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"FREEDOM'S FACTS" HITS HARD AT COMMUNISM

ONE of the most enlightened efforts to expose communists' moves and motives is "Freedom's Facts Against Communism," a monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The All-American Conference to Combat Communism is a group of 50 national organizations, of which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is one.

In concise, definite words, "Freedom's Facts" points out the subterfuges of the communist conspiracy not only as it is revealed in Moscow, but also in this country. In the current issue of "Freedom's Facts," there were two aspects of communism that The Elks Magazine, which as readers know has frequently published articles about communism, thought particularly informative and reprints them below.

COMMUNISM'S FOREMOST ENEMIES

During the All-Union Soviet Writer's Congress in Moscow in December, 1954, communist writers all over the world were ordered to step up their attack on two of communism's foremost enemies.

The enemies, slated for ultimate extinction, are "cosmopolitanism" and "Bourgeois nationalism." Translated into English "cosmopolitanism" means free individual expression, or individualism, while "bourgeois nationalism" means national patriotism—the simple love of one's own country. Of the two, nationalism is by far the Reds' most dangerous foe.

When the communists seized control of the Russian Empire in 1917, they began a campaign to gather all the non-Russian nations in the area into the Soviet Union, then began systematically to try to destroy the national patriotism of their peoples. It was the communist view that the nationalist who wanted national self-determination for his people was a counter-revolutionary and must be destroyed. While permitting some cultural autonomy to non-Russian peoples, the Reds sought to rub out all loyalties except to Moscow.

The Ukraine, Byelorussia and Georgia took the brunt of this drive to destroy nationalism and replace it with Soviet patriotism.

Reds Fear Nationalism

Their fears are understandable. Despite more than 35 years of rule in the Soviet Union and 10 years in the East European countries, the communists have failed to crush these basic human characteristics. With the cunning of tyrants they know they can't rule men's bodies without also ruling their minds. They know, too, that the desire for individualism and for national independence is a force which could be ignited into the fiercest opposition to the Moscow regime.

Riots, in fact, flared up in East Germany in 1953. Jan Cwiklinski, captain of the Polish liner Batory, confirmed on

June 26 of that year that, "the spirit of resistance is very much alive in Poland. It's a country with a great tradition of liberty." In other East European countries the story is much the same—discontent with communist rule on the one hand, and the continuance of strong national patriotism on the other.

Can Beliefs Be Changed?

How can the communists or anyone else kill such feelings and beliefs in man? The Reds' view is that man's personality and ideas are shaped by external influences—by what he learns in school, the books he reads, and the plays and pictures he sees. By manipulating the authors, artists and composers, the communists think they can change men's beliefs, subordinate men's thoughts, and gain unconditional obedience and dependence.

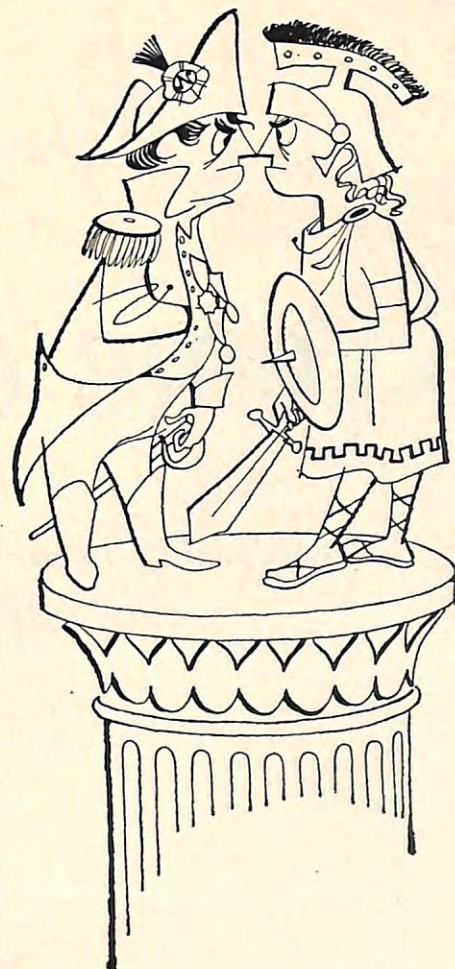
The result is a new cultural offensive. At the Soviet Writers Conference, communist writers were ordered to make every novel, play, opera, poem and children's book into a weapon to destroy the remnants of "cosmopolitanism" and "bourgeois nationalism" and replace them with "soviet patriotism" and "international proletarianism." Similar cultural programs are being developed and promoted throughout the East European countries and Red China.

THE PLAN FOR THE U. S.

This mass cultural brainwashing is not limited to Iron Curtain countries. The Communist Party in the United States, following the Moscow leadership, has launched its own program. According to "Political Affairs" of October 1954, they'll be working toward "a progressive concept of patriotism—for patriotism on a higher level" and adds that, "true patriotism and proletarian internationalism cannot be counter posed to each other." Translated into English, that means the Reds are out to convince Americans that true patriotism means loyalty to internationalism run from Moscow.

While fighting the idea of nationalism among non-Russian nationalities in the Soviet Union, in East and West Europe and in the U. S., the Reds are deftly stirring up nationalist feelings among the underdeveloped countries. There the aim is to whip up nationalist sentiment for separation of these countries from ties with Western Europe and the United States.

Individualism and nationalism are explosive powers which the Reds are using throughout Asia, Africa and South America as weapons against the West. The extent of their attack against nationalism, particularly in Eastern Europe, indicates how much they fear its possible use as a weapon against international communism. They rightly fear aroused nationalism could crumble the communist empire. So far, at least, these two powerful, and basically non-military, weapons have remained veritably unused by the West.



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BY HOWARD JACKSON

ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN PIKE

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME when it comes to catching the iridescent-coated, brilliantly-banded rainbows, the silvery-sided steelheads or migratory rainbows, and the vividly-marked, monster Kamloops rainbow trout. There are so many unexplored places in the northwest states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and in California, British Columbia and Alaska that even local fishermen are not fully aware of the exciting possibilities that exist.

These rainbows are the heavyweight fighters of the trouts. Look at the record. Rainbows have been caught in Montana up to 20 pounds. California recorded one that weighed 21 pounds, 3 ounces. Oregon's official record for one is 27½ pounds. While reports of rainbows over 30 pounds have been made by anglers

in Washington, the one for the books is 29 pounds, caught in the Chehalis River, in 1930. Kamloops weigh considerably more. One was hauled from Pend Oreille Lake in Idaho that weighed 37 pounds. The world's record-smasher was taken in Jewell Lake near Grand Forks not far over the border in British Columbia. It weighed 53 pounds, 8 ounces!

I'm not saying that you will get that kind of fishing every day. If you go where they are you will hit rainbows up to six pounds, summer-steelheads up to eight pounds and Kamloops up to 20 pounds (the king size). If you are in the native bailiwick during winter-steelheading you can pull in fish that weigh 12 pounds, and lunkers to 20 pounds. The big ones go from there on up. The world's record winter steelhead caught recently

in the Burns Lake area of British Columbia weighed slightly over 36 pounds.

These native rainbow trout are by far the most popular fish in their own section. Approximately 2,300,000 anglers annually purchase fishing licenses in the four northwest states, California and British Columbia—and 75 per cent of these anglers are rainbow chasers.

Where to go to tangle with these native trout could drive a weakminded angler wacky. There are approximately 1,500 fishing lakes, and over 15,000 miles of fishable streams in each of the four northwest states and in the Province of British Columbia. This does not include all lakes and streams in any one place. Washington alone has 10,000 lakes, and Idaho has 30,000 miles of streams.

California is in a class by itself. There are about 6,000 lakes in which some degree of fishing occurs, and an estimated 25,000 miles of fishing streams.

Where you go depends largely upon your temperament. If you go to Alaska it also depends upon the size of your pocketbook. Alaska is the greatest virgin rainbow fishing area in the world, but most of it is inaccessible. To get to the good spots you must go by float plane, and it is virtually impossible to charter a plane in many places during June, July and August as they are monopolized by local people. The best you can do during that period is to get based at a place like Anchorage and take a regular trout tour via float plane. Since there are no cabins or camps, the airplane company will take care of your accommodations as well as transportation.

Once you get to Alaska you can be
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If a fellow wants to pack he can get exclusive fishing.



JOHN PIKE

THE GRAND EXALTED RULER'S

Visits



Leading Knight Chet Hawes, on behalf of the Officers and members of Renton, Washington, Lodge, presents Mr. Jernick with a memento of his visit. Looking on at his left are District Deputy S. Spence and Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities.



Pictured here during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Moscow, Idaho, Lodge with the Coeur d'Alene Elks Chorus are, front row, left to right: Secy. K. W. Greenquist, Mrs. William S. Hawkins, soloist; Mr. Jernick, Mrs. H. V. McDonald, accompanist, and E.R. Gordon F. Johnson.



At the lodge altar with Officers and Past Exalted Rulers of Olympia, Washington, Lodge following a luncheon are, left to right: E.R. Gilbert Olsen, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Mr. Jernick, District Deputy S. Spence and Grand Lodge Committeeman Edwin J. Alexander.



Seen here during the visit to El Paso, Texas, Lodge, left to right: C. A. Fineron, E.R., Mr. Jernick, Dr. D. E. Biser, State Assoc. Pres.



State Pres. John Raftis, Mr. Jernick, and Grand Lodge Committeeman Alexander are seen left to right at Pasco, Washington, Lodge.

GRAND EXALTED RULER WILLIAM J. JERNICK and New Jersey Governor Robert B. Meyner were guests on Sunday, December 19, as **TRENTON LODGE NO. 105** initiated a class of 93 candidates.

Governor Meyner, who was in Los Angeles to nominate the Grand Exalted Ruler last July, was on hand at Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, to welcome Mr. Jernick to New Jersey's Capital city. Mayor Donal J. Connolly, a member of Trenton Lodge, presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a key to the city.

The initiation was held in the Grand Ball Room at the Hotel Hildebrecht. Included in the class were Congressman Frank Thompson Jr., Secretary to the Governor Robert J. Burkhardt, New Jersey Conservation Commissioner Joseph E. McLean, Trenton City Commissioner George W. Rieker; Justus C. Higham, executive secretary of the State Democratic Party; Leon M. Schlicher, Mercer County Republican Chairman, and the Rev. Eric Fenner. Also included in the large class were Joseph T. Loth and Carl R. Pope, the sons of two Past Exalted Rulers of Trenton Lodge.

Following the initiation, a group of some 300, led by Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, paraded to the lodge home, where a buffet dinner was served to more than 600 Elks and their ladies. Checks in the amount of \$500 were presented to Mr. Jernick by members of the lodge for the Elks National Foundation.

On Wednesday, December 22nd, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick and his son, Bill Jr., visited the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey, where they were joined by Past State President Charles H. Maurer and Past State Vice President Leo A. Cruise, representatives on the V.A.V.S. Hospital Board; James H. Driscoll Sr., Past Exalted Ruler of Orange Lodge and Trustee of the State Association, and Edward Davis, Past Exalted Ruler of East Orange Lodge, Northwest District Chairman of the Crippled Childrens Committee. The Grand Exalted Ruler and his party were guests of Dr. A. Upshur, Manager, who conducted them on a tour of the hospital.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick arrived in Los Angeles to begin a tour of California and Arizona



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Mr. Jernick and E.R. Harry W. Klett are seen at the dinner given by Williamsport, Pa., Lodge.

lodges. They were greeted at the airport by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Past Grand Esquire R. Leonard Bush and C. P. Hebenstreit, Past Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities.

Next day, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, visited Porterville. The Grand Exalted Ruler was officially welcomed by Mayor Lester J. Hamilton at City Hall. The group then proceeded to the City Library to which Mr. Jernick presented two copies of the "History of the Order of Elks." That evening he addressed a large group, including representatives of every lodge in California's East Central District, at a meeting at **PORTERVILLE LODGE NO. 1342**. Among those present were State Association President Robert P. Mohrbacker, Vice President John W. Guerard and Past District Deputies Ben F. Lewis, Robert J. Craine, George Baumgardner, E. C. Niete and B. W. Gearhart. Past Exalted Rulers Harry J. Johnson and Frank H. Pratt were in charge.

On Thursday, December 30, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick were accompanied by Grand Trustee and Mrs. Horace R. Wisely and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis on a visit to **GLENDALE LODGE NO. 1289**. That evening after a reception in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor, Mr. Jernick addressed one of the largest groups ever assembled at Glendale Lodge. Among those present were District Deputies Floyd E. Tumbleson, Judge Elmer D. Doyle, Philip J. Reifel and Benjamin F. Mattox; also present were the Exalted Rulers of California's South Central and South Central Coast Districts. A large class of candidates was initiated at this meeting in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. E.R. E. Frank Haven and Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight George D. Hastings were in charge of the program.

The next day, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Wisely attended a luncheon given by **HUNTINGTON PARK LODGE NO. 1415**.

On Saturday, January 1st, after watching the Tournament of Roses Parade at **PASADENA LODGE NO. 672**, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick left by train for Arizona. They were met at Williams, Arizona, by State Association President and Mrs. Duncan
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Seen at the Glendale, Calif., Lodge banquet in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor, left to right, standing: Past Grand Est. Leading Knight George Hastings, H. R. Wisely, Grand Trustee, Grand Lodge State Assoc. Com. Chairman Vincent Grocott. Seated: Mr. Jernick, E.R. Frank Craven, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.

State Association Past President W. V. Ammons addresses the guests at the banquet given by Phoenix, Arizona, Lodge in Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick's honor. Mr. Jernick is seen seated with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, left.



Pictured during ceremonies at which a class of 93 candidates was initiated by Trenton, N. J., Lodge were, left to right: Secretary Joseph S. Loth, Governor Robert B. Meyner, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, Reception Committee Chairman Joseph A. Falcey, E.R. Edward Scudder.



Seen at the reception in the lounge of Panama Canal Zone, Lodge are, left to right: Mrs. James T. Hallinan, W. J. Dorgan, D.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Jernick, E.R. and Mrs. W. J. Bright, Mrs. W. J. Dorgan and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan.



P.D.D. Charles L. Ori presents a gift to Mr. Jernick on behalf of Irvington, N. J., Lodge as Mayor Edward McKenna, a member, looks on.

Pictured in the office of the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone are left to right, seated: Lt. Gov. H. O. Paxson, Panama E.R. W. J. Bright, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, D.D. W. J. Dorgan, Mr. Jernick, Gen. Seybold, Governor; Standing: G. A. Tully Cristobal E.R. and P.D.D. H. J. Zierten.





Seen here at the dinner given by Midland, Texas, Lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick are, left to right: State Assoc. Vice-Pres. W. C. Ragsdale, District Deputy D. D. Varnell, Mr. Jernick, E.R. George Christy, State Association President D. E. Biser.



A group of San Benito, Texas, Lodge Officers visited with the Grand Exalted Ruler at San Antonio Lodge. Left to right are: Grand Lodge Committeeman Charles C. Bowie, Chaplain Dick Powell, Mr. Jernick, Secy. E. C. Hill, E.R. W. G. Plaisted, State Pres. Biser.



Mr. Jernick receives the Key to the City from the Mayor of Porterville, California, D.D. Lester J. Hamilton, left. Looking on, left to right: E. W. Kelley, Visalia E.R.; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis, Porterville E.R. Harry B. Jackson, Tulare E.R. William B. Simpson.

Right: Mr. Jernick is seen at the luncheon at Huntington Park, California, Lodge with E.R. E. C. Hathaway, left, and Mrs. Jernick.



Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick is greeted upon his arrival in Vancouver, Washington, by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, left, and E.R. Wallace Woodruff.

Ruler. Mr. Jernick was welcomed to the state by Arizona Secretary of State Wesley Bolin. Among the distinguished guests were three Past Grand Exalted Rulers—Bruce A. Campbell, L. A. Lewis and George I. Hall.

Next day, Mr. Jernick and his party, accompanied by District Deputy Jack C. Warter, attended a luncheon for the Grand Exalted Ruler at MIAMI LODGE NO. 1410. Then, after a short visit at GLOBE LODGE NO. 489, they proceeded to SAFFORD LODGE NO. 1607 for an evening meeting attended by representatives of the lodges of the South District of Arizona.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Jernick, accompanied by District Deputy and Mrs. Warter, left by automobile for El Paso, Texas. Mr. Jernick was interviewed in an afternoon broadcast over El Paso's Radio Station KTSM. That evening he was honored at a banquet given by EL PASO LODGE NO. 187 and at the

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G. Graham, District Deputy and Mrs. Ernest W. Freibell and Grand Inner Guard and Mrs. S. O. Morrow. That evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler was honored at a dinner given by FLAGSTAFF LODGE NO. 499, which was attended by representatives of all the lodges of Northern Arizona.

On Monday, after a short visit to FRESCOTT LODGE NO. 330, Mr. Jernick and his party proceeded to Phoenix. They were entertained at a reception at the home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell. That evening a dinner, attended by more than 500 persons, was given at Elks Park by PHOENIX LODGE NO. 335 in honor of the Grand Exalted



E.R. Charles Lolcoma shows Mr. Jernick the \$1,500 check to be given by Longview, Washington, Lodge to the State Elks Cerebral Palsy Project. Looking on, left to right, are: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, S. Spence, D.D.; Grand Lodge Committeeman Alexander.



Seen here during the visit to Globe, Arizona, Lodge, left to right, are: Past Exalted Ruler J. Dee Matlock, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Exalted Ruler Wayne L. Blackard, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, and District Deputy, Arizona South, Jack C. Warter.

AS EVERYONE KNOWS



**As we march into April
and the baseball parks,
we're ready to bring
our favorite sport to
hospitalized veterans.**

Right: The Elks of Dayton, Ohio, bring baseball directly to the veterans, as you can see. This action picture was taken on the grounds of Brown VA Hospital during a game between the host lodge's Class "F" Team and the Springfield Elks' Class "E" group. Dayton's boys range from nine to 12 years old; their rivals, from 12 to 15. When they get together, these youngsters put on a mighty exciting show.



Left: Maine Elksdom doesn't confine its interest in bringing the game to our convalescent servicemen to just the actual baseball season. During the past few months, these Elks sponsored an interesting lecture tour of the State by Sammy White, catcher for the Boston Red Sox, shown here as he autographed a few baseballs for patients at the VA Hospital in Togus, one of the stops on his schedule. The Assn. included motion pictures of the Sox in action at Fenway Park as part of their well-planned program. Left to right are John Libbey of Lewiston Lodge's Service Committee; Arthur W. Thompson, Sammy White, George A. Steele, Pete Pfeifer, Athletic Director at Togus, and Past State Pres. Brian M. Jewett, a member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee.



Above: Ridgefield Park, N. J. Elksdom frequently entertains veterans from the East Orange Hospital at baseball games. This photograph was taken after a game at Yankee Stadium at which 21 veterans were guests of the Elks and their ladies under the direction of P.E.R. Max L. Hitz. After the game the servicemen and their escorts enjoyed a steak dinner at the lodge home, with valuable gifts for every guest.

Below: The men at Portsmouth Naval Hospital will enjoy all the games they can get on television, thanks to the New Hampshire Elks Assn. Grouped around this 21-inch set which that organization has installed for them are, left to right: State Trustee Ralph Rosa, Chairman Thomas McLin of the N. H. Veterans Rehabilitation Committee, Capt. Gustave Kahns of the Hospital staff, State Pres. Timothy B. Flynn, Past Grand Inner Guard Charles T. Durell, Entertainment Committee Chairman, and State Trustee R. F. Wentworth.



Echoes of Christmas

The nine Elk Holiday Charity programs selected as outstanding by the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge are outlined here. Honorable Mention also went to Jackson, Mich., Lodge in Group I; to Miles City, Mont., Lodge in Group II, and to Logan, Utah, Lodge in Group III



GROUP I, 1st prize: Over 2,500 worthy children and adults reaped the benefits of the hundreds of man hours consumed in planning and organizing Nashville, Tenn., Elkdom's program which won top honors for lodges of over 1,000 members. These Elks generously embraced 12 outside charitable organizations. There was a special party for over 400 youngsters of the area, complete with fun, food, entertainment, carolers and gifts. But the biggest party was that given for 300 at the State Training School for Boys when the well-known "Grand Ole Opry" stars entertained. The girls of the Tenn. Industrial School got a Hi-Fi record player and records, and the boys a 20-foot playground chute. General Chairman Bill Roosken did a magnificent job, assisted by more than 700 members who helped him spend \$5,070.16 on this observance. There were 82 needy families which received a personal visit from E.R. Julius E. Curley, right, foreground, and his fellow members, among them this mother and her nine grateful youngsters who welcomed the valuable food baskets the Elks brought with them. The lodge's picture-story presentation of the project carries warm evidence of the cheer spread so heavily over such a wide area. Letters of commendation were received from civic officials, and the press, radio and television were extremely generous in publicizing this observance.



GROUP II, 1st prize: Allentown, Pa., Lodge's ambitious program, considered the finest for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members, was put on at a cost of well over \$4,000. So long was the guest list at each of the well-planned parties that it is difficult to say exactly how many children and old folks enjoyed the ever-popular dog acts, as you can see, the Punch and Judy shows, the clowns and the music. This photograph was taken during the party at Allentown State Hospital; then there was a big affair at Good Shepherd's Home, another at Lehigh County Home and still another at the Sacred Heart Home. These Elks like to make Christmas last all year; not only do they sponsor these programs at Holiday time—they continue putting their Christmas charity donations to work all year, with picnics and trips to amusement parks for hundreds of orphans, and crippled and needy children during the summer.

