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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



THE FLOOD of political oratory reaches its crest and Mr. and Mrs. America with a sigh of relief will quietly go to the polls Tuesday November 2, and vote. Many political campaigns in this country are slam bang affairs and interest runs high, but the day after election everything is back to normal. A few bets are paid, a few "I told you so's" exchanged. Most of the charges and countercharges are forgotten. Free and open elections in the United States are proof of the unity of this nation under the two-party system. We are Americans all and we pull together for home and country.

SMUGGLERS BEWARE

Smugglers beware, the Customs Bureau has a new mystery box which can spot contraband through anything, according to reports. The boxes have been installed on piers of incoming liners and passengers walk between them. Then there is a 14-foot fluoroscopic machine which is used on luggage and which reveals hidden diamonds and other precious stones.

SUNBONNET SHOOTER

Miss Martha Snyder is a lawyer with the U. S. War Claims Commission, lives over in Arlington and is as modest and demure a lady as one would wish to meet. But at the Middle Atlantic States Regional Pistol Meet at Quantico, Va., she appeared wearing an old-fashioned sunbonnet. Folks gathered around to laugh when she stood up to shoot but she knocked the targets for a loop and won the woman's championship. The sunbonnet? "Keeps the sun out of my eyes," said Miss Snyder as she put away her 44 bang-bang.

BOOK STOPS ARGUMENTS

Senators, Congressmen and government officials use one book in Washington about which there is never an argument. It has stopped many a dispute over parliamentary procedure and is accepted as the final decision. "Robert's Rules of Order" was written a good many years ago by General Henry M. Robert, who is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. It covers every parliamentary situation and is the one authority. Mrs. Robert, his widow, who lives in Annapolis,

Md., is an Honorary President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution and, naturally, an expert on parliamentary rulings.

A NEW SHRINE

Largest statue ever cast in bronze, 100 tons of it, 78 feet high, is ready for dedication here November 10. It is the Marine Corps Memorial depicting the famous raising of the American Flag on Iwo Jima by the Marines in World War II. Three of the six who raised the flag on the mountain died later in battle. They were Sergeant Michael Strank of Coneaugh, Pa., Corporal Harlan H. Block of Weslaco, Texas, and Pfc. Franklin Sousley of Ewing, Ky. The three living are Corporal Ira Hays of Bapchule, Ariz., Corporal Rene A. Gagnon of Hooksett, N.H., and Pharmacist's Mate 2c Brother John H. Bradley of Appleton, Wis. The Memorial is near beautiful Memorial Bridge which spans the Potomac opposite Arlington National Cemetery and will be one of the nation's shrines, dedicated to all Marines who gave their lives since 1775 when the corps was founded. Felix de Weldon, noted sculptor, then on duty in the Navy, made a scale model of the flag raising and a life-sized model followed from which the huge bronze was cast in sections.

BOMB PROOF BUILDING

Just completed on the Walter Reed Army Medical Center grounds stands a building designed to withstand A-bomb attack. It is the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, a strange looking, windowless structure of eight stories, five of them below ground level. Walls of this grim blockhouse are of concrete, very thick and braced with steel beams. The wall on the south, facing the center of Washington, will withstand a positive pressure of 14,500 tons. Ponderous steel doors on tracks can block the entrances. The building, costing over \$6 million, is for pathology research.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Russia maintains a news office in Washington in the National Press Building where most newspapers and wire services have their bureaus. It is called "Tass," the official Soviet News Agency. Reporters for Tass have the same privi-

leges as American newspapermen and sit in at press conferences the same as writers for the country's newspapers. Thus they have access to a lot of information, some of it confidential, and it can be sent on their wires to Moscow uncensored before it is published here. Our government treats the press fairly, no matter if correspondents represent foreign services or newspapers. In fact we brag about it. But some Tass reporters, it is reported, have even had access to the diplomatic reception room in the State Department during visits by Soviet officials, a room American newspapermen, under the rule, do not enter.

ARMY SENTIMENT LIVES

When officers retire at Fort Myer across the Potomac from Washington they leave their final parade in a tally-ho coach. When officers are married they also ride away in the tally-ho. Sentiment is not dead in the hard boiled armed services.

POTOMAC PEELINGS

A former Senate page who took Senator Styles Bridges big car for a ride was told by the judge to turn over a new leaf or they'll throw the book at him. . . . That Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs will have an 8,000-foot airstrip. . . . One of the new high schools here has a cosmetology class room with hair dryers, shampoo booths and makeup tables. . . . Washington has a drug store which offered a house for sale and sells European sport cars. It also sells drugs. . . . After 115 years the Treasury Department building has been given a face scrubbing and the dirt and grime came off by the ton. Next job is to make it pigeon and starling proof. . . . Fewer aircraft accidents are being listed as "pilot error" as crews of American planes chalk up new records for safety. . . . United Mine Workers Welfare Fund, which John L. Lewis championed, paid out \$64 million in benefits and pensions in the last year. Retired miners get \$100 per month regardless of Social Security money. . . . Washington's National Guard Armory has a capacity limit of 5,310 persons set by the fire department but not enforced for big revivals, inaugurations and conventions. . . . People here are buying baby boa constrictors for pets.

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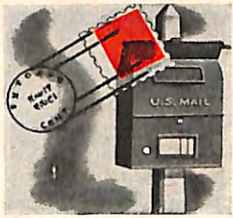
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

I want to compliment and commend The Elks Magazine and those in authority that had the article "Parking Problems Can Be Solved" written by Mr. Stanley Frank printed in your September issue.

The issue is most timely and no doubt fits many communities throughout the country. The problem can be met, if the civic-minded members and others in municipal authority will meet the issue squarely by following the suggestions and recommendations contained in this article.

Barney Epstein
Mamaroneck, N. Y.

The article on "Parking Problems" by Stanley Frank in your September 1954 edition was excellent. We would like very much to obtain 15 to 20 copies of this article, either reprints or complete editions.

Harold J. Mills, Manager
The Warren Chamber of Commerce
Warren, Ohio

We feel that your editorial staff is to be congratulated for publishing Stanley Frank's fine article about the parking problem, and we would appreciate having ten copies of your magazine to assist us in "spreading the gospel" among our merchants and municipal officials.

Richard Rad
West New York, N. J.

Have very much enjoyed the recent stories by Octavus Roy Cohen . . . Having lived in Birmingham for a number of years, the locale is familiar. Keep 'em up, please.

Was received into the Order in Montgomery, Alabama, March 18th, 1918, and continue my membership in that lodge.

Am the proud possessor of Volume 1, No. 1, issue of The Elks Magazine, also the Twenty Fifth Edition—Showed Vol. 1, No. 1 to the then E.R. of San Antonio Lodge several years ago and he took it to the Lodge and showed it to many of the members.

James B. Farley
San Antonio, Texas

Being the wife of a member of B.P.O.E. No. 521, I read your most interesting magazine. I am sure I enjoy it as much as my husband does, but what has me so worried is which dog was chosen by the couple on the Magazine cover for August. I want her to have the dachshund.

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from
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AT THIS TIME of the year, when our thoughts are especially directed toward Thanksgiving, I find myself eager to express my thanks to our wonderful membership for their hospitality and cooperation. Everywhere I go, there are enthusiastic reports about the reception of our Gold Star Certificate Program. To my desk daily come accounts of the completion of various objectives of this program. For this I am most grateful,

encouraged and inspired. The warmth of hospitality, the sincerity of friendship, the earnestness of endeavor—all these are accorded me wherever I go, and I am indeed thankful to know that this kind of support of our plans is being given. I am grateful, too, that there are such fine Elks all over the land who are extending a helping hand, whose hearts respond to need, whose lives are a fitting tribute to the finest principles of our fraternity, and whose actions are making Elkdom prosper, improve and grow. From the bottom of a heart filled with gratitude, I want to thank one and all for the encouragement being given, for the work being done.

While our Gold Star Certificate Program is designed to help Elkdom grow in numbers and in accomplishments, behind these obvious aims lies a deeper and a truer purpose. It is the real expression of Elkdom's gratitude. When we observe Memorial Day, for example, we are expressing gratitude to those who have gone before, those who have given so much that we are inspired by their example to continue giving of our funds, our time, our efforts. Behind our observance of Flag Day there is gratitude that we are members of the nation which that Flag represents. When our Gold Star Certificate Program calls for classes honoring the District Deputy, State President and others, we are encouraging, of course,

the membership growth of our Order; but we are also expressing thanks to them in a tangible way for their vital part in the promotion and expansion of Elkdom. By our participation in charitable and welfare work in our communities, we are expressing thanks in deeds for the privilege of uniting our emotions and aims toward the improvement of our home towns, of our states, of our country. What our Gold Star Certificate Program is doing essentially is making every day for Elks one of thanksgiving.

Here in America, Thanksgiving Day is a holiday traditionally set aside for the giving of thanks. Begun by the early settlers who felt the urgent need for thanking God for having granted them a successful harvest, Thanksgiving Day has been carried on by people of all nationalities who call America "home."

But man owes thanks for so much more than bread, especially in this beloved country of ours. Man owes thanks first of all for the privilege of living here in this land of plenty, of opportunity, of freedom. We owe thanks for the many rights and privileges we have inherited as part of the American way of life. We owe thanks that we have the opportunity to make the American harvest increasingly more productive—the harvest of grain, the harvest of all of our natural resources, the harvest of the right kind of people for the right kind of nation, the harvest that each of us reaps from the kind of seed we have sown and nourished.

We should express our gratitude that we are members of a great American fraternity which was founded chiefly for charitable purposes. We can show that we appreciate the honor of belonging to this Order by our acts of kindness toward others.

We as Elks believe that no man was ever honored for what he received—honor was the reward for what he gave. We as Elks should therefore renew our obligations of brotherly love and charity, not only by physical giving, but in the generous use of our time, talents and efforts toward improving the lot of those less fortunate than we.

If each of us would give just one more hour to Elkdom this year, that would mean an additional 1,143,000 time hours. Just imagine what this expression of gratitude through giving would mean for the good of the lodge, the Order, the community, and America. This kind of thanksgiving, this increased harvest of good works would truly breathe life into our slogan, "AS ELKDOM SOWS, AMERICA REAPS."

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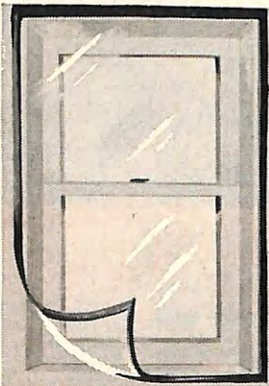
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BRATKOWSKI

Have the Bears come up with a passing quarterback in the great tradition?

BY TOM SILER

Sportswriter for the Knoxville "News-Sentinel"

NOTHING makes a baseball manager look smarter than a good home run hitter. Likewise a pro football coach can qualify as a gridiron master if he has a quarterback who throws touchdown passes.

George Halas, the pro football pioneer who owns and coaches the Chicago Bears, was the resident genius of the National Football League for many years. His seven championships are an all-time high. And between 1940 and 1946 his Bears won four titles. It was no coincidence that Sid Luckman was the quarterback and passer.

As long as Luckman was still spry and smart the Bears were awesomely efficient; the club was still aggressive and a mite cocky as late as 1948 when Luckman began to fade. As he faltered, so did the Bears. In time, the Bears were just another football team, and in each of their losing years—1947-

1953—the team with the bright young quarterback won the big title—Paul Christman and the Chicago Cardinals, Tommy Thompson and the Philadelphia Eagles, Otto Graham and the Cleveland Browns, Bob Waterfield and the Los Angeles Rams, and now Bobby Layne and the Detroit Lions.

Halas has been a much-tortured man these seven title-less seasons, a wanderer in the desert of defeat, a perfectionist far short of perfection, a football coach who has been finding the winning combination bewilderingly elusive.

The Bears, for want of a top-flight quarterback, hit a new low in 1953. A few key statistics are shockingly eloquent. The team won only three games. The Bears threw more passes than anyone in the league, yet six teams outscored them by air. On the ground they averaged only 94 yards per game.

All because the Bears lacked a big leaguer at quarterback.



— another LUCKMAN?

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Good aeriels cultivate touchdowns and cash customers; furthermore, the overhead threat makes the runners twice as dangerous and puts tremendous pressure on the defense. Thus it was when Luckman starred. Now, Halas thinks his long search is ended.

"I have always considered Sammy Baugh and Luckman to be the greatest passers of all time," Halas told me. "Well, now, I've got a boy who can be as good as either of them. I mean every word of it; I got a boy who can be as great as the game ever saw. He has everything including a Southern accent."

He referred, of course, to Edmund Raymond Bratkowski, a rookie with two nicknames. College rivals, tormented by his pin-point passing for Georgia, called him "The Brat." Back home in Danville, Ill., they call him "Zeke," a label which grew out of his inordinate fondness for Zeke Bonura, slugging star with the Chicago White Sox when he was a little boy.

Halas' remarks are significant. A front-seat observer of pro football for 33 years, Halas has seen scores of All-Americans fail dismally in the pro game. Certainly, the Papa Bear—as

Halas is known among the pros—is unimpressed by Bratkowski's clippings. For years Halas has been kidding the college glamor boys thusly:

"It's okay if you're an All-American, we won't hold it against you."

Halas, nevertheless, can wax lyrical over the way Zeke throws the ball, the way he kicks and fakes it. Such praise of a fledgling quarterback is even more impressive when you consider that Halas has had his fingers burned repeatedly for seven years.

First there was Johnny Lujack, then Bobby Lane, Bob Williams, Steve Romanik, Nick Sacrinty, George Blanda . . . all of these, and others, failed where Luckman had succeeded, and when they failed the Bears failed. Oddly, no two among them stumbled over the same assignment.

Lujack, the great Notre Dame triple-threatener, slipped because his throwing arm lacked accuracy and strength; furthermore, a flourishing insurance business in Chicago diverted him much of the time.

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As John C. Brown, E.R. of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Lodge looks on, Mayor Ernest W. Mirrington presents Mr. Jernick with the key to the city.

