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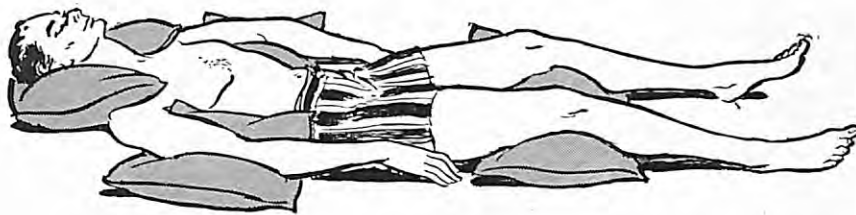
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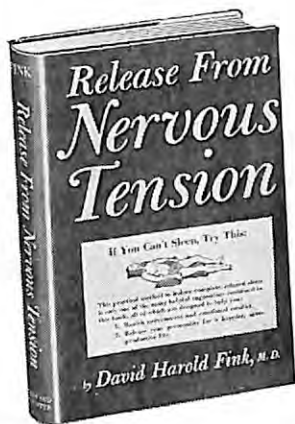
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The picture above is an illustration of one of the easy ways to relax that is described in *Release From Nervous Tension*, by David H. Fink, a practicing neuro-psychiatrist. It is just one of the many methods, both physical and mental, by which Dr. Fink can help you relieve overwrought nerves, and alleviate the many bodily ailments (such as indigestion, stomach ulcers, high blood pressure, arthritis, allergies) which a case of nerves may be giving you.

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Dr. Fink shows you how to relax both your body and your mind, and explains the A-B-C's of protecting yourself from people who drive you crazy. He suggests ideas for analyzing yourself, your marriage, and your job, to determine what is causing the strain on your nervous system. And he has devised a method for *losing* those friends who cause you worry and anxiety: friends you don't want around you any more, but are perhaps afraid to tell them so.

*The Book-of-the-Month Club News* says: "Dr. Fink not only knows his stuff, he knows how to write . . . with humor, relaxed and easy. He gets right down to brass tacks and tells you, in detail, step by step, the simple mechanics of bodily relaxation. Then when those wretched knots are loosened, he gives you some simple, useful, concrete hints about how to play, how to work, how to look at yourself as if you were somebody else, how to understand what you see in yourself, and how to start over again after one of the ever-recurring mistakes we all make."

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## What Our Readers



### Have to Say

Your January, 1956, cover reminds me of the time I delivered papers for my son, who was in bed with bursitis. His father had to go to work early, so was unable to take over the job. However, unlike the summerlike scene you picture, the snow was knee-deep in Indiana at that time, and I waded through drifts that almost stopped me. Needless to say, I found another boy to deliver the afternoon papers and to take over the route until Tom was able to resume his own deliveries. Thanks for the memory.

Mrs. Robert Green  
Casa Grande, Ariz.

I am building the toy chest that you described and am greatly interested in all the articles on home repairs and "Do It Yourself." I also like very much your advertising section. I and many others here in French Morocco patronize many of the mail order houses advertising with the Elks. Keep up the good work.

A. J. Johnson, ETC, USN  
New York, N.Y.

I have only the highest praise for the Elks Workshop, and, I might add that my copy of the magazine is minus that article when it is passed on to someone else.

Preston Skinner

In your December issue you printed an article entitled "Freedom's Facts, Reds Fear Exposure," which was taken from the monthly bulletin of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. I certainly appreciate this article and will look forward to more like it. It was well written, to the point, and in language that the average reader can understand. There is much at stake in this "Fight for Freedom," and fight for it we must.

A. W. Lamka  
Roseburg, Ore.

The Elks Workshop section in the magazine has given us considerable help in our tasks around the house. We have filed several articles for future use.

Mrs. E. W. Lillard  
Lewiston, Ida.

I always have found The Elks Magazine very interesting in all its sections, "but, Brother", with that "Elks Workshop" added it has come to the summit. Congratulations.

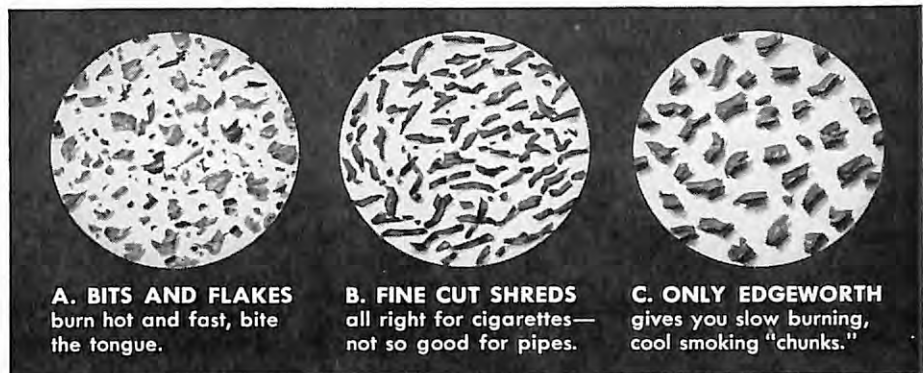
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**The cubs were too hungry to stay inside—and outside was the grizzly.**