GROUP II, 3rd prize: Galveston, Tex., Elkdom did not provide a photograph to represent its fine Yuletide charities on these pages. However, from the heavy pictorial newspaper coverage it received, it is evident that the program was carefully planned and happily received. Under the Co-Chairmanship of T. J. Fundling and L. C. Luppens, the Elks and their wives joined forces to create pleasant Holiday memories for the less fortunate. They piled food and toys into baskets for needy families, and gave parties for crippled children at local institutions, at John Sealy Hospital and the Moody Cerebral Palsy School, and one for the sons and daughters of the Elks, too. There were gifts, Santa Claus Elks, magicians and refreshments, with all the joyful Christmas music cheerfully supplied by Elk Joe Ginsberg.



GROUP II, 2nd prize: The Santa Maria, Calif., Elks took care of all the needy families in the greater Santa Maria Valley area. No one on the list provided by the County Welfare Dept., the school principal's office and the local Coordinating Council was overlooked, and where there were children, these Elks added many toys to the overladen baskets of food they provided. They visited the County Hospital and distributed presents there. Nearly 80 homeless wards of the County Probation Dept., who are boarded with families of the community, were the recipients of Elk generosity, too. A sizable check went to the Nojoqui Guards, an organization composed of youngsters of elementary school age, and E.R. Carl Engel, pictured, left, with other officers and members of his lodge, and Dist. Vice-Pres. Paul Sanchez, right, never regretted a moment of the long hours of toil and effort the job demanded.



GROUP I, 2nd prize: Santa Claus was much in evidence at Fresno, Calif., Lodge's party for 400 youngsters who enjoyed every minute of the happy excitement, particularly the fast-moving series of vaudeville acts provided by the Elk Committee which had Neil Ellis and Elmer Williams as Co-Chairmen. The lodge home had also been the scene of a party for the local Boys Club, and the lodge participated in the tremendous annual Christmas show put on by the San Joaquin Valley Elks at the VA Hospital in Fresno. Its annual appeal for donations from the membership brought \$1,750 to Fresno Lodge's special fund, which meant that hundreds of food baskets, valued at \$20 each, could be distributed to the needy of the community. On Christmas Day, the Elks put on special musical programs at two hospitals, three homes for the aged and a nutritional home, and delivered poinsettia plants to the wives of all Elks who had passed away during the year. The members held open house on Christmas Eve, too—but not before they'd set up 1,000 eye-compelling signs throughout the area, pleading for safe driving during the Holiday period.



GROUP I, 3rd prize: In 1953, Muskegon, Mich., Lodge, competing with 17 other groups, won the "Iron Kettle Trophy" offered by the Salvation Army to the organization giving the greatest help in manning the Army's famous kettles. The Elks collected over \$1,000 for the Army that way in 1954, and their Christmas Committee which sent hundreds of food baskets to deserving families worked very hard this year, particularly Ben S. Peterson, on the Committee 53 years. Everyone helped the Elks help the underprivileged, even this apprentice candidate who took his job very seriously, and Buster Keaton, famed dead-pan comedian and a member of this lodge for years, turned over to its fund the \$215 he won on TV's popular "Masquerade Party"—all good human-interest copy, but topped by an abandoned doll. One night John Morse, night custodian at the Chronicle office, noticed a paper bag on the loading platform. In it was a smaller bag, and inside that was a tiny "sleeping doll". There was a note, childishly scrawled: "For B.P.O.E.'s Santas. Take care of me until Xmas. Thank you." Needless to say, they did.



GROUP III, 1st prize: Fort Myers, Fla., Lodge's version of Saint Nick greeted some 850 youngsters at its Christmas Tree Party, with Committee Chairman Earl Gatson handing out bags of fruits, nuts and candy before the fun began. Statistically speaking, this top program for lodges of less than 500 members saw 22 cars and trucks distribute baskets of food to 106 families, comprising 450 individuals, at an expense just short of \$1,400, with 50 Elks lending their services. Going outside its own community, this lodge provided individually-wrapped gifts for youngsters confined to the Fla. Elks' Home for Crippled Children, as well as the residents of the Elks National Home. Also, in the spirit of Christmas, these generous Elks voted unanimously to contribute \$7,500 to Lee Memorial Hospital.



GROUP III, 2nd prize: Four-year-old Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge staged its 4th Annual Christmas party in its own traditional manner. First there is a party for children of its members, with each youngster bringing toys to leave beneath the Christmas tree. Then there is a party for the underprivileged youngsters of the community who receive the gifts left for them by their more fortunate young friends. There were 54 less-chance children on Rocky Mount's guest list this year, with little Becky Holloman one of the youngest and possibly the most deeply affected by the happy confusion of the affair. Many mothers attended the party staged so well by John J. Farris and his committee who deserve a pat on the back for this unique affair which gives the Elks' children a lesson in sharing.

GROUP III, 3rd prize: Another excellent program reported without a picture we could publish was the Childress, Tex., Elk project. At its first party seven years ago, the lodge entertained 57 underprivileged children; 1954's event found 250 enjoying Elk bounty, possibly the most exciting part of which was a trip to the airport to see Santa arrive by plane. There was entertainment, lots of good food and each child received his own big package of toys. This lodge always accents the personal aspect in these affairs. Carefully screened by a special committee which visits each child's home, a list of guests is submitted to the lodge by teachers, ministers and the Red Cross, and in selecting their gifts, the Elks consider the child's needs, rather than his parents' income. Three to five youngsters are assigned to an adult who calls for his charges and returns them to their homes after the party is over. Following this event, toys and refreshments were taken to Rhoads School for distribution.



The imposing Philadelphia Museum of Art at the head of Benjamin Franklin Parkway has one of the outstanding art collections of the country, with many American paintings.



Elfreth's Alley, on North Arch Street, is the oldest street in America. It has been occupied continuously for two hundred years and it retains the character of old Philadelphia.



1955 CONVENTION CITY:

This July, the Grand Lodge Convention returns to a historic city undoubtedly one of the most interesting in the country.

BY THEODORE IRWIN

ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL

NOT UNTIL A couple of months ago did Philadelphia finally surrender its twenty-four Post Office horses. No longer will the leisurely nags drag their rumbling mail wagons around midtown, tying up traffic. It wasn't the Quaker-town folks, daily stopping to stroke the poor beasts' soft noses, who banished them to Pennsylvania farms. Washington had decreed that modern motorized transportation was more efficient for carrying the mail.

Naturally, the shiny new trucks that replaced the horse-drawn vans are painted red, white and blue—as befits the Birthplace of American Liberty, where every day is the Fourth of July.

That Philadelphia was the last big city in the nation to abandon equine mail-carriers reflects more than a mark of progress. It's symbolic of both a passing era and a startling renaissance, a potent shot-in-the-arm and a vast face-lifting.

Earth-shaking phenomena have been rumbling this illustrious Colonial city, third largest in the country. Parts

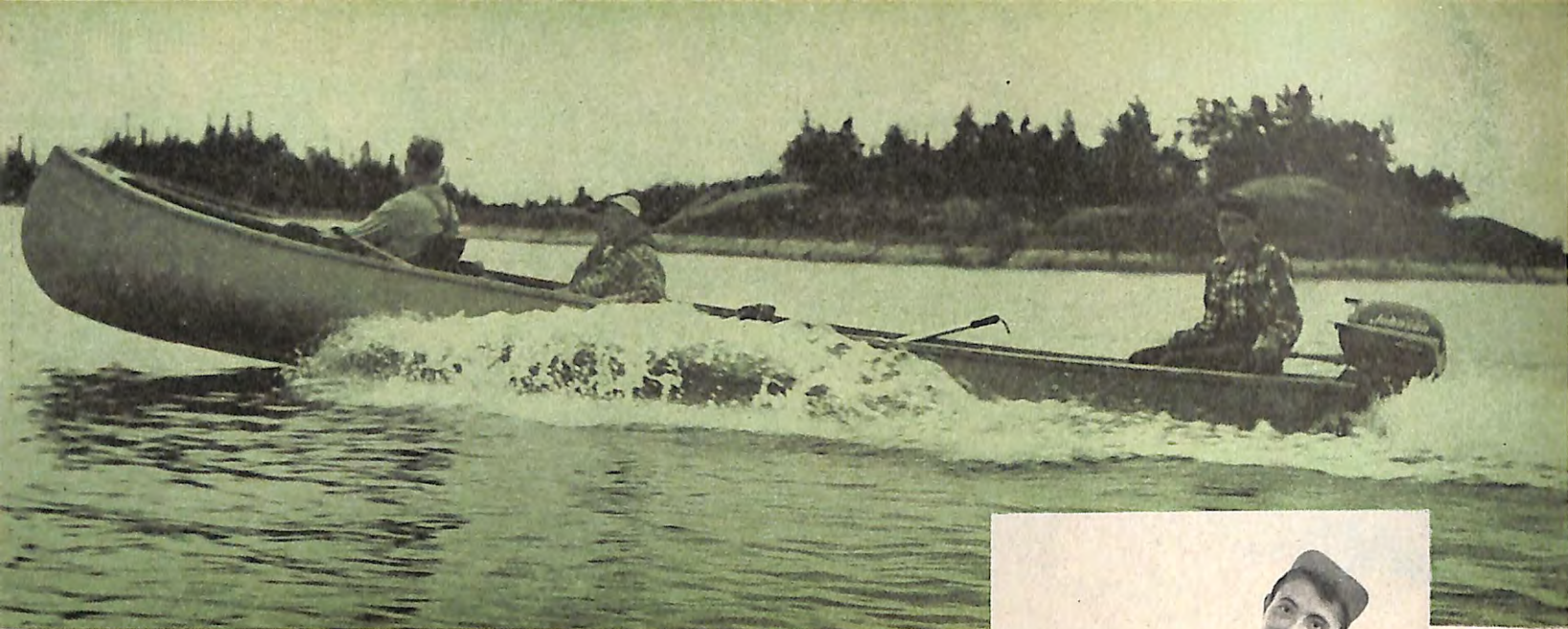
of staid old Philly are beginning to resemble a Texas boom town, minus ten-gallon hats and high-heeled boots. Three billion dollars has been poured into new industrial construction in Greater Philadelphia since World War II. The new \$15,000,000 International Airport opened last year. Convention Hall, delegates attending the Grand Lodge Convention will be glad to hear, will be air-conditioned in June. Schuylkill Expressway, connecting Pennsylvania Turnpike with downtown Philadelphia, is almost complete. A new bridge is crossing the Delaware at South Philadelphia.

The most dramatic changes under way since William Penn planned his "greene countrie towne" in 1681 are two projects: Penn Center and the revamped Independence Hall, Mall and National Park. To make way, downtown Philadelphia has been torn *(Continued on page 46)*

Here at Independence Hall, when on July 4th, 1776, the Continental Congress voted for the Declaration of Independence, our country was created and the cause of liberty was inspired.

PHILADELPHIA





Photos by John Scott

God's Lake Lakers

A remote lake in northern Manitoba offers the lake trout that sportsmen dream about.

BY DAN HOLLAND



The Cree Indians of God's Lake—man or boy—know where big lakers are to be found.

IN NORTHERN MANITOBA, far from automobile traffic, telephones, television and other such of civilization's conveniences—or annoyances, as the mood may be—lies a large lake, rock-bound and spruce-bordered, known as God's Lake. God's Lake is the place sport fishermen dream about. It's coves and bay contain seemingly limitless numbers of huge northern pike and fat walleyes, and in the river which feeds it are undoubtedly some of the largest Eastern brook trout in existence today. Also in the river is a plentiful supply of a large and sporting variety

of whitefish that rises willingly to a fly and fights with long, powerful runs and remarkable endurance. These species alone are enough to make any fisherman happy, whether he is a fly fisherman or a plug-rod enthusiast, but there is still another that is of greater importance than all these as far as the native Cree Indian population is concerned. This is the lake trout.

LAKE TROUT are so plentiful in God's Lake that catching them for the market is one of the main sources of income for the local Indians. Their method of fishing, as strange as it sounds, is with nets through the ice. The laker is a lover of cold water, the colder the better, and in summer he tends to retire to sandy holes in the cool, green depths where it is impractical to attempt to use a net. In winter, however, the lake water is frigid enough throughout to be to his liking and he roams freely at all levels. This is the time of year, then, that he can be netted. The Indian fisherman chops two holes a distance apart equal to the length of his net; then, with an ingenious device which he can make creep along the underside of the ice, he works a line from one hole to the other and strings

his net just beneath the ice. Ice fishing in this country—it drops to fifty below at God's Lake in mid-winter—calls for real men.

The Indians know where the lakers hang out in summer, too, even though it isn't worth their time to try to fish them commercially at that season. One such Indian, Andrew by name, took a friend and me out the first time we tried for God's Lake lakers. For some reason the rod-and-reel limit is five trout apiece, which is ample, of course, although somewhat illogical in view of the fact that the lake is fished commercially. Even five was more than my fishing partner, George, and I had any use for. We wanted to bring in a big one or nothing; so we tried to impress on Andrew that our interest was in catching lakers, not in keeping a limit. Either Andrew's comprehension of English wasn't up to our explanation about turning them back, or else as a commercial fisherman he could read dollars and cents stamped on the side of each fish we brought to the surface. In any case our trusty Indian canoe man was well equipped with quick reflexes, a long arm and a sharp gaff, much to the regret of any trout that came

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God's Lake is located in northern Manitoba, as indicated by the arrow, and has an outlet, God's River, flowing into Hudson Bay.

AS ELKDOM SOWS



AMERICA REAPS

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

TO YOU NEWLY INSTALLED EXALTED RULERS AND OFFICERS who take over your duties this month my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration. This new year affords you many opportunities of service—the kind of service which is destined to make 1955-56 the best year in our history. I earnestly solicit your wholehearted support.

Yours is a position of high trust, one to which you have been selected by your members because they were confident of your ability to serve them capably and conscientiously. You fully appreciate the responsibilities that become yours with the assumption of your position, and I know that pride in your Lodge and in our Order will inspire you throughout the year to give of your best so that your community may truly become a better place in which to live.

Bearing in mind that progress demands that each succeeding year must be better than the last, it is up to you primarily, to make your year successful, to expand your activities so that your Lodge will be of the utmost possible service to your community, so that it will be an active part of our Order in carrying out not only your local programs, but those as well of your State Association and your Grand Lodge. Avail yourselves fully of the opportunities, guidance, and leadership of Grand Lodge, and your State Association, for by so doing, your Lodge

will grow in service, in worthwhile programs, and in the planting of the seeds of good deeds for your community.

TO YOU, BROTHER EXALTED RULER, experience prompts me to suggest that you immediately arrange for a round-table discussion of your administration's program with the officers, committee chairmen, the Trustees, and the Past Exalted Rulers of your Lodge, so that there can be a co-ordinated effort to assure its successful completion. Review each item of our Gold Star Certificate program, and lay plans for the attainment of those yet unfulfilled. Make your Lodge year so vital that the best men in your community will seek membership in our Order, so that they, too, might engage in these activities which will make your cities and towns a better place in which to live. Make your programs so varied that each member will be attracted to service in some activity which will meet a special interest of his own. Appoint committeemen who will be actively aggressive in the promotion of their particular assignment, who will have the leadership and talent necessary to command the respect and support of the membership.

TO YOU, MY BROTHERS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS, I wish that it were possible for me to speak personally to each of you and tell you of the importance of your

attendance at Lodge meetings, as well as your personal participation in the affairs of your Lodge. While your membership and charitable contributions of themselves, are essential; of equal importance is the value of your efforts, guidance and opinions at Lodge meetings, to your Officers, into whose hands you have placed the destiny of your Lodge. Generally speaking, lodge meetings start on time, are interesting, and are of short duration. Therefore, I trust that you will arrange to spare the time to attend your meetings more regularly, and give encouragement and inspiration to those whom you have chosen to guide successfully the affairs of your Lodge. Your officers should merit this support and cooperation, and one of the most important, and the easiest ways for you to give this cooperation and support, is by attending meetings.

IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR the farmer prepares his soil and sows his seed. Let each of us, as Elks, emulate him in these endeavors—your Lodge is the soil, your activities are the seed. If the Lodge is healthy and well organized, it will be a fit place in which to sow the seeds of good deeds, a fit place in which to nurture these seeds so that they will grow and multiply for "AS ELKDOM SOWS, AMERICA REAPS."

William Jernick

WILLIAM J. JERNICK
GRAND EXALTED RULER

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Ernest B. Wolfe Los Angeles 24, Calif.

April brings

a burst of flowers

and tourists to see them.



BY HORACE SUTTON

ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL

YOU CAN TELL by the tall and spindly wisteria in the northern flower shops already that April will soon be busting out all over. Well April may not bust with the full exuberance of June, but it comes with a colorful tenderness and timidity that is refreshing and consoling after putting up with the nonsense that has gone before. Unless, of course, you have been waiting this whole thing out in Florida. Or Arizona.

With the coming of the gardens and the bursting of the season's first blooms have come the first tourists and the early spring is getting to be an established

travel season. In many parts of the country there will be flower celebrations and in many areas houses both venerable and handsome will be open to public inspection. So this month we will roundup some flower celebrations, talk about famous old homes, and in general where to go.

Out in the west, the citizens of Tacoma all but lose their equilibrium over the bust-up known as the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival which falls, or explodes, this year the week beginning April 11th. What is being celebrated is the blooming of acres and flatlands of daffodils that grow in the shadow of snow crusted mountains of the far Northwest. Daffodils are scattered hither and yon. Nieman-Marcus in Dallas once used 275,000 for a promotion called "Singing Yellow". But

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mainly they are built into floats that float in a tri-city parade—in Tacoma, Puyallup, and Orting. This year's theme: Golden Future.

Back East, Maryland will be staging a house and garden pilgrimage from April 29 through the 12th of May and again on May 28th. Over the laurel-covered mountainsides and past marsh lands filled with wild oats, the tour will go down to Anne Arundel County to see Tulip Hill, built in 1756, and other layouts which go under the expressive names of Obligation and The Lord's Bounty. Over the first weekend the tour will cover Rose Hill and La Grange which were the homes of Washington's doctors, the estate called Sotterly which once changed owners over a card game. In Baltimore the house and garden fanciers will see Evergreen, home of John Garrett, once Ambassador to Rome, which holds one of the country's best libraries and a private theater; Grey Rock whose owner installed a sunken living room patterned after the grand ballroom of the Governor's Mansion at Williamsburg. If there are horse fanciers on hand, the Sagamore Stables of Alfred Vanderbilt will be opened, its tenants including Discovery and Native Dancer.

The tour will wander on to the Eastern Shore and there will also be a pilgrimage forum held in conjunction, at the Baltimore Museum of Art, featuring professors of art from neighboring universities,

curators of nearby museums and journalists who specialize in antiques. There will also be a water tour Saturday, May 28th from Baltimore to Annapolis, passing, en route, Fort McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner was born, Fort Carroll built by Robert E. Lee, and finally the buildings of the Naval Academy. The quaint houses on the red brick streets of Annapolis will be displayed and Governor and Mrs. McKeldin will receive the party for tea. Tickets for any or all of this may be obtained through the Washington headquarters of the AAA. You have to supply your own transportation excepting on water.

Tennessee will open homes great and small, including the abodes of three Presidents, from April 21 through the 7th of May. Pilgrimage headquarters are being set up in each town where homes are to be opened and these will be manned by hostesses under the direction of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. The Association states that it will unveil humble cabins as well as fancy mansions with white-pillared colonnades in this state-wide open house. Tennessee's gardens appended to the mansions will be at their best in April.

While Charleston's famous houses will be opened in the city, in the suburbs outside, the famous gardens will be at their height through the 15th of April. The prize-winning camellias at Cypress Gardens will have a late season according to reports from the bloom country. While Cypress Gardens has 250 acres of waterways, rare plantings and moody, moss-hung cypresses, Middleton Place is a two-century old formal garden with elaborate landscaping. Magnolia Gardens, the third of the three permanent flower shows of Charleston, is famous for its azaleas.

Nearly 30,000 tourists a year see Cypress Gardens, floating around the giant cypresses in flat-bottomed boats, propelled by Negroes who sing the Low Country music made famous in Porgy and Bess, the Gershwin operetta. The gardens are planted to be in bloom from late December until mid-May. During this season frequent Sunday afternoon concerts are given by local folk who sing with the black waters as a backdrop. The same setting was used for one performance of *The Lady's Not For Burning*.

Extraordinary interest will be concentrated this spring in one particular home a mile and a half south of Hyde Park on the New York-Albany Post Road, or U.S. Route 9. It is, of course, the home of Franklin Roosevelt who died ten years ago this April 12th. A year after his death the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt became a National Historic Site administered by the National Park Service.

The National Site includes the Roosevelt Family Home and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. He was born in the house January 30, 1882, and was buried in the family garden on April 15, 1945.

