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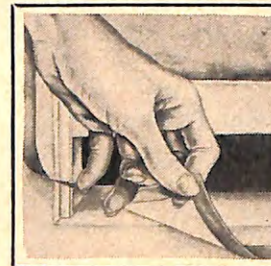
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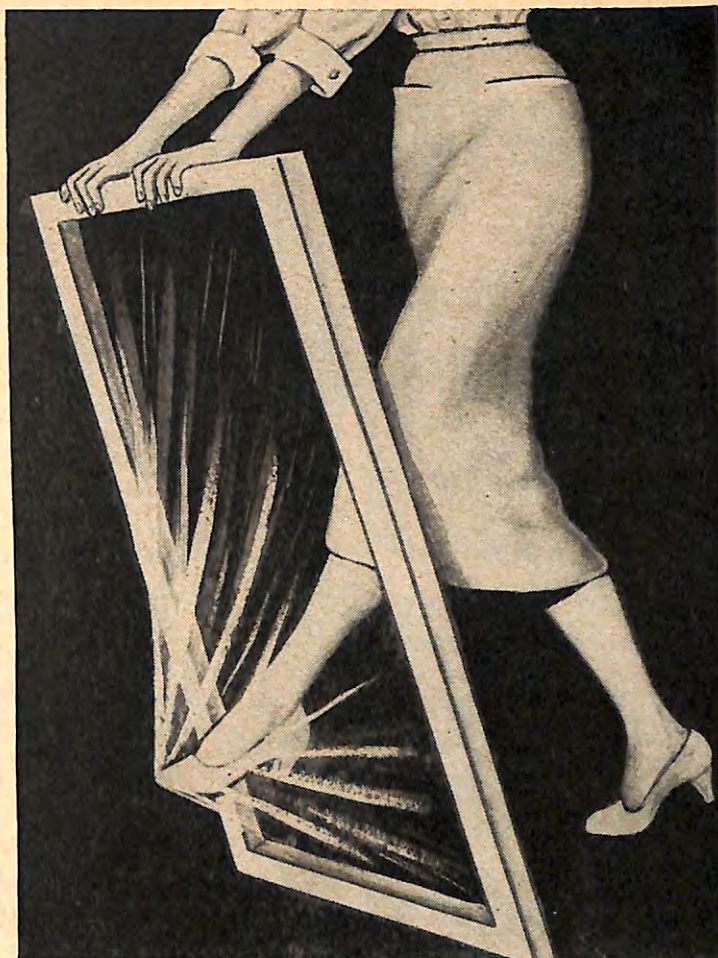
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Facts That Speak

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Come Fall, Washington welcomes a strange variety
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SKAGIT FLATS SNOWS

BY HOWARD E. JACKSON

THE North Wind doth blow, and we will have snow geese on the Skagit Flats in Washington State. These snow geese are related to, but outcasts from, the lesser snow geese. Definitely independent, and somewhat mysterious. Whereas the other lesser snows nest mostly to the north and east along the Arctic Coast and islands of North America, concentrating in such places as the McKenzie River Delta and Banks Land, it is thought that these special snows cross the Bering Straits to Siberia and nest somewhere in the northeastern part of Russia.

The best evidence of this possibility is the fact that these strange snows land on the flats near Petersburg, Alaska, where they are hunted, and that they take off again in a northwesterly direction. Local flyers have followed them as far as they could go to the Straits. It would be an easy jump for the birds across to Siberia

... but so far no one has volunteered to fly on into Communist territory to prove the point.

What happened to a lot of these snows over the years is anybody's guess. Maybe some of them did go to concentration camps, but more than likely the fluctuation in number was the result of reproduction . . . the failure or success of the mating seasons in the north country. For many years the Skagit snows numbered only about 4,000. Some ten years ago they built up to 40,000. Then they dropped suddenly to 16,000 in 1950. During the last few years they have averaged out at about 20,000.

Skagit Flats can hold its own for hunting, with about twenty per cent young, but juveniles have been as low as one and a half per cent, and as high as fifty per cent, so you never know just what kind of hunting to expect. When there are few young (*Continued on page 51*)

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News of the

State Associations

JOHN L. WALKER JOINS WISCONSIN DELEGATES

His first official State Assn. visit as Grand Exalted Ruler was made by John L. Walker in August, when he was guest of honor of the Wisconsin Elks Assn. at its 53rd Annual Convention. Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton and Alfred E. LaFrance, retiring Pres., Mr. Walker was welcomed to Wausau by Mayor Arthur M. Smith, E.R. A. W. Kowalchuk and P.E.R. E. G. Leist, General Convention Chairman. These dignitaries joined Mr. Walker in dining on a three-foot silver salmon sent to him from the State of Washington by its Lt.-Gov., Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, and presented by former Grand Lodge Committeeman E. H. Lattimer.

Speaking before hundreds of Elks and their wives at the opening banquet session the following evening, the Order's new leader stressed its interest in our young people. In his talk, Pres. LaFrance praised the lodges of his State for topping the 1954-55 Elks National Foundation gift goal of \$7,000 by nearly \$5,000, and for their expenditure of over \$22,000 on our hospitalized veterans. State Secy. Leo Schmalz of Kaukauna, who was again reelected to office at this conclave, spoke of a 144 net gain in membership.

Kenneth F. Sullivan of Madison was chosen to head this organization. Other officials named at the conclave were Arno J. Miller, Portage, Vice-Pres.-at-Large; Wm. H. Otto, Racine, Treas.; Fred Theilacker, Milwaukee; Bert W. Becker, Marshfield; Carlton Mauthe, Fond du Lac, Vice-Presidents; Charles Hervey, Appleton, Inner Guard; James G. Franey, Eau Claire, Sgt.-at-Arms; John Gauerke,

Green Bay, Chaplain; J. M. Van Rooy, Appleton, Trustee.

Madison will be host to the 1956 Convention. Oshkosh took the team title in the golf tourney in which 155 were entered. Madison and Fond du Lac won second- and third-place honors.

Judge Gerald J. Boileau was the Memorial Services speaker with the Wausau Elks Male Chorus furnishing several appropriate selections. Entertainment included a public demonstration by the National Drill Team Champions, the Milwaukee Elks Plugs.

NEARLY 2,500 AT WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION

The 53rd Annual Convention of the Washington State Elks Assn. at Aberdeen June 23, 24 and 25 found nearly 2,500 Elks and guests in attendance. Among the distinguished speakers were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities and Aberdeen's Mayor Ed Lundgren.

Encouraging reports on the progress of the Assn.'s three Major Project Cerebral Palsy Mobile Units were underscored by the introduction of Diane Farrell, a six-year-old victim able to walk for the first time as a direct result of treatment she has received through one of the Units. A parade of contributors to this project was led by representatives of Spokane Elksdom with a generous gift of \$6,000, the largest single donation received to date, and \$2,800 in scholarships were awarded to five outstanding therapy students by the Committee. In addition, three Elks National Foundation scholarships totaling \$900 were presented, and the State's two Youth Leaders rewarded.

Washington's Championship Ritualistic Team from Tacoma was presented, and Tacoma's entry was declared tops in the special circulating band contest.

Following the meeting's adjournment, when the delegates decided to convene at Tacoma next summer, Centralia Lodge was host at a dinner honoring the retiring State officers and their successors; they are William Singer of Centralia, President; William C. King, Bellingham; Felix Rea, Ephrata, and F. George Warren, Olympia, Vice-Presidents; Tom Randall, Lake City, Secy.; E. O. Johnson, Tacoma, Treas.; Robert Gaines, Auburn, Tiler; W. E. Bysegger, Tacoma, Chaplain; Ted Butcher, Centralia, Sgt.-at-Arms; Clarence Simmonds, Seattle, Trustee-at-Large, and John Anderson, Tacoma; St. Clair Spence, Longview; Henry Pederson, Renton; Richard Harpole, Bremerton; W. Keylor Smith, Walla Walla, and Walter Hagerman, Ellensburg, District Trustees.

\$10,000 GIFT MADE TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN BY CONNECTICUT ELKS

At their June 11th Convention in New Britain, Connecticut Elks Assn. representatives voted a \$10,000 donation to the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children which these Elks have assisted financially for many years. The gift will be spent on the erection of a pavilion between the cerebral-palsy wings of the Hospital, constructed of special glass in the form of jalousies to permit fresh air and the sun's ultra-violet rays to penetrate the building, while preventing heat rays to enter.

The platform on which the pavilion will be built was erected by the Connecticut Elks several years ago at a cost of \$4,200; a year ago they installed special railings at a cost of \$490. The funds for these projects have been raised through the efforts of the Assn.'s Cerebral Palsy Committee, headed by P.D.D. Edwin J. Maley, Secy. of New Haven Lodge and 2nd Vice-Pres. of his Assn.

Other 1955-56 officers are Merritt S. Ackerman, Middletown, President; Wm. J. Cahill, Jr., of Meriden, 1st Vice-Pres., Edward J. Connolly, Milford, Secy., and John J. Nugent, Ansonia, Treas.; George Lambert, Charles W. Bennett, and John F. McIlvenny were appointed Chaplain, Sgt.-at-Arms and Tiler, respectively.

SEVERAL NASHUA ELKS AMONG NEW HAMPSHIRE LEADERS

Five of the 12 officials who were installed at the 1955 New Hampshire Elks Assn. Convention were members of the host lodge of Nashua. They are headed



Former Presidents of the New Jersey Elks Assn. at its recent Convention are, seated, left to right: George L. Hirtzel, Richard P. Hughes, Arthur Scheffler, Charles P. McGovern, Harold W. Swallow and Secy. Harold L. Wertheimer; standing: August F. Greiner, Joseph Bader of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Pres. William R. Thorne, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Edward J. Griffith, Charles Maurer, Joseph O'Toole and Louis Spine.



Left: Selecting Seminole Indian costumes during the Florida Convention, worn later at the Grand Lodge Session, left to right: Grand Trustee William A. Wall, retiring Pres. J. Alex Arnette, incoming Pres. Frank J. Holt and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland.



Right: Student Miss Rose Marie Pribil of Eau Claire accepts checks totaling \$1,300 from Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, left, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation whose second-place \$900 award for 1955 was won by Miss Pribil. The presentation took place at the Wisconsin Elks Convention.

by Henry J. Salvail as President, and include David E. Peterson as Secy.; Wm. S. Reich, Treas.; C. Elmer Wilson, Organist, and David F. Quirk, Chaplain.

Vice-Presidents are Lucien Langelier, Rochester; Leonard A. Taylor, Portsmouth, and Guy A. Rich, Littleton. Joseph L. Collette of Claremont is Trustee, John A. Hughes, Concord is Tiler; John A. Goggin, Claremont, Sgt.-at-Arms, and G. E. Zahos, Keene, Inner Guard.

Rochester will be the site of the 1956 Meeting, it was decided by the 85 delegates, who voted to continue financial aid to Crochted Mountain Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children, and to incorporate a Charity Fund to dispense emergency funds under jurisdiction of a Board of Trustees.

Laconia Lodge won permanent possession of a plaque signifying its three-year success in the Ritualistic Contest.

The Convention closed with the President's Banquet, a social highlight which paralleled in attendance the Association Ball the previous evening.

RHODE ISLAND'S YOUTH AWARD GOES TO NEWPORT FOR FIFTH TIME

The efforts of Newport Elksdom in behalf of our young people were again rewarded when over 200 persons attending the R. I. Elks Assn. Convention at Westerly June 18-19 saw the State Youth Plaque go to that lodge for the fifth year.

Officials of West Warwick captured the Ritualistic Title in a close contest with the Providence team, and Pawtucket was selected as the site for the 1956 conclave.

A \$600 scholarship was awarded to Assunta A. Galluci by Committee Chairman James F. Miller, and Hospital Service Commission Chairman Dr. Edward C. Morin's recommendation that the delegates authorize the purchase of hand weaving looms for the VA Hospital in Providence was acted upon favorably.

P.D.D. James F. Duffy, Jr., delivered

the Memorial Address and P.D.D. Paul F. Murray was in charge of the installation of the following officials: Pres., John W. Moakler, Providence; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Richard A. Moran, Pawtucket; Vice-Presidents, James W. Leighton, West Warwick; Frank L. Suffoletto, Woonsocket; Leo P. McGowan, Bristol County; Marshall S. Yemma, South Kingstown; Frank R. Muzerall, Newport, and Merton B. Lewis, Westerly. Dr. Morin of Pawtucket was reelected Treas. of the organization, with Clifton W. Higham, Providence, as Secy.; Peter Moretti, Sgt.-at-Arms; G. Dana Manson, Chaplain, and Joseph P. Carroll, Tiler.

Trustees are Albert Lingley, Providence; Thomas R. Doherty, South Kingstown; Frank Peabody, Newport; Edward L. McWilliams, Bristol County; John Boumenot, Westerly; Michael Regauld, West Warwick; F. E. McKenna, Woonsocket, and P. J. Keane, Pawtucket.

HAGERSTOWN SCENE OF MD., DELA. AND D.C. MEETING

Special guests of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Assn. at its 35th Annual Convention at Hagerstown Aug. 11th through the 14th included two former leaders of Elksdom, Dr. Robert South Barrett and Howard R. Davis, as well as Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Grand Lodge State Assns. Committeeman John Schafe, former Grand Lodge Committeeman H. Earl Pitzer and P.D.D. Hubert A. Gallagher of Pennsylvania.

Retiring Pres. Charles L. Mobley introduced Hagerstown's Mayor, P.E.R. Winslow F. Burhans, who extended his official welcome to the nearly 900 persons in attendance. Following Dr. Barrett's address stressing the importance of the Assn.'s Boys Camp Program, Scholarship Committee Chairman Lloyd B. Pahlman presented a \$400 Elks National Foundation check to Miss Jane Irving.

Former Grand Lodge Committeeman Rosell T. Pickrel handed the Youth Activities prizes to Towson E.R. Edward J. Sinon for Miss Susan Whiteford, and to Cumberland E.R. Wm. J. Aumiller, for George C. Eskin. The plaque for outstanding youth work was accepted for Washington, D. C., Lodge by Mr. Pickrel.

Veterans Hospital Service Committeeman Hawthorne reported that \$9,480 had been spent on this program during the year, speaking highly of the capable assistance being given in this work by P.E.R. W. Seymour Hall of Washington.

Officers elected at this Convention were Pres., Paul Shutt, Sr., Havre de Grace; Vice-Presidents, Edward J. Sinon, Towson; Thomas Corbitt, Pocomoke City, and Lester Thompson, Essex; Secy., R. Edward Dove, Annapolis; Treas., Joseph G. Motyka, Washington, D. C.; Trustees, Earl Huber, Prince George's County; Louis A. Myers, Salisbury, and James Raughley, Easton.

NEW JERSEY ELKS MEET IN ASBURY PARK

The Elks of Asbury Park were gracious hosts to the June 17th and 18th meeting of the N. J. Elks Assn., attended by 230 delegates from 72 lodges, including 12 former Presidents of the organization.

The State Assn.'s outstanding crippled children's work was outlined at this conclave, as was the successful veterans activities program which is carried on by Past Pres. Charles Maurer. Bridgeton Lodge won top honors for its magnificent youth activities, and it was revealed that New Jersey Elksdom had been expanded by the attainment of six new lodges during the year.

The largest parade in Assn. history had 22 musical units and a total of 32 lodges represented with floats and 990 marching members. Social highlight of

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—the local hunters of the Caribbean islands call the fast, erratic, unpredictable jacksnipe.

BY DAN HOLLAND

MIDNIGHT is still far way, but to the lonely young snipe hunter experiencing his first big outdoor adventure it seems that surely dawn must break soon. He stands in a foot of swamp water and muck, feet spread so that his knees won't knock together, and stares into the surrounding blackness, a blank and empty void yet alive with a tumult of strange voices. He stands and twists his head from side to side, but he no longer looks into the dark hopefully or patiently. His lantern is still burning, but not brightly enough, and his gunny sack, which he thought would be full of snipe by now, hangs empty and limp at his side. It is a warm, late-summer night, yet he shivers until his teeth click. He assures himself that it is only the dank swamp mists rising and swirling about him that make him shiver; then a great-horned owl over in the piney woods says, "Hooo, hooo, hoo-hoo-wa," and the

shivers bump into one another running up and down his spine.

A couple of hours ago he had been wide-eyed and expectant when they had stationed him there with his gunny sack and lantern. "Hold the lantern in front of the mouth of the sack," they had instructed. "When the snipe commence to fly, they'll come to the light like moths and fly right into the sack. Just be patient." And then they had left him. He had been hopeful at first, if a bit apprehensive. From all about him in the swamp came the night noises, many of which were new and strange to his ears. Some whispered; some screeched. He could only imagine their origin. A muskrat slithering through the reeds nearly sounded as large as a crocodile; the splash of a feeding pickerel out in the deep water might have been a body thrown in. Even some of the insect calls sounded much too loud and piercing to have come from

anything the size of a bug. When a bat dipped close to his head, he ducked involuntarily, dropping his gunny sack as he did, and he was sure that he had missed his first opportunity to catch a snipe. But that seemed a long while ago now, and he no longer hoped for a snipe to jump into the sack. He expected only the worst.

A misshapen half moon peeked slowly out from behind the bluff, like a half-closed, jaundiced eye. As it gradually rose into full view, the pale light it cast across the marsh, as feeble as it was, gave him the courage to desert his station in the swamp and start toward dry ground. He took one cautious step, and a frog leaped from its perch on a raft of reeds with a startled "yaaaak!" The snipe hunter caught his breath, clenched his teeth, and commenced to ease forward again toward shore. He was progressing
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ROBERT RIGER



A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



PLAN ELKDOM'S PROGRESS

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY CONFERENCES which were held in Bedford, Salt Lake City and Chicago were highly successful. The District Deputies and State Association Presidents were fully briefed concerning our program and their duties and responsibilities under "A Plan For Elkdom's Progress." All those in attendance enthusiastically accepted the Plan and evidenced a determination to "Serve Elkdom—Live Elkdom" that was most gratifying.

During the month of September the District Deputies held District Conferences or Clinics with the Exalted Rulers, Esteemed Leading Knights and Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges and with State Association officers and others interested in Elkdom.

Membership Control is, and will continue to be, our primary objective this year. Both to focus attention upon the problem and to help solve it, Membership Control Contests are now being conducted for the Subordinate Lodges, the District Deputies, and the State Associations.

In the Improvement In Dues Delinquency Contest each lodge is competing against the record it wrote last year. In order that every lodge may compete with similarly situated lodges, they have been divided into leagues based upon last year's record. There are awards for the lodge in each league that wins in District, State or National competition. An award will also be given each lodge that improves its record at least 50 per cent. Special awards will be given to all lodges that have 100 per cent paid-up membership on March 31st without having dropped anyone for non-payment of dues.

As part of the Membership Control Program we are also conducting a Net Gain In Membership Contest. Our objective this year is a net gain of 5 per cent in membership.

In addition to the awards for the Subordinate Lodges in both of these contests, there are similar awards for the winning District Deputies and State Associations.

