

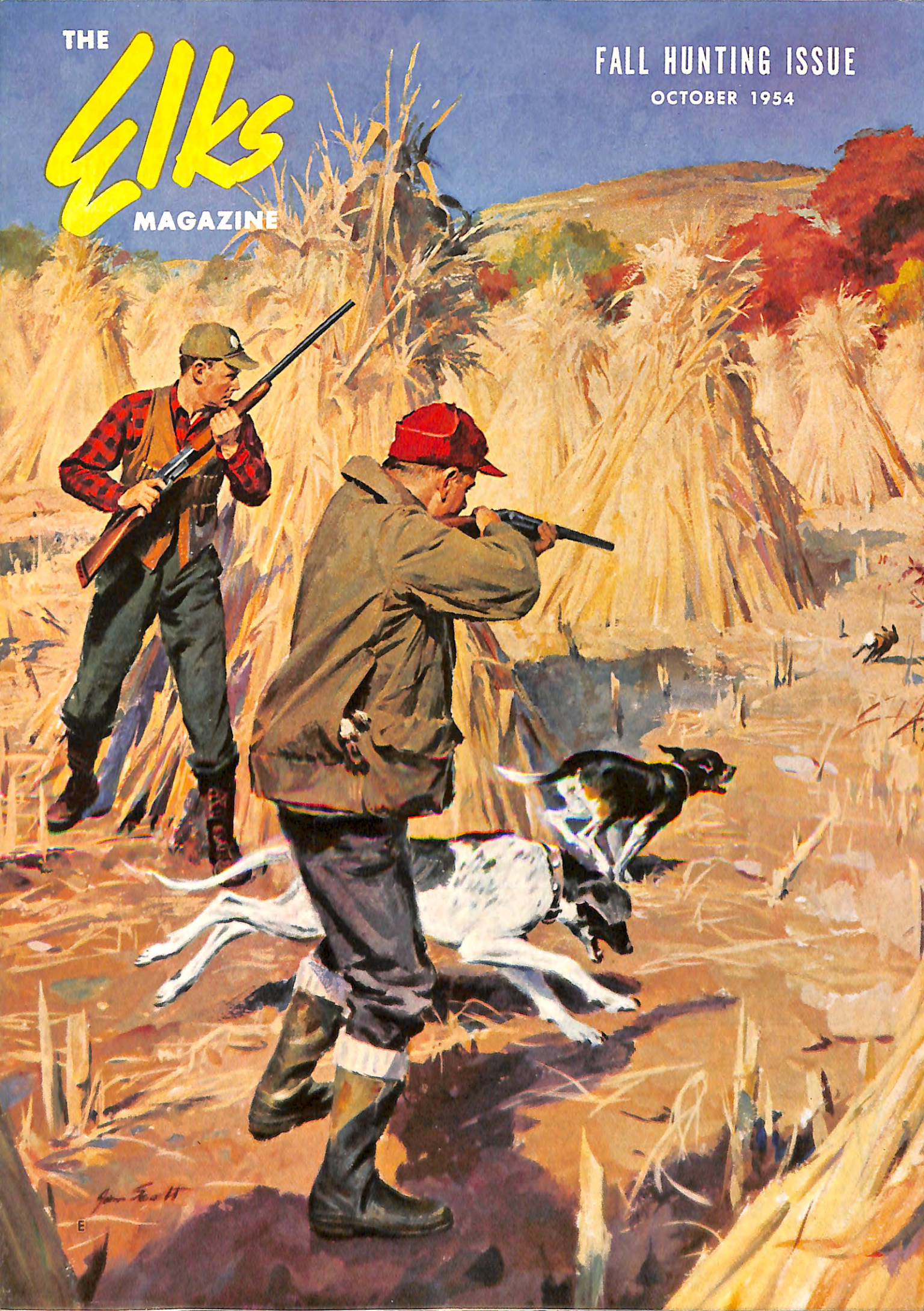
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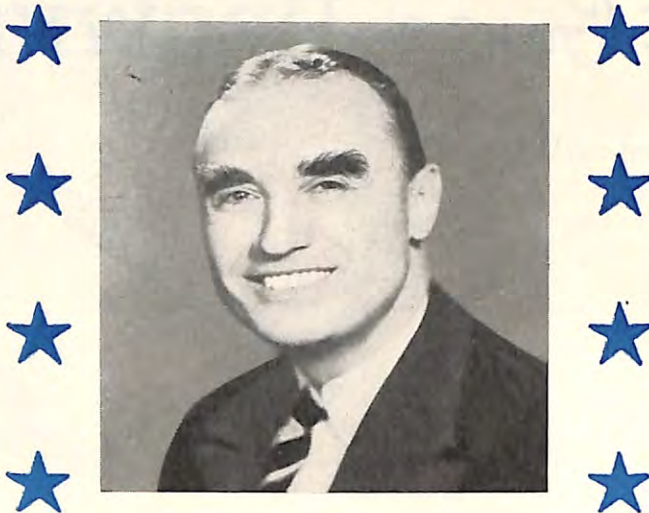
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a message from **THE GRAND EXALTED RULER**

DURING the month of August, our three District Deputy Conferences were held in Chicago, Salt Lake City and Bedford. They were fully attended by the District Deputies, the State Presidents, representatives of the Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees and Grand Lodge Officers of the respective areas.

One of our chief considerations at these conferences was the introduction and promotion of the Gold Star Certificate Program which was detailed in the September issue of *The Elks Magazine*. The enthusiastic manner in which this program was accepted has made me very optimistic over future results. The wholehearted support of this plan by the subordinate lodges, the Districts and the States will raise Elkdom this year to new heights.

The purpose of the Gold Star Program is to inspire fresh enthusiasm for our various projects, to increase our activities and our membership, and, in general, to present Elkdom in the best way possible

by impressing all of our citizens with our seriousness of purpose, our record of accomplishment, and our devotion to our cardinal principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

We know that our District Deputies, our State Presidents, our Grand Lodge Officers, Commissioners and Committee Members can be no better than the people whom they represent. From our associations at the various conferences, we were deeply impressed by the integrity, earnestness and ambition of your chosen representatives. Our sincere compliments go to you for selecting such fine Americans to lead Elkdom and to make America even more aware of the extent of our activities, of the humanitarianism that prompts our welfare programs, of the patriotism that inspires us to devote our energies and funds to the betterment of our nation.

As a member of a subordinate lodge, you may feel that your share in our ac-

complishments is small. But I submit to you that each of us—Member, Officer, District Deputy, State President, Grand Lodge Officer, Committeeman, Commissioner—has his part to play, his contribution to make to the success of whatever we propose to do. Because of reasons beyond your control, you may not find it possible to attend all of your lodge meetings or to take an active part in them, but you can get behind your lodge to make possible the successful completion of our Gold Star Certificate Program. Your support and encouragement inspire your leaders to put forth even greater effort, and with increased support and encouragement and effort, the things that Elks can accomplish are almost boundless.

As we read the issues of our *Elks Magazine* and the annual reports submitted at Grand Lodge Conventions, surely we must be filled with pride at the accomplishments of our great Order. Our pride is justified, for we have done much. But let us make that pride an incentive toward even greater achievements. We cannot stand still. To do so is to retrogress. Progress demands that we improve, that we grow, and that we expand.

We must expand our membership, we must continue our leadership of youth, we must get wholeheartedly behind our Elks National Foundation and National Service Commission so that the leaders of these various departments will be inspired to greater heights. We must aim for the kind of leadership that recognizes the potentialities of our youth, that knows that the young people of today will pay for the omissions and commissions of their fathers, and that makes us determined that these future citizens shall be raised in a country devoted to the heritage of her past, the heritage of freedom, the heritage that makes each man a brother, the heritage that leads us to act as we would be acted toward.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks can and must assume leadership in a world that can so easily be destroyed if the wrong ideologies should triumph. We must become a bulwark against the threats imposed by communism, by lack of training and opportunity among our youth, by lack of love for mankind.

Let each of us—subordinate lodge member, District Deputy, State President, Grand Lodge Officer, Committeeman, Commissioner—look upon our past with pride, look into the future with hope, and act in the present with the full recognition of the truth in our slogan that

“AS ELKDOM SOWS,
AMERICA REAPS.”

A cursive signature of William J. Jernick.

WILLIAM J. JERNICK
GRAND EXALTED RULER

★ *Gold Star Certificate Program Objective No. 5 for November—The initiation by all lodges of a class of at least 10 Candidates in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Every member can help to attain this Objective.*

WHERE TO RETIRE TODAY —AND AFFORD IT

by **Norman D. Ford**

If there is anything I have found out in traveling up and down this country and throughout the rest of the world, it is this: It costs less to retire than you may think it does—*provided you know how to discover those places where it costs less to live the kind of life you like.*


As founder of the Globetrotters Club I made it my business to find low-cost beauty spots all over the world. Right here in the U. S., I found places where the cost of living is surprisingly low—and you can get a part-time or seasonal job if you must pad out your income. Here are just a few of these first-rate retirement spots.

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- the most "cultural" small town in America, with a Little Theatre, art and music clubs, a cosmopolitan atmosphere?

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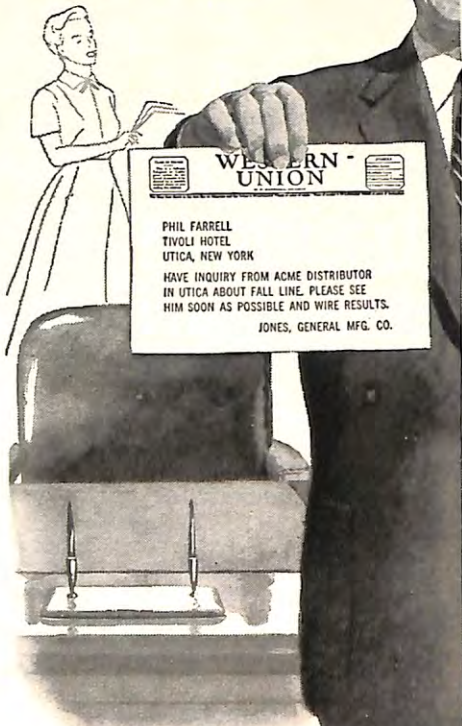
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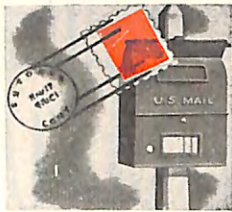
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

Truly, I am looking forward to the new Elks Workshop section in our Magazine. It's a grand idea. Here's a suggestion: I hope the information will be printed on perforated paper so that the pages can be removed from the magazine and placed in a notebook for easy reference.

Anyhow, thanks a million.

Paul T. Allen

Inglewood, Calif.

We wish we could act on Brother Allen's suggestion, but it is not possible because of the mechanics of printing. However, Workshop pages will be printed in such a way that they can be removed from the Magazine for filing.

Knowing my own children, and watching others, your ice cream cover for the July issue was an inspiration.

The little fellow pointing to the spaniel licking the ice was the greatest. I tip my hat to Woodi Ishmael for this cover. He captured everything.

James T. McNabb

New York, N. Y.

By chance a copy of the August issue of The Elks Magazine (August '54) was handed me—to my delight. It is interesting and attractive throughout. However, I must say that I lingered under such a spell that I came very near not getting beyond the cover. A pet lover myself I was much interested in the question of which dog the engrossed young couple would choose.

Grace Imogen Gisk

Roanoke, Va.

I have received the August issue of The Elks Magazine and am very glad to learn that you are starting a new department in our already wonderful magazine. I always read it from stem to stern; my favorites are *Rod and Gun*, *In the Doghouse* and now the new *Elks Workshop*.

Cornelis J. Post

St. Augustine, Fla.

GRAND SECRETARY APPOINTED

Just as this issue was going to press, announcement was received that Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick had appointed Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge No. 932, Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy created by the death, in August, of Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters.

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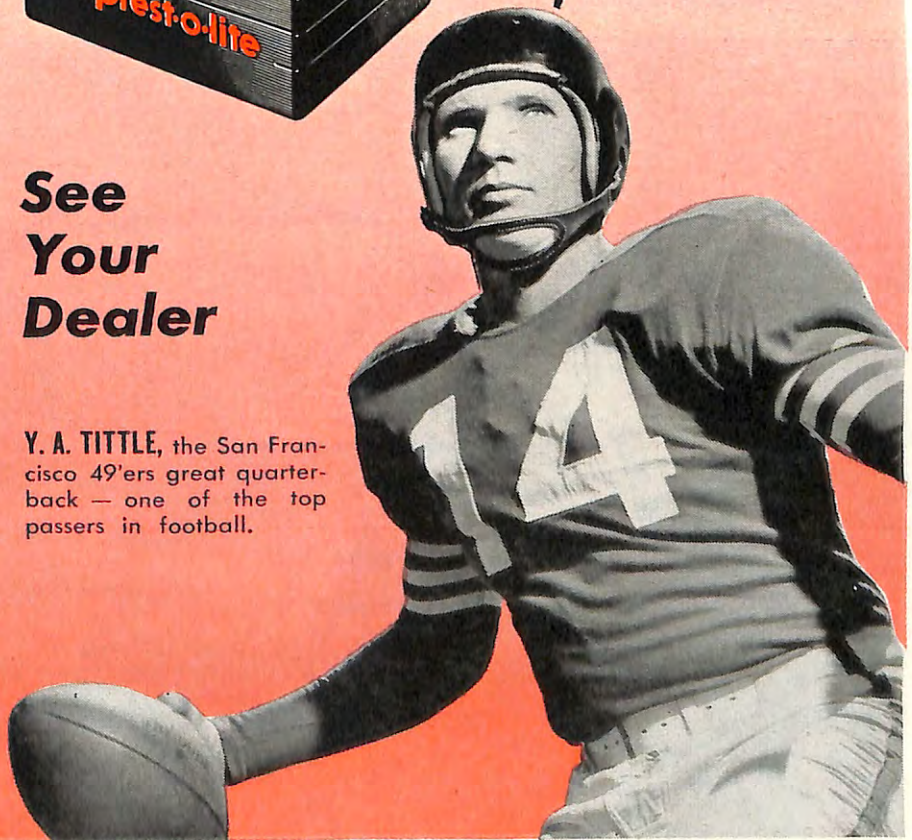


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HOOFS *with*

One of the brightest scenes in the American conservation picture is the story of the fleet little pronghorn antelope of the West.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

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ONE DAY in early August, 1843, a slender, white-haired man with wavy beard and keen, deep-set eyes sat at a rude table drawing the head of an antelope. His studio was in Fort Union at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers, in Indian country.

This man was John James Audubon and he wrote in his diary that night, "I have been drawing the head of one of these beautiful female antelopes. Their horns puzzle me, and all of us. They

seem to me as if they were *new* horns, soft and short; time will prove whether they shed them."

No wonder Audubon was puzzled by the antelope's horns. They are unique among all the animals in the world. The ox and sheep tribes have simple horns growing permanently on a bony core that is part of the skull. The various deer have horns of a branched form and of bony material, but they drop off to be renewed each year. The pronghorn antelope of the West is the only animal whose weapons are of true horn growing on a bony core as in the ox tribes, yet branched and dropping off each year as in the deer.

Nothing in Audubon's experience or study had resembled this. And if he had

had the opportunity to observe and study the pronghorn longer, he would have discovered that it was unique in several other respects too. He did mention their speed, perhaps the antelope's most outstanding attribute, but, of course, he had no means of measuring it. He did write, however, "Hurrah for the prairies and the swift antelope as they flee from the hunter like flashes or meteors, seen but for an instant."

In his book "Lives of Game Animals", Ernest Thompson Seton gave the top speed of antelope at 32 miles per hour, race horses, 34, and greyhounds, 30. There have been few greyhounds, he said, that could catch antelope.

I believe, however, that Seton's esti-



Wings

mate of antelope speed was on the conservative side and that those which were caught by greyhounds either were old bucks, which cannot run so fast as the does and younger bucks, or else were not in prime condition. Possibly, too, they may have been run on terrain which was more advantageous for the dogs than the antelope.

I HAVE talked to buckeroos who told me that they had lassoed antelope and I have no reason to doubt their word. This was done, however, by approaching the animals behind cover and then having the horse at full speed when it broke over the rise and descended upon them. On a long run in open country, antelope can pull away from any horse.

In the Pahisimeroi Valley of south central Idaho there are areas where the prairie is as flat and nearly as smooth as a dance floor. You can drive a car across it anywhere—unless you happen on a

deep and hidden wash. In that case, you can take your car to town in a truck. This is antelope country, and Dud Dillingham and I spent several days there about fifteen years ago taking movies of them. We would drive along the road until we spotted a band of antelope. Then we'd turn off and chase them with the car until we were close enough for pictures. Dud drove and I handled the camera.

Our movies were poor, but this did give us a wonderful opportunity to check the speed of antelope, about which we had heard so many stories. We soon discovered that we could not overtake them on a slight upgrade. The car we were driving had a top speed in second gear of only 55 miles per hour. In order to catch a band, we had to circle around and get uphill from them. Even though the grade may have been only 2 or 3 per cent, it enabled us to get into high.

We soon discovered that we had to get up to 60 in order to overtake them. According to the speedometer—and, of course, it may not have been accurate—antelope could run 50 miles per hour or a little better on the initial spurt. After a few hundred yards, they began to slow down. By the end of the first mile, they usually would be running about 40—but we never found a piece of country big enough to tell how long they could run at this speed. They seemed to be able to hold it indefinitely.

At the start of the chase, the big bucks always took the lead. After a short distance, however, they invariably began to fall toward the rear and after we had

chased a band for two or three miles, the does and young bucks were running in the lead. The yearlings and fawns were in the middle and the old bucks brought up the rear.