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Bait Casting Techniques

1. Start your cast by pointing the rod at the target, reel handles up, thumb firm against the spool, and with plug hanging about six inches below the tip.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

OF THE THREE popular methods of fresh water angling—fly fishing, spinning and bait casting—the last has received by far the least attention during the past few years. This is because of the rapid rise in the popularity of spinning, a rise, merited though it may be, that has resulted in diverting attention from the older method.

Nevertheless, bait casting is superior to any other for several purposes. Where strong lines, stiff rods and heavy lures are required, as in fishing for northern pike or muskies, bait casting tackle definitely is better. It is also better for bass fishing in heavy cover, particularly with top-water lures, partly because of the superior accuracy that it provides in the hands of the average good angler and partly because the shorter, stiffer rod makes it possible to give the lure a better action. It also excels for plug fishing in salt water for such species as snook and baby tarpon where considerable skill is required.

Of course, you can use spinning tackle for the jobs that I have mentioned just as you can use bait casting tackle in the many places where spinning equipment is superior. Nevertheless, the well-rounded and well-equipped angler will

find plenty of opportunities to use his bait-casting outfit anywhere in the United States.

In no kind of angling is it more important to have properly balanced, or matched, equipment than in bait casting. A rod and reel that do not suit each other and don't work together harmoniously make any casting difficult and good casting impossible.

Bait-casting reels can be divided into three categories: slow, medium and fast. Slow reels have a full width, rather heavy spool, with big line capacity. They are the size that was called standard for many years. They are best for casting heavy lures with lines of 15- or 20-pound test.

Medium reels have a spool that is somewhat narrower, usually with a cork or balsa wood arbor (core). They usually have a capacity of about a hundred yards of 12- or 15-pound-test line and they make a good reel for all-around fresh-water fishing.

Fast reels have a narrow spool and they always have a light arbor of plastic, balsa or cork. Most of them will hold between 50 and 100 yards of 9- to 12-pound-test line. They usually have smaller, lighter handles than the slow and

An expert explains



2. Bring the rod straight over your shoulder in a vertical plane with the target. Start the rod forward without hesitating.

medium reels and their over-all weight is also less.

Casting rods should be classified, not by their over-all weight nor length, but by the type of action they have. While they do not fall into three such distinct divisions as reels they, nevertheless, can be called slow, medium or fast. They are distinguished by the type of action that they have and this, in turn, can be determined by noting where they bend under stress.

In order to compare two rods, hold them by the grips and place the tips against the floor or counter at an angle of about forty-five degrees. Then press down gently. A slow rod will bend almost uniformly, like a segment out of a big circle. A fast rod will remain straight toward the butt and bend sharply toward the tip. A medium-action rod, of course, comes between these two extremes.

In determining rod action, the amount a rod bends is not so important as where it bends. If you intend to cast lures weighing from three-quarters of an ounce to an ounce and a quarter for muskies and northern pike, you need a stiff rod. If you're going to cast half-ounce bass lures, you need a flexible rod. Nevertheless, the two might have exactly the same kind of action, which would be shown by their bending the same when you press the tips against the floor.

When you cast with a slow rod, regardless of whether it was designed for half-ounce or three-quarter-ounce lures, it takes a long, gradual bend, clear down

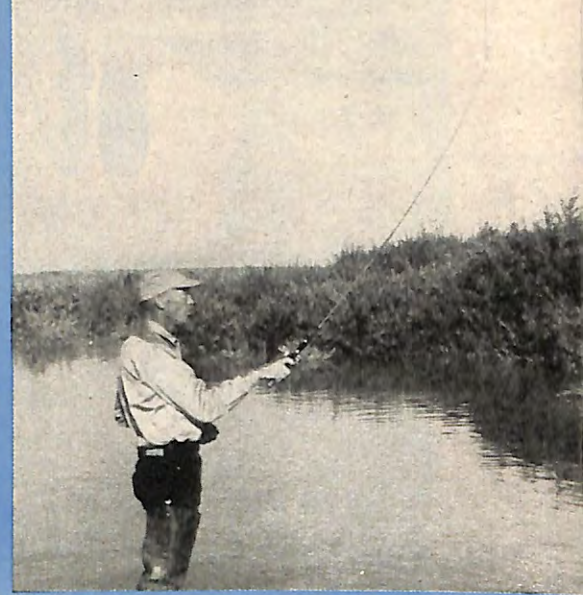
and demonstrates his theories and practices.



3. Energy is transferred from wrist to rod in this stage of the cast. The plug has scarcely started to move, but the rod is deeply bent. This picture shows the uniform, butt-to-tip bending of a slow-action rod.



4. The rod is straightening here and the plug is moving very fast. The thumb is coming off the spool to release the plug.



5. In this picture the spool has just been released and the plug has traveled a little over a yard. The rod has not yet straightened and the plug is just beginning to level off after its initial upward movement.

to the butt. A rod that bends in this manner straightens more slowly during the cast than does a rod with most of the bend out toward the tip.

Let's assume for a minute that you have put a slow reel on a fast rod. You swing the plug back over your shoulder, then snap it forward. The fast rod straightens very quickly. The heavy spool of the slow reel requires more time to start spinning, however. As the result, the plug hits it with a jerk. This starts the spool to revolving, but it also slows down the plug. The heavy spool, now spinning rapidly, pays off line more rapidly than the lure can pull it out. You get a backlash—a tangle of loose line in the reel.

Now, let's put the slow reel on a slow rod. As you start your cast, the rod is

deeply bent. It straightens slowly. This gives the reel time to gather momentum gradually. Thus, by the time the plug is on its way, the reel is spinning smoothly and all goes well.

A fast reel, with its extremely light spool, does not require so long to gain full speed as the slower reel. Consequently, when the fast rod flips your lure ahead at high velocity, the light spool begins to spin almost instantly. The result is just as smooth as with a slow rod and slow reel working together.

Perhaps the best illustration of this principal is furnished by the manner in which the drivers of a heavy truck and a light automobile get underway on the highway. The truck driver, like the slow reel, has to start slowly. He has a lot of

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8. Close-up of hand and reel during the same stage of the cast as No. 7. Notice that reel handles still are up, spool shaft vertical, and the thumb is near upper side of spool, either touching very lightly or else barely clear.



9. This is the way Trueblood prefers to retrieve a lure. His thumb is ready to clamp down on the spool in case of a strike. He is holding the handle with his fingertips so that a hard hit won't rap his knuckles.



6. A fraction of a second after No. 5, rod is coming back to straight after going a little past.



7. Plug is well on its way here; rod is straight; reel is paying off line smoothly.

News

of the Lodges



The Order's 87th Anniversary was observed by Stockton, Calif., Lodge with the initiation of the large class of candidates, standing at rear. Seated are E.R. Charles K. De Young, sixth from left, and his fellow officers with P.E.R. R. D. FitzGerald, left, who addressed the new Elks.



This photograph was taken during the most recent Naturalization Court, held twice annually at the County Court House in Norristown, Pa., with the local Elks playing an important role. P.E.R. Robert Trucksess, Chairman of the Naturalization Committee of the County Bar Assn., seated at microphone, right, delivered an address, following which each new citizen, facing camera at left, received a boxed American Flag. Assisting Mr. Trucksess were Est. Lead. Knight Paul H. Troutman and Treas. Walter C. Danehower, seated, left foreground, with invited guests. Facing the camera at right is the Lansdale Combined High School Choir.



Photographed during the second Clinic called by D.D. B. Harrison McCoy, center foreground, at his home lodge of Reading, Pa., are the Exalted Rulers, Secretaries and other officers of the Southeast District's ten lodges, with P.D.D. Spurgeon G. Sigley and Dist. Vice-Pres. J. H. McMakin.

Raleigh Scene of No. Car. Elks Assn. Events

Raleigh Elkdom welcomed 95 delegates and 40 ladies to the two-day December meeting of the No. Car. Elks Assn. and the Elks Bowl Football Game, played for the benefit of the Assn.'s Boys Camp. This outstanding Camp was the main topic for discussion at the business sessions, at which Pres. Raymond Fuson presided.

In the absence of the Camp's Director, Boyce A. Whitmire, who will manage the Camp personally this year, State Secy. A. A. Ruffin delivered his report on its eight-week operation last year. It was revealed that 537 boys had been guests of 32 lodges of the State, in addition to 24 youngsters sponsored by two South Carolina lodges, at an expense of over \$25,000. Hickory Elkdom received special mention for its cooperation in sending a group of 60 boys to camp last year, and for a sizable additional sum to be applied against the 1955 season.

In its ten years of operation, this Camp has entertained 4,500 boys; at one period during the past summer 150 youngsters were guests, with every bed filled. Following the adoption of a motion approving the erection of a new building at the Camp as soon as the money was made available. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett made an interesting talk relative to the Camp's value, and presented a \$200 check as his contribution to the proposed new building. His donation was followed immediately by pledges totaling \$2,425 for this purpose.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis and Chief Justice of the Grand Forum John L. Walker also delivered inspired talks at this Convention and Chairman Ted Carter reported on his Youth Activities Committee's plans for a State Elks Midget Basketball Tournament to be held at Hickory in Feb., and the sponsorship by the Assn. of a Basketball Camp to be held at the Elks Boys Camp during the second week in June, 1955. The delegates approved the report and recommended that the plans be carried out. The Basketball Camp will be held for the purpose of instructing boys of junior and senior high school age in the finer points of the game under the tutelage of a big-name coach as program director, with college coaches brought in daily to lecture, assisted by high school mentors. Frank McGuire, University of North Carolina Basketball Coach, has agreed to participate.

Aunt Jemima Aids Manchester, Conn., Elks' Pancake Festival

E.R. Charles Lathrop, Mayor Harold A. Turkington and other Elk and civic officials welcomed the well-known Aunt Jemima to the Pancake Festival sponsored by Manchester Lodge No. 1893 as part of its efforts to establish a scholarship fund for worthy high school students.

The Pancake Queen was a willing entertainer during the day-long affair,

at which some 6,000 persons consumed 50,000 pancakes, 125 pounds of butter and 700 bottles of syrup. They drank 7,000 cups of coffee, sweetened with 10,000 cubes of sugar and 1,100 cans of milk, and demolished 5,000 ice cream sticks. The affair, for which Thomas Murphy was a talented Publicity Chairman, had the full cooperation of the Elks' ladies who sold 300 pies to aid this cause, including one made by State Police Lt. Albert Kimball which brought \$8 from Dr. George Caillouette.

Aunt Jemima remained in town three days during which she visited Manchester's schools and business houses and appeared on a TV program over WKNG to give further promotion to this project.

Piggy-Banks Adopted by California's Elk Families



This very pleasing photograph of one of California's typical Elk families offers graphic illustration of the interest which has been aroused in this particular phase of the State Association's Major Project Committee work. The Piggy Bank Campaign, a very popular one throughout the State, has realized thousands of dollars for the Association's magnificent program aiding cerebral-palsy victims. The colorful and amusing little gadget has a wide appeal, particularly among children, as evidenced here in little Debbie Thompson's smile of anticipation—as she drops her coin into the slot in the pig's purple back, his white cap lifts in acknowledgment of her donation to the cerebral palsy project. Debbie is pictured in her home with her father, John A. Thompson, a member of Santa Ana Lodge, her mother Janice, and sisters Judy, left, and Carol Lee, right. Debbie's Piggy Bank is one of those which thousands of Elks all over California have placed in their homes to acquaint their wives and children with the virtues of their great project.

YOUR YOUTH DAY REPORTS

MUST reach Brian M. Jewett of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Woolwich, Maine, **NO LATER THAN MAY 15th** to be considered for Award. They should be in preparation **NOW** for mailing immediately after May 1st.

Below: At New Rochelle, N. Y., Lodge's 53rd Anniversary Dinner honoring E.R. W. T. Collins, left to right, P.D.D. J. Raymond McGovern, principal speaker; E.R. and Mrs. Collins; Mayor Stanley W. Church, P.E.R. and Toastmaster, and Jack Ratner, General Chairman.



Above: The 9th Annual Minn. State Elks Bowling Tournament is opened at Willmar by Mayor Harold Miller, a member of the host lodge. Looking on, left to right, are P.E.R. M. P. Hunziker, Tournament Secy.; Tournament Chairman Trygve Pederson, and Ernest Erickson, Secretary of the Minneapolis Elks Bowling League.



Above: E.R. Ray Lee and his officers with Cedar City, Utah, Lodge's State Pres. William Beazer Class.

Right: At Norwalk, Conn., Lodge's tribute to P.E.R. Joseph A. Liberatore are officers, 30 initiates and guests. In the second row, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh from left, respectively, are radio and TV commentator Douglas Edwards, one of the candidates, Mr. Liberatore, E.R. John P. Beres and D.D. Edward J. Connolly.





Youth Activities Committee Chairman Dr. George Caillouette, second from left, accepts from Aunt Jemima the cherry pie baked by State Police Lt. Albert Kimball and auctioned off during the Pancake Festival the Elks of Manchester, Conn., held to assist in establishing a scholarship fund for the local high school. Dr. Caillouette made the highest bid for the pastry. Admiring Elks are, left to right: E.R. Charles W. Lathrop, Joseph Reynolds, Edward Serrell, Publicity Chairman Thomas Murphy and General Chairman George English, Est. Lead. Knight.



Joining in Lansing, Mich., Lodge's tribute to its P.E.R., State Assn. Pres. S. Glen Converse, were, left to right, seated: Chairman P.E.R. Roy R. Gallie, D.D. B. D. Prendergast, E.R. Wm. A. Remus, Mr. Converse, Grand Est. Lead. Knight Benjamin F. Watson, State Vice-Pres.-at-Large L. A. Koepfgen, State Secy. L. W. Hamilton and Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Jay H. Payne. Standing: Past Presidents Charles T. Noble, John Wilson, Jr., Hugh L. Hartley, George Akers and Frank J. Duda. The program included the initiation of a State President's Class.



Enjoying a pleasant conversation during N. Y. State Elks Assn. Pres. Emmett T. Ryan's visit to Auburn, N. Y., Lodge are, left to right: No. Cent. Dist. Vice-Pres. Lawrence B. Cave, host E.R. Philip J. Conboy, Mr. Ryan and State Assn. Tiler W. Edward Thompson.



Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge's out-size check for \$1,400, the largest donation received by the County Chapter for the March of Dimes, is supported by E.R. John B. Haldiman, left, and County Chairman W. P. Reilly, who holds little Danny Leon, a victim of infantile paralysis.



At Anderson Lodge during the January meeting of the South Carolina Elks Assn. are, left to right: Ga. D.D. J. Stewart Asbury, Assn. Pres. Louis E. Burmester, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Grand Treas. Robert G. Pruitt, Special Deputy Marston S. Bell, State Vice-Pres., and host E.R. Ralph M. Land. Sumter Lodge's Ritualistic Team captured the State title during the two-day meeting.



When New Hampshire State Elks Assn. Pres. Timothy D. Flynn, P.E.R. and Secy. of Dover Lodge, was welcomed on his official homecoming visit, Laconia Lodge's State Championship Ritualistic Team initiated a large class in his honor. With the visiting five-year title-holders are Dover Lodge's E.R. George Kageleiry, Mr. Flynn and Laconia E.R. Joseph H. Killourhy, second, third and fourth from left background, respectively.



On Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge's Elks National Foundation Night, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, fourth from left, accepted for the Foundation a \$3,000 check from the lodge and a \$4,538 check covering the members's individual contributions. Others are, left to right: R. M. Reiman, L. E. Nathanson, Committee Chairman, Edward Rathjen, Conway Maughn, and E.R. John D. Morris.



Bremerton, Wash., Elks and their ladies joined forces in providing a \$1,250 water system for the 365 girls who enjoy the Kitsap County Camp Fire Site, dedicated at ceremonies when this photograph was taken. Left to right are Ruth Clark, Camp Committeeman Al Dailey, Camp Fire Girl Norma Gaddis, E.R. Gerald R. Clark, Juanita Harpole, Pres. of the ladies' group, and P.D.D. Dick Harpole.



At the speakers' table during Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lodge's 5th Annual Night of Champions Dinner when E.R. J. E. Ruscher presented 13 awards to outstanding athletes in nine different sports were, left to right: County Sheriff C. Fred Close; Dr. C. H. Dunn, Pres. of the Cross-County Baseball League; Wes Westrum of the N. Y. Giants; Al Simmons of Baseball's Hall of Fame; Gil MacDougald of the N. Y. Yankees; Toastmaster Jackie Farrell of the Yankees' Public Relations Dept.; E.R. Ruscher; James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities; Lehigh University's Football Coach Bill Leckonby; Lehigh's star quarterback Tom Gloede and Elk Publicity Committeeman George Palmateer, Sports Editor of the Poughkeepsie New Yorker. Dr. Dunn received the Elks' plaque for "Meritorious Service to Sports for Youth", Wes Westrum received a plaque in recognition of his sportsmanship and stand-out work with the Giants, and Tom Gloede, the County's top amateur athlete of 1954, received the Elks' "Champion of Champions" Award.

Right: When John J. Oakleaf, center, initiated 62 years ago, celebrated his anniversary as E.R. of Titusville, Pa., Lodge, a post he held first in 1904 and again in 1913, a banquet was held in his honor when a specially-made pin was presented to him. Since 1940 Mr. Oakleaf has served his lodge as a Justice of its Subordinate Forum. At 89, he is in excellent health and visits his lodge home almost daily. He is pictured as he cut his anniversary cake, with P.E.R.'s Paul P. Morse, right, and Edward Helfich, left.



D.D. B. H. McCoy Holds Clinic at Reading

A conference of E.R.'s and Secys. of all lodges in the Pa. S.E. Dist. took place at the home of Reading Lodge No. 115, with D.D. B. Harrison McCoy in charge.

Reports of the various charitable programs of the area were given, and fine progress on the Order's youth work and National Foundation contributions was revealed. Dist. Vice-Pres. J. H. McMackin outlined the State Assn.'s great scholarship program assisting worthy students.

So. Car. Elks Assn. Holds Semi-Annual Meeting

On January 14th and 15th, delegates to the Semi-Annual Convention of the So. Car. Elks Assn. were guests of Anderson Lodge when the organization's Scholarship Program was the main topic of busi-

ness. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was an inspired speaker at the session during which Darlington Lodge No. 1940 was welcomed officially into the Assn.

The Ritualistic Contest in which six teams participated found Sumter Lodge in first place, with Rock Hill's entry a close second. About 300 Elks and their ladies were in attendance, all of whom enjoyed a varied and well-planned social program, including a Grand Ball which followed a buffet supper.

LODGE NOTES

Henry Foster has held a Life Membership in Creede, Colo., Lodge since 1908. This is quite a record and, as far as we know, is second only to that of William F. Schad, an Honorary Life Member of Milwaukee, Wis., Elksdom since 1901. Mr. Foster is 79 years old, Mr. Schad is 85, a member since 1893. He has served three terms as D.D., was Grand Est. Lect. Knight in 1914, and the Order's Leading Knight in 1915.

Danville, Ill., Lodge's unusual stunt promoting the March of Dimes won national TV and radio recognition. During their "Be Kind to Husbands Week" in January, these Elks built a "jail" in their lodge home where wives were incarcerated for the slightest offense and released only when their husbands paid a dime to the March. Fun for all, some valuable publicity, and a nice gift for the Campaign.

Northampton, Mass., Elksdom is mourning Edwin H. Rennison's sudden and untimely death last December during his term as E.R.

Emil J. Hirtzel, just ending his 50th year as Secy. of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, has been a sugar broker since 1898. He heads the corporation with which he became affiliated that year and has just been elected President of the National Sugar Brokers Assn.

Granville R. Lee, venerable Portland, Me., Elk, died recently at the age of 98. An Honorary Life Member of his lodge, Mr. Lee was keenly interested in its activities, attending its sessions regularly until about a year ago.

Wausau, Wis., Elk Wibby Winetzki was County Chairman for the March of Dimes and another good Elk did his best to help put the Drive over. In his lodge home, Chet Weik displayed a huge March of Dimes board, augmented by four smaller boards. Within five days, the Wausau Elks had filled them.

In 1953 and '54, Walla Walla Lodge won the Wash. State Elks Assn. Ritualistic Title, with Tacoma in second place. The 1955 competition found these lodges in reversed position.

Every pro football fan knows Jimmy Finks; you read about him in our November, 1953, issue. We thought you'd like to know that the star Pittsburgh Steeler became an Oakmont, Pa., Elk during his old friend C. E. McGinley's term as E.R.