Recently I had a most inspirational experience: En route to Wausau for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State

Elks Association, which was an outstanding success. I was privileged to visit Stevens Point Lodge No. 641. That lodge, which has a membership of approximately 675, has had a 100 per cent paid-up membership for the past seven years, without having dropped a member for the non-payment of dues. In view of our Membership Control Program for this year, I was particularly happy to visit that successful lodge. It has had its lapsation problems but it has solved them. An efficient Secretary works with an effective Lapsation Committee in close cooperation with all the officers and members.

What Stevens Point and Watsonville, California, Lodge No. 1300 have done can be done by many of our other lodges. Those that cannot have perfect records can at least materially improve the ones they now have.

I personally appeal to each lodge Secretary, to each Lapsation Committee, and to the other lodge officers to take the necessary action to get their members paid up as the October 1st deadline approaches.

If Elkdom is to go forward—and it will go forward—we must not overlook the necessity of expanding the usefulness of our Order and of spreading Elkdom's influence by the organization of new lodges wherever there is a community that is ready for one.

I am sure that each lodge will participate in National Newspaper Week and in the Stray Elk Round-up programs that have been planned for October by the Lodge Activities Committee. I am equally confident that each lodge will have available a large group of carefully selected candidates for initiation in "Plan Elkdom's Progress" Class in November.

"Plan Elkdom's Progress" has been our theme. The preliminary work has been done. The leaders in Elkdom on local, state and national level are familiar with their duties and have gone into action. It is now the privilege and duty of each loyal Elk to promote Elkdom's progress at all times and thereby

"Serve Elkdom—Live Elkdom".

Our Goal for the Year—a net gain of five per cent in the Order's membership.

John L. Walker
GRAND EXALTED RULER

“Stars Fall on Alabama”

Elks see to it that Birmingham VA patients meet many celebrities

FOR MANY YEARS, the Elks of Alabama, like those of every other State, have put on shows for patients in our VA Hospitals. But in 1953, when the 478-bed hospital in Birmingham was opened, a series of special entertainment programs for the patients there was inaugurated by Alabama Elksdom, and the list of performers who have donated their talent reads like the daydream of a Broadway talent scout.

From the very beginning, the Jefferson County Elks, working closely with the Hospital's recreation department, have

produced a show each month with regular performers including most of the State's top artists—Marilyn Tate, for instance, later “Miss Alabama”—augmented by personal appearances of many big names in the theatrical world, television and radio.

Under the supervision of T. D. Stephens, General Chairman of the Elks Service Committee of the area, Ira Naler, a Birmingham Elk who is Publicity Chairman for his State Association and emphasizes the veterans' activities of his fellow members, does a terrific job of pro-

moting free talent for these shows; as a result they've taken on the flavor of a Broadway nightclub. Every type of entertainer has been secured—from dancers, instrumentalists and pantomimists to trained birds and dogs; there is regularly assembled an array of talent that is the envy of every booking agent.

The popular Frances Langford has appeared for the Alabama Elks, as has Sunny Fox, a well-known nightclub entertainer, and Neil Hamilton, erstwhile movie star who has become a TV favorite.

For their last Christmas show, the boys applauded a string of fast and varied artists on a program highlighted by the appearance of Hollywood song writer and producer Hugh Martin, Jr., and movie and TV actress Allene Roberts.

Sports Stars Participate

Top sports figures have also cooperated in making hospital life bearable for the veterans at Birmingham. . . . At one affair, intermission time found a hot-stove session in full swing, with the servicemen having their baseball problems straightened out by such diamond luminaries as Frank House, catcher for the Detroit Tigers, Al Worthington, N. Y. Giant farmhand recently called up from Minneapolis by the 1954 Series winners, and Royce Lint who pitches for the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League.

All the performers donate their time, except the musicians whose services are obtained through Mr. Petrillo's local representatives and paid for through a Union transcription fund; Ted Brooks and his unit have played for all but one of these affairs.

These events, always emceed by a capable radio or TV announcer, are mighty popular; as one of the ex-GIs was heard to say: “If it's an Elk's show, it's bound to be good.”



Above: This scene, photographed during the first Jefferson County Elks program at the Birmingham, Ala., VA Hospital, is being repeated every month with many added attractions.

Right: An innovation in the type of entertainment offered by the Alabama Elks at the Birmingham Hospital occurred this summer when the Dressler family, two members of which are shown here with MC Tom Chapman of radio WSGN entertained. Former residents of Vienna, the Dresslers performed melodiously and then accepted as gifts the American flags displayed proudly by Doris and Rennault.



News of the Lodges



Following the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, this group of Elks and their wives took a plane for Hawaii where they were pictured as they received the traditional welcome of the Islands. The trip and highly enjoyable visit, the second annual Post Convention Tour of Hawaii, were arranged through the cooperation of Hilo and Honolulu Lodges and the Hawaiian Visitors Bureau.



Each year, the Elks of Waterville, Me., entertain crippled children from Pine Tree Camp. Last year they enjoyed a barbecue and sports movies; this year they were entertained by Hans Waecker and his famous puppet show, which was obviously a big hit with the Elks' 120 young guests.

Rochester, Minn., Elks Are Sports-Minded

Members of Rochester Lodge No. 1091 have aroused community-wide interest through their sponsorship of sports trips to big-league baseball and football games. Lodge officers feel the tours not only add to the members' social life, but attract the community's attention to the many enjoyable functions that are a part of Elkdom.

The original tour, many years ago,

took a special train-load of Elk fans to Minneapolis to see an American Assn. baseball game and visit Minneapolis Lodge No. 44. In recent years, the trips have included Chicago and Milwaukee for major-league baseball games; a feature of one of the latest jaunts were both a baseball game and a pro big-league football fracas.

The tours are arranged by Rochester Lodge's Sports Committee under a "package deal" plan. No profit is derived from the trips and many "extras" are

thrown in. On overnight trips, the price of the ticket entitles each fan to transportation, a seat at the game and hotel accommodations.

Rochester sports enthusiasts are looking forward to a trip to Minneapolis this month for the Minnesota Gophers' homecoming football game against Southern California. Three bus-loads of fans are prepared to make the trip.

Earl Garletz, active for years on the Elks' Sports Committee, is serving as this year's Chairman.

Middletown, Ohio, Cerebral Palsy Center Gets Elk Aid

Last May, at the Ohio State Elks Assn. Convention at Columbus, Middletown Lodge No. 257 requested a \$5,000 donation of its Cerebral Palsy Fund for the benefit of the local CP Center.

The Board acted favorably on this request and in July, Chairman Walter G. Penry of the State Elks Cerebral Palsy Committee, and a former member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, together with District Elk Committee Chairman Ed Wight, personally presented a \$3,000 gift to Pres. H. Haskins of the Butler County CP Centers, and Myron Swack, Director of the Center at Middletown. Because the Statutes of the State Elks CP Fund limit to \$3,000 the amount of a grant to any individual Center, it was impossible for the Committee to provide the full amount requested by the Middletown Elks.

Middle-man in the exchange was E.R. Britton Kendrick of Lodge No. 257 whose members have contributed nearly \$1,300 to the State Elks' Cerebral Palsy Fund, through which the grant was made.

The donation will be used by the Center to extend its facilities with new equipment and the addition of capable and efficient technicians to aid in training handicapped children.

\$10,000 Ambulance Given City By Wheeling, W. Va., Elks

The Elks of Wheeling Lodge No. 28 have presented to their city a shining new \$10,000, fully-equipped, Cadillac ambulance for use by the local Fire Department and the addition of capable and efficient technicians to aid in training handicapped children.

The keys to the new E-car were presented to Fire Chief William McFadden by Morgan Wallace, E.R. of Wheeling Lodge, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner and Mayor Jack R. Adams as pleased witnesses.

The members of the lodge voted to make the gift as part of its Social and Community Welfare Program. Fully equipped, the new ambulance will carry the Fire Dept.'s emergency crew on its errands of mercy which average six a day. Capable of accommodating as many as four patients at one time, the new E-car has a built-in resuscitator with two outlets, in addition to a portable resusci-



Secy. Glen Avery of Scottsbluff, Neb., Lodge, second from left, presents a \$2,500 check to Chairman Emmet Marshall of the Scottsbluff Banner County Red Cross, as part of his lodge's gift to victims of the tornado which struck a nearby community in June. At left is Jim Nordstrom, Red Cross Field Representative for Western Nebraska, and at right, is the lodge's Board of Trustees Chairman Neal R. Wallace.



Seven of the nine 50-year Leavenworth, Kans., Elks honored at the lodge's 54th Anniversary celebration are, left to right, seated: Charter Members Charles P. Olund, lodge Secy. for 30 years; Wm. P. Feth, and J. V. Kelly, all P.E.R.'s. Standing: Dr. A. L. Suwalsky, Dr. G. Ralph Combs, Lee Bond, another Charter Member, and Burt F. Morton, lodge Treas. for 30 years. Absent were P.E.R. N. P. Burt and Dr. S. J. Renz.



E.R. C. S. Lowrie, left, and Secy. E. G. Moore, right, pictured with some of the Elks' ladies who assisted in the recent Blood Drive sponsored by the members of Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge. Through the splendid efforts of the Elks, who handled the entire campaign, the two-day goal of 300 pints was exceeded by 50.



This busload of foreign exchange students visited Beckley, W. Va., over a recent weekend. Brought to this country under the auspices of the American Field Service, the delegation, representing 13 countries, toured a modern coal mine in operation, under escort of E.R. William F. Watts, standing at right.



E.R. Earnest Heeb of Bozeman, Mont., Lodge throws the switch putting the Hyalite Youth Camp's new power plant into operation. At the dedication of this Elk project, made possible through the success of the lodge's Minstrel Show, were, left to right: Bill Sherwood, Dr. Wayne Thompson, President of the Camp Association, Mr. Heeb and Youth Activities Committee Chairman George Barrett.



E.R. Lawrence J. Geier of Brawley, Calif., Lodge, left, presents the keys for the Plymouth Station Wagon, shown in the background, to Mrs. Betty Porter, Pres. of the local Soroptimist Club, for the transportation of handicapped children to school. At right, Chairman Steve Zeigler presents to the organization's incoming Pres., Mrs. Benedict, a check for \$1,000 to assist the Club in its fine children's project.

tator, first-aid kit, two-way radio, siren, flashing red dome light, stretchers and seats for the crew.

Students Fed by Elks of Centralia, Wash.

For the second year, graduating high school seniors enjoyed a memorable party as guests of Centralia Lodge No. 1083 following their commencement

exercises. Realizing that graduation night is frequently a parent's greatest worry, the Elks planned the event to give the young people an evening of fun in a wholesome atmosphere; it was an unqualified success from start to finish.

Facilities of the lodge home were turned over to the students for a gala dancing party which began at 10:30 p.m. and ended at four in the morning, following

a king-size breakfast. This year's affair was organized by Youth Activities Chairman Leo Schrader, and the Elks and their wives who were chaperones had nothing but good reports on the conduct of the youngsters who not only enjoyed dancing, but the game room, television and reading rooms of the lodge home as well, with soft drinks served throughout the entire night.

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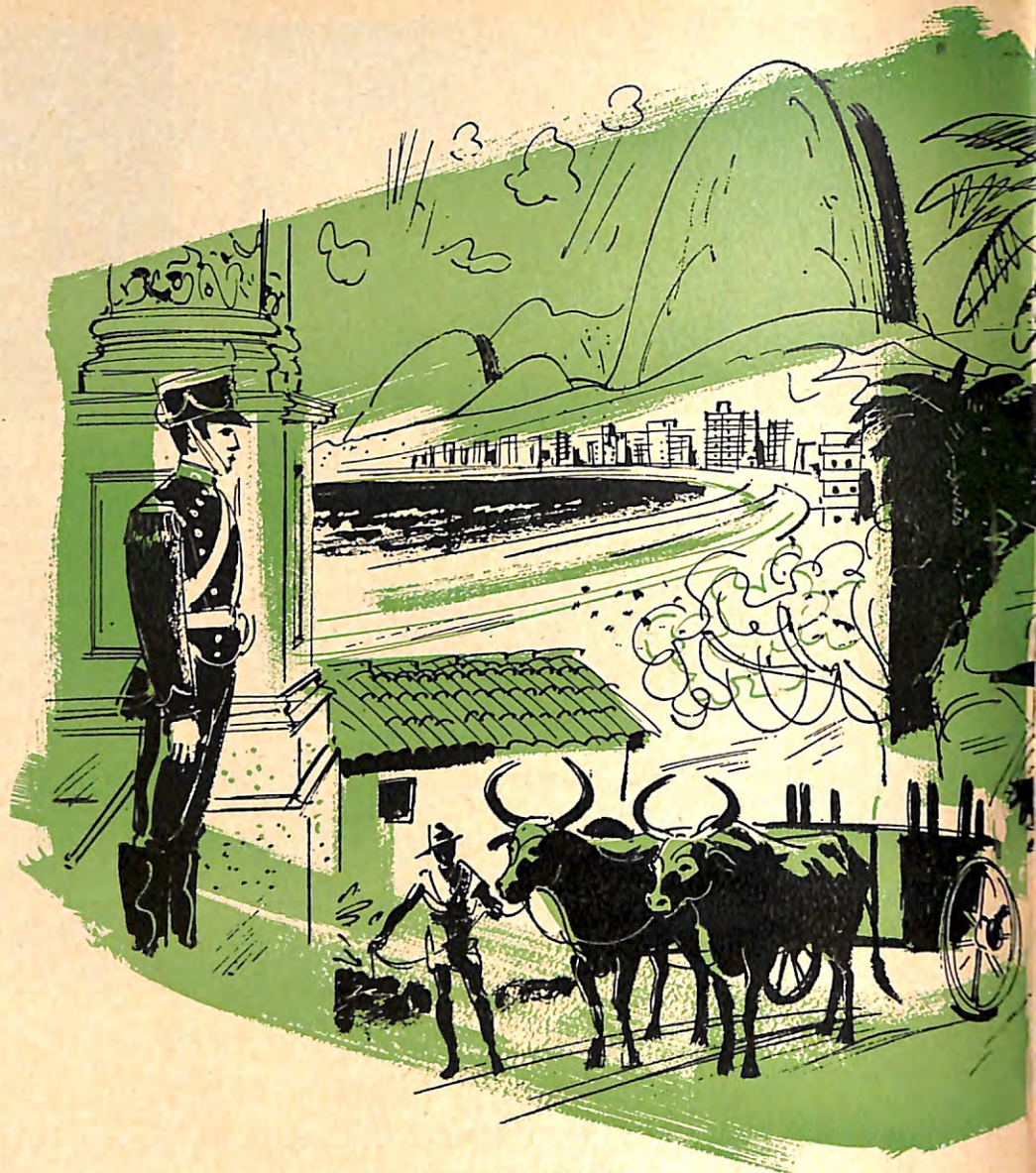
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BY HORACE SUTTON

Our travel writer reports on his first trip to South America—where he found a whole new world.

TRAVELERS who have been trotting to the nearby mountains and the nearby shore, and who have been talking and/or dreaming about the tourist dens of Europe and the palmy foreign tropical acres of the Caribbean, can add a whole new world to their dreams or their itineraries, as the case may be.

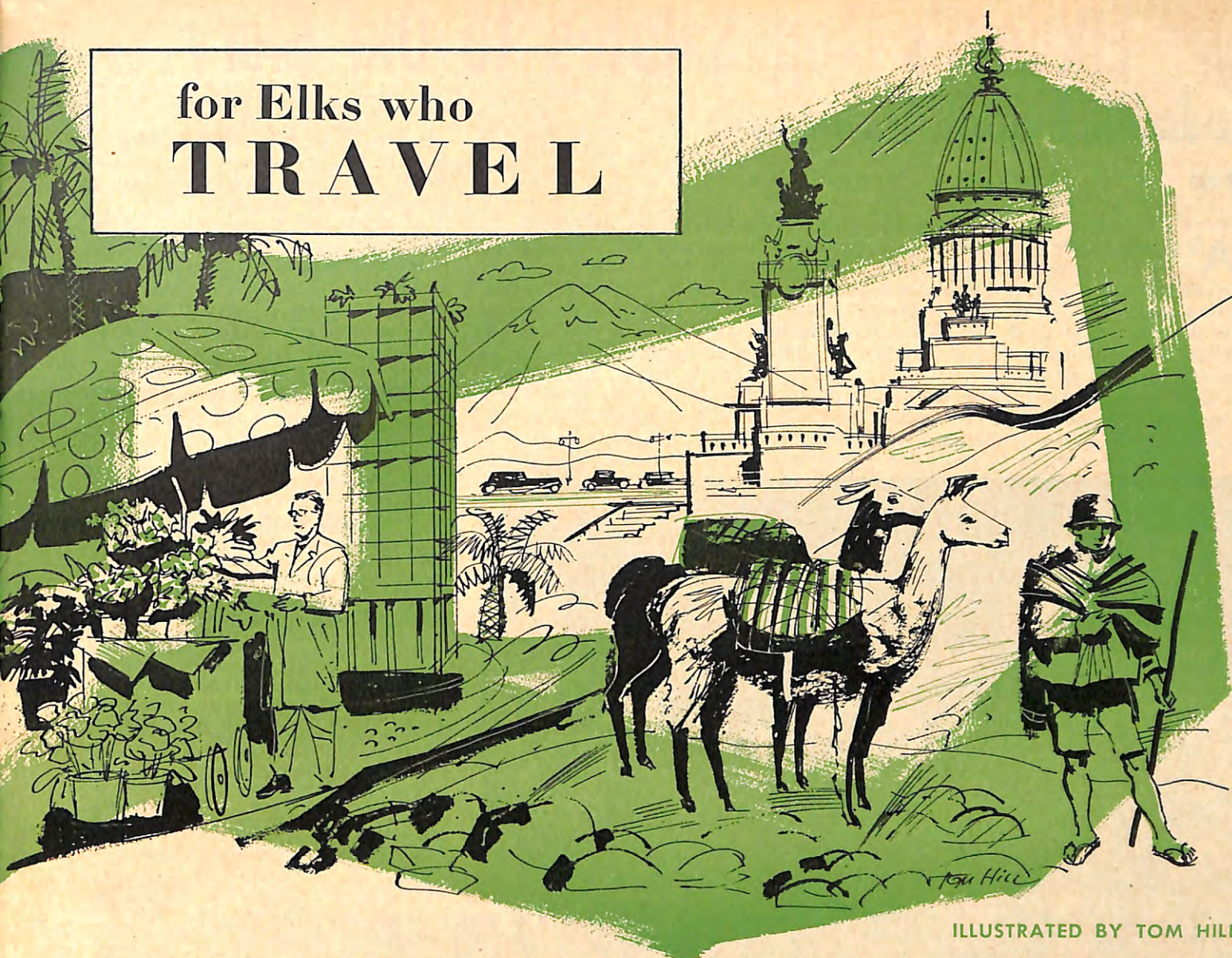
Couple of weeks back I embarked aboard one of Panagra's brand new DC-7Bs and headed south to South America. It was for these well-traveled, well-caloused feet, the first time ever below the limits of Central America. Whereas the so-called banana republics and other Central American areas possess a flavor that is singularly Spanish-and-tropical, many of our stops, in the big southern republics especially, proved a complete revelation—a civilization that is beautiful and sophisticated and cities that are recognized as truly cosmopolitan only when you see them. Somehow the phrase "Paris

of the ————" fill in your own blank, has never really gotten home with me.