THE GRAND EXALTED RULER'S Visits

GRAND EXALTED RULER William J. Jernick attended the Annual New York State Conference of Exalted Rulers and Lodge Secretaries of the Southeast, East and East Central Districts in New York City on September 11th. The Conference, presided over by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, was attended by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, members of the Grand Lodge and New York State dignitaries. The following day Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Jernick, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, journeyed to **ONEIDA LODGE, NO. 767**, for a meeting of the Upstate Conference, attended by 272 Exalted Rulers, Secretaries, and national and State officers. Grand Exalted Ruler

Jernick then proceeded to Niagara Falls, and after touring points of interest on both the American and Canadian sides of the Falls, Mr. Jernick visited City Hall, where Mayor Ernest W. Mirrington, Jr., presented him with the key to the city. That evening, a dinner at which Exalted Ruler John C. Brown presided was given at **NIAGARA FALLS LODGE, NO. 346**, in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Among those in attendance were D.D. John Bottorf, Past Grand Lecturing Knight J. Theodore Moses and New York State Scholarship Committee Chairman Franklin J. Fitzpatrick.

On Tuesday, September 14th, Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Jernick arrived at **NORTH TONAWANDA LODGE, NO. 860**, for a luncheon, after which they pro-

ceeded to Dunkirk. Following an official welcome by Mayor Bernard G. Dougherty at City Hall, the Grand Exalted Ruler made a 15-minute address over Dunkirk radio station WFCB. There followed a well attended dinner at the home of **DUNKIRK LODGE, NO. 922**.

At Binghamton next day, Mr. Jernick was interviewed over TV Station WNBK. He was then welcomed to **BINGHAMTON LODGE, NO. 852**, by Exalted Ruler Ellsworth P. Christian at a banquet in his honor. Among the more than one hundred Binghamton and visiting Elks present were T. Emmett Ryan, President, and Claude Y. Cushman, Treasurer, of the New York State Elks Association.

On Tuesday, September 16th, Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Jernick were greeted at Port Jervis railroad station by members of **PORT JERVIS LODGE, NO. 645**. Mr. Jernick was Guest of Honor at a dinner and lodge meeting that evening at which Exalted Ruler Harry Silvers presided. Also present were State Association President T. Emmett Ryan and D.D. Joseph S. Disch.

On September 19th, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick began his tour of New England Lodges, accompanied by Mrs. Jernick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. John F. Malley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. E. Mark Sullivan and former Grand Lodge Trustee Edward A. Spry. The party arrived at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Mr. Jernick was conducted to the Portsmouth TV Station by Past Grand Inner Guard Charles T. Durell, where he made a short address. He was then met by State President Timothy Flynn, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman Brian M. Jewett, Maine District Deputy East Henry J. Parent and Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight C. Dwight Stevens at an old-fashioned shore dinner at nearby Dover Point. Also present were Past District Deputies John McComb Jr., Charles Harlow and



Mr. Jernick and E.R. Harry Silvers flank the large sign of welcome with which the Grand Exalted Ruler was greeted by members of Port Jervis Lodge and State officials shown with him here.

Right: Seen here at the Upstate Conference held at Oneida, N. Y., Lodge are, left to right: Mr. Jernick, Grand Trustee Ronald J. Dunn, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, State Assoc. Pres. T. Emmett Ryan, and Judge John F. Scileppi, Grand Forum.

Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick and Exalted Ruler Mahlon Spruce give the Pledge of Allegiance as A. H. Cummings, a member of Millinocket, Me., Lodge, raises the flag over the Lodge's new home in ceremonies conducted by Mr. Jernick during his visit.



Exalted Rulers George Kageleiry, Dover; David Jacobs, Portsmouth, and Orville C. Durocher, Rochester.

Mr. Jernick and his party next visited **LEWISTON, MAINE, LODGE, NO. 371**, where a buffet luncheon was given in his honor. Among those in attendance were P.D.D. Alton A. Lessard, Acting Exalted Ruler Israel Alpren and Charlemaigne B. Fournier, Past Exalted Ruler of Biddeford-Saco Lodge. Mr. Jernick paid his next official visit the following day at **OLD TOWN, MAINE, LODGE, NO. 1287**. Exalted Ruler Emile J. Godin presided at the luncheon meeting, which was also attended by State Association President John E. Galvin and District Deputy Harry H. Baulch.

The party then proceeded to Millinocket, where Mr. Jernick was greeted at the city line by Elks and Civic dignitaries and was presented with the key to the city. A parade had been arranged and as its high point Mr. Jernick headed a dedication program and flag raising at the new home of **MILLINOCKET LODGE, NO. 1521**. The Grand Exalted Ruler was guest of honor that evening at a banquet held at the Community Center, and Mr. and Mrs. Jernick led the Grand March at the ball which followed at the newly dedicated home. Past District Deputy P. L. B. Ebbetts and his wife attended the function, which was presided over by Exalted Ruler Mahlon C. Spruce.

The following day, September 21st, a courtesy call was paid to **BANGOR LODGE, NO. 244**, which was followed by a luncheon at **WATERVILLE LODGE, NO. 905**, at which Exalted Ruler Eli B. Denton presided, with PDD's Robert L. Ervin and J. O. E. Noel in attendance. At **RUMFORD LODGE, NO. 862**, a dinner was given that evening in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Mr. Jernick and his party were greeted by Exalted Ruler Cecil Burns

and PDD's Philip M. Isrealson and Fred J. Orino.

On Wednesday morning, September 22nd, the group was met at the New Hampshire-Maine line by District Deputy Joseph L. Collette and other New Hampshire state officials and escorted by state troopers to The Tower, where **LITTLETON, N. H., LODGE, NO. 1831**, and **BERLIN LODGE, NO. 618**, were hosts at a cocktail party and luncheon. Exalted Ruler Alexander J. Corey, of Littleton Lodge acted as toastmaster. At nearby Center Harbor, the party, which had been joined by Exalted Ruler John H. Killourhy, **PER DONALD W. MACLSAAC** of Laconia and some sixty Elks and their ladies, boarded

three large motor yachts for an afternoon sail on the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. After dinner that evening, the group attended a session of **LACONIA LODGE, NO. 876**, at which time initiations were held. The town manager, Gerard Morin, was official greeter at the dinner. The following day, one of the busiest of the trip, began with a call at **FRANKLIN LODGE, NO. 1280**, where Exalted Ruler Daniel A. Magyar was host, assisted by Secretary Garrett A. Cushing.

At Concord, Mr. Jernick visited the State House, where he met U. S. Senator H. Styles Bridges, a Past Exalted Ruler of Concord Lodge. Exalted Ruler John
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Among those present at the banquet given by Binghamton, N.Y., Lodge were, left to right: State Scholarship Committee Chairman Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, District Deputy Thomas F. Kinney, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, State Association President T. Emmett Ryan, senior Past President J. Victor Schad, a member of Binghamton Lodge, and Exalted Ruler Ellsworth P. Christian.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Leo Pignanelli of the City Recreation Dept. congratulates E.R. Frank Delvie of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge on the splendid job the Elks accomplished in getting their co-sponsored Boys and Girls Club painted as a community project. Left to right: Club Director Abe Barber, Mr. Pignanelli, Est. Loyal Knight V. C. McFarlane, Mr. Delvie and Est. Lect. Knight J. W. Birkinshaw.



Over 150 girls and boys participated in Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge's 1954 golf instruction program and tournament. Pictured on the steps of the lodge home are some of the young golfers who attended the end-of-season banquet given by the Elks who presented trophies to the winners. Lodge members with the youngsters include Chairman N. D. Andersen, right; Wesley Deist, left; John Poitevin, crouching at right, and, at rear, golf pro George Orullian and E.R. Bob Bybee.

Milton, Pa., Lodge Passes Half-Century Mark

The Elks of Milton Lodge No. 913 celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a week-long program which included the initiation of a class of 72 candidates by E.R. Myron C. Sterling and his officers. Present on this occasion were D.D. Arthur A. Cox and three of the lodge's five Charter Members.

Jubilee events began Sept. 11th with a gala street parade when over 10,000 persons cheered the bands, drum corps and the more than 1,000 marchers who participated. On the following day, the quarterly meeting of the Pa. No. Cent. Dist. took place with Pres. Robert E. Lupton presiding. Highlighting the session was the presentation of \$200 scholarships to 12 young men and women of the District.

All during the following week, special parties and entertainment programs were held at the lodge home, with the Milton Elks' Band giving a public concert on the 15th before 3,500 persons.

Est. Leading Knight Al G. Williams was General Chairman of the Committee.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Elks Capable Face-Lifters

For many years, the members of Salt Lake City Lodge No. 85 have sponsored a Boys' and Girls' Club in cooperation with the City Recreation Dept. This Youth Club is one of the finest in the city, and boasts the most active and interested committee of Elks and their ladies. Through their efforts, both the girls' and boys' baseball and basketball teams have been completely outfitted, and a new wood and plastic workshop has been fully equipped. The building has a fine kitchen, and the recreation rooms are well furnished—even to a new TV set.

THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME

The Elks National Home at Bedford, Va., is maintained as a residence for aged and indigent members of the Order. It is neither an infirmary nor a hospital.

Applications for admission to the Home must be made in writing, on blanks furnished by the Grand Secretary and signed by the applicant. All applications must be approved by the subordinate lodge of which the applicant is a member, at a regular meeting, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Board of Grand Trustees shall pass on all applications.

For all laws governing the Elks National Home, see Grand Lodge Statutes, Title 1, Chapter 9, Sections 62 to 692, inclusive.

For information regarding the Home, address Nick H. Feder, Vice-Chairman and Home Member, Board of Grand Trustees, 126a East Main Street, Belleville, Ill.

Elk Story Made Available to Fresno Readers

But the outside of the building was badly in need of paint and repairs, and the city budget could not handle the expense. That was when the Elks Youth Activities Committee stepped in, and got the job taken care of nicely, on a community-project basis.

Chairman Walter Johnson contacted the leader of the local Painters Union who is a good Elk, and secured his agreement on having his members donate their services; a call on various paint firms resulted in the donation of 70 gallons paint and thinners, and local painting contractors willingly granted the use of their equipment.

So, at six a.m. on the day Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick was scheduled to arrive for his District Deputy Conference, some 45 painters went to work; at noon the job was finished, with the help of the Elks' ladies who kept the workers going with coffee and sandwiches. As a result, the Boys and Girls Club presented a mighty handsome facade to the Order's leader later in the day.

Pompton Lakes, N. J., Elks Buy Famous Training Camp

E.R. George W. Schultz reports the interesting news that Pompton Lakes Lodge No. 1895 has purchased the well-known training camp there, made famous by Joe Louis and other stars of the boxing world. The five-and-one-half-acre tract on the Ramapo River includes five buildings—one a pre-American Revolution homestead; another, the indoor gym where so many fighters have trained.

Some alterations and remodeling are planned by the new owners, who will maintain rental income from the homes and apartments which are in use on the property at the present time.

No. 1895 was instituted in April of 1953 with a king-size class of 365 members; its roster now carries well over 400 names.



Exalted Ruler John Gerald Strohm of Fresno, Calif., Lodge presents a copy of "The History of the Order of Elks" to Mrs. Margaret G. VanDussen, head of the Fresno County Free Library.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ELK MEMORIAL SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS REPORTS

All lodges are invited to submit full reports, photographs and newspaper clippings covering their Elk Memorial Sunday ceremonies and Christmas Charity Programs to the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge. Awards will be presented to the three lodges, in each of three groups, which give evidence of the most representative, well-handled events.

ELK MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Elkdom's traditional salute to its Absent Brothers will take place this year on December 5th.

The necessary material on your lodge's observance should be compiled as quickly as possible and mailed promptly to Joseph F. Bader, 279 Travers Place, Lyndhurst, N. J. All reports must be in Mr. Bader's hands no later than December 17th.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

In order to have the merits of your lodge's Christmas Charity program judged, a full report on it must be in the possession of Thad Eure, State Capitol, Raleigh, N. C., no later than January 14th. If your lodge is one of those which sponsors a similar program at Thanksgiving, then be sure to incorporate in your story full particulars on both these activities.



Right: Mayor George A. Smock, II, of Asbury Park, N. J., accepts a copy of the "Ten Commands for Our Youth", which is being distributed nationally by the local Elks, from Youth Chairman J. A. Liebesman.

Left: Pictured when Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge's valuable gift of a Halliburton Positive Pressure Breathing Respirator was presented to St. Luke's Hospital are Est. Loyal Knight W. M. McMillon, Social and Community Welfare Committee Chairman, left, and E.R. John B. Haldiman, and Mrs. Lewis J. Bennett, the first patient to use the equipment.





E.R. John G. Galloway of Homewood, Ala., Lodge presents the \$500 Most Valuable Student Award given by the Elks National Foundation, to George Henry Watson, Jr., who also won the Ala. Elks' \$400 Scholarship.



An annual event of Duluth, Minn., Elksdom is a picnic for the members of the Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind. Here are some of the Elks who served the nearly 170 sightless guests this year.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Princeton, Ill., Elks Are Out of Debt

The members of Princeton Lodge No. 1461 have made fine progress in the three years since its institution.

On its third anniversary Sept. 16th, a large crowd gathered to celebrate the event, and see the mortgage on its lodge home go up in smoke.

Past State Pres. Willis G. Maltby was Master of Ceremonies at this program which followed a banquet at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and Elwin L. Glessner of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials were interesting speakers.

This program was followed by an excellent show broadcast from radio station WMBD in Peoria, after which festivities were resumed at the lodge home.