THE MAN had merely gone out for a little hunt, in the hush of the mountain evening. After a long go of caribou jerky and snowshoe rabbit, he was thinking that a brace of rock ptarmigan, now fat and sweet from the new buds of spring, would eat mighty well. So he had pocketed some shot shells for his .410 Ross, picked up his battered binoculars and headed out the timberline slope for a brushy swale where lately he had been hearing the plump, mottled birds chortling around in the willow runs and dwarf birch.

He was a quarter mile from his shack when he happened to feel in his pockets and discover that he had brought along no rifle cartridges for the .410. Just the light shot shells. With a frown of uneasiness he thought of the vicious rogue grizzly which prowled that mountain and had its lay-up in a jumble of windfall and giant boulders a mile on north. For a moment he was of a mind to go back and get the magazine of heavy slugs that he made a

point of always carrying. But he was tired from a long day of hand-drilling in an outcrop of yellow rock, and also the bitterness of finding that the carnotite yellow was only stain deep had left him in a devil-may-care mood. So he shrugged and went on. Chances of meeting up with the dish-faced brute were small, he told himself. And anyhow the big grizzly would probably just rear up for a look at him and then get gone. Two times it had drifted into his neighborhood while he was prospecting, and two times it had gone humping off.

When he angled down into the swale he found the birch and willow thickets like a chicken yard for feathers. But as he turned his glasses up and down the draw, looking for bobbing heads, he became aware of a curious, puzzling noise out the mountain slope several hundred yards. An odd, continuous *kiv-yiv-yacking*, it took his thoughts away from ptarmigan and his disappointment of that day and



As he thumbed his binoculars, studying the dog-wolf, den and cubs, he realized that disaster had struck.

the whole bitter empty-handedness of his hard-rocking months back in those lonely ranges.

The noise sounded to him like cub animals, small ones—a diminutive barking or yapping. Not fox whelps, he decided; the timbre of the yapping was different. And probably not coyote cubs. A few coyotes were beginning to appear in those sub-Arctic Rockies, but unlike wolves, which were friendly and trusting animals where they weren't persecuted, coyotes wouldn't den within miles of a man's place. So it had to be a litter of wolf cubs.

The plaintive, quavering sound got to him as he listened. Like any experienced Northerner, he was genuinely fond of wolves and hated to see the creature maligned by people who knew nothing whatever about it in the wild—its loyalty to kin, its great courage, its awe and respect for man. In all his years in the tundra and mountains of the Northwest Territories he had never heard of a wolf attacking a human. Rogue grizzlies often would, and pumas, and even the big sled dogs of the North, but a wolf—*never*. To him the lean, tawny hunter always seemed like an incarnation

of the spirit of those rugged and unfrequented regions that were now its last refuge.

The constant *kii-yiy-yacking* told him that the wolf cubs were in bad trouble of some sort. "Lost or—something, the little devils," he muttered. "Guess I ought to go take a look and see what."

He climbed out of the swale and headed out through the boulder field toward a hogback which kept him out of sight of the place where the sound was coming from.

It was eleven o'clock of the early-June evening. Just inching down behind a sawtooth range in the northwest, the low, reddish sun lay slant and beautiful over the poppy flats below and the fresh, virginal green of the aspen drogues, and against the cloud-high glaciers and snow-fields of the surrounding peaks it was shattering into cold, pale fires of orange and amethyst. The break-up had come a fortnight ago, unlocking the mountain streams and lakes, but the distant thunder of huge wet slides piling down the avalanche pathways still came whispering across the evening silence of that wild, lonesome land. (Continued on page 41)

# Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker

ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 31st, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker was met at the Commodore Hotel in New York by Exalted Ruler Spaulding A. Keator and Past Exalted Ruler Fred A. Padovano of KEARNY, N.J., LODGE, who escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler to his suite at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Later in the afternoon

the Grand Exalted Ruler was taken with a police escort to New Jersey's Boystown in Kearny, where he was greeted by Rev. Father Robert J. Egan, the Director, and a group of the boys resident there. One of the boys presented Mr. Walker with an appropriate scroll commemorating the occasion.

Following the Boystown visit, the party

went to the neighboring communities of Harrison and East Newark, both of which are under the jurisdiction of Kearny Lodge. In Harrison, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker was officially greeted at Town Hall by Mayor Frank Rodgers, a member of Kearny Lodge, and at East Newark, he was accorded a welcome at Town Hall by Mayor Harold Larson, who also is a member of Kearny Lodge. The official party then progressed to the Kearny Town Hall, where a large group greeted the Grand Exalted Ruler. Mayor Joseph M. Healy, a member of Kearny Lodge, gave an address of welcome. The Municipal Buildings in all three communities were decorated and large signs proclaimed Mr. Walker's visit. An official proclamation, published in the Kearny newspaper, designated October 31st as John L. Walker Day in Kearny, Harrison and East Newark. It was signed by the Mayors of these communities.