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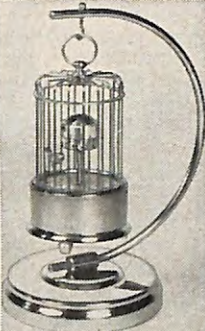
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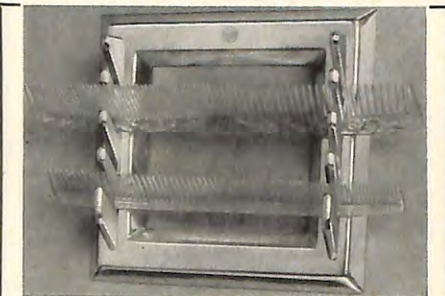
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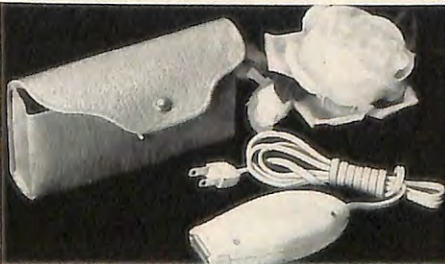


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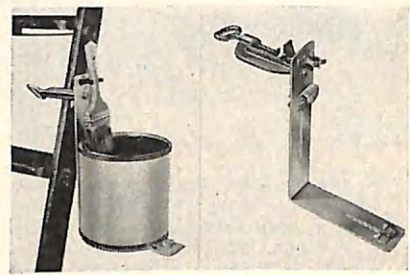
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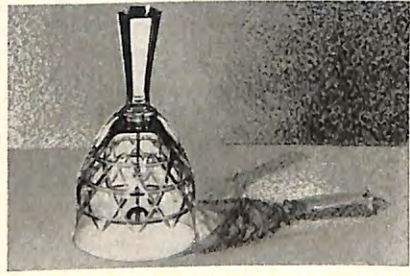
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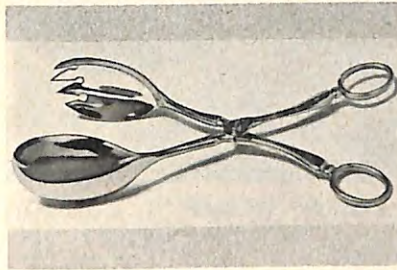
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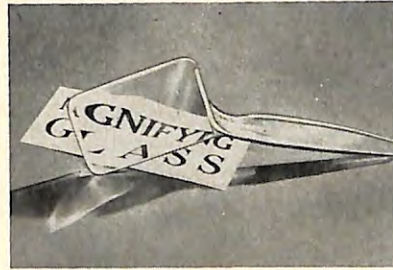
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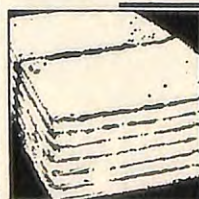
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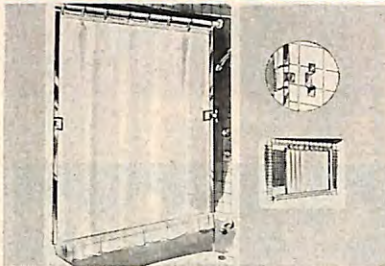
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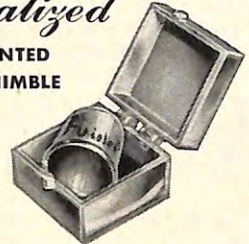
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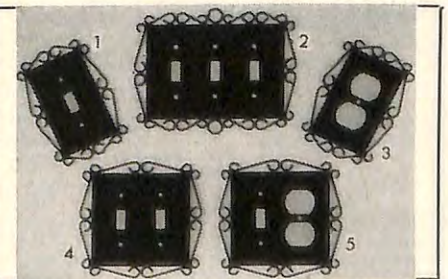
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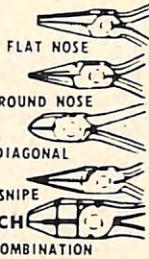


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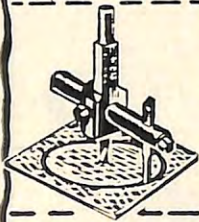
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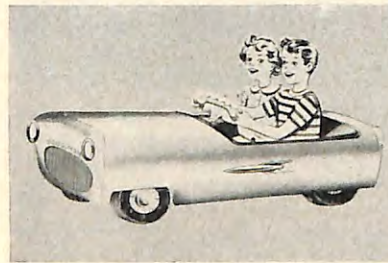
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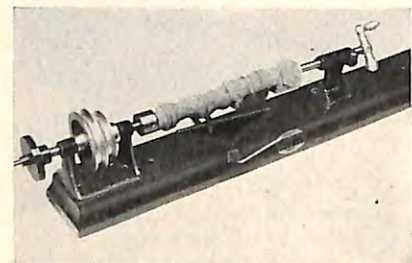
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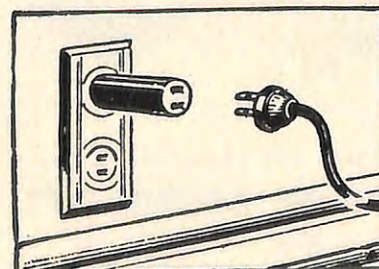
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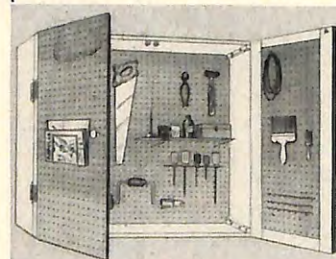
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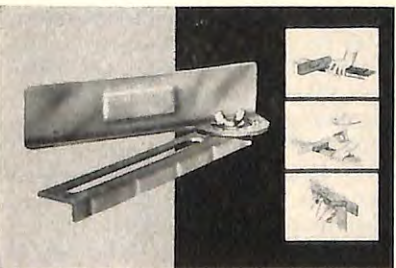
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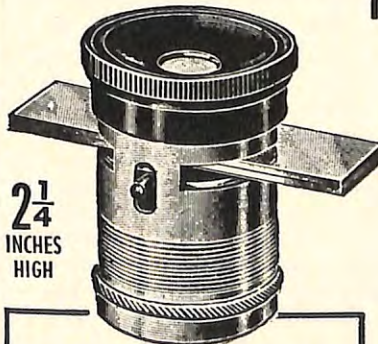
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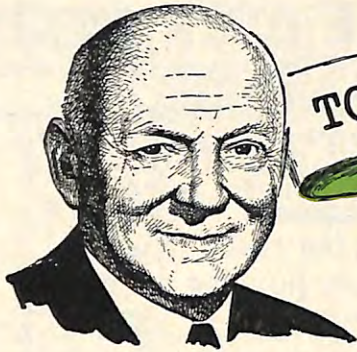
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



THE CARELESS LADY of the Caribbean will not catch the U.S. Weather Bureau with its plans down when she sends her hurricane daughters swirling northward this Spring and Summer. She can spawn as many as she likes but they already are officially named and they will be precisely charted, bureau officials say. Caribbean Carrie did pull one fast one, however, an illegitimate and unprecedented hurricane in January which got the name of Alice, a repeater from last year. Alice, however, was a punk compared with rip-roaring Hazel of last October. Giving hurricanes feminine names stirred up some protests last year, but the same idea is being used this year. It doesn't mean a slur on the female sex. The plan was not adopted because hurricanes are capricious and ladies are prone to change their minds. Bureau Director Francis W. Reichelderfer says "we take hurricanes very seriously." Here's the explanation. Women's names are easily remembered. If the names of flowers, or animals, figures, or places and things were used there might be confusion. Two syllable names are used because there is less chance of error. Also two syllable names are short enough to fit newspaper headlines. There once was a typhoon in the Pacific labeled 26-N-23 according to its position and things were in a mess. So the girls have it. In selecting the names, weather officials swear there is nothing personal. They sent out for a baby book listing girls' names for prospective parents and got the list from that. When the Weather Bureau flashes a hurricane warning, Norman Hagan, Bureau spokesman explains, it may mean a million telephone calls. Newspapers, radio and TV spread the warnings. The name of the hurricane must be one easily remembered. Warnings today are heeded, people in hurricane zones batten down, travellers are alerted. There is little confusion, because the name of the lady of hurricane lane is remembered. Ordinarily, not more than ten Atlantic hurricanes a year come spinning out of the Caribbean, but the number seems to be increasing, especially those which strike inland instead of going out to sea. So this year the Weather Bureau has a full set of names and is ready to expose the shameless hussies and tell folks just where they are, what they are doing and where

they most likely will go. Alice already has had her fling and died a death of dissipation. Here are the others. Any resemblance to the names of aunts, cousins, mothers-in-law, or other relatives is entirely coincidental: Brenda, Connie, Diane, Edith, Flora, Gladys, Hilda, Ione, Janet, Katie, Linda, Martha, Nelly, Orva, Peggy, Queena, Rosa, Stella, Trudy, Ursa, Verna, Wilma, Xenia, Yvonne and Zelda.

THAT FAMOUS BEAN SOUP

That famous bean soup served in the House of Representatives restaurant has been on the menu every day since 1904. The then Speaker of the House, Joe Cannon, ordered a bowl, and when told there was no bean soup that day raised such a ruckus it has always been served since. Chief of the House restaurant chefs is Ernest Zahm, 64, who has been making the soup for 31 years. Many Congressmen order bean soup every day. Visitors say it's the best anywhere. Favorite dessert of Congressmen is apple pie, also always on the list.

FEW SENATORS TOAST SHINS

Looking back over the Winter, we learn that out of some 40 fireplaces in the Senate Office Building, only a dozen or so were used. There were some cold days, too. Over on the House side, nary a fireplace has blazed in several years. Most of them are closed off and have desks or tables in front of them. Senate fireplaces are ornate affairs, marble mostly. They burn 24-inch sticks, pine, oak and gum mixed, at \$12 a cord. The wood itself is free, cut in nearby government parks. The Senate has a wood-keeper, Jennings Long, who for seven years has been taking care of fireplaces. He starts out with a big wood cart early every morning, leaves supplies at each fireplace.

MEET MR. MURPHY

Senator Neely, of W. Va., once counted the words uttered in the Senate during a session of Congress. The total was around 12,000,000. This session will run about the same. All of this oratory, debate, argument or what have you is published day by day in the Congressional Record, and you can't find a bit of bad grammar or a mistake in it. James W. Murphy, dean of Senate employes

and chief official reporter of debates, is the man behind the oratorical guns. He has been in the Senate for 59 years and at 76 is still going strong. Since 1933, he has worked in a room near the Senate Chamber where he reads every word and makes proper revisions. When it appears in the Record, it is correct.

BLOSSOMS FOR PEACE

The Cherry Blossom festival is here again, bigger than ever. Opening March 29, the fete will last 6 days with pageants, parades and dances and fashion shows, and with Vice-President Nixon spinning the wheel which will determine the Cherry Blossom queen. The festival has grown into big business for the Capital City. A half million visitors were here last year.

WHIZ BANG CHICKENS

This business of raising chickens gets more complicated. Agriculture researchers have now produced a bird which grows from a chick to a three-pounder in just 10 weeks. It's a cross between a Silver Cornish and a New Hampshire, but it's not a new breed. In other words, you keep crossing them each time instead of messing them. The pullets stay all white and the males are all red so it's easy to keep them separated. And you can almost see 'em grow.

POTOMAC PANCAKES

There are 1,872,000 bushels of wheat on hand, enough to last for two years . . . Civil Defense has asked veterinarians to be ready to take care of human casualties in case of national emergency . . . Plans are discussed for an 18-million-dollar stadium in Washington to seat 80,000 for Army-Navy games, and 125,000 for mass meetings . . . Your government, meaning you, owns 32 per cent of the land in the District of Columbia . . . You can buy a quarter of buffalo meat from the government for \$43.75 . . . Commerce Dept. is looking for a new standard of women's sizes, but finds the good Lord couldn't do it and they can't . . . Bigger autos have cut down the spaces in the Capitol underground garage to 96 Senatorial and 67 House spaces, a loss of 17 . . . U.S. currency will be printed 32 bills to the sheet instead of 18, in an economy move, not a giveaway.

with Ed Faust



In the Doghouse

A pup that's understood more than pays his keep.

BACK when Hector was a pup, well not quite that far back although uncomfortably far enough for me, I devoted one of these screeds in your Elks Magazine to a discussion of the great diversity among dogs in such matters as breeds, sizes, coats and character. Before going further I'll make a diversion of my own to explain to those who may be breathlessly waiting to be informed that reference to Hector's youth while admittedly a stale expression is more than a figure of speech because there was the dog Hector, a famous Boston terrier who flourished back in the alleged Gay Nineties. He was one of the earliest, better known specimens of the breed. Now that you've put this in your file and forget department let's take a look at some of the many and diversified uses of dogs.

Fido's greatest usefulness today is undoubtedly as companion to his master and to the credit of his species he numbers more nobles than knaves. As I've often pointed out in these pages he is the only animal that will sacrifice his life to defend his owner's life and property. The loyalty he gives is given willingly with no calculation of gain, no consideration of self-interest and in some pitiful instances has been known to survive the most brutal treatment. Yes, it takes a lot of pushing around before our friend will look elsewhere for a better master. How many thousands of otherwise lonely people are comforted by the friendship of a loyal dog nobody knows but my files contain many, many letters from such people.

As a writer about dogs my correspondence is not exceptional in this respect; almost any writer on the subject can match it. If given the chance and with small encouragement the average dog will inject an element of gaiety into the home. Under the influence of a sympathetic master the dog will reflect his master's moods. Yes, where Fido is understood he more than pays his keep. Properly trained, and by that I mean the good manners that all dogs should be taught, he's a worthwhile asset to any home that can accommodate him and, as I've pointed out, as a guardian of that home he'll go the limit. Aside from his value as a pet, and I don't mean this in

terms of money as anyone who truly likes dogs knows, business in increasing numbers of firms are awakening to the value of our four-legged friend as a guardian of property. No more vigilant watchman exists. As guardian of factories, stores and other business establishments the dog is winning the wider recognition he deserves.

TWO OUT OF many examples are the largest department stores in the country, one in New York, the other in Chicago, to accompany watchmen on their nightly rounds, the former store using Doberman pinschers, the latter German shepherds. The New York store, R. H. Macy, reports that since using dogs for night patrols after-hours store thefts have been practically eliminated. Before the em-

ployment of the dogs thefts amounted to a sizable score. Dogs can detect and ferret out larcenous strangers long before the watchman is aware of them. Fido's nose and ears, scenting and hearing abilities, far exceed those of human beings. Of kindred use is the dog as a policeman. And please, please don't continue to refer to the German shepherd as the police dog; he's a splendid policeman when trained for the job but any large, aggressive dog can be trained for police work, and many are.

The shepherd was tagged as a cop very likely because his breed was one of the first to be used for that kind of work, but the Doberman, Airedale and a few other breeds have performed equally
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The lively and smart boxer is forging to the front in public popularity polls.

NEWS of the LODGES



On P.E.R.'s Night at Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge, left to right: Senior P.E.R. W. Marshall Spears, E.R. R. J. Walker, Jr., and Junior P.E.R. Norman Gold, current District Deputy.



E.R. Dr. Fred T. Bean and Chaplain Daniel E. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee for Freeport, N. Y., Lodge's Old Timers Night, greet 90-year-old William H. Blume, Sr., who served as Tiler during 25 of his 34 years as an Elk.



Above: Dr. Sol Rosen, Chairman of Millville, N. J., Lodge's outstanding Crippled Children's Committee, center, receives an Honorary Life Membership from State Assn. Pres. Edward J. Griffith, right. E.R. Alex Muehler looks on.

Right: Danville, Va., Lodge sponsors a Teen-Age Drop-In Club which meets every Thursday afternoon in the lodge's auditorium. Its popularity and fine management deeply impressed D.D. R. C. Wood when he paid a visit to the lodge during one of the youngsters' parties. He is pictured, center background, with E.R. George A. Myers on his left and P.E.R. W. Ed Terry of Lynchburg Lodge, who accompanied Mr. Wood on his visit, during which a class of candidates was initiated.

Annual New Rochelle, N. Y., Elk Dinner Well-Attended

Over 600 persons gathered to pay tribute to E.R. William T. Collins of New Rochelle Lodge No. 756 at its 1955 Dinner-Dance, an annual event honoring each year's leader. Traditionally the season's social highlight, this affair had an added purpose—the celebration of the lodge's acquisition of a fine new home.

Dinner guests included an array of public officials and civic leaders, many introduced by Mayor Stanley W. Church, a P.E.R. of the lodge, as Toastmaster. P.D.D. J. Raymond McGovern another New Rochelle Elk, was the principal speaker, making special mention of P.E.R. George P. Forbes, No. 756's sole surviving Charter Member who is its present devoted Secretary.

James A. Gunn of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge was present to pay tribute to Jack Ratner, General Chairman, in recognition of his 20 years of service to his lodge.

Many Events Held by Quincy, Mass., Elks

Quincy Lodge No. 943 continues its participation in many outstanding community affairs. E.R. George C. Fay and his fellow members are sports-minded and deeply interested in youth, and recently decided to present a trophy to the winner of the annual football game played by the varsity teams of the local Senior High Schools on Veterans Day. The contest was taken by Quincy High over North Quincy's eleven before 10,000 spectators. A perpetual trophy, the award will be held by the winner until the next contest is decided.

Another perpetual trophy was presented to the champions of the four-team Little Football League, the Mayo All-

Stars at a banquet with 300 persons on hand, including the Little Leaguers and their parents.

One of its biggest successes of recent months was the Fathers and Sons Night program when some of the brightest names in sports were on hand. National League Umpire Artie Gore, for instance, told the 250 guests in the pitcher's presence that Quincy's Dick Donovan should win 15 games with the Chicago White Sox this year. Donovan and Charlie Fallon, former catcher with the Yankees' farm system, were Co-Chairmen for the event. Maynard Elk Jack Onslow, former White Sox Mgr. and now scouting for the Red Sox, was another speaker, along with his team's Sam Mele and Fleming Mackell, Boston Bruin forward. Edw. J. O'Brien emceed the affair at which a rapid-fire question-and-answer program brought out some interesting revelations.

Other items of note on this 50-year-old lodge's agenda were its P.E.R.'s Night, when 17 of its 21 former leaders were honored; a \$100 gift to the Boston School for the Deaf, and a Veterans Day presentation of lasting floral tributes to the Gold Star Mothers.

Norwalk, Conn., Elk J. A. Liberatore Honored

Joseph A. Liberatore, P.E.R. of Norwalk Lodge No. 709, was honored by his fellow members recently in recognition of his long service to Elkdome.

Over 200 persons saw a class of 30 candidates initiated in his honor, among them being Douglas Edwards, well-known television and radio commentator, and Robert M. Fodor, Sr. and Jr. Speakers included D.D. Edward J. Connolly, Past State Pres. Samuel Annunziato and Mr. Edwards. A special guest was former D.D. Charles R. Mitchell.



Below: Astoria, Ore., Lodge presents to the community's two hospitals three additional radios and a wheel chair, making a total of four chairs and six radios given in recent years. Presenting the equipment to Sister Superior of St. Mary's Hospital are, left to right: E.R. Walter H. Lofgren, Social and Community Welfare Committeeman Art Ellsworth and Chairman M. J. Cosovich of the lodge's Board of Trustees.



Above: As Chairman of Walla Walla, Wash., Lodge's March of Dimes Campaign, Est. Lead. Knight Jack Huntington presents a check to Louis E. Keiler, Chairman of the County Chapter of Infantile Paralysis to cover the cost of a whirlpool bath at St. Mary's Hospital for use in the treatment of polio patients. E.R. Orville Hart looks on and in the background is the second "March of Dimes" poster set-up accepted by the lodge for display at its home during the Drive. The first display was filled with 690 dimes in three days. St. Mary's Hospital, incidentally, also received an iron lung from the lodge some time ago.

Elkdom Mourns Death of James A. Dunn

The Order has lost an outstanding representative in James A. Dunn, who passed away at Miami, Fla., at the age of 64. Widely known for his unceasing efforts in behalf of all civic and social welfare activities, Judge Dunn was a Life Member and P.E.R. of Miami Lodge No. 948, a former Pres. of his State Assn., and a Past District Deputy. In 1942 he was a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and in 1944 he served the Order as its Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight.

A native of Marshalltown, Ia., Judge Dunn was admitted to the bar in 1919, and to practice before the U. S. Supreme

Court five years later. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1926, a year after he moved to Miami where he had been in active practice until his death.

He entered politics soon after taking up residence in Miami, serving as Municipal Judge from 1933 to 1937, and again in 1939. In 1940, following the death of Mayor E. G. Sewell, he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term. In 1943 he was elected to a four-year term as City Commissioner.

Organizer of the National Council of Christians and Jews in Miami, Judge Dunn was its first president, and a former Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a State Deputy and was Chairman of Miami's Draft Board when he died. A member of the Loyal

Order of Moose, Past Pres. and Board Member of the So. Fla. Council of the Boy Scouts, a member of the Board of Directors for the Orange Bowl Committee and active in County, State and American Bar Assns., he was also a director in the Commercial Bank of Miami.

With his wife, two sons, daughter, sister and grandchildren who survive him, his thousands of friends in the Order share a deep sense of loss.

Old Timers Honored by Waterbury, Conn., Lodge

Waterbury Lodge No. 265 paid tribute to its long-time members at a special program, with Joseph Samoska as Chairman. P.D.D. Richard H. Lawlor participated in the arrangements for this annual affair which traditionally honors the lodge's P.E.R.'s and first 100 members in accordance with their years of affiliation. Although he stands fourth on this list, Joseph P. Hosey was singled out as "No. 1 Elk" in the absence of the three surviving members who had been initiated before him.

Introduced by Col. Wm. J. Shanahan, a P.D.D., Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson was the principal speaker on the program which included addresses by Mayor Raymond E. Snyder and E.R. James D. Slavin.

Right: On Cocoa, Fla., Lodge's Old Timers Night, its five surviving Charter Members received Honorary Life Memberships from D.D. Wm. T. Knight, fourth from left. With E.R. Jack C. Kaisner, left, are three of the recipients: W. H. Bower, Geo. W. Skelly and H. G. McAllister. The honored members not pictured are A. R. Trafford and L. W. Blair.