Claremore, Okla., Lodge Has a Busy Summer

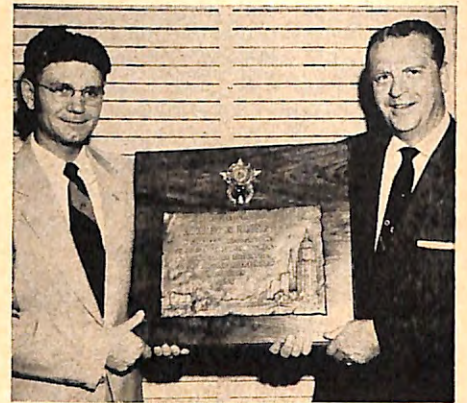
In spite of the terrific heat, the Elks of Claremore Lodge No. 1230 chalked up a busy summer, with the help of their

air-conditioned lodge and club rooms in the Will Rogers Hotel. An initiation ceremony opened activities for June, followed by a big Flag Day program, and a meeting at which the members okayed the furnishing of a room in the Municipal Hospital at a cost of nearly \$400.

To assist in the new Pee-Wee Baseball Program of their city, the members of No. 1230 sponsored their own team which took second-place honors in the season play, and third in the tournament under the management of Est. Loyal Knight L. R. Harrington and his son. P.E.R. Elmer Tanner, Jr., managed the Junior Baseball Team the Elks co-sponsored with the American Legion; both diamond activities were undertaken by membership at an expense of \$500.

Highlight of July was the free outdoor concert given by the Tulsa Starlight Band, directed by Elk Paul Cumiskey, and brought to Claremore by the lodge for the entertainment of 2,000 persons.

In September, a class was initiated as a tribute to D.D. Albert C. Overton, and in October No. 1230 assisted in the local



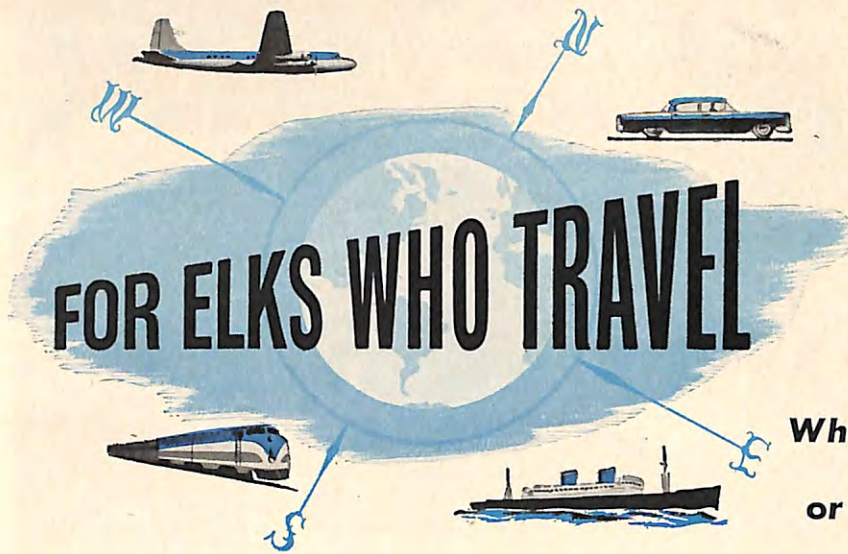
Trustee Aubrey Kline, right, accepts a plaque from E.R. Clark A. Perkins, acknowledging San Antonio, Tex., Elksdom's appreciation of Mr. Kline's outstanding efforts during the 15 years he served as General Chairman for his lodge's highly successful Charity Carnivals. The Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital, the principal beneficiary of these events, is receiving a sizable financial boost through another San Antonio Elk, D. M. Edwards, who is turning over to the Hospital the entire proceeds from the sale of his "Elks March Triumphal".

high school alumni and former student Homecoming Program, a dinner-dance for nearly 500. The Claremore Elks have also joined with four other organizations in donating \$100 each for the construction of a press-box at the high school athletic field.

Right: Photographed during a telecast promoting a Southern League Baseball game played for the benefit of Mobile, Ala., Lodge's Crippled Children's Fund are, left to right: Fund Chairman Joseph Marques, whose Committee raised \$6,250 for the State's Crippled Children's work during the past two years; Ross Smitherman of TV station WALA, and P.E.R. C. E. Hayward, Ticket Sales Chairman for the game which realized a net profit of nearly \$600 for this important activity.



Left: Mrs. Evelyn R. Canada, Exec. Dir. of the Pulaski County Chapter of the Natl. Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, accepts a \$301 check from Secy. Joe Loebner of North Little Rock, Ark., Lodge, as E.R. Victor H. Wilder looks on. This Elk gift to the Emergency March of Dimes was made in addition to its regular donation each January.



Whether you're a skier, a sitter
or both, you'll enjoy the sights
and sports of wintertime Quebec.

BY HORACE SUTTON

WHETHER you are a skier or a sitter, (or whether you inadvertently mix one with the other) there are four dozen handy ways of having fun out of winter. You can go out and revel in it or stay indoors and watch it, but at any rate there is no reason why you ought to hibernate and grouse about it until the whole thing blows over.

The thousands of travelers who invade the old walled city of Quebec and fight the summer crowds probably know very little of Quebec after its first snowfall. It seems to take on a fresh aspect, the ancient walls, the hallowed battlefields, the great fortress dusted in white. There seems no more romantic way of seeing it than wrapped in buffalo and bearskin rugs in a horse-drawn sleigh, with a driver to point out the sights in an admixture of English and French-Canadian. After all, here in the shadow of the Plains of Abraham where Wolfe and Montcalm battled for the New World, in the one-time capital of New France, 95 per cent of the population speaks French.

In spite of these marked French overtones one enclave at one particular season of the year turns as old English as Charles Dickens. The place is the Canadian Pacific's mammoth, fortress-like Chateau Frontenac, a great hotel that sits like a citadel on the heights above the St. Lawrence. The time: Christmas. Should you be there in the great halls of the Chateau Frontenac on Christmas Day you will see a parade of heralds and trumpeters in medieval dress, followed by a platoon of cooks. The cooks will be bearing on what is almost a sedan chair, a 200-pound baron of choice steer beef, followed by roast turkeys, 25-pound salmon down from the Gaspé, Canadian-cured hams, pies made from the game of northern Quebec and New Brunswick, aspics of lobster from the shores of the Maritimes. And then, as the appetites are diminished, the lights are lowered

too, and cooks bring in a 50-pound plum pudding burning with the blue flames of holiday brandy.

On Christmas Eve Quebec glistens with tradition. It is a city of churches, a fact which comes clear at the moment of midnight when bells toll through the crisp winter air, calling all to Midnight Mass. And the faithful come not only by automobile but also by foot, and especially by horse-drawn sleigh. Lights from the inside of churches spill over on the white walks outside, and the moon makes a shadow of the steeples on the snow. Carols in French and Latin float in the air.

Next day, before and after the eating, girls' and boys' choirs come to sing in the Frontenac, and a bewigged orchestra plays in the manner of the 18th Century. Special buffets are set up on Christmas Eve, at lunch the day after Christmas and at lunch New Year's Day. There is dancing at dinner every night and on New Year's Eve, to be sure.

SO MUCH, for the moment, for the sitters. For the skiers Lac Beauport and Valcartier are a few miles outside Quebec. One can stay at lodges at the foot of the slopes or stay in the big city itself and commute. The Chateau has all-expense package vacations from three to ten days including room and meals, transfers from depot to hotel, transportation to Lac Beauport and use of the lifts and tows up there. It also includes instruction in Fritz Loosli's ski school which features the Emile Allais parallel technique of skiing. The all-inclusive ticket is also a franchise to use the Chateau's outdoor skating rink and the mile-a-minute toboggan slide which is in operation on Dufferin Terrace at the very edge of the heights that look down on the St. Lawrence.

If there is anyone on hand who wants
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AT THE ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL BUILDING, CHICAGO

DISTRICT DEPUTY CONFERENCES

To coordinate his program for the year, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick held three Conferences with his District Deputies. As is customary, the first meeting was held at the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago, and was followed by Conferences at Salt Lake City Lodge and the Elks National Home in Bedford. At each Conference, the Grand Exalted Ruler met with his Deputies, who were located near that

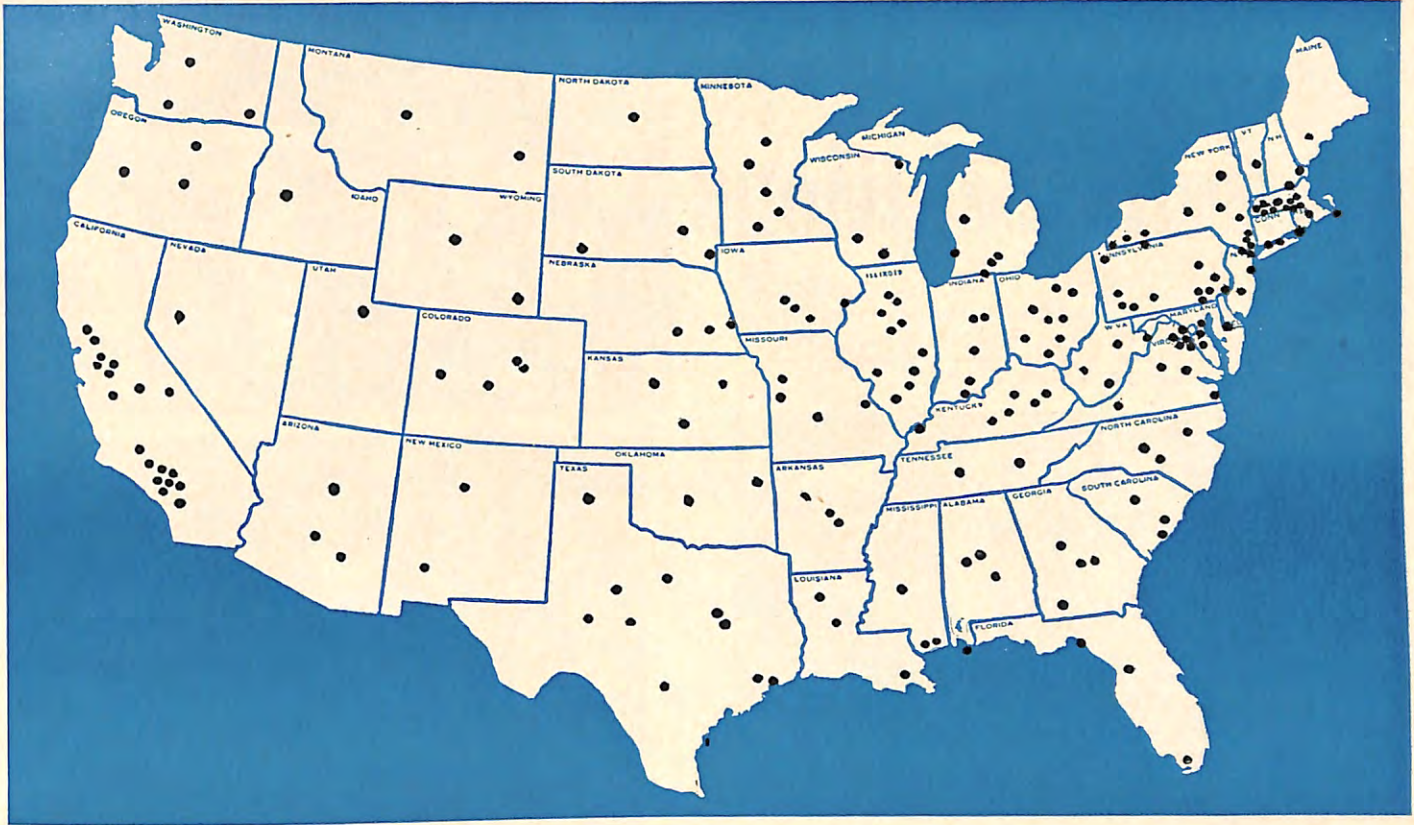
area, and discussed his program for the year with particular emphasis on his Gold Star Certificate Program.

Meeting with the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Deputies were representatives of the Grand Secretary's office, Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Elks National Foundation, Elks National Service Commission, Board of Grand Trustees and members of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

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SALT LAKE CITY,
UTAH,
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AT THE
ELKS NATIONAL
HOME,
BEDFORD, VA.



The VAVS and what it means to the B. P. O. E.



Many times in these pages you have seen the initials VAVS, the alphabetical term applied to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services.

This is the agency which handles a program of coordinated services to hospitalized veterans by organizations in the areas where VA hospitals are located. Its function is to act as a clearing house for all veteran services, avoiding duplication and overlapping.

Because of the important role you and your Service Commission are playing in the activities of this group, a skeleton outline of these activities is presented here.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Coordinating the work on a national level is the VAVS National Advisory Committee which consists of representatives, and alternates, of more than 50 national organizations.

The Elks are represented on this body by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, with Bryan J. McKeogh, Executive Director as his Alternate.

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each VA Hospital has its own VAVS Advisory Committee whose duty it is to set up the voluntary services needed there. In each Hospital, the Elks are entitled to a VAVS representative and alternate, the officially accredited coordinator of any services the Elks may offer. Representatives are appointed by the

Elks National Service Commission on recommendation either of the State Association or local Service Committee Chairman.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Chairman and members of this Commission were gratified and pleased last month when A. S. Mason, the Veterans Administration Director of Special Services, recognized the Commission in naming its personnel to the Chairmanship of a special sub-committee on Public Information. This group has been formed to improve public understanding of the work of the VAVS program, in particular in relation to the accomplishments of volunteer workers in VA Hospitals.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON "PLANNING FOR PATIENTS' DISCHARGE"

With the Elks Service Commission's earlier appointment to provide a Vice-Chairman for this nation-wide subsidiary, and the concomitant responsibility of conducting a Pilot Program, the Order's participation in the VAVS extended from the hospital to the home community of the discharged VA patient.

This brings every Elks lodge within the scope of the VAVS.

And so, when mention is made of the VAVS, remember yourselves and your ladies who bring cheer, comfort and entertainment to our country's defenders every day in the year.

Don't think of the VAVS as a group of Government officials, remote and unfamiliar.

The VAVS is YOU!

