We must recognize the responsibilities inherent in democracy and fulfill them. We must endeavor to invigorate our homes, our communities, our states and thus our nation. We must remember that "The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops, but the kind of man that the country turns out."

If we want our country to turn out the right kind of man, we need a return to the ancient and proven moralities to counteract the crippling effects of moral degeneration as represented, among other things, by parental and religious laxity, the serious growth of juvenile delinquency, the disregard for law and authority. We must start with our youth, with our citizens of tomorrow. We as Elks must emphasize and broaden our youth activities, particularly for those youngsters in institutions, those youngsters who are the victims of broken families. More use should be made of our churches, homes, schools, Elks homes and social centers for our young boys and girls. Love of freedom, confidence in cooperative effort, optimism and faith in the American way of life will live so long as our young people have the opportunities for liberal education, the foundation of which is moral. Our leadership for peace and freedom in the world can be no stronger than the moral principles of our people.

Young people are eager, willing and able to assume leadership, but they need guidance to steer them toward leadership in worthwhile causes. They need experience which will equip them to assume more important positions of faith and trust. They need a sound moral basis before they can take on leadership; they need to know whom to lead and toward what goal.

THROUGH our youth activities, we can and must provide that experience, that moral foundation, that guidance which will guarantee the proper development of our citizens of tomorrow, for "As Elkdom Sows, America Reaps."

We must continue to support and expand the Elks National Foundation in its "Most Valuable Student" and scholarship programs. We must continue to expand its charitable, educational and benevolent activities. We must expand its services in the rehabilitation of handicapped children, hospitalization, and the training of therapists to staff cerebral palsy clinics and treatment centers.

We must continue to provide and ex-

pand local lodge and State Association programs which embrace helping the crippled, the blind, the sick, the underprivileged and the distressed. We must continue to arrange and expand the programs for the future leaders of America, which will include the sponsorship of Boy and Girl Scout troops; explorers groups; leadership and athletic contests and sound recreational activities of every description. We must continue to establish and supervise playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, summer camps, entertainment and parties for the orphaned, the poverty-stricken, the helpless and hopeless. Let us remember that "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Because we recognize the vital part our Order can play in strengthening America, we also recognize the need for fortifying our Order to fit it for its challenging tasks. In numbers there is power, and it behooves us to continue to increase those numbers. The establishment of new lodges and growth in membership are two ways to enlarge our numbers.

Many states have reported the institution of new lodges. That is evidence of life, but each succeeding year must show more of the same. Where the challenges and opportunities for service are so great, the need for more organizations to carry them out is equally great. In any part of our country where people need a helping hand, where youth needs encouragement and instruction and assistance, where patriotism is lacking—in all these places there is a real need for an Elks lodge. Let us guarantee the establishment of lodges so convenient, so active, so worthy of respect, that every citizen may have access to the Elks for the help and inspiration which no other fraternal order is so well equipped to provide, for "As Elkdom Sows, America Reaps."

Our four great principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, fidelity should be the guides by which we establish our programs. These fundamentals should apply to our youth programs, to our support of the National Service Commission, and to every service provided by our lodges. We must continue our work for disabled veterans, provide them with entertainment and parties; make possible the therapy that will return them to normal lives; promote the rehabilitation that will make them self-sustaining citizens, and follow through with means of providing them with suitable employment and vocational guidance so that these servicemen will know that the Elks never forget. We must never forget these men who have offered their lives that America might live.

And we want that living America to be the place for which they fought. We want our free America to continue as a home of the brave and the free, and we should not forget that America will be no braver, no stronger than the people who are America.

Promises without deeds are hollow.

"Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on earth." Let us therefore dedicate every lodge toward community services so that by good deeds shall Elks be known. This year for Elkdom must be one of expansion of every service. The lodge officers must so plan and conduct the lodge's program that each member has an active part in the lodge activities. An alert and active membership means a strong lodge, and a strong lodge begets prestige and added strength. Give a man an important job to do, one that he is capable of doing, and nearly always he will do it. Have worthwhile activities, and people will clamor to participate in them. We must therefore adopt a worthwhile, active program, whose very worthiness will make our members eager to become a vital part of its promotion. Study your community carefully, decide what most needs doing, plan cooperatively how to do it—and then do it! It would be futile for a dweller in the desert to decide to raise orchids. With the best intentions in the world, an Eskimo in his native habitat would find it just about impossible to raise a good coffee crop. Just so it is with the work which we do. We must make our projects fit the particular needs of our communities.

SCRIPTURE tells us to sow good seed and the tree will bear good fruit. I submit to you today that Elkdom, since its very beginning some 86 years ago, has sown good seed and bequeathed to us a heritage beyond compare. We must cherish and protect that heritage, and we must continue to sow good seed in order to have good Elks lodges. Let us see that our members continue to be among the select of their community, men of integrity and character, men who are motivated by a desire to do good, to aim high, to work hard, to love well, and to embrace as brothers all mankind. If our membership is of good quality, our accomplishments will be equally good.

Let us keep in mind that our communities are the soil in which we plant our lodges. From the community we receive our nourishment, and back to the community we give gladly the duties and responsibilities which we owe it. We will honor and cherish our communities; we will direct our activities, our plans, our dreams and our hopes toward the betterment of our communities, so that we shall achieve the advancement of our states and our country.

We, as successful Elks, must call and cast away the poor seeds of undesirable elements from our midst; we must attack Communism which threatens to destroy our way of life; we must be alert to the warning of the dark clouds of pessimism which sometimes brood over us; we must be prepared to sweep away the dust of old prejudices and distortions of truth; we must take care that our crop of Americanism is not destroyed by the winds of false doctrines.

We, as Elks, over a million strong, are

in a position to make our influence felt upon American life. We must assure that this influence is a good one. Our leadership must guarantee the growth of activities and services which will insure the proper development of our communities and our nation, the protection and help of our veterans, the birth of joy and hope in hearts made sad and distressed by circumstances, the propagation of brotherly love, the guarantee of equal freedom and opportunity to all peoples, the advancement of knowledge that will be used for the improvement of mankind.

We, as Elks, shall be the planters of the seeds of good deeds; we, as Elks, shall cherish them so that they will grow and multiply; we, as Elks, shall work and pray that our America shall ever be the land of freedom and opportunity, for AS ELKDOM SOWS, AMERICA REAPS.

Home Workshop

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Larger holes, such as for starting a key-hole cut, installing bolts, or making dowel joints, require a brace and bits (\$10 to \$15). The ratchet type of brace will work in tight quarters where you cannot swing the handle a full turn. Six bits from 1/4" to 1" in size will meet most needs.

A 14" jack plane (\$6 to \$9) will be useful for fitting or easing doors, surfacing rough stock, and truing edges. To lay out odd angles, or to square wide boards and plywood, a carpenter's or rafter square (about \$3) is worth having. A wood rasp will ease a tight joint or quickly round off sharp edges. If you want to install a chair rail or other molding, or make picture frames, a wooden miter box (\$1) will quickly pay its way.