That evening, a reception and dinner was held at Kearny Lodge, and among those present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Joseph F. Bader, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Dr. Louis Hubner, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, District Deputies Charles Marosi, John J. Graziano, Thomas H. Murphy, Jesse S. Bieseimer, Joseph A. Burns, Jr., Mayor Larson; Rev. Father Egan, Hon. Fred A. Hartley, Toastmaster for the occasion, George W. Schultz, Vice President of N.J. North Central District and John J. Daly, President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association. Official greetings were extended by Exalted Ruler Keator for Kearny Lodge and Mayor Larson for civic officials. A delightful musical



A large delegation welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler to Kearny, N. J., Lodge on Oct. 31st. Front row from left: Philip Thiele, Exalted Ruler Spaulding A. Keator, Mayor Harold Larson, District Deputy John Graziano, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Mr. Walker, Grand Lodge Activities Committee member Joseph Bader, George Borgos, Jr., Past Exalted Rulers Fred Padovano and Thomas Greenley, State President William Thorne and James Hawkins.



In New Brunswick, N. J., on Nov. 1 the Grand Exalted Ruler was guest at a luncheon at the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts. Left to right: Mayor Chester Paulus, Dr. Harold R. Pote, Director of Personnel, William Thorne, Pres. N. J. State Elks Assn.; Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, Mr. Walker, Exalted Ruler Francis Meagher, O. B. Evenson, Asst. Dir. Field Operations, Past Exalted Ruler James A. Bates, and George K. Myers, Dir. Civic Relationships.



Left: At Salisbury, N. C., Lodge on Nov. 16, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker smiles with pleasure as he accepts on behalf of the Elks National Foundation a check for \$1,000, making the lodge a Permanent Benefactor of the Foundation. At the same time he accepted with sincere gratitude a check for \$2,941, representing contributions by 207 members of the lodge. Present left to right were: Exalted Ruler Edward J. Lewis, Jr., District Deputy George E. Rike and Past Exalted Ruler J. R. Jones, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Committee that made this outstanding contribution possible.

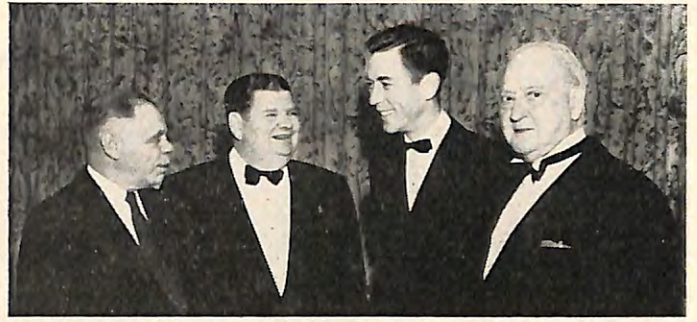
Right: When the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Great Falls, Mont., on Oct. 10th, he was met with a surprise visit of the Montana State Elks Assn.'s new Speech and Hearing Therapy Mobile unit. The station wagon was driven from Billings to give the Grand Exalted Ruler and his host their first look at this outstanding contribution of the Montana Elks to the handicapped people of that state. Admiring the new station wagon, from left are: Pres. of Montana State Elks Assn. C. P. Mieyr, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Youth Activities committeeman W. L. Hill and District Deputy Lowell M. Paige. In the background is W. P. Werner, Exalted Ruler, Cut Bank Lodge. E.R. L. G. Seymour, Great Falls, also was present.







Photographed at Martinsville, Va., Lodge, on December 2nd, were from left: Justice Kennon C. Whittle, Congressman William M. Tuck, W. R. Broadus, Jr., Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, District Deputy Frank G. Payne Jr., Exalted Ruler Claude S. Cox and Past District Deputy Charles D. Fox, Jr.



On November 11th, the Lynchburg, Va., Lodge gave an outstanding dinner for the Grand Exalted Ruler, and among those present from left to right were: Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, Exalted Ruler C. B. Woehr, Jr., and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson.



On December 5th when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, this group was photographed. From left to right: Exalted Ruler William P. Robb, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton and Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker.



When the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Greeneville Lodge on Nov. 6th, on hand were from left: W. G. Avery, Secretary Fred L. Peters, Exalted Ruler L. Edsel Kilday, Mr. Walker, William Tweed, Phil Conway and O. H. Harmon, Jr.