News of the State Associations

Right: William J. Jernick, the Order's new leader, third from left, was guest of honor at the Wis. Elks Assn. Convention in Racine. With him are retiring State Pres. James H. Boex, right, and host lodge P.E.R. Gerald T. Flynn, left, and E.R. Edward J. Zahn, Jr.



Above: Chief Justice John L. Walker of the Grand Forum, left, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. R. S. Barrett pictured at the Virginia Meeting with State Youth Leader Miss Georgie Randolph, right, and Rebecca Matthews who tied with Marion Parcell as second-place Youth Leader.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, center, congratulates H. G. Downs as President of the Colorado Elks Assn. Retiring Pres. J. A. Drehle looks on.

Md., Dela. and D.C. Elks Meet at Annapolis

The nearly 1,000 delegates to the Aug. 19-22 Meeting of the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn. in Annapolis had the pleasure of hearing addresses made by three Past Grand Exalted Rulers. Praising the delegates for their fine cerebral palsy work, Dr. Robert South Barrett presented to the Assn. a \$1,000 Elks National Foundation check to assist in this effort. He also turned over a \$500 check to the Boys Camp Committee, and handed Miss Sandra Slye the Assn.'s \$400 Scholarship Award. The two other former Elk leaders were Howard R. Davis and Joseph B. Kyle. Mr. Davis spoke on the

Order's Youth Activities, and presented to Washington, D. C., Lodge the plaque for its outstanding participation in this program. Mr. Kyle's forceful address had a patriotic theme in which he stressed the importance of the fight against communism.

Other dignitaries on hand included Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne and D.D. Rosell T. Pickrel. Charles L. Mobley of Hagerstown succeeds W. Edgar Slaughter as Pres. of this organization and one of his first official acts was the presentation of the Ritualistic Trophy to Easton Lodge. Mr. Mobley's slate of officers include Harry J. McGuirk of Baltimore, Verdine Palmer of Annapolis and Lloyd B. Pahl-

man of Easton as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents, respectively; Joseph T. Motyka, Washington, D. C., as Treas., and John Kessinger, Jr., Silver Spring; Arthur Mason, Frederick, and Chas. W. Miller, Hagerstown, as Trustees. R. Edward Dove of Annapolis continues as Secretary of this group.

Past Pres. A. Guy Miller presided at Memorial Services at which Hon. Benjamin Michaelson delivered the eulogy.

Many outstanding social events were enjoyed, with the featured affair the President's Ball, when the new officials were installed.

Colo. Elks to Expand Laradon Hall Facilities

A flurry of business and social activities wound up the 51st Annual Convention of the Colo. Elks Assn. at Durango Sept. 18th, with Elks Laradon Hall for Exceptional Children receiving full attention at the closing sessions. At that time, the delegates agreed to spend about \$30,000 to increase educational facilities
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On his arrival in Elkins by private plane, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, fourth from left, was welcomed to the West Virginia Convention by host E.R. S. O. Stover, third from left, and other Elk officials, including Nelson F. Clarke, right, retiring State Assn. President.

Forthcoming State Associations Meetings		
Alaska	Palmer	Nov. 3-4-5-6
*Michigan	Muskegon	Jan. 15-16
*Md., Dela. and D. C.	Towson, Md.	Jan. 21-22
*Montana	Shelby	Jan. 22-23
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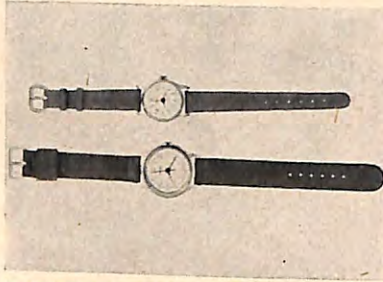
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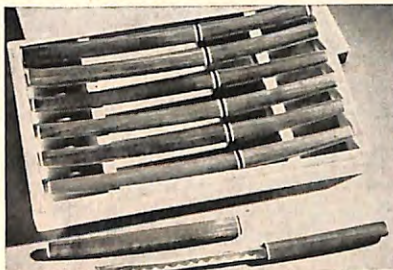
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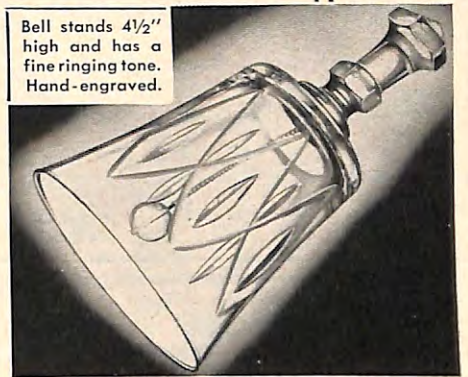


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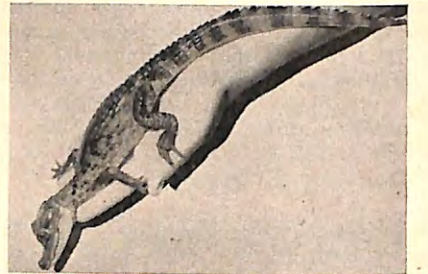


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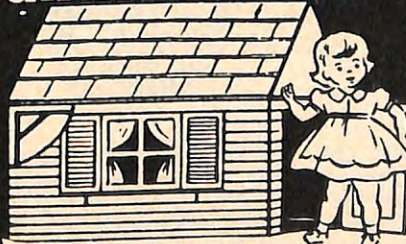
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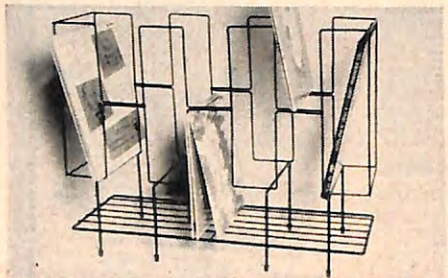
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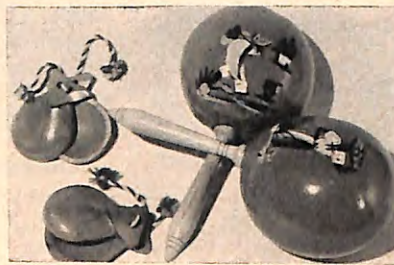
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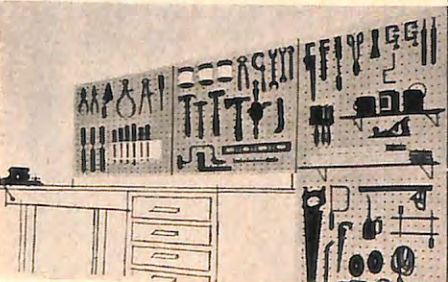
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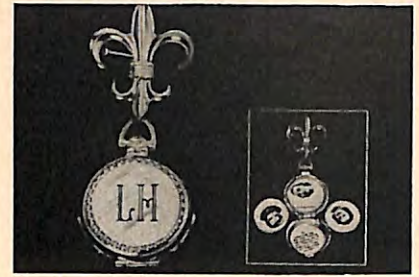


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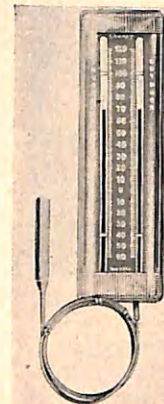
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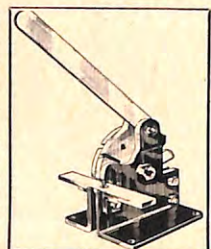
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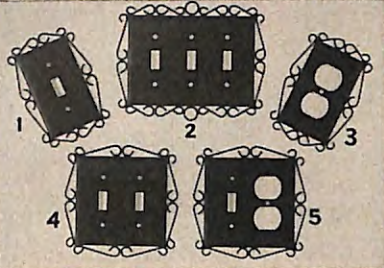


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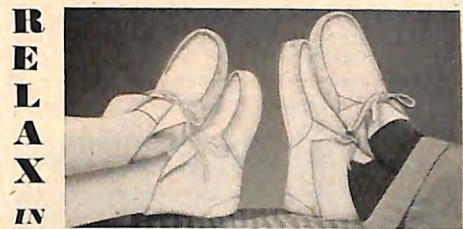
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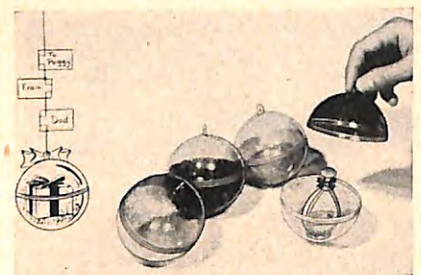


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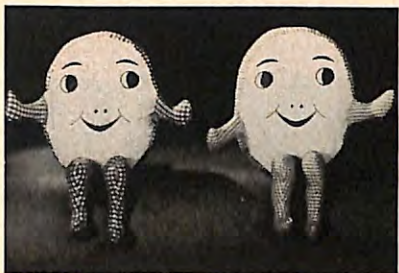
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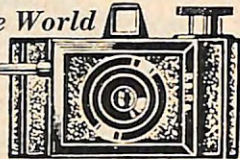
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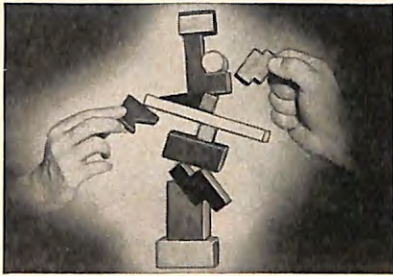
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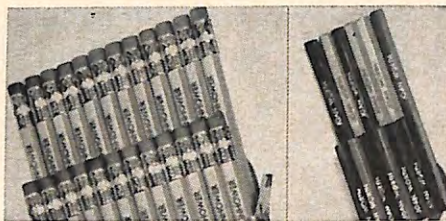
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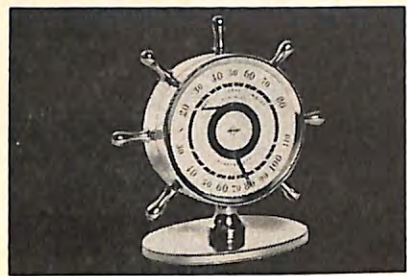
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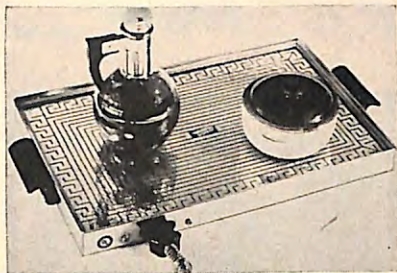
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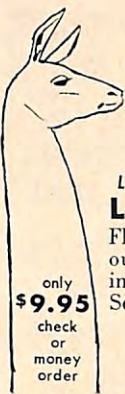


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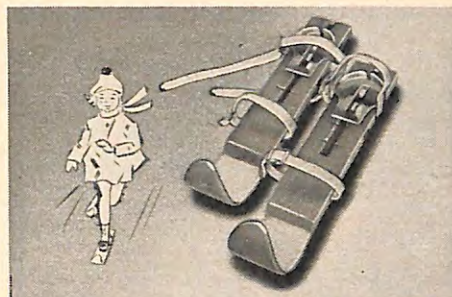
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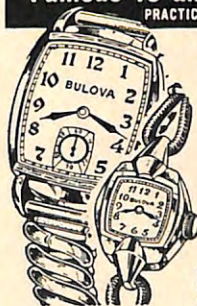
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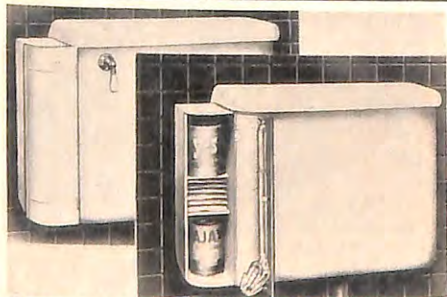


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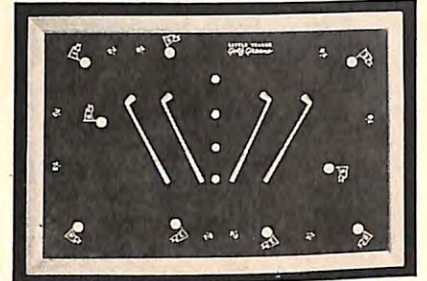
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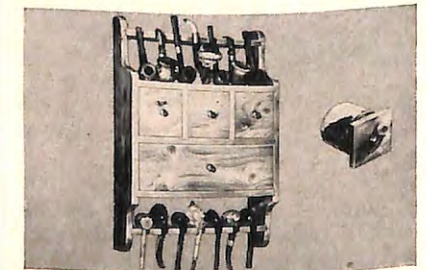
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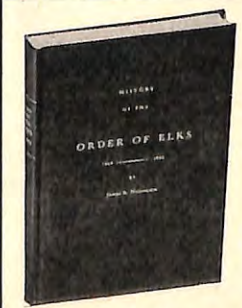
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The progress of the Order's Stray Elks Campaign is receiving valuable assistance from many sources; that the lodge bulletins play an important role in this program cannot be denied. The references to this effort which have been appearing in the lodge publications from time to time have been most fruitful. In a recent edition of Northampton, Mass., Lodge's "Elks News", for instance, we find this suggestion: "If you know any Stray Elk (a Brother who lives here but belongs to a lodge elsewhere), why don't you invite him to enjoy the hospitality of our lodge? If he is a newcomer to the city he will doubly appreciate your interest in him. Let's extend the hand of friendship to them." That's the kind of item that helps a lot.

For the sixth year, Gettysburg and Lebanon, Pa., Lodges cooperated in a special program for mental patients of the VA Hospital in Lebanon. Escorted by Esquire Henry Levin of that lodge, 30 servicemen were guests of Gettysburg Elks at luncheon and dinner, and a guided tour of the famous battlefield.

Elkdom is receiving another boost through mention of The Elks Magazine in lodge bulletins, both in connection with its editorial content and its advertising columns. Sacramento, Calif., Lodge's "Number Six", is one of these. Combining both points, the editor reminds his Brother Elks of the items and stories on their activities which are published in this Magazine "with absolutely no cost of any kind to our lodge", and suggests they show their appreciation by patronizing our advertisers and in doing so add the fact that they saw the ad in our pages. Citing the humanitarian benefits made possible through Magazine earnings, he points out how individual Elks may increase this benevolence by giving our advertisers their full support, and he's absolutely right.