That is running. No other animal in North America can equal it. Antelope don't have the bounding gait of a deer, unless they are playing. When they really want to go places, they stretch out and float along over the ground like a race horse or a greyhound. No wonder some of the early day explorers said that they could either run or fly.

THEIR development as runners through living thousands of years in the high arid plains of North America has led to another unique development. Unlike deer, sheep, cattle, or pigs, antelope have no dew claws. They have but two toes. The little rudimentary hooves above and behind the main toes which show so clearly in the tracks of a buck deer running in fresh snow are entirely missing on antelope.

Their vision is incredibly keen and they depend more upon it than on any other sense for their safety. This too is the result of their environment. I have heard old hunters say that the vision of an antelope is equivalent to that of a man with a 6 power binocular. Whether this is true or not, its keenness certainly cannot be questioned.

Not only is the antelope's vision amazingly keen, but he has—and this is perhaps the most astounding thing about the
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No wonder some of the early day explorers said that antelope could either run or fly.



News of the State Associations



Photographed during the presentation of awards held at a public ceremony in conjunction with the Montana State Assn. Convention are, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and Sam Stern, State Youth Leader Audra Browman, first-place Scholarship winners Nelita Ann True and Russell Pfohl, Henry Zahn, retiring after ten years as State Scholarship Committee Chairman, and retiring Pres. Oskar O. Lympus, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman.

Famous Resort Town Scene of New Jersey Elk Meeting

Atlantic City's famous Boardwalk was the appropriate setting for the colorful parade which was a popular attraction of the 41st Annual Convention of the New Jersey Elks Assn. Over 2,000 delegates and their wives, representing 28 lodges, participated in the procession while thousands of resort residents and visitors looked on. Varied floats and bands were among the eye-compelling units in this procession which took place in the famous Convention City under the auspices of Atlantic City Lodge No. 276 June 18th, 19th and 20th. In the vanguard were a motorcycle escort composed of police of the host city, a color guard and cars carrying leading Elk dignitaries, including Grand Trustee William J. Jernick, later to be elected 1954-55 Grand Exalted Ruler, P.E.R. of Nutley, N. J., Lodge.

Two business sessions took place on Friday during which the following were elected to office for 1954-55: Pres., Edward Griffith, Camden; Vice-Presidents:

N.E., William Schramm, Westwood; N.W., Nicholas Franco, Orange; Cent., Harrison S. Barnes, Plainfield; N. Cent., John J. Mitchell, Passaic; S. Cent., Walter B. Messeroll, Point Pleasant; South, William A. Gibson, Penns Grove; Secy., Harold L. Wertheimer, Atlantic City; Treas., August F. Greiner, Perth Amboy, Theodore Grimm of Bloomfield was made a four-year Trustee, and Emanuel J. Eckstein of the host lodge, a five-year Trustee of this organization which also elected six Vice-Presidents and Trustees for the first time since the State was rezoned. The incumbent Trustees are Albert E. Dearden of Trenton; George Hirtzel of Elizabeth; Harry H. Smith of Englewood and James H. Driscoll of Orange.

The Crippled Children's Committee reported that proceeds from the 1954 Easter Shield Campaign were \$7,000 higher than in 1953, with a gross of \$131,000 received for this crippled children's work. Outstanding reports were also made on the Assn.'s splendid Youth Activities and Ritualistic work.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T.

Hallinan was a guest of honor of these New Jersey Elks and the principal speaker at the State Dinner held in the ballroom of the President Hotel.

Wade Kepner Addresses West Virginia Delegates

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner spoke at all business sessions of the West Va. Elks Assn. Convention at Elkins Aug. 19-20-21, and gave the principal address at the dinner held by the P.E.R.'s Assn. whose members elected Frank Finnegan of Moundsville Lodge as its new President.

Broad coverage of youth activities, charities and increasing support of Little League Baseball were stressed at this meeting, when the delegates pledged full support of the Grand Exalted Ruler's Gold Star Program, with emphasis on youth work, in cooperation with Charleston, W. Va., Elk Dewey E. S. Kuhns, the new Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities. Wellsburg Elkdom received the Grand Lodge Trophy for its 1953-54 youth program, and the Ritualistic Workshop was well-attended, with the State Championship Wheeling Team initiating a special Convention Class.

Lawrence E. Pruett of Beckley was elected Assn. Pres., with William Harmon, Jr., and Ross Irle, both members of his lodge, as Secretaries. Other new State officials are Frank Lauter, Moundsville, Treas.; Nelson F. Clarke, Martinsburg, Trustee, and H. Paige Bell, Jr., Parkersburg; Wm. H. Craze, Morgantown, and W. Don Morris, Huntington, as Vice-Presidents.

Montana Elks Meet at Missoula

A total of 1,025 persons registered for the July 28-31 Convention of the Mont. Elks Assn. in Missoula. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and Sam Stern were in attendance, with the Assn.'s full roster of officials, several former Presidents and District Deputies, as well as the incoming D.D.'s. Another guest was 85-year-old Robert Stocking of Helena, who has attended nearly every Mont. Convention since 1906.

Retiring Pres. Oskar O. Lympus, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities, reported that his State had boosted its position as contributor to the Elks National Foundation to sixth place, and that this year's gifts indicated a further rise in status. Mr. Lympus urged the appointment of a committee to study the adoption of a special charitable program as a Major Project for the Assn. In this regard, Mr. Stern spoke of a friend who has offered to contribute \$1,000 to such a program.

As a Trustee of the Foundation, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson delivered an inspiring talk on its work and history at public ceremonies when Mr. Stern, another Trustee, presented Foundation Scholarships to several Mont. students, and Henry L. Zahn, retiring as



Above: The Brainerd Elks' Ritualistic Team made the highest score ever recorded at a Minn. Elks Convention by taking the State title with 98.83, and six of its members placing on the All-State Team. Front row, left to right: All-State Inner Guard C. D. Morgan; All-State Lead, Knight O. H. Benson; All-State E.R. C. L. Nelson, and All-State Lect. Knight C. B. Barry. Back row: Candidate V. A. Olson, Esq. M. R. Burton, All-State Chaplain F. E. Ditty, Coach W. E. Van Essen. All-State Loyal Knight Dr. Thomas J. George was not on hand for the picture.

Below: The \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship winner for Nebraska receives his award from W. W. Wenstrand, Vice-Pres. of the Neb. Elks Assn., at Omaha. Left to right: Mr. Wenstrand, student Gerald B. Rigg, E.R. J. A. Pane and Est. Lead. Knight H. H. Meile.



State Scholarship Committee Chairman after ten years, received a certificate of appreciation from the Assn.

An innovation of this conclave, which opened with the initiation of a class by Hamilton Elk officers and closed with plans for a 1955 Annual Convention in Helena and a Midwinter Meeting in Shelby Jan. 22nd and 23rd, was a clinic for House Committee Members which attracted representatives of 18 lodges. During this period, Mr. Thompson held a conference with the new District Deputies and E.R.'s of the State.

Secy.-Treas. Arthur Trenerry of Billings who observed his 73rd birthday and was reelected for the 23rd year during this meeting, revealed a State membership gain of 525, with 364 initiated into the new Glasgow Lodge No. 1922. Among the other reports made was one delivered by Past Pres. DeWitt O'Neill which covered the Assn.'s fine hides-collection program for occupational therapy work throughout the VA Hospitals.

Les Boodry of Miles City is the new Pres. of the Assn., with C. P. Mieyr of Great Falls as 1st Vice-Pres., and LeRoy Schmid of Butte as 2nd Vice-Pres. Archie Murchie of Great Falls is Chaplain, and R. G. Griffin of Billings was named three-year Trustee.

Many social events were enjoyed, highlighted by a 48-mile train trip to Hamilton where a thrilling parade preceded a barbecue dinner at the lodge home. Another feature was a band concert and drum and bugle corps exhibition on the campus of Montana State University with an outstanding aggregation of musical units participating, including Great Falls Lodge's National Drum and Bugle Corps Champions.

Wisconsin Delegates Welcome Distinguished Guests

The Order's new leader and three of his predecessors were guests of the Wis. State Elks Assn. which convened at Racine Aug. 19, 20 and 21 and elected Alfred E. LaFrance of the host lodge as its

1954-55 President. P.E.R. Charles Armstrong, sole surviving Charter Member of 61-year-old Racine Elksdom was on hand to welcome William J. Jernick, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles E. Broughton, Henry C. Warner and Sam Stern, and Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson.

During this conclave which attracted over 500 persons, State Sen. Gerald T. Flynn was Toastmaster for the State Dinner when Mr. Jernick delivered a forceful address, following his introduction by E.R. Edward J. Zahn, Jr. Awards to State Youth Leaders and Scholarship winners were presented by Dr. M. J. Junion, Chairman of the Assn.'s Youth Committee; Scholarship Committee Chairman R. M. Naset, and George Kroening, the Assn.'s Foundation Committee Chairman.

The host lodge holds two of the four titles decided in the two-day golf tourna-

ment in which 125 players participated. Its five-man team led the Appleton quintet with a score of 390, and Herman Lynch of Racine took top honors in the senior division. The State's Amateur Individual Title went to John Hayes of Appleton with George Vitense of Madison leading in the pro division.

Other officials of the Assn. which will meet in Wausau next year are Marshall Hughes, Eau Claire, Vice-President-at-Large; Lyle W. Webster, Rice Lake, Trustee; F. F. Theilacker, Milwaukee, Tiler; Charles Hervey, Appleton, Inner Guard; A. F. Quick, Kenosha, Chaplain; W. H. Otto, Racine, Treas., and James G. Franey, Eau Claire, Sgt.-at-Arms. Leo H. Schmalz of Kaukauna continues as Secy., and Dist. Vice-Presidents are Carlton Mauthe, Fond du Lac; George D. Boyer, Ashland, and Hugh B. McGreal, Milwaukee.

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These 25 high school graduates, selected to represent the Elks lodge of their communities, were photographed at Portage Lodge where they gathered to compete in the Wis. Elks Assn. Scholarship Contest, based on the Constitution of the United States. Awards totaling \$1,900 were offered in this competition in which Robert Manis of Fond du Lac, second row left, won first-place honors.

News of the Lodges



Smiling his way along streets lined with 7,500 enthusiastic townspeople, William J. Jernick is pictured, above, with P.E.R. George B. Harris, Chairman of the Committee which handled the homecoming, celebrated at the High School Athletic Field where the lodge's Acting Esq. Cyril W. Kelly; six-year-old Drum Majorette Deborah Capriglione, daughter of a Nutley Elk; E.R. John A. Gorman and banner-bearer Eric Mayer were photographed at the right, heading the local Elk contingent.



P.E.R. D. A. Beezley, Jr., and E.R. Philip Nuss, right, with the Fla. State Elks Assn. plaque Sarasota Lodge won for its outstanding support of the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. Mr. Nuss headed his lodge's 1953-54 Committee which raised \$13,700 for the Home, leading the State's 64 lodges. As of June 30, 1954, this branch of Elksdom reported having a total of 125 subscriptions to the Home Trust Fund for the current year.

Nutley, N. J., Welcomes the Grand Exalted Ruler

An estimated 7,500 persons made the homecoming of William J. Jernick, the Order's new leader, one of the happiest events in the community's history. The reception for the popular ex-Mayor began with a parade with Mr. Jernick in the lead car, accompanied by George B. Harris, General Chairman of the program and Pres. of the P.E.R.'s Assn. of Nutley-Lodge No. 1290.

Next in line of march were the police and firemen of the area, the band, and St. Mary's Fife and Drum Corps. Then followed delegations from over half of New Jersey's lodges, including Mayor Harry W. Chenoweth and the four Town Commissioners, all members of Nutley Lodge, as well as representatives of every veterans organization, and fraternal, religious and service club in the community, with many bands and colorful floats.

The 90-minute procession, viewed by one of the largest and most enthusiastic turnouts in Nutley's history, terminated at the High School Athletic Field where

formal reception ceremonies were handled by P.E.R. H. L. Gundersdorff, with the warm and official welcome made by E.R. John A. Gorman. Mayor Chenoweth presented the "Key to the Town" to the Order's leader, after which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan delivered a moving address.

Following this well-attended event, the participants proceeded to the home of Nutley Lodge where open house festivities were enjoyed.

News of Quincy, Mass., Elksdom

One of the busiest branches of the Order in the Bay State is Quincy Lodge No. 943, which reports an unusual item of interest concerning this year's scholarship awards. For the past nine years, these Elks have been awarding \$250 scholarships to two local high school graduates. This year, for the first time, both awards went to young ladies.

The recipients, Miss Rita Moore and Miss Elaine R. Pepi, accepted the scholarships at formal ceremonies attended by their parents and friends, with Scholarship Committee Chairman L. P. Marini

presiding, assisted by E.R. George C. Fay. Following this event, a class of eight candidates was initiated.

Other affairs of the past months included an all-night Fourth of July celebration during which two members and their wives observed wedding anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Libertine starting their 34th year of marriage, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Harold McLaughlin, their 33rd. A short time later, the home of Quincy Lodge was again the scene of a celebration, a birthday party for 70-year-old Floyd A. Hayward, at which many of his Brother Elks paid him tribute.

The Annual Outing, Clambake and Chicken Barbecue which is so popular with the members of No. 943 and their families was another outstanding success this year. Under the Chairmanship of John J. Joyce, Jr., the lodge's guests participated in many events, and enjoyed a full day of sports and entertainment.

Mobile, Ala., Elks Aid Stricken Youngster

Eight-year-old Laura Simmons, who is suffering from a serious brain tumor, is being treated by Dr. Robert Sweet, famous brain surgeon, at Mass. General Hospital in Boston, thanks to the generosity of Mobile Lodge No. 108.

The lodge's Relief Committee has assumed the entire cost of this care, as well as the full expense of the child's airplane flight to Boston. P.E.R. C. E. Hayward, a member of this Committee, estimates this outlay at approximately \$800.

Laura was accidentally hit behind the ear with a baseball bat two years ago. The blow started a growth which has paralyzed both her legs and reduced her weight to 30 pounds.

Minnesota Elkdom Mourns William C. Davini

The Elks of Minnesota, and particularly those of St. Paul Lodge No. 59, were shocked and saddened to learn of the untimely death of William C. Davini, as the result of a heart condition he had

P.E.R. Thomas R. Doherty, Chairman of the School Committee for South Kingstown, R. I., Elkdom, left, presents one of several Flags his lodge donated to the new \$1,500,000 local high school, to Supt. James E. Conlon.



ELK HISTORY ADDED TO TWO ARIZONA LIBRARIES



Phoenix, Ariz., Elkdom has made available to the readers of the area, copies of "The History of the Order of Elks" which were recently added to the stalls of both the Maricopa County Library and the Phoenix Public Library. Photographed when the presentation was made are, left to right: E.R. John B. Haldiman; Miss Virginia Thompson, Head of the Circulation Division of the Phoenix Public Library under the direction of Miss Jane Hudgins; Miss Gertrude B. Thayer, Maricopa County Librarian, and W. T. Choisser, Junior P.E.R. of the Lodge and a member of its Board of Trustees.

been afflicted with for four months.

Born June 14, 1906, Mr. Davini was a graduate of St. John's University, later receiving his Masters Degree at the Uniy. of Minn. Assistant Supt. of business affairs of St. Paul's Public Schools. Mr. Davini began his career as a local school instructor in 1937.

Five years later, he was initiated into St. Paul Lodge, became Chairman of its Membership Committee the following year, and its Chaplain in 1944. In 1945 he was elected to his first Chair Office, becoming Exalted Ruler in 1948. Trustee of the lodge in 1950, Mr. Davini was Chairman of that group at the time of his death. In 1951, Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis appointed this devoted Elk as his Deputy for the Minn. So. Dist., the same year Mr. Davini

Not long ago, Isaac Carkin, one of the most active and devoted members of Lynn, Mass., Lodge, received from P.E.R. Richmond H. Minton a handsome lapel pin symbolizing Mr. Carkin's 62-year affiliation with the Order.



duplicated his 1948 activities as Chairman of the Americanization Committee of the Minn. Elks Assn., of which he was a Past President.

His other affiliations included the St. Paul Chapter of UNICO International, the UNICO National and the Downtown Lions Club, each of which he had served as President. He was a director of the National Assn. of School Business Officers, and organizer and first President of the Minnesota Assn. of these school officials.

Surviving Mr. Davini are his wife, three children and two sisters, to whom the Magazine staff extends its sympathy.



These members of the Sea Scout Ship Norfolk, Va., Lodge sponsors have qualified for high Scouting Honors. Furman Sheppard, left, a member for only a year, is an Eagle Scout; Edward Eckelmeyer, a two-year member, qualified in record time for the coveted rank of Quartermaster Sea Scout, having participated in all the Ship's activities, including cruises, civic projects and extensive training under the tutelage of Elk Edgar A. Caffey, Jr.



James Lockhart



Swirling Wings from the Northland

BY JAMES LOCKHART

THERE is no doubt that when one area of the country claims to be the duck capital of the world, sportsmen will jump to the defense of some other region; however the local newspaper of Stuttgart, Arkansas, prints this bold statement—"The Rice and Duck Capital of the World"—right under its mast head. It even publishes a special Rice and Duck edition in the late fall in which it announces to all sportsmen that the World Champion Duck Calling Contest is about to be held. Here on the Grand Prairie, duck calling is an art and an occupation practiced by the local population on a year-round basis. There have been two contestants who have won the

world championship without the aid of a duck caller. Rare indeed is the person who can call ducks by using only his mouth and vocal cords.