By holding the work for you, a vise makes many operations surer. The woodworker's type has wide steel jaws to which wooden faces should be attached. Prices range from \$4 to \$15 depending on size and quality.

Some lumber dealers will rip boards to the buyer's specifications. This can save the home carpenter a lot of work. If such service is not available, you will need a rip saw for cutting boards to odd widths.

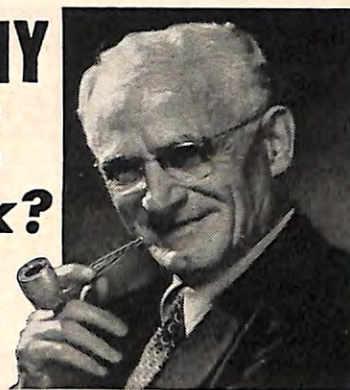
Certain home chores call for working on metal. A few files (8" triangular, round and flat) will come in handy for enlarging holes, forming slots, dressing rough edges and even touching up dull saw teeth.

A monkey wrench is the right tool for turning nuts on plumbing fixtures. To grip pipe or round fittings, you need a Stillson wrench (it has teeth that bite in). A hacksaw will often enable you to use an oversize screw, bracket or hinge by cutting it down. Hacksaw frames are adjustable to hold blades of various lengths. Use coarse blades (18 teeth per inch) to cut chunky stock such as bars. For pipe, angle iron and strap, use the 24-tooth blades. Only fine (32 teeth per inch) blades should be used for thin

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Just for fun—the thoroughly enjoyable hobby of making small objects of wood—a jigsaw is a good first choice. With it you can make window valances, small shelves, lamps, candlesticks, book ends, puzzles and so forth. The cheapest jigsaws are those powered with an alternating-current electromagnet (\$7 for a hand-held one, \$16 to \$25 for one on a base, with a table on which you maneuver the work). They make a loud, buzzing noise and are limited in capacity, cutting very slowly in stock over 1/4" thick.

A mechanical jigsaw, with its longer stroke and greater power, can cut wood up to 2" thick. With a homemade guide or two it will do accurate ripping and cross cutting (although far more slowly than a circular saw). The depth of the throat, or distance from the blade to the inside of the overarm, determines how big a piece of work can be swung inside it, so jigsaws are rated by throat depth in inches. Prices range from \$15 for a light 12 1/2" machine to \$85 for a 24" one, without the motor. If the jigsaw will for a time be your only power tool, a husky, large-capacity machine may be worth buying.

Should you go for big projects—cabinets, bookcases, tables, or house remodeling—your first power tool might well be an 8" or 10" bench saw. The figure refers to blade diameter, which determines the maximum depth of cut (about 2 1/2" for an 8" blade, 3 1/4" for a 10").

A tilting-arbor saw, in which the table (and work) remain level while the blade tilts for angle cuts, is worth the few dollars more it costs than the tilting-table type. Prices range from \$75 to \$150, including a suitable motor and table extensions.

With a circular saw you can rip stock

to any width, resaw thick lumber to obtain thinner wood, saw pieces square, groove, rabbet, and dado, and make joints difficult or tedious to make by hand. Shaper cutters mounted in place of the blade will form moldings or shaped edges.

The man who plans to do much house remodeling, finish an attic, or build a summer cottage, should consider buying a portable electric saw. This is a powerful motor with a handle, a saw blade, a guard and cutting guides mounted on it. It will cut studs, rafters, flooring, trim and anything else in a tenth the time one could saw them by hand.

A light-duty 4" portable saw can be had for about \$25, and a 6" size for \$30, but neither is recommended for heavy service. Better 7" and 8" saws range in price from \$50 to \$125. For construction work, it is important to pick one that will cut clear through a two-by-four at a 45-degree angle.

Another useful portable tool is the electric drill, now offered in a wide range of prices (about \$15 for light and usually inadequate machines to \$75 for heavy-duty types). A good medium-duty drill can be had for about \$25. Auger bit and carbon-steel drills should not be used in it; high-speed drills and special wood-boring bits are required.

Electric drills are widely offered with attachments for sanding, buffing, sawing, polishing and grinding. To expect these to equal a portable saw, sander, flexible shaft or bench grinder may lead to disappointment, but a good drill is worth having just to make holes.

Bench sanders will not only smooth material, but also size and shape it. A disk sander can be made by mounting a purchased disk or faceplate on the shaft of a 1/4 or 1/3 horsepower motor and a home-made table in front of the disk. A small 4" wide belt sander can be bought for a little as \$15; a husky combination machine with a 6" belt and a 9" disk comes to about \$50, the motor being extra in both cases.

A portable sander, although less useful than a bench type for shaping and sizing stock, saves a lot of effort in smoothing large surfaces and sanding between finishing coats. Light-duty vibrat-

we start a new department...

With this general article about the expanding interest in home workshops, The Elks Magazine launches a new editorial feature—the "Elks Workshop", a regular monthly feature which will start next month. This new department will be written by experts in this field and is being introduced because of the wave of interest which is sweeping the country and is making a handyman out of virtually every home owner. We know from research that 75 per cent of the members of the Order own their own

homes and that the "Elks Workshop" will meet a reader-interest need. While we start next month with an article about building a workbench, the scope of the "Elks Workshop" will include not only handy home items to build, complete with detail drawings or photographs, but also how to make repairs around the home and take care of equipment. We sincerely hope that we will add to the pleasure of home owning of the more than 750,000 Elks who own their own home and take pride in it.

ing (electromagnetic) ones run as low as \$12.50; heavier magnetic machines at \$20 to \$25 will do more work and do it faster. Still more powerful motor-driven sanders range from \$30 to \$40. All these give the abrasive paper a short forward-and-back, orbital, or oscillating motion.

Portable belt sanders, in which a small abrasive belt runs over rollers, are most efficient for heavy work, but their price (about \$75) is correspondingly high.

For cabinet work as well as a hundred odd jobs, a drill press may be a good second-tool choice. With attachments, it can shape edges, do buffing, polishing, light sanding, surface planing, and routing, cut mortises and dovetail joints, and of course drill holes with precision in wood, metal or other material. A small drill press can be had for under \$20 without motor; better machines range from \$45 up.

Combination power tools. How would you like a wood-turning lathe, a circular saw, a drill press and a disk sander all in one? Such a multipurpose tool has a single motor, and is engineered to enable you to change quickly from one use to another. It wraps up a lot of utility into one package costing less than an equivalent assortment of separate machines.