E.R. Fred Dierstein reports that Mangum, Okla., Lodge has paid off its debt incurred in the \$5,000 purchase and remodeling of its home. Plans are now under way to add a slide and basketball goals to the children's playground that adjoins the Mangum Elks' headquarters.

Right: On Aug. 28th, the second annual Elks Day at Milwaukee County Stadium, nearly 42,000 fans saw the World Series Championship Giants bow to the Milwaukee Braves by a score of 5 to 2. Highlight of the afternoon was a pre-game ceremony when Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge presented a large American Flag to the Braves for their cooperation in the event. Assisted by a color guard of the famous Milwaukee Elks Plugs, Braves Mgr. Charlie Grimm, a member of Washington, Mo., Lodge who was celebrating his 56th birthday, accepted the flag, after which the entire assemblage rose to recite the revised Pledge of Allegiance led by Est. Lead. Knight Wm. P. Robb, shown here with Charlie Grimm. Many State Assn. officials including Pres. Alfred E. LaFrance, were present with E.R. Joseph J. Haertl and his fellow officers, and several thousand other Elks.



Left: Famous singer Dinah Shore holds tickets to Elks Night at Baltimore Stadium, when the Md., Dela. and D.C. Assn. took over the arena to raise money for its Boys Camp, cerebral palsy program and other charities through the game between the Yankees and the Orioles. With Miss Shore are, left to right: Baltimore E.R. H. J. McGuirk, Program Chairman Patrick F. O'Malley, and P.E.R. Joseph L. Manning, Publicity Chairman.

The Elks Play Ball!

Right: At Cincinnati's Crosley Field prior to a Redlegs-Pirates game, Hillsboro, Ohio, Lodge spearheaded a "Frank Smith Night" honoring the Redlegs' great relief pitcher, a member of the lodge. Left to right: Est. Loyal Knight Richard Faris; E.R. Paul E. Brown; the baseball star's wife, his mother, and Frank Smith himself.



Through their six Annual Charity Baseball Days at Fenway Park in Boston, the Mass. Elks have turned over to the Elks National Foundation a total of \$7,654. At this year's event were, left to right, standing: Red Sox star Ted Williams, Veterans Committee Chairman Frank A. O'Rourke, Past State Pres. William F. Hogan, Youth Activities Committee Chairman Ignatius O'Connor, Chairman John F. Malley of the Elks National Foundation, State Pres. and Chairman Andrew A. Biggio, John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee and Red Sox Mgr. Lou Boudreau of Harvey, Ill., Lodge. Foreground: State Vice-Pres. Dr. Wm. F. Maguire, Winthrop Lodge's Secy. Fred A. Baumeister who sold the most tickets, State Secy. Thomas F. Coppinger, Billy Consolo of the Red Sox and Richard Minton of the Elks Publicity Committee.



Left: Passaic, N. J., Lodge's City Champion Little Leaguers were recently entertained by their sponsors who presented a trophy to each player. Holding the banner, left to right, are Mgr. and Coach John Pavick, Capt. Jackson Morgan and E.R. Nathan Hugo. At left is Youth Activities Committee Chairman Frank R. Feher, P.E.R.; at right is Laddie Feher, Asst. Mgr.-Coach.

Below: The Matt Mayers Cubs, 1954 Champions of the Gary, Ind., Elks Little Baseball League. With them are P.E.R. Matt W. Mayer, team sponsor, top left; Mgr. Mike Puskar, bottom left, and Coach "Chuck" Walker, right. The lodge sponsors a full four-team league as one of its Youth Activities.



Below: A big night for the 1954 Junior Champions of the Christy Mathewson Baseball League took place when Saranac Lake, N. Y., Lodge held a dinner for the young stars who carried the Elk banner to victory. Standing at rear are Don Ross, left; Gus Dandrow, third from left; Rev. Father Vernon Doe, center, and E.R. Jack Shea.



Above: Donkey Baseball, played on trained burros was a fascinating innovation which highlighted the annual clam-bake held by Waterbury, Conn., Lodge a short time ago. Pictured just prior to the hilarious game are, left to right: Co-Chairman John Whiston, Sports Committee Chairman George T. Dillon and Co-Chairman Neil Callahan.



Above: For two years, Statesville, N. C., Elksdom has entered its youthful baseball players in the Little League; both years found these boys in possession of the League Championship, taking 16 out of 18 games this season.

Right: Vicksburg, Miss., Lodge's talented Little Leaguers took the 1954 League Championship under the tutelage of Coaches Kermit Black, Sr., left background; Jerry Bayley, center background, and Mgr. E. C. Penley, right.



Left: Dayton, Ohio, Lodge's Class "F" Softball Team of boys from nine to 12 years of age closed the season with a game against the Springfield Elks' Class "E" Team of 12-to-15-year-olds at the Brown VA Hospital. Later the boys and their parents were entertained by the Dayton Elks at their home. With them, back row, left to right, are Trainer M. Gibson, E.R. H. J. Lawrence, Est. Lead. Knight J. H. Troutman, Veterans Committee Chairman J. Bern, Youth Activities Chairman Donald Espy, Coach Burns.

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For Elks Who Travel

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the technical details, Lac Beauport has a 2,350-foot T-bar lift, half a dozen first-class rope tows, and an excellent chalet, the Manoir St. Castin. As for Valcartier, it is twenty miles from Quebec City, has a 2,400-foot T-bar lift and rope tows on the main downhill and slalom runs.

It may not be a pleasure to the local snow shovelers, but Quebec measures an average annual snowfall of 123.7 inches. One of the surest places to find a white blanket is in the Laurentian Mountains, the biggest ski resort area in the province of Quebec. Montreal is the hub for visits to the Laurentians, for the resorts and the slopes string out anywhere from thirty-five to sixty miles from the big French city.

All counted there are some twenty-five first-class resorts and over 200 pensions and guest houses in the Laurentians. Rates vary from \$7.50 to \$9 a day for room with running water and three meals. Rooms with private bath are available from \$9 a day American plan all the way up to \$21.50 a day, a price for top accommodations at the fancy Mont Gabriel Club. The place is built like a swank log lodge, and while all interest is focussed on warm hearths and cold snow in winter, in the summer time the feature is the pool and the pet goats that live on the grass-covered roof.

If you have some junior-sized vacationers with you one of the best bets is Chalet Cochand where you will find three-year-olds zooming down the hill at a breakneck clip. Figure about \$70 a week here and count on informality, a juke box in the bar, and good plain food which sometimes has interesting Swiss accents. Down the road, the Alpine is more of a formal hotel with regimented

desk and bellhop service, dancing in a huge basement nightclub, a ski run back of the hotel, and heavy carpets on the floor.

One of the most typical French Canadian villages hereabouts is Ste. Agathe des Monts, or St. Agatha of the mountains, which tinkles with sleigh bells once the snow is down, and rings all year around with accents of French. It has a Chinese restaurant which advertises "répas Chinois" (Chinese meals) and a Cote d'Azur snack bar, another word for the French Riviera.

You can buy Hudson's Bay blankets at about \$8 off U. S. prices, cashmere sweaters and such local items as *tuques*, which are French-Canadian tasselled hats, and *ceinture flechées*, woven belts originally used by French-Canadian loggers.

On Mt. Kingston there is a new 2,100-foot ski lift, but for anyone who would rather not expend energy, the local Laurentide Inn offers horse-drawn sleigh rides through the woodland trails, or even rides behind teams of husky dogs. Once a week the inn takes over the community's ski chalet for a party and every one lounges on buffalo hides, drinks hot buttered rum, watches the crackling fire and finally goes to work on French pea soup sprinkled with onion shavings, French-Canadian meat pie and oka cheese made by Trappist monks.

After that you can either sit around singing "Alouette," or else get aboard a toboggan outside the door and go whistling down the hill at the likes of sixty miles an hour.

A giant cross on a hillock looking down on Lac des Sables is lighted at night and casts a white and peaceful glow over the snowfields.



En route to Canada recently, a member of The Elks Magazine staff stopped for a delightful lunch at the Publick House in Sturbridge, Mass. Publick House is operated by Treadway Inns and is of outstanding quality for country dining. On a table in the reception room a recent copy of The Elks Magazine was spotted and, as it turned out, the copy was addressed to Brother Richard Treadway, a director of the Treadway Inns. Seems to us that any Brother Elk in the position of meeting the public does a real service when he makes recent copies of the Magazine avail-

able for all to see the great work the Order is doing.

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The American Automobile Association and its affiliated motor club has recently been granted the right by the Mexican Government Tourist Bureau to issue the official Mexican tourist card to United States citizens traveling for pleasure in Mexico.

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And speaking of Mexico, the devaluation of the peso has brought an increasing number of visitors to take advantage of the "bargain" in exchange. However, space is tight. So if you plan a trip to Mexico, we suggest you arrange for your accommodations well ahead of departure date.

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Morehead City, North Carolina, where new terminal facilities have been developed by the State, becomes the newest cruise port on the Atlantic Seaboard this Autumn. The motorship "Stock-

holm" of the Swedish-American Line will make four cruises from this port. The first, a 7-day cruise to Havana and Nassau sailing October 16th, to be followed by three 6-day cruises to Bermuda on October 23rd, 28th and November 3rd.

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For the old car enthusiast going to Florida there is, at Lantana, near Palm Beach, singer James Melton's famed Auto Museum, where many outstanding sport cars and vintage model gas buggies are on display. Melton's Museum, opened two years ago, has become a mecca for seekers of automobile curios.

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It is none too soon to secure space on the "Coronia's" 106-day "Round the World" Cruise leaving New York on January 21. Space for the less expensive accommodations is scarce even now. Fares range from \$2,950 to \$9,600.

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This advice also applies to the following cruises listed for the coming Winter. The "Nassau" of the Ingres-Nassau Line will make an 11-day Christmas-New Year tour in the Caribbean from New York on December 21. The Holland-American Line's "Ryndam" will leave February 23rd for 13-day circuit of the Caribbean. The "Patricia" of the Swedish Lloyd Line will make five 13-day cruises and three 14-day cruises to the West Indies and South America between December 21st and April 5th. The Greek Liner "Olympia" will again make a series of cruises to the Caribbean but her departure dates are not yet set.

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Business and pleasure travelers of the nation have bought more than 41,000 of the hotel industry's universal-type credit cards since the system was established one year ago. Heaviest demand has been for the company Travelcards for executives and employees of firms.

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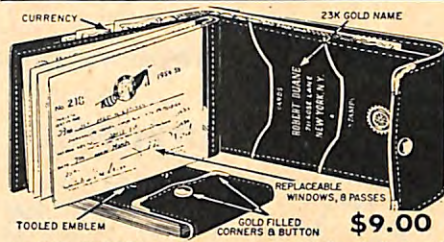
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A letter from Earl Munger (Kenosha, Wis., No. 750) is the sort we like to receive. In part—he says, "We are so grateful for your very helpful answers to our questions, we want to thank you—no matter how late.

"We wrote to about a half dozen places in New York—your answer was the one really satisfying one, and know it took considerable time and effort to get this information for us. We appreciated your attention to a couple of silly questions—but important to us. Your kindness in the more unusual items such as the shows to see, the excursion information, etc. was surely appreciated."

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BY TED TRUEBLOOD



THE THING that never ceases to amaze me about a duck is this: How can a silly-looking, low-browed critter with a brain no bigger than a butterbean outwit a hunter so frequently?

A hunter has a brain the size of a pumpkin—well, anyway, a *small* pumpkin.

Of course, I have outwitted quite a few ducks in my time, but then, quite a few ducks have outwitted me, too. The difference is that when I outwit a duck, it's fatal. When a duck outwits me, I soon forget and try again.

How can a duck know when a man is harmless, and when he isn't? There is a park in a town near my home, and every day hundreds of ducks loaf around in its lagoons. People feed them. They're tame. You can get within ten or fifteen feet of them. When these ducks fly out of the park, however, they're wild as antelope.

During the hunting season, they leave every afternoon at the end of legal shooting time and feed at night in the grain fields nearby. They return to the park during the day. When they're outside the protective boundaries, they're just as hard to bag as any other waterfowl. When they come back in, however, they loaf and rest and chatter amongst themselves, and look at the people and wonder what makes them act so silly.

Nor are these park ducks the only

Photo by Ducks Unlimited, a non-profit organization devoted to the preservation of wild ducks.



These mallards are literally "singing on the wing" as they take off from Alida Lake, Manitoba.

ones that carry clocks. There is a large Federal refuge near my home. At certain times of the season thousands of ducks rest and loaf on it all day. They know the end of legal shooting time as well as I do. Every day as the deadline approaches they begin to mill around in the refuge. Right on the dot they take off in great rafts to fly out to the fields and feed. They stuff themselves on barley, corn, or wheat all night, and then fly back again in the morning before shooting time.

Not only do these ducks carry clocks, they seem to have calendars, too, and they know as well as I do when the hunting season ends. While it's open, every pond, creek, slough, river, and field will be deserted from daylight in the morning until after hours in the evening. The day after the season ends, all of these places are loaded with ducks—all day.

They're not easily confused, either. Last year the season remained open a week longer in Oregon than it did in Idaho. We continued hunting in Oregon as long as we could, of course. The very day that the Idaho season ended, all the Oregon ducks moved across the state line. We sat in a blind on the Oregon side of the Snake River, which forms the boundary, and watched thousands of ducks swarming everywhere on the Idaho side. Scarcely a duck ventured across into the area where shooting was legal.

A duck's most highly developed sense probably is his vision. I don't know how it compares with that of man, but I'm inclined to think that an old mallard can see a hunter roll his eyes at a distance of a hundred yards. Certainly, any suspicious movement in the blind is enough to send them flaring. Mallards' hearing, too, unquestionably is acute.