We took the west coast routing, flying out of New York and landing, non-stop, in Panama. The isthmus has two attractions, the Canal and the El Panama Hotel. Visitors are permitted within a few feet of the channel, and I can vouch that the system is a fascinating thing to watch . . . ships of all flags and all ports edging toward the cut, each with Canal personnel aboard to handle lines and guide the wheel. Then electric mules, small motor driven carts on shore pull the ships into the locks. Craft sail on their own power through the lakes and finally emerge into the opposite ocean without having to sail clear around Cape Horn at the tip of South America.

From Pacific to Atlantic, or sea to sea, it is 51-miles and as may have come previously to your attention, the American

for Elks who TRAVEL



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zone, a property leased from the Panamanian government, is a five-mile strip on either side of the cut. Although such a narrow hairline of land separates the oceans, the rainy season is heavier on the Atlantic side than the Pacific. Indeed, the annual dew, from January to April, some times starts a month ahead on the Atlantic. The rain is heavy enough to produce a lush undergrowth and also forces most home owners to build their houses on

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stilts, an invention that keeps the floors dry and provides a space for the youngsters to romp.

As for El Panama, the hotel, it is a vast and lovely resort complete with tennis courts, tropical foliage that would do credit to the south Pacific, and big, open rooms, many with wondrous views of the surrounding hills. Balconies hang from the rooms separated from the chambers by louvers to let the breezes course straight through the building. The bar, where an unobtrusive piano trickles its way through the evening, is both stunning and modern and up on the roof there is a ballroom to dance in and even a casino for those who would test chance.

While it is not necessary to air condition hotels like the El Panama, the new air-cooling system aboard Panagra's El Interamericano proved a blessing in such tropical areas as Panama and New York. Long steaming waits on the runway for takeoff clearance became cool waits with a new \$35,000-system. Another engineering innovation incorporated in the plane is a radar screen that shows up cloud heads before they can jostle plane passengers into a state of mal d'air. Pilots

could choose the smoothest route, especially during dark hours when clouds are scarcely visible.

Lima proved a cross-section of Spanish colonial influence (and elegance) and Indian color. Settled 400 years ago by Pizarro, the Spanish Conquistador, Lima still displays the cathedral for which Pizarro laid the cornerstone. Inside, in a glass box are his mummified remains along with a vial said to contain a tube with papers supporting the claim that these remains are Pizarro's. Although the weather in Lima during the time of our summer leaves much to be desired—it is foggier and wetter than London—once October comes around the city is bright with spring. The Pacific beaches are only a few miles away and can be reached by streetcar. There are trips to Chosica by the River Rimac, to Huancayo with its colorful Indian market. The town is at the 11,000-foot level and you reach it over a railroad that dispenses oxygen to its passengers since the highest track is laid at the 15,800-foot level.

For those who stay in Lima the Union is a fascinating shopping street where
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Elkdom's Top Salutes to Old Glory

A recapitulation on our top 1955 Flag Day ceremonies

AT THE GRAND LODGE Convention in Philadelphia, the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge made awards to the lodges in each of three membership groups which gave evidence of having conducted Flag Day observances of unusual merit.

These photographs represent the first-place winner in each group, and are presented here in order to give acknowledgment

of the care and effort that went into the planning of *all* the hundreds of programs which were submitted to the Lodge Activities Committee for its consideration.

In Group I, comprising those lodges of over 1,000 members, Long Beach, Calif., and Appleton, Wis., Elkdom won second and third prizes, respectively, with Honorable Mention awarded to

Alameda, Calif., Alliance, Ohio, Charleston, W. Va., Las Vegas, Nev., South Bend, Ind., and Waterbury, Conn., Lodges for their Services.

In the second Group—lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members—Visalia, Calif., and Bellaire, Ohio, won second and third-place honors, in that order, with the ceremonies conducted by Dallas, Tex., Fairbanks, Alaska, Gallup, N. M., Taunton, Mass., Troy, N. Y., and Wellington, Kans., Lodges recognized with Honorable Mention.

Second prize for lodges of less than 500 members went to Leadville, Colo., Elkdom, with Ishpeming, Mich., in third place. Honorable Mention for this group was given to Alexandria, La., Las Cruces, N. M., Needles, Calif., Shenandoah, Pa., Skagway, Alaska, and Waterville, Me.



Above: Barnesville, Ohio, Lodge's 301 active members put together the finest program for their category. An advocate of the do-it-yourself school, E.R. John M. Welch personally contacted all local merchants, arranged for newspaper promotion urging the display of our Flag throughout the community, and planned the parade which had four musical units and 47 other organizations participating. The Elks built their own float which followed the flags used in the Ritual at the well-attended speaking program which concluded the observance.

Below: The setting for the dramatically impressive program which won top honors for Group I's Seattle, Wash., Lodge was the beautiful Aqua Theater on the shore of Green Lake. Attended by thousands, the affair had motion picture star Mala Powers as principal speaker, sharing the spotlight with Lt.-Gov. Emmett T. Anderson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, pictured on her left, and Mayor Allan Pomeroy, on her right. E.R. Cliff Whittle, in white jacket, exemplified the Ritual with his officers, and the lodge's band and Escort of Honor assisted. Cooperating in this event were Boy Scouts, new citizens, civic and religious groups, schools and veterans and service organizations.



Left: An hour-long street parade, followed by the Flag Day Ritual and speaking program, preceded the thrilling pageant marking the 200th anniversary of Fort Ontario at Oswego, N. Y., and captured top honors for Group II for the Elks there who sponsored the thrilling program. In the spectacle which took place under the stars at the historic Fort, costumed citizens depicted its story in several tableaux from its construction by the English through its selection, in 1944, as the only United States shelter for refugees from Nazi persecution.

Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker

AFTER the close of the Convention in Philadelphia last July, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker went to Chicago to meet with Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson. While in Chicago, Mr. Walker visited **CHICAGO (NORTH) LODGE** on the 17th, where he was entertained at a dinner party which Grand Forum member J. Paul Kuhn attended. In the evening there was a water carnival and other entertainment. On July 26th, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited his home lodge at **ROANOKE, VA.**, where he was enthusiastically received by officers and members. The following day he visited **STAUNTON, VA., LODGE**, and 53 candidates were initiated as members of a class in his honor. On July 31st, the Grand Exalted Ruler attended the Virginia Elks Boys' Camp near Clifton Forge, Va. The Camp corporation had a meeting, and it was Visitors' Day in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor.

After leaving his home state the Grand Exalted Ruler proceeded to North Carolina, where he attended a dinner given in his honor at **GASTONIA LODGE**, on Saturday, August 6th. Among the guests, which included numerous members of neighbor lodges, were District Deputy G. Norman Hutton, State Assn. President Harley E. Olsen, State Assn. Treasurer

Guy C. Killian and State Assn. Secretary A. A. Ruffin. In a brief speech Mr. Walker praised the work being done and progress being made by Gastonia Lodge.

The following day the Order's Leader continued through North Carolina, stopping at **SHELBY LODGE**. The same day Mr. Walker paid a visit to the Elks Boys' Camp at Hendersonville. While there, the Grand Exalted Ruler remarked that he

was greatly impressed with the way in which the camp was being run. He further stated that he was highly gratified by the activities being conducted for the youth of their state by the North Carolina Elks.

On the morning of August 10th the Grand Exalted Ruler arrived in **RACINE, WIS.**, en route to the State Convention at Wausau that began the next day. In Ra-

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Greeting Grand Exalted Ruler Walker when he arrived in Racine, Wis., were left to right: William Otto, Secretary of the Racine Elks Club; State President Alfred E. LaFrance and Exalted Ruler Arthur J. Morrissey, Jr.



When Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker made his visit to Chicago (North) Lodge, present were, left to right: District Deputy George T. Hickey, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Mr. Walker, Grand Lodge Activities Co-ordinator Bert Thompson, and Exalted Ruler John D. Maccono.



Among those at the dinner that Gastonia, N.C., gave in Grand Exalted Ruler Walker's honor were left to right: D.D. Norman Hutton, Harley E. Olsen, Pres., N.C. State Elks Assn. and his wife; Mr. Walker, Exalted Ruler Harvey W. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes, Guy C. Killian, Secretary Gastonia Lodge and A. A. Ruffin Sr., Secretary of N.C. State Elks Assn.

More than 300 Elks attended the celebration marking the burning of the \$65,000 mortgage on Rocky Mount, N.C., Lodge on August 15th. Present were, front row, left to right: Charles G. Hawthorne, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Sec. of State, Thad Eure, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, Mr. Walker and Harley E. Olsen, Pres., N.C. Elks State Assn. Back row: Chaplain Wm. L. McMillan, Trustees Norman Gold, Robert J. Walker, Jr. and D. W. Davenport, Exalted Ruler Norman Y. Chambliss, Sr. and Trustee Page K. Gravely.



How to Be a Goat Hunter

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

*Goats only recognize
enemies approaching from
below—so all you have
to do is get above them.*

THERE actually is nothing much to goat hunting—mountain goat hunting, that is. I don't know anything about hunting the other kind of goats. I have always been more interested in avoiding them. All you need to get a mountain goat is a rifle and a sky hook. The gun doesn't matter so much either. It's the sky hook that turns the trick.

Unfortunately, I never had but one and I loaned it to a friend who failed to return it. I understand they're practically impossible to obtain since the war, too, and so perhaps we had just as well attempt to get along without this piece of equipment, although if a man could get hold of one it certainly would be the ticket.

I'll never forget the first advice that I got on goat hunting. The local expert— isn't it strange how there are always local experts, everywhere you go?—said, "There's really nothing to it. All you have to do is to get above them."

He explained: Goats habitually stay so high that they anticipate the approach of enemies only from below. Once you get above them, you have it made. There is nothing to getting within range then. This sounded so logical that I accepted it at face value, and another boy and I



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went out to get above a flock of goats.

When we first saw them, we were on a bench about a thousand feet above the river. They were crossing the talus at the base of a cliff several thousand feet above. Simple. We'd sneak back to the other side of the ridge and climb up it until we were above the cliffs. When we looked over the goats would be below us.

That was a long and tedious and sweaty climb, but eventually we made it. We sneaked over the top of the ridge and out onto the cliffs and looked down, rifles ready. But no goats. We could see all of the talus slope except for a narrow strip right at the foot of the cliffs. We scratched our heads and talked it over and decided that the goats must be lying down, resting, hard against the cliffs. Just as we reached this conclusion, we heard the clatter of a rolling stone. It was on around the mountain a couple of hundred yards, and far, far above.

We looked up and there they were. They were just about as far above us now as they had been when we first saw them. Again they were straggling across some talus at the base of a cliff. One of them had dislodged a rock. Otherwise we probably never would have seen them because they soon trailed around the corner out of sight.

We were young and enthusiastic and the man had told us, "All you have to do is get above them."

This time, we decided, we could safely continue up the hogback on which we were standing because the goats had disappeared around the point of another ridge to the east. We would go up ours until the two joined, farther up the mountain, and then look over and see where the goats were. By that time we certainly should be above them.

At the end of another three hours of steady climbing we walked out across the saddle and looked down on the other side where we expected to see the goats. Once again, they were not where they should have been at all. They were farther on around the mountain and higher still.

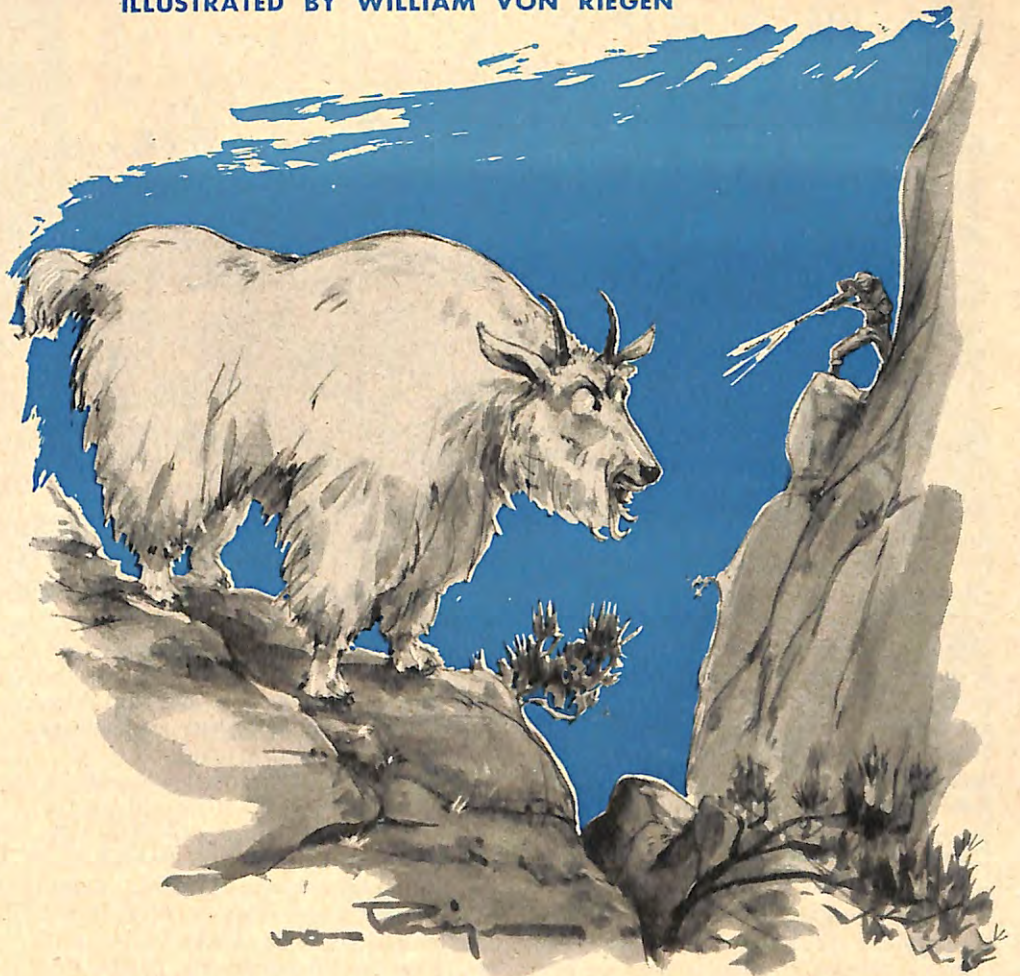
To save words—I don't get paid by the word, anyway—we kept on climbing trying to get above those goats until it was so late that we had to give up and hurry down off the mountain. Even so, we stumbled the last couple of miles into camp after dark.

Sometime later, I happened to meet the gentleman who advised us to get above the goats. I asked him how he went about doing it. He scratched his head and said, "Well, I don't rightly know. I've never hunted 'em myself."

Without the use of a sky hook—which, as I mentioned previously, is now extremely difficult to obtain—getting above a goat is like getting above a fly on the ceiling without leaving the room. How are you going to get above an animal that is already on top of the highest mountain in sight?

Most experienced big-game hunters will tell you that goats are not very in-

ILLUSTRATED BY WILLIAM VON RIEGEN



The main trouble with killing a goat, however, according to those who should know, is that he is simply so dumb that he doesn't know when he has been shot.

telligent. "Goats aren't smart," they say. "Goats just happen to live in country that is practically inaccessible."

I have often wondered why, if goats are so dumb, they inhabit such places. Personally, if I were a really dumb goat I would come down onto a nice, perfectly flat spot where it was easy walking and some hunter could shoot me without risking his neck.

THE first thing to do if you want to become a successful goat hunter is to get yourself in condition. Give up smoking. Get rid of that roll of lard around your middle. Walk to work every morning. Then, instead of taking the elevator, run upstairs. When you get tough enough so that you can run up twenty stories without pausing for breath—provided you haven't died from a heart attack before that happy day arrives—you are ready to go into serious training.

A short course in mountain climbing, combined with one on marksmanship, is what you need now. When you can balance yourself on a pinnacle with one foot, after scrambling uphill for 200 yards at an elevation of 12,000 feet, and shooting offhand, hit a mark the size of a dinner plate 400 yards away, you are ready.

Another point to bear in mind is that goats are very hard to kill. All the experts, both local and foreign, will tell you that. A billy is about the size of a big buck deer, but heavier. He has a thick white coat through which only the most powerful bullets can force their way. And he is very tough.

The main trouble with killing a goat, however, according to those who should know, is that he is simply so dumb he doesn't know when he has been shot. You may hit him all right, but, since he knows practically nothing about ballistics, he may not realize that he should fall dead.

The fundamental difficulty here is a peculiar and little known law of physics. This law was in effect one time when a fellow I know who hunts with nothing but a Luger was out with two companions. One of them had a 30-06 and the other a 30-40 Krag and they jumped a goat in a steep rock wash. My friend was at the top of this wash armed with his trusty Luger. His two companions below emptied their guns and shot the goat all to pieces. Because of this law of physics—or perhaps I should say of ballistics—the goat did not realize he had

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The Southwest: Land of Everything

By Joseph Stocker

If you're feeling cooped up, hemmed in, a little claustrophobic, there's no better place to stretch out and spread your elbows than the Southwest. This—the giant land mass embracing Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—is space incarnate. It's one horizon after another that you can see but never quite get to. It's fresh air, a little fresher than you ever breathed before, and sunshine, a little brighter than you thought was possible. It's nature in a thousand different shades of temper, from the tranquility of piney wilderness to the violence of jagged, slashing canyons.

Should you be heading Southwestward this autumn, try not to hurry. This is big country, remember, where distance possesses a different dimension. This is country that spans fully a third of the United States, and then some. True, in four days, a little more or less, you can bisect the Southwest, from Texas' eastern border to the silt-darkened Colorado River marking Arizona's westernmost limit. But you'll be missing the magic of the Southwest—the magic of its contrasts and incongruities.

It has a great deal of both—you can be sure of that. Nothing is farther from the fact than the stereotype which the Southwest evokes in the mind of the uninformed outlander. He thinks of it as consisting mostly of arid land, long-horned cattle and nationalistic Texans who consider that the sun rises just east of Houston and sets just west of the stockyards in Fort Worth.

The Southwest, however, is much more. And you'll find it so if you'll tarry awhile, explore the side roads and don't begrudge the time, tire tread or gasoline.

Mountains? Lots of 'em. They pile up to 13,000 feet in New Mexico, nearly as high in Arizona. Snow-capped almost all the year around, too.

Extravaganzas of nature? There are none more extravagant, certainly, than the Grand Canyon of northern Arizona and Carlsbad Caverns of southeastern New Mexico.