The cheaper combination tools, like other light machinery, may prove lacking in the capacity occasional jobs require. A good multipurpose tool requires a large cash outlay and, like a tool kit, may include features you have no use for. Some craftsmen dislike having to dismantle one machine or setup to use another. But if you are cramped for shop space, or would like to buy a fairly complete power workshop all at once, a combination tool may be worth considering.

The latest model of one type comes ready to plug in and go to work—it has its own legs, with rollers on which it can

be shoved into a corner when not needed. It makes a 9" tilting-table circular saw, a horizontal boring machine, a drill press, a disk sander, and a lathe, all of fairly good capacity. There are provisions for attaching a small jointer, bandsaw, or jigsaw, which are sold as extras. A built-in speed changer enables you to dial the correct rpm's for the work in hand. The shift from one tool to any other takes about a minute.

Quite another combination tool is built around a radial saw. The basic unit is a steel cabinet with a wooden work top. Mounted on a vertical column at the back is a horizontal shaft with a motor at the rear and the saw arbor at the front end. This shaft (and therefore the saw) can be slid horizontally, swung in an arc around the vertical column, or turned on its own axis, tilting the saw. Its height above the working surface is adjustable.

This combination of movements makes it possible to rip, crosscut, miter, dado, tenon, spline and even saw out a concave or bowl shape. Interchangeable attachments convert the machine to an 18" drill press and a combination disk and belt sander. With extra accessories, it becomes a lathe, a jigsaw or a jointer. Stepped pulleys provide four speeds.

Keep it fun. Tools have no more sense than an automobile, so safety first is your business. Learning correct techniques is as indispensable as learning to drive. If children have access to your shop, power tools should be disconnected or wired through a master switch that the little ones cannot touch.

With any job, whether it is a house chore or just for fun, it's wise to allow yourself plenty of time. Haste can cause nervousness, spoiled work, or even injury. Patience is a characteristic of the good craftsman, and sensible workshop hours will keep you enjoying the hobby year after year.

State Associations Committee

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nection a large poster was printed bearing the Grand Exalted Ruler's picture, as well as that of the State President, and a message from both. As a result of this project, the following awards were made:

State with highest percentage gain during Grand Lodge year: North Carolina, first prize trophy, with 8.32 per cent; second, Florida, with 7.92 per cent; third, Rhode Island, with 7.65 per cent.

State with lowest percentage of membership loss for non-payment of dues: Connecticut, first prize trophy with 1.64 per cent; second, Vermont, with 1.92 per cent; third, Virginia, with 2.30 per cent.

State with highest percentage of new members and reinstatements: West Virginia, first prize trophy, 8.04 per cent; second, Alabama, with 1.82 per cent; third, Kentucky, with 1.79 per cent.

Under the direction of Committeeman

Mike Hellmann, a State Associations Bulletin Contest was held. Purpose of the Contest is to encourage this important activity. The first prize plaque was awarded to Ohio and second prize plaque to Colorado.

There was an outstanding group of State Association exhibits in the "Second Annual Cavalcade of Elkdome" held at the Hotel Statler, official headquarters of the Grand Lodge during the Convention. The exhibits attracted a large number of visitors and it proved most difficult to determine the winners. However, a special Committee of advertising display experts, none of whom are members of the Order, selected the following: First award, Oregon; second award, Colorado; third award, California. Each State Association was awarded a trophy.

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News of the State Associations

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Over 3,000 at Oregon Sessions

Actual registration figures revealed that 3,024 persons were in Tillamook for the Ore. State Elks Assn. Convention June 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James was an outstanding speaker, sharing the dais with Tucker Gratz, General Chairman of the Pacific War Memorial Commission who flew in from Honolulu to attend these sessions, and Robert Y. Thornton, Oregon's Attorney General and a member of the host lodge. Other dignitaries included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and Grand Est. Lect. Knight Frank Hise, Edwin J. Alexander of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Albert M. Hodler of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee and Ore. D.D.'s K. A. Hartzell, Freeman Allen and J. H. Moore, and C. H. Weller of Washington S. W.

Robert Mulvey, Hal Randall and Marc Bowman presented a report written by Dr. Kenneth Swan, Head of the Dept. of Ophthalmology at the Univ. of Ore. Medical School, who is in charge of the Ore. Elks' Eye clinic there. The Assn. made its fifth \$1,000 contribution to the Elks National Foundation at this meeting, and two \$400 Foundation awards were presented, with four-year tuition scholarships given to two students by the Assn.

Corvallis Lodge received top honors for its youth program.

Many social events were enjoyed, highlighted by an outstanding parade with 138 units participating, followed by a crab feed at the Naval Air Base.

Corvallis Lodge took the Trapshoot, with its Everette Armstrong capturing all three individual trophies. The three prizes offered in the Log-Scaling Contest were taken by Tillamook entries, and this city's golfers were successful in both the team and handicap events. B. Romig of Baker won the men's singles in this Bowling Tourney, and doubled up with another Romig for the Scotch Doubles.

The delegates decided on The Dalles as the site of the Assn.'s Jan. 17th meeting, and put its business into the hands of Pres. Hans Soll, the Dalles; 1st Vice-Pres., M. P. Coopey, Corvallis; 2nd Vice-Pres., D. V. Bulger, Portland; 3rd Vice-Pres., Vern Moore, Klamath Falls; Secy., Harold Harp, Tillamook; Treas., H. M. Randall, Salem; Trustees: Dr. H. W. Hermann, Grants Pass; G. S. Gray, Seaside; John Pennington, Eugene; Wm. R. Brown, Pendleton; Otto Sanders, Baker; Sgt.-at-Arms, Dr. Alton Dalros, Roseburg; Chaplain Robert Carey, La Grande; Tiler, Sherman Christian, The Dalles; Inner Guard, Ralph Moe, Coos Bay, and Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms, Warren Randle, Albany.

For Elks Who Travel

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will bring you to Hawaii, sometimes called the Big Island and other times the Orchid Island. It has, to be sure, both size and flowers. We flew this time to Kona and stayed at the Kona Inn where I stopped a year and a half ago. Although Kona seems to be building up touristically, the Kona Inn, which I remember as a quiet and pleasant seaside station, was up to the rafters with visitors and we waited one hour and ten minutes by the clock for someone to appear with a menu. While the sea view is beguiling, there is no supressing the inner man with scenery.

The Hana Maui Hotel on the island of Maui proved to be one of the loveliest layouts this wanderer has ever paused in.