WHEN I WAS a youngster, I used to walk up lots of ducks in ponds and sloughs. Any unusual noise was enough to send them away long before they could see me. I used to sneak up to the bank as quietly as an Indian stalking a deer and then peer over. I got ducks this way, but if I accidentally let my hunting jacket scrape against a bush, the mallards would be gone.

I've had many discussions as to whether ducks have a sense of smell. An experience last winter certainly indicates that they do. A week or so after the season ended, when the ducks had become tame again, I put out my decoys on a bar in the Snake River. This bar was parallel to a small brushy island, and about thirty-five or forty feet away. I built a good blind in the brush of the island.

I got into my blind and started working my call, and in a little while the mallards began to come in to the decoys. As each bunch came in, I attempted to take pictures of them. There were fifty decoys on the gravel bar, and before long they were outnumbered by the mallards, which had lit among and all around them. Soon there were three hundred ducks

there, and among them were a dozen or so talkative old hens. I put my call away and let them do the work. Believe me, not much went by.

I had a small hole in the front of the blind through which I could take pictures, and I shot a lot without revealing my presence to the ducks, nor alarming any of them. After perhaps two hours of this, I decided to light my pipe. I packed it, and then watched the ducks carefully as I struck the match. Not a head went up. Not a duck showed any sign of nervousness as the first puff of smoke drifted out of the blind.

AGENTLE BREEZE was blowing from the blind directly toward the decoys and the assembled ducks. I made two or three pulls on the pipe, and I suppose half a minute passed. I hadn't made a sound after striking the match. Suddenly, duck heads began to go up. The smoke from my pipe had reached them. In a matter of seconds, about half the mallards left. The remainder, all head up and alert, kept looking around, evidently seeking the cause of the alarm. Then fifty more flew away. A few seconds later, another bunch took off.

In less than a minute after the smoke from my pipe had reached the gravel bar on which the ducks were loafing and resting, not a single one remained. There was nothing else that could have alarmed them. I can think of no explanation, unless the odor of tobacco smoke frightened them away.

I had observed many times before that a puff of white smoke coming out of a blind on a frosty morning would flare mallards. In these cases, however, they saw the smoke. They were overhead and had no opportunity to smell it. The ducks that were among my decoys were not alarmed by the first, dense puff of smoke going out of the blind. They didn't see it.

Obviously, their sense of smell could not be as acute as that possessed by big game. If it were, they would have smelled me in the blind and left. I can think of no explanation for their becoming frightened when they did, however, unless the odor of tobacco was responsible.

Ducks are like human beings in one respect: The females do most of the talking. Much of the time an old drake mallard doesn't have much to say, and when he does express himself, he is a man of few words. The hens more than make up for this, however.

As every old duck hunter will gladly testify, they have a rather well developed system of communication. There are calls with many different meanings. All of them are distinct and recognizable to anybody who has been around ducks enough to become familiar with their language. It is the lack of knowledge in this respect that is responsible for many inexperienced duck callers failing to bring them in. A flock of mallards won't come to your decoys when you cut loose

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Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Secretary of the Order, appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick to fill the office left vacant by the death of Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, joined the Elks 30 years ago and has been active virtually ever since he took the obligation in Etna, Pa., Lodge No. 932. Etna is a suburb of Pittsburgh. He served his lodge twice as Exalted Ruler, the last time in 1929-30, and has been Secretary of the lodge for the last six years. He early evinced an interest in State Association work, and served as President of the Pennsylvania Elks Association in 1946-47.

He headed many of the big programs in Pennsylvania, including the 3,000 new members for the John K. Tener seventy-fifth anniversary class, and later the special Elks National Foundation campaign,

from which \$467,000 in cash and pledges were presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia. He has long been active in Grand Lodge work, having served three years on the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, two years as its chairman; two years on the State Associations Committee, and two years on the Lodge Activities Committee, the last as its chairman. He served last year as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight of the Order.

For the last 20 years Brother Donaldson has been a member of the important Board of Viewers of the Allegheny County, Pa., courts, of which he was chairman. He is a veteran of World War I, having served in the Navy as an ensign. He is married, has two sons, the youngest now a senior in college.

with the loud "quack . . . quack . . . quack . . . quack . . . quack" of the alarm call.

I have often wondered why decoys in one spot are attractive to ducks, when the same blocks arranged in the same way in a different spot never bring in a bird. Why does a flock, traveling by overhead, detect them as phony in one location, but not in another?

Of course, we say that ducks "use" in one spot. Consequently, that is a good place to put our decoys. Ducks will come into them. But why? Why would they come to the point of one island in a river, but not to the point of another island half a mile away? As nearly as I can see, the two are identical. Or, to make the question even more involved, why would they

suddenly quit one spot they had been using and shift to another nearby?

On several different occasions during the last season, I had excellent shooting on the point of an island that actually didn't look very good. The only place I could set my decoys was in a small triangular spot where the current split to go around the land. There was no dead water here in which ducks could rest; it was too deep for mallards, pintails, and other puddlers to reach the bottom, and the bank broke off steeply. There was no sloping bar on which they could wade out and loaf.

I first tried this place with misgivings. It didn't look good, but there already were some other hunters in the spot where I had planned to go, and this was

the only alternative. To my surprise, it was red hot. The ducks poured in like bees to honey. It was equally good the next three times I tried it. Then, on the fifth time, and for no reason that I have ever been able to figure out, the ducks quit me cold. I tried it once more, just to make sure, but they were finished. The spot was no good any more.

Incidentally, I didn't burn out this place by shooting it every day. The six times on which I hunted it were spread out over a period of two or three weeks, and there were plenty of ducks using in the vicinity all the time.

Finally, on the sixth day, my companion and I noticed that the mallards were pouring into another island, about half a mile upstream. Early in the afternoon, we took up our decoys, moved to the new location, set them out, and had very good shooting for the remainder of the day.

When it comes to ducks, I often think of a remark that my grandfather used to make about anything that puzzled him: "Well," he'd say, "I don't understand all I know about it."

I certainly don't understand all I know about ducks. It's a good thing, too. It is the uncertainty of the sport that makes it so fascinating.

We know, for example, that good duck shooting depends on the weather. What kind of weather? Well, ordinarily I want

wind. I think wind is the best weather break a duck hunter can get. It makes them leave the open water, and fly around hunting sheltered spots. This provides good shooting. But I have been skunked many times when the wind was blowing a gale.

Ordinarily, I don't like rainy weather. People who don't hunt ducks look out when it's raining and say, "Boy! Great weather for ducks, eh? Ha, ha."

Little they know. I don't think ducks like rain any better than I do. The same with fog. We often have foggy weather in our area during the duck season and it usually spoils the shooting. But some of the best duck hunting of my life was on days when I couldn't see a mallard until he was within easy range.

Regardless of what the weather may be, however. No matter whether you have an elaborate setup in a good marsh or one battered decoy in a pasture pond, nor whether you are a virtuoso on a duck call or barely able to utter a loud quack, quack, quack. No matter whether you are the best shot or the worst. When it's all said and done, figured and refigured, talked, planned, and plotted, the important thing still is to be in the right place at the right time.

Anybody can get a few ducks when enough of them are around. Nobody can when they're all somewhere else. Nothing helps the duck hunting like ducks.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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T. Fox and PDD John J. Horan of Manchester joined the group here, and greetings were extended by City Manager Gordon Delby. The group had luncheon at Manchester, where Mayor Francis Benoit welcomed Mr. Jernick; Exalted Ruler Harold H. Eubank, **MANCHESTER LODGE, NO. 146**, presided.

At Claremont, Mr. Jernick and his party, which had been joined by State President Dominic F. Flory and District Deputy Charles F. Hillman, were greeted by Exalted Ruler Nicholas C. Marro and Mrs. Marion Phillips, Mayor.

Mr. Jernick then proceeded to Springfield, Vt., accompanied by Exalted Ruler Merle A. Page, Jr., and former State President Peter Hall. Mr. Jernick was joined by William Malley, son of Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Malley. The party was entertained at a dinner in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler that evening by **SPRINGFIELD LODGE, NO. 1560**. The group stayed that night at the famous Hartness Hotel. The following day, his first visit was to **WINDSOR LODGE, NO. 1665**, where Mr. Jernick and his party were received by Exalted Ruler Horace C. Morehouse. Exalted Ruler Bruce O. Campbell was host at a luncheon at **HARTFORD LODGE, NO. 1541**, after which Mr. Jernick proceeded to **RUTLAND, VT., LODGE, NO. 345**, where Exalted Ruler James D. Carbine was host at a dinner that evening. PDD

Asa S. Bloomer was toastmaster, and greetings were extended by Mayor Dan J. Healy. Municipal Judge Angelo J. Spero, a Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, was also present.

The next day, Mr. Jernick visited Burlington, Vt., where he was entertained at a luncheon held atop the Hotel Vermont, overlooking Lake Champlain. Exalted Ruler Lawrence H. Deshaw presided. Early that evening the group reached Montpelier to attend the 50th Anniversary Program of **MONTPELIER LODGE, NO. 924**. Nearly 700 Elks and their ladies attended the dinner and the ball which followed. Exalted Ruler Iral O. Marshall was in charge of the program.

The next day, Sunday, after church and breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick began their motor trip to Boston, which was interrupted by short visits at **BARRE, VT., LODGE, NO. 1535**, and **KEENE, N. H.**,

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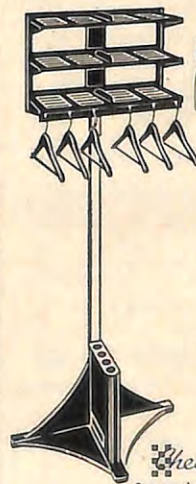


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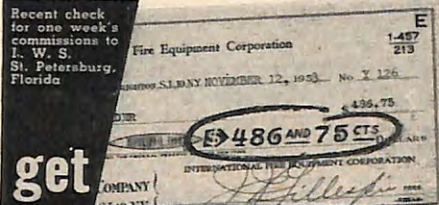
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at the Hall. These annual donations, which formerly have been spent on the home's buildings and improvements, will this year expand its training facilities to provide for the enrollment of a greater number of children.

Registration for the three-day meeting revealed an attendance of more than 1,050 persons, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, Grand Est. Lect. Knight Jacob L. Sherman, Robert E. Boney, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, President William A. Beazer of the Utah Elks Assn., and J. O. Spangler, President of the Wyoming Elks Association as guests of honor.

In a ten-lodge Ritualistic Competition, the National Championship Greeley Team captured first-place honors, followed by Pueblo and Lakewood in that order. Grand Junction Lodge will be host to the 1955 conclave, and H. G. Downs of Pueblo heads the new roster of officers, with Donald L. Johnson of Montrose as 1st Vice-Pres., and Robert Barth of Brighton, 2nd Vice-Pres. Secy. Frank H. Buskirk of Montrose and Treas. Eugene M. Welch of Grand Junction were re-elected, and G. A. Franz, Jr., of Ouray is a five-year Trustee. Guy O. Dickinson, Salida, is Sgt.-at-Arms; Glen McFall, Grand Junction, is Tiler, and C. B. Millen of Brighton is Chaplain.

Social events were frequent and festive, climaxed by the Grand Ball honoring Mr. Downs. A special barbeque at the Durango Elks' picnic grounds and a dinner for State officers and Past Presidents also highlighted the sessions.

High Dignitaries Attend Pennsylvania Sessions

The 48th Annual Convention of the Pa. Elks Assn. took place in Pittsburgh Aug. 23-26, with Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick as guest of honor.

Arriving on the 22nd in time for the annual Scrap Heap Dinner of the Assn.'s Past Presidents, the Order's leader was the principal speaker before 2,500 guests the following evening. His official message to the State was delivered at the first business session Tuesday morning when

Pres. Barney W. Wentz presided, and the following officers were elected: Pres., Ruel H. Smith, Warren; Vice-Pres. Walter Urben, Charleroi; Secy. (reelected), William S. Gould, Scranton; Treas., George Ellenberger, Jersey Shore, and five-year Trustee, Claude C. Merrill of Harrisburg which will be the 1955 Convention City.

Highlight of the conclave was the annual presentation of student aid awards when 30 young men and women received checks ranging from \$400 to \$500 from Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, assisted by Howard R. Davis, another former leader of Elkdom. In addition to these awards, it was announced that between 45 and 50 more had been given by Dist. Assns. and individual lodges. Following the ceremony, the students and their parents were guests of the Assn. at a special luncheon.

Presentation of the annual report of the Pa. Elks Veterans Hospital Committee given by its Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, was featured by an address by Bryan McKeogh, Executive Secy. of the Elks National Service Commission. The final report of the Credentials Committee revealed a total of 454 officers, committeemen and delegates on hand, with between 7,500 and 8,000 Convention visitors.

Charleroi Lodge won the Ritualistic Title, with Greenville and Grove City in second and third place respectively. The male chorus of New Kensington Elkdom took top honors in that contest.

Past State Pres. Lee A. Donaldson, recently appointed Grand Secretary to succeed the late J. Edgar Masters, installed the new officers on Thursday morning. Following his opening speech, Pres. Smith appointed the following officials: Michael Sheppo, Ashland, Tiler; Russell Parsons, Punxsutawney, Inner Guard; Edward D. Smith, Lewistown, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Rev. Leo F. Duerr, Sunbury, Chaplain. Mr. Grakelow of Philadelphia continues as head of the State Student Aid Committee, and Mr. Davis of Williamsport remains as Chairman of the Veterans Hospital Committee.



Miss Mary Jane Mundy receives her \$400 scholarship at the Pennsylvania Elks Convention in Pittsburgh. Pictured with officials of Shenandoah Lodge which sponsored her, left to right: Secy. Joseph A. Baraniak, Est. Lead. Knight P. J. McEntee, P.E.R. Dr. Wm. T. Leach, Miss Mundy, Est. Lect. Knight Joseph Thomas and Est. Loyal Knight William Shollenberger.

Bratkowski —Another Luckman?