Water? A considerable amount of it, even if this is arid land. Lake Mead, for instance, at the juncture of Arizona with

Nevada, where Hoover Dam barricades the Colorado and then sends it snaking back into the hills in long blue tentacles of water. And Texas' storied Rio Grande, "too thick to drink and too thin to plow." And even the sea, or, to be precise, the Gulf of Mexico, splashing up on the beach near Brownsville, bearing ships from alien lands into port at Houston and Galveston.

Indians? The Southwest abounds in them. But don't be content with seeing just the Indian trinket purveyors who haunt the railroad station in Albuquerque and the trading posts along U. S. 66. They aren't truly representative of the Southwest's red men. To find those who are, pause a bit among the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. Travel through the Navajo reservation of northwestern New Mexico and northeastern Arizona. Savor its wild beauty, solitude and grandeur. And then you'll understand why many of the Southwest's Indians are content with what they have and ask only that they be allowed to keep it in peace.

The traveler moving from east to west through this vast and multifarious region will find both climate and terrain changing subtly as he rolls toward the Pacific.

East Texas, with its timbered hills and heavy, humid breezes, reflects more of the South than of the West. It seems even to be rather an extension of Louisiana. But as the traveler whisks westward, along some of America's most satiny highways, he sees the real Southwest coming into focus. The pine-clad uplands of east Texas yield to the great plains of west Texas, then the New Mexico mountains and finally the desert of Arizona, with its statuesque saguaro cactus and its sagebrush. And the air gets drier and clearer, so clear that you can see a Texas Panhandle town 50 miles before you get to it and pick out a tree atop a distant New Mexico mesa.

Weather? There are all kinds of it, depending on the time of year and the part of the Southwest in which you're traveling. A cruise across the Texas plains in October is a cruise through the glory of autumn, whereas, in December, you may

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"Leetle Crazee Ones" (Continued from page 11)

well when suddenly, like a great misty-winged ghost, a night heron flopped into the air with a dismal squawk, floated off across the moon and disappeared into the darkness. Perhaps he should remain where he was after all. They said that when the moon came up they would be back to help carry home his snipe. Then he saw their flashlights, and heard their voices, laughing and calling to him, and it was over at last. He was initiated. He had just experienced the most memorable, if least profitable, snipe hunt he would ever be a party to.

But no matter what kind of snipe a person hunts, the mythical night-flying ones or the unethical day-flying ones, he won't need anyone to help him carry them home. Snipe of any description are hard to come by. The jacksnipe, which is the flesh-and-blood variety, has a well-founded reputation as an elusive target. He is fast, erratic and unpredictable, so much so that there are many hunters who are frank to admit that it is useless to shoot at them.

There is good evidence of this respect for snipe among our neighbors to the south. The islands of the Caribbean, other than Puerto Rico, are not included in the Migratory Game Bird Treaty, and anything that flies down there for the winter

is fair game. The local hunters not only pursue ducks and doves in lengthy and enthusiastic fashion, but they also shoot such as herons, egrets, grebes, ibises and the like when and as they can. Jacksnipe also migrate to the islands in plentiful numbers. However, although the señors are eager and effective hunters, not in the least inclined to show discrimination toward what they shoot, I never saw one spend a shell shooting at snipe. In fact, when I have shot down there, they considered us quite loco to burn perfectly good ammunition on the "leetle crazee ones."

The jacksnipe, or Wilson's snipe, is the last of a long and illustrious list of game birds classified as shore birds. Many sportsmen today remember well when there were almost fifty species of these shore birds hunted as legal game. Shore-bird shooting was as active a branch of wing-shooting as was either upland or water-fowl hunting. Now this list of a half-hundred has dwindled to one, excluding the woodcock which, although by pedigree technically a shore bird, is to all purposes an upland game bird.

Why has the jacksnipe survived as a game bird while all the others have been relegated to the permanently-protected

list? Simply because, as the señors to the south have determined, he is just too difficult to hunt and hit. He creates his own observation.

It is some wonder that men hunt them at all, I suppose. In a way, jacksnipe hunting is an acquired taste, born usually out of frustration and exasperation. There are two kinds of hunters in the world. One will waste a half-day, considerable energy and a pocketful of shells in a snipe bog and arrive at a simple and definite conclusion: that he will never again be fool enough to be caught chasing those silly things. With the other type, desperation and determination go hand in hand. The more he misses and the worse he fails, at any kind of game, the harder he works at it. Once the latter type is exposed to jacksnipe, he has a lot of bog-walking and mud-pulling ahead of him. Out of his confirmed resolution to find the successful combination is born a confirmed snipe hunter.

For the benefit of anyone who isn't acquainted with this citizen of the swamplands, a jacksnipe looks like a maltreated, half-starved cousin of a woodcock. He has the same long bill, button eyes and general color and confirmation, but he
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



ADMINISTRATION leaders in Congress are mapping legislative strategy which may determine in large measure the turn of events in the 1956 Presidential election. The record of the past session was labeled "satisfactory" by both Republicans and Democrats. Relations between the White House and the Hill were in fact relatively cordial. The political cold war, however, is now over and next year the hot war begins. Big issues will be President Eisenhower's program for highway construction, federal school aid, health re-insurance, the tax program and the farm support issue. Under the present Democratic Congress splits in party ranks are closely watched. Republicans frankly will rely on Democratic help to get through the major issues which failed to reach action during the first session. In making political ammunition the Democrats will put a spotlight on congressional investigations, attempt to show big business tieups with Administration officials, waste and laxity in passing out government contracts. Public versus private power will be further probed even though the Dixon-Yates contract was cancelled. Both sides will have their own tax reduction programs, always popular just before election. Differences will be over just how to make the cuts. It's sure to be a hot session.

ZEKE ZZZPT CHAMP

This reporter thought he had something when he said Olaf Zyzman of Washington was the last name in telephone books. He had displaced Boley S. Zywasco last year's last. Now comes Howard C. Wessels of Flint, Ohio, Lodge 222, with proof that the last name in the Detroit phone book is Zeke Zzzpt. Three z's win.

BUILDING FRIENDSHIP

Quite by accident a new business is booming in Washington this Fall, smack in the middle of the beautiful Pan-American Union. It is a gift shop where products of Latin and South America can be purchased at low prices. The shop was opened after many visitors kept insisting on buying some trinket or article exhibited there. Fourteen of the 21 Pan-American countries are sending in all kinds of things from little wooden bowls to precious stones from Brazil. Profits go to

the countries to teach handicrafts. The idea is similar to the International Mercantile Mart in New Orleans now famous for its displays of goods from foreign lands.

REPORTER'S LAMENT

Covering the President or Secretary of State on official trips is not what it used to be. The days of the "presidential special" train or the journey on a battleship or cruiser are over for newspapermen. They now are at a disadvantage in keeping close contact with high officials. A writer could always be reached on a special train or navy ship with a query from his paper and could pass it in for an answer. Contacts were maintained day and night. Now the President flies away in the Columbine and another plane, generally loaded to the guards with the press, tags along behind. Unless the pressmen get a head start they may arrive hours after the President has landed at his destination. The only chance they get at riding on special trains is during political campaigns. You can't shake hands or kiss babies while up in the air.

UNWANTED ECONOMY

The Treasury's bright idea to save taxpayers \$40,000 a year is a bust. A year ago thousands of envelopes were ordered without the wax paper "pane." The address showed through the cut out hole all right, but a smart aleck could peek inside and see the amount of the Treasury check. Such a hullabaloo was raised that the Treasury has gone back to the old kind. The money saving envelopes were all used up during September and there is no more peeking. The Treasury uses 200,000,000 envelopes a year for checks.

MOST NOTED CLUB

No other club in the world is more widely known than the Army Navy Golf and Country Club. Its membership is restricted to armed forces officers, with 1600 resident in Washington and 6000 scattered all around the globe. Its roster includes President Eisenhower, and such names as Nimitz, Bradley, Vandenberg, Collins and King. The President was one of the founders back in 1924 when the original building was bought from the Knights of Columbus. Now the club is valued at over a million dollars, with 27

holes for golf, five swimming pools and a dozen or more tennis courts. It's truly a place where good fellows get together, a center of activity for the wives of armed forces officers and a grand spot for the kids who get expert athletic instruction. At present Lieut. Gen. C. P. Cabell is President and Rear Admiral G. A. Holderness, vice-president.

WHITE HOUSE CLEANING

During President Eisenhower's vacation in Colorado the White House has been undergoing a real renovation and since August 15 visitors have not been permitted to go through the lower rooms. The wood floors, what with 3,000,000 sightseers walking over them in three years, were becoming shabby and badly in need of sanding and varnish. There were fingerprints on the walls, too. It is hoped, now that the White House is again ready for the tourists, that visitors will not leave chewing gum and smudges from dirty hands.

BE PATIENT JUNIOR

Tell Junior to hold back a little. The first robot earth satellite which will be shot into the skies high enough to keep circling the earth will be followed by the first space ship which will carry a crew of laboratory animals and not bubble-topped Davy Crocketts.

POTOMAC POTPOURRI

Printing the proceeds of the 84th Congress in the official record cost \$1,336,720 . . . Congressmen galore are touring foreign countries, mostly in Europe, during this recess making studies of most everything except how to balance the budget . . . Agriculture Experiment Station is working on a new formula "TCB" which will enable farmers to grow weedless wheat and corn. It's a spray . . . Maryland State Police can't nab speeders on the federal portion of the Washington-Baltimore freeway . . . District police now get paid for duty performed on days off. It took a bill in Congress to get it . . . The country's debt structure is said to be sound but there's uneasiness in financial circles . . . Thirty secretaries and secret service men staff the President's "summer White House" in Colorado. After the summer in Washington it must be high heaven.



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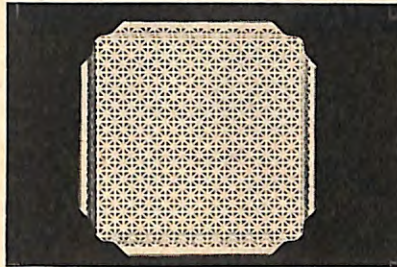
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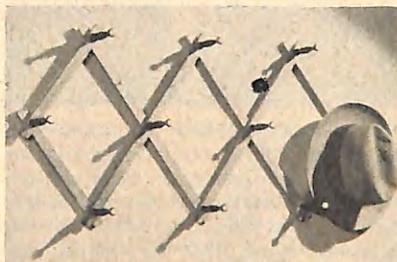
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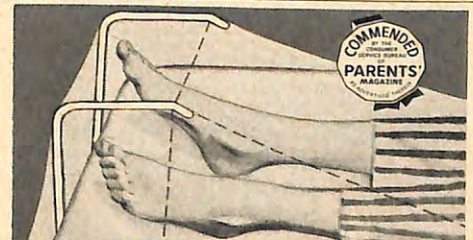
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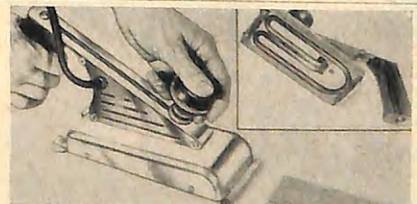
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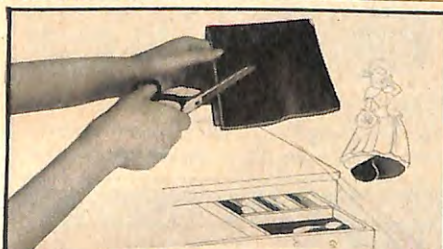


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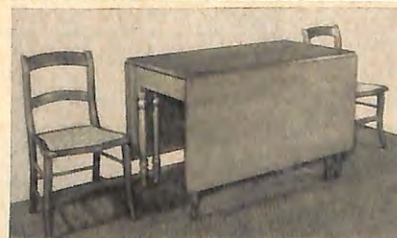


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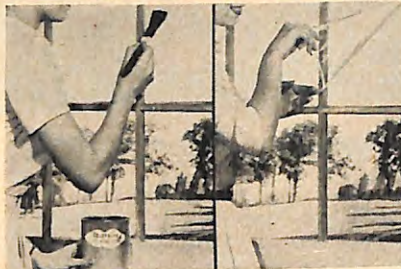
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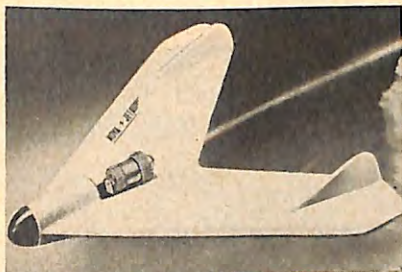
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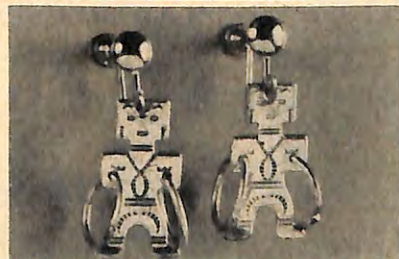
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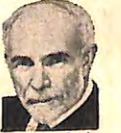
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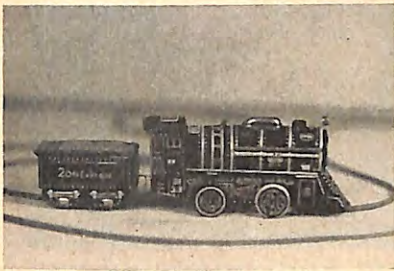
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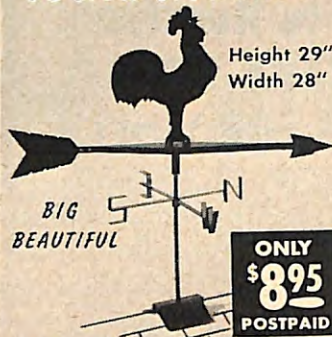
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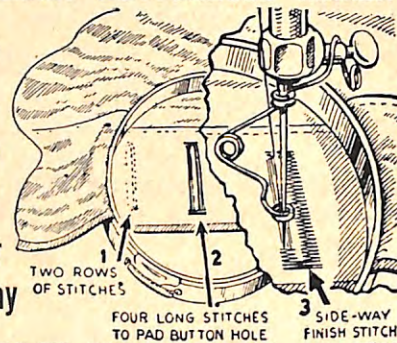
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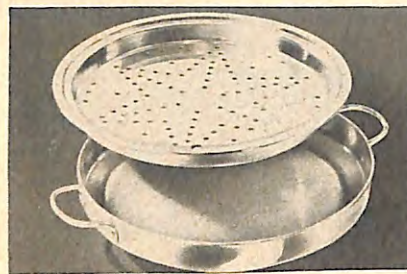
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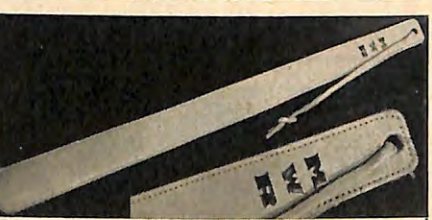
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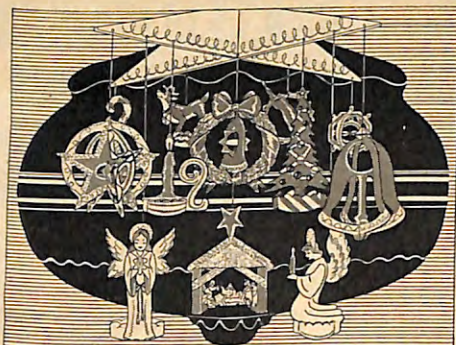
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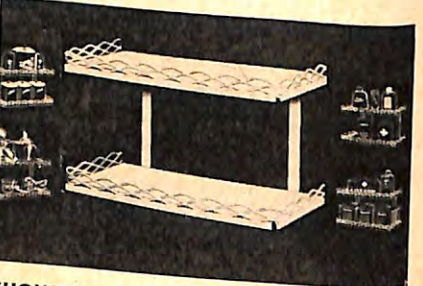


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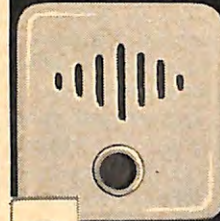
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News of the State Associations

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the conclave, during which Lyndhurst Lodge captured the Ritualistic Title, was a banquet attended by nearly 500 persons, with retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. J. Jernick as principal speaker.

William R. Thorne of Trenton Lodge succeeds Edward J. Griffith as Pres. of this group. Vice-Presidents are Kenneth Vreeland, Englewood; A. Spencer Hawthorne, Newton; George W. Schultz, Pompton Lakes; Albert W. Renner, Hillside; Harold Fuccile, Lakewood, and Alex Muehler, Millville, Harold Wertheimer of Atlantic City is Secy.

YOUTH WORK CHIEF SUBJECT OF MASSACHUSETTS ELKDOM

At the 45th Annual Convention of the Mass. Elks Assn. at the Hotel Belmont in Harwich, its fine scholarship program and other youth efforts were the main topics of discussion. Over 500 persons attended the June 24, 25 and 26 sessions, which opened with a luncheon for retiring Pres. Andrew A. Biggio and his officers with Hyannis Elkdom as host.

During the business session the following day, the Chairmen of various State Committees delivered their reports for the year, with Secy. Thomas F. Copping announcing that the State's increase in membership was 978, and that its 65 lodges had spent well over \$285,000 on charity during the year.

Youth Activities Committee Chairman Ignatius O'Connor stated that \$750 had been spent by his Committee in rewarding four young people, including \$200 to Michael U. Dietz, sponsored by Winthrop Lodge, who also received a \$100 Elks National Foundation Award.

William Hamil, entering under the aegis of Newton Lodge, was awarded the \$400 Babe Ruth Scholarship given annually by the Foundation, whose Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, speaking as Chairman of the Mass. Elks Scholarship, Inc., stated at this meeting that his Board had taken favorable action on 15 applications for scholarship loans aggregating \$4,800, bringing to 328 the total number of loans made by this group since its inception.

Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Chairman of the Assn.'s Elks National Foundation Scholarship Prize Committee, said that applications had been received from 67

FORTHCOMING STATE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
California	San Diego	Oct. 4-5-6-7-8
Georgia	Gainesville	Oct. 16-17
Dela., Md., D.C.	Silver Spring	Oct. 22-23
Louisiana	Jennings	Oct. 29
Oklahoma	Muskogee	Oct. 29-30

students, with five entered in the National Finals. Chairman Edward Chitow of the Assn.'s Foundation Committee, reported that during the year his group had raised over \$34,000, through lodge and individual gifts, for the Foundation, and this was turned over to Mr. Malley who also received a \$1,200 check from Vice-Pres. Dr. Wm. F. Maguire, Chairman of the Elks Charity Baseball Committee.

P.E.R. G. Jerry Carlz of Winthrop was Chairman for the Memorial Services.

New officers elected and installed at this conclave were Pres. Michael J. McNamara, Brockton; Vice Presidents John J. Murray, Fitchburg; Dr. Wm. F. Maguire, Wakefield; Acilio Sandri, Greenfield; Louis Dubin, Waltham; Ignatius J. O'Connor, Boston, and Walter E. Quinlan, Fall River; Secy. Thomas F. Copping, Newton; Treas. T. Joseph Whalen, Springfield; Trustees, J. Joseph Roach, Gloucester; O. Paul Cotti, Springfield; Joseph E. Brett, Quincy; Joseph W. Bergin, Winthrop; Edward Chitow, Gardner, and C. B. Burgess, Newton.