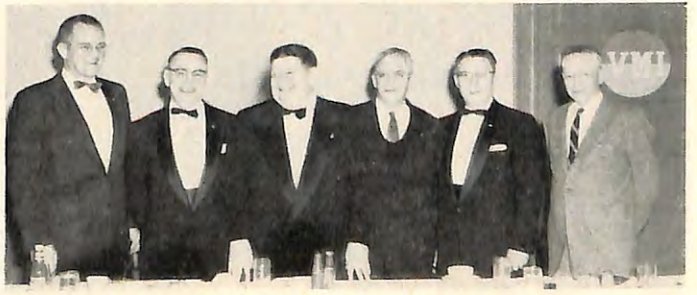
Present at the outstanding 50th Anniversary banquet which was held at Urbana, Ill., Lodge on October 21st, were, from left: Charles W. Clabaugh, President of Illinois State Elks Assn., Exalted Ruler Don Weeks, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner.



Greeting the Grand Exalted Ruler at Town Hall when he visited East Newark, N. J., on October 31st, were, front row, left to right: Councilman Thomas Higgins, State Pres. William Thorne, Past Exalted Ruler Thomas Greenley, Exalted Ruler Spaulding A. Keator, Mayor Harold Larson, Mr. Walker, John Ackerman, P.E.R. Fred Padovano.



Welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler to Beckley, W. Va., on November 9th, left to right: W. Don Morris, Vice President of W. Va. State Elks Assn.; J. P. Richmond, host to the luncheon gathering at his Flat Top Lake lodge, Past District Deputy R. J. Ashworth; Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Mr. Walker, Past State Pres. Lawrence E. Pruet, and acting E.R. E. S. Pugh.



On November 22nd the Grand Exalted Ruler's home lodge, Roanoke, Va., gave a reception and dinner in his honor, and present left to right were: District Deputy F. G. Payne, Jr., Exalted Ruler Charles R. Fox, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Charles D. Fox, Jr., member of Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee, Chaplain A. F. Suitor and K. V. Brugh, Vice President, Va. State Elks Assn.

and vocal interlude was presented at the end of the dinner. The entertainment was presented by Brother Joseph Shinn and the following members' wives: Mrs. Spaulding A. Keator, Mrs. Fred A. Padovano, Mrs. Harold Shinn and Mrs. John Schnauz.

The following day the Grand Exalted

Ruler was in **NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.**, for two outstanding events: a luncheon in his honor given by the Boy Scouts of America and the 60th Anniversary Dinner of New Brunswick Lodge. In recognition of what Elks Lodges have done for boys through the Scouting program, Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy

Scouts of America, presented an inscribed Scout statuette to Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker at a special luncheon held November 1st at the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America, located at New Brunswick.

"The Boy Scouts of America has a  
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Welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler to Omaha, Nebr., Lodge on October 19th, were left to right: District Deputies Clarence F. Black and Carl Peterson, Fred C. Laird, Treas. Nebr. State Elks Assn., Paul Zimmer, Pres. Nebr. State Elks, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Mr. Walker, Exalted Ruler Herbert H. Meile and Grand Lodge Credentials Committee member Cliff N. Ogden, Jr.



Greeting the Grand Exalted Ruler when he arrived at Knoxville Airport on Nov. 3 for a tour of East Tenn. lodges, left to right: John T. Menefee, Treas. Tenn. Elks; Special Deputy S. J. Elkins, Jr.; Trustee Tenn. Elks John M. Smith, Exalted Ruler J. E. Pryor, Edward W. McCabe, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, Trustee Wayne Parkey, Mr. Walker, Henry Pruitt of Knoxville Lodge, District Deputy Joseph G. Caskey, Trustees B. A. Morton, Jr. and Joseph H. Hunt, and Past Exalted Ruler George A. Crane.



Among those present at the banquet at Bristol, Tenn., Lodge, honoring the Grand Exalted Ruler on November 6th, were front row, left to right: Past Exalted Ruler Sam T. Bowman, F. S. Taft, Past Exalted Rulers E. D. Mahaffey and G. Maurice Conn, Exalted Ruler Harvey Plummer, Mr. Walker and H. Cecil White. Rear row: David E. Gray, E. W. McKernan, District Deputy Frank C. Payne Jr., A. A. Woolford, Past Exalted Ruler S. Clay McChesney, John Sexton, Past Exalted Ruler H. T. Parrish, Newt Greene and Ralph Coward.



Above: Present at the visit to Burlington, N. C., Lodge on Nov. 15th, were left to right: Past Pres. of N. C. Elks Assn. Thad Eure; Guy C. Killian, Treasurer of N. C. Elks Assn.; Wiley Pritchett, Vice President at large of N. C. Elks; Harley E. Olson, President; Mr. Walker; Vice President Dr. F. L. Smith and District Deputies Franklin Dupree and Dr. J. R. Kernodle.