It is a sugar plantation converted into a luxury hotel, with rolling greens replacing the cane, a pitch-and-putt course right on hand, and a lovely pool shaded by banana bushes, kukui trees, and sweet smelling plumeria trees ripe with perfumed buds. From the terrace of one's cottage you could look down, far into the valley, to a Hawaiian school where 400 children frolicked in the yard without shoes. A short walk brought you to the old Hawaiian store in the tiny village of Hana where you could buy anything from Japanese tabi socks to glass jars of Philippine fish. Four thousand head of Herefords gaze hither and yon on the grounds and they look as contented as



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TRAVEL GUIDE

Skiers—that is, the dyed-in-the-wool variety—no longer will have to give up their skiing pleasure because the snow has melted and summer is here. Panagra (Pan American-Grace Airways) has just announced its second annual ski tour to the lofty Andes in Chile, where winter is just setting in. The 21-day, all-expense tour (\$635) convenes at Panama City, for a flight to Santiago and the group will visit Portillo, the "Sun Valley" of South America, Llaima, Farellones and La-Parva to enjoy some of the best ski slopes in the world.

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For those interested in Winter Cruises here are some advance announcements—The American Export Line's "Independence" 57-day Mediterranean Cruise leaves New York February 11th. The Swedish American Line announces its "Kungsholm" will make a 12-day Thanksgiving Cruise in the Caribbean, leaving New York on No-

vember 17th. Their 97-day 'Round the World cruise will leave New York on January 8th, 1955. The Cunard Liner "Britanic" will make her sixth Mediterranean Cruise, leaving New York on January 8, 1955—a 66-day voyage.

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Mrs. John P. Costello (Elmhurst, N. Y., No. 878) writes to say, "While at Williamsburg, Virginia, we stopped at the 'Lodge'. Our accommodations were the best, the services 'tops' and the meals excellent. The restored area is really something to be seen and we highly recommend this trip to anyone."

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And if you plan to go abroad here's a tip from travel agents and dealers in foreign exchange. You might do well to change your dollars into foreign money before leaving these shores. They say you will get a more favorable rate, pay less in money-changing charges and avoid the risk of violating laws or being victimized by sharpers. Also weigh the fact that traveler's checks may be less vulnerable to loss than big wads of currency.

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From September 16th through 19th

at Vallejo—Mare Island, California, a majestic parade of ships will salute the achievements of a century as Mare Island Naval Shipyard commemorates one hundred years of service to the United States fleet. Mare Island, founded September 16, 1854, by Admiral David G. Farragut, has built almost 500 ships and the most famous of these will be represented in the parade this year.

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G. G. Green (International Falls, Minn., No. 1599) advises us, "To begin with, we followed your advice and made reservations by wire with Delta-C&S. The non-stop flight from Chicago to Miami proved to be a wonderful time saver. It was our first long flight, and the Delta people were efficient, kind and courteous. Our only regret—an insignificant one—was that we missed the inaugural flight on the new DC-7 by a matter of days."

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It is said, the average motorist will put 75 per cent of 1954 mileage on his car in the next few months. Best, then, get your car ready for vacation

driving. Check steering equipment, brakes, lights and windshield wipers. Look over the exhaust system for leaks—fumes dull the senses.

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This year before signing up for a resort or tour make sure to check policy on deposit refunds. Most resorts will return your deposit if you give 24 to 48 hours notice of cancellation. Summer cottages generally require at least 10 days, steamship companies—6 weeks. Airlines refund at anytime, but domestic air coaches keep 20 per cent if you cancel within three hours of flight time.

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Washington Lodge No. 15 extends a cordial invitation to all members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks attending the American Legion Convention in Washington, D. C., from August 30th, to September 2nd, 1954, to visit and use the facilities of the Lodge. We regret because of our limited space, no guests will be permitted during this period, except the members of the Order and their immediate families.

Richards of the White Sox

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Richards even though it might fit. Nothing about Paul suggests the conniver.

Yet he's a most deceptive man in every respect. That even includes his personal appearance. Not until you get close to him do you realize that he's as tall as he is—which is 6-foot-2. From a distance he seems shorter. His lean face almost makes him appear thin. But he weighs 185. His mop of black hair gives him a greater semblance of boyishness than a man of 45 is entitled to display. He moves and talks so slowly the supposition is that he thinks in the same languid, dawdling fashion. But his mind is like his middle name, Rapier—a flashing instrument of deadly effectiveness.

THE MAN is full of surprises although his imaginative unorthodoxy should have proved the point long ago. Not even McGraw himself ever dreamed up some of the maneuvers Paul has tried.

It was in 1949 when he was managing Buffalo that Paul pulled a stunt which left baseball men gasping. That was the year when the mercury-footed Sam Jethroe of Montreal set an International League record of 89 stolen bases. This minor league Ty Cobb even infringed on Cobb's copyright by getting on base and then stealing second, third and home.

Richards pondered long on a way to stop him. Suddenly the idea came. For obvious reasons it could only be used when there were two outs, the bases empty, and the Montreal pitcher at bat. Richards ordered his Buffalo pitchers to issue an intentional walk to the Montreal pitcher. Then swift Sam, the next hitter in the batting order, would have a runner ahead of. If Jethroe then got on base, the

basepaths would be so clogged that he'd be afforded no running room.

This ingenious plot worked beautifully, too. There was one exception. That came when Jethroe was so unappreciative of the Richards' strategy that he slammed out a home run.

That brainstorm, however, was merely light target practice for the real killer-diller the White Sox skipper dared attempt in the majors.

It came when the White Sox were leading the Red Sox, 7 to 6, in the ninth behind the quite adequate pitching of Harry Dorish, a righthander. The first Boston hitter in that inning was Ted Williams, the always formidable lefthanded slugger.

The best pitcher Richards had for dealing with the lefthanded Williams was the lefthanded Billy Pierce. But if Paul yanked Dorish from the box in order to make room for his southpaw, it meant that Pierce then would have to face a batch of righthanded hitters. And Boston's righthanders normally ate alive any lefthanded pitcher with the temerity to face them at Fenway Park.

Which would it be—Pierce or Dorish? It couldn't be both. Or could it? The deep-thinking Richards promptly wriggled off the horns of that dilemma with a brash plunge into total unorthodoxy. The White Sox skipper beckoned Pierce in from the bullpen to pitch to Williams. However, he didn't remove Dorish from the game. Instead, he made him a temporary third baseman.

There even was solid reasoning behind that move. Williams, a deadly pull hitter to right, never sliced a ball toward third and Dorish would be safe there. So Pierce retired Williams and left the game. A

new third baseman replaced Dorish and the righthander returned to the mound. The strategy had worked.

Yet Richards made an even more daring step on another occasion against the Yankees. This time the Dorish and Pierce roles were reversed. Pierce had the Bronx Bombers beaten, 4 to 2, in the ninth. But the first two New York hitters were to be Hank Bauer and Gil McDougald, both righthanded swingers and both quite troublesome for the Chicago southpaw.

Richards didn't want Pierce to pitch against them but he definitely did want to have his lefthander on the premises to face Johnny Mize and Gene Woodling, the lefthanded hitters who were next in the batting order. However, there was no way he could "hide" Pierce at third base the way he had Dorish in Boston. This was an entirely different situation in every respect.