MICHIGAN ELKS GATHER AT SAULT STE. MARIE

At the 1955 Convention of the Michigan Elks Assn. in Sault Ste. Marie June 11th and 12th, which coincided with the Centennial Celebration of the opening of the "Soo" Locks, retiring Pres. S. Glen Converse presided. Among the reports made was that of the Veterans Entertainment Committee which revealed the expenditure of nearly \$10,000 in the State's VA Hospitals under the Chairmanship of Past State Pres. Irvine J. Unger, former Grand Tiler.

Lewis A. Koepfgen of Port Huron succeeds Mr. Converse as Pres., with

Robert A. Burns of Bessemer as Vice-Pres.-at-Large. Past Pres. Leland Hamilton of Niles continues as Secy., and James G. Shirlaw, Battle Creek, as Treas. V. L. Miller, Big Rapids, is Chaplain; Albert Vernon, Detroit, Sgt-at-Arms; Russell Rutgers, Holland, Tiler, and Fred Null, Benton Harbor, Organist. Trustees are Chairman L. M. Richards, Lansing; R. E. Null, Benton Harbor; R. L. Roe, Sault Ste. Marie; James O. Kelly, Ann Arbor; R. A. Kesler, Iron Mountain, and Edwin P. Breen, Grand Rapids. Dist. Vice-Presidents are F. E. Kimmell, Kalamazoo; C. C. Vogel, Port Huron; M. J. Kennebeck, Muskegon; R. E. Gilbert, Ludington; Frank Patee, Owosso; John Sullivan, Sault Ste. Marie, and Bernard Johnson, Iron River.

At the highly successful President's Banquet and Dance, a total of six Youth Leadership Awards and 13 scholarships were presented, as were the Ritualistic Contest awards, with Niles taking top honors, Iron River in second place and Benton Harbor in third. The Lansing, Niles and Benton Harbor Drill Teams finished their competition in that order.

Pontiac was selected as the site for next year's meeting, with Jackson to be host to the January get-together.

SOUTH CAROLINA ELKS REWARD MANY STUDENTS

A public meeting on June 10th opened the three-day session of the South Carolina Elks at Columbia, when 200 Elks and their ladies saw \$400 scholarships presented to seven students by State Chairman Hon. Ben Scott Whaley, and heard a report on individual lodge scholarship awards totaling \$5,750.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was the principal speaker on this occasion, and Youth Activities Committee Chairman Sam B. Doughton presented awards to Youth Leaders Gloria Evans and Wm. M. Hull, Jr.

Following this program, a Memorial Service was held, with P.E.R. Gary Paschal of the host lodge as guest speaker. Anderson was the winner of the Ritualistic Contest with Rock Hill a close second.

Judge McClelland spoke again at the business meeting when reports revealed that local lodges had contributed \$1,500 to the Elks National Foundation and that individual Elks of the State had given \$3,100 to the Foundation, with Rock Hill's members leading with \$2,300. The fine work being accomplished at the So. Carolina VA Hospitals and Columbia and Sumter Lodges' outstanding Service Centers was also discussed.

James E. Parker of Rock Hill was re-elected Secy.-Treas. for a three-year term. Other officers include Marston S. Bell of Anderson, Pres.; W. H. Turner, Columbia, Executive Vice-Pres., and Thomas W. Kerlin, Sumter, and Wade H. Wilburn, Jr., Union, Vice-Presidents.



Left: Hon. Ben Scott Whaley, State Scholarship Chairman and newly appointed D.D., standing, left, pictured with the winners in the South Carolina Elks Scholarship Program during the recent State Convention at Columbia.



A. A. Trenerry of Billings, right, recently elected Montana Elks Assn. Secy.-Treas. for the 24th time, accepts a cake from P.D.D. Lucien Smith at the Montana Meeting when Mr. Trenerry celebrated his 74th birthday.

EARL E. JAMES INSTALLS ARKANSAS OFFICERS

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James officiated at the ceremony placing the new leaders of the Arkansas Elks Assn. in their elected positions at the Fort Smith Convention. He also presented a fine program of activities for adoption by the delegates, who accepted it readily. Among these recommendations were the establishment of a State-wide Youth Program, aid to crippled children, sponsoring of a Ritualistic Contest and organizing Arkansas' former State Presidents and District Deputies.

State Chairman Richard H. Helms presented the Ark. Youth Leadership Award to Joe Miriss of Texarkana, and the delegates saw a film of the activities of Youth Day in that community, which had won third-place honors for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members.

P.E.R. Victor Wilder of North Little Rock reported on assistance being given to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Jacksonville by the Assn., and presented a \$200 check to that institution to further its training program.

Officers elected at this conclave were Wm. H. Laubach, Little Rock, Pres.-Emeritus; James T. Aaron, Texarkana, Pres.; James H. Webb, Hot Springs, and Harry O. Peebles, Eureka Springs, Vice-Presidents; Sam Milazzo, Texarkana, Secy.; Tom L. Hocott, Mountain Home, Treas.; Victor H. Wilder, North Little Rock, Chaplain, and Chas. E. Bahil, North Little Rock, Trustee.

UTAH ELKS SEE CEDAR CITY LODGE HOME DEDICATED

Over 500 Elks and their ladies were guests of Cedar City Lodge for the 41st Annual Convention of the Utah Elks State Assn. in its magnificent, modern home, the dedication of which was a feature of the Meeting.

Pres. H. G. Downs and Secy. Frank Buskirk of the Colorado Elks Assn. were honored guests of the delegates, with retiring D.D. Warren Bulloch as a special speaker. Completed and furnished last December at a cost of \$120,000, this handsome structure was the scene of many enjoyable social activities during the three-day conclave, as well as the business session during which the Assn. presented a check to the State Society for Crippled Children and Adults for the purchase of a station wagon.

An overflow crowd attended the banquet for the Assn.'s retiring and incoming officers, the latter being Thomas J. Schow, Salt Lake City, Pres.; Wm. M. Daniels, Price; W. E. Blaylock, Ogden, and Jack B. Parson, Logan, Vice-Presidents; C. Frank Gilbert, Salt Lake City, Secy.; Wm. J. Greer, Ogden, Treas.; H. H. Owen, Salt Lake City, Sgt.-at-Arms; Rex Harris, Cedar City, Chaplain; Gordon Billings, Provo, Inner Guard, and Organists Dick Boshard, Provo; Cleo Petty, Cedar City, and W. L. Williams, Salt Lake City.

The delegates, who decided to meet next year at Price, were present in large numbers at the most impressive Memorial Services during which former Grand Trustee D. E. Lambourne was an inspired speaker.

GOV. ARONSON WELCOMES MONTANA DELEGATES

J. Hugo Aronson, Governor of Montana and a member of the Order, joined Helena's Mayor Otto Brackman, another Elk, in extending a cordial welcome to the nearly 1,750 Elks and their ladies who attended the Montana Elks Assn. Meeting July 28, 29 and 30.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern was in attendance, announcing that he and another former leader of Elkdom, James G. McFarland, would supply the trophy to be awarded the State's championship Ritualistic Team. Other distinguished Elks on hand included Lowell Paige, Howard L. Painter and Chester Johnson, Montana's new D.D.'s. and their immediate predecessors. Several Past State Presidents were also present, joining retiring Pres. Les Boodry at a dinner which preceded the initiation of a class of 12 by the Ritualistic Team from Anaconda Lodge which won second place in this year's contest behind Havre Lodge and before Polson.

Robert N. Traver, Chairman of the Calif. Elks Veterans Committee, was a guest and presented to the Assn. a supply of leather which had been provided by Montana's lodges and processed by the California Elks. This ceremony took place during the report of the Helena Elks Veterans Committee which, together with the report made by the State group, revealed that Elk assistance to our veterans in Montana continues enthusiastically unabated.

Pres. Boodry and Secy. A. A. Trenerry, who observed his 74th birthday and was reelected Secy.-Treas. for the 24th consecutive year at this conclave, reported that the Assn. was in a very stable condition, with a gain of 185 members during the year. The Elks National Foundation is receiving splendid support from these Elks who raised nearly \$8,000 for its programs since the 1954 Meeting. Scholarship winners Dorothy A. McGuire and John T. Bonner were rewarded at this gathering during which Clarence Mier of Great Falls was elected President, with Leroy Schmid of Butte and Richard M. Gilder of Red Lodge as Vice-Presidents. P. E. McBride, a member of Anaconda Lodge, was reelected Trustee for a third term.

Interest in less fortunate children was revealed as most important to these Elks; with the past year seeing more than \$50,000 spent on charity—\$13,000 through the Bucks Club Committee alone—the delegates indicated a strong desire to participate in a cerebral palsy program. Thoroughly discussed at this session, such a project would emphasize aid to children afflicted with speech and hearing defects, through the establishment of a fund to acquire, maintain and operate mobile units; immediate plans call for the acquisition of two such units, with others to follow as soon as possible.

W. L. Hill of Great Falls, recently appointed to the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, was named Chairman of the Project Committee.

The 1956 Convention will take place at Lewistown, with a January meeting at Red Lodge, and the 1956 Bowling Tourney to take place at Livingston.

Memorial Services honored the 241 Montana Elks who had passed away since the last session, with Leroy Schmid, a former Grand Lodge Committeeman, presiding and Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Frank R. Venable as principal speaker.

Right: Holdenville Lodge's top Ritualistic Team for Oklahoma, left to right: Harold Samford, Inner Guard; John Moeller, Chaplain; Cloe Ellis, Est. Lead. Knight; Stanley Huser, Jr., E.R.; Dale Middleton, Est. Loyal Knight; Bill Enos, Est. Lect. Knight, and Clyde Dowdy, Esq.



NEWS of the LODGES

Right: Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge officers and the 16-man class honoring Secy. L. T. Brazer.



Above: The San Francisco, Calif., Elks' ladies and their friends were guests at a colorful luncheon and fashion show in the lodge's main dining room recently. Pictured at the outstanding social event are, left to right: hostess Mrs. Stanley G. Stebbins, wife of E.R. Stebbins; Mrs. Robert Mohrbacher, wife of the State Assn. Pres., Mrs. C. F. McCormick, whose husband is a Vice-Pres. of the State group, and Mrs. A. R. MacLeod, wife of P.E.R. MacLeod and Chair-lady of the Committee.

At right is the Hoquiam Elks' entry in the Washington State Assn. Convention Parade at Aberdeen. Representing the theme, "Fidelity to Freedom", the handsome float won first prize.



Left: This Nevada City Elks' float, designed and constructed by Elza Kilroy and Neil Hoyez, paid tribute to the two Charter Members it bore through the streets of Grass Valley, Calif., on July 4th—56-year Elks P.D.D. P. G. Scadden, riding at left, and the lodge's 1899-1914 Secy. Ralph W. Gaylord, at right.

These trapshooters successfully represented Condon, Ore., Elkdom at the Sam Moore Memorial Trophy Shoot. Left to right: Frank Johnson, W. W. Parrish, Kenneth Myers, H. E. Wilkins and Capt. Lawrence Jones.



With some of the 35 underprivileged youngsters brought in by chartered plane from Fort Yukon by the Fairbanks, Alaska, Elks to see the circus there are P.E.R. Francis J. Broderick, Chaplain Mose Dallosto and Est. Lead. Knight Hessel Ragins who headed the project.

TRAVELGUIDE

The motel is moving into town and right into the shadow of the downtown hotels. This past June, famous Market Street in San Francisco, less than a mile from Nob Hill, got its first motel—Holiday Lodge—a 'million dollar motel'. By the end of the year plans are under way for the construction of a 'hotel-motel' on Nob Hill itself. San Francisco now has five 'downtown' motels but similar invasions of the 'downtown' districts are taking place all over the country. Chicago has only one motel within the city limits but shortly there will be opened for travelers a new 90-room motel right next to the Edgewater Beach Hotel on the North Side. Other large cities are expecting the same treatment within the next year since the motel people say they are putting motels closer to where people want to be.

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Immediately upon the ratification of the Austrian State Treaty came unrestricted travel in Austria. American vis-

itors now require only a valid passport. The opening to the Danube and eastern Austria to unrestricted tourist travel returns a major European sightseeing highlight to the 'round Europe circuit—the Danube River trip.'

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About twenty miles from San Juan, Puerto Rico, at Dorado a de luxe beach resort is under construction. The resort consists of 260 acres with a mile of ocean-front bathing beach. Plans call for a 70-room hotel, cottages, restaurants, shops and a championship 18-hole golf course. One and two-story cottages may be rented on a semi-housekeeping basis or with hotel service. Laurance Rockefeller is sponsoring the project. The opening date has not yet been announced but it is expected to be ready some time during the winter of 1955-56.

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Corsica, the island where Napoleon was born, is receiving a lot of attention from American travelers this year. It combines the lazy living of the French Riviera (at much lower prices) with the picturesque customs of an ancient Mediterranean people. Wide beaches, palms, open air cafes and rolling purple mountains covered with olive trees and forests together with a delightful climate most of the year makes Corsica a worth while tourist attraction. Accommodations though not of the luxury class, meet American standards and the island offers sailing, fishing, moun-

tain climbing, golf and excellent food to keep the visitor busy and happy.

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Joint plane-helicopter fares from Chicago and eastern points to magical Disneyland will be in effect after September 1st on connecting flights on United Airlines and Los Angeles airways. One-way fares from eastern points to Anaheim, home of the newly opened Disneyland, would be \$2.00 higher (plus tax) than first class ticket cost to Los Angeles.

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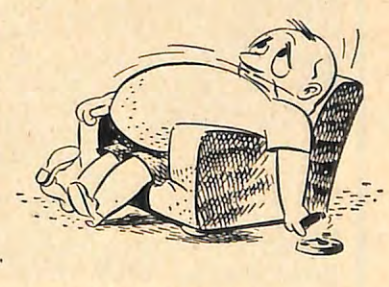
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LODGE NOTES

For more than 30 years, Daniel F. Scanlon served Sheraden, Pa., Lodge as its Secy. Not long ago, his fellow members were deeply saddened to learn of his death. Mr. Scanlon, who retired 11 years ago as a Pennsylvania Railroad Postmaster, had been affiliated with the railroad for 50 years. He was 80 years old at the time of his death. Surviving are a sister and a brother.

Last month, you saw a picture of the Rhythmettes, the girls' precision team of Las Vegas, Nev., High School, who toured the country this summer on a good will jaunt sponsored by the Nevada Elks Assn. We have just learned that this group was entertained by E.R. Randolph A. Mineo and the members of Buffalo, N. Y., Lodge, when the girls stopped off at Niagara Falls for a weekend visit and performed for the patients at the VA Hospital in Buffalo during their stay.

It has been brought to our attention that in the listing of new District Deputies on page 54 of our September issue, Francisco A. Irizarry, D.D. for Puerto Rico, is included as an affiliate of Puerto Rico Lodge No. 972. This, of course, should have been San Juan Lodge No. 972.

When William Rifkin celebrated his 75th birthday and his 35th anniversary as Treas. of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Lodge not long ago, he was honored by 150 persons at a surprise buffet supper. An Elk since 1908, Mr. Rifkin was guest of honor several months ago at a banquet attended by 600 persons. At this recent tribute, when Past State Pres. Barney Wentz was a speaker, Mr. Rifkin received a 33-pound scrapbook carrying testimonial letters and telegrams he had received at the December event.

Oscar E. Learnard, a former resident of Lawrence, Kans., and a Charter Member of the Elks lodge there, passed away recently in Santa Rosa, Calif., at the age of 80. A P.E.R. of Lawrence Lodge, Mr. Learnard had served his area as D.D. many years ago. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son, as well as by his brother, 83-year-old Tracy Learnard, another Charter Member of Lawrence who has resided in California since 1902 and was one of the organizers of Gilroy Lodge in 1929.

When Elmira, N. Y., Lodge held its annual outing, our Washington Correspondent, Tom Wrigley, a member of Elmira Elksdom, was one of the 700 guests.

Right: This is the float, entered in the Douglas County Rodeo Parade by Roseburg, Ore., Lodge, which captured first prize.



Left: E.R. Harry Jekanowski of Northampton, Mass., Lodge presents a \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship Award to Charles D. Yegian. Present for the ceremonies were D.D. William A. Ouimet, left, and Est. Lead. Knight Peter Coyne, Youth Committee Chairman, right.

At right: Middletown, Ohio, Cerebral Palsy Center Pres. H. Haskins, left, receives a \$3,000 Ohio Elk grant from P.E.R. Harry Benadum. Looking on are Center Director Myron Swack, E.R. Britton Kendrick, Robert Barnard, Est. Lead. Knight Paul Foehl, Chairman W. G. Penry of the Ohio Elks' CP Program Directors and former Grand Lodge Committeeman, and District Committee Chairman Edward Wight.



C. DWIGHT STEVENS, DEVOTED MAINE ELK, MOURNED

The entire Order has been saddened to learn of the death of C. Dwight Stevens. A member of Portland, Me., Lodge, No. 188, since 1917, its Exalted Ruler in 1923, Mr. Stevens passed away on Aug. 25th at the age of 66.

As District Deputy in 1928, he organized the Maine Elks Assn. and was its President for two years. In 1945 he organized, and became first President of, the Maine P.E.R.'s Assn. and when every lodge in the State became a subscriber to the Elks National Foundation, C. Dwight Stevens received major credit.

In the Grand Lodge, he had been associated with the Lodge Activities Committee and the State Associations and Ritualistic Committees. In 1951,

he was elected to the office of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight.

Mr. Stevens is survived by a sister, a daughter and a granddaughter to whom the Magazine staff extends its warm sympathy.

Leading several prominent Elks as Honorary Pallbearers were Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan, Grand Treas. Edward F. Spry, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Daniel E. Crowley and Past Grand Inner Guard Fred L. Sylvester. Among the active pallbearers were Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman Brian M. Jewett, Past State Presidents A. J. Ferland, Jr., Leon F. Jones and Secy.-Treas. Edward R. Twomey.