Left: Among the baseball celebrities at Quincy, Mass., Lodge's Fathers and Sons Sports Night were, left to right: Dick Kelly, pitcher for the Milwaukee Braves; Jack Onslow, former White Sox Mgr., now a scout for the Red Sox; Sam Mele of the Red Sox; White Sox pitcher Dick Donovan of Quincy, National League Umpire Artie Gore and comedian Benny Drohan.

1955 STATE CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Nevada	Las Vegas	Apr. 14-15-16
Louisiana	Alexandria	Apr. 15-16
Ohio	Columbus	Apr. 28-29-30,
		May 1
Wyoming	Greybull	May 5-6-7
Arizona	Tucson	May 11-12-13-14
New Mexico	Roswell	May 12-13-14
Alabama	Homewood	May 13-14-15
Oklahoma	Ardmore	May 13-14-15
Georgia	Brunswick	May 19-20-21
Kentucky	Paducah	May 19-20-21
New York	Rochester	May 20-21-22
Florida	Miami	May 20-21-22
Indiana	French Lick	May 21-22
Arkansas	Fort Smith	May 21-22
North Carolina	Winston-Salem	May 26-27-28
Illinois	Springfield	May 27-28-29
Colorado	Grand Junction	May*
Utah	Cedar City	May*

*Date not yet set



Photographed when Catskill, N. Y., Lodge entertained State Pres. T. Emmett Ryan, seated, are, left to right, foreground: P.D.D. Bert Hayes, Est. Loyal Knight William Mercier, Past State Pres. Wm. F. Edelmuth, D.D. Joseph S. Disch, P.D.D. Michael J. Degnan and former State Vice-Pres. E. D. Forrester; background: Trustee Edward V. Carey of Albany Lodge, P.D.D. W. A. Weinlein, State Assn. Trustee Peter A. Buchheim, Est. Lead. Knight Francis D'Avella, E.R. Harold Chadderdon and P.E.R.'s William Donahue of the host lodge and James A. Stiles of Albany.



Each year, the Elks of Corapolis, Pa., make a donation to the D. T. Watson Home for Crippled Children. The contribution provides the youngsters with movie pictures and maintains the Home's movie equipment for the year. This photograph was taken when Est. Lead. Knight Andrew Burik, Committee Chairman, standing third from left, presented this year's gift to Miss Lucille Cochran, Administrator of the Home. With some of the Home's young residents are, left to right: E.R. Raymond R. Gregory, Secy. Fred D. Allen and Esq. Harry L. Yoder.



Present when Franklin, Pa., Lodge officers initiated 22 candidates during the homecoming visit of D.D. Earl W. Dodds in the presence of over 200 Elks were, seated, left to right: P.D.D. Joseph Riesenman, Jr., Past State Pres. James G. Bohlender, and P.D.D.'s E. W. Kamerer and John T. Lyons; standing: E.R. Robert T. Grannis, P.D.D. Meryl B. Klinessmith, State Assn. Trustee William B. Forsythe, State Pres. Ruel H. Smith and Mr. Dodds who received an Honorary Life Membership.



An annual observance of Sanford, Me., Elksdom is the celebration of American Girl Shoe Night, in recognition of one of the local industries which employs over 700 workers in that community whose output is 6,000,000 pairs of women's shoes a year. Pictured at the most recent observance are, left to right: Elk Walter Mayo, Supt. of the Allied Novelty Division of the Corporation; E.R. Robert Bachand; Elk Hyman Snider, the company's General Manager, and Joseph Basuino, a member of Everett, Mass., Lodge and Supt. of the Corp.'s Universal Shoe Division. Over 175 persons attended the banquet when Past State Pres. Clemence Philbrick was M.C., with Al Pownall as General Chairman.

Prominent Virginia Elk Passes Away

John Henry Simmons, P.E.R. and Honorary Life Member of Petersburg, Va., Lodge, No. 237, passed away Jan. 16th at the age of 57. Prominent in Elksdom throughout the State, he had been Pres. and Trustee of the Va. Elks Assn., and Director of the Virginia Elks Boys Camp.

A Past Deputy Grand Master of the 29th Masonic District, Mr. Simmons had organized the Petersburg DeMolay Chapter and the Colonial Heights Lions Club. He had also held membership in the Will Rogers Camp, Circus Saints and Sinners and was Past Pres. of Post C of the Travelers Protective Assn. Surviving him are his wife, three daughters, two brothers and four grandchildren.



Liberty, N. Y., Lodge's 25th Anniversary Dinner saw its officers and P.E.R.'s welcome James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities and D.D. Joseph S. Disch.

ROANOKE, VA., LODGE PRESENTS ITS CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

Roanoke Lodge No. 197, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, on the 14th day of December, 1954, unanimously resolved that it would respectfully present to the Grand Lodge the name of its outstanding member, John L. Walker, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order at its next Convention.

John L. Walker was born in Lynnwood, Va., in 1905 and became a member of Roanoke Lodge in 1931. He immediately exhibited his genuine interest in Elkdom and, after serving through the Chairs, he was elected Exalted Ruler in 1936. As a result of his cooperative attitude, progress was made in the general and financial condition of his lodge.

In the year 1941, after serving his State Association in various capacities and revitalizing its Ritualistic Contests as Chairman of that Committee, he was elected to its Presidency. For the next five years he served as Trustee of that organization and reactivated the State Scholarship Contests; for the past ten years he has been the Association's Scholarship Committee Chairman. He has taken an active and important part in the location and operation of the Virginia Elks Boys Camp, and has been a Director of that corporation since its inception.

His willingness to work, his executive ability and his fidelity have also been demonstrated in the Grand Lodge offices he has held. In 1945 he served as District Deputy and in 1947 he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, serving for three consecutive years during which he rendered many well-prepared opinions on various phases of Grand Lodge Law. During his last term he was given the important duty of approving certificates of incorporation and corporate by-laws, and has also made special investigations. In 1950, he was appointed to the Grand Forum for a five-year term and served as Chief Justice from July, 1954, until March, 1955, when he resigned. His work in the judicial field has always been of a high caliber.

Professionally, he is a lawyer. After he was graduated from Roanoke College he entered the University of Virginia where he received his law degree in 1928. During his final year there, he was a student instructor in law. After practicing law for two years in West Palm Beach, Fla., he moved to Roanoke and became associated with the predecessor of the present law firm of Woods, Rogers, Muse and Walker in which he is a partner. He is a past President of the Roanoke Bar Association and his outstanding administration as President of his State Bar Association in 1947-48 gave that organization the largest membership it had ever had. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and of the American Law Institute, and for the past three years he has been a director of the American Judicature Society.

He married Katherine Crawford of Weyer's Cave, Virginia, in 1934. Their family is composed of a son, John L., Jr., and a daughter, Jane.

John L. Walker has taken a leading part in numerous civic affairs. Active for many years in the Roanoke City-County Public Forum, as President he manifested his capacity for hard work and leadership. He served on the Roanoke Ration Board during World War II and was Chairman of its Trial Panel. He has participated actively in many Red Cross and Community Fund Campaigns, and for two years was a Director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. He has served as President of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club and the Roanoke Chapter of the University of Virginia Alumni Association, and has just completed a three-year term on the Board of Managers of that Association.

Roanoke Lodge, with justifiable pride, therefore presents as its candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler, John L. Walker who is eminently qualified by training and experience to fill with dignity and distinction that important office.

H. P. Laughon, Exalted Ruler

L. M. Peery, Secretary

GRAND SECRETARY DONALDSON PRESENTED FOR ELECTION

ETNA LODGE NO. 932 will, at the forthcoming Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, place in nomination as Grand Secretary the name of Lee A. Donaldson. The resolution to nominate Brother Donaldson was unanimously adopted by the lodge on February 1, 1955.

Following the death of Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters in August of last year, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick appointed Lee Donaldson to fill the unexpired term, and Mr. Donaldson's efficient execution of his duties in this capacity since that time has proved his ability to handle this important post.

Lee Donaldson served his lodge twice as Exalted Ruler and later as its Secretary. After serving as President of the Southwest District Association, in 1946 he was President of his State Association. He played a major part among the Pennsylvania Elks in successful fund-raising drives carried on for our National Foundation.

Mr. Donaldson was appointed District Deputy in 1931, and his Grand Lodge service included two years as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, one year as a member of the State Associations Committee and two years on the Committee on Lodge Activities, the last year as its

Chairman. In 1953 he was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight.

After Lee Donaldson graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Following a tour of duty as an Ensign in World War I, he entered the retail drug business. Active in community affairs, he was twice elected Burgess of Etna, resigning in his second term to accept appointment to the Allegheny County Board of Viewers, a quasi-judicial arm of the Allegheny County Courts.

He is married to the former Mildred Whitehill and they have two sons, Lee A. Donaldson, Jr., Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee of Etna Lodge, and Harry W. Donaldson, a law student and also a member of No. 932.

The Past Exalted Rulers, officers and members of Etna Lodge take great pride in presenting his candidacy, firm in the knowledge that the election of Lee A. Donaldson as Grand Secretary will inure to the benefit of the Fraternity and the Good of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

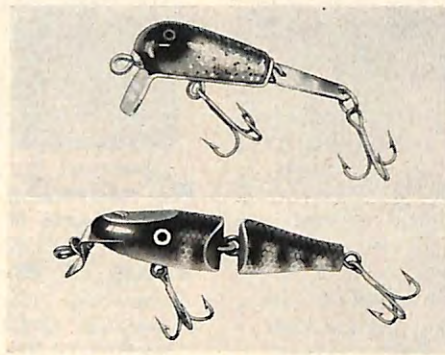
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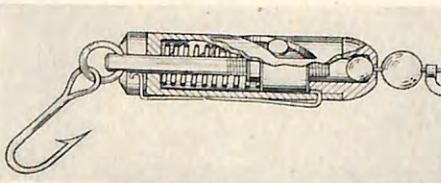
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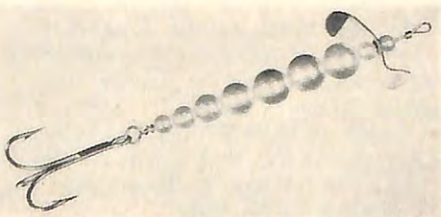
Creek Chub, noted for its lures, adds these plugs to its spring line. Above is No. 9100 Spoon-Tail spinning lure, a natural for bass, trout, pike and wall-eyes. Below is No. 9400 Spinning Jointed Pike, which is a fast wiggler. Both are available in a variety of colors. Sold only through dealers. Creek Chub Bait Co., Garrett, Ind.



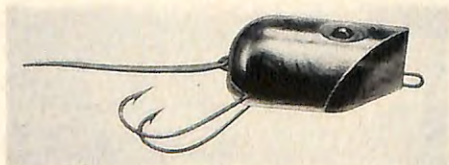
This Fishing Lure has ingenious mechanism that detaches its own hook and lets the bait come out free. Internal ratchet device unscrews itself by successive pulls of line if hook is snagged. Called Neteraft's "30-30" lure, it sells for about \$1.35 with extra hooks and pins included. Neteraft Co., 3101 Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio. This concern also has a special 152-page free catalogue of fishing specialties available.



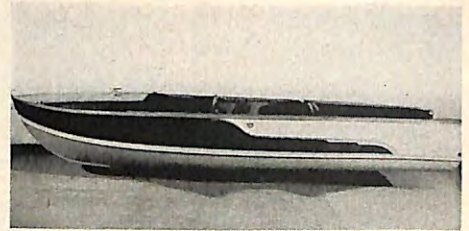
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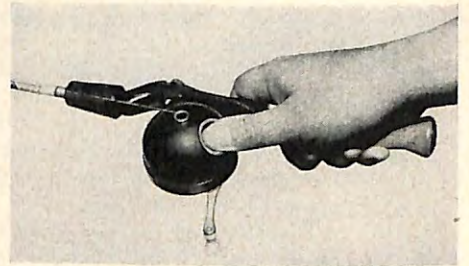
Shaky Shiner has turbulent, shimmering motion. Spinner design causes it to revolve more slowly than conventional designs. Excellent for rainbows, steelheads and other game fish. Made of stainless steel and waterproof plastic beads. Two sizes, listing at 95 and 75 cents. Sturman Products Co., 48378 Van Dyke St., Utica, Mich.



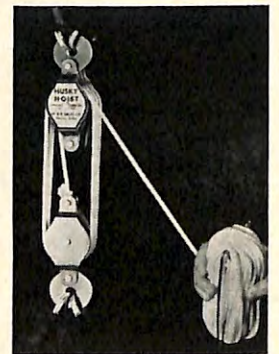
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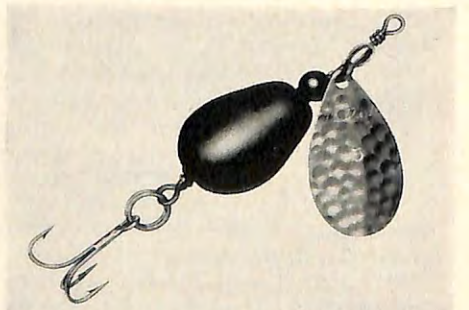
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Bait Casting Techniques

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weight to get moving and he can't do it with a jerk. Once he gets going, however, he can roll along just as fast as the automobile driver. The driver of the light car, however, can start much more quickly because he doesn't have so much weight to get into motion. The light car and the fast reel are similar.

The medium reel and rod, of course, come in between the other two. They make a good combination for all-around fishing, fast enough to cast light lures and yet durable enough for heavy lures and reasonably big fish.

Now, assuming that you have selected one outfit or the other, the quickest way to learn to cast is to practice on the backyard or in the park. If you wait until you're actually fishing, you will be so interested in catching fish that you fail to pay the proper attention to technique. Once you develop the proper form, however, it will soon become automatic and you'll never need to think about it.

The same thing applies to distance. Don't make the mistake of trying to see how far you can cast when you start out. Trying for distance will develop bad habits that will take a long time to correct when you are fishing.

MAKE SURE your reel is full—it will work better. Put a target on the grass about thirty-five or forty feet away. An old tin bucket or even a washtub is a good one with which to start. Stand facing it or, if you are right-handed, face just a little to the right. Reel your plug up until it is hanging about six inches from the rod tip. Press your right thumb against the spool. Point the rod toward the target.

Keeping the rod in a vertical plane in line with the target, bring it back over your shoulder to an angle of about thirty degrees. Then, still holding your thumb firmly against the spool, flip the rod forward. When it is a little past vertical lift your thumb very slightly so that the spool can start to spin.

Your plug will sail out toward the target—we hope. Just before it hits the grass, press your thumb against the spool again to stop it.

The action of bait casting is very similar to flipping an apple off the end of a stick, which we all used to do when we were boys—at least, we did it if we lived in the country where there were both apples and sticks.

On this first cast, the chances are your plug either went too high in the air or else hit the ground somewhere short of the target. The remedy is obvious. If the plug sailed too high, release the spool a little later. If it hit the ground between you and the target, release the spool a little sooner.

It doesn't take much force to cast a plug forty feet and don't make the error

trying too hard. The harder you cast the more likely you are to have a backlash.

A few paragraphs back I said to keep the rod in a vertical plane with the target. If you tilt the rod to the side, your cast travels out in two planes, horizontal and vertical. Good accuracy is extremely difficult with a side cast and, while an experienced angler can achieve it, the first cast to master and the one that you will use for ninety per cent of your fishing is the straight overhead. As long as you stay with it, the plug may go too far or it may fall short, but it won't be much out of line either to right or left.

There's an old saying to the effect that you should let the rod do the work. Actually, of course, all the energy in any cast has to be supplied by the angler. There is no other source for it. What the saying means, however, is this: Never use a full-arm sweep as though you were killing snakes. The proper cast is a wrist and forearm movement. As you start the rod forward, the plug actually stays about where it was. What you do is bend the rod. It is the straightening of the rod that makes the lure sail out and that is why you'll hear anglers say, "Let the rod do the work." The rod actually does the work—after you supply the energy by bending it in your initial movement. All beginners, at any kind of casting, try too hard. It's difficult for them to realize just how easy it is to cast a plug or a fly a reasonable distance. The whole process of bait casting amounts simply to this: Bring the rod back over your shoulder, stop it, flip it forward and release the spool as you do. That's all, but take it easy.

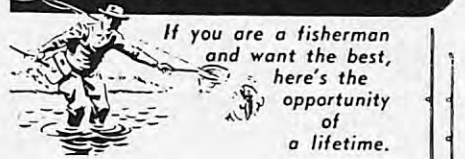
Aside from learning the rod movement back and forward, the trick is teaching your thumb to control the spool. Obviously, if your thumb drags too heavily, you won't be able to cast far—not even forty feet. On the other hand, if you lift it off the spool completely, you will not have good control and you will have backlashes, at least at first.

Some anglers thumb their reels near the middle of the spool. I prefer, however, to have my thumb toward the upper edge, that is, on the side of the spool toward the reel handles. (As is shown in the pictures accompanying this article, the reel handles should be upright during the entire cast.)

I like to rest the joint of my thumb across the pillar (the cross piece between the ends of the reel) and then tip it forward to touch the spool. I think this helps me to keep better control. On short casts, or when I'm casting into the wind, I never take my thumb completely off.

After you have practiced a few hours—preferably in several short periods—the technique of handling your tackle will become almost automatic. Then you

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can begin to attempt longer casts. Never force them, however. As a matter of fact, no matter how long you may have used casting tackle, attempting to cast too hard invariably will result in cutting down your distance rather than increasing it. Technique is the important thing and putting too much force into the cast spoils the technique.

In these longer casts, when you attempt them, you will find that you can take your thumb completely off the spool for a little while. You'll start the cast and leave the thumb gently in contact with the spool until the plug has gone out possibly twenty-five or thirty feet. Then, you'll lift it clear and hold it off until the plug begins to slow down near the conclusion of the cast. At this point it's time to start thumbing gently again to keep the spool from overrunning and causing a backlash when the plug lights.

At the conclusion of your cast, just at the moment when the plug hits the water or possibly an instant before, shift the rod to your left hand. One of the pictures with this article shows how I prefer to hold my rod and reel when I'm retrieving the lure. I have my hand pretty well up on the reel with the left thumb in position to clamp down on the spool instantly in case a fish should strike.

You will notice, too, that I am reeling with my fingertips. If you hold the reel handle between your thumb and the

first joint of your trigger-finger and a fish hits hard enough to jerk the reel handles out of your fingers—something that we hope happens soon—he'll rap your knuckles most uncomfortably. If you learn to reel with your fingertips, however, he can't do it.

Most of the slow and medium-speed reels are equipped with an anti-backlash device, which is simply a brake that operates on the shaft or the end of the spool to keep it from revolving too rapidly. The instructions that come with your reel will tell you how to adjust it. Be sure to read them and use it until you have your thumb trained. At the outset, however, you'll get an occasional backlash in spite of it. Here are a couple of tricks that will help to prevent them.

FIRST, forget about the target. Make your cast and then, instead of looking to see where the plug is going, watch your reel. If little loops of line begin to spring up off the spool, it is an indication that it is paying out line faster than the plug can take it away. Touch it gently with your thumb and slow it down. After you have watched the spool a while and learned when and how you should thumb for best results it will no longer be necessary.

The other trick is to give your rod and reel a quarter turn to the right after the plug is well on its way—perhaps twenty-

five or thirty feet from the rod tip. The reason for turning the rod is that the spinning spool is like a gyroscope. It wants to keep going in the same plane in which it started. For maximum distance you should keep the handles up so that it will spin most easily. When your main purpose, however, is to prevent a backlash, rotating the rod a quarter turn, so the spool shaft is horizontal rather than vertical, will tend to slow it down. It will cut down your backlash trouble noticeably.

While it is true that the technique of bait casting is a little more difficult to master than that of spinning, still it is not so hard but what anybody with normal coordination can be casting well enough to catch fish after a few hours of intelligent practice. This, of course, is based on the assumption that he has a properly matched, or balanced, outfit. Unless his rod and reel work harmoniously together, and unless the rod is about the right stiffness for the lure he intends to cast—obviously, the heavier lures, the stiffer the rod—he is in for a lot of trouble and he still won't be casting well after years of fishing.

Let us hope, however, that this does not occur. After all, a properly balanced outfit costs no more than a mis-matched one and the few hours practice required to learn the correct technique are time well spent.

God's Lake Lakers

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within reach. Andrew could gaff a trout neatly behind the head, drop him in the bottom of the canoe and never miss a stroke of the paddle.

After each such gaffing, George and I went through the routine of explaining that we preferred to release the lakers and catch others, whereupon Andrew would concur with a smile—and drive the gaff through the next one while still nodding his head in agreement. The result was that we had come out for a day's fishing, hoping eventually to hook one of the enormous ones we knew lived in the lake, but in less than an hour we had nine very dead trout strewn over the bottom of the canoe. As we both cast out again, George laughingly remarked that we had better not hook two at once, and almost before he had the words out of his mouth he had one on. I immediately commenced to reel in, and I hooked one! George and I held a consultation. We decided we would bring them up together, one on either side of the canoe, and while Andrew was gaffing George's, I could release mine, but our noble red-skin's dexterity was too much for us. He shot the canoe forward with his paddle, dragging the two fish back to the stern, and in almost one continuous motion he gaffed lake trout No. Ten on his left and No. Eleven on his right, then beamed at us with obvious pride. That ended our day of lake-trout fishing—more than

ended it—in one hour flat. We had hardly had time to get warmed up.