By November, the rice has been harvested and the fields present an appearance of cut over wheat field. This stubble is strewn with rice kernels that have dropped during harvest, providing a bountiful food supply for millions of migrants which pour into the Grand Prairie each fall. During this great migration, ducks feed in these fields at night and rest in the densely wooded pin oak flats by day. Here the large "redlegs" and "ice mallards" end their migration. Officials of the United States Fish and

Wildlife Service estimate that about fifty per cent of all North American wild fowl use the Mississippi flyway and converge on this area in Arkansas.

Interested? Just picture a slate grey November day with 500,000 to 1,000,000 ducks on 500 acres. This is not extravagant language but ducks counted by the Fish and Wildlife Service officials. Here mallards dwarf all the other species but virtually every North American river duck is represented. If you are unfamiliar with the area, you will be thrilled to see a flock of ducks dodging and maneuvering their way through a pin oak flat.

Duck shooting here in Arkansas differs
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from most sections of the country and shooting in pin oak flats has been described as the fastest and most difficult of all types of duck hunting. Many men who are considered a good shot in the marsh often go through a box of shells before bagging their first duck from over the tree tops. There is some shooting from blinds but for the most part just wading out into a pin oak flat with a good native duck calling guide is all that is needed. No decoys are used and only the wisdom of the guide and lure of the call is relied on. Standing in water knee deep beside a tree snag or

trunk with a good retriever makes this type of sport unique to this section. Here you can thrill to a flight of mallards breaking formation as they wing their way through the pin oak trees. Whether you are in a rice reservoir or standing knee deep in a flat waiting for the sunrise, you'll need sharp eyes, good reflexes and real skill to bring them down cleanly, but it is seldom ever necessary for an average shot to leave the timber without his limit. These dark silhouettes, filling the early morning skies, will always remain a vivid picture in the true sportsman's heart.



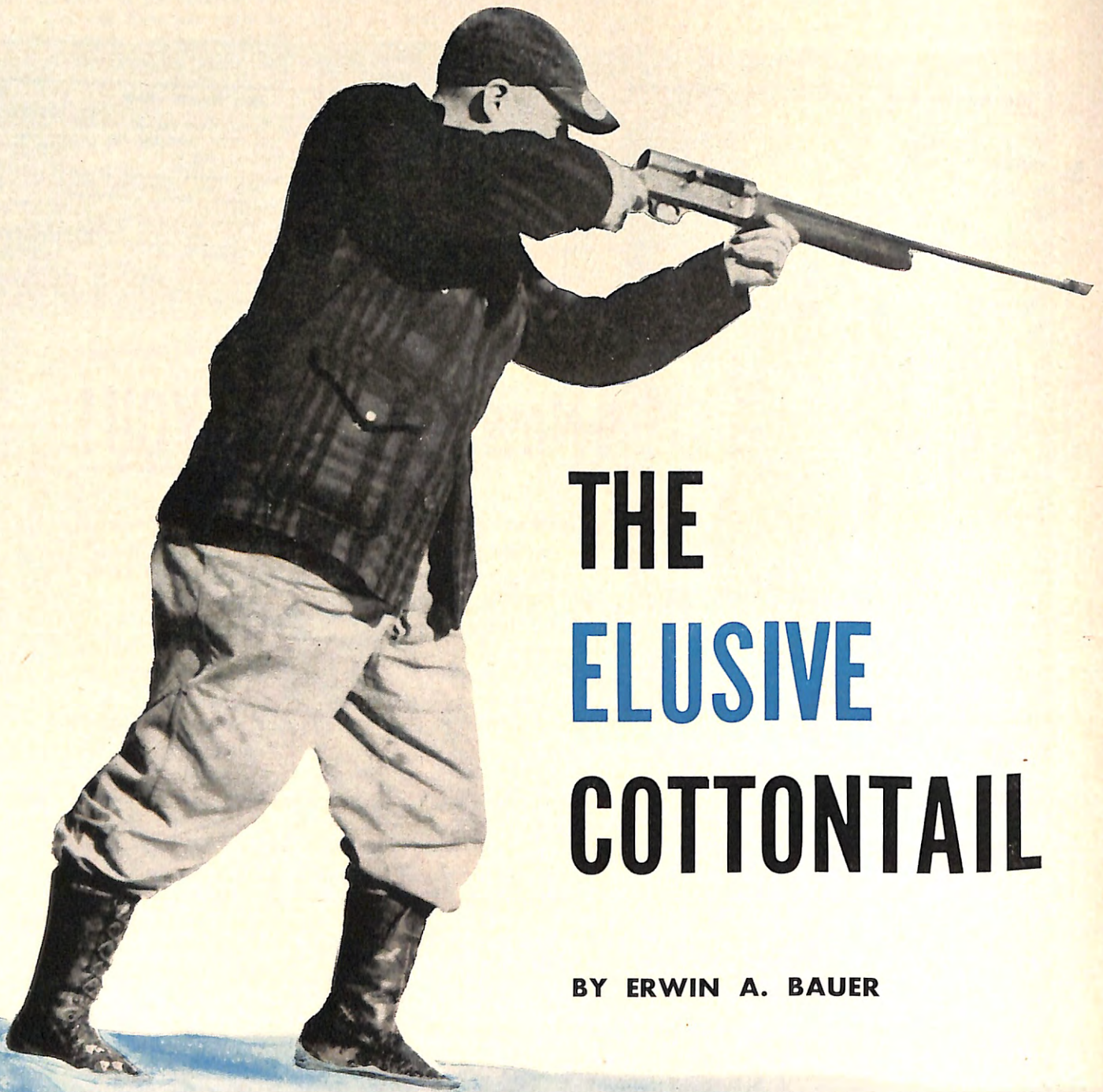
Duck calling is a highly developed art. It calls for much practice and constant observation of the habits of the ducks the caller is trying to attract. The average person uses an artificial means of calling. The annual duck calling contest attracts the top callers and many sportsmen from all over the country. It is perhaps the best known event of its kind in the world. Several years ago a tremendous flight of ducks appeared on the horizon and headed straight for the judges' stand. The flight never deviated from its course and continued on at a very low altitude. The judges are deliberately placed and the contest is held in such a manner that identification of con-

testants is by number only. Every effort is made to see that fairness and equality is given to each contestant. After winning the World's Championship for the third consecutive time, Jake Gartner, the only man ever to accomplish this feat, announced his voluntary retirement. Today, Jake records his calls on wax for hunters the world over to study. There are four calls used in calling wild mallards: the long distance call, the close in call, the mating call, and the feed or chatter call. The long distance call is used to attract ducks up to one-half mile; then, after you have attracted their attention, the close in call is used. The feed call is used at very close range. It is better not to call at this range unless you are somewhat of an expert.

There are about fifty reservoirs in the Stuttgart area, plus some 60 lakes along the White River, offering excellent hunting opportunities. There are commercially operated hunting clubs which offer all equipment, except gun and shells, plus a professional guide for a charge of \$15.00 daily. The state also owns a large area designated as public shooting grounds. Many of America's best known business firms own or lease property for hunting. (Monsanto Chemical Co., Olin Industries, Lion Oil Co., are a few of many who either own or

lease land for hunting purposes.) It was early December when I. G. Walden, his Chesapeake Bay Retriever Buster and I, waded into a rice reservoir and waited for sunrise. We could hear the chatter of the ducks and carefully took our positions against a stump, with Buster perched on a submerged log. At sunrise, we began calling and almost immediately a pair came sailing over about 50 to 75 yards away. Buster had a busy hour. He retrieved two cripples for us and I am sure he would have had the praise of any sportsman watching him work. He seemed to understand when we missed and it was hard for him to restrain his eagerness when we had our limit. I am sure half of the fun of this morning hunt can be attributed to Buster's outstanding work. Each fall Buster seems to understand that soon the marvelous group of green swirling wings from the north-land will be over the pin oak flats. This exciting swishing of air and music of fluttering wing will soon be here. See you at Stuttgart.





THE ELUSIVE COTTONTAIL

BY ERWIN A. BAUER

SOMETIMES, in this age of wonder drugs, shiny shopping centers, and diminishing game bags, it's hard for sportsmen to believe that rabbits were once so numerous that the first settlers looked upon them as a plague. Collectively, they actually delayed the opening of the West. Planted on newly cleared sections of virgin forest, entire crops of grain were eaten by them overnight. Pioneers considered rabbits a greater menace than Indians and used every possible means to exterminate both.

It's doubtful if rabbits will ever be so abundant again—although enough remain to qualify them as our most popular game species. More Americans hunt them, perhaps, than all other legal game combined for in some places and in some seasons, they still reach high levels of abundance. And almost any season gunners find enough of them—including cottontails, snowshoes, jacks and swamp rabbits—to put meat valued at several million dollars on home menus or in home freezers all across the land. But today, their greatest value is derived from the sport and relaxation, rather than from the calories they provide. There's no accurate way to measure the value of tramping across bright, autumn fields or of following a brace of beagles across a snowy landscape.

I bagged my first rabbit at an early age down in the Kentucky bluegrass hills. Armed with a brand-new, mail-order gun, I rolled a cottontail that suddenly bounced from a patch of briars. At the time it seemed a momentous occasion, the thrill of a lifetime. But last season, a return engagement to the bourbon country proved that more than twenty years had effected no changes. The thrill was still there—and then some.

Karl Maslowski, Woody Goodpaster and I assembled at the Bath County seat

for the pleasant preliminaries that become a part of every rabbit hunt. These started with a ham and hominy breakfast in the village, a chat with the sheriff who sold us non-resident licenses, and a second breakfast at the farm before we eventually slipped shells into hunting coats and hit the brush. Our farmer-host joined us and made it a quartet. My first shot summoned a beagle at top speed from the house across the road. He became our fifth member and a most valuable ally.

Not ten feet past the barn, the first rabbit jumped. A pair of shots in the direction of a bobbing whitetail only spurred him into over-drive. Then another rabbit jumped. And another. And quickly a fourth. Karl picked up the only rabbit to show for a volley that lasted for several seconds. The rest of us looked around with sheepish grins and then enjoyed a good laugh. After that we settled down to some serious shooting.

FORMING a rough circle, we selected vantage points around a field grown high with ragweed and divided by a gully lined with blackberry briars. I climbed onto a brushpile placed against a fence corner just as the beagle pushed a bunny out of the gully. After reversing his field twice, the rabbit broke from heavy cover about twenty yards away. I needed one shot to collect him.

The beagle turned back into the field and quickly had another cottontail moving in high gear. Karl bagged that one. Altogether we took five rabbits from that one patch of cover before we moved on to greener pastures where our limits were easily filled.

That was my last hunt of the season. It had followed an itinerary that included deer, grouse, pheasants, and ducks—plus several eventful days in the

goose pits, but it was still the most memorable and satisfying session of all. We'd enjoyed steady shooting all day long—not the fastest nor the most difficult by any means. But it was so interesting that I'll always join more than a million other sportsmen who annually hunt rabbits in every corner of the country.

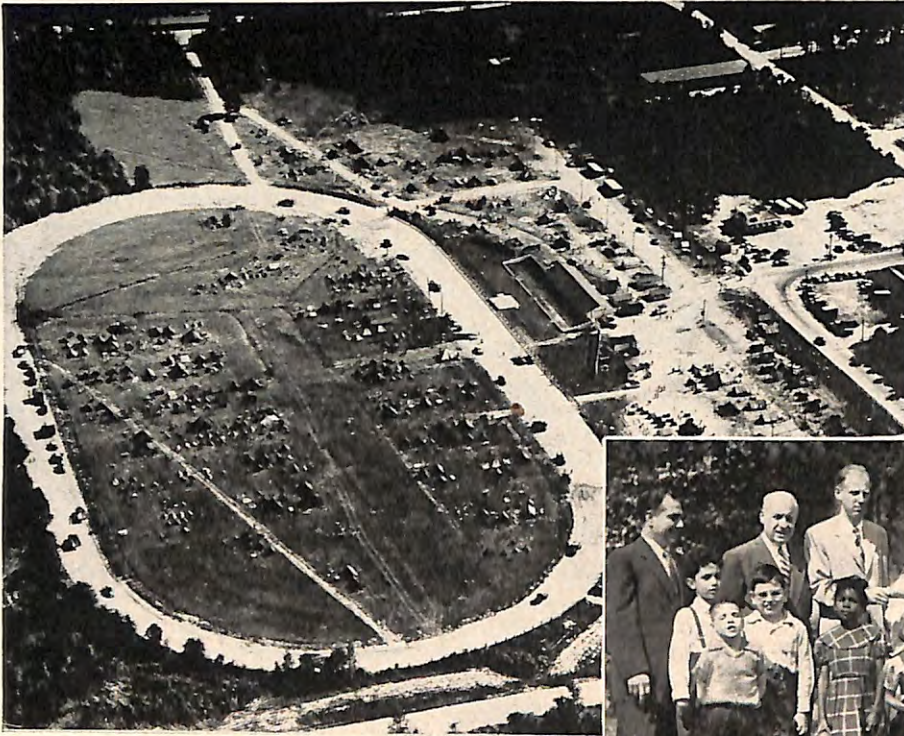
You can find cottontails anywhere in North America—except in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions. They're as much at home in suburban flower gardens as they are on Midwestern farmlands. You'll find them in southern cane fields and marshlands as well as in the arid parts of southern California. Somewhat overlapping cottontail range, and then extending farther north, is snowshoe rabbit (varying hare) country. Some desert regions of the West are shared with jacks, their larger cousins. And marsh rabbits inhabit cottontail range in damp sections of the southeast.

But rabbits are the sportsman's choice for more reasons than abundance and a wide distribution. Hunters need no fancy equipment, no special clothing or paraphernalia to hunt them. Any shotgun in sound condition will kill them effectively within reasonable range. And nowadays you meet more and more archers in the field, especially in more settled places.

To be successful at rabbit hunting it's well to know the quarry and what makes him tick. Cottontails are so prolific that under ideal conditions they could soon inherit the earth—as they almost did in the Midwest a century and a half ago. But fortunately conditions are not ideal; a long list of decimating factors like predators, mowing machines, disease, speeding automobiles and least of all, hunters, keep the population in balance.

Cottontails manage to survive their
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Above: This is a view of the Rocky Mount, N. C., Fairgrounds, owned by local lodge Secy. Norman Y. Chambliss, Sr., during the recent two-day Boy Scout Camporee, when over 2,500 Scouts enjoyed the grounds' facilities through the owner's generosity. Other Rocky Mount Elks joined Secy. Chambliss in playing host to participating Scoutmasters at the lodge home.

Below: A few of the more than 90 children enrolled in the Lavelle School for the Blind, whose playground and its equipment had been destroyed by vandals, are pictured with some of the Bronx, N. Y., Elks who presented a check to School authorities to replace this loss. Left to right, background, are Committee Chairman Nicholas A. DiSilvio, Secy. Louis Dunne, E.R. Fred Behr, Jr., Sister M. Ricarda, head of the School, Ernest Fauser, Est. Lead. Knight Sidney Lyman, Est. Loyal Knight Gene Amabile, William Neimand and Al Jusk.



NEWS of the LODGES



Some of the 1,200 youngsters who were guests of Arlington, Mass., Elksdom at its annual weenie roast, following the showing of a movie, as part of its Youth Activities Program, with John P. Buckley as Committee Chairman.



The Elks of North Carolina have been maintaining a Boys Camp at Hendersonville for ten years. Located on a 300-acre estate, it represents an investment of over \$200,000, and over 4,500 deserving boys have enjoyed its splendid facilities. At left are the boys Raleigh Lodge entertained there at a two-week vacation period this year, and above are some of the 60 youngsters who were guests of the Hickory Elks. This group is minus two deserving boys who had planned to go along until Fate stepped in. Kenneth Minton was stricken with appendicitis and was hospitalized, and his brother Roger refused to go without him.

Mannington, W. Va., Elks Take Youngsters to Circus

Through the interest of the members of Mannington Lodge No. 388, 81 youngsters of the area were able to see this year's production of the annual Shrine Circus. Tickets to the circus were made available through Osiris Temple, and transportation and escort were furnished by Mannington Elksdom.

Among the members of No. 388 who accompanied this busload of children on their pleasant outing were Exalted Ruler F. A. Ballouz, P.E.R. J. W. Thomas, Joe Hafer, Hubert Wells, Carl E. Beaty, Jr., Bill Kilkoyn, Nelson Elliott and Nassif Rohanna.



E.R. Hubert A. Watt pictured in the center background with his fellow officers of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lodge and a class of initiates.



Left: This photograph was taken at the outset of a "Safari to Africa, USA," by the Cub Scouts sponsored by the members of Hollywood, Fla., Lodge who paid the youngsters' expenses. Pictured leading the group, which included 40 children and Den Mothers Mrs. Hilda Nataline, Mrs. Edithe Montesano and Mrs. Francis Stock, is P.E.R. Ian T. Patterson. Other Elks photographed are Charles J. Hartz and E.R. Felix L. Williams.



Right: Tamaqua, Pa., Lodge sponsors four teams in the local Babe Ruth Baseball League at an annual expense of \$400. Pictured here with Manager Edward H. Neifert and his Elk assistants, P.E.R. George A. Christ and Dr. Gordon D. Weaver, are star players in the Elks' groups.

National Home In Spotlight During Bedford County, Va., Bicentennial

IT WAS with understandable pride that Bedford County, Virginia, devoted the week of Aug. 8th to the celebration of its 200 years of progress.

It is a matter of pride to the entire Order of Elks that the citizens of this historic community selected the magnificent Elks National Home as the setting for the majority of the celebration's thrilling events, with Supt. Thomas J. Brady, a genial and cooperative host.