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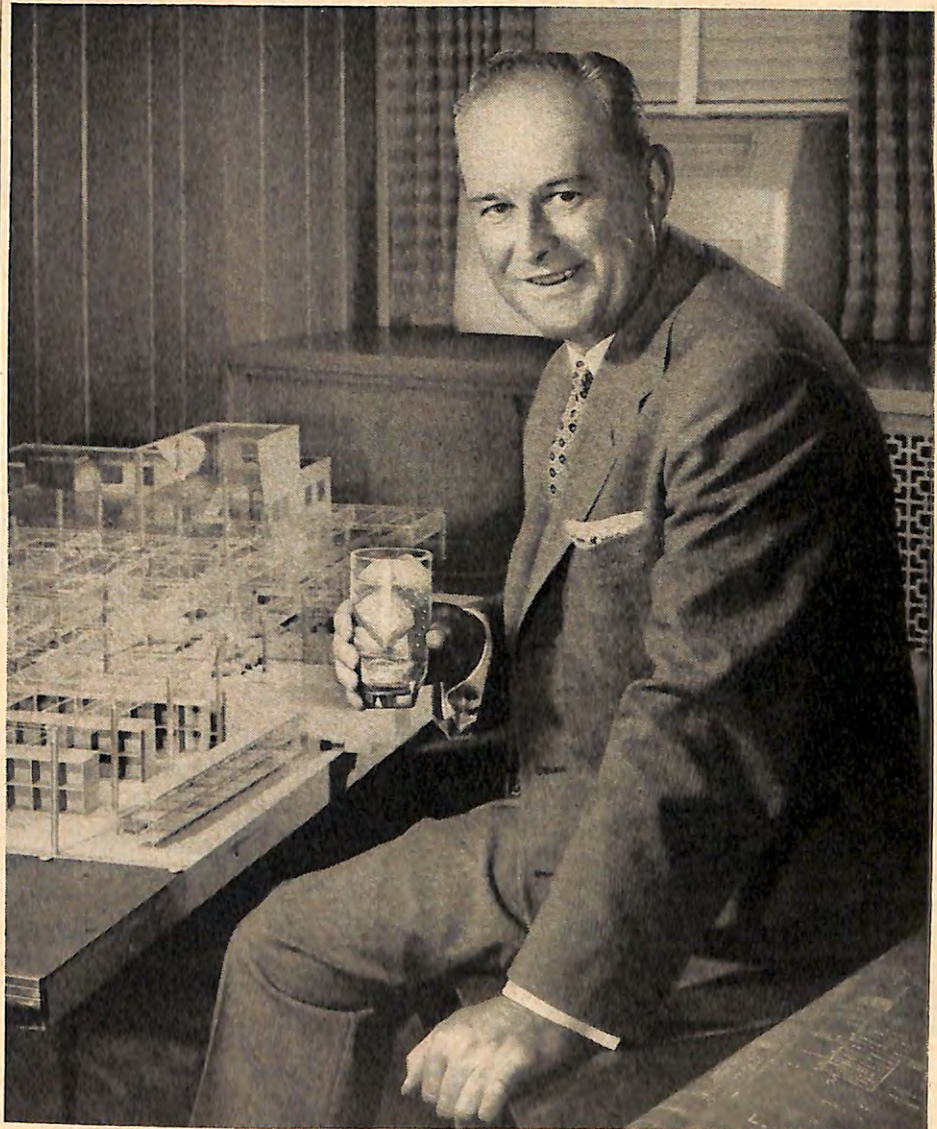
Miss Donna Ruth Joseph of Weiser, Ida., has been awarded a \$450 Elks National Foundation fellowship for the study of cerebral palsy therapy at the May T. Morrison Center for Rehabilitation in San Francisco. Announcement of this award comes from Brother A. G. O’Leary, Exalted Ruler of Weiser Lodge. Idaho Elks have been outstanding for their work in rehabilitating crippled children, and this recent award is but one of many steps taken in the field of cerebral palsy.

This month we particularly call the attention of every member of the Order to the “Plan Elkdom’s Progress” Program of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker with respect to advancing the Elks National Foundation Fund during his year in office. It appears on page 44. The Grand Exalted Ruler has made a comprehensive study of the problem of increasing the Fund and has arranged a most complete program with the expectancy that last year’s total donations of \$400,000 can be materially increased.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, sends this interesting letter from Mary Witengier, who is the beneficiary of a Foundation Scholarship: “I thought that you might like to know that through the kindness of the Foundation I have been able to come back to Florida and start a new technique with about twenty-two of the children here in Orlando attending the Forrest Park School. Results have been most gratifying, and for the first time we have some real hope to extend aid to the children with severe cerebral palsy involvement. Can I thank you for making it possible to bring this new understanding to Florida.”

One of the most outstanding “Most Valuable Students” to receive the First Award in the annual competition of the Elks National Foundation is Miss Kathleen Kampmann, who was sponsored by Ballard, Wash., Lodge. Miss Kampmann plans a career in medicine and was flown from Honolulu to Philadelphia to receive her award at the Convention last July. In sincere appreciation of what the Elks did for her, she has written to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley as follows: “I’ve thought of you so many times since my very enjoyable trip to Philadelphia last month. I couldn’t have had a nicer time. Certainly I will keep in touch with you, letting you know my plans and progress. Please know how much this scholarship will mean to me. The confidence is indeed an inspiration.”

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Below: Burbank, Calif., Elkdom is "Investing in Youth" by offering a \$750 scholarship to be competed for by students of the five high schools of that area, each of which enter three nominees. The judges selected Wayne Hutchinson, seated with his mother, as the 1955 winner. He received his award at ceremonies attended by 500 persons. Standing, left to right, are Past State Pres. C. P. Hebenstreit, Chairman of the Calif. Elks Assn. Major Project Committee, Scholarship Committee Chairman A. C. Putnam, and E.R. George W. Haven.



Above: Once again, the Elks of Rahway, N. J., journeyed to the VA Hospital at Lyons to put on an entire afternoon's entertainment by professional talent for the patients and to have their Veterans Committee present to the Hospital a "Rek-O-Kut", an electrically-driven double turntable for the Hospital's broadcasting system. Left to right are John Cosgrove, Al Turlowicz, the Hospital's Chief of Special Services G. W. Parsons, P.E.R. Thomas N. Buchan, Dr. Elliott Lubell, Committee Chairman George Armour, Past State Pres. and P.D.D. Charles Maurer, State Committee Chairman, P.E.R. Hubert Merritt and P.D.D. Edward J. Hannon of Dunellen Lodge.



Idaho State Assn. Pres. Patrick H. King, left, presents a \$1,200 Elks National Foundation check to Supt. Clayton Lorenzen of the Idaho State Elks Convalescent Home for Children, holding one of its patients on his knee. The check will purchase equipment for the Home.



In Elkhart, Ind., where golf is a popular sport, the local Elks are seeing to it that youngsters of the community learn all the fine points of the game early in life. Professional Gene Conway is conducting a golf clinic for boys and girls under 16 with play on the Elks Country Club course one morning each week through the summer until late Fall, when lessons continue indoors at the nearby high school gymnasium. About 50 children are weekly students.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Elks Fly Youngsters to Circus

More than 30 underprivileged children of Fort Yukon, the majority Indians and Eskimos, arrived in Fairbanks via Wien Alaska Airlines to see the final performance of the Ward-Bell Circus. The treat was a rare one, inasmuch as this was only the second circus to visit Alaska. The exciting experience was provided through the generosity of Fairbanks Lodge No. 1551 who chartered the plane, gave personal escort under the care of Est. Lead. Knight Hess Ragins, and entertained the children at dinner at the lodge home following the show. Later the thrilled young guests toured Fairbanks by bus, awed by the tall buildings, stores, neon lights and cars—all foreign to the tiny Fort Yukon community.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON LODGE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

OCTOBER — National Newspaper Week Oct. 1-8. The observance of Newspaper Week is a matter for Grand Lodge Award. Full reports are to be submitted to Committee-man James A. Gunn, 437 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y., not later than November 1st.
Stray Elks Roundup — (Lapsation-Reinstatement Drive)

NOVEMBER — Chairmen's Night (Tributes to Committee Chairmen) "Plan Elkdom's Progress Class" (Honoring Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker)

DECEMBER—Elk Memorial Sunday (Special Awards)
Christmas Community Welfare Activities (Special Awards)

JANUARY—Elks National Service Commission Night — (Honoring Military and Service Groups)
Lodge Bulletin Contest (Special Awards)

FEBRUARY—Old Timers and Life Members Party
Elkdom's 88th Anniversary
Sweethearts' Night — (Honoring Our Ladies)

MARCH — Past Exalted Rulers' Night Programs

APRIL—New Citizens' Night

MAY—Mother's Day Observance

JUNE—Elks' Flag Day Observance—June 14th (Special Awards)

For Elks Who Travel

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you can browse among the rugs that are made of llama, alpaca, and even vicuna. Many are pieced-together mosaics of brown, black and white skins depicting Indian scenes. Most have a tiny white llama in the center. Peru's other big buy is its silver which is fashioned into hundreds of objects usable and otherwise, many surprisingly modern in design.

From Lima we skimmed down the coast to Chile, a land so narrow on the map you wonder how the pilot found it. In some places it is as wide as the distance between New York and Philadelphia, which is 90 miles. As we flew, Panagra's stewardesses served luncheon, course by course, rolling it down the central alley on a butler's cart.

As for Chile, it seemed a breath of Europe below the Equator. The Andes, imposing and snow-covered, ring Santiago like an Alpine range. The avenues seem broader than Paris, and the mountain-cleansed air imparts a tonic to the soul. It's just 35 miles from Santiago to the ski resorts stuck up in the Andes. The nearest ones at Farrellones and La Parva can be reached by car and offer the bare essentials for overnight lodging and magnificent ski slopes. The seasons are reversed and snow is on the ground down there when it's summer up here. However, snug little places like the Barcelona have swimming pools up in the heights which are inviting when snow is on the ground up home.

BETWEEN Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro the difference aboard Pan American's Clippers is about seven hours. Otherwise the differences are these—B. A. is wonderful for shopping and for eating. Rio is wonderful for weather. B. A. is big, cosmopolitan and beautiful—mature as a city. It reminds me of Paris and New York and Washington. Steaks and alligator handbags are the best buys. Rio to me is Miami in duplicate. Naturally, it is more beautiful, with its harbor speckled with islands and mountainous peninsulas. But the placement of downtown Rio with its tall skyscraping office buildings and the nearby run to Copacabana Beach—the great sandy crescent bordered almost every inch of the way with soaring white buildings—is reminiscent of the outpost at the tip of Florida.

While Buenos Aires gets downright frosty during the span of our summer, Rio remains a gentle 70 or so throughout and while only the local polar bear club swims from Copacabana during the Rio winter, there are plenty of hardies on the beach all year around playing volleyball and flying kites. I can't say that Rio is exactly handy—it took eleven hours in one of Pan American's DC-6Bs to fly to Caracas and then nine more hours into New York—but for a whole new world you have to admit that isn't really far.

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A PLAN FOR ELKDOM'S PROGRESS

By GRAND EXALTED RULER JOHN L. WALKER

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION CONTESTS

As a part of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker's Plan for Elkdom's Progress, he has organized a fund-raising campaign on behalf of the Elks National Foundation.

Goal of the campaign is a contribution to the Foundation from every Elk, every Lodge and State Association. Last year, a record total of approximately \$400,000 was contributed to the Foundation. Grand Exalted Ruler Walker said that he was convinced that this figure could be doubled or even tripled "if we went all out and reached our members with an intelligent appeal to their generous hearts."

To stimulate interest, two contests will be conducted in which lodges will compete for District, State and National awards on the basis of:

1—Per capita contributions and

2—percentage of members who make contributions.

There will also be awards to District Deputies and to State Associations making the best showings.

The contests will cover the period May 1, 1955, to April 30, 1956 and all Foundation contributions made between those dates, except bequests, will be credited. Membership figures for March 31, 1955, will be used in determining winners, except for new lodges in which charter membership will be the basis for judging. Lodges will compete for awards in the two contests as follows:

PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTION CONTEST

Awards will be made to the:

Lodge in each District with highest per capita contribution

Lodge in each State with highest per capita contribution

Ten Lodges in the Order with the highest per capita contributions.

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS

Awards in this contest will be made to the:

Lodge in each District with highest percentage of contributors

Lodge in each State with highest percentage of contributors

Ten Lodges in the Order with highest percentage of contributors.

Honors will be awarded to District Deputies in whose Districts there is a lodge that wins a state or national award. Similar recognition will be given to the State Elks Associations which have lodges among the national winners.

A feature of the campaign will be personal solicitation of Elk membership throughout the nation, under the leadership of Lodge, District and State Committees. This carries out Grand Exalted Ruler Walker's determination to broaden the base of Foundation support by going to the grass roots.

Every Elk will have an opportunity to give to the Foundation, as generously as he can, but give, in order to increase the Foundation's effectiveness as the Order's national charitable agency. Honorary Founder's Certificates in the amount of \$1,000 can be purchased in \$100 installments. Participating Membership Certificates of \$100 can be purchased in \$10 installments. Several states have organized Twenty Clubs, whose members have contributed \$20 to the Foundation. Whatever the amount, each individual Elk's contribution will be credited to his lodge.

Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker

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cine Mr. Walker was met by Alfred E. LaFrance, President of the Wisconsin State Elks Assn., who accompanied him to Wausau. The Order's Leader and Mr. LaFrance proceeded from Racine to a noon luncheon at MADISON LODGE, given in honor of Mr. Walker. Present at the luncheon was Governor Walter Kohler, as well as delegations from Baraboo, Platteville, Janesville and Beloit lodges. The Grand Exalted Ruler took this occasion to praise the Wisconsin State Elks Assn. for its work in youth leadership programs aimed at combating juvenile

delinquency. "Wisconsin Elks have been in the forefront in the Elks national youth leadership training program," said Mr. Walker. Following the luncheon, the Grand Exalted Ruler inspected the Elks Clubhouse with Roy C. Mapes, Exalted Ruler of Madison Lodge. The Past Exalted Rulers Club, led by Horace Tenney, President, assisted Madison officers in entertaining Mr. Walker.

Later that day, while proceeding to Wausau by motorcar, the party made brief visits to PORTAGE and STEVENS POINT LODGES. The Grand Exalted Ruler said he

was especially pleased to have had the opportunity of visiting the Stevens Point Lodge because of its splendid record in regard to paid up membership. From August 11th through the 13th the Order's Leader attended the State Convention, covered elsewhere in the Magazine.

Upon leaving Wausau, the Grand Exalted Ruler returned to North Carolina where, on August 15th, he was guest of honor at ROCKY MOUNT LODGE. The occasion was the fourth birthday celebration of the Lodge. Over 400 persons attended the event, including Elks Boy Scout Troop No. 54, the members of which were presented to Mr. Walker. Grand Exalted Ruler Walker was introduced by Secretary of State Thad A. Eure of Raleigh, after which he made a brief speech. Also honored at the celebration was Dr. Robert S. Barrett of Alexandria, Va., Past Grand Exalted Ruler. Numerous North Carolina lodges were presented at the event, as well as several Virginia lodges, Baltimore, Md. Lodge and Coral Gables, Fla., Lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

Oct. 2	Providence, R.I.
3	El Cajon, Calif.
4-8	San Diego, Calif., state meeting
10	Great Falls and Havre, Mont.
11	Glasgow and Wolf Point, Mont.
12	Sidney, Mont., Williston, N.D.
13	Minot and Grand Forks, N.D.
14	Minneapolis and St. Paul
15	Willmar, Minn.
16	Huron, S.D.
17	Mitchell and Yankton, S.D.
18	Sioux City, Ia.
19	Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.
20	Kearney, Neb.
21	Urbana, Ill.
22	Willimantic, Conn.
24-25	Queens Borough, N.Y.
26	Amherst and Hamburg, N.Y. lodges receive charters at Buffalo
27	Albion, N.Y.
28	Elmira, N.Y.
29	Herkimer, N.Y.
30	New Rochelle, N.Y.
31	New Brunswick, N.J.
Nov. 1	Kearny, N.J.
5	Knoxville, Tenn.
9	Beckley, W.Va.
10-12	Bedford, Va.
15	Burlington, N.C.
16	Salisbury, N.C.
17-19	Hickory, N.C., state meeting

*Subject to change

1955 FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARDS

Freedoms Foundation this year has enlarged the Awards Program with the addition of categories on Freedom Music, High School Annuals and Journalism. Complete information on the Freedoms Foundation Awards is available by writing to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pa. Freedoms Foundation will make nomination blanks available to interested persons or organizations, without charge, together with complete information as to the procedure for participating in the Annual Awards.

ELKS FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker in August appealed to Elks Lodges to contribute to an emergency fund for the relief of victims of the floods caused by hurricane Diane.

In keeping with an Elks tradition that began with the Johnstown Flood, the Grand Exalted Ruler sent this telegram to all lodges outside the affected areas:

"To assist lodges in flood relief I am asking our lodges to contribute not to exceed \$100.00 to fund to be administered by Elks. Please rush your contribution to Grand Secretary."

The response was immediate and generous. Within hours after the appeal went out Grand Secretary Donaldson had received contributions totaling several thousand dollars.

Grants from the emergency fund will be made to lodges in the flood-stricken areas to assist them in carrying on relief efforts that they set in motion even before the waters had receded.

Travel News

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feel the first bite of a Texas Norther. And late in the season, in northern New Mexico, there'll be a nice nip in the air, for this is high country.

But then, as you head on into the west, your spinning wheels or propellers bring you in a long sweep down from the mountains and into the low desert regions of south central Arizona. Here, in the fall and winter, is excellent weather. Daytime temperatures from October through December—indeed, right on through March—swing up into the 70's, sometimes

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1,000th REPLY

Endeavoring to obtain a list of members of the Order who are owners, part owners or managers of a retail store, The Elks Magazine has been running for several months a notice and coupon box asking for this information. The response has been excellent and the cooperation very much appreciated, as this information is of great value. Just as we were going to press we received the 1,000th reply and it was from Brother James H. Mansaur, Salamanca, N. Y., Lodge, who owns a dry cleaning establishment in Little Valley, N. Y. Thank you, Brother Mansaur, and the 999 other Brothers who have cooperated. Now let's see who will be the 2,000th Brother?



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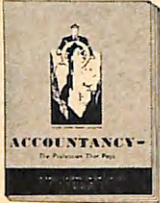
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The 1955 observance of Know Your America Week has been set for November 20-26 by the All-American Conference To Combat Communism, of which the Order of Elks is an affiliated member.

John L. Walker, Grand Exalted Ruler, has asked each Lodge to help plan and carry out a community-wide program during this week that will serve to "quicken the spirit of American patriotism."

"You will note," the Grand Exalted Ruler wrote to Exalted Rulers, "that Thanksgiving Day falls in Know Your America Week. The theme for the week is particularly appropriate—'Consider the Blessings of Freedom'. Freedom is such a natural thing to Americans, so much a part of our daily lives that we are apt to forget that our daily lives would be indescribably different, and immeasurably poorer, without the blessings of freedom that are ours in such abundance."

A booklet on how to organize a KYA program was sent each lodge.

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These are some of the special goings-on of fall and early winter in the Southwest. But the traveler can miss every one of them and still be wondrously enriched by his journey. For the Southwest, all apart from its special goings-on, is something very special in itself. It's a land of infinite space and variety, of scenic spectacles which jolt and exhilarate the senses. Even more important, it's a land where the jaded human soul can take a seventh-inning stretch and be rejuvenated.

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ALWAYS A WELCOME

Last month, our travel writer, Horace Sutton, wrote about the advantages of visiting New York City in the fall, but while the article was complete he failed to mention one point of interest to every Elk—New York Lodge No. 1, 161 W. 93rd St., the "Mother Lodge" of Elksdom.

This omission was graciously pointed out to us by Exalted Ruler Arthur Markewich of New York Lodge, which is noted for its hospitality to visiting members of the Order. You can always be sure of a welcome at No. 1. Brother Markewich also said in his letter, "We are quite proud of the spread (article on Formosa) given to our own Brother Bruno Shaw." Incidentally, Bruno Shaw will have a second article on Formosa in our November issue.