We fished that day with normal bait-casting tackle—no wire lines or added weights—and a red-and-white spoon commonly associated with pike fishing.



Five lakers is the limit on God's Lake and unless you throw back the little ones—say ten pounds—you're soon back in the camp.

The sandy hole where Andrew took us was less than fifty feet deep. As he paddled leisurely along, we would cast ahead of the canoe and allow the heavy spoon to sink to the bottom, then retrieve it. The best method seemed to be to jig the spoon two or three times before starting to retrieve. Occasionally a strike would come within a foot or two of the bottom; other times the trout would hit almost at the water's surface, but such a fish undoubtedly had followed the lure up all the way from the bottom.

George and I didn't run into any large trout that day during our one hour on God's Lake. The fish we caught ran from about six to twelve pounds, which were a good size for the tackle we were using at that, and which meant that we had about a hundred pounds of trout in the canoe. However, there are big ones to be had. One day last August we stopped at God's Lake for a few minutes while flying through, and an Indian had just brought in a forty-two-pounder. That's a king-size lake trout for sure.

From a sporting viewpoint the only possible objection to lake-trout fishing is that it is normally practiced with such awkward gear. Most lakers are taken by trolling at great depths with wire line or a heavy sinker, sometimes a combination of both. Deep trolling is an exacting science, without question. It is no easy matter to explore the unseen and un-

charted depths successfully. However, there is the unavoidable aspect that the laker, once hooked, is overburdened by the heavy gear. Also, when brought up suddenly from very deep water, the life is taken out of him by the enormous change in pressure. Of course, the basic appeal of the lake trout does not lie in the tackle-busting battle he puts up. This is definitely secondary. Nevertheless, in waters sufficiently far north, such as God's Lake, where even in August the water is cold enough for trout at a depth of only fifty feet, he can always be taken on light tackle. This gives lake-trout fishing an added attraction as far as I am concerned.

And in the fall before freeze-up the lakers come out into the shallows before spawning. Late last September I was casting a spoon in Kanuchuan Rapids about three miles up river from God's Lake with the idea of getting a pike or walleye for supper when I hooked a heavy fish that I knew was neither. Judging by the length and power of his first run, I was afraid I had hooked an enormous brook trout. I don't normally object to taking big brookies, but the season was closed, which would be no time to bring in a record fish and have to release him without even a witness to the fact. I finally turned whatever was on my line after a fifty-yard run down river and landed him after fifteen busy minutes of rock hopping and bank crawling. It turned out to be a fish I had never even considered hooking in the rapids, a beautiful twelve-pound laker. And I never knew a lake trout to put up such a scrap. More than that, I had a far better supper than I had originally contemplated. In fact, I ate on that one fish for several days.

Jim Smith, who lives at Kanuchuan Rapids, tells me that early in the season is the real time to fish for lake trout in God's Lake, and he dug out a picture to prove it. Although he has lived there a number of years, he didn't discover this particular fishing until last spring. After the ice goes out this next June, he says, he is going to come up with something real. The photo he showed me would have convinced anyone.

This photograph, which was taken by a man who had flown up from the States to fish with Jim, showed him and his wife, Mary, with the catch of lake trout that one day last June. Not a trout in the lot weighed less than twenty-five pounds! I've never seen as impressive an array of lakers. Jim explained that they more or less happened on this concentration of enormous fish and didn't have time to do a job on them. "Anyway," Jim said, "I know now where the really big ones hole up. The forty-pounders and bigger are there, too, I'm sure. And the best part of it is that at that time of year they are still in shoal water. I'll be there to pay them a visit right after break-up next spring."

I would like to be with him, and if I

ever did get into a mess of lakers like that, I know something else: I would like to have old Sure Shot Andrew along with me. I could easily share his sentiments that the place for such fish is in the canoe.

God's Lake is not too accessible, and that's one reason the fishing is good, of course. It is strictly a bush-plane proposition, but plane service around that roadless area is always available and reliable. It is an interesting trip of only a couple or three hours by air jitney from Kenora, Ontario, to the fishing at God's Lake.

Another reason the fishing is so good is that God's Lake is in the north country. The lake trout is strictly a northern fish, demanding the coldest of water. That's why in the southern limits of his range in our northern states he is found only in the deepest holes of cold lakes. The farther north he lives, the more trout-like he is in his habits. In the far north it is not uncommon to find the "lake" trout living habitually as a river fish, some places feeding in water shallow enough to be available to the fly fisherman. His range extends north to the very limits of land. I have taken lake trout in little streams emptying directly into the Arctic Ocean within a few miles of the polar ice itself. Such a trout feels virtually like a chunk of ice when taken from the water; yet apparently he thrives there. Only the arctic charr and the arctic grayling also exist in company with the lake trout under these harsh conditions, but these two fish are limited to arctic waters only.

ALTHOUGH primarily an arctic fish, it is by virtue of his being able to retire to the cold depths that his range extends into our northern tier of states, and this, of course, is where we do most of our lake-trout fishing. The most memorable fish I have ever landed was a lake trout caught at this southern edge of the range in a small but deep New York lake. I was about eight years old at the time and my two brothers and I worked on the project for an entire summer, aided by advice from our dad when he came to the camp weekends. We marked a spot which we determined was near the deepest part of the lake, chummed it day after day with pieces of cut-up perch; then still-fished the hole with live chubs. We spent all our time either catching perch for chum or chubs for bait. The lakers apparently responded well to our chumming efforts because one day we saw a huge one that came almost to the water's surface beneath our rowboat to get his daily portion, but apparently we kept them so satisfied on perch that they didn't have room for the fat chubs we offered them. However, our imaginations were young and fertile and we conjured up such visions of lake trout in our fishing hole that we didn't give up.

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edly. We commenced to reel in one noon to go to camp for lunch, but my line was fast to something on the bottom. After considerable hauling, it gave reluctantly and allowed itself to be dragged slowly toward the surface. We were so intent on peering over the side that it was remarkable we didn't capsize; then, deep in the clear water, we saw it, a fish ten times the size of anything we had ever had on a line. He was so pot-bellied and bug-eyed from gorging himself on chum that he never struggled once from bottom to boat. He took the ride up in good grace, fat and happy, all of which suited us fine. Only when he was scooped over the side onto the hard bottom of the skiff did he come out of his contented stupor. He

gave us a good battle then but, three against one in our own element, we eventually subdued him. No fish I have caught since—or even seen—ever attained the proportions of that sleek, seven-pound fish. He and the entire lake-trout tribe will always have a top spot in my book.

The charm of lake-trout fishing lies both in their huge size and in this searching of the secret depths. Man is insatiably curious. He is impelled by any mystery and is constantly driven to seek out the unknown. Any fishing, along with being a recreation, is an outlet for this overpowering urge, especially to those with a touch of the spirit that moved our ancestors forward into little-known lands with no guarantee of a livelihood except

as they could provide it with their own hunting, fishing and trapping skill. Every day, and every hour of the day, that a man is fishing he is confronted with this mystery of the element beneath him, but the challenge is most pronounced when he is groping in the dark at great depths. There the imagination is given free rein. Although all the lake-trout I have caught since my memorable first one have fought with more enthusiasm—some of them, such as those in God's Lake, with surprising endurance—this is a minor consideration. Lake-trout fishing as we usually know it is the deep-sea fishing of fresh water. There's no telling what will take hold next. It may weigh four pounds, maybe forty. This is its fascination.

Home of the Rainbows

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sure mammoth rainbows will be waiting for you, eager to hit almost anything you offer them. Picture possibilities are out of this world. In that fabulous territory it is no trick to frame two, three or more fishermen all pulling in rainbows at the same time . . . then casting, and repeating the performance until they are too tired to crank in their catches.

British Columbia is second only to Alaska for rainbows. The out-of-way-fishing is the way it must have been in our own northwest thirty years ago. Furthermore, most places are accessible and have tourist accommodations. One of my favorite spots is the Bowron Lake district, (Bear Lake, locally), half way up the center of the Province. The district, at the end of the road out of Wells, is comprised of a 100-mile rectangular chain of lakes countersunk among snow-capped and forested mountains. The Kamloops district is better known. It is about mid-way between the boundary and the Bowron Lake district. There are dozens of other good areas.

In British Columbia the rainbow's place has been taken by its own overgrown offspring, the Kamloops. Every fish you take puts on a dramatic acrobatic display, with repeated leaps and fast, powerful runs. It is little wonder sportsmen say: "Why catch rainbows when you can go after Kamloops?"

Idaho's lakes produce Kamloops of such phenomenal size some writers call this the unchallenged rainbow capital of the world. Since these fish were transplanted from British Columbia in 1942, and as we still haven't caught one larger than the biggest from the Province, our northern neighbors might not agree with the writers. But anyway, fishin's good, and on a grand scale.

Our northwest states and California have excellent rainbow trout fishing compared with many sections of the United States but there is no use kidding . . . it isn't what it was 54 years ago when Oregon set its first trout limit—125 fish per day!

Sure, angling borders on the greatest

the first month after opening day. April in the northwest states; May in California. The close-in places are fished almost to the limit, but the far-out lakes and streams stay good. If a fellow wants to pack in he can get rather exclusive fishing. Some of the finest mountain lake fishing that exists in our country is found in the natural home of the rainbows.

One of the reasons for the fine fishing is the tremendous rearing-stocking, and lakes rehabilitation programs of the various Fish and Game departments. In Washington alone over 50-million trout are grown annually to replace those taken from lakes and streams.

This "raise and put in" is an expensive process. Eighty cents a pound for each fish in Washington, 90 cents a pound in Idaho.

Rehabilitation is the process of reclaiming lakes that are infested with undesirable fish, and putting them into exclusive production of game fish. A survey by the Sport Fishing Institute shows that Washington leads all others in rehabilitation of trout lakes. The Institute's report reveals that Washington has rehabilitated 201 trout lakes, compared to 84 in New Hampshire, 44 in Michigan, 24 in Oregon and fewer in other states.

In rehabilitated trout lakes the catches average 6.7 fish per angler, but in unrehabilitated waters which have both trout and spiny ray fish the average catch is only 2.6 trout and four-tenths of one per cent of spiny rays.

The newest thing that has been hap-

OUR FISHING COVER

This month's cover shows a special type of brook trout fishing used in a few fast-water rivers in Maine and Canada. When the canoe reaches a backwash created by a rock the guide holds the canoe as best he can with an ash pole tipped with steel. The angler then casts, usually with spinning gear. The backwash helps to hold the canoe, but often it gets away.

pening in Washington trout fishing circles is the recent formation of many lakes, and the enlargement of others, as the result of the governmental reclamation project in the huge Columbia Basin. Jamieson was an alkaline lake surrounded by sage brush. No fish. Since a rise in the water table cleared the alkali and the lake was stocked with rainbows it has become one of the northwest's finest trout lakes.

When to fish? That is the question. In general it can be said fishing is *best* in the spring and early summer. It is *good* even during mid-summer when trout are lazy. It is *better* starting late August-early September when the fish are on the move again. It stays that way right up to the end of the season. Of course, during the summertime you have to fish for them . . . you just can't catch them from the front porch of a lake cottage.

Incidentally, we have a year-round season out west, especially for the coast states. The lowland lakes and rivers do not freeze over, and sportsmen can fish every one of the fifty-two weeks. It is rather difficult to realize that for the six winter months the trout sections across the northern tier of states are in very cold storage!

The spring-summer tourist who plays it smart considers periods of high production, which vary from place to place, and time to time. Put yourself in the right place at the right time and you stand a better chance to catch more fish, and land big ones. I like to consider a when-the-fish-are-most-likely-to-strike calendar before going off half cocked on a vacation fishing trip. Might as well go where the rainbows are most bountiful, at a time that suits them!

It would be impossible to calendar-plan all the possible trips, but roughly speaking the height of the productive period in central Oregon and the western part of Washington is the last half of May. East of the Cascades in the northern belt of Washington, Idaho and Montana the peak is during the first half of June. Southern Montana and eastern

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION DELEGATION PLANS LARGE SPECIAL TRAIN

We have received a letter from Brother Thomas F. McCue, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee of California Elks Association, reporting splendid progress in reservations for a special train for the California Elks to the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia in July.

The train will leave by Santa Fe Railroad and will be made up in two sections: one for North California Elks, leaving Oakland at 11:55 a.m. July 5th, and another for Southern California Elks, leaving Los Angeles at 7:30 p.m. July 5th. The two sections consolidate at Barstow, Calif., forming one train.

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streamlined equipment available and will be known as the "President's Special."

The group plans stopovers at Grand Canyon and Colorado Springs, arriving in Chicago in the evening of July 8th. The stopover at Chicago will be long enough for the Brothers to visit the Elks National Memorial Building, which of course, is a land mark of that city. Leaving Chicago on the 8th, the group will arrive at Harrisburg the following morning and visit Gettysburg—then continue to Philadelphia in plenty of time for the Opening Session Sunday evening.

Brother McCue is handling all Pullman reservations and is in charge of the train en route to the Convention.

Idaho are generally tops from July 1 to the 20th. Central Idaho is especially productive during the first week in August.

Fishing those productive areas by calendar will take you to such famous rainbow waters as the Upper Deschutes, Lake Chelan, Lake Pend Oreille, Priest Lake, the Whitefish-Flathead lake region and the Big Lost River. Then, in early September if you wish to literally pursue rainbows further you can take a float boat trip down Oregon's McKenzie River.

Planning could include all those places, or be done on a less ambitious scale. Maybe you want to include just parts of Oregon, or California, with some steel-heading in mind—and a hankering to cover well-known spots. Naturally, you think of the Rogue River, the most highly publicized steelhead stream on the Pacific Coast, and one made famous by Zane Grey. You remember the Umpqua, another steelhead river famed in stories. You find out—if you don't know it—that the Eel and the Klamath of California are also nationally famous steelhead rivers of the west. They are the big four for summer and fall fishing . . . so you go ahead and plan your trip in July, or August or September to correspond to the best runs. You work in whatever other trips are feasible for the type fish you have in mind, and the places you'd like to visit.

By calendar-planning you can chase rainbows all over the northwest, or any segment of it, when the trout are most productive and the weather is doing its best to satisfy all chambers of commerce.

How to catch rainbows in their native haunts is a matter of personal selection. All methods are used that are employed in other sections of the country.

States-wide, anglers catch 'em by all the popular methods. In Oregon, in order of popularity, the methods are: still fishing, trolling, bait casting, fly fishing, and spinning. In Montana it is quite different. Bait casting is first, then fly fish-

ing, trolling, spinning, and still fishing. In Idaho bait fishing (worms and salmon eggs) is also first, but still fishing is second, then trolling, fly fishing, and spinning.

California's waters are so varied in character, and change so from season to season that the alert fisherman must adapt his fishing methods accordingly. But here, too, all methods are used, varying from stream to stream, lake to lake, and month to month during the season. Fly fishing, bait casting, and trolling are probably the most popular methods for rainbow trout.

Since all methods of fishing are employed, the type of tackle varies greatly. It is wise to pack standard lures used in any one section, but there is no sense gathering a lot of gear that will be useless outside the area. One can go to great lengths trying to find the best spoon, plug, fly or what have you. You can be like the Chinese fishermen of British Columbia if you wish. They were seeking the best bait for steelhead . . . something that would be more deadly than salmon roe. They hit upon chicken eggs. These eggs are allowed to age for a few weeks, then they are baked for 24 hours and put in storage to ripen for a year. When the eggs are ripe they form a gummy mass which sticks readily to a fishhook. It is reported the fish have taken this carefully prepared and aged bait when all other lures are disdained.

Chasing rainbows is fun, and full of surprises—out where they are at home. So say the guys who have hunted the fighting rainbows, the summer-run steelheads and the Kamloops.

"Summer run steelheads have something. They're full of life . . . strike and run, like lightning!" Mr. Ordinary Joe will tell you, if you get him going on the subject. "When they go out they don't stop to say hello. They can wear a blister on a guy's thumb before he knows it if he's using a regular level-wind reel!"

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Interest in the Hawaii Elks 1955 Post Convention tours is stepping up judging from the number of requests our Travel Department has had for information. The committee has asked us again to impress upon those who are interested the necessity of getting in their reservations early. We have the information but your reservations should go direct by Air Mail to Secretary, Hilo Lodge No. 759, B.P.O.E. Hilo, Hawaii, T.H.

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The World Map Agency of Monroe, Michigan, offers a new up-to-date Hammond International map of the World in our Shoppers Section this month. All the latest changes in territories and boundaries bring you up-to-date and affords today's picture in our ever changing world.

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Panagra tells of a veritable Garden of Eden situated off the west coast of South America—the enchanted islands of the Galapagos about 700 miles west of Ecuador. These islands, once the hide-out of pirates and during the last war a U.S. Air fighter base, are being developed for tourists. Hotels are planned on one of the islands and air and ocean travel schedules are under consideration. These islands are among the healthiest spots in the world; disease is unknown; doctors are unnecessary and even colds are uncommon. Pirate's treasure is said to be buried here and, since it is in the path of the Humboldt Current, the climate is ideal most of the year. There is little rain and days are warm and sunny while the nights are cool. Those who have visited the islands agree it could, with proper development, become a favorite haunt for American pleasure travelers.

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The motel has come to Sweden to stay, according to the Swedish News Service. Although the first unit was built only last

July and the number now being built is modest, this type of over-night lodging has proved an immediate success. The first motel at Flening has been fully booked almost every night since it opened. The establishment operated by the Royal Swedish Automobile Club. Charges vary according to the number of occupants and run from the equivalent of \$3 for one person to about \$6 for four.

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If you are planning on European travel this year you will probably be happy to know of the Miller "Instant Calculator" (St. Albans, N.Y.) that takes the headache out of foreign exchange. It fits into a passport, is simple to use and covers the currency of 14 European countries.

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Electric ticket machines, called "Ticketeers" are in use in the central ticket offices of United Airlines in Chicago and Cleveland. These machines stamp out tickets in a fraction of the time it takes to prepare them by hand. Other United offices which will soon have "Ticketeers" are New York, Denver, Seattle and Los Angeles.

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The Wilmington, North Carolina, Azalea Festival, from March 31 through April 3 this year, is the 8th annual Festival. Features will be garden tours, parades, the \$12,500 Azalea Open PGA golf tournament and the coronation of the Azalea queen.

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Alcoa is increasing its Caribbean passenger-cargo service and announces that beginning in April two of these ships will sail from New York each week on cruises ranging from 10 to 26 days. The shortest cruise—10 days to Puerto Rico—returns to Baltimore. Round trip is \$250 plus tax. A 19-day cruise to Puerto Rico plus ports in the Virgin Islands is \$360 round trip plus tax. Another 19-day cruise calls at ports in Venezuela and stops are Aruba, Curacao and Trinidad, with fare of \$496 but no tax.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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meeting which followed by the initiation of a large William J. Jernick class of candidates. Among those in attendance were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis, State Association President Dr. D. E. Biser, District Deputy D. D. Varnell and Grand Lodge Auditing Committee Chairman Robert E. Boney.

On January 17th, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited EUGENE, OREGON, LODGE NO. 357. While in Eugene Mr. Jernick was interviewed in a fifteen-minute broadcast over Radio Station KERG. He was honored that evening at a dinner given by the lodge, which was followed by a well-

attended meeting. Exalted Ruler B. R. Marlatt presided.

On January 19th, Mr. Jernick began a tour of the lodges of the state of Washington. He was greeted at Portland by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. District Deputy S. Spence and P.D.D. George Warren.

The party drove to Vancouver where a rousing noon reception and luncheon was staged by E.R. Wallace W. Woodruff, the officers and members of VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 823.

Elk History to Libraries

We were interested in a letter recently received from Brother Frank Vellali, who is Chairman of the Veterans Hospital Committee of West Haven, Conn., Lodge No. 1537. In this letter Brother Vellali advises us that the lodge has purchased two subscriptions to The Elks Magazine for each of the two libraries of the West Haven Veterans Administration Hospitals, and also a copy of the "History of the Order of Elks" for each of the libraries. Quite a few lodges and members have presented copies of the "History" to local libraries, for it is such a splendid way of telling members of the community about the great achievements of the Order.

In mid-afternoon the Grand Exalted Ruler and escorts drove to **KELSO LODGE NO. 1482** for a short reception and then on to Longview for a large banquet and a District Meeting with representatives attending from Vancouver, White Salmon, Kelso, Centralia, Chehalis, Raymond, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Olympia and Longview. The meeting was an outstanding success with approximately 600 in attendance. E.R. Charles J. Lolcoma presided with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson providing a warm welcome and the introduction of Mr. Jernick.

Early the next morning Mr. Jernick and his party motored to Centralia where a joint reception was held by the officers and members of **CENTRALIA LODGE NO. 1083** and **CHEHALIS LODGE NO. 1374** with E.R. John Byrnes and 1st. Vice President William Singer acting as the hosts.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's party then motored to the State Capitol at Olympia where Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Lt. Governor of the State of Washington Emmett T. Anderson had arranged an official welcome. Mr. Jernick was introduced and made short speeches to both the Washington State House of Representatives and the State Senate in official session. Following the official state reception the party visited **OLYMPIA LODGE NO. 186** where E.R. Gilbert A. Olson, his officers, members and P.E.R.'s entertained them at a reception and steak luncheon at noon.