Right: At the entrance to the Harrison, N. J., Town Hall on Oct. 31st when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited that city, were from left: Jerry Centanni, Adrian Burke, Bob Ross, Edmund Grimes, State President William R. Thorne, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Past Exalted Ruler Fred Padovano, Mayor Rodgers, Exalted Ruler Spaulding A. Keator, Fire Chief Tuite and Police Chief Higgins.



warm admiration and deep respect for the excellent youth activities program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We are proud to be associated with you in bringing the Scouting program to so many boys under your leadership," Dr. Schuck said in presenting the statuette to Mr. Walker. The statuette is an award used by the Scouts to recognize an outstanding service to boys.

Accepting the award, Mr. Walker referred to his Speech of Acceptance at the Philadelphia Convention last July when he urged local lodges to support Scouting and sponsor Scout units. The B.P.O.E., throughout its local lodges, sponsors 618 Cub Packs for boys 8-10, Scout Troops for boys 11-13, and Explorer Units for young men 14-18, reaching about 26,000 boys a year. In addition, many Elks serve on District and Council Scout Committees. Local lodges contribute annually to Scout operating and capital financial needs. Attending the luncheon were: William R. Thorne, President of the N.J. State Elks Assn., Mayor Chester Paulus of New Brunswick; District Deputy James A. Bates; Byrnes MacDonald, Chairman, National Civic Relationships Committee B.S.A.; Exalted Ruler Francis E. Meagher; Dr. Harold F. Pote, Personnel Director, B.S.A.; Leslie Stratton, Director, Public Relations, B.S.A.; O.B. Evenson, Field Operations, B.S.A.; and George K. Myers, Director, Civic Relationships Service, B.S.A.

That evening Mr. Walker was present at a memorable dinner honoring the 60th Anniversary of New Brunswick Lodge, with nearly 300 Elks present including 21 Past Exalted Rulers. In his talk to the gathering, Mr. Walker praised New Brunswick Lodge for its splendid record and service to Elkdom. He paid particular tribute to Past Exalted Ruler William E. Hart, a 52-year member of the lodge, who was absent because of illness. Exalted Ruler Francis E. Meagher presided and Mayor Chester W. Paulus was present.

PGER William J. Jernick presented Mr. Walker to the gathering and praised both New Brunswick Lodge and the Elks of New Jersey for their record during the past year. Guests were present from lodges in Freehold, Elizabeth, Asbury Park, Red Bank, Hightstown, Long Branch, Bound Brook, Dunellen and Point Pleasant.

On November 9th, Mr. Walker was at



Charles D. Fox, Jr., member of the Grand Lodge State Association Committee, presents Mr. Walker with a framed copy of the Resolution, adopted by Mr. Walker's home lodge in Roanoke, making him an Honorary Life Member. The presentation was made on November 22nd.



Porter R. Graves, Exalted Ruler of Harrisonburg Lodge, presents Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker with a scroll of appreciation at the latter's visit to the lodge on December 1st. That evening the largest class in the history of the lodge was inducted in Mr. Walker's honor.

BECKLEY, W.VA., LODGE for a luncheon and dinner. The luncheon for the Grand Exalted Ruler was held at Brother J. P. Richmond's Flat Top Lake country home and in attendance were officers of Beckley Lodge and state officers. After the luncheon Mr. Walker drove to Beckley for a radio interview after which he visited Exalted Ruler and Mrs. W. F. Watts, who were confined to the hospital. Dinner was served that evening to 800 members and visiting Elks. The initiation of a class of 47 from Beckley and 13 from Montgomery was attended by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Following this visit, the Grand Exalted Ruler went to the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va., for the annual meeting with the Board of Grand Trustees.

All members of the Board of Grand Trustees accompanied the Grand Exalted Ruler when he visited LYNCHBURG, VA., LODGE on November 11th, namely: Chair-

Photographed when Kenosha, Wis., Lodge held a luncheon in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor on December 5th, were, left to right: Exalted Ruler Carl R. Larsen, Mr. Walker and Grand Esquire Alfred E. LaFrance.



man Nick H. Feder; Vice-Chairman and Approving Member, Arthur M. Umlandt; Horace R. Wisely, Secretary; Ronald J. Dunn, Home Member, and W. A. Wall, Building Applications. That evening the lodge honored the Grand Exalted Ruler and members of his staff at a reception and dinner held at the Virginian Hotel and following the dinner there was a

dance in his honor in the ballroom of the Elks Lodge. This was attended by a large number of members and their ladies. Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson were present for the dinner and dance.

The Grand Exalted Ruler arrived at  
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Below: At the Testimonial Dinner Williamsport, Pa., Lodge gave on December 6th, were from left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Mr. Walker, Exalted Ruler Grant S. Eder and Past Exalted Ruler Harry W. Klett, who was Toastmaster for the occasion.