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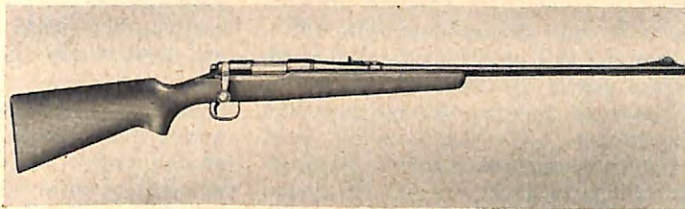
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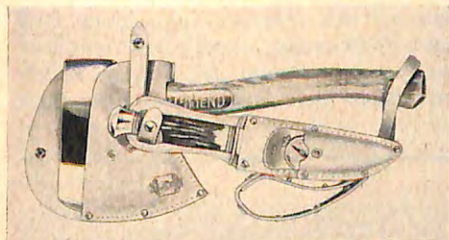


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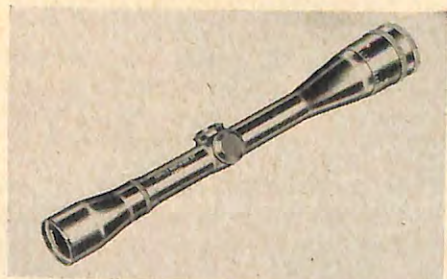
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"Leetle Crazee Ones"

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has the same long bill, button eyes and general color and confirmation, but he is slimmer throughout. His bill and legs are thinner, his head and body smaller; yet his wings are longer than those of the woodcock. By the way, for the information of snipe hunters who are also trout fishermen, under the jacksnipe's wing are some slim, two-inch feathers barred strongly in black and white which, paired and tied on a long-shanked hook, make a deadly streamer. But anyone who would make a snipe streamer must first get a snipe.

I don't know if other hunters ever happen to spot a jacksnipe on the ground before he jumps or not, but I never did. Even when I have marked one down carefully and have searched the ground ahead as I approached, I have failed to see him. Apparently he squats motionless when he hears someone coming, and his camouflage is effective against the mud and reeds. Just as I decide I have made a mistake in marking him, he jumps from the spot where I have just looked. It is startling enough to have one appear from nowhere, but on top of that he emits an equally startling and rasping "skeeeek," as he leaves the ground just to be sure he puts the bite on the gunner's nerves. Then he flies as though he didn't have any idea where he was going, but nevertheless was in a terrible hurry to get there.

Jacksnipe hunting calls for fast gun handling because of his get-away. It also demands good gun control due to the erratic, helter-skelter course of his flight. Usually he starts off low and makes a wide, curving flight, broken by darts to one side or the other. A straight-away shot is a rarity, so the hunter must be able to swing and lead a shotgun as well

as react fast. Occasionally one of the "leetle crazee ones" will take off right up into the blue, mounting higher and higher and flying a frantically erratic course until he disappears high in the sky. A few times I have been able to keep an eye on such a high-flyer when he is nothing but a fly-speck in the blue, watched him make a great sweep in the heavens, then suddenly dart back to earth and land within thirty yards of where he started.

My first experience with jacksnipe was a long while ago in an enormous marsh on the eastern shore of Maryland. It was full of them, and still is as far as any damage I did is concerned. I shot where they had been, or where they should have been, and I zigged when I should have zagged; in short, I shot everywhere except where they were. Each one I missed I marked down carefully and started after him again with full determination. Just before getting close enough to be ready for him, I would jump another off to one side; whereupon I would swing around, miss him, mark him down and start the procedure all over again. I followed those crazy things—or, rather, they lured me—all over that huge marsh, leaving a trail of empties behind me. When I finally did get one, he was as costly a bit of fowl as was ever put on a table.

Since then I have run quite a few jacksnipe around bogs all the way from Alaska to Cuba, and I am still trying to find out how to hit them. It's fun trying anyway, and I'll never pass up an opportunity to burn some more shells on their account. The strange part of it is that a hunter really doesn't have anything when he does hit one. It's not like bringing home a succulent grouse, or a corn-



While this photograph of Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick's visit to Pueblo, Colorado, lodge on May 11 was not received until recently, The Elks Magazine particularly wanted to use it because it was Mr. Jernick's only visit to Colorado during his year in office. Shown left to right are: Exalted Ruler E. E. Yarberry of Canon City lodge, Exalted Ruler George Thompson of Pueblo lodge, Mr. Jernick, Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Jacob Sherman, and Exalted Ruler Ralph Peacock, Jr., of La Junta lodge.

"FREEDOM'S FACTS" — Forceful Action



The All-American Conference To Combat Communism is publishing a monthly bulletin under the title "Freedom's Facts," which is doing outstanding work in exposing communistic inroads. As the BPOE is one of a

group of fifty national organizations with membership in the Conference, The Elks Magazine has for several months quoted provocative material from "Freedom's Facts." The one that follows, we thought, was a particularly splendid example of direct action to overcome a typical communistic threat.

The communist attempt to subvert the student mind in Japan has been greatly slowed during the past two years through the forceful action of one man—Dr. Shannon McCune, Chairman of the Department of Geography, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.

While serving as a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo in the fall of 1953, Dr. McCune discovered that the Reds were exploiting the poverty of many Japanese students to spread their distorted texts through Japanese educational institutions.

According to Dr. McCune, a typical Japanese student had about 4,000 yen a month—about \$11.00 in U.S. currency—to cover his expenses. While American textbooks were much in demand, they cost from \$4.00 to \$8.00.

The communists moved into this situation with a flood of Soviet history and geography books—many of them printed in English—and sold them at about thirty cents each. In these texts, the benefits of communism and Marxism-Leninism were played up, and the United States and free enterprise were played down.

In their effort to get communist books into the hands of Japanese students

and, consequently, get communist ideas into their heads, the Reds produced volumes of the Communist Classics—again in English—worth probably \$8.00 to \$10.00, and sold them for the equivalent of ten cents. Japanese students, anxious to learn to read English fluently, thus found that the cheapest reading matter was the words of Marx, Lenin, and Stalin.

Books For Asia Plan

Dr. McCune's answer was a Books for Asia plan. This consisted of rounding up all the books no longer needed in American colleges and universities, then shipping them to Japanese students. Since Japanese are reluctant to accept charity, they could send a map or a pamphlet or pay 200 yen—about fifty-five cents—for the books they received.

Dr. McCune immediately followed up with a letter to eighty geography teachers in the U.S. who he thought would join him in the plan and with other letters to Japanese students saying that more books would be sent. By the following July two thousand books had arrived in Tokyo and three thousand more were on the way. The flood has become so great that a warehouse has been established in San Francisco to store books prior to shipping.

The result has been a sharp drop in the sale of communist textbooks and tracts on Marxism-Leninism to Japanese students. And more American texts are flowing to Japan from the San Francisco warehouse.

When one realizes that the first step in the Red conquest of a nation is the attack on the student mind, the importance of Books for Asia comes into proper focus.

At the same time this plan underscores the facts that there are many ways by which organizations and individuals can counteract the spread of communism. A major one is distribution of books of the free world to schools and students in Africa and Asia.

fed mallard, or an eighteen-pound turkey gobbler. Although I've never bothered to weigh one, I would hazard a guess that the jacksnipe is the smallest in weight of any of today's legal game birds. Of course many delicacies come in small packages, but I personally can't put a snipe in this category. I would rather eat a snipe than a mudhen, principally because there is less of it, but further than that I won't commit myself. The way I shoot I haven't had to worry what to do with them, though. I have been lucky just to get enough feathers for an occasional trout fly.

The jacksnipe season was completely closed for a period of twelve years, fol-

lowing the pattern set in regard to the many other varieties of shore birds; then, surprisingly enough, was reopened in 1953. Young hunters who first took to the field during this long drought likely don't know anything about snipe hunting—other, possibly, than one of the various forms of night snipe—and in some ways they are likely just as well off. They've never had to walk their legs weary through sticky marsh mud for hours at a time, expecting something constantly but never knowing just when one would take off on his wild flight.

Neither, however, do they know the fascination afforded someone who has snipe hunting in his blood, such as the



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man I went duck hunting with one day. I left him on an island with a set of decoys, then proceeded to the far end of the lake in the skiff to try to stir some up. Instead I jumped a snipe. Neither of us had known until then that snipe used the big bog at the end of the lake, and I hadn't done any snipe shooting for a long while because of the federal closure. I followed that snipe, and jumped another; then another and another. I forgot about the other hunter, and I forgot about ducks. I ran out of shells first, having by that time chased all the snipe out

of the marsh; then I got in the skiff and returned to join the other hunter on the island—and borrow some of his shells. I discovered then, in no indefinite terms, that he was a snipe hunter, too, and being trapped on the island while I had a field day in the marsh was a terrible experience for him. The agonies suffered by a young snipe hunter alone with his gunny sack and lantern in a dark and forbidding swamp were nothing compared to those endured by this old-time snipe hunter that day. He never has forgiven me.

How to Be a Goat Hunter

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been hit and he kept on running up the wash until my buddy dispatched him neatly with his Luger.

Unfortunately, not being well versed in such matters I can't give the scientific name of this law, but it is sometimes referred to by illiterate and uncouth backwoodsmen as the jumping jitters or the plain old buck-fever. Naturally, when it is in operation, a man is much better off if he is armed with a gun as big as he can carry.

After you get into good, hard physical condition, so that you feel tough enough to catch bears with a forked stick, and have bought suitable clothing and footwear for clambering around over the cliffs a couple of miles above sea level, you are ready to go goat hunting. The first step is to hire a guide who can show you a goat. The chances are he will show it to you through a 16-power spotting

scope and that it will be so high on a mountain that you will decide to give up goat hunting then and there and spend your time fishing in the nearby stream or else shoot some intelligent and much more easily obtained animal, like a moose, elk or bear.

If you persist, however, and don't fall off the mountain and do succeed in getting up to where the goat is—not higher mind you, but as high—and do succeed in clambering over the cliffs and crawling over the broken shale and crumbled granite until you are within range and don't get the buck-fever, but do succeed in hitting the goat at which you are shooting (or another goat standing nearby) the chances are he will fall down dead.

All you have to do then is to skin him out, take the head and cape and as much of the meat as you and the guide can carry—they say goat meat is not good to

"TRIBUTE OF APPRECIATION" TO PGER SULLIVAN



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On July 30th, more than 150 New England Elks met at Boston Lodge No. 10 to honor Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan. During the "Tribute of Appreciation" party Mr. Sullivan was presented with a check for \$5,000 in appreciation of his great services to Elkdom during the past 50 years. In the photograph above, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson presents the check to Mr. Sullivan, with left to right, Past

Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Andrew A. Biggio, Past President of Massachusetts State Elks Assn., and Alfred Gross, Exalted Ruler of Boston Lodge. Judge John E. Fenton, member of the Grand Lodge on Judiciary, was Secretary of the Committee that arranged the party and District Deputy Col. Frank O'Rourke was Treasurer. Among the many New England Elks present was Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry.

eat, but I would rather have it than Mexican hairless dog anytime—and try to climb down off the mountain without breaking your neck.

Possibly I should state right here and now that I am telling *you* how to be a goat hunter. So far as I'm concerned personally I don't hate mountain goats at all. I would rather shoot some more intelligent animal that stays down on level ground where he is easy to get at, or even catch some fish. Fish are always in the bottoms of the valleys because the streams are there.

Furthermore, I have already killed a goat. It was a long time ago and I shot him with a 30-30 while I was deer hunting. Fortunately, I didn't know any better in those days so the old pea-flipper just naturally petrified him.

Still another reason—and, actually, the main one—is that goat hunting was permanently spoiled for me while I was in Alaska. A fabulous character named Hennessy lives there. I don't know his first name, but the boys call him Three Star. Three Star Hennessy catches goats alive and sells them to the Fish and Wildlife Service, although why the Fish and Wildlife Service would want mountain goats on top of all the troubles it already has is beyond me.

Unfortunately, I didn't get to meet him and shake his hand while I was there because he was off catching a goat and I had not then, nor have I now, any desire whatever to be involved, even as an inno-

Skagit Flats Snows

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the hunters have a poor season. After the dumb juveniles have been picked off the first few days all that are left are very wary, gun-shy adults—and they don't decoy readily. The hunter must use plenty of ingenuity and be well camouflaged if he hopes to get them. When the young are down in number only about 1,000 birds are bagged annually. With an average of 35 per cent juveniles, the yearly harvest is about 5,000.

The lesser snow geese—the Chen hyperborea hyperborea, meaning “geese” “from the North Wind”—should not be confused with the greater snow geese, which nest mostly in the Baffin Bay area including a small part of Greenland, and are an eastern migrant, as the name Chen hyperborea atlantica implies. These feed along the Atlantic coast, from Maryland to North Carolina. The lesser snows follow the Pacific flyway to winter feeding grounds in California and along the Gulf of Mexico as far as Florida.

They look alike. Snow white with black-tipped wings. Only the greater are larger by ten inches, being 35 inches long. Size doesn't help dinner-wise. The flesh of the larger bird is far from an epicure's delight. That of most of the smaller ones is quite delicious. Lucky for us is the fact that while the greater snows are restricted in number, the lesser

cent bystander, in the business of goat catching. A well informed and undoubtedly truthful man in a bar told me how Three Star Hennessy catches goats, however, and, for better or worse, I am going to record that information here.

It seems that the goats Mr. Hennessy catches live on rock slides and alpine meadows above snowfields. During the heat of day in the summer these snowfields become soft. At night, however, a man can walk on them. Mr. Hennessy takes his snowshoes and a little grub and climbs up over the snowfields at night. Then he crosses the rocks and meadows and gets above the goats (this is the only part of the story I doubted).

When morning comes the sun warms the snowfields and they become mushy. At the same time the goats wander out to nibble on the lichen and other delicacies among the rocks. Mr. Hennessy charges down upon the unsuspecting billys, nannies and kids from above. They are startled and unwisely dash out upon the snow. At this juncture Hennessy slips on his snowshoes. He can run over the snow now, but the goats cannot. He selects his victim, bulldogs it, ties it up and carries it down off the mountain to the waiting Fish and Wildlife Service.

Knowing this, is it any wonder that I no longer harbor any desire to shoot a goat? Surely the indignities inflicted by Three Star Hennessy must be all the humiliation that the proud animals can endure.

snows are probably the most abundant of all the geese on our continent.

That the Skagit lesser snow geese have a mind of their own is shown by the fact that they refuse to feed further south than the Flats . . . an 18-mile stretch of marsh grasses, tules and three-square bulrushes, interlaced with low dikes and narrow sloughs on the east shore of Puget Sound just north of Seattle. No claims from southern states can lure these free-thinkers away from their beloved feeding grounds.

Since the food is good they have no reason to go further south. Except for unusual freezes or heavy snows, which are rare, these particular geese can live off the bulrushes and other natural food without going into the farmers' fields for grass and clover roots. Being inveterate “grazers” they do go into the fields where they feed on those grasses and sprouting grain. They will not touch grain seed. Apparently their bulrush diet mixed with some green plants accounts for their fine flavor.

Food seems to be the deciding factor for excellence in eating. In California the lesser snows are ten thousand times more abundant but because of their food they are not considered choice geese in many places. From an airplane you can see 400,000 snow geese as you fly over

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the Sacramento Valley rice fields. This should make for out-of-this-world hunting. Still many hunters look on snow geese as a nuisance. Around Tule Lake they are definitely not the preferred birds to hunt. There they feed mostly on clover and grass and the seeds of grain, which does not make for good eating.

Since the Skagit snows do go into the farmers' fields there is bound to be damage. Even 10,000 feeding on the grasses, or turnip or cabbage tops can spell trouble. Twice that number is double-trouble, so something must be done to handle the food pressure.

The Washington State Game Department has a unique program for controlling geese damage. Each fall it plants grain seed in the fields and lets the geese feed on the young grain. If this grain is not "used" the farmer can plow it under or grow the crop. In addition, the Department erects special scarecrows, and sets off bombs and flares to chase the geese out of the fields. All this, by the way, does not interfere with hunting.

THE SKAGIT Flats is the only place in the world where you can hunt these particular geese. The extremely rare ones do occasionally winter on the Snake and Columbia rivers or mix with the lesser Canada geese around the lakes of eastern Washington. This past year there was a big flight of lesser snow geese at Yakima. Seemed like they were stopped by a storm while on their way south. I'm told you could walk into them . . . and there was a big kill . . . but there hasn't been a concentration of them like that "east of the mountains" in twenty years. In any event, they could hardly be counted as strictly Skagit Flats snow geese.

I have hunted these snow geese on the front and in the fields and have a special affection for them. The fact that they are peculiar unto themselves probably enhances the feeling. Then, too, they are smart as any bird save only the wild turkey. Their eyesight and hearing is remarkably keen. And they have plenty of speed. Forty to fifty miles per hour on the level. When they are alarmed, break wind, slide in broadside, then drop wing, go down and gather speed, they really move. Take a shot at a high one and he can go straight up as though shot out of some invisible catapult.

Oddly enough the first Skagit Flats snow I ever shot was the exception to the rule. I was hunting on the front with Ralph Moberg. We had rowed up the sloughs from his farm during the pre-dawn hours and set out 40 free-riding white fiber decoys upon the marsh grass of the tide-flat island. Then we had concealed ourselves and our boat behind a massive, stranded stump that had washed down the Skagit River and imbedded itself on its side in the sand. It had been low tide then, and we had dragged the heavy rowboat over the ground to the

man-high snag. A lot of hunters wouldn't have gone to the trouble. They get a good water blind, conceal themselves and then let the boat drift out on the end of the painter. Apparently they don't think a goose can associate an exposed boat with concealed hunters.

It was noon on an Indian summer day. Warm and bright. Certainly not the kind of day for good goose hunting, and not windy enough to suit most waterfowlers. There had been no action since an early morning flight when the flocks had left the fields and made one fast low drive over the front for the open waters. They had rafted up out in the bay, and stayed there. It looked as though they might not fly until late afternoon, maybe not until after quitting time, and the majority of hunters had long since left for the day.

Ralph and I stuck it out at the stump, feeling that a few strays might break away from the rafts and come within range. And this is just what happened. The tide had come in and our little island was now underwater. The decoys were riding free, but held fast by their anchors. The lower half of the stump was submerged, the boat secured to the gnarled roots. We were standing up in the boat, carelessly exposed and talking loudly. Still this lone goose, with wings set, sailed in low over the water in front of us, and settled among the nearest blocks forty yards to the west.

We were so surprised we almost upset the boat as we scrambled to get down below the top of the stump. I know I made a lot of noise as I went for my gun.

"The silly fool!" Ralph exploded. "You take him!"

I welcomed the chance, but my enthusiasm cooled slightly as I swung my double barrel around the corner of the stump. I wanted a snow goose, especially a Skagit snow, but I didn't want to shoot it while it was swimming from one decoy to another as though looking for a lost friend. Although complete facts regarding courtship and mating habits are lacking it is thought that these birds mate for life—and this bird certainly acted like a juvenile lover-boy or a very anxious husband. Only a passionate or abiding love could have blinded us from him, or given him the nerve to check on each and every one of those blocks, had he known we were behind that stump.