But unorthodoxy never daunted Richards. He summoned Dorish to the mound and switched Pierce to that busiest of stations, first base. The crafty Casey Stengel then met fire with fire. He not only sent the lefthanded Don Bollweg in as a pinch-hitter for Bauer but he ordered him to bunt toward first base in the hope that the unexperienced Pierce would manhandle the play.

It was an artfully conceived maneuver and the pitcher who was disguised as a first baseman didn't react with the expert grace of a George Sisler. So Bollweg was safe. But Pierce did make a neat catch of the throw that retired McDougald. Then he returned to the mound to finish out the inning. Again the strategy had worked.

As soon as you peer into Richards'

background, however, you discover that nothing about him falls into a normal pattern. He has grown fat—at least in a figurative sense—on unorthodoxy.

Even when he was in grade school there was something out of the ordinary about him. Because he injured his right—or throwing—arm, he soon learned to throw lefthanded.

BY THE TIME he reached Waxahachie High he was equally adept at pitching righthanded or lefthanded. So he did both, pitching righthanded to the righthanded hitters and lefthanded to the southpaw swingers. Against Austin High one day he was confronted by an unusual problem. But he solved that as he later solved the identical problem when he was pitching for Muskogee in the old Western League against Topeka in 1928. This set baseball tongues to wagging and it's still mentioned in tones of disbelief. Yet Richards himself vouches for it.

Paul had been sailing along in ambidextrous fashion when Eddie Dyer, later St. Louis Cardinal manager but then the Topeka skipper, sent up Charlie Wilson, a switch hitter. What to do?

Wilson assumed the pose of a lefthanded hitter and so Richards prepared to pitch lefthanded. Wilson switched to the other side of the plate. Paul transferred his glove to his other hand for a rightie throw. The batter crossed over to the southpaw batting box.

This strategic duel continued for several minutes and the fans soon began to express their impatience as Wilson countered every transfer of Richards glove from one hand to the other by moving back and forth across the plate.

Finally Paul flung away his glove in disgust. He held the ball over his head with two bare hands, able to throw either righthanded or lefthanded as soon as the batter committed himself.

"All right, wise guy," drawled Richards, an ironic gleam in his eye. "What are you gonna do now?"

Wilson, batting lefthanded, swung mightily at a lefthanded throw and missed. He fouled off three righthanded pitches, batting righthanded. In between, he switched from one side to the other in

order to take three wide ones for balls. So the count reached 3 and 2. For the payoff pitch Wilson elected to bat lefthanded. Paul whipped in a lefthanded curve that just missed a corner. Wilson walked.

"It demonstrates that I have no sense of the dramatic," said Paul with a huge grin as he told the story. "To give this tale the proper fictional ending it deserves, I know I should have struck him out. The base on balls has to be anticlimactic."

It was as a pitcher that Richards first attracted the attention of Nap Rucker, the once great Dodger hurler who then was scouting for the Brooks. This was in 1926 when Paul was only a 17-year old.

However, that also was the era of Uncle Wilbert Robinson and the Daffiness Boys, the deliriously delightful period when almost every zany happening on a baseball field bore the distinct label, "Made in Brooklyn." And Uncle Robbie was no help. The Falstaffian manager of the Dodgers had as important a part in the establishment of that daffiness tradition as did Babe Herman, Dazzy Vance, Jess Petty or any of the others.

AT ANY RATE the Dodgers surreptitiously planted Richards in the Eastern Shore League in a totally illegal "cover-up" job. When Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the high commissioner of baseball, conducted the minor league draft meetings the following winter, he was a trifle baffled at Uncle Robbie's reaction to the drafting of Paul Rapier Richards by the St. Louis Browns.

"They can't do this," sputtered Uncle Robbie.

"Why not?" asked the Ol' Jedge, stifling a smile.

"Because I had him covered up," naively explained Uncle Robbie to the man whose job it was to ferret out all illegal cover-up actions.

So that's how Richards found himself at the Brownie training camp the next spring. But by that time he was an infielder and it was as an infielder that he drifted through the minors for the next few seasons.

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Richards, center, smiles contentedly following the victory over the Boston Red Sox. It was gained, in part at least, by the strategy of keeping pitcher Harry Dorish, right, in the game by sending him to third when southpaw Billy Pierce, left, was brought in to dispose of Ted Williams.

the lean Texan asserted itself. At pre-season training he counted noses and most of the noses he counted seemed to belong to infielders. Few noses belonged to catchers.

"I just thought you should know," he told Charlie Moore, the manager and catcher, "that I've had enough experience as a catcher to help you out behind the plate if you need me."

THAT was stretching the truth slightly more than somewhat—unless Richards really believed that the one game he had caught in a Texas semi-pro affair constituted "enough experience."

At the first emergency, though, Manager Moore ordered Richards to don what catchers term "the tools of ignorance." But once Paul was equipped with mask, pads, shinguards and other paraphernalia, he'd met up with his destiny. He'd had polish and class from the start. Nothing now could stop him from making the big leagues.

He came up with Brooklyn in 1932 and with the Giants for the next three seasons. Then it was the Athletics before he dropped down to Atlanta in the Southern League.

But before Paul had reached his 30th birthday, his skill in handling men and his dynamic drive had raised him to managerial rank with Atlanta. Once more, though, Richards was to veer away from the orthodox method of procedure. Minor league managers remain as such until—when, as and if—they get summoned to the majors in the same capacity.

Not our Mr. Richards. The Detroit Tigers were desperately in need of catchers in 1943. So Paul resigned as Atlanta manager to become a private in the ranks at Detroit. He spent most of that season studying a scatter-arm lefthander with a fiery fast ball and temper to match, a kid named Hal Newhouser. The hot-headed Newhouser posted a record of 8 victories and 17 defeats that season.

"I know what's wrong with you, Hal," said Richards, speaking in his low, fatherly fashion. "You're never going to control your fast ball until you learn to control your temper. When you blow up because someone makes an error, you not only unsettle yourself but you unsettle him. He didn't do it deliberately. He wants to win as much as you do. But you have everyone on the team jittery and mad at you. Laugh off the next mistake. See if it doesn't work."

Newhouser had trouble in laughing it off but he tried. He patted the first culprit on the back and said, "Forget it." No longer was he the Terrible Tempered Mr. Bang. Since he no longer made his teammates nervous, they fielded slickly behind him. Since he stopped having tantrums, he pitched coldly and accurately. For the first time in his life he had control. Newhouser won 29 games in 1944, thanks to Richards.

If Richards wasn't the sparkplug of that team he was at least the glue which

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held it together. He handled the pitchers beautifully and in 1945 the Tigers won the pennant.

There even was a bit of poetic justice in the fact that Richards slashed out two doubles to drive in four runs in the seventh and deciding game of the World Series with the Chicago Cubs. The winning pitcher—this was poetic justice working overtime—was Hal Newhouser.