Left: On October 28th, Rochester, N. Y., Lodge held a breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor, and present left to right were: Exalted Ruler Joseph G. D'Aprile, Peter J. Kouwe Jr., Exalted Ruler of Newark Lodge; Past District Deputy J. B. Keane, Mr. Walker, State President Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Past State President George A. Swalbach, Past District Deputy Theo R. Beales, Past State Vice President Edward W. Walsh and E. E. Stell of Newark Lodge.



On October 27th Albion, N. Y., Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary and present were from left: Past District Deputy and Past State Vice-President William B. O'Connell, Mr. Walker, State President Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Exalted Ruler Edward R. Scharping and Past Exalted Ruler Daniel M. Welton.





*In a mass movement, people are taking to the water for a—*

# Boom in Boats

**BY DICKSON HARTWELL**

**A**LONG about the middle of January over 250,000 slightly maniacal men and women braved cold, an interminable and dismal New York subway ride to plunk down \$1.50 to cram themselves uncomfortably into the world's biggest armory. They were the vanguard of some 25,000,000 people who are already—or will become so in 1956—slightly off their respective rockers. The subject of this mass dementia is boats.

At New York's National Motor Boat Show—the first of 35 throughout the country—something more than \$15,000,000 was spent for boats and boat gadgets. But this big money is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the \$1 billion plus that fervent U. S. boatmen will put out this year to support what has suddenly become far and away the biggest sport in the nation.

In a mass movement which baffles psychologists, people are taking to water like lemmings—without the suicidal overtones. They find themselves in a brand new world, speaking a brand new language and possessed of a brand new sense of well being, such as is experienced by the heirs of rich and recently deceased uncles. All this drives them a bit balmy. I know. I am one of them.

The purchase of a boat causes more changes in family life than the unheralded arrival of triplets. Moreover, trip-



ILLUSTRATED BY HERVEY GARRETT SMITH

**Marinas are a product of the increased interest in boating, but the need for them grows steadily.**

lets do not require near the tender loving care which must be lavished on a boat to maintain it in prime condition. And triplets are cheaper.

But whatever the apparent handicaps involved in boat ownership the boating boom has been hitting new peaks every year for five years and this year (1956) is not likely to be an exception. At least 500,000 outboard motors will be sold, for example, and tens of thousands of cruisers will be delivered to ecstatic owners. Indeed, in many cases it is a problem to get a power boat at all. Some makers are behind as much as two years on their orders for custom built jobs.

Nobody knows how many boat makers there are—more than twenty major outfits specialize in boats for outboards alone. Probably there are more than 100 substantial producers. As a result, the variety of stock boats available is substantial, far greater than the variety of automobiles, even when dozens of manufacturers were turning them out. Add to this the thousands of boats that are built annually to owner's specifications and it is obvious that you can and do encounter almost any size or shape that imaginative men can conceive.

A good rowboat that will take an outboard can be had for \$100. There are quite a few stock boats moored near

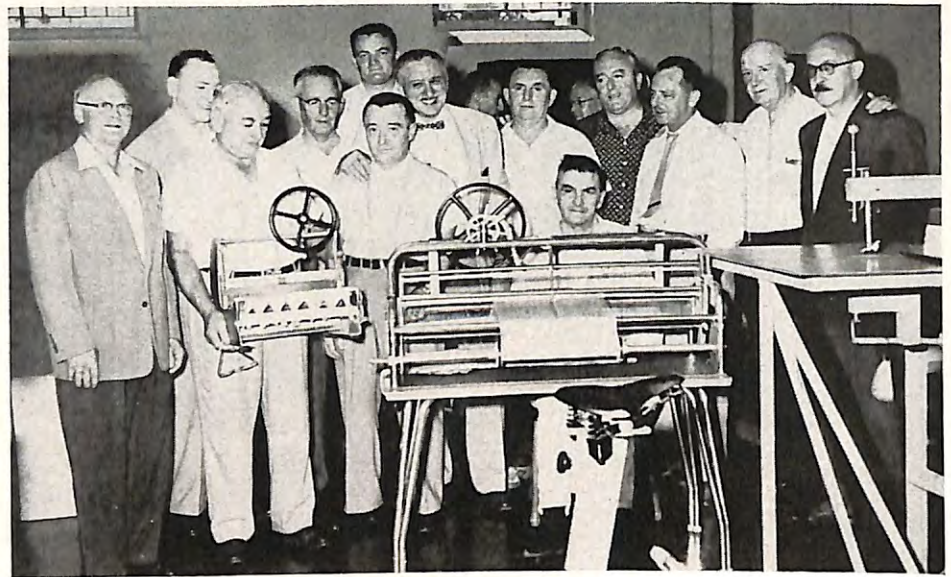
my modest little job (\$4,000) that cost a shade over \$65,000 without accessories, of course. Outboard runabouts and cruisers go up to as much as \$2,500. Inboard boats—where the engine is built into the hull—start at \$1,500. The most popular ones cost as much as a new and large automobile. The “do-it-yourself” boys, as usual, can come out much cheaper. For around \$250 they can buy a kit containing everything except the tools needed to put together a really respectable runabout.