I tried to stay calm during the procedure but I grew more apprehensive as he gradually swam further out—50, 60 yards. When he reached the furthest-most blocks he suddenly seemed to realize that our birds weren't real. He started running and flapping his wings furiously, as he took off fast, straight ahead out into the Sound. I knew if I waited too long I'd lose him, so as soon as he was airborne I squeezed off on the trigger. He rose a few feet, did a wing-over and dove into the Sound.

I wish it had been otherwise, that I had taken my first snow in full flight, but I was quite content to leave Ralph on the

stump, untie the boat and go get my bird.

An amusing thing happened when I went for him. As I rowed toward where he lay from one direction a large seal swam toward him from the opposite direction. When I spotted the seal over my shoulder I pulled as hard as I could on the oars. He increased his speed correspondingly. I had to ship oars, swing over the side, and scoop up the goose all in one motion. Even then I beat the seal out by only a few feet. That persistent seal followed me all the way back to the blocks, the while staring wide-eyed at the goose as it reposed on the stern seat. I swear the seal was drooling. A couple of times he got so close I thought he'd make a jump for my goose so I put the bird in the bottom of the boat. Only then did the seal give up, and go chase himself a salmon.

AS I SAID, the bird was the exception to the rule. The rest of the geese that day were sharp. They flew high, and looked us over carefully. Two or three V formation flights came—er honk, honk honking—within 150 to 200 yards, but disliking our set-up, flared away like jets that had discovered a concentrated ack-ack emplacement.

Ralph did all he could to get the birds to come in. He is one of those rare persons who can call geese unbelievable distances from their intended line of flight, and toll them right into the decoys without the aid of a bird caller. He sucks in sharply, down deep in his chest, and lets out a high-pitched cry. He is so convincing you have to look at him to tell when he is doing the calling. Oddly enough, when he calls he looks like a goose. His nose wrinkles up, and his lips draw back so that his mouth resembles the snow goose's "grinning patch". When the geese get close he starts chattering along with them. To hear him you'd think he was one of that particular gaggle of geese. It is little wonder he is locally known as "the snow goose man".

Finally, after watching, waiting and calling, a small group of geese rose off the bay, circled inland, then headed down along the front. By now the tide had gone out and I crouched by the stump and watched them. They kept coming, losing altitude as they came. As they approached, their shrill falsetto cries grew louder. They were wary, a bit high, but within range. I stepped out around the snag, took aim at the center bird, lead him and fired. He spun in, and landed with a firm smack on the edge of the island about 65 yards away. I had taken my first Skagit snow, in full flight, just like I had wanted.

Snow goose hunting was over for that day. I had two, Ralph five. Not bad for a no-good-geese-weather day.

It is definitely more interesting hunting these unusual snows out on the front than back in the fields. There is more to see. The snow-covered Cascades to the east, the rugged Olympics to the west,

the broad Sound with its ever-changing movement of water, the lone ships—and the flights of the snow geese as they periodically take off up or down the bay. But I had my big bonanza day in the field. Maybe you could call it my shining hour, for we had a whole season of snow goose hunting in sixty minutes.

I was hunting with Ralph and his teen-aged son Jack. That day it was cold. It drizzled intermittently. As on my first day, there was an early morning flight from the fields to the bay, and then the hunters left in two's and three's saying the geese would stay rafted up out there all day and wouldn't be back until after quitting time.

We three stayed, knowing that if the birds flew at all we might get some. Our blind wasn't too adequate. It consisted of shrub boughs interwoven through the barbed-wire fence, with grass thrown against the boughs. It didn't matter too much, for once the snows cleared out of the fields they stayed away. Our fiber blocks were well-arranged on the sparsely covered ground some forty yards on the other side of the blind.

Ralph had been late for the early flights, and Jack and I had but one bird each. Mine, by the way, was my record scatter-gun shot for these snow geese.

"Too high!" Jack had said with finality as we watched a tight flight of three geese.

I wasn't so sure. I aimed, checked, lead and fired. The forward bird stopped short, spun in, and landed in the field.

"Well, I'll be . . ." Jack sputtered, looking at me in amazement. "That was at least a hundred yard shot!"

The bird had one shot—a lucky one—through the neck. It was a nice heavy adult, with plenty of meat under its snow-white plumage.

A few minutes later a stranger came hurrying up to us. "Say, that was a beautiful shot, a good hundred yards," he said, admiring the bird. "What are you guys shooting with, a Magnum?"

I told him no, and showed him the featherweight gun I was using along with number two shot. He went back to his partner at the edge of the next field. Apparently they were encouraged to try some shots they thought impossible, for shortly afterward we noticed that one of them brought down a goose from 85 to 90 yards.

But that was the end of the shooting until the last hour. Then the "wa wa"—Indian for "wild geese"—came in from the bay in waves. I had never seen anything like it. Although I have attended the national air races, and many air shows, I had never seen any air spectacles that compared with the mass flights of those screaming birds as they came back to the fields.

The shooting was phenomenal. Suffice it to say we three filled out our limits in that last hour. That, too, was on a day when the geese wouldn't fly again, you will remember.

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Putting fine finishes on unfinished furniture.

BY ROBERT GORMAN

NOT VERY LONG AGO, wood furniture that came in the raw was called "unpainted" for good reason. Paint or enamel—and lots of it—was about the only thing that could conceal its crude surfaces and awful style.

But look what's happened in the last few years: raw-wood furniture has blossomed forth in a wide range of smart, tastefully styled units to match any decorating scheme. Some of the least expensive pieces are solidly and skillfully made and boast such cabinetmaking refinements as dovetailed, self-locking joints, rabbeted backs and reinforced corners. Best of all, the exposed wood is usually clean-surfaced, well-matched and even-grained.

It's good enough, in fact, to deserve the title "unfinished furniture" because it looks good whether you paint it, stain it, or give it a clear, natural finish.

PREPARATION. As it comes from the carton, the wood looks smoother than it really is.

Slight surface roughness and little dents and nicks that you may not even notice on raw wood will stand out more clearly once the wood is finished. So don't neglect the important job of smoothing all exposed faces.

It's much easier to fill hollows than to sand down the surrounding wood. Small dents can often be raised by pressing over them with a wet cloth and a hot iron. Deeper dents, cracks, gapped plywood edges, and the like, can be patched with paste wood filler, shellac stick, plastic composition wood, or under paint, a water-mixed plaster fill.

Remove knobs, drawer-pulls, and similar hardware. If the piece has sliding doors that can be readily disassembled, take them out. It's better to lay a door or drawer front flat when you finish it because there's less chance of runs or sags. Also, you'll be able to get around grooved tracks, runners, and slides without globbing them up.

Wrap a sheet of 3/0 or finer sandpaper around a wood block and go over the surface lightly. Work with the grain and keep at it until every part is smooth to your touch as well as your eye.

End grain will probably need the most attention. You may have to start with a coarser paper and finish off with the finer. To keep from scratching the top and sides, make up an offset sandpaper block as shown in the sketch.

Complete all preparation before you start to apply the first coat. There's no surer way to ruin the job than by raising fresh sandpaper dust—or any other kind—near wet paint.

If you plan to stain the unit, take a little extra time to sandpaper some part of the back or bottom that is made of the same wood. You can't be sure in advance how any stain will take, so it's a good idea to try it out in an inconspicuous place.

As a final step, brush off the surface and wipe it down with a rag moistened in alcohol or paint thinner. Now you're ready to apply the first coat.

PAINT, or more often, enamel, is still a fine choice. It's better than ever, in fact, because the variety of colors and surface textures has greatly increased.

Glossy enamels are still popular, but the new satiny and completely lusterless enamels have all the strength, washability, and surface hardness you could want. As a practical matter, low-gloss finishes (of any type) have a slight edge because they don't emphasize surface imperfections as much as the shinier ones.

On raw wood, you need at least two coats. For light colors, make the first one an enamel undercoater. Mix in about a fourth part of the finish enamel to color it.

If you're doing the furniture up dark, skip the undercoater and use two coats of the finish enamel. Dilute the first one with about an eighth part of turpentine or paint thinner. Apply the second coat full strength.

Either way, let the first coat dry hard and sandpaper it lightly. Wipe it with

a rag moistened in thinner and brush on the final coat.

CLEAR FINISHES. There are a number of ways you can protect the wood and still preserve its clean, fresh appearance.

Varnish, one of the richest-looking finishes, has a unique, mellow beauty. However, if you want to capture the light color of most softwood furniture, use only a non-yellowing varnish. The ordinary kind has a tendency to darken with age. Apply at least two coats; sandpaper one before you brush on the next.

Shellac has been a top choice of fine craftsmen for centuries. It is most commonly used in combination with other materials (as an undercoater for varnish or lacquer, or as a topcoat over stained or oil-rubbed wood). However, it can serve alone as a clear finish. Shellac has good water and wear resistance, but is injured by spilled alcohol.

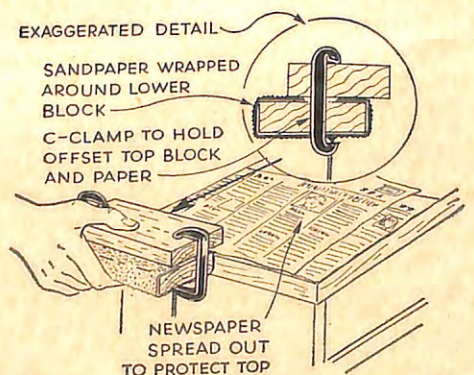
Use a white shellac, and make sure it's fresh. If you get a 5-pound cut, thin it with an equal amount of denatured alcohol; if it's a 4-pound shellac, use a little less alcohol. Brush it on freely—but don't slop it on. Three or four thin coats, lightly sanded, will look better and wear longer than one or two heavy ones.

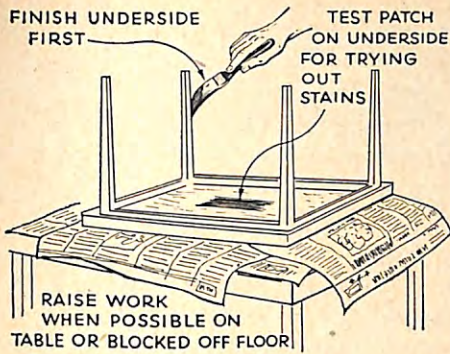
Penetrating floor sealers have excellent wearing qualities and a kind of hand-rubbed texture. They can be used only on raw wood, they dry fast, won't darken, and will stand up to a lot of abuse. Slop it on with a brush or rag, let it set for 10 or 15 minutes, and wipe off the excess. If you want a second coat, repeat the operation after about six hours. Buff the last coat with fine steel wool.

Resin sealers, like Firzite and Rez, are primers rather than finish coats. You can use them on any softwood but they rank as "musts" if any part of your furniture is made of fir plywood. This wood needs a sealer to lock the fibers and equalize surface hardness. Without it, any final coat (including paint or enamel) is likely to break out after a while in a rash of tiny cracks. The sealer also tones down the grain of the plywood so it looks less garish under a clear or stained finish.

Brush on a coat of clear sealer, let it

OFFSET SANDING BLOCK FOR END GRAIN





dry overnight, and sand it smooth. For a clear finish, top it with a brushing lacquer, shellac, or varnish.

Clear lacquer is one of the easiest of all finishes to apply. Light-bodied, colorless, and quick drying, it just flows off your brush and forms an even, water-and-alcohol-proof, scuff-resistant film. You can use it on raw wood, but it is usually better to seal a softwood first with shellac or resin sealer. Apply two or three coats of lacquer. For a satiny appearance, steelwool each one, including the last.

STAIN FINISHES. Any transparent coating that shows natural wood can also be used to protect a stained or colored surface. So if you first apply the right tinting material, you can enrich, color, disguise, emphasize, or tone down the grain.

Experienced furniture craftsmen usually use separate stains and transparent finishes because it gives them closest control over the final color. If you want to follow their lead, ask for a "non-grain-raising" stain and read label directions carefully.

You will probably find it a good deal easier to get the effect you want with a two-in-one material. Some of these combine color with a primer-sealer and need to be topped with a clear finish; others are mixtures of stain and topcoat.

Whatever way you decide to go about it, keep in mind that the colors you see in paint-store circulars are only rough approximations of what any stain will look like.

That's why a smooth-sanded area on the back or bottom of your unit will prove so handy. Before you do the exposed wood, color-test the stain on a part that won't show.

Varnish stains, for example, usually manage to darken new woods more than you expect—especially on end grain. If your test patch shows this will happen, seal the wood first with clear varnish, shellac, or resin sealer. Otherwise, apply varnish stain to the bare wood.

You'll need about three coats in all. Since each successive layer of varnish stain will darken the wood, you may want to switch to clear varnish for the second or third. Sandpaper lightly between coats.

An appropriately modern type of varnish stain highlights the grain in bright

jewel colors rather than wood tones. Products like Adelphi's ColorGrain combine rich, penetrating colors and oils with alkyd varnish. In most cases one coat is enough, but a second can be used to deepen the color.

Penetrating floor sealers are also available with built-in wood colors. One coat may be adequate, but two are better. Let your test patch tell you whether to use clear or colored sealer for the second.

Wax stains. Many modern finishes approach the soft, lovely quality of wax, but if you're partial to the real thing there's no reason why you can't have it. A penetrating liquid stain wax will color and coat raw wood in one operation. Brush or wipe it on, then wipe off the excess after a few minutes.

Before you decide on a penetrating wax finish, consider the use to which the furniture will be put. Spilled drinks, hot utensils, and the like may mess up the surface, but once you put it on you're stuck with it. You can't paint or varnish over wax. However, the same companies that make wax stains also make wax-like finishes that can be covered over.

But if you're not worried about some possible future need to refinish the unit, you will find that stain wax has more than its good looks to recommend it. It's about the easiest finish to touch up. For if a spot does wear thin, you can just wax it over as good as new.

Pigmented resin sealers are marketed in white, wood colors, and a few tints that aren't found in nature. By mixing them or adding colors in oil, you can get just about any shade you like. Brushed on and wiped off, they prime the wood while giving it a blond, bleached, stained, or pickled appearance. Clear shellac, varnish, or lacquer completes the job.

There are other ways to finish furniture, but out of this selection of uncomplicated, easy-to-apply materials you should have no trouble making your choice. You can give any unit the wearing qualities it needs and the appearance you like best. The original good look of today's unfinished furniture makes a good finish well worth while.

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Editorial

OCTOBER



"October gave a party
"The leaves by hundreds came
"The ashes, oaks and maples
"And those of every name"

May there be emphasized to all our readers this October the beauty of the leaves of many brilliant hues that glorify the hills and dales of so many sections of our country.

Let not the fallen and the falling leaves depress us. Rather let us think of them as having done their duty, experienced the glory and gratification of full fruition and passed on.

To some people October means the transition from professional baseball to professional football. To some it represents the opening of the fall hunting season, of which event notice is taken by The Elks Magazine in this October hunting issue.

In Elkdom it is the month in which the District Deputies begin vigorously to carry out their official visits and in this instance it will be under the inspiring leadership of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker whose stirring message to all the District Deputies, which has come to our attention, must surely give them the strength and the determination to make an outstanding record for the good of the Subordinate Lodges and the Order at large.

In October also comes Newspaper Week, the recognition of which by the subordinate lodges, has, for several years, contributed materially to the success of the Week, and, incidentally, to the prestige of the Order.

The Grand Exalted Ruler in his October Message emphasizes his confidence in the participation of each lodge in the National Newspaper Week activities and also in the Stray Elk Round-up program planned by the Lodge Activities Committee for this month.

"COMICS"



Surely there never was a more outstanding misnomer than when the appellation "comics" is applied as broadly and indiscriminately as it is to certain publications on our newstands today.

A large percentage of them definitely are not comic; rather are they tragic.

Surely those emphasizing sex, murder, tortures, unnatural activity and associations and embellished with pornographic "art" are tragic in that they poison the minds of our youth. Certainly a considerable percentage of those publications that continue to be rated as "comics" hardly meet the definition of "comic" which Webster gives as follows:

"That element in art or nature which provokes mirth or humorous reflection."

We were particularly reminded of this sorry situation after we received a letter recently from Brother Herbert H. Eschbach, a member of Jacksonville, Ill., Lodge. Brother

Eschbach feels very strongly about this matter, and he makes this pointed suggestion:

"Every time I enter a drug-store I see teenagers and adults alike poring over 'comics'. I have heard stories from some who have read them and have been completely disgusted. I, for one, would like to see the printing of such magazines stopped, or their sale banned in every state.

"My suggestion is that every Elk lodge get behind a movement of this kind to have indecent literature and 'comic' books taken from the newsstands."

Brother Eschbach was inspired to make the suggestion he does relative to every Elk lodge getting behind a movement to clean up this situation by the article appearing in the June issue of The Elks Magazine relative to the creation by the Youth Committee of Queens Borough Lodge No. 878 by a plan of campaign to organize families and neighborhoods in an attack on juvenile delinquency.

His suggestion certainly is worthy of serious consideration.

A DAILY APPLICATION



When an Elk is asked "What is the motto of the Order?" he naturally answers:

"The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sands; their virtues on the tablets of love and memory."

Isn't it true that nine times out of ten when a member quotes this motto he thinks of its sentiment as applying to those Brothers who have passed away?

Might it not be a good plan and a practical one to apply the same spirit to our relationship with the living?

We think that he who does so apply the principle would experience a much happier, more contented life.

If we enjoy our contacts with our Brothers, or other associates, certain pleasing qualities that they have, surely we should be the happier if we keep in mind those pleasant, agreeable characteristics and close our eyes and minds to the less commendable, less pleasing qualities they possess.

Let us take the good things our acquaintances have to offer and pay little attention to the bad, and, thus, live pleasanter, more satisfying lives.

A KINDLY ACT



Two New York colored women, accompanied by several small children, recently motored to their former state of residence, Georgia.

On a country road, lightly traveled, they found that they had a flat tire. Neither of them knew anything about

taking off or putting on a tire.

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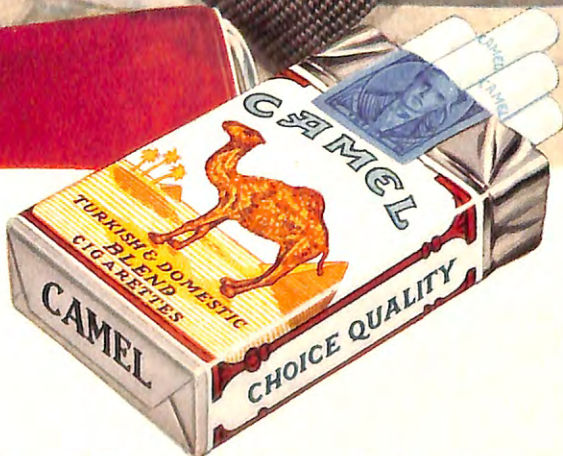
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