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Layne, later to shine brilliantly for Detroit, might have qualified except for the timing. When he reported, Luckman and Lujack were on the payroll, each at a handsome salary. Halas traded Layne to the Lions long before it became evident that Lujack could not fill Luckman's shoes. Williams followed Lujack from Notre Dame to the Bears. He frequently looked great, but never developed consistency under pressure, frequently threw for interceptions when hard-pressed in a tight battle.

"We've had many disappointments, it's true," Halas admitted, "but Zeke has shown me enough. Bratkowski looks like the boy we've been needing for a long time."

Most critics agree. Paul Brown, the razor-sharp coach of the Cleveland Browns, saw Bratkowski's ship in action in two all-star games. "He can be the greatest in pro football," said Brown. Steve Owen, longtime coach of the New York Giants, was equally emphatic after watching Zeke play in the 1954 Senior Bowl game in Mobile.

Halas, however, was most impressed by the recommendation of Wally Butts, the witty University of Georgia coach who almost fainted when he heard the Bears had drafted his passer. Zeke, having "sat out" his sophomore year in 1950, was on the draft list in 1952, even though he had a year of eligibility left.

"George, you're not going to take Zeke away from me, are you?" long distanced Butts when he heard the news.

"No," reassured Halas. "We don't want him until after the 1953 season."

"That's good," replied Butts. "If I'd lose Zeke I'd just throw a bucket of water on the fire, call my hound dogs and disappear. I'd be sunk without Zeke."

Butts wasn't kidding. Zeke was virtually his entire offense at Georgia for three years. Furthermore, there was a genuinely affectionate bond between the two, a link forged by one Paul Shebby, a high school coach and rare judge of football talent.

Just before World War II Shebby, then coaching at Pittston, Pa., sent a slender Sicilian to Coach Butts at Georgia, a thin-faced, fiery halfback named Charley Trippi, who blossomed into one of the all-time greats of college and pro football. (He's now with the Cardinals.)

In 1948 Shebby moved from Pittston to Schlarman High in Danville, Ill. There he plucked a gangling senior out of the line and made him a fullback. Shebby taught the ex-guard how to run and pass and punt. At season's end, Shebby wired Butts: "Got a fullback you might be interested in. He is at least the second best I ever coached, maybe the best."

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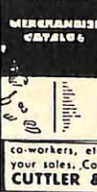
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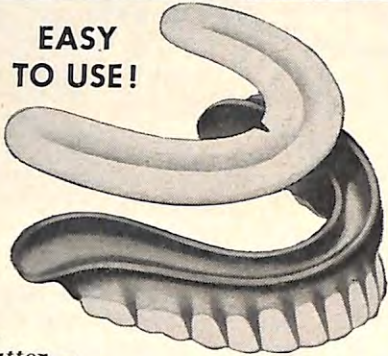
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"I doubt that I would have gone to college," Zeke said. "I didn't have any money; most likely I would have taken some sort of job and settled down in Danville."

BUTTS, as it turned out, had hit the jackpot again, but not at fullback or halfback. Zeke's career as a running back lasted just one day. The Georgia coach quickly perceived that Bratkowski was too slow afoot, but he liked the rookie's supple hands, height (6-3), and his aerial marksmanship. Thus, a T-formation quarterback was born and a year later he was the talk of Dixie.

They still talk about his debut in 1951. Butts dispatched the ex-guard, ex-fullback into battle against George Washington University in a driving rainstorm. Zeke had his troubles that day, but managed to complete four of six passes with a wet ball for 74 yards. A week later the elements cooperated beautifully and Zeke threw three touchdown passes in the last quarter to whip North Carolina, 26-18.

Meanwhile, Butts was endlessly polishing this gem on the practice field. One day Butts was thoroughly displeased with the offense during a bruising scrimmage.

"Hold it, Zeke, hold it," Butts said, finally. "You runners aren't driving. I've seen a half dozen of you flinch when you get hit. That won't do. That goes for you, too, Zeke. You've been flinching just like the others."

Next day when Butts and his staff arrived at their dressing quarters the blackboard drew their attention. On it was written "I will not flinch" 20 times and at the bottom was the signature of Zeke Bratkowski. He is a natural leader, a forceful character, and the sort of boy who absorbs information like a brand new blotter.

A few Southern observers were slow to acknowledge Zeke's greatness. They pointed to his 29 interceptions in 1951, his 23 interceptions as a senior. The fig-

ure is hardly as significant as it might seem. Zeke operated for three years under a severe handicap, the star on a team that regularly got its lumps. Georgia won 15 and lost 17 during Zeke's reign as quarterback and the lack of a solid ground attack placed an intolerable burden on the passer. Each rival knew Georgia would pass; therefore, every opponent applied great pressure to the quarterback. Zeke, in turn, knew Georgia's only hopes for victory lay in the air.

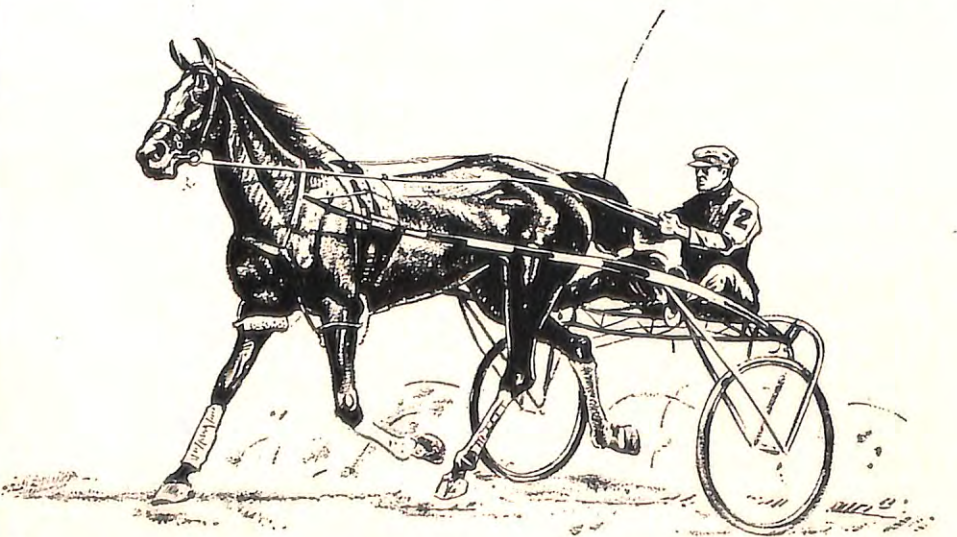
Like the day Bratkowski stunned Pennsylvania with passes. Georgia won, 34-27, and after it was over Coach George Munger commented: "We thought Mitch Price of Columbia was the best passer we had faced in years. But Bratkowski proved himself the outstanding thrower on Franklin Field in my time. And that's not taking a thing away from Sid Luckman, Paul Governali, Dick Kazmaier, or anyone else you care to mention." New Englanders expressed similar sentiments after watching Bratkowski pitch Georgia to a 35-28 victory over Boston College, hitting 13 out of 24 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns.

IN THREE YEARS Zeke established seven new Southeastern Conference records, most of them formerly held by Babe Parilli of Kentucky, led the nation's passers in 1952, ranked second in 1953, led the college punters in 1953, and piled up 4,824 yards in three years.

Halas confidently expects Zeke to be the same sort of coast-to-coast sensation as a pro, once he assimilates the Bears' offense. "He already has the poise of a three-year-man," Halas says, but adds, "He still has a lot of details to learn."

Which recalls the critical ribbing Halas absorbed when Luckman was a rookie in 1939. A 1938 glamor boy at Columbia, Luckman was hardly a glowing success as an embryo Bear.

"Don't worry about that," Halas told the newspapermen. "Leave that to me. Luckman is great. He'll look like a different fellow in 1940." He did and the Bears won the title, repeated in 1941,



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1943 and 1946, all with the peerless quarterback at the helm.

So will Bratkowski look like two different fellows by the end of the 1954 pro campaign, certainly by the beginning of the 1955 season. Halas has been working with Zeke since last February with twin goals in mind: (1) Making Bratkowski a mechanically superior professional quarterback, the star who can make \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year. (Zeke draws about \$12,000 as a rookie), and (2) Teaching the kid the Bears' system of quarterbacking, the pattern of plays as the game unfolds.

Bratkowski's tiniest mannerism was known to Halas long before he ever saw the youth. He studied movies of the boy, read newspaper stories, collected reports from scouts, college coaches and other observers. Having digested this information, Halas mailed Zeke a bundle of instructions, requested that he work on them last spring as an "extra man" during Georgia's football drills.

Zeke faithfully toed the mark. A highly ambitious boy, he told us he was anxious to begin more intensive studies with Coach Halas. After receiving his degree in business administration in June, Zeke headed for home and a summer of commuting to the Bears' office in the heart of Chicago's Loop. Four times weekly, through June and most of July, Zeke sat down with Halas to study quarterbacking, plays, game charts as he tried to soak up the coach's philosophy of the game. Each night he returned by train to Danville loaded down with notes, suggestions, football minutiae that had to be mastered if he was to "take charge" of

the Bears. Halas, unlike many pro and college coaches, insists that his quarterback run the show on the field.

"No great football team ever existed, except in extremely rare instances, without a leader, particularly on offense," Halas explained. "That leader must be the quarterback. He must have supreme confidence in himself, and the team must have confidence in him.

"If the quarterback thinks he is good, and the team thinks he is good, then execution of the play—even if it isn't a good play—is likely to be good. I'd say that self-confidence is more important than anything else."

"All of this, as I tell all of my quarterbacks, is closely tied in with whether the coach should try to run the game from the bench, even under free substitution rules which the pros use. I figure you shouldn't need to call more than five or six plays in any one game. Anyway, the fewer the better.

"When the coach continually sends in plays he destroys the quarterback's faith in himself, the team's faith in the quarterback, breaks the quarterback's sequence of plays, shatters the team morale, and makes the team entirely dependent on instructions from the bench."

Halas's reasoning is doubtless sound, but his system places a great burden on the rookie. That's why George worked with the rookie all summer, indoctrinating him with the Bears' ideas and techniques. Once practice began in mid-July Halas persuaded Luckman, now a Chicago car dealer, to take a hand in tutoring the youngster.

LUCKMAN showed the nervous novice how to place his hands at the center's rump, knuckles of the left hand pressing upward to tell the snapper-back precisely where to deliver the ball, how to pivot out of the under-center position, on left or right foot, always prepared to hand off the ball to halfback or fullback at the proper level.

"You should have seen the kid eating up the stuff from Luckman," enthused Halas. "It was something to see. Sid groomed him in how to move back quickly with the ball, how to stay in the pocket for protection, how to keep an eye on all of the field, how to cover up by eye and head fakes, what to do when the primary receiver isn't open, how to maneuver when there appears a good chance to run.

"And throw! Zeke throws the short pass and the long pass from the same motion, whipping that right hand right by his ear. When he cocks his arm the secondary can't tell whether he intends to throw a short one or for distance."

"A good athlete learns something new every game," Luckman told the rookie. "A case in point was our 21-21 tie with Green Bay in 1943. My passes didn't click at all. I felt that something was wrong and said so to the coaches. They promptly began a painstaking

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study of the game movies. Finally, it came down to a character named Buckets Goldenberg, who was always in the right place at the right time. If I called a pass he backed up, if I handed the ball off, he was up there backing up the line.

"Obviously, something had gone wrong. On the fifth look at that movie the flaw was spotted. Luckman, the great quarterback was tipping the play. I was crouching well under center when I intended to hand off, but I stood up pretty straight on the intended pass. I had fallen into this error without knowing it.

"However, the Bears managed to capitalize on Goldenberg's smart playing. Next time we played Green Bay I was 'under center' as if to pass. Goldenberg backed up. The ball went to the fullback on a quick handoff and he romped through the hole for a long gain."

EXHIBITION GAMES, which began in late August, tossed Zeke into even more time-consuming studies. Halas and Zeke, after each game, would go over every play, study the game situation, analyze why the play was called, why it worked or didn't work, consider plays that might have worked better. This minute study of the play chart and the films continued on through six exhibitions and was even intensified when the league season began.

Halas brooks no criticism of his quarterbacks. Furthermore, he bears down on a basic fundamental: A poor play well executed is infinitely superior to a good play poorly executed. Pro rivals used to rib Halas about "his 400 plays," but no more. He now has streamlined his offense, asking Bratkowski to learn only 40 or 50 basic plays.

"You hear of coaches giving the team a new play the night before a game, or even two days before," George said. "That's no good. Imagine how the boys must feel. If plans aren't complete by Thursday for a Sunday game the players know you must be fumbling around and can't make up your mind. I don't encourage the notion that fancy plays or new plays will win the game. I'd rather stick to plays the players know and believe in. The athlete hits harder and is more efficient if he thinks the play is a good one."

After each game this fall Halas, sometimes Luckman, too, huddle with young Bratkowski for a lengthy post-mortem, to examine the pattern of play, to criticize, discuss and inspect every move the rookie made on the field.

"We do this with a definite motive in mind," Halas said. "Such criticism would be entirely misinterpreted, if heard by an outsider, and that would impair the quarterback's status with the rest of the team."

Bratkowski, if he blossoms as rapidly as Halas expects, obviously is joining the sagging Bears at the opportune moment. Only once before in league history—that is, since 1921—had the Bears lost

eight games. Since Halas is the majority stock-holder, the coach's job was hardly in jeopardy, but the boss himself takes an extremely dim view of defeat. Halas has been juggling the cash box long enough to know that even the most loyal Wrigley Field fans will eventually desert him unless he wins. The Bears' franchise is currently recognized as the most valuable in pro football, a clientele built up by Halas through decades of grinding labor.

Halas can easily recall the days when he brought his football team, known in Decatur, Ill., as the Staley Starchworks team, to Chicago. His quarterback was Charley Dressen, the baseball manager, who weighed 145 in a soggy uniform. Halas played end, coached the team and ran the business office, using the word loosely.