Whatever the cost of the original boat, the real shocker is in the accessories. Most neophytes are under the delusion that all you need to do with a new boat is put in some oil and gas and away you go over the briny. I was prepared to add a couple of life preservers and a deck chair. But that was before my wife, Pat, enticed me into a trap called The Crow's-nest, a shop deceptively located on the second floor of a New York office building.

This little place is to the turncoat landlubber what Tiffany's is to a non-union chorus girl. The sales room is only fifteen feet square but you can buy more stuff there in a few minutes than in a dime store all day—but not for a dime. Pat is normally a very slow gal with a buck. But the day we bought the boat she got that look in her eye—half-wild, half-dreamy—and noth- (Continued on page 48)

# OPERATION THERAPY

As 1956 advances, we find the Order's interest in our hospitalized veterans continuing unabated, under the auspices of the Elks National Service Commission. These photographs represent a few of the favorite forms of therapy sponsored by Elksdom throughout the country, helping to prepare our retired warriors for life outside hospital walls.



Above: An outstanding contribution to the recovery of servicemen hospitalized in Providence is commemorated in this photograph, taken when the Rhode Island Elks gave three large hand-looms, and one small one, to the occupational therapy department of that hospital, at a cost of \$600. A patient is seated at one of the looms presented in the presence of the inventor, Elphege Nadeau, and Dr. Wm. J. Sullivan, Hospital Mgr. Left to right: Committeeman C. F. Rainville, State Pres. J. W. Moakler, State Vice-Pres. M. S. Yemma, Committeeman Joseph Brelsford, State Trustee T. R. Doherty, Committeeman Lionel Beard, Chairman Dr. E. C. Morin, Committeemen B. A. Flaherty, J. M. F. Skeffington, Frank Gardner, J. F. Leavens and E. N. Decelles.



Above: One of the best forms of occupational therapy is leather-working, and the Elks are providing all VA Hospitals with the finest in finished leather, a quantity of which was presented to the Excelsior Springs, Mo., hospital not long ago. Pictured with the leather and some of the patients who will fashion various articles from it are, left to right, standing, Harry Liller, Co-Chairman of the Missouri Elks Committee, Secy. W. B. Fitzpatrick and Trustee C. A. Bockberger of Excelsior Springs Lodge, Therapist Miss Casky and E.R. Earl D. Lillard.



Above: Of course, the raw hides must first be secured before being shipped to California where the Elks of that State take care of the processing. Much of these come from Montana. Pictured with a shipment of 512 hides, including 83 antelope and 413 deer skins, donated by Havre Lodge are P.E.R. Arthur P. Huff, Chairman F. L. Avery and S. P. Barsness of the lodge's Hide Committee; E. C. and F. O. Stromberg of the United Transfer and Storage Co. which provided transportation, and Secy. Tom Troy of Havre Lodge of which all these men are affiliates.



Left: Knowing the finest morale-builder is a visit from a pretty girl, the Hot Springs, So. Dak., Elks arranged to have the Miss Hot Springs and Miss South Dakota Beauty and Talent Contest held right on the stage of the VA Hospital auditorium there. The 16 contestants visited the bed-patients, one of whom is seen here with three lovely callers.

# ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

**A day with beach-cruising, fighting snook will not soon be forgotten.**



**S**OME DAYS a fisherman never forgets. The potential for such a day occurs occasionally each spring somewhere along the white-sand beaches of southwestern Florida.

I have been lucky enough to be at the right place at the right moment, and a few others I know have been equally fortunate.

These rare days depend on a combination of factors: first, on the whims of a tiny fish known as a glass minnow; and, second, on a condition of weather. There must be a several-day calm spell to permit the shore waters to settle and clear; then, if the glass minnows have gathered close to the beach, there will inevitably be a third and most important factor present: snook. In singles, in pairs and sometimes in groups of six or eight, snook parade slowly along the beach, drifting silently and effortlessly, appearing as little more than hazy gray shadows floating over the white-sand bottom. But these snook aren't wandering aimlessly. They are hunting. A patch of glass minnows triggers them into action. They roar ahead, mouths open, and the water churns and explodes in a silvery spray as the minnows leap clear of the surface in a desperate effort to escape. By the time the excited fisherman reaches the spot, it is calm again. The minnows have scattered and the snook have continued on their leisurely journey up the beach.

These are big snook—eight- and ten-pounders and sometimes twice that size—and they are hungry snook. They are bright as chrome and as full of spunk as a banty rooster. The plug-caster who spends a day with these beach-cruising snook won't forget it.