One more year with Detroit as a combination catcher and coach indicated to the Texan that his active days as a player were near the end. So he resumed his minor league managerial career with Buffalo for three years and with Seattle for one. So lasting was the impression he made that the New York Giants—at least this is what the grapevine says—were ready to ask him to replace Leo Durocher as Giant manager before Lane whisked him to Chicago instead.

RICHARDS has been astonishing people all his life. Even when he was in the sixth grade in grammar school and the teacher asked him to manage the seventh grade baseball team, the precocious Paul, a born leader, ordered the bigger boys to run around the field when their play didn't satisfy him.

But why was he so chosen and why was he so obeyed? Paul could have hemmed and hawed or fallen back on generalities.

"It was very simple," he said with remarkable candor. "I was the best ball player in school and I knew more about the game than anyone else."

Considering the fact that he seems to be the laziest looking fellow in the big leagues, his ferocious driving power always comes as a surprise. Perhaps he's the strictest disciplinarian in the majors. He has not lost the martinet habits or the striving for perfection he first illustrated

in that peek of his true nature in the sixth grade of grammar school.

Paul doesn't hesitate to order his White Sox to remain after school if he thinks they need boning up on their lessons. If his peons are guilty of shoddy play, he's been known to have them wait in the clubhouse until the crowd has left the park. Then he's ordered them back on the field for extra practice.

"That should not be considered a disciplinary measure," he explained, a note of scorn in his voice. "Let's look at it this way. Most afternoon games begin at 1:30 p.m. They're over by 4 p.m. It's still a couple of hours to dinnertime and there's plenty of daylight. I can't see anything unreasonable about asking professionals to polish their skills and thus increase their earning power."

"I'm convinced that most ball players believe that they are being helped by such extra practice and I'm also convinced that they don't regard it as a chore. In all the years I've been having these extra practices, I haven't had one serious laggard."

"This is no great innovation. Back in the old days John McGraw and Uncle Robbie and most of the other managers had their ball players reporting every day at 10 o'clock in the morning for a 3:30 game. I merely have occasional practices after a game. What's so tough about that? A ball club must be kept sharp. That's the only reason for it."

Part of his continuing feud with Casey Stengel stemmed from an incident which occurred a few seasons ago. The White Sox came to the Yankee Stadium as the hottest team in the majors. A morning rain impelled the Yankee authorities to postpone the game even though the sun beamed shortly thereafter. Richards chaffed at such enforced idleness and

asked Stengel for permission to make use of the unused Stadium for batting practice. The Ol' Perfessor refused.

So Richards blew his top. He does that on occasions, you know, despite his facade of unemotionalism. If you don't believe it, you can ask the umpires. They know how explosive the Richards temper can be.

Balked of a Stadium workout, Paul simmered quietly for a few moments while his brain cells gave off electric sparks. Suddenly the idea hit. The Chicago skipper leaped to the phone and called Horace Stoneham, the president of the New York Giants.

"I'd like to get in some batting practice today, Horace," Richards told him. "Would you have any objections if we borrowed the Polo Grounds this afternoon?"

Since the Giants were in the west and the field available, Stoneham gave his consent. So Richards bundled his fully uniformed White Sox into a fleet of taxicabs, whisked them a quarter mile across the Harlem River to the Polo Grounds, held a most satisfactory batting practice and then had the cabs return them to the Yankee Stadium dressing room afterwards.

Richards remained under the shower bath for the longest time, hoping to use up Stengel's hot water.

There was a day in the minors when Paul's shortstop made three egregious errors in the opening game of a doubleheader. Richards spent the intermission between games with a fungo bat, slapping grounders at the shotstop. He made no errors in the second game.

Ordinarily, though, Paul prefers quiet

correction to public display. He never bawls out a player in front of his mates but takes him aside to whisper what's wrong. It's a trick that Marse Joe McCarthy of the Yankees used with such signal success.

Paul is in perfect balance on the toughest job a manager has. He's able to walk the tightrope so that he's not so distant from his heroes as to be unapproachable nor is he so close as to permit familiarity to breed contempt.

He speaks so quietly and earnestly that he is readily believed. He thus was able to convince Nellie Fox, an ordinary second baseman, that he was a star. So Nellie became a star. He's done the same with his pitching staff and made stars of them.

In fact, he's done a whale of a job with the entire ball club, converting a chronic second division team into a prime contender for this year's pennant. It's his team, too. Only three men—Fox, Shortstop Chico Carrasquel and Pitcher Luis Aloma—outrank him in White Sox seniority. Each has been with the Sox only one season longer than the manager.

Confidentially, though, the best qualified man to write the success story of this amazingly versatile man would be Paul Rapier Richards himself. Almost twenty years ago he and some friends bought a controlling interest in the Waxahachie "Daily Light," the local newspaper, and Paul promptly installed himself as sports editor.

His syndicate has since sold the newspaper. But Richards wrote so sparkling a sports column under a nom de plume that several big city newspapers offered him jobs. The guy can do anything.

Rod and Gun

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lie motionless a moment, then began to retrieve it in a series of short, sharp jerks. Pretty soon I heard a distinct pop and saw a splash where his bug had been. His rod bowed over in a tight arc and the leader sliced through the water. It was a lively tussle because he had to keep the fish from wrapping the leader around the reeds, but he shortly held up a bluegill of about half a pound.

The second and third casts in the same area were similarly rewarded, although the last fish succeeded in tangling the leader and getting off. By that time, I was pulling my own fly rod out of the case. Luckily, I had a few small bugs, too, and I was soon wading away from the boat in a different direction, hunting another "brim" bed.

I wasn't long in finding it, and only then could I detect the odor that Bryant Baker had mentioned. It seemed to smell something like a freshly cut watermelon. I cast the bug and jerked it, there came that characteristic pop and I was into a fish. At first I underestimated the power of the little scamps and didn't play them hard enough. Several in a row

managed to get around the reeds and, of course, by the time I had freed the leader they were gone. After that, I put all the pressure I felt was safe on the rod and quickly led them into a nearby patch of open water. There I played them out, brought them in and transferred them from bug to stringer.

It was wild, fast, exciting fishing and I honestly believe that if those bluegills had weighed two pounds instead of half a pound we would have been lucky to land one out of twenty.

I've no idea how many we caught since we kept only what we wanted to eat and turned the others loose, but I wouldn't be at all surprised if we actually landed more than a hundred apiece. I know that when we finally quit my arm ached from playing them and my last bug had been chewed until nothing was left but a little scrap of paintless cork and one ragged feather.

Under similar conditions, had we been using spinning tackle, we would have tied bug lines to the end of our spinning line and then, in turn, attached leader and bug to them. These lines—a com-



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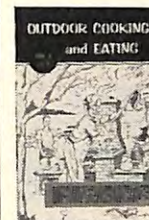
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paratively new development—make it possible to fish a dry fly or bass bug on spinning tackle. They consist simply of a fifteen-foot length of tapered, floating fly line with a loop on the back end.