The festival opened with the biggest parade in county history terminating on the Home's spacious lawn where thousands saw General W. M. Stokes, C.O. of the 80th Division, place the crown on the lovely head of the Bicentennial Queen, Mary B. Venable. That evening, Miss Venable and the General set the pace for 250 couples at the Coronation Ball in the dining room of the Home.

The principal events of "Agriculture Day" when the County's progress in the
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These photographs were taken at two of the Bicentennial programs which took place at the Home. At left: Supt. Thomas J. Brady, right, welcomes Gov. Thomas B. Stanley on Governor's Day as Charles E. Green, left, and Hon. duVal Radford, third from left, look on. Below: Pictured as it passed the main building of the Home is one of the floats which appeared in the opening pageant, culminating in the Queen's Coronation Ceremonies.



LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PROGRAM INDICATES BUSY YEAR

Leading off with the observance of National Newspaper Week, October 3rd-9th, the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, under Chairman Edwin J. Alexander, has completed plans for subordinate lodge undertaking.

Awards for Newspaper Week Events

In connection with Newspaper Week, this Committee is prepared to make awards to the three lodges in each of three membership groups which offer the best promotion for, and celebration of, this event—lodges of more than 1,000 members to be in Group I; lodges with a roster of between 500 and 1,000 Elks in Group II, and those of less than 500, in Group III.

Lodge officials are requested to submit full reports, together with photographs and newspaper clippings, to James A. Gunn, 437 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, N. Y., no later than November 1st. Mr. Gunn is the Committeeman who will judge the merits of these programs.

For the remaining months of the Grand Lodge year, Mr. Alexander's Committee has important events lined up for lodge participation, with two planned for November—the initiation of Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick Classes, and the celebration of Elks National Service Commission Night, when the lodges will pay tribute to military and service organizations.

Watch for Instructions on December Events

The traditional Elks Memorial Sunday Services will be conducted on the 5th of December, and as usual, the lodges will be involved in their Christmas Social and Community Welfare Programs around the Holidays. This Grand Lodge Committee invites each branch of the Order to submit reports on both events for its consideration, and later on, instructions concerning such submission will be published.

During January, the Committee is sponsoring the initiation of classes honoring each State Association President, and it is also promoting District

Officer Training Conferences under the direction of the Grand Exalted Ruler's Deputies. Old Timers Night and the Lodge Bulletin Contest will be additional January issues of interest.

Order's Birthday to be Observed

February will see the start of the Order's 88th year when initiations marking the event are to be an important lodge function, with Past Exalted Rulers' Night sharing the spotlight.

March will be devoted to classes named for our current Exalted Rulers, with the nomination of officials for the coming term the chief order of business at lodge sessions. Special Elks National Foundation and Life Members Nights are scheduled for this month, too.

Immediate Training for New Officers

Following April's installations, New Officers Training Conferences are to be conducted under the auspices of the District Deputies, with programs in honor of the lodges' Youth Activities Committees also slated for April.

The observance of Mother's Day is to share the month of May with the initiation of classes in tribute to lodge Secretaries.

June to be Devoted Completely to Flag Day

June's one and important event is the observance of Elks Flag Day on June 14th, and the continuance of the "Show Your Colors" Campaign. This outstanding patriotic effort will once again be a matter for reward on the part of the Activities Committee, and complete instructions for this celebration will appear in a later issue.

July, the Grand Lodge Convention month, will be devoted to a clearing-up of Committee matters for reporting to Convention delegates, with trophies and awards to be presented at Philadelphia.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



STARTING guns are popping all over the country for the Congressional races, and candidates for Senate and House are sure to come down the stretch to a roaring finish on election day, November 2. One third of the Senate and all of the House seats are involved. In many states and congressional districts interest already is at a high pitch. Sharp contests for Governor in a number of states add to the political furor. This is the season of the year when political parties point with pride or view with alarm. Voters will hear arguments this month tending to show the country is going to the dogs while others will emphasize facts proving we are in the greatest surge of prosperity in history. The tons of Congressional speeches and such now going into the mail for free could well cause Postmaster General Summerfield to abandon all hope of reducing postal deficits. Government printing presses are rolling at top speed. Chief national interest centers over the makeup of the next Congress. A few switches in the Senate could change things and the House may have a number of upsets. Both parties are now making appeals for citizens to register and vote. It is the duty of every citizen and every good American to cast a ballot for the candidates of his or her choice this coming election. A lively election makes for a better Republic.

SAFE AEC BUILDING

In a move to get out of a possible danger zone the Atomic Energy Commission will locate its proposed \$9,600,000 building about 35 miles from Washington. It will be three stories high, air conditioned and fire-proof. The H bomb test in the Pacific created absolute destruction for a radius of three miles, heavy damage for seven miles and light damage for 10 miles. It made a crater a mile wide. Thirty miles away, however, a person would be safe.

FEDERAL INSURANCE PLAN

A new government employee life insurance program will go into effect in November or December. It is a take it or leave it plan and about 75 per cent of the workers are expected to sign up. Policies are based on the upper thousandths of salaries. An employee earning \$4,500 a year gets \$5,000 of insurance, for in-

stance, and pays \$6.50 a year per thousand. Payments stop at 65 and policies decline in value 2 per cent a month but do not go below 25 per cent. Employees join without taking a physical exam. President Eisenhower says it is a highly desirable plan for the benefit of workers.

"INFANT CARE" STILL LEADS

That "Infant Care" pamphlet, which this reporter has mentioned before, now costs 20 cents but still tops all other government publications in sales. First printed in 1913 it has sold 8 editions for a total of over 9,000,000 copies. Other big sellers are "Pre-natal Care" over 4,000,000 copies, and, "Your Child From 1 to 6", 3,000,000. All government publications are sold by Superintendent of Documents. The grand total is around 55,000,000 a year bringing in over \$5 million to offset the cost.

FIRST SPACE ROCKET

Scientists say the first big space rocket experiment will be to launch a rocket which will go beyond the pull of gravity and continue to circle the earth as a tiny satellite. Shooting one to the moon will come later.

CONGRESSIONAL STEAM

Dr. George W. Calver, physician to the Senators and Congressmen, isn't worrying about their health now that they are back in their bailiwicks. They won't blow a blood vessel when blowing off oratorical steam. They are in their best condition when campaigning, waving their arms and shouting. Good exercise he says.

AIRPORT CONGESTION

Washington National Airport has reached peak capacity and is so congested it no longer meets the needs of the city, Joseph D. Blatt, CAA expert reports. Planes sometimes wait a half hour on the ramps to get into the air. About 3 million passengers, it is estimated, will emplane this year and by 1960 the figure will be 4 million. More than 43 planes an hour land or take off at present, whereas the normal peak for an airport is estimated at 40 planes per hour. The solution is another airport, Blatt says, since the present field cannot be enlarged to any extent. Everybody agrees, but politics

may keep Washington from building a second air terminal for a long time.

GOATS EAT ISLAND

Geologists say Robinson Crusoe's island, in the Juan Fernandez group in the Pacific off Chile, now has so many goats they are eating it right down into the sea. The island, Mas a Tierra, is believed to be the one which inspired Daniel Defoe's famous story. Balboa, Magellan, Drake and a number of scientists visited it. Crusoe's goats are eating the vegetation, causing erosion of the shoreline, which is gradually crumbling into the ocean.

INCREASE RESERVES

Steps are being taken to strengthen the army and air force reserves under a defense plan which ultimately will have 3 million well trained and equipped reserves ready in an emergency to support regular forces of nearly 3 million.

SCHOOL INSURANCE POPULAR

Public school accident insurance premiums in Washington this year will total more than \$70,000 according to estimates. School kid insurance, started last year, proved popular with thousands of parents. It covers accidents to children in school, on school grounds and enroute to and from school or to school affairs. Last year it cost \$1.25 per pupil here. This year the cost is down to \$1.10. Many cities are using this insurance plan.

FEDERAL FACTS

Graduates of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners are a loyal bunch. At a recent reunion here one came clean from Lima, Peru. . . . Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby's Department of Health, Education and Welfare is called "HEW" for short in order to get it in a one column newspaper heading. . . . National Archives exhibits a 600-pound model of the huge safe in the basement in which the Constitution, Bill of Rights and other documents are kept at night. . . . Producer Robert Montgomery asserts he is not trying to make President Eisenhower a TV actor, but his job as advisor is to make appearances easier for the Chief Executive. . . . Uncle Sam is gaining slightly in preserving the herd of wild muskox on Nunivak Island, Alaska, which now numbers about 100.



BY DAN HOLLAND

A RIDGE-RUNNING FRIEND of mine in north-central Pennsylvania said this to me the other day about ruffed grouse: "I'll get one of those things yet, so help me! I know they can be hit. Some of the fellows around my way won't even shoot at them any more. They say it is a waste of shells, but not me. I'm not giving up. I let blast at every one I see, and I'll bring one home some of these days. I know it!"

This fellow George is a good hunter and a cool shot at most game. He has successfully hunted deer, turkeys, pheasants and everything else the countryside has to offer—except grouse. He does happen to live where ruffed-grouse hunting is its toughest, among the steep, laurel-covered hills of Pennsylvania where the crust of the earth is wrinkled like the skin of a dried apple, but that's not his only trouble. Grouse have him buffaloed. "If they didn't make quite so much noise when they take off," he says, "there wouldn't be as many of them alive today."

George will get one soon, even if he does have to hunt them in the laurel, and after he has broken the ice, he will bring down a lot of them. He will be a good grouse wing-shot before long because he has the spirit and determination for it. That's something a fellow must have. He must love the smell of autumn, and the feel of the crisp October air, and the sight of apples and alders that are a grouse's haunts. Most of all, he must be a hunter through and through. He will pause while fishing in May just to listen to an old drummer do his stuff on the hillside above. During the spring and summer he will continually wonder how the old birds are faring with their broods. He will hate foxes and owls, and even heavy spring rains—anything and everything that might work against their well being. He won't pass a likely cover at any time of year without trying to picture how many birds it holds and where they are using. And when Autumn comes, the roar of a ruffed grouse's wings must set the blood pounding in his veins, must unleash something inside him like a triggered steel trap.

If a man is so endowed, he will work himself thin every fall. As for myself, I

SHELL
FOR SHELL

the Ruffed Grouse is Tops

know that I have never extended myself physically so completely and willingly as I do to get one shot at a grouse. If I had to walk a mile uphill over rocky ledges and through a constant tangle of briars, hardhack and stinging birch limbs just to mend a broken fence, for instance, I might lie right down and cry, but in October I will do the same thing for twenty miles with hardly a pause and love every minute of it.

After doing this all season long ever since I was big enough to swing a shotgun, I've learned a few things about ruffed grouse, or partridge, as they are more familiarly known throughout the Northeast. The principal thing I have learned, of course, is how little I or anyone else really knows about them. A New England hunting companion of mine is a good example. He has a dozen or fifteen pet covers where he obviously knows the birds and their habits better than they know themselves. Whenever I visit him, like the perfect host he is, he generously insists that I remain in position in each of these covers to get the best shooting. In one of them, for instance, he places me in an opening in a stone wall where a tote road once passed through. "There are only a couple of birds in this spot," he explains as he gets me placed properly, "but they always fly right through this break in the wall. You stand here while we come in above with the dog. When we yell, you get ready to shoot."

After about fifteen restless minutes of standing on one foot then the other, I hear the bell of the dog coming in the distance. A couple more tense minutes pass, then there is a roar of wings, a quick shot or two, some unintelligible mutterings, and silence. Nothing flies through the break in the wall. When my friend arrives, he says: "They flew back the other way this morning for some reason. No use trying to follow them up that hill. We'll go down to the old Starrett place."

AT THE Starrett place he says: "Stand at that point of alders, just beyond that small clump of birches. The birds feed in the apples at the other end, and when we flush them, they'll fly down this swale, out past that point, across that small clearing and into those big pines. If you're ready, you can get a wide-open shot."

Even though I have gone through this routine before, it all sounds so convincing that I stand there fidgeting with the safety for a half-hour, not once taking my eyes off the point of alders where the partridge will momentarily burst forth into the open. Eventually there are some hurried shots and I stand tense as a statue, eyes as big as peeled onions, but no partridge appear.

"They cut across the road into that big wood swamp," my host explains, apparently not the least perturbed. "We'll go up to the cemetery cover. There are five

birds there, plus an occasional woodcock."

We do this all day. After we visit the Young place, Burnt Hill, Reservoir Pond and a few others, we run out of sure things. We get a few accidental shots and maybe a bird or two in the process, but no partridge yet has flown his predicted course. By the end of a day of waiting and watching for birds that don't appear I'm so nervous I couldn't hit the ground if I fell out of a tree.

IF I HAVE learned anything about them, it's not to attempt to outguess them. The only thing for me to do is take them as they come. Occasionally I can't help myself. One of us will spot a partridge on the ground ahead or sitting on an apple limb; then, of course, we attempt to surround him. The temptation to figure out his next move is too much. Each of us knows in his own mind just where that bird is going when he jumps. I never have decided for certain whether a ruffed grouse is really smart or one of the most stupid birds in creation. When one of them sits on a limb like this, perching nervously while three of us stand with loaded guns twenty or thirty feet away dis-

cussing how best to annihilate him, I am sure that he is just plain stupid. How does he know we won't shoot his head off where he sits? A minute later the three of us are in position so that he can't escape. We yell at him and wave our hats, and still he sits, his neck stretched to three times its normal length and his tail bobbing nervously. One of us reaches down to get a stick or clod of earth to toss at him, and he's off the limb in an instant, flying directly at the gunner stooping over. The other two fellows can't shoot in that direction, of course, so stand helpless. The fellow with the stick spins around as the bird roars over his head, tries one desperate shot into the trees behind as it disappears, and the stupid partridge is as alive and healthy as ever.

Likely it is a reasoned instinct, but a partridge has an infallible ability to put what available cover there is between himself and a gun. I've left far more shotgun pellets in the boles of trees than I ever have in partridge. To attain cover, he may fly directly in the gunner's face, which is as disturbing a tactic as he could use. Again I have had one run for

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Grouse live where the cover is the thickest and the thorns the sharpest.



HUNTING TIPS

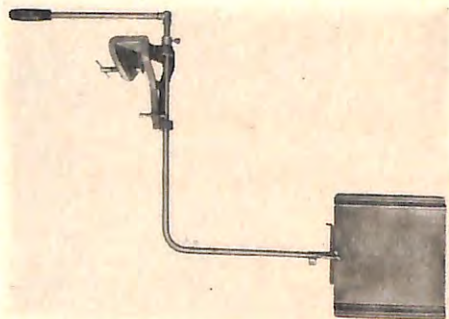
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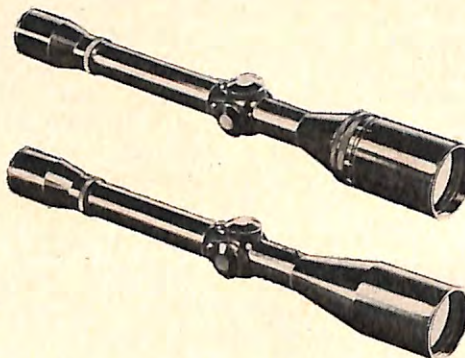


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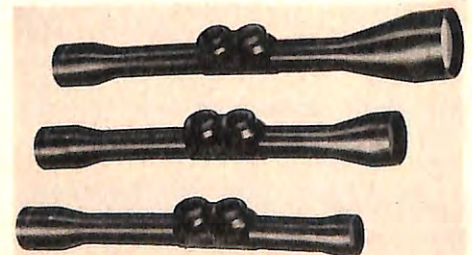
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FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL



Economy is only one of the many reasons for visiting Europe during the November to March Thrift Season.

BY HORACE SUTTON

PITLOCHRY, SCOTLAND—I write this from the small room of a small hotel in Scotland, the window looking out to the Highlands, the heather and the severe stone buildings of this tiny village. I write after a little better than two weeks of skimming through Italy, France and England at the tail of one of the busiest summers Americans have ever produced abroad.

But what this great invasion of those who have come in the high season have encountered is some of the worst weather of Northern Europe. The continuous rain, the continuous cold, the sad gray clouds that have filled the skies of most of France, the low countries, Germany, and Britain proved a boomerang to those who insisted on joining the summer crush in order to see Europe in fine summer atmosphere.

Parts of England chalked up a straight month of rain, French channel ports were registering 40 degree temperature, and when the sun finally broke through in Paris the other day, the local edition of the "New York Herald Tribune" carried it on the front pages.

I bring you this rather detailed weather report because it certainly does add some strength to those who for years have been arguing for off-season travel. The thought came to me the other night while rolling around Paris in a friend's shiny new German car—in the rain—that this was no time to be rolling around Paris. And what made the off-season argument even more cogent was the fact that by count we visited five well-known and well-respected restaurants in town before finding one open. It happened to be a perfectly ordinary Tuesday night, but it also happened to be a week in late August, and many restaurants simply fold up for the summer and steal away to a corner of the Riviera or the Breton Coast. Eating in the summer in Paris takes some doing unless you want to

collapse in your own hotel dining room.

As much goes for the shops which frequently do not bother to stagger employees' vacations, but merely padlock the place and use the time for painting and repairs. About as much goes for Rome where I arrived the other week in the stillness of a Sunday. I had left New York on a fairly bustling Saturday night aboard Pan American's "President" Stratocruiser, sailed out along the length of Long Island and landed directly at Paris before twelve hours had fled around the clock. Rome, a few hours later, in the middle of the slow siesta, in the middle of a summer Sunday, and the middle of Ferragosto, a religious holiday, was barely breathing.