Following the Olympia reception, Mr. Jernick and party motored to Tacoma where the Grand Exalted Ruler was warmly received by the members of **TACOMA LODGE NO. 174**. In the absence of the Tacoma chair officers who were, at the time, participating in the state ritualistic contest in Pasco, Past District Deputy C. J. Weller and P.E.R. Burritt B. Anderson acted as official hosts. The party then drove to Renton where E.R. George Spencer, Chairman Chester E. Hawes and the members of **RENTON LODGE NO. 1809** gave Mr. Jernick an afternoon meeting and reception.

From Renton the Grand Exalted Ruler's party proceeded east via Snoqualmie Pass over the lofty, snow-covered

Cascade Mountain Range into Central Washington and Ellensburg where E.R. Walter Hagerman, D.D. Washington East Leslie I. Brecke and the members of **ELLENSBURG LODGE NO. 1102** treated the Grand Exalted Ruler and party to a warm reception and a most welcome choice Ellensburg steer beef steak dinner.

The group then proceeded by automobile to Pasco, where the party was greeted by assembled delegates to the State Association Mid-Winter Convention headed by State President John T. Raftis. Exalted Ruler of **PASCO LODGE NO. 1730**, J.P. Head and D.D. Leslie Brecke acted as official hosts.

Mr. Jernick covered the complete round of official convention functions and on Friday afternoon delivered a stirring address to the assembled delegates and their ladies.

The Grand Exalted Ruler departed early on the morning of Saturday, January 22nd, for Moscow, Idaho, accompanied by D.D. Coy Barnes of Idaho North and Past State President Hayden Mann; to attend sessions of the Idaho Mid-Winter Conference.

Following an early evening open meeting of the Idaho delegates and their ladies the Grand Exalted Ruler was driven to Spokane, some 80 miles distant, by E.R. Phil C. Otis and Secretary Walter R. Horn of **SPOKANE LODGE NO. 228**. Mr. Jernick enjoyed a delightful reception with the officers, members and their ladies of Spokane Lodge before boarding the Stratocruiser for New York City at mid-night.

Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick arrived at Tocumen Airport, Panama City, on January 25th. He was greeted by District Deputy William J. Dorgan and Exalted Rulers George A. Tully, Jr. of **CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE, LODGE NO. 1542** and William J. Bright, Jr. of **PANAMA, CANAL ZONE, LODGE NO. 1414**, and a delegation of officers and past officers representing both lodges. On hand were Past District Deputies Harold J. Zierten, John A. Wright, Charles F. Magee and Harvey D. Smith; Past Exalted Rulers Joseph B. Copello of Panama Lodge and Nathan W. Ashton of Cristobal Lodge.

At 2:00 pm on January 25th, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick was driven to the Army-Navy Club at Fort Amador, Canal Zone where he met Major Hammons, a member of Mesa, Arizona, Lodge and enjoyed a one-hour helicopter flight over the Panama Canal and other points of interest.

That evening Mr. Jernick, accompanied by District Deputy Dorgan and Exalted Ruler Bright of Panama Lodge, visited Cristobal Lodge, where a very pleasant informal meeting was held with members of that lodge.

On January 26th, the Grand Exalted Ruler, accompanied by District Deputy Dorgan, Mrs. Dorgan and Mrs. Bright, motored to Cristobal where they were

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met by Exalted Ruler Tully and Mrs. Tully and then proceeded to Pier 8 to meet the incoming *S.S. Cristobal*. On board the vessel was Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, accompanied by Mrs. Hallinan and Mrs. Jernick. A delegation of Elks from both lodges was present to welcome the party. All then proceeded to the home of Past Exalted Ruler Dr. Harry Eno of Cristobal Lodge for luncheon. Next on the itinerary was a visitation to the U.S. Army Caribbean School, Fort Gulick, where the group was welcomed by Colonel J.J. Davis, Commandant of the School and Post Commander of Fort Gulick. Colonel Davis was ably assisted by Lt. Colonel F.E. Favreau, Director of Instruction. After a very interesting discussion of the functions of the school and a tour through its class rooms, the party gathered at the Fort Gulick Officers Club for refreshments. A buffet supper was served later at Cristobal Lodge.

On Thursday, January 27th, calls were made on Governor Seybold, Panama Canal Government; General Harrison, Commander in Chief, Caribbean Command; Admiral Miles, Commandant, 15th Naval District, and Judge Crowe, U.S. District Court Judge, Panama Canal Zone. That evening in the Fern Room of the Hotel Tivoli in Ancon a combination meeting and dinner for officers and past officers of Panama and Cristobal Lodges was held.

On Friday, January 28th, Mr. Jernick and Mr. Hallinan toured Miraflores Locks Control House and from there continued on to Pedro Miguel to board the Governor's Launch for passage up the Canal through Culebra Cut. That even-

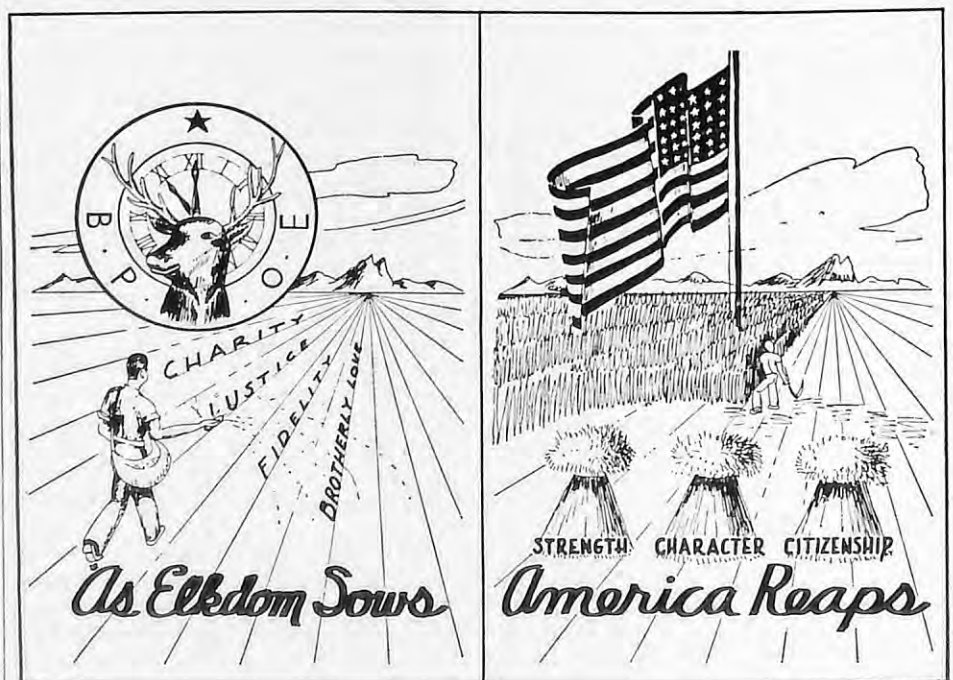
ing they were again entertained by a large gathering of Elks and their ladies at the Home of Panama Lodge.

The next morning, the party motored to Colon for a luncheon served at the home of Past Exalted Ruler Dr. Harry Eno, after which they were taken to the *S.S. Cristobal*, sailing for New York. A group of Elks and their ladies were on hand to wish them Bon Voyage.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, accompanied by Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, and Ruel H. Smith, President of the Pennsylvania Elks Association, began a three-day tour of western Pennsylvania.

That evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Southwest District, held at the William Penn Hotel, in Pittsburgh, and attended by 800 Elks and their ladies from the 20 Elks lodges in that district. Following a welcome by President Clifford Douglas, of the Southwest District, Past State President William D. Hancher presided as master of ceremonies. The speakers who followed the inspiring message given by the Grand Exalted Ruler included State President Smith, Vice President Walter Urben, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Grand Secretary Donaldson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, and District Deputy Fred N. Reno.

Among other state notables present were Past State Association Presidents Francis Benson, Harry T. Kleeaan, M.F. Horne, and H. Earl Pitzer, Secretary William S. Gould, and District Deputies Earl Dodds, William Milks and Robert J.



The Mid-Winter Convention program of the Washington State Elks Association was planned around the theme of Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick's Gold Star Certificate Program and featured an unusual design by Brother Albert J. Yancopal, Pasco, Wash., Lodge. Brother Yancopal's drawings appeared as shown, left, on the front cover of the program and as shown at right on the back cover of the program and both of the drawings were done in color.

Fritz, of Western Pennsylvania district. The committee from the Southwest District which planned the event was headed by Fred N. Reno, of Wilkinsburg Lodge; Clifford Douglas, of Carnegie Lodge, and William D. Hancher, of Washington, Pa. Lodge.

On Wednesday, February 9, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party flew to Williamsport, Pa., where they visited the home lodge of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis that evening. After a radio broadcast in the afternoon, the party attended a cocktail party at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6:30, attended by 550 Elks and their ladies not only from WILIAMSPORT LODGE, but from ten other lodges in the North-Central District. Following the dinner, during which the Band and Male Chorus of Williamsport Lodge furnished the music, a welcome was extended by Exalted Ruler Harry W. Klett, after which Lodge Trustee J. Fred Bangert presided as master of ceremonies. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler, and Mr. Jernick's well-received message was followed by short speeches by State President Ruel Smith and Grand Secretary Donaldson. Before the dinner meeting adjourned Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick presented 50-year membership pins to Brothers Edward Lewis and John Tepel, of Williamsport Lodge.

Among visitors present for the occasion were District Deputy Arthur A. Cox, of Bloomsburg Lodge; State Association Treasurer George Ellenberger, of Jersey Shore Lodge; State Trustee Claude C. Merrill, of Harrisburg Lodge, and Past State Association Presidents H. Earl Pitzer, Barney Wentz, and Charles V. Hogan.

Past District Deputy R. Eugene Foresman was chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, with E. Hart Bugbee directing the band, and Thomas H. Levering in charge of the Male Chorus.

Thursday, Feb. 10, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party flew to Bradford, Pa., in the North District, where they were dinner guests of 270 members of BRADFORD LODGE NO. 234 and the nine other lodges in the district.

Following words of welcome by Past Exalted Ruler Bernard J. Beezer and Mayor Joseph L. Hinaman, a member of the lodge, William McVay, the Esquire of Bradford Lodge, presided as master of ceremonies. The speakers, in addition to the Grand Exalted Ruler, included

State President Smith; Grand Secretary Donaldson, District Deputy William W. Milks and Past State President Davis. Past State President Regis Maloney, and State Trustee William B. Forsythe were numbered among the guests. Lawrence Smith and Arthur Haggerty headed the committee in charge of the affair. Mr. Jernick was the first Grand Exalted Ruler ever to visit Bradford Lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick made a four-day journey early in February to the lodges in Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. At Baltimore he was met by Dr. Robert S. Barrett, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Charles G. Hawthorne, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight of Baltimore, and Lloyd B. Pahlman, Past Exalted Ruler of Easton Lodge. Their first stop was at Wilmington, Delaware, where they were guests of WILMINGTON LODGE NO. 532 and entertained at luncheon and buffet supper. At Pocomoke City a large number of Elks gathered at luncheon following which the Grand Exalted Ruler spoke. Continuing to SALISBURY, MD., LODGE NO. 817, the Grand Exalted Ruler addressed a banquet attended by more than 300 members and visitors from neighboring lodges. He was introduced by Past District Deputy W. Edgar Porter. Exalted Ruler Louis A. Myers presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a check for the Elks National Foundation.

At EASTON, MD., LODGE NO. 1622 another large group gathered for an afternoon reception and supper. Presentation of oil paintings of each of the Past Exalted Rulers and a check for \$1,000 to a local hospital were made.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., LODGE NO. 758, home lodge of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett, was the next stop and then the party visited Mt. Vernon. Superintendent Wall greeted the Grand Exalted Ruler, who placed a wreath on the tomb of General Washington. A similar ceremony took place at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington.

Washington, D.C., Elks turned out in large numbers to welcome the Grand Exalted Ruler's party which had been increased by Charles L. Mobley, President of the Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia Elks Association. The Grand Exalted Ruler made a fine address which was well received by his audience. He was introduced by District Deputy, R.T. Pickrell.

In the Doghouse

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well. Sometimes I receive letters asking where the writers can buy police dogs; that is dogs trained for police work. My answer is, I don't know, and if I did would not recommend the purchase. Such dogs are wholly unfit for average home ownership. They're specialists and not safe as house pets or even as guardians of the average home. But handled by


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The old business of scent does the trick for the dog. To ask another question: what would the man who goes after water fowl do after he knocked off his bird—swim out after it? He'd have to be a skin diver after he finally reached the place where it sank. You can hunt certain furred game without dogs. In fact, good sportsmanship rules out the use of dogs when hunting any of the antlered critters. But Brother what a help a beagle or two can be when going after Br'er Rabbit and a coonhound is a must when you're after his kind of game.

In the far north you wouldn't get very far without a sled dog team and for this way of traveling you'd use a Siberian huskie, a malamute, Eskimo or Samoyede team. It has been rightly said that until Polar flights were made Arctic and Antarctic exploration would have been impossible were it not for the arctic breeds of dogs. The great explorers of those vast regions have testified to the achievements of these dogs. In lands where game is so scarce life is a bitter struggle and the white man could scarcely have existed without the supplies his sled dogs hauled for him. Nor could he have

traveled those enormous distances without the transportation furnished by his dogs teamed to his sled.

Now let's take a look at the dog as a member of the armed forces. There's many a veteran alive today because of the alertness of dogs used for sentry duty, messenger service, searching out wounded or detecting the nearness of a hidden enemy. All these things dogs are trained to do to help combat forces and more—they are employed also to guard strategic points, warehouses where military equipment is stored and places where highly confidential work is done. The use of dogs for war is almost as old as war itself but only in the course of World War I were dogs systematically trained in considerable numbers. They were first used by the German army. Most of the dogs were German shepherds. Other large breeds were also used but the shepherds predominated. The English quickly followed using the same breeds but adding Airedales, collies and some of their own favorites.

In World War II both sides again used dogs. It was only in the latter war that the United States enlisted Fido. These dogs were volunteered by their owners. You perhaps remember the K-9 Corps. In the second World War dogs were both volunteered or bought by the government. During the Korean mix-up dogs were again used by our soldiers. Today all dogs employed by the Army are bought by the government and no volunteers are accepted. Last year, in articles in the April and May issues of your Elks Magazine I told how the dogs were procured and trained.

One of the fastest growing sports in the United States is dog racing and I may add one that involves millions of dollars. Here the purp provides a living, sometimes a good one, for many, many people.

Yes, the pooch is a mighty important animal to man and if the few services I've briefly mentioned here aren't sufficient examples, there are quite a few more that I could tell about.

1955 Convention City: Philadelphia

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up like a section of bombed-out Berlin.

In the heart of the city, on 22 acres between City Hall and 23rd Street, the burgeoning \$50,000,000 Penn Center is expected to rival New York's Rockefeller Center. The Pennsy's Broad Street Station building and its massive "Chinese Wall" of railroad tracks have been

swept out by bulldozers. Already, the first new edifice is up, a 35-story office building. Coming are a 21-story Sheraton hotel, another office building, a deluxe apartment house, a shopping esplanade and a transportation center that will include an airline bus terminal, intercity bus terminal and a 1000-car multilevel garage. When complete, Penn Center will stack up handsomely as a "city within a city."

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

State Association exhibits of Cerebral Palsy programs and activities in aid of handicapped children will be on view at Convention Hall where the Grand Lodge Sessions will be held.

In the tradition-packed older sector of Philadelphia, the nation's most important historic reclamation projects are progressing around Independence Hall. Thus far, one entire square of buildings facing the Hall has been wiped out. In about three years, a magnificent tree-

lined Mall will stretch from the front door of Independence Hall all the way to the Vine Street approach to the Delaware Bridge.

To the north of the Liberty Hall shrine, the Federal Government bought another three-block section in which dozens of ugly, decaying post-Revolutionary buildings will be razed to make way for the new Independence National Historical Park. Original (not facsimile) landmarks, where Washington, Franklin, Morris, Hancock and company worked and planned to create the nation, will be retained. When work is finished, the Independence Hall area will look almost as it did on July 4, 1776. Of course, at the various shrines, business is going on as usual during alterations.

These cultural, commercial and industrial upheavals make the Quaker City an even more fascinating town than ever. They point up the many contrasts and paradoxes of this metropolis. For instance:

While the Liberty Bell and other relics of America's birth pangs are enshrined, the place where Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence on the corner of Market and 7th is now a hamburger stand.

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Ben Franklin was its greatest citizen (he was the first American to become a world figure, started the first public library and first fire company, invented bifocals and the lightning rod) yet not a single place where he worked or lived is left standing.

William Penn's ancestral home stands right next to U. S. Steel's \$400,000,000 Fairless Works, world's largest integrated steel plant at Morrisville, Pa., 30 miles from Philadelphia.

AS A PORT, Philadelphia boasts the second largest tonnage in waterborne commerce, yet there's no tang of salt air and even many Philly natives are unaware it's a seaport.

There's nothing contradictory, however, about the city's impressive industrial development. Its appellation as the "Workshop of the World" can be confirmed by a glance out of a train window on a New York to Washington trip—at the miles of huge industrial plants above and below Philadelphia, the acres of oil refineries, electronic plants, bustling mills, sprawling pharmaceutical laboratories. It's the home of Philco and RCA television factories, Baldwin locomotive works, SKF, Atlantic Refining, the Container Corporation, Budd, Stetson and, of course, the headquarters of the country's largest railroad system, the Pennsylvania. Pianos and piepans, tacks and tankers, diamond drills and dishwashing machines, fishing tackle and false teeth—these and an endless range of other products are all Philly-made. And, while constantly luring newcomers, Philadelphia lays claim to more century-old business firms than any other American city.

Despite the heightened industrial tempo, the 2,125,000 inhabitants of Quaker-town are supposed to be less prone to ulcers and neuroses than average urban citizens. Natives deny it's because the city is allegedly relaxed or sedate. For today the Quaker City is a diversified town-and-country playground, chock-full of theaters, great museums, smart shops, sport stadiums, colorful restaurants, sightseers' meccas and assorted other attractions.

For the visitor, venerable Philadelphia is rewarding if only for the chance to capture the spirit of our nation's beginnings. Here, history comes alive. Where else can you stand on the hallowed spot (in the Assembly Room at the white-spined, red brick Independence Hall) where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the Constitution framed? When you come to the Liberty Bell, you'll find yourself spontaneously removing your hat in reverence as you read the still eloquent words circling its top: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout all the Land to all the Inhabitants thereof."

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Grand Exalted Ruler Presents Youth Report to Governor Meyner

other Americans, you rub its bruised surface for luck, you may recall that this was the Bell that on July 8, 1776, summoned the citizens of Philadelphia to an open-air mass meeting for the first public reading of the Declaration. It cost the equivalent of only \$303 and when it arrived in 1752 it had cracked on the first test. So the Bell was handed over to two Philadelphia iron-molders, Charles Stow and John Pass. They melted down the metal, added some native copper to make it less brittle, and recast it. There was celebration, with much rum and beer, but when the new Bell sounded, the noise was so wretched that Stow and Pass hung their heads in shame. A third time it was cast, and then came the right kind of sound—deep, vibrant, challenging, the voice of freedom. It summoned militia to the defense of Philadelphia during the Revolution, tolled for the burning of the Capitol in the War of 1812. Historians believe it finally cracked for good when it mourned for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall in 1835.

Standing in Independence Hall, you might think of the men who signed the Declaration, the men who knew they could be signing their own ticket to the gallows. There is a story about Elbridge Gerry, a short, thin signer from Massachusetts, and Benjamin Harrison, a big heavy-set signer from Virginia. After they'd put their names to the Declaration, Gerry said to Harrison: "When the British hang us, I shall have all the advantage over you. With me, it will be over in a minute but you will be kicking in the air half an hour after I am gone." American humor was grim, that first Independence Day in 1776.

From Independence Hall, a short walk brings you to other memorable shrines—to Carpenter's Hall, built in 1770, where the First Continental Congress was held; to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross, the seamstress who made the first American flag at the invitation of General Washington; the First Bank of the United States; Christ Church, where some of the nation's Founders worshipped and where you can still see the prayer books from which King George's name was erased in 1776.

ON AN X-marks-the-spot at 9th and Market, you will stand where Ben Franklin flew his fabled kite. Sauntering through some of the narrow streets paved with cobblestone and wooden blocks, you'll find yourself wrapped in the charm of the city, transported to a by-gone era. Elfreth's Alley, for example, is still pretty much as it was two centuries ago. The open gutter in the middle of the Alley, incidentally, was designed for the yellow fever epidemic of Colonial days.