To use them an angler ties his regular spinning line to the loop, flips the fly line back and forth a time or two to get it in the air behind and then casts it forward much as he would a spoon or plug. Distances up to forty or fifty feet can be reached easily. Once the short fly line and bug are on the water, of course, they are retrieved by reeling in the spinning line. Twitching the rod gives the bug any desired action.

From time to time all of the sunfish, including crappies, can be caught on the surface, but during the heat of summer and again in the chilly weather of late autumn and early spring they're more likely to be quite deep. Then is the time when the bait fishermen come into their own, whether they use cane pole or spinning tackle.

All sorts of baits are used. Crickets are fine at times, as are grasshoppers and various kinds of grubs. Wasp larvae occasionally are excellent, and thousands upon thousands of panfish have been caught on angle worms, although in my opinion they are not very good. Even a little chunk of fish flesh has caught more for me. Of course, catalpa worms have been the standard bream bait for generations in the South. For both crappies and perch, small minnows frequently are excellent.

EVEN when panfish are quite deep in the water, they can be caught on flies. One of the most effective ways to fish them is to tie a weight to the end of your spinning line and then, about two feet above it, attach the fly to a short piece of nylon tied to the line.

Another good system is to use a small spoon of some kind and tie the fly about eighteen inches behind it on a piece of nylon. The nylon, of course, should be tied to the hook of the spoon. The spoon provides the weight necessary for casting and the panfish hit the fly. This setup is particularly good for crappies. Use a small bucktail or streamer fly.

When the fish are not too deep—less

than five feet beneath the surface—the best spinning setup is this: Tie a plastic bubble, bobber or floating weight to the end of the line. Then tie the fly behind it on three or four feet of nylon. Of course, a bait hook and bait can be substituted for the fly if desired, but the fly is easier, virtually fool-proof and a good fish catcher.

Last spring my wife and I and two other couples spent several days on a lake that contains a great many good-sized crappies. One of the girls had done virtually no fishing and, in fact, probably had not caught half a dozen fish of all kinds in her life. We fixed up a spinning outfit with bubble and bucktail for her and showed her how to work it.

The trick is to make a cast and allow time for the fly to sink. Then reel very slowly and watch the bubble. When it stops coming or bobs under the surface, strike. Odds are, you'll have a fish.

She caught as many as anybody and had the time of her life. In fact, for a little while she had almost too much excitement. A five-pound bass happened to come along and take her bucktail. She landed him, finally, but not without a great deal of screaming on her part and shouted advice from her husband—and even though he has an excellent pair of lungs, I'm not sure she heard a word he said.

Even when panfish are deep they can also be caught on conventional fly tackle. The trick is to use a sinking line and to work the fly—a bucktail for crappies or a small wet fly for bluegills—deep and slowly. Nylon fly lines sink so slowly that it is necessary to use a weighted fly, but the new dacron lines settle right down in the water and are excellent for this job. For the deepest fishing, another new line is even better. This one has a lead core and sinks like a bullet, making it practical for the first time to fish a fly at depths greater than fifteen or twenty feet.

The user of spinning tackle who doesn't want to bother with trailing a fly behind a bubble or spoon has an excellent variety of lures from which to choose. Most of the good bass plugs are now made in spinning size, and the majority of these are fine panfish lures. Small

wobbling spoons also are good for the larger panfish.

In my own case, however, I have found that I get the most pleasure out of fishing bugs, dry flies, wet flies or bucktails on conventional fly tackle. Bluegills occasionally take regular trout dry flies, and dry-fly fishing for them is terrific sport. Pattern doesn't seem to make a great deal of difference and I've probably caught more on Brown Bivisibles and Gray Hackles, size ten or twelve, than on any others.

CONTRARY to what we used to believe, I have not found gaudy wet flies to be particularly good for bluegills and the other sunfish. I've had my best luck on drab patterns such as Gray Hackle, Brown Hackle, Professor and Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear. One highly visible wet fly that is often good, however, is the Coachman. Here again, sizes ten and twelve are usually the best. I have seldom found it necessary to use anything smaller or larger.

Since crappies feed on minnows more often than do bluegills, a streamer fly or bucktail usually is better for them. I like a Bucktail Coachman or Mickey Finn about as well as any. When the crappies are running large I prefer my bucktails tied on a number two or four hook; otherwise, a six or eight seems to be better.

One of the finest things about the panfish is their delicious flesh. They're all good, but of late we've been sticking to crappies—possibly because they're the most plentiful near home—and they're so good that we turn all other kinds loose. Fishing is good enough so that we can keep only those crappies that weigh a half pound and over, and I fillet them.

My wife covers the fillets with water—it keeps them from drying out—and quick freezes them. When we want to eat fish, we take a package out of the freezer and thaw it. She dips the fillets in beaten eggs, then rolls them in cracker crumbs and fries them in deep fat. There may be fish that are better to eat, but we haven't found them.

It's mighty nice, in January, to be reminded in such a pleasant way of the good fishing we had in August.

In the Doghouse

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unusual scent and hearing perceptious Mother Nature held out on him when it came to the eyesight department. Simply a fancy way of saying that dogs do not see well. A dog is fairly alert to anything moving that crosses his line of vision but has little sense of awareness of an oncoming object until it is fairly close to him, and in the case of a fast-moving car it is often too late for Fido to avoid being hit.

It will help cure a dog of the bad habit of lunging if you take him for a walk where there is a fence, keeping him on

the side next to the fence. When he lunges ahead pull him back sharply and give the command word "Back". If he persists after repeated commands, gently press him against the fence. Keep his schnozzle jammed between your leg and the fence, but always give the command word. If he isn't exactly a dunce, and few dogs are, he'll get the idea in time that when you say "Back" that's exactly what you mean. For the stubborn cuss who just won't learn to walk properly with you a choke collar can be used. For the benefit of those who don't know what this is

let me explain that it's a metal collar of loose rings, one end of which slips through the other to form a noose. The end that is loose is the one to which the leash is fastened. Wearing this, when Mr. Dog lunges, the harder the lunge the more the collar shuts off his wind. It sounds cruel but actually it isn't. The dog wearing it soon learns to restrain his impulses and becomes a better behaved citizen. Many dog trainers use such a collar. In fact, for very large, powerful dogs that have to be controlled it is the only sure device.

When walking your dog where you

may feel it is safe to let him loose beware of that age-old enemy of his—the cat. Don't depend upon your dog, even if he's big, being a demon with cats. The last named critters have blinded many a pooch and comparatively small as Tom or Tabby may be, either can be a tough customer when cornered by a dog. If your dog is simply a housepet then it doesn't make a dime's worth of difference whether or not you use a collar or a harness on him. This excepts the dog that may require a choke collar. The harness is probably the most comfortable for the dog. Incidentally, you'll never see one worn by a show dog unless that dog has been retired and by chance the owner prefers harness to collar for the dog. Since a harness has a tendency to cause the dog to keep its "elbows" away from its chest, this in time results in creating what is almost a deformity that is frowned upon by dog show judges.