TO ME, all this speaks an incontrovertible argument in favor of Thrift Season travel, as the European Travel Commission has been calling it. In Rome the talk of the Thrift Season had begun in earnest while I was there, for Italian hotel keepers and restaurant owners who had inaugurated a savings plan last year are now intent on carrying it through in earnest. In 1953 they announced a twenty-five per cent reduction for those who come in the Thrift Season on independent or organized tours booked through travel agents. But then word seeped through that the plan was being awarded only spotty adherence. The Italian State Railways, which had promised cooperation, raised their rates, cancelling any reduction.

But now the 25 per cent reduction program is more than talk and promise. In Italy, where it makes good sense because of the temperate weather, it will be scaled to coincide with the Thrift Season rates offered by the airlines from November through March. I have had lunch on the square at Santa Maria Trastevere in Rome deep in November, with strong

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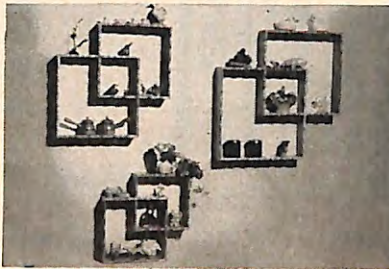


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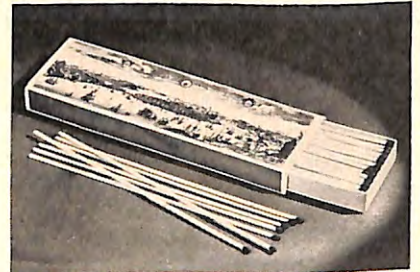
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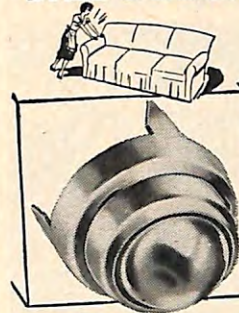
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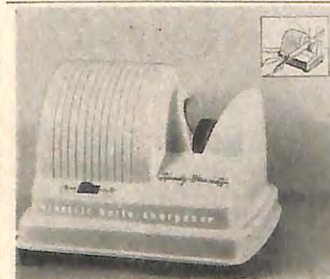
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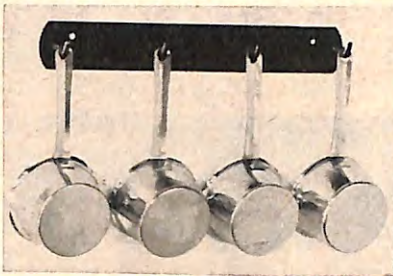
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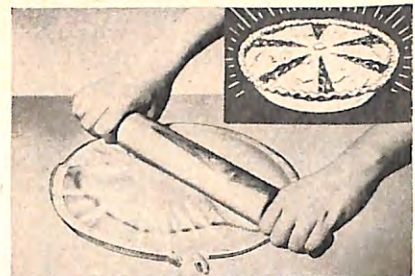
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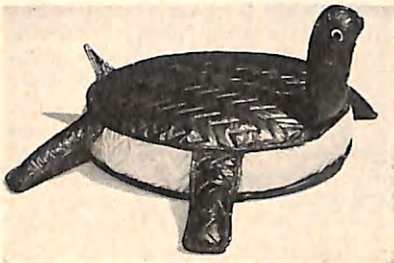
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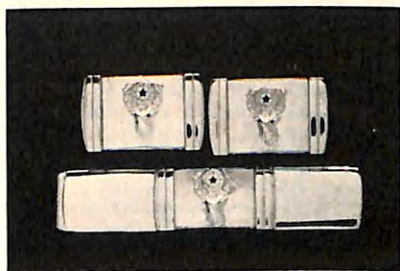


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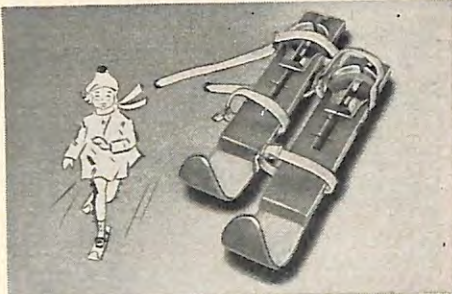
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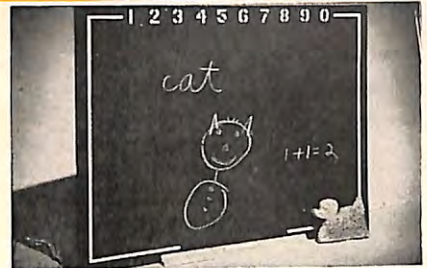


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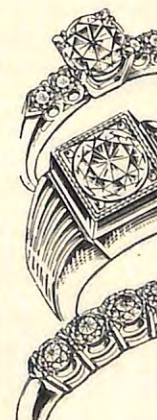
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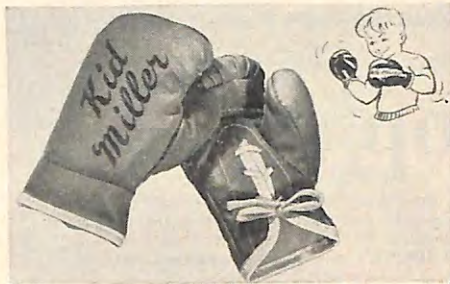
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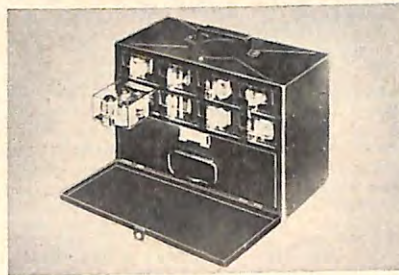
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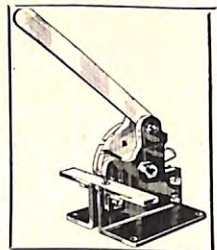
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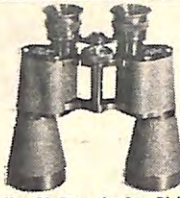
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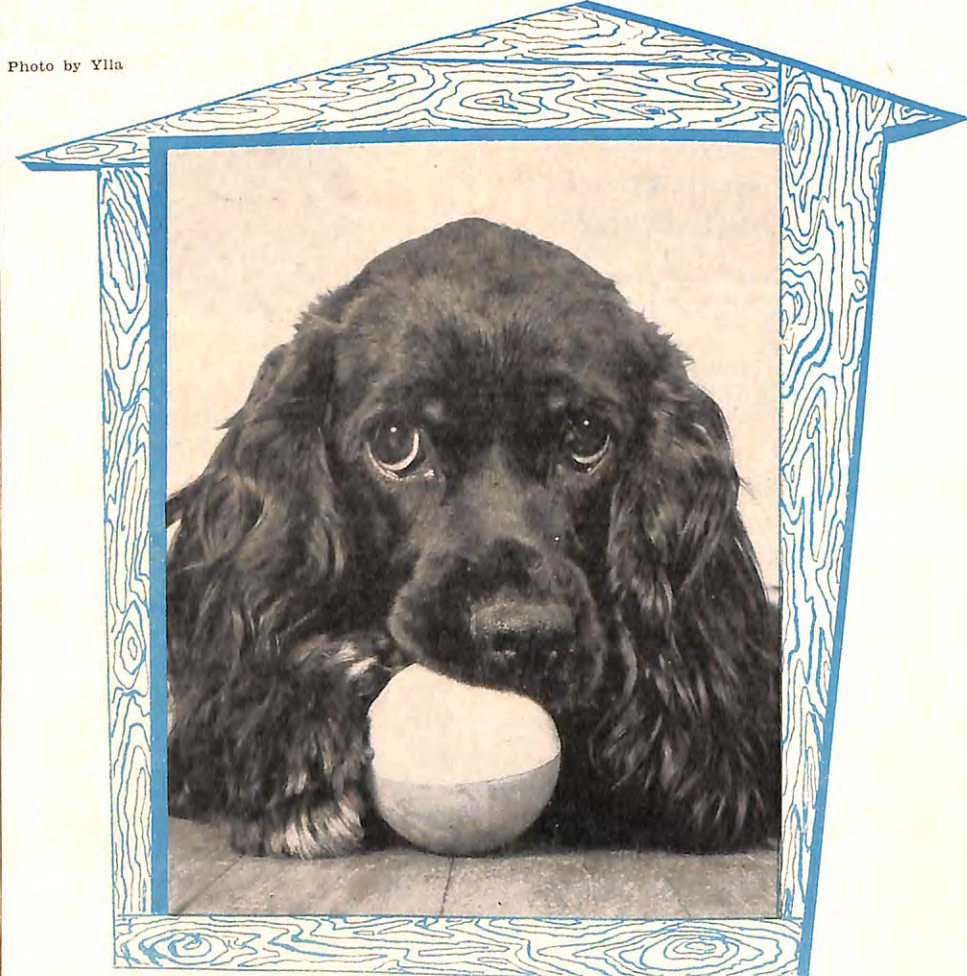
IN THESE SCREEDS your reporter from time to time has sounded off with advice as to what to do to teach your Fido the fundamentals of becoming a good citizen, but this month's sermon will be devoted to giving a few pointers that may help those who have written to ask about the business of schooling the pup to perform a few tricks. The business of teaching Mr. Dog to become a more civic minded gent of course concerns such matters as being clean around the house, obeying a few simple commands, necessary ones too I might add, such as coming when called, staying put when told, being civil but not over friendly to strangers and just being a plain, tractable, companionable dog with such good manners as a dog should have.

Fortunately, most dogs learn to become assets to the family, but unfortunately, some do not. It all depends upon the dog's boss. It says here that it's no

reflection upon the parents to advance the thought that dogs are in many ways very much like young children since an overindulgent dog owner finds himself with a spoiled dog on his hands just as an overindulgent parent finds himself sponsoring a spoiled child. It can be seen that your writer could easily wander down the path of airing his views on one of the causes of today's juvenile delinquency but this is an article dealing with dogs and not social problems. Hence, as tempting as it may be to deal with the subject of why so many of the small fry of today get on the wrong side of the social code, that will be left to those who are better informed.

Back to the matter of teaching Fido a few stunts that may cause your friends to envy your possession of a right cute pup. To begin with, you must have patience and plenty of it, but the average dog will respond and in time will learn.

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All this alert cocker spaniel needs is someone to play ball with.

with Ed Faust



Rule No. 1 (or 1-A—No. 1 is patience) is never lose your temper or shout at your dog when you drill him. Your impatience won't get you anywhere but will simply confuse your dog and make him cultivate a lasting distaste for whatever trick you are trying to teach. The next time you see a professionally trained animal act you'll note that if the animals are small and harmless the trainer seldom uses a whip, or if it is a turn employing large and perhaps dangerous animals, should the trainer use a whip the animals are rarely if ever struck with it. It is mainly used to emphasize a command.

This brings us to rule No. 2. Your dog should never be punished at any time that you are trying to teach him. Kindness backed by firmness is the principle employed by the professionals and is the method that will help you get results. It's a good idea when giving your dog its lessons to have some tidbit relished by Fido ready to offer for a successful or even nearly successful performance. He will associate the success with something his tummy likes and thus further your chances of teaching him. Another rule is to be alone with your dog when you drill him. Don't permit other people or animals in his vicinity to distract his attention. Keep your commands short. Single words are better than three or four word commands. Where the trick lends itself to it, emphasizes your command with hand signals. The observant dog will better understand what you want him to do. Back in the old days when dogs were used in movies before the talkies, verbal commands were employed, but with the advent of sound pictures dog trainers had to teach their dogs to obey silent hand signals—and by golly they did.

DON'T try to teach a young pup—one that is less than five months old. After all, that little dog is still very much a scatter-witted pup. But the dog that is from five months old and up to two years is the best—your most teachable pupil. Admittedly there are youngsters that have quickly learned their P's and Q's, but they are the exception and not the rule. Then, too, there have been those who have passed the two-year mark and still proved ready pupils. It all depends upon the dog.

Morning, when your dog has been well rested, is the best time for teaching but this is no hard and fast rule. I would advise that no lessons be given when the pup is tired from exercise or too much

play, and particularly after he has had his meal. Naturally, the number of lessons necessary to perfect your dog in one of the more simple tricks will vary with his aptitude and intelligence; but certainly for the average scholar ten or twelve lessons should be enough. Stick to teaching one trick until the dog learns it.

To go back a moment to two other "don'ts" in the business of dog schooling, don't ever try to train a dog that is unwell or one that is nursing puppies. When I say stick to one trick until the dog learns it, this like many other sweeping statements is subject to qualification. Some dogs while mastering certain tricks with ease will not learn other stunts; and if after giving the number of lessons I've indicated above, your Fido still proves unable or unwilling to learn the particular trick you are trying to teach, switch to another trick.

ONE of the easiest tricks to teach is to speak on command. Of course, you don't want to make your dog a chatterbox and thus have him become a fearful nuisance, which he can be if he sounds off at the slightest pretext, but you may want him to learn to speak for his dinner or some tid-bit. Most dogs seem to like the sound of their own voices and your Fido may be no exception. One way to go about this is to tie up the dog and stand just out of reach with a small piece of meat which you can let him see. Hold the meat just out of his reach and give the command word "Speak". Repeat this lesson sufficiently and your dog should soon learn to speak or bark when you give the word. Always reward the dog when he does "speak" by giving him the meat. A dog biscuit or anything else relished by your dog will serve as well as the meat. Be sure to let the dog see and smell it first; and then when he lunges for it, give the command. He'll soon learn.

Here's a stunt that may mystify your friends and which is not too hard for Fido to learn. Lay four playing cards on the floor—four aces for example. Tell the dog to pick out the ace of diamonds. When he does, your friends will think you have a right smart pooch (if they don't know the secret). Unnoticed by your friends, slip a small sliver of meat under the card you want the dog to select. His scent perception is so keen he'll go to the card you name. Be sure to keep cards fairly wide apart so there will be no confusion among your friends as to what card Fido has picked out.

To teach your dog to jump is one of the easiest of all stunts for him to learn. Back him into a corner of the room so he can only move in one direction—forward. Hold a stick three or four inches off the floor, or higher if yours is a large dog. However, don't hold the stick so high that he'll have to pole-vault over it. Snap your fingers in front of the dog and give the command "Jump". Don't permit him to go under the stick at any time. To get

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BUSINESS OUTLOOK

IN DISCUSSING the outlook for the summer in the May 1954 issue of The Elks Magazine, the following statement was made: "All indications are to the effect that while inventories continue to be liquidated and consumer credit is being reduced, the overall level of business activity will remain over the next several months at approximately its present level. . . . It should be noted, however, that the greatest portion of the decline in production is already behind us."

In fact, business activity during the last few months has levelled off as may be seen from the fact that the seasonally adjusted index of industrial activity as prepared by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System stood at 124 in May and 124 in July (1947-49=100), the latest figure available. The decline in production after allowance for seasonal fluctuations has come to an end and the economy has remained on a practically even keel.

The readjustment which set in in July, 1953, has been a mild one indeed. Employment of civilian labor force at the end of July stood at 62.1 million and unemployment, at 3.3 million. Unemployment in July was 5.1 per cent of civilian labor force against 5.5 per cent for the first quarter of 1954. While the total number of unemployed is larger than at the peak of the boom in the summer of 1953, it cannot be considered dangerous. Moreover, the increase in unemployment apparently has come to an end. The decrease in the volume of business activity and the increase in unemployment have not had any effect on disposable income partly because wages are still increasing and partly because of the reduction in taxes. The disposable

income of the people, that is, total personal income less taxation, in the second quarter of 1954, stood at an annual rate of \$252.9 billion as compared with \$252.3 billion in the first quarter and \$251.2 billion in the last quarter of 1953. The construction industry is booming and total new construction expenditures for the first half of 1954 amounted to \$20,135 million as compared with \$19,442 million for the comparable period a year ago. Home starts are at a high level and it is expected that the total for the year will exceed substantially the one million mark.

The mildness of the readjustment can be ascribed partly to the soundness of the American economy and partly to the various measures taken by the Administration. Most important of these has been the change in the credit and debt management policies of the Federal Reserve and Treasury authorities. Interest rates have decreased and money is easy. The supply of mortgage money has witnessed a substantial rise, and this in turn had a beneficial effect on construction in general and home building in particular. Removal of the excess profits tax and the lowering of personal income taxes also contributed to the stability of the American economy.

What about the remainder of the year? Business activity in all likelihood will witness a moderate improvement in the last quarter of 1954. This improvement will be modest and under present conditions, there are no valid reasons to expect a return to boom conditions as they existed at the peak in the first half of 1953.

In this connection it is important to keep in mind that the decline in business

activity during 1953-54 was more than an inventory readjustment. It also marked the transition from an economy of shortages to one of surpluses. This transition is not over yet and will continue for quite some time. In the last quarter of 1954, however, it is reasonable to expect an increase in the output of durable consumer goods. It is a well known fact that all automobile companies, realizing the keen competition in this field, will come out with many new models to stimulate new consumer purchases. The construction industry in all probability will continue at a high level. The soft goods industries, notably textiles, are likely to do much better in the last quarter of the year than was the case during the same period a year ago. The new tax law will also have a favorable effect on capital expenditures by corporations. All these factors combined, therefore, are bound to exercise a favorable impact on business activity which will be at a somewhat higher level in the last quarter than was the case during the preceding nine months.