Bus tours roll daily to Valley Forge, 18 miles from Philadelphia, where General Washington's ragged army encamped during the turning point of the Revolution. Another popular trip is to



Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick presenting (February 23) to Governor Robert Meyner of New Jersey a report on the Crippled Children Program of New Jersey's Elks. Presentation was made in the Governor's office in Trenton. The Governor is a member of Phillipsburg Lodge No. 395. The report showed that New Jersey's Elks last year spent \$170,000 for the rehabilitation of several thousand physically handicapped children, including surgery, therapy, prosthetic devices and specialized schooling. Since the program was begun 32 years ago, New Jersey's Elks have spent nearly four and a half million dollars for the humanitarian care of the handicapped children of their State.

the Pennsylvania Dutch country of Lancaster County, rich with Hinkel pie, Apfelmose, Bratwurst and Saur Braten.

A few months ago, Philadelphians were delighted to hear that the late Pierre S. du Pont had willed \$33,000,000 for the maintenance and improvement of Longwood Gardens, the world-famous 1000-acre du Pont Estate near Kennett Square, Pa., some 35 miles from Philly. It's open to the public. A bus and boat trip will bring you to the nation's most elaborate displays of floral creations, of sculptured boxwood and a sunken garden with over 30 fountains and waterfalls, a breathtaking spectacle of man's ingenuity and nature's lush handiwork.

The insatiably curious and the inveterate culture-seeker can wallow, if they like, in Philadelphia's fourteen citadels of arts and sciences. At the Franklin Institute, alone in its field, they can operate many of the scientific gadgets themselves—man-made lightning, a mammoth locomotive, optical illusions, some 4000 action contraptions in the Wonderland of Science. In the same building, the Fels Planetarium puts on a great show. The Philadelphia Museum of Art is now ranked with the world's best and the Rodin Museum is nearby. For a 300-year view of Philadelphia's growth and progress, there's the Atwater Kent Museum, and the Academy of Natural Sciences is worth at least one visit. And there's the Zoo, America's first, now modernized with naturalistic barless settings. If you're specially addicted to apes

and monkeys, Philadelphia boasts the world's finest collection.

For the sports-minded, Philadelphia (home of the Army-Navy game and the Penn Relays) still has its Phillies. Many a tear was shed by the man-on-the-street when Connie Mack's Athletics were yanked away by Kansas City, for the fans still have a cozy spot in their hearts for Eddie Collins, Rube Waddell, Al Simmons, Jimmy Foxx, Lefty Grove, Home Run Baker and other baseball immortals of the A's. The Phillies will be visible at home, during the Grand Lodge Convention, only on July 14 in a night game with Milwaukee.

You'll also have a chance to see rowing regattas on the Schuylkill River, where oarsmen's clubs on Boathouse Row have come to be known as the Schuylkill Navy. The river, by the way, has recently been cleared of pollution and anglers have even been known to hook some catfish.

In the amusement department, Philadelphia ranks second to New York as a theatrical center. At legitimate houses such as the Shubert, Forrest, Walnut and Locust, Quaker City folks saw hits like "Pajama Game," "Plain and Fancy," and "Tea and Sympathy" a month or so before they opened in Manhattan. You may catch a try-out or a long-run Broadway show on tour.

For summer playgoing, the Theatre-in-the-Round under a candy-striped tent at Fairmount Park is a treat. The Theatre-in-the-Round, born in nearby Lam-

bertsville, N.J., is fast becoming a Philadelphia institution. Busses also go to Lambertville, 30 miles away, for the musicals, as well as to the straw-hat drama at Bucks County Playhouse.

UNDER the stars in a tree-circled natural amphitheatre, you can likewise catch the popular summertime Robin Hood Dell Concerts. Lily Pons, Jan Peerce, Yehudi Menuhin, Roberta Peters and Dorothy Maynor; conductors Andre Kostelanetz and Pierre Monteux; the Markova ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra—they've all drawn overflow audiences in past seasons. While admission is free, if you intend to come to Philadelphia for the Convention, it would be wise to write ahead for tickets.

"Billy" Penn, gazing over his "great town" from the eminence of his statue-perch atop the old City Hall Tower, must be flabbergasted these days at some of the goings-on in the once placid City of Homes. He'd understand McGillin's Old Ale House on Drury, between Sansom and Chestnut, where a sign still requests patrons to refrain from religious and political discussion. Or the Warwick Coach Room at 17th and Locust, a quiet male sanctuary which is open to escorted ladies at night. But Penn would be floored by the Latin Casino (which books Lena Horne-type entertainers) or the Rendezvous with its Muggsy Spanier, Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and Sarah Vaughan. While Philadelphia supports relatively few night clubs, considering the size of the metropolis, there's enough variety in places such as the Saxony, Orsatti's, the Celebrity Room, Polumbo's (the Philly version of the Stork Club) and a hole-in-the-wall like Bill Kretchmer's Jam Session on Ramstead off 17th.

Despite sporadic assaults on the Blue Laws, some of the anachronistic Sunday Laws of 1794 still prevail. Bars must be shut down by 1:00 a.m. week-days and by midnight on Saturday; Sundays are bone dry.

Philadelphia's restaurants are varied enough to satisfy the most fastidious gourmet intent on exotic foods, gracious dining or off-beat atmosphere. Probably the most renowned is Bookbinder's Old Original Restaurant on Walnut Street, a picturesque eatery with a Gay Nineties motif and clam chowder, shrimp a la Newburg and mountainous strawberry shortcake the specialties. In contrast, there's Shoyer's, famous for sweet-and-sour meatballs and Hungarian strudel; Lew Tendler's (who fought lightweight champion Benny Leonard regularly) for sporting characters; and Homestead Rest, an elegant old town house featuring cornsticks and biscuits. Take your pick of Dante's Corona di Ferro for shrimp marinara, the Smorgasbord for Swedish pancakes, South China for lobster Cantonese or Imhoff's for thick Philadelphia snapper soup with sherry and the huge slab of prime rib of beef.

For summer outdoor dining, the Belmont Manor Restaurant in Fairmount Park is a pleasant diversion.

The plush restaurants are at the Barclay Hotel on Rittenhouse Square, where you'll need a reservation, and the Warwick Hotel, with its talked-about shrimps Lamaze. Among other top-flight hotels in town are the Bellevue-Stratford, John Bartram, Benjamin Franklin and Adelphia. The Bellevue-Stratford, incidentally, will serve as headquarters for the Grand Lodge and will house exhibits of the Grand Lodge Committees and of *The Elks Magazine*.

With a bottomless bank account, a visitor and his wife can shoot the works in Philadelphia's multifarious marts. Market to Chestnut, between 7th and 17th, is jammed with big-name department stores and shops for every splurging whim. At the hub, on 8th and Market, are Strawbridge & Clothier, Gimbels and Lit Brothers. Nearby are Wanamaker, Bonwit Teller and Snellenburg. For gift silver there's Bailey, Banks and Biddle but there's also the average man's "jeweler's row" on 7th and Sansom where "merchants" can be seen on the street wearing four or five wrist watches for sale. Leary's Book Store on 9th below Walnut is one of the nation's best-loaded literary repositories. And for a change of eye-openers, amble through the Reading Terminal Market, an old-fashioned food bazaar of countless little shops with a Pennsylvania Dutch accent.

Philadelphia, obviously, has something for everyone—industrialist, merry-maker or culture-seeker. It's no one-man's town. It's the Philadelphia of Connie Mack and of former Justice Owen J. Roberts. It's the town of magnetic, cinematic Grace Kelly and of Charles E. "Chip" Bohlen, Ambassador to Russia. It's the Philly of "South Pacific's" James A. Michener as well as of the Philadelphia Orchestra's Eugene Ormandy.

IT'S A COLLECTION of neighborhoods—in effect, small towns—that add up to a sprawling metropolis and its people have had a lot of comfortable small-town ideas. More than in any other large city, its social life is largely confined to home entertainment and numerous private clubs. While Philadelphia has been reluctant to alter its ways, time marches on and a glance around town today shows the indelible marks of change.

In one respect, though, Philadelphia remains the same—as the City of Brotherly Love. It was William Penn who chose the name, translated from the Greek, and it's nice to know that "Philadelphia" actually means "brotherly love." Like the Elks, that's something the people are quietly proud of.

Recently, a Swedish couple spent a few weeks in the city. Upon leaving, they remarked to their host, "Everyone here is so friendly." Maybe that's the answer—and the open secret of Philadelphia.

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ELKS WORKSHOP



BY HARRY WALTON

First aid for home plumbing—with some simple repairs that you can make.

KNOWING A BIT about your home plumbing can save you inconvenience, high repair bills, or worse. Just being able to shut off the water in an emergency can make the difference between a routine repair and a costly re-decorating job.

Tag your shutoffs. You may know every cutoff valve in the cellar or utility room—but could your wife find the right one if a leak occurred while you were away? It's cheap insurance to wire a tag to each valve, stating what it's for and how it should be turned. A master list tacked up in a prominent spot will also be a help to quick action.

You can identify most valves by tracing the pipes connected to them. If in doubt, ask your plumber for the information.



TAG THEM FOR THE LADIES. In an emergency, the lady of the house may have to find the right valve in a hurry. Identifying tags will help her. This valve, for instance, could be a puzzler. It admits cold water to the hot-water line of a tankless takeoff, so regulating the water temperature for household use. Mark tags with arrows showing how valves should be turned, and what each will do.

To shut off ordinary valves, turn them clockwise as far as they will go. Those in supply lines are of course normally left open. Boiler filling valves and drain valves at the bottom of boilers and hot-water tanks will of course normally be shut. Those to yard hydrants should be closed during cold weather (but the outside faucets should be left open to drain standing water).

If any valve refuses to turn, make sure you're trying to twist it in the right direction. Forcing it (with a big wrench for example) may twist off the stem. However, make sure each valve you tag *can* be turned; if it is corroded or frozen fast, it won't be of much use when needed.

The master valve near the meter shuts off all water in the house. You can close it for making repairs, but it's more convenient to close the valve to the branch line involved, leaving water available elsewhere.

Air in, water out. Even when you close the supply valve, a cellar or kitchen spigot will keep dribbling until the pipe running to upstairs faucets has emptied itself. If you want to work on a downstairs fitting, open it and also the top-most faucet on that line, which will let air in and release the water.

Stopping that drip. A dripping faucet never cures itself, and it can waste an amazing amount of water. First of all, shut off the water. There may be a shut-off valve just below the offending faucet that you can close without depriving any other faucet of water.

In the common compression faucet (Fig. 1) a flat washer on the end of a threaded stem is screwed down on a flat seat surrounding the flow opening.

easier if the handle is turned open a bit.

With the cap nut loose, unscrew the stem from the faucet body. Take out the screw holding the washer, pry this out with an awl or other sharp point, and replace with a new one of the right size. Use heat-resistant washers for hot-water faucets. If the retaining screw has a damaged slot or thread, get a new one. Tighten it well against the new washer.

No washer will remain drip-free if the valve seat has been scored by hard use

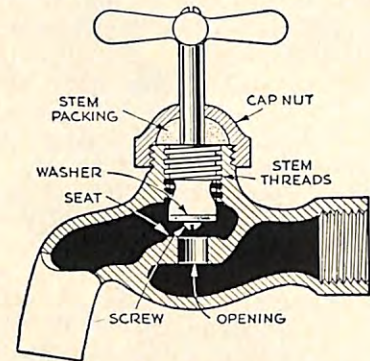


FIG. 1. COMPRESSION FAUCET

or grit. An inexpensive reaming tool will renew the seat. The captioned photos show how it is used.

Screw the stem loosely back into the faucet and turn the cap nut back on. Should water leak out around the stem with the faucet turned on, try tightening the cap nut further, but not so much that it binds the stem. If the leakage continues, shut off the water again. Take out the screw that holds in the handle (it may be under a knurled cap which also unscrews). Tap the handle upward to remove it, and replace the packing washer. If such a washer isn't handy, a fair substitute is a few turns of graphited valve packing or even oiled, waxed, or well-soaped string wound on the stem.

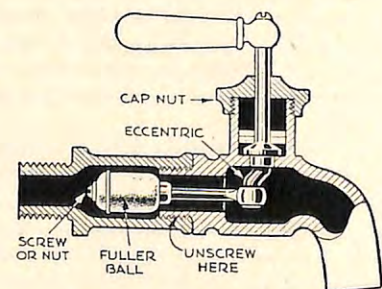


FIG. 2. FULLER-BALL FAUCET

Another type of faucet has a Fuller ball (Fig. 2) instead of a disk washer. To replace the ball, the faucet must be unscrewed from its pipe. Remove the screw or nut holding the ball to its shaft and put on a new ball. If the actuating eccentric on the handle stem or the eye on the ball shaft is badly worn, these parts may not pull the ball up tightly against its seat, and will have to be replaced. Stem leakage can be repaired as in compression faucets.

A third type of faucet has a tapered plug working in a tapered hole, cross holes in both members lining up as the

plug is turned. Such faucets may leak if the retaining nut or screw at the small end of the plug is not tight. Grooving and pitting of the valve faces may also cause leaking. Although regrinding is possible, it may be easier to install a new faucet.

Quieting faucet noises. A rattle, tapping or other noise occurring when a compression faucet is open may be due to a loose cap nut, a loose washer, or worn stem threads. In a Fuller faucet, a loose ball or worn linkage may cause the same trouble.

If tightening up loose parts does not stop the racket, new parts or a new faucet may be needed. But don't confuse such noises with water hammer, which occurs in the pipes when a faucet is suddenly shut. The cure for this is to install air standpipes in the lines—a job for a plumber.

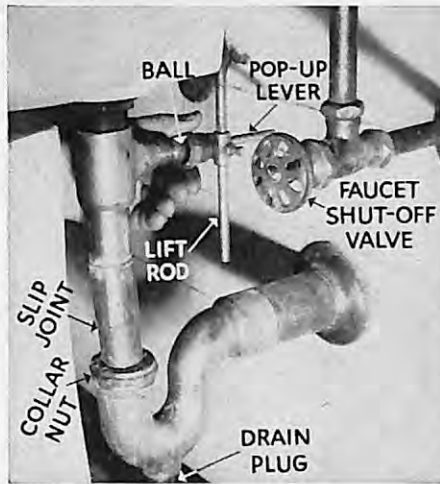
How to open drains. Try a rubber force cup first. Run a little water into the bowl or basin, place the cup squarely over the drain and work it vigorously. Once the water runs, pour boiling water into the drain to help clear it.

Where this fails, a chemical drain cleaner can be used. Follow directions on the can, taking care not to splash this strong caustic poison on the hands, face, or eyes. Never use a force cup with it. Splashes will damage paint and even aluminum trim. (Of course children should be nowhere near, and unused chemical should be kept out of their reach).

If the water still won't run out, put a bucket under the gooseneck or trap you'll find under the drain. Unscrew the plug at the bottom. Insert a wire with a hooked end to pull out the obstruction. If you have previously put in chemical cleaner, be extremely careful not to splash water on yourself.

Scrub out the trap with a bottle brush, flush with hot water, replace the drain plug, and flush again.

If there is no clean-out plug, the trap will have to be opened. Loosen the big nut on the vertical leg, and you'll be able to slide open the slip joint, and so get a wire into the trap. If the packing washer



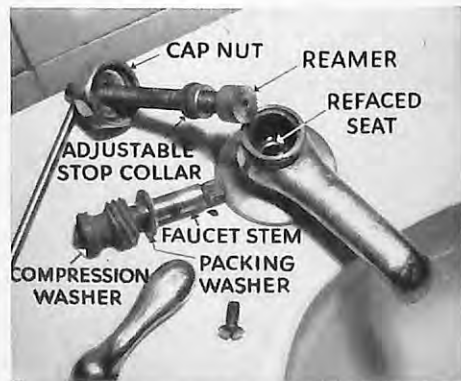
POP-UP WASHBOWL STOPPERS should be cleaned frequently. To service this one, for example, the ball joint on the lever must be unscrewed. The lever is next withdrawn from the eye at the bottom end of the stopper, which can then be lifted out from above for cleaning. The drain shown can be cleaned out by removing the plug at the bottom of the gooseneck.

under the union nut is in bad shape, wrap soaped cord around the pipe before re-tightening the nut.

If with the trap cleaned out the drain still doesn't work, you can use a coil spring-steel auger to reach into the waste line. This steel cable can be inserted into drains, trap openings and even toilet bowls, for it snakes itself around bends. It can be worked back and forth to force out obstructions or turned to bore through them. Whenever possible, the obstruction should be pulled out so that it will not lodge further on. If the auger fails, a plumber should be called.

Drum traps, commonly used for bathtubs, are usually below floor level and covered with a metal plate. This must be removed and the cap beneath it unscrewed. Then accumulations can be spooned out.

Note: Mr. Walton prepared considerably more information about plumbing repairs this month, which we were forced to hold because of space. However, the material will run in a later issue.



TO REFACE A FAUCET SEAT, remove the handle, unscrew the cap nut, draw out the stem, and insert the spindle of the refacing tool instead. Smear wet soap on the fiber washer above the stop collar. Adjust this and screw the cap nut on the faucet just far enough to make the reamer turn on the valve seat with slight resistance. Insert rod handle to turn it clockwise a few times, or until seat is uniformly bright and smooth. Put a new compression washer on the stem before reassembling the faucet. Remount handle at whatever position is convenient.



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APRIL

What is April to you?



To some people April is the month on the 19th of which the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard 'round the world.

To others it may be looked forward to this year as the month of the Christian Easter or of the Jewish Passover.

April also means baseball and golf.

Whatever else it may mean to you it also, and importantly, means to you as an Elk, a new set of subordinate lodge officers being installed.

And so The Elks Magazine at this time desires to extend to the officers about to be installed, its best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable year in the offices which they are about to assume.

And we hope that each reader of The Elks Magazine, no matter what attention other projects or pleasures demand from him, will have the time and have the desire and determination to give the new lodge officers the best and fullest measure of support of which he is capable.

GOALPOSTS



Not many days will elapse before excited boys will shout the sand lots of America to life. Their vociferous glee, as they inaugurate the new season with the traditional bat, ball and glove, will carry to our minds a bright picture detailing all that the electric scene represents.

Young Harry, we will observe, has forgotten for the moment his dreams of becoming an architect as he pounds his new first baseman's mitt. He and his teammates are giving themselves over completely to the business at hand—the business, not only of throwing and hitting a ball, but the larger accomplishment of forging their character in sportsmanship as it can be developed only on free soil.

As their game progresses, in the tense lines punctuated by shouts and laughter, they are bringing into play virtues bred in them at home, ideals implanted in their hearts at church, training given them in school. Unconsciously, they aid one another to develop a sense of responsibility, fair play, teamwork and respect for neighbor.

How very much different it would be for young Harry if his arena, instead of an unfenced American sandlot, were a neighborhood in the shadows of the Iron Curtain. Over there, instead of the art of sportsmanship and the free interplay of thought, he would be trained to eye everyone around him with suspicion. In school, he would be encouraged to spy on his fellow students, as described in the recent news reports from East Germany. In his home, he would be under obligation constantly to evaluate every remark made by his parents, brothers and sisters and to report any statements against Communism to the local party leader. Young Harry would have his excitement, it is true, but it would be the quiverings of fear lest something he

himself might do or say were misconstrued and distorted by a classmate seeking to gain favor with the local party boss.

Instead of placing his trust in God, in parents, in neighbors, he would bind himself over to unquestioning espousal of Communist mouthings, steeped in hatred. He would be obliged for his own comfort to mold himself into a stern, suspicious, fearful automaton.

In considering young Harry's good fortune, let us reappraise our own. Surely to live free from constraint, suspicion and inborn hatred, to have opportunity to exercise one's own devotion, loyalty and judgment, are wonderful blessings. It seems to us, however, that it is not enough to sit and merely look at such a treasure with complacency. Everyone in the realm of Freedom should act to keep this free world of ours a dynamic one, not only by guarding every moment what we already have, but by tirelessly working to improve it.

TEACHING CHARITY



In this issue of The Elks Magazine there appears a picture of the Thompson family of Santa Ana, California, with little Debby dropping a coin in the piggy bank to raise money for the California Elks major project—the fight against cerebral palsy.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis, in forwarding the photograph to us, stated that the main purpose of installing piggy banks in every Elks home in California was to educate their wives and children in respect to the cerebral palsy project and, beyond that, to the benefits and the opportunities of Elk membership.

Since as the twig is bent the tree is inclined, may we not believe that the child brought up in such surroundings where money is being raised for unfortunate children stricken by a dread affliction will be influenced by that experience and will grow up with ingrained qualities of thoughtfulness for others, of kindness and of charity.

YOUTH DAY—AN OPPORTUNITY



As it has been since 1950, May 1 again this year will be observed throughout the Order as Elks National Youth Day. There will be no more important event this year or any other year, and we hope that not one Elks Lodge will fail to stage a Youth Day

Program measuring up to the opportunities of this Day.

It is certain that nearly all of our 1,702 Lodges will celebrate Youth Day. They will bestow honors to scholars and to young people who have demonstrated that they have the stuff of which leaders are made. They will give proud recognition to boys and girls who have served their communities well as junior citizens. In all manner of ways the Elks will manifest their interest in our youngsters.

For more than a half-century Elks have been discharging in thousands of splendid ways our responsibility to youth. Youth Day comes as a fitting climax to the activities that our lodges carry on throughout the year. Properly observed, it will bring youth closer to their elders, cementing a relationship based on mutual respect, understanding and confidence, and help to build citizenship for America's future greatness.

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