It is not my intention to become a self-appointed censor of other peoples' doings but because it has become so serious as to warrant civic attention in many cities today, let me suggest that the careful dog owner will not permit his dog to use the sidewalk as a comfort station. Among non-dog owners this creates a lot of dislike for dogs. It is better, if you are in city traffic (pedestrian of course) to keep your dog at your right. Most dog authorities, in fact all I've known, tell dog owners to keep the purp on their left sides. This to me is bunk. The dog walking with his master thus faces on-coming pedestrians and if not under good control can be a nuisance to them. The walking on the left rule stems from the practice of showing dogs which are always walked that way. Why this is so, I can't explain other than perhaps since dog shows orig-

inated in England it is typical of how our English cousins differ from us in some ways. Example: the driving on the left side of the road (which I'm told isn't a rule always observed in the so-called Tight Little Isle.)

NOW IF YOU who read this are a woman, and the majority of my readers judging by my mail are women, then it would be a good idea if you carried a small water pistol in your handbag or pocket if you have one. This, should your dog have an idea that he is a canine warrior. Mix a very weak solution of ammonia and water and fill the pistol. A few squirts will discourage most war-like purps. If you have to use this try by all means not to get any of the liquid in the dogs' eyes, but aim at his nose. This is also a good defense against wandering dogs you may encounter should you happen to walk your dog—if she's a lady dog—while she is in the mood for romance. The ammonia will discourage the ambitious Romeo. You can get such a water pistol in most stores selling toys.

Yes indeed Fido can be an amusing walking companion. You'll note the little self-important investigations he'll make and give him time to make them when walking him. Observe closely and you'll detect his excitement over strange scents and trails he'll encounter. If you are in the suburbs or country you'd be surprised at what he might tell you about wild animal life that persists in lingering even in the suburbs of cities. In the country he could probably give you a talk about such life that would be more interesting than anything you could read. You'll find walking with your dog one of the best of all ways to relax and forget for a while the cares that beset the day.

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AS ELKDOM SOWS AMERICA REAPS



civil government.

William J. Jernick is a member of the Order and of Nutley, New Jersey, lodge since 1929.

During that period he served on many of the Committees of his lodge and then in each of the Chair Offices. He became Exalted Ruler in 1935.

In the New Jersey State Elks Association he has been active for many years. There he served as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, and later was President of the Association.

During his Presidency the membership of the Order in New Jersey increased for the first time in 14 years.

He has always taken a great interest in the underprivileged and unfortunate people, particularly young people, and has served as Chairman of the New Jersey Elks Crippled Children program and Director of its Easter Seal Campaign.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the State Association Committee as a member and as Chairman.

He made a splendid record as Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and for two years he was the Grand Treasurer of the Order.

In 1952 he was elected Grand Trustee for a term of five years. From that Board he resigned to assume the Grand Exalted Rulership.

The first time in the history of Nutley that a Mayor served two four-year terms in succession he was the Mayor.

He was very strongly urged by the press and citizens of the town to take another term, which he declined to do.

The newspaper references to the character of service he rendered as Mayor sounded almost extravagant.

In all his activity he has shown that most commendable characteristic of a combination of extreme modesty with a full measure of self-confidence.

No one could have listened to his acceptance of the Grand Exalted Rulership without being impressed by his serious recognition of the responsibilities of that office, his quiet determination to give its administration the fullest degree possible of his talent for leadership, his administrative ability and the habit of accomplishment that he possesses.

No man ever came to the Grand Exalted Rulership with greater seriousness of purpose, more thorough, completely planned and studied preparation for meeting its responsibilities or greater promise of success.

Under his leadership Elkdom will sow well that America may reap the splendid harvest.

HAMSTRINGING THE SWINDLER



One recent issue of the monthly Confidential Bulletin which your Magazine mails to the Lodge Secretaries was devoted almost exclusively to warnings against impostors and holders of counterfeit membership cards.

We bring this information to our members here, not so much to put them on guard, however desirable that might be, but more to acquaint them with the problems which these swindlers create.

As always, the Officers feel the compelling urge to extend the warm hand of Elk hospitality to visiting members; yet, for the protection of the Lodge they must exercise caution and be ready to turn the clenched fist toward impostors.

With a thought of being helpful in this situation, may we suggest that if in any discussion with Brother Elks you hear unfavorable comments relative to the caution taken by Secretaries or other Lodge Officers before extending credit to visitors, you explain the matter and bring your associates to realize how necessary it is for Lodge Officers to be circumspect about advancing funds unless, or until, paid-up membership is fully established.

And then, on another occasion, when you yourself visit a sister Lodge, make it easy for the Lodge Officers to accept you as a bona fide member. Produce letters or other papers of the kind not ordinarily placed in a billfold which will help identify you as a real Elk. A membership card with an additional card of identification is not necessarily conclusive evidence of your genuineness. Similar cards are in the possession of impostors who hold stolen wallets.

By adopting such a procedure as a regular practice, we will not hurt ourselves, but we will surely hamstring the swindlers who trade on the hospitality of our lodges.

UNDER GOD



All freedom-loving, God-fearing people have been watching with increasing apprehension the aggressive activities of a Godless, totalitarian government which have been broadened until they threaten the peace of the whole world which it seeks to conquer.

As this alarming thought has increased it has been heartening to note that there appears to have grown up among our people an increasing tendency to turn to God.

Naturally, this broader recognition of God has been apparent among the members of our beloved Order in which no man can be accepted in membership who has not personally testified to his belief in God.

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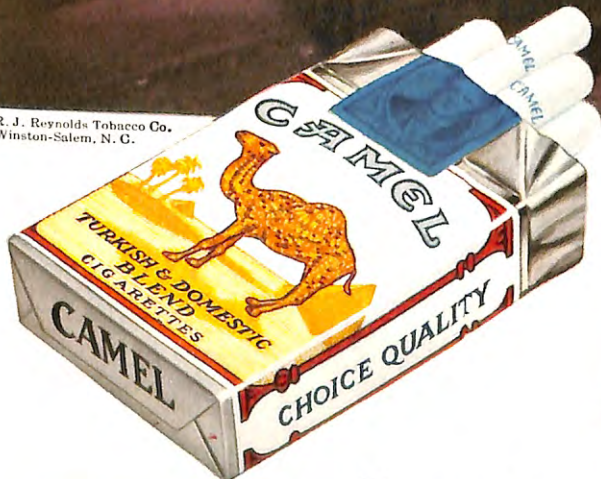
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