In considering the longer-run outlook the following factors should be considered:

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IS HIGH

The confidence of the people in the stability of the American economy is very high. Since the end of the war the United States has undergone three readjustments: In 1945-46 after hostilities came to an end; in 1948-49, and in 1953-54. All the dire predictions that have been made at home and abroad about the volatility of the American economy and the inevitability of a major business depression accompanied by large-scale unemployment and substantially lower commodity prices have not materialized. During all three periods employment remained at a fairly high level and at no time was there any danger of a serious depression. The mere fact that the people are not afraid of a sharp break in business activity accompanied by large-scale unemployment in itself has a favorable impact on business activity and stimulates consumption expenditures. That this is so can be seen from the fact that although business activity from the peak of the boom in July 1953 to the lowest point in April 1954 witnessed a decline of 10 per cent, consumption expenditures have increased from an annual rate of \$230.8 billion in the second quarter of 1953 to \$233.1 billion in the second quarter of 1954.

The economy of the country as a whole is sound. There have been no abuses of any segment in the economy and the savings of the people are exceedingly large. The total liquid savings of individuals consisting of money in the bank, cash and government obligations which can be converted into cash at a moment's notice, are in excess of \$200 billion. The confidence of the people in the future

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A significant soft spot in the economy, where the outlook is not currently favorable, is agriculture. Farm income has decreased and a further decline is in the making caused primarily by the reduction in acreage allocations and the adoption of flexible farm supports. However, here also the long-range outlook is favorable. The population of the United States is increasing at a rather rapid rate, the standard of living is rising and this in turn indicates an increased demand for farm products.

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Although the 83rd Congress did not pass all the legislation recommended by the Administration, a considerable portion of the President's program was enacted and this may be expected to have a favorable effect on future business conditions.

The Housing Act makes it easier for individuals, particularly in the lower income groups, to acquire their own homes. Since money rates are low and are likely to continue at the present level for quite some time and since mortgage credit is abundant, one may expect that building in general and home construction in particular will continue to play an important role in maintaining a favorable level of business activity.

The Social Security coverage has been broadened and has given to several million more Americans an increased economic security. This in turn is likely to have a favorable impact on their willingness to spend. Increased economic security stimulates consumption of all goods and services as is evidenced by the fact that consumption expenditures have remained at a high level.

Revision of the Revenue Code is complex but the changes will have a beneficial effect on individuals as well as on business firms.

The credit and debt management policies of the Administration are geared to stimulate business activity. So long as there is no danger of inflation and there are no abuses of bank credit, the monetary and debt management policies of the authorities will not undergo any material change. Government policies have been a stimulus in maintaining the high level of public works expenditures. The increase in population and the rise in the standard of living of the people coupled with the decentralization movement from congested areas to suburbs as

well as the geographic shifts of the population have created an increased demand for schools, hospitals and playgrounds all over the country. It also has intensified the necessity to construct more roads and highways and the improvement of parking facilities. The decline in interest rates has materially stimulated the issue of bonds by public authorities, the proceeds of which are being used to meet the highway and road deficiency of the country which at present is still quite pronounced.

Of paramount importance is the confidence of the people themselves that should business activity witness any material deterioration accompanied by large-scale unemployment, the Federal government would step in and take measures to bring the downturn to a halt. This in itself has an important psychological effect on business management as well as on the ultimate consumers and is likely to exercise a favorable influence on business activity. Moreover, the fear of inflation has come to an end. Commodity prices during the last two years, on the whole, have remained fairly stable and any material change from the present level under existing conditions is not to be expected.

However, competition is keen and will become even keener in the future. While those who have readjusted their thinking from the sellers' to the buyers' market and have taken the necessary steps to become low-cost producers as well as distributors in order to meet the increased competition will do well, those who cannot adjust to the new conditions are likely to fall by the wayside. The number of failures in fact is relatively large and the merger movement in all lines of business has become accelerated. These developments, while not surprising and to be expected in a competitive economy, do have serious repercussions particularly on marginal producers and distributors.

IMPROVEMENT BUT NO BOOM

Business activity has levelled off and a moderate increase in activity may be expected in the fourth quarter of the year. The increase will be modest in character and a return to the boom levels that prevailed up to the middle of 1953 is not likely.

The improvement will be brought about by an increased demand for durable consumer goods as well as soft goods. The disposable income in the hands of the people is large, their savings are considerable and serious efforts are being made through new models and sales promotion in general to induce ultimate consumers to spend more and to save less.

The construction industry will remain at a high level stimulated by the credit and debt management policies of the Administration as well as by the new housing legislation.

Public works will be maintained at a high level to meet the needs created by

the rapid increase in population and the rise in the standard of living and the decentralization movement. The ease which prevails in the capital market will continue and hence will stimulate the construction of public works.

Employment as well as disposable income will remain high. The tendency for unemployment to decrease will in all likelihood continue, although a return to employment conditions as they existed in the first half of 1953 is not likely. Commodity prices have remained stable and material changes in either direction are not to be expected.

INVENTORIES REMAIN SMALL

The decline in inventories is to a large extent over, but a renewal by business firms of the policy of inventory accumulation is not to be expected. Business men in general know how great the productive capacity of the country is, and since the danger of war has receded, they are reluctant to accumulate inventories. The policy of hand-to-mouth buying in all probability will continue.

The economy will become increasingly dynamic, based on research, the invention of new products and the development of new methods of production. This in turn assures large expenditures by corporations for new machinery and equipment.

As a result of the keen competition for markets and the urge for product diversification, as well as the necessity to spend huge sums on new machinery and equipment to reduce the cost of production, the merger movement has become intensified and in all probability will continue. The more severe competition has contributed materially to the rather large number of failures and to the liquidation of a number of marginal business concerns.

Inherently the American economy is sound. In the past fifteen years the productive capacity of the country has increased very substantially. The economic position of the people has improved considerably and the liquid savings at their disposal are large. The population is growing and the standard of living of the people is rising.

We can look toward the future with a great deal of confidence. The various weaknesses which in the past aggravated any decline in business activity have to a large extent been removed, as is evidenced by the fact that the three readjustments since the end of the war have been mild in character. But in considering the future one has to bear in mind that the sellers' market is definitely a thing of the past and that the buyers' market is here to stay. Competition will become keener; hence management will play a much more important role than during the period from 1941 to 1953. Competition, however, is normal to a free enterprise economy. Those prepared to meet this competition have every reason to expect satisfactory results.



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News of the State Associations

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Cedar City Site of 1955 Utah Elks Convention

At the 40th Annual Meeting of the Utah Elks State Assn. in Ogden, the 184 delegates selected Cedar City for their 1955 conclave, and elected the following officers: Pres., W. R. Beazer, Provo; 1st Vice-Pres., T. J. Schow, Salt Lake City; 2nd Vice-Pres., Reynolds Blackinton, Ogden; 3rd Vice-Pres., William Daniels, Price; Treas., William Greer, Ogden; Secy., James Haran, Provo; Executive Committeemen Howard Beery, Park City, and Wayne Jared, Logan.

J. A. Drehle, Pres. of the Colo. Elks Assn., was a special guest of the meeting, addressing the delegates at two of their sessions. Provo Lodge's Ritualistic Team won the State title, with Logan in second place; Salt Lake City in third. For the 15th consecutive year, Salt Lake City Elk Simon Shapiro offered a patriotic, thought-provoking resolution which was unanimously adopted. In appreciation of his devoted efforts, Mr. Shapiro received from P.D.D. Seth Billings in the Assn. which has ever been presented.

In addition to many fine social events, and the Grand Ball which closed the meeting, a P.E.R.'s Banquet was held in honor of Albert Becker and J. A. Howell, two of the oldest members of Ogden Lodge.

Norfolk Wins Ritualistic Honors at Virginia Convention

Entries from Alexandria and Roanoke Lodges took second and third place respectively in the Ritualistic Contest won by the host lodge during the Aug. 21-24 meeting at Norfolk. Petersburg golfers won that event, and Martinsville Elkdome, which will be host to the Assn.'s November meeting, received the Grand Lodge plaque for its youth work.

The 1955 Convention will take place at Danville Aug. 20-23, and until that time the following will handle the Assn.'s affairs: Pres. Walter E. Barrick, Danville; 1st Vice-Pres., F. J. Howard, Hampden; 2nd Vice-Pres., K. V. Brugh, Pulaski; 3rd Vice-Pres., E. L. Curtin, Portsmouth; Secy., C. F. Curtice, Petersburg; Treas., D. S. McClarin, Norfolk; Chaplain, V. P. Pifer, Hampton.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett was the principal Convention speaker, with addresses also delivered by Norfolk's Vice-Mayor, George Abbott, and Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles T. Hawthorne, and Rabbi Mur-

ray Kantor giving the Memorial Address.

Directors of the Va. Elks Boys Camp reported an increase in facilities, with improvements totaling \$22,500, and lodge quota-payments at \$15,000. Chairman Morris Lutto presented an account of the Veterans Service Committee work to the delegates who saw awards made to the State's Youth Leaders and Elks National Foundation students.

Open house at the home of Norfolk Lodge, with dances climaxed by the Grand Ball at the Virginia Beach Surf Club, entertained the 800 Convention guests who also enjoyed luncheons and other interesting activities.

Wyoming Elks Hold Two-Day Meeting

Everton B. Cope, 1953-54 Pres. of the Wyo. Elks Assn., presided at the business sessions held at Torrington in connection with the 1954 Convention of this organization, attended by 400 persons. Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and John R. Coen, his predecessor in that office for the year 1931-32, were the two principal speakers, with Mr. James giving a 15-minute talk over radio station KGOS. J. A. Drehle, Pres. of the Colo. Elks Assn., and Campbell F. Rice, a former Pres. of that group and new D.D. for Colo. Cent., were also guests of the Association.

Highlight of the meeting was the Ritualistic Contest which saw Laramie Lodge's Team take the State title over eight competitors. During the session, awards were presented to winners in Youth, 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America Contests.

Final event of the affair was the Banquet honoring Mr. James who delivered one of his fine addresses. Milward L. Simpson, of Wyoming University's Board of Trustees, was Master of Ceremonies.

New officers of this organization which will meet in Greybull in 1955 are Pres. J. O. Spangler, Greybull; 1st Vice-Pres., Paul McKelvey, Rawlins; 2nd Vice-Pres., Geo. K. Forester, Casper; 3rd Vice-Pres., R. J. Bertagnolli, Rock Springs; Secy.-Treas., L. G. Mehse, Laramie; Chaplain, J. T. Groves, Lusk; Inner Guard, R. H. Fuller, Riverton; Sgt.-at-Arms, J. M. Senstad, Worland; Tiler, M. E. Nichols, Cheyenne; Trustees: A. R. Zimmerman, Thermopolis; George Layman, Sheridan; Harold Livingston, Jackson; H. N. Hecht, Cody, and Everton B. Cope, Torrington.

**Coming
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Meetings**

California	San Francisco	Oct. 6-7-8-9
*Md., Del., D.C.	Crisfield, Md.	Oct. 9-10
	Towson, Md.	Jan. 21-22
*Illinois	Mattoon	Oct. 15-16-17
*Missouri	Sedalia	Oct. 22-23-24
*Michigan	Muskegon	Jan. 15-16
*Montana	Shelby	Jan. 22-23
*Indicates Seasonal Assn. Meetings		

TRAVELGUIDE

If you plan a Mexico jaunt this winter and want a guide we have the name of one from Raymond Brix (Adrian, Mich., No. 429) who writes after his Mexican trip. He highly recommends Jose Torres Montoya. We have no address but since Brother Brix writes from the Hotel Monterrey, we feel sure the Hotel will be able to arrange introductions.

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The North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission says there are no tolls for the use of state or National Parks, highways, bridges or ferries in North Carolina. And "they intend to keep it that way."

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For Elks Who Travel

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bright sun making it almost too hot. And for a warm weather winter resort there are few corners of the world with the charm and individuality of Sicily. In Agrigento the almond trees burst into flower around the yellow-hued Grecian temples early in February. Oranges grow in the dead of December, and olives and palms nurture in the warm African atmosphere. The famous CIAT buses, which have sliding roofs, radios, and traveling bars serving up cold Cokes and better, make circle tours of the island.

The other day I traveled the full length of the French Riviera from Nice all the way to the fringe of Toulon and found it a bustling Coney Island where once it had never been a summer resort before. To get one's car from Nice to Cannes, which is, after all, a modest distance, requiring under normal circumstances, perhaps half an hour or more, will take you now about two and a half hours of a Sunday night, especially if you travel the

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John W. M. Tracy (Noblesville, Ind., No. 576) is enthusiastic over his stay at the Elks Country Club at Bedford, Pennsylvania. He writes, "The Bedford Elks Country Club and golf layout is tops. The food is most delicious and everything is of the best."

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Speaking of golf—on a golf course in Helsinki, Finland, it is possible to play golf twenty-four hours a day in the middle of summer. The course has been played frequently at midnight without the loss of a single ball.

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In planning trips this winter to Florida resorts, don't overlook time-saving advantages of helicopter shuttle service. In New York you can transfer between Idlewild, LaGuardia and Newark for about the same charge as taxi fare and in about one-quarter the time. At Miami you may hop from airport to nearby resort areas on charter basis.

Seaside Croniche. Citroens and fat American Fords are bumper to bumper. Motor bikes scoot in and out, tiny Renaults form special lines of their own since they are perhaps half the size of any other car, but everything creeps and crawls and takes the pleasure from the day. Nice was a Christmas tree of lights, with illuminated orange balls hanging in the boughs along the Promenade des Anglais, strings of bulbs festooned in front of the hotels, and the crowds so thick all along the sidewalk that it was easier to walk in the gutter as long as you dodged nimbly, the incoming flight of various cars.

One Sunday morning I drove a little Renault through St. Tropez at perhaps two miles an hour. The bathers, sun-worshippers, vacationers, visitors, swarmed all over the roadway in a near solid phalanx. The policemen shouted and sweated and gesticulated and blew whistles, the motorists cursed, and only the vacationing

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pedestrians were oblivious. Far up the line at the tiny tucked-away resort of Le Livandou things were quieter, but there were no rooms. I sat in the lobby of the eminent Grand Hotel, which charges a modest \$8 a day for room and meals served by the seaside, awning-covered terrace, and watched party after party being turned away. A sign hung on the desk: "L'Hotel est Complet," but the travelers asked anyway.

Although there will be little swimming, the whole Riviera Coast is a pleasant resort in winter, for it is mild and cheerful. It started originally, when the English and the Russians and the Slavs to the north all came down to the sunny French coast to escape the rigors and unpleasantness of their own winter. Much credit, or blame, depending upon where you sit, must go to the Americans who carried the flag and made it something of a summering place too. But those who come in the Thrift Season will find space between the bumpers along the Promenade des Anglais, rooms in the hotels and the carnival atmosphere dissipated until the next summer rolls around. And those who want it even warmer can cross over into Italy where the Riviera resorts consider the summer too hot anyway, and real season to be the winter.

As for Paris, I will take it any other time than in the full time of summer when Americans fill the streets and English talk fills the corner *zincs*. This was my first visit there during the annual crush, and it seemed to me as lively as an abandoned house. I like it best when it is full of Parisians, the cafes full of people, the shops open, and every last magnificent, calorie-producing restaurant in town is back from his holi-

day and is tempting you with *escargot*, or *artichaut vinaigrette* and other diabolical devices of the *haute cuisine francaise*.

Of the cities I saw on this odyssey, only London seemed to be in full swing unquieted by the summer hiatus. Perhaps it was because London had no summer at all, for the dew descended nearly every day. And when, on my last day there, the sun broke through, clear and bright, and the temperature ascended to 72, it was virtually a record for the current season. The restaurants were all open as indeed they will be during the Thrift Season, and speaking of thrift the London theater was showing about three times the number of plays now on Broadway and at about one-third the price, or less. Among the American hits—"Tea House of the August Moon," "The King and I," "Guys and Dolls" are all on the boards, and it won't cost you \$7.70 and a mad scramble on a queue to get to see them either. Roast beef is back at all the good restaurants, and food prices in England are among the fairest in all Europe, a point to consider for anyone on a budget trip.

And so, now, here in Scotland, as summer fades and the trip ends, the talk is of grouse and after that partridge and after that pheasant. The Gleneagles Hotel, which corresponds in class to the Greenbrier in the U.S., at just half the price, will set you up in Perthshire Moor anytime up until the first of November. There is fishing still, by boat or bank, and for anyone who wants to scramble around in the heather, fall is the time to put on a two-way hat and go off in baggy tweeds stalking deer. What better place to spend the thrift season than in Scotland?

Rabbit Hunting

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enemies in three ways—first by outnumbering them, then by hiding from them, and finally by outrunning them. Hunters are most interested in the last two.

Cottontails are largely nocturnal. That means they feed and cavort at night and then use daylight hours to rest. On warm days, they'll rest in the open, relying on near-perfect camouflage and immobility to get by. During inclement weather, they move to heavy thickets and to more dense cover, often along overgrown fence-rows and in the edges of woods. When the weather is really bad, they retreat farther—to heavy brushpiles or underground. That could mean to groundhog holes, culverts, drainage tiles or the like. Hunters should plan their strategy accordingly.

Perhaps for the best, there are enough exceptions to keep the game from being too predictable. Consider what happened to us on a trip to Brown County, good rabbit range in the southern Ohio hills. We wanted photos of rabbit hunting, primarily, so when the first day

turned dull and cloudy, we used the time for a quick reconnaissance of the area. We found plenty of rabbits just where we expected them—in fairly heavy thickets. Matter of fact we collected a half dozen for reference in the skillet later on.

The second day was perfect. A bright sun raised the temperature above the late November normal and provided perfect conditions for filming. The only trouble was—no rabbits. We tramped hard in the same coverts where rabbits had flushed the day before. We tried open meadows, we combed the woodlots, and we bagged one rabbit for our troubles. I haven't the slightest idea where they were hiding. But during the following night a soft snow fell until at daybreak, there were familiar footprints everywhere. And fortunately the rabbits were in the open again. At least we moved enough of them for pictures.