"We didn't have an office," George laughed. "I've signed many a tackle in the Sherman hotel. And every week I'd make the rounds of the newspaper offices, begging the sports editors to give us a break. We were lucky to get a paragraph or two among the want-ads after one of our games in the early 20's."

Halas, by the way, set a record in the early days that still stands. He grabbed a ball in mid-air and ran 98 yards, the longest league dash with a recovered fumble. He shrugs it off by saying, "You could have done it, too, if you were about to be tackled by Jim Thorpe."

The pioneering Bears were famous for their awesome tackle stars. George, who played end, has a ready explanation for that, too. "If I couldn't whip him," Halas says, "I'd try to buy him. That's why we got Ed Healey, who, in my book, is the best tackle I ever saw. Ed used to give me an awful beating, so I bought him for \$150!"

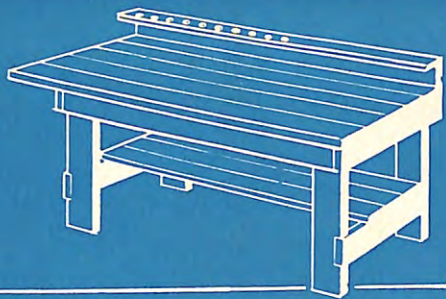
Pioneer Halas now ranks easily as the most indefatigable and far-seeing promoter in the development of the pro game. It was he who persuaded the glamorous Red Grange to join the Bears, a move that put pro football in the headlines for the first time and influenced many other college stars to sign up.

IT WAS also Halas who set off a new trend in 1939. His Bears installed the man-in-motion T-formation. All football watched the team's 1939 record, a sort of shakedown cruise for the new offense. The Bears began winning with it in 1940, and pros and collegians, alike, flocked to the new attack. Nothing seemed to dramatize the Bears' power and finesse as did the still-incredible 73-0 victory over the Washington Redskins in 1940; thereafter, the trend became a stampede.

Halas and the Bears went right on winning until Luckman could no longer bamboozle the opposition with his faking, his passing, his generalship. The slump that followed was inevitable. The Luckmans don't come along too often. He's been waiting seven years for a reasonable facsimile; now that he has Bratkowski, Halas has quit looking.

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WORKSHOP

Some important pointers about buying lumber.

BY GLENN ANDERSON

IN MOST HOME WORKSHOP projects, wood will account for your biggest cash investment. But you can save money and get better results if you buy it carefully and wisely. Generally, almost everyone knows how much lumber he needs, but many waste money by purchasing the wrong grades and types. It isn't, of course, wise to buy cheap, knot-filled lumber for a living room TV set, and there is equally little sense in buying top-grade lumber to build a shelf for the garage. You should, therefore, consider the entire job before you order your lumber, since there are many types and grades—each with advantages and disadvantages.

While you have a large variety of woods to choose from, there are only two broad classifications which are important to the home craftsman; the hardwoods and the softwoods. Hardwoods are cut from deciduous trees—trees that lose their leaves in winter—such as birch, walnut, maple and oak. Softwoods are the evergreens or cone-bearing trees, like pine, spruce or fir. These terms are slightly misleading, since you will run across hardwoods that are relatively soft and softwoods that are hard. But usually you will find that hardwoods have smaller pores than softwoods and are relatively hard to dent with fingernail pressure.

Within the space of this column, it would be impossible to list in detail the qualities of all the woods which may be used in the home workshop. In general, however, hardwoods are more durable and because of their attractive grains, are more beautiful when finished than softwoods. They also take finishes better than most softwoods but are a great deal more difficult to work with. Since hardwoods are fairly expensive, they should only be used where appearance and sturdiness are important factors.

For most home improvements and general projects, softwoods are your best bet, because they are cheaper, generally easier to work with, and have a large range

of usable applications. Their main fault, in some species, lies in the fact that their large, riotous grains are often difficult to paint or stain.

Manufactured lumber as shipped from the mill to the lumber yard is classified as (1) rough, (2) surfaced, and (3) worked. Rough lumber is furry and splintery. It is generally sold to factories or large woodworking shops that can dress their own lumber. Surfaced lumber is dressed by running it through a planer machine which leaves the wood smooth.

It may be surfaced on 1 side (S1S), 2 sides (S2S), 1 edge (S1E), 2 edges (S2E), or a combination of sides and edges (S1S1E or S1S2E). The lumber you will normally use for home carpentry will be dressed on 4 sides (S4S). Worked lumber is cut into moldings. Many kinds and sizes are stocked by the average lumberyard.

One of the biggest mysteries to the beginning craftsman is why a two-by-four never measures that way? The answer simply is due to dressing process. The wood is actually full size when it comes from the saw mill, but the surface smoothing makes it smaller. This reduces the two-by-four (S4S) down to $1\frac{5}{8}$ by $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches, but it is still sold by its nominal or rough-sawn dimensions.

The amount of wood removed by the planing operation varies with the thickness and width of the board. The final and actual size is $\frac{25}{32}$ inch thickness or width for 1-inch lumber. From 2 inches to 6 inches the actual dimension is $\frac{3}{8}$ inch less than the expressed dimensions; that is, a 2 x 6 is really $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches thick and $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches wide. Boards 8 inches wide and up drop a full half-inch; a 12 inch board is really only $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.

Awareness of these discrepancies in dimensions will help you to plan your projects more economically. If, for instance, you need a shelf exactly 8 inches wide, you can't get it from a standard 8 inch board, and will have to buy a 9 inch board and cut it down. It might

QUALITIES OF WOOD

UNUSUAL STRENGTH

DOUGLAS FIR
YELLOW PINE

BIRCH
HICKORY
OAK
MAPLE

EASY TO FINISH

SOFTWOODS

CEDAR
PINE
SPRUCE

HARDWOODS

BIRCH
GUM
MAPLE
OAK
WALNUT
MAHOGANY

RESISTANCE TO DECAY

CEDAR
LOCUST
REDWOOD
CYPRESS

WALNUT
CHESTNUT

WORKING QUALITIES OF WOOD

EASY TO WORK

WHITE PINE
CEDAR

BASSWOOD
POPLAR

MEDIUM TO WORK

SOFTWOODS

FIR
HEMLOCK
REDWOOD
SPRUCE
CYPRESS

HARDWOODS

GUM
WALNUT

DIFFICULT TO WORK

DOUGLAS FIR
YELLOW PINE

ASH
BIRCH
ELM
OAK
HICKORY
MAPLE
LOCUST

WORK BENCH IDEA

For those who may be making the work bench which was described in the September "Elks Workshop", Brother C. A. Saunders, Brookline, Mass., Lodge, has a useful suggestion:

"Speaking from experience of building a good many benches in the past 50 years, I have found it desirable to make the front plank of the top *hardwood* (maple preferred but oak will do if maple is not available) 2" x 10", because the front plank is the one that 'takes the beating'. The planks to the rear can be of soft wood, as their job is usually to support the material being worked on.

"Gouge out a place in the front plank about 8" x 8" or 6" x 6" and set in a piece of steel plate 1/4" thick, so that it is flush with the top of the bench. This will prove invaluable as often some work will require riveting. With the plate set in the top of the bench the need of using a bench or hand iron, and the consequent leveling of the other end of the work is done away with."

be, however, that a shelf 7 1/2 inches would do just as well, and if so, you would be wise to design your shelves to that dimension, thereby saving yourself a considerable amount in the cost of the lumber.

Lumber, like many food commodities, is graded according to quality. Softwoods, for example, are classified as Select and Common. Each of these, in turn, is graded according to quality—that is, freedom from knots, blemishes, or defects.

Select lumber is generally clear, with defects few in size or number. It is graded A, B, C, and D—A being the best grade. "A-Select" should be almost perfect, while "D-Select" should have only a few minor flaws that can be easily covered with paint or other finishes. Generally speaking, "C-Select" will prove the best buy for you in Select lumber. But, remember, use only Select lumber in places that can be seen.

Common lumber contains numerous defects and blemishes which make finishing difficult, but it is suitable for general utility and construction purposes. In this type strength, dryness and stiffness are placed ahead of appearance. Common lumber is classified by grades ranging from No. 1 Common to No. 5 Common, depending on the number and size of defects and blemishes. No. 5 Common has many defects and is very rough, but a certain percentage of the board of this grade can be utilized.

Most hardwood grades are based upon the percentage of clear lumber that can be obtained from a board. Since it is im-

possible to determine accurately any such percentage, they are sold in combined grades: First and Seconds, which will give better than 66 2/3 per cent; No. 2 Common, approximately 50 per cent; and No. 3 Common, approximately 33 per cent. Because of this wide grade variation, it is wise to select hardwood carefully when purchasing. To insure your getting the proper grade of either hardwood or softwood, most manufacturers stamp the grade on their lumber.

The price of each grade, of course, is different—the better the grade the higher the price. The type of wood, naturally, also makes a difference in the price. In general, the most plentiful woods in your particular area are usually the cheapest. The price range between the lowest select grades and the upper grades of softwood is frequently as much as 50 per cent. With such a price difference, it should be obvious not to buy a better grade than necessary. Any tendency to buy the best the market has to offer is both wasteful and foolhardy—for in most cases, the lower and cheaper grades will render as long and satisfactory service as the upper and high-priced grades. The wise craftsman always takes the lowest grade suitable for his purpose.

Another way for you to save money is to buy lower grade lumber, using only the clear portions between defects. Even on large jobs, shorter pieces may be used, thus allowing you to discard imperfect sections. You can also find that many lower-grade pieces have been graded down because of defects on only one side; the other side may be good. Such lumber is perfectly satisfactory where only one side will be seen. Cracks or checks can be filled in with wood filler; loose knots may be tightened by a good adhesive, etc. In other words, a little time spent up grading lumber will pay big dividends in more saving on any home project.

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For our next new Elks Workshop Department article, in December, there will be an informative article about the various ways of making the home neater by providing space to hang up tools and other small articles.



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Editorial

NOVEMBER



As November comes we see the migratory birds high above us flying to a winter home in the Southland and there comes to us the smell of burning leaves as we or our neighbors build a bonfire of the fallen October decorations of the trees.

As Elks we remember that this is the month to offer thanks to God for our independence, our right to live our lives with freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly. These are the freedoms established for us by our forefathers, freedoms which we will preserve and guard against any and all subversive groups, whether of native origin or financed and directed by a foreign government. As we give thanks for our own blessings our thoughts naturally go to the less fortunate.

In accordance with the practices of the past, heaping Thanksgiving baskets will be filled at the Elks homes and delivered to bring sunshine and cheer to thousands of less favored homes.

November is a month when the officers and members of the subordinate lodges prepare for the Memorial Services of early December, working to build up a program worthy of the remembrance of those Brothers who have passed away, a program which it can be hoped will assist in assuaging the sorrows of relatives and friends our departed Brothers left.

This November is the month in which Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick asks every lodge to initiate at least ten new members in honor of the Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the District in which it is located.

Thus this particular November takes on an added importance and presents a special opportunity to render service.

VALUE OF A DEFINITE PLAN



Letters from District Deputies, Presidents of State Associations and Exalted Rulers received at The Elks Magazine since the Gold Star Program of Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick was announced are strongly indicative of the probable great success of his plan.

Do not all of us do a better job, accomplish more satisfactory results, when we have a definite plan or goal—a target at which to shoot?

When a mark definitely is set the desire, the impulse, the determination to make that mark grows strongly in all of us.

The setting of a definite date for the accomplishment of a plan, or each sub-division of a plan, also is a strong added incentive.

We are sure that most members of the Order placing a deadline on the Grand Exalted Ruler's plan, or any one of the individual units of that plan, remember the advice:

"Do not turn back when you are just at the goal."

Many Elks not only will adopt the plan of the Grand Exalted Ruler but also apply a similar method of meeting

their own individual problems and carrying on the activities of their daily lives.

And thus, may it not well be that the sowing by Elks of which the Grand Exalted Ruler reminds us will result in splendid reaping by the Order and inspiration to every Elk to inaugurate and follow through on a plan of his own which will benefit him in his personal affairs?

FRIENDSHIP



Doctor Samuel Johnson said that if a man does not make acquaintances as he passes through life he will soon find himself alone, and that a man should keep his friendship in constant repair.

Shakespeare has Polonius emphasize to his son the importance of holding

old friends, saying:

*"Those friends thou hast and their adoption tried
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."*

Can we not all agree that it is important for us to make new friends and hold old friends?

Holding of friends often involves concessions and adjustments and sometimes avoidance of arguments that might lead to misunderstandings.

May it not be better to avoid a discussion that might grow acrimonious and threaten the continuance of a friendship formed and enjoyed through many years?

Conceding a point on something not really vital certainly is not to be as greatly regretted as losing a friend.

FRATERNAL HOSPITALITY



Elks are naturally inclined to hospitality. No group of men is more generous in giving to those in need of the material things of life, to those who desire and seek an education, to those who have physical handicaps that it is important they overcome if possible.

If a member of such a group neglects or is indifferent to a brother Elk who feels the need of and seeks a kindly word, a cordial welcome, a friendly, brotherly hand he is not exemplifying the cardinal principles of the Order.

And yet reports, complaints if you will, reach The Elks Magazine that travelling Elks who on one or two of their journeys, either with or without a member or members of their families, have, in full expectation of a kindly, brotherly Elks greeting, rung the bell at the front door of an Elks Lodge home and have met a cool, indifferent reception.

Long observation somewhat enlightens us as to the cause.

At the lodge at which a visiting Brother today is greeted without any warmth or suggestion of hospitality another travelling Brother later may receive a most hearty welcome.

It all depends upon who greets the caller at the door.

It is not possible to develop in every member of the Order the disposition or the capacity, the ability, to extend a hearty greeting even though he does possess a warm and generous heart.

We know of one lodge that solved this problem by having at the lodge home at visiting hours an officer of the lodge or a member of the House Committee qualified to make a visiting Brother feel very much at home.

May it not be worthwhile for every lodge to consider the adoption of a similar system?



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