Hunting cottontails has a charm that can't be duplicated pursuing any other game. It can be leisurely or vigorous,

depending on the gunner, and you can take it or leave it depending on your mood or maybe on the weather. But the sport is most rewarding when a pack of hounds—beagles or bassets—is involved. That way it's a less laborious business; the dogs handle much of the hard work. Actually, watching the performance of well-trained, eager beagles alone is enough incentive to go afield.

Beagles and bassets are small (13" to 15" high at the shoulders) dogs that trail game by following ground scent—or spoor. Because of short legs they're not particularly fast—and that's all the better. Cottontails will often run ahead of a slow trailing dog all day, but will quickly take refuge under ground when pushed by a bold, fast dog.

COTTONTAILS are creatures of habit. They live entire lifetimes in small areas and frequently follow the same trails until they're well worn. When a rabbit is "jumped" and followed by dogs, he'll rarely run very far. It's customary to make several circles, following old familiar trails, and to eventually return almost exactly to the point from which he was flushed. Wise hunters always take up positions near this point. If the dogs hold the trail and if the rabbit runs true to form, the hunter will have at least one good shot. Frequently, cottontails will lead dogs time and again past that same place before running into a well-aimed string of shot.

Here are a few points to remember when you're after cottontails—no matter whether you're accompanied by dogs or not. Never pass a brushpile or patch of briars without kicking into it. Work slowly along all grown-up fence-rows or hedge-rows and never fail to investigate "edges." That means any kind of edges—of woods, field borders, and especially along watercourses where the cover has not been closely cropped. Cottontails, like gold, are where you find them. But they're more apt to frequent the places where they're safest from a long list of enemies.

Up in the north country—in sandy, jack pine sections as well as in balsam and alder swamplands—the snowshoe rabbit behaves a little differently. Fast dogs don't faze him in the least. He just pours on more fuel, makes a wider circle, and gives gunners a longer chase for their money. Snowshoe shooting can be tricky, too. These hares, slightly larger than cottontails, exchange brown fur for white in winter and their over-size feet are heavily padded for fast mobility over the snow. Add to this the fact that snowshoes are virtually tireless and the whole design, from a gunner's standpoint, is one of a jet phantom zooming through the woods.

Snowshoes are cyclic, though. That means years of great abundance are usually followed by extreme scarcity. No one has been able to find the answer for this one, and probably until they do,

sportsmen will have to suffer the uncertainty it causes.

Look for jacks in arid country, sometimes in places that seem completely devoid of animal life. Although they weigh as much as five pounds each, they blend quite well in a sagebrush and creosote bush background. And in bursts, they can move along at a fast enough clip to run rings around most hounds. Probably greyhounds are the only dogs able to follow them effectively and they do so strictly by sight.

Southeastern swamp rabbits are the only rabbits in the world that frequent marshy places exclusively. Although they're numerous and tasty on the table, they furnish only a limited amount of sport. Equipped with a set of webbed feet, they're capable swimmers and use that method to escape dogs and hunters.

In some southern states where the practice is permitted, marsh rabbits are hunted at night with jack-lights—much in the manner of frog hunting. The hunters travel along the edges of ponds and marshes until the eyes of a rabbit are fixed. The job is finished with a twenty-two or, more recently, a broad-head arrow.

Nowadays busy groups of biologists are studying rabbits all across the land. Often they're unappreciated, or even ridiculed, by sportsmen who do not realize the value of their work. State conservation departments are aware of the importance of good, annual "crops" of rabbits and they've hired biologists to do something about it. And the test-tube boys are coming through in good style.

They've found, for example, exactly what kind of cover cottontails prefer. Armed with that information, sportsmen can now pitch in to improve their own sport. They can develop their club-grounds or their regular huntings areas by planting or urging farmers to plant crops that furnish food and cover for bunnies. This is a widespread activity that is paying off handsomely.

Of course there's still much to learn—about rabbit diseases, nutrition and the like—and the work will continue until all of the answers are known. So if you bag one bearing some sort of tag or marking, return it to the proper agency. The information it reveals will help you to a bigger legal limit in the future.

Rabbit hunting has been America's most popular autumn pastime for several generations. It's likely to stay that way—perhaps because of the many extra dividends and rich experiences that go with the sport. Some of these are unexpected—which makes them all the more interesting—like the November day Charlie and I were travelling in western Ohio.

Settled more than a century ago by German farmers, that part of the state contains some of the richest soil in the world. It produces record yields of corn and cattle, and where there's sufficient cover, it produces bumper crops of rabbits, too. We had time to spare, one

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morning, so on impulse we stopped at an attractive farm house and asked permission to hunt for a few hours. A plump, smiling housewife came to the door.

"Ja, sure," she said in a fine Saxon accent. "You want to eat dinner here too?"

Charlie never accepted an invitation so fast before.

We enjoyed a splendid hunt that morning. It was one of those rare occasions when everything was perfect; the sun was bright and the atmosphere sharp. We found a patch of heavy cover along a small brook and thanks to Bozo and Lulubelle, our team of beagles that performed like champions, we collected five cottontails. Promptly at noon a pair of hungry hunters arrived at the house again. Faintly, the odor of spiced meat cooking, mixed with the aroma of fresh pastry, drifted outside the kitchen door. Inside, the fragrance was heavier—almost too good to bear.

Except for an old, ornate, coal and wood stove, the spotless kitchen had conceded to modern times. Our hostess presided over a grand collection of pots and pans, some of which hung in shining rows on one wall. But the table was the most remarkable of all; a bright green oil-cloth was almost hidden by the most awesome collection of foods I've ever seen for only four persons. Arrayed around a bottle of Rhine wine were dishes of spaetzle, potato pancakes, beets, German slaw, wilted lettuce, green beans, noodles, and hard salt rolls. There was enough to feed a dozen hunters, but to all this, the lady added one last item, a great steaming platter of hasenpfeffer.

Like starved stevedores Charlie and I consumed enough calories to last a week. A man discovers such inspired cooking only rarely in a lifetime and we made

the most of it. And by coincidence alone, it was just a week later that we had business again in western Ohio.

It's a toss-up whether we were most interested in rabbit hunting or Mrs. Kleinhans' recipe for hasenpfeffer. In any case, we had both.

HERE'S how that hasenpfeffer is made—in case you're interested in a classic way to prepare rabbit. It's a robust old German recipe in which you can substitute domestic rabbit (or even pot roast beef). It's easy to fix and it's especially fine served on cold winter nights or to wrap up a hard day's hunting.

In a deep bowl combine two cups of vinegar, one cup of red wine, two cups of water, one thinly sliced lemon (unpeeled), three sliced onions, twelve whole cloves, three bay leaves, two teaspoons mustard seed, twelve whole black peppers, two tablespoons of sugar and two tablespoons of salt. Cut up two or three wild rabbits or one large domestic rabbit and place it in the marinating mixture. Keep it in the refrigerator, turning it occasionally, for one or two days—depending on how prominent you prefer the spicy flavor.

Now remove the meat and dry it with paper toweling. Roll the pieces in a mixture of a quarter cup of flour to two teaspoons of salt. Melt a quarter cup of shortening in a Dutch oven. Add the meat and brown on all sides in hot fat.

Pour half of the marinating liquor into the Dutch oven. Add another onion, several cloves and black peppers. Cover it and simmer until tender—which should be about two hours, or slightly more for young rabbits.

When strained and thickened with a blend of flour and water, the liquor left in the Dutch oven makes an incomparable gravy.

Hoofs With Wings

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animal—a well developed system for signaling at long distances. Nature has provided each antelope with a heliograph on his rump. It is a round patch of long, white hair that can be raised so that it flashes in the sun like a tin pan.

I was driving along a dirt road through the desert country of southeastern Oregon one day when I happened to notice some brilliant snow-white specks far away on a foot-hill. I stopped the car and reached for my binocular and while I was doing so noticed a second group of white patches across a ravine. They were about the same distance from me but perhaps a half a mile from the first bunch.

They were so far away that I could not tell but what they might be brilliant white rocks, which are not unusual in this area. But while I watched, even before I got the binocular to my eyes, I realized that they were antelope because they did not remain constant in number. There seemed to be perhaps three or four in the

first bunch and half a dozen in the second. But, the numbers changed and I was sure then that they were antelope.

When I finally got the binocular out and looked through it, I saw that there were two bands with perhaps six or eight in one and a dozen in the other. They were signaling across the ravine, dancing about excitedly and turning in different directions so that I could see each individual heliograph only part of the time.

Of course, nobody contends that the antelope have a definite sign language by which they communicate with each other through the aid of this white patch. Instead, the hairs flash erect when they become alarmed or excited and since they are so highly visible, other bands of antelope are able to see them at great distances. This, even though the message may not be put in so many words, certainly serves effectively as a warning of approaching enemies.

The long white hairs in the antelope's

rump patch are controlled by muscles just beneath the skin. When the animal is frightened or excited, the muscles erect the hairs so that the rump patch looks like a dazzling, white rosette. Both E. W. Nelson and Ernest Thompson Seton likened it to a giant, white chrysanthemum.

There is a musk gland in the center of the chrysanthemum and when the hairs are erected a quantity of musk is released. This, of course, is an additional signaling device to other antelope that happen to be downwind, since the odor is very strong.

Their life history is interesting and their worst enemy at the present time probably is severe winter weather. Their food includes a variety of plants that thrive in arid country—sagebrush, weeds, greasewood, and grass. In September, usually, but sometimes in October, the bigger and more powerful bucks begin to collect the does into harems and they vigorously fight off the advances of other bucks. Following the mating season big bands form during the winter. In the spring the antelope scatter again. The does seek solitude to have their kids, which come in May or June in the Yellowstone area and earlier farther south.

They are good mothers. They hide the young while they feed and if an enemy approaches, they attempt to lead it away, using the same technique as many birds. The old doe will appear to be injured, let the enemy get close, run a little way, lead him on and on, and finally so far away that she can circle back and return safely to her kid.

The does usually have twins and by the time the little ones are three weeks old they are able to run along with the mothers. I have watched them running together and the kids seem to run almost under their mothers' bellies. I suspect this is for protection from eagles which apparently are one of the few serious enemies of young antelope.

They begin to reassemble into small, mixed groups during the summer, and are seen then in family groups or bands up to a dozen or so.

WHEN you see an antelope running on the open prairie—as any tourist may do in parts of Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, or Oregon—he invariably appears larger than he really is. Due to their light tan color, with patches of white and the flashing rump spot, an antelope looks fully as big as a mule deer. Actually, a mature buck will only weigh in the neighborhood of a hundred pounds.

During the period when I was working for the Idaho Game Commission, we set up a checking station on one of the areas where we were holding an open season on antelope. We weighed both bucks and does as they were brought out. The average of more than 150 hog-dressed buck antelope that we weighed tipped the scales at a trifle over 82 pounds. This

would give him a live weight of 111. He was three inches under five feet long and one inch more than a yard high at the shoulder.

However, the does averaged considerably smaller, with a weight of just under 70 pounds dressed or 95 pounds alive. Their average length was 54 inches and height 36.

The average buck, incidently, had a horn length, measured along the outside curve, of a little over 12 inches and the prong was four inches long. Horns on the does were small and insignificant.

THE RANGE of the antelope originally extended from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba south through the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas into Mexico, thence across into lower California, up through California and Nevada and Oregon to Washington and Idaho. This range has shrunk somewhat, but it still includes parts of most of the western states. In fact, it is much wider and there are many more antelope now than there were fifty years ago.

One of the brightest scenes in the American conservation picture is the story of the pronghorn antelope in the West. The early day explorers saw them in numbers approaching those of the buffalo. In fact, some of the writers believed that antelope may actually have exceeded buffalo in the plains areas. Ernest Thompson Seton in his book "Lives of Game Animals" estimated that in 1800 there were between 20 million and 40 million antelope in North America.

The fencing of the range, the repeating rifle, overgrazing by sheep and cattle, and a series of hard winters during the late 1800's, all contributed to their decline. By 1900 they were scarce. California, in fact, had already closed the season on them in 1883. Other states followed suit during the early 1900's. By 1909 there was no place in the West where a sportsman could legally shoot an antelope.

W. T. Hornaday, the naturalist, estimated at this time that there probably were no more than 5,000 antelope in North America. In the state of Wyoming, which now has more than any other, it was recorded that there were no more than 1,900 antelope in small and scattered bands and their extinction was anticipated.

Following 1909, when they received total protection, the antelope began a gradual increase. In 1921, M. S. Garretson, secretary of the American Bison Society, one of the organizations which was most active in the fight to save them, took a census and came up with the figure of 11,749 antelope in the United States and Canada.

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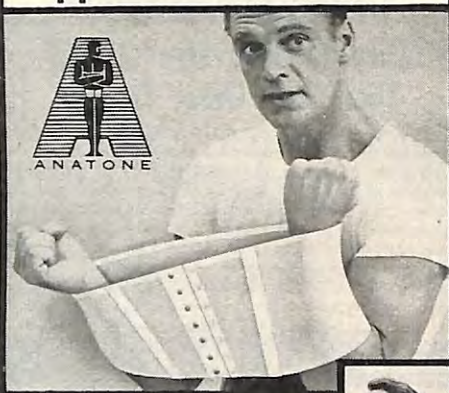
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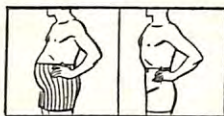
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continued to increase and by 1929 their recovery was pretty well assured.

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At the present time antelope are as-

sured a permanent place in the American wildlife picture. Wyoming alone has nearly 100,000. Their estimate in 1953 was 97,483. While it is the leader, many other western states now have enough antelope to hold annual open seasons.

Thanks to the united efforts of many organizations and individuals when the antelope were threatened with extinction, the sportsman will have, for many years to come, the opportunity to bag this unique animal, the fleetest and most beautiful of all American big game.

Shell for Shell

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thirty yards across open ground ahead of me while I gave chase, yelling and shouting to put him in the air; still, he refused to fly until he attained the shelter of some young hemlocks on the far side of the clearing. There, when he flew, I couldn't see to fire one barrel. Once more, how did he know that a partridge hunter doesn't shoot birds on the ground?

I did outsmart a partridge once, however. It was two seasons ago, and I'll be a long time forgetting the place and the moment. I was hunting alone, too, which is a difficult business. With two or three guns, there's a fair chance that a bird flown by one man will pass in front of another, but alone the partridge has only the man he sees and hears to avoid. I am convinced that many partridge run out from in front of such a lone gunner's path and are never flown.

This one I fooled was in an old, gnarled apple tree which protruded into a swampy clearing from a pine woods. It was late afternoon, and I felt it in my bones that there would be a bird feeding in this point of apples and young pines. My only chance was to drive him into the open. If he turned back into the woods, I wouldn't even catch a glimpse of him. I walked along the edge of the pines to the base of the point, took a quick step into the brush and threw a chunk of wood ahead of me so that it crashed in the dry leaves between the old apple tree and the pine woods, then as quickly stepped back into the clear. I did it! There was a partridge in the apple tree, all right, and I drove him into the clear. He flew for fifty yards across the wide open in front of my gun. I really made a fool of that one, and I'm proud of it. Of course I missed him clean with both barrels.

There is one thing that a hunter can learn from experience and that is the type cover where partridge use. Partridge live where there is a combination of two things: food and protective cover. A successful hunter will learn just what food attracts birds in any particular locality or season, whether it is apples, berries, wild grapes, beechnuts, greens, skunk cabbage seeds, or whatever. However, food alone is not sufficient to hold them. Ruffed grouse have many natural enemies in addition to the hunter. Two of the

most deadly of these are the fox and the barred owl. In order to survive their year-around marauding, the birds must have dense shelter for protection. This may be pines, young hemlocks or rank underbrush. There is seldom much hunting in large, open woods.

Because they demand this protection of dense cover, a good partridge hunter is the type who is willing to put his shoulder to it and break brush all day long. If he sticks to the open spots where he can see to get a clear shot, he won't move many birds. Instead he'll plow through the thickest places he can find. Lots of the birds he flies he'll never see, but at least he will fly them.

Something else a hunter will learn in time—to the extent that it almost becomes an instinct—is where a flushed and frightened partridge will head. Even though unseen when first flushed, at least he is heard. By the sound of his wings it is possible to get a line on his flight. As a rule partridge don't fly very far, not much over a hundred yards on the average. An experienced hunter can look at the terrain and often follow the exact course of the bird; then he will put him up a second time.

A man who has done much partridge

WHOOING CRANES FACE ANOTHER TEST

The National Audubon Society urges full cooperation in its campaign to preserve the whooping cranes. The Society believes that there is a distinct possibility that this rare bird can be saved.

Last April, all 24 remaining birds, three more than the year before, made the long journey to the Canadian wilds. As far as known, all arrived safely. The cranes start to leave Canada late in September; by early November the last stragglers usually have reached their winter refuge in Texas.

Critical migration areas in this country are North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

H. L. Blackledge, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, has announced the assignment of subjects that will be handled by the various members of the Committee. Chairman Blackledge suggests that Lodge Secretaries note and clip this information to guide them in submitting matters to the proper member of the Committee, thus avoiding delay. The assignments follow:

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hunting also has ideas on the best guns and shells for his sport. I have some very definite ones. Possibly twenty seasons from now, if I'm still roaming the hills in October, I will have an entirely new set of notions, but at the moment at least I am fairly positive of what is right for me. For one thing, I want an open barrel—or, if a double, I want the first barrel open. A full choke barrel is designed to throw a dense pattern—that is, sixty-five to seventy-five per cent of the load—in a circle thirty inches in diameter at a distance of forty yards. A modified choke will do the same thing at thirty yards. The cover where partridge are found is normally so dense that most birds are killed within twenty yards, rarely as far away as thirty yards. Naturally, it is sensible to use a barrel designed for such close work. I like one even more open than a modified choke, one in the improved-cylinder class. Also, for the sake of speed, I like a short-barreled gun. Speed is as important as accuracy in partridge shooting. In addition, I want a light gun. Not only does it handle fast, but one pound in the weight of a gun can make a big difference by the end of a long day of tramping. My twelve gauge double weighs only six and one-quarter pounds. The barrels are twenty-five inches long. The right one is almost wide open and the left one is full choke. If I do have a chance

for a long shot, the left barrel is there to reach out for them.

As to size of shot, at the start of the season when the leaves are thick, I use No. 9s, then switch to 8s as soon as the cover opens somewhat. In the late fall when the leaves are all down and there's a likelihood of more distant shots, I may switch to 7½s, but never anything heavier. Also, throughout the season for partridge, I use a light powder load—that is, three drams of powder in a twelve gauge. This is sufficient to kill a partridge dead under any circumstances.

But even though I am certain that I am properly outfitted, I continually miss partridge that I should have hit. Even though I have more than enough experience behind me, I am continually left looking foolish by these unpredictable birds. Maybe this is why I rate the ruffed grouse so high. It is difficult and likely unwise to make comparisons among various species of game, but in this case I can't help it. At one time or another I have been fortunate enough to hunt practically all the feathered game in America, as well as some outside this Continent, and, shell for shell and hour for hour, I consider the ruffed grouse the most difficult and challenging target of them all—and, consequently, the finest game bird of the lot. That is a big statement, but every man is entitled to his opinion. That is mine.

In the Doghouse

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out of the corner and to obey your wish for him to come forward he has to jump. With a few such lessons he will quickly learn. After he is proficient, move him to the center of the room and hold the stick in front of him and command that he "jump". In time you can increase the height of the stick from the floor.

Here's one that will require a lot of your patience, but once your dog has learned it he'll not only be proud of his accomplishment but very likely will earn the admiration of your friends. It's to teach the dog to carry things. Roll up

a few sheets of newspaper or give him any light article. If he refuses to take it, open his mouth and insert it. Hold your hands firmly clamped if he is inclined to drop it at first. Keep your hands in this position and give the command "Carry". Repeat this until the dog retains the article in his mouth. Be sure to begin with some object that isn't bulky or heavy. You can later, after the dog has learned this lesson, substitute a small basket or a complete, folded newspaper.

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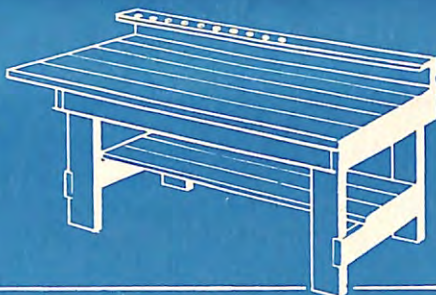
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How to Get Along with a Circular Saw.

BY HARRY WALTON

WRAPPED up invisibly with any good circular saw is a craftsman's diploma. Such a saw will enable you to do work once possible only to skilled cabinetmakers. Besides that, its tireless energy will stretch your work or hobby hours, letting you get much more done.

Want to be an expert? With a power saw it's just as easy to be an expert as a dub, for knowledge rather than long practice makes the master. Learn the accepted techniques—they are hard to improve on—and you'll be ready to look any blueprint squarely in the face.

Keep your guard up. It may be a temptation to remove the blade guard and the splitter (the stiff steel upright behind the blade, which keeps the kerf from pinching shut). But these are safety devices that should not be slighted. Besides protecting your fingers, the guard will keep flying sawdust from reaching your eyes. The splitter keeps work aligned as you push it through, and if fitted with anti-kickback fingers will prevent kickbacks—the forcible ejection of work due to binding.

There are occasions when the guard must be swung back and the splitter removed, but it's wise to let such jobs wait

until you're well acquainted with the saw.

How to do ripping. Cutting a board lengthwise, or with the grain, is normally done with the fence. First adjust the blade height above the table; the saw should project only about $\frac{1}{4}$ " more than the thickness of the work. Make sure the tilt adjustment is at zero. Clamp the fence at the desired distance from the blade, on whichever side seems most convenient, and standing a little to one side of the blade, place the edge of the work against the fence.

At the start of the cut, guiding pressure must be partly downward, partly against the fence, and of course into the blade. Both hands are needed for this. Once the cut has reached the splitter, wide work can be pushed through with one hand, two fingers of this straddling the fence as a safety measure.

If work is less than 3" wide, this hold becomes dangerous and a push stick should be used as shown in photo A.

Push the work right through to the back of the saw—do not pull it back toward you. If you want to rip only part way, stop the saw before lifting the work off the blade.

Long boards tend to lift off the saw when the cut end overbalances the one you are holding, and it is awkward to apply enough pressure to hold them down. A better way is to rip about half the length, draw it back just a bit to let the blade run free, and walking around the saw, pull the piece through from behind to complete the cut.

Ripping uneven work. If a crooked edge is guided against the fence, the work will obviously fight the blade. If it binds, the blade may throw the piece back against you, and such uncontrolled action may jerk the hands into a dangerous position. So don't try to guide a jagged or wavy edge against the fence.

What you can do is temporarily nail a straight strip of wood along and overlapping the rough edge, taking care to spot the nails out of the line of cut. Then

you can guide this straight strip against the fence.

A similar dodge helps in ripping stock wider than the maximum blade-to-fence setting, for which the fence must of course be taken off. It works only if the table edge is parallel to the blade, so check this and note the blade-to-edge measurement.

Then clamp or nail a straight strip to the underside of the work, as far from the desired cutting line as the noted measurement. Guide with the strip underneath and against the table edge. Be sure to leave the splitter on; it will help hold the work in alignment. If the piece is an outsize one, such as a big plywood panel, better have somebody give you a hand with it.

How to do crosscutting. Sawing to length, or across the grain, is done with the miter gauge. To cut a square end, the head must be set at 90° to the bar. You can check this with a try square held against the blade. On some saws, the gauge can be set at 90° by turning it upside down in a table groove and butting the gauge head against the front table edge.

The miter gauge is commonly used



A WOOD FACING (B) or extension screwed to the miter gauge is a great help. The kerf or cut made in it by the saw (below front of blade guard) shows where to set cutting lines marked on work. Here, however, a stop block is clamped to right end of facing. Stock is butted against this to cut a number of pieces to the same length.

with the bar forward in the groove. However, for boards so wide they cover the table in front of the blade, the gauge can be reversed in the groove head first.

For crosscutting, use the table groove that lets you stand naturally to one side of the blade (usually the left-hand one). Hold work firmly against the gauge (with the left hand if you use the left-hand groove) and advance it into the saw.

Never hold the stock on the side of the blade opposite the miter gauge—it does no good and may result in kickback. When the cut is through, leave the cut-off piece where the saw drops it, and pull the work back clear of the blade before lifting it off the table. You will soon learn the trick of sliding the piece sideways a hair's breath away from the blade on the back pull.

Crosscutting short pieces is dangerous because too little stock bears against the miter gauge. Long work is hard to



NARROW OR SMALL PIECES (A) should always be ripped with the aid of a push stick, which has a notch cut at about 30° to its long dimension, and a handle shaped to fit the hand. Note how the splitter helps hold work against fence.

handle because it overbalances the short section supported by the gauge. The answer to both problems is an auxiliary facing or extension for the miter gauge—a 3/4" to 1" thick straight strip of wood, an inch or so higher than the maximum depth of cut and (within reason) the longer the better. See photo B. It may well reach to the table edge on one side and about a foot past on the other.

Attach this facing with wood screws (most miter gauges have holes for this purpose). The saw will promptly cut a kerf in it, and this may be used as a guide in placing work.

Cutting work with a stop. To crosscut several pieces to the same length, a mechanical stop is helpful. Some miter gauges are fitted to take adjustable steel rods, one of which hooks over the end of the work piece.

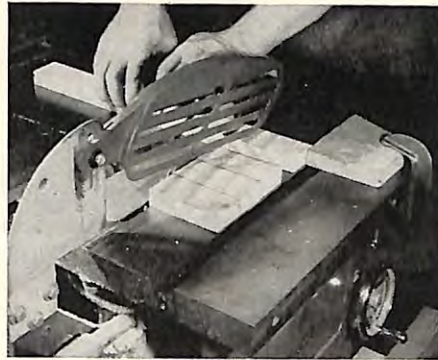
However, if you have a wooden facing on the miter gauge you need only clamp a small block at the desired distance from the blade. Be sure you hold the work on the same side of the blade as the block. See photo B.

These two methods both gauge the held part of the work, but sometimes you may want to cut pieces of the same length from a long piece of stock. Do not clamp a stop block on the facing for this. Instead, clamp a block to the saw table at the desired distance from the blade but in front of it.

Hold the stock against the miter gauge as usual, butting it against the stop. As you push it toward the blade, it should pass the stop block so that the cut-off will be quite free, as shown in photo C.

Sawing at an angle. When the miter gauge is set to other angles than 90°, cutting drag tends to make work creep along the gauge head. To minimize this, hold it tightly and feed rather slowly.

A better way is to fit the wooden facing with a few sharp points that will dig into the work. A few long brads driven in from the back until the points



TO GAUGE CUT-OFF ENDS (C) all to same length from a long piece of stock, clamp a block to the table near the front of the blade. As work is cut, it passes beyond the block so that cut-offs lie free without danger of binding, as shown here.

project about 1/16" will do. Or file wood screws to a sharp point and turn them in from behind. They can be backed off with a twist of a screwdriver when not needed.

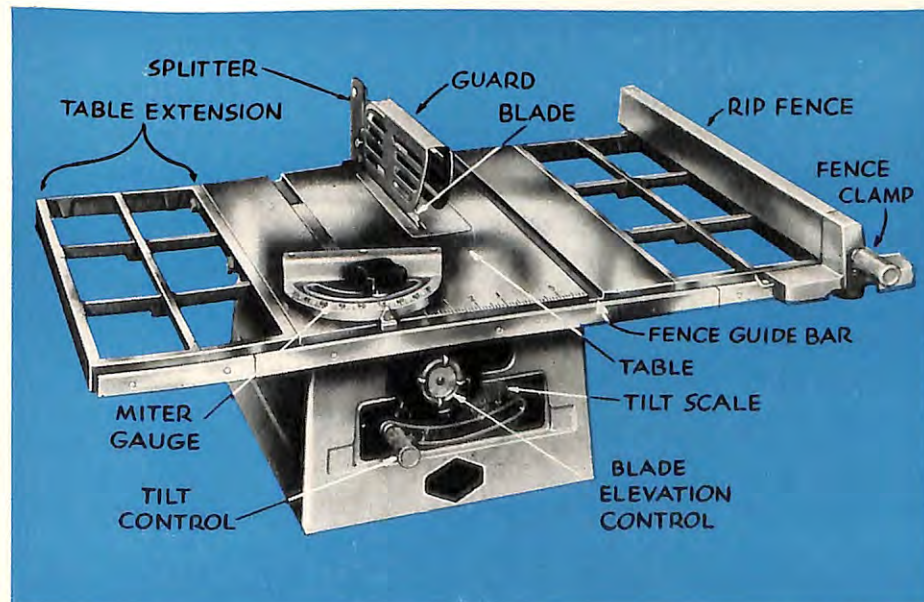
Bevel sawing. This means cutting with the blade or table tilted to an angle less than 90°. On a tilting-table saw, always put the fence or miter gauge on the low side of the table, never above the blade.

Bevel ripping is much like ordinary ripping. However, if a beveled edge is guided along the fence, do so with the face of the bevel down. If the bevel faces up, its sharp corner may dig under the fence and throw the work off.

In bevel crosscuts, work may tend to creep along the gauge, especially on tilting-table saws. Anchor points on the wooden facing will help overcome this.

Cutting on the end. Half lap and tenon joints call for holding work upright on the saw table and cutting across the end. This should never be done by hand—accurate work is impossible and the job is dangerous besides.

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Editorial

ED MASTERS

In the September issue of The Elks Magazine there appeared an obituary of J. Edgar Masters, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Secretary.

It embraced the statistics relative to his birth and death, of the various services rendered by him in the public, institutional and fraternal offices which he had held.

In this column we would like to recall some of the characteristics of Ed Masters, the man.

He was a man's man and yet a gentle and gracious man.

If we were to attempt to find one word that would properly describe his leading quality it would be—"kindly".

We remember him as one loving his fellow-men, loyal to his country and faithful to his God.

He was a family man. He was a thoughtful, attentive loving husband, happy in his married life.

He was a justifiably proud and devoted father.

He loved the Order of Elks and rendered it unflinching devotion and unceasing helpful service during a membership of over half a century.

In that period he came in contact with more members of the Order than has any other man, be he a contemporary or one of a preceding period.

And all those he met were or became his friends.

He knew more about the Order, its history, its activities, its accomplishments and workings than any other man.

During his 26 years as Grand Secretary he met the responsibilities of that office with great efficiency and with unceasing patience and helpfulness he responded to the manifold inquiries and requests for guidance that came to him both in his official and in his personal capacity.

We like to think that he passed on as he would have wished to go, without interruption in his working life, active to the end.

We are sure that the sorrow of his multitude of friends will be softened by the thought that he passed without any period of pain or suffering, in full possession of his physical and mental qualities which might well be proudly possessed by a man many years his junior.

As, in this hour of separation, our sympathy goes out to his daughter, that sympathy is accompanied by the realization of the great comfort that must be hers in the memory of his life and service to his fellow-men and of the great assistance and devotion that she gave him.

Ed Masters left behind him a splendid record and happy memories that shall never die.

A SALUTE TO THE "U. S. S. ROWAN"



For years our country has been working patiently to establish lines of communication with the sentiment of the East. In that endeavor, we have not always been successful. Our motives have been distorted by the Reds and we have been misrepresented as dollar diplomats. In some instances, caught helplessly in the web

of world politics, we have been branded as partners of imperialists.

Yet it seems to us that if our people keep at it, we will achieve results.

One bright spot broke into print very recently. It must have stirred the imagination of many Americans when it was reported that the U. S. destroyer "Rowan," in answer to a radioed distress call from a Japanese fishing boat, tore into a typhoon to rescue those aboard the tiny vessel from mountainous seas and a 150 mile per hour wind.

The "Rowan's" act of everyday heroism must have left a sharp imprint on many an Oriental mind, no matter how complex or how simple. It spelled out, in banner type, the high ideals of America, particularly the high value we place on human life. If to the man of the East a picture is really worth ten thousand words, the mental image of Americans steaming into a tropical storm to the aid of a stricken vessel must have told a dramatic story.

The heroic deeds of the "Rowan" and her sister ships will help us convince our brothers of the East that the many acts of mercy performed by other benevolent arms of America—in healing the sick, in feeding the hungry, in helping others to help themselves—are true acts of neighborliness and friendship, with no strings attached.

OHIO ELKS TO FLY OUR FLAG



In mutual accord with an editorial published last year in this publication, under the title "Are We Losing A Great Tradition?", Palmer Elliott, Chairman of the American Activities and Civil Defense Committee of the Ohio State Elks Association, has issued a most timely bulletin about the importance of every American home flying the Flag on patriotic holidays—Flag Day, Independence Day, etc. Commenting on this practice in his bulletin, Brother Elliott observed, "This year, however, I could not help but notice the number of homes and places of business that failed to display a flag at all. In my home town of Wooster only 42 flags were displayed in the downtown area, (most of them on public buildings). How did your home town do?"

This active committee has six District Chairmen, covering the entire State, appointed to do everything possible to increase the display of the Flag on appropriate occasions next year. Every Ohio Lodge is being urged to get behind this program and work with the local Chamber of Commerce and newspapers to, in the words of Brother Elliott, "Show all of America that here in Ohio we love our Flag and are proud to display it."

The editorial of a year ago in this publication was based upon the fact that a member of the Magazine staff, living in a suburban community in New York, noticed that in a group of about 200 homes owned by young people, only one family had an American Flag flying on Independence Day. This, the staff member noticed, was in marked contrast with a group of homes owned by older people, where before nearly one half the houses the American Flag was flying. Most certainly, the Elks of Ohio are to be congratulated on this vigorous and much-needed program to do everything possible in the way of making the Flag a traditional symbol of the home—by "Flying Our Flag."

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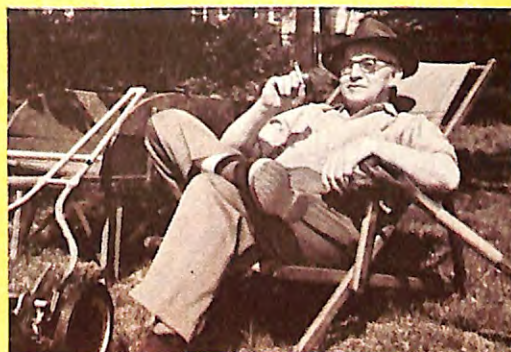
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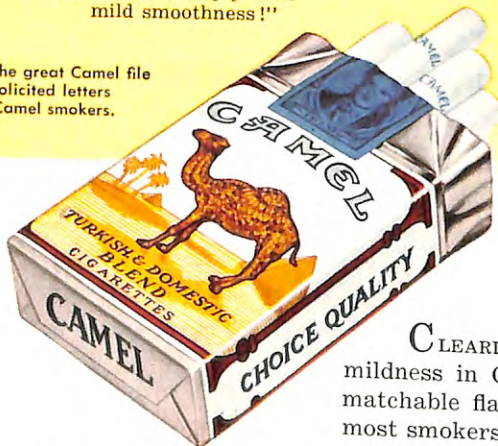


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