The snook is just naturally the sort of fish that makes an impression. To start with, his name is outlandish. Snook is an improbable name for any fish, let alone a rough and humorless character like this one. Perhaps some fish such as his neighbor the mullet, which cavorts about like a dumb but happy individual, could bear the name appropriately, but not this one so labeled. I have been told that the name comes from a similar Dutch word meaning pike. What business a Dutchman had naming a Florida fish I don't know, but it is as good an explanation as any. The Spanish-Americans have a much more fitting name: robalo. Translated, this means bass. The snook, or robalo, as

he is called along the Texas and Mexican coasts, is essentially bass-like in his sporting characteristics, and so the Spanish name fits like a glove.

This is strictly a semi-tropical fish, existing in the warm coastal waters of the Caribbean, around the Gulf of Mexico and down the eastern Mexican coast to Central America. Some of the largest on record have come from the Canal Zone in Panama. The snook is a salt-water fish, but he isn't particular just how salty. Sometimes just a pinch or two for seasoning satisfies him. The important thing is that—although a salt-water fish—he is by no means a deep-sea fish. He is essentially a shallow-water resident. Some of the best Florida snook fishing is in rivers and canals far from the sea itself where he lives and acts much as does a black bass. Other likely places are around piers, bridges and jetties. And the most reliable snook fishing is generally in the maze of shallow channels in the Ten Thousand Islands.

**T**HIS shallow-water habitat makes him the perfect game fish for the simple reason that he is available to anyone with a rod and reel. In my own experience I have taken as many or more by walking the shore and casting as I have from a skiff. Whether a man is a plug-caster, a fly-fisherman or a bait-fisherman, there is little need of his resorting to more than his own personal know-how to get the most sport out of snook.

The biggest killing I ever participated in was simply a matter of walking, wading and casting; however, it was a long way from Florida's snook waters. This happened a number of years ago at Eighth Pass in Mexico, a narrow gut that connects Mexico's inland salt sea, the Laguna Madre, with the Gulf of Mexico. It was not only the one time I kept too many game fish, but it was the only time I ever fished commercially, for in effect we were doing just that even though we were plug-casting.

Mexican commercial fishermen were working the area with nets and we begged transportation from them down to the pass and back from Matamoras, which is directly across the border from Brownsville, Texas. In return for the ride we gave them the snook, or robalo, we caught. It was a good deal all the way around. The Mexicans got the fish, which they wanted, and we got the fishing, which we wanted.

The first day the Mexicans pulled their nets under the heat of the relentless tropical sun while the several of us walked the beach, waded and cast our plugs. The snook were scattered, which made netting difficult. That evening the fish we had accounted for on rod and reel far outnumbered those which our Latin friends had taken by net. This fact might have spurred them to greater efforts, but it didn't. A Mexican has a convenient and relaxed attitude toward en-

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Photo by Dan Holland

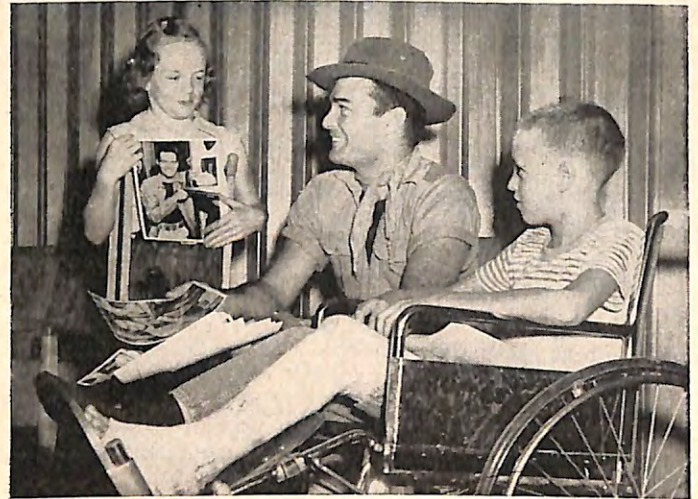


Commercial fishermen hauling in snook at Eighth Pass in Mexico.

# News of the Lodges



During the Girl Scouts' National Convention, held in San Francisco, Calif., in November, Hon. A. F. Bray, a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, was designated to represent Elksdom by Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker. Judge Bray is photographed here in conversation with the Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide and Scout.



When John Russell, center, better known as Tim Kelly, star of TV's adventure series, "Soldiers of Fortune", visited "Aidmore", the Georgia Elks' Assn.'s outstanding crippled children's hospital, he was as much impressed with the splendid work being done for underprivileged handicapped children there, as its patients were with their guest.



An important occasion in the annals of Huntington Beach, Calif., Lodge, No. 1959, came when its official Charter was received from Jr. P.D.D. Benj. F. Mattox, left. E.R. Dr. S. N. Kowitz, right, accepted the paper, in the presence of Mayor Roy Seabridge, a member of the lodge.



On hand when Port Jervis, N. Y., Lodge welcomed State Assn. Pres. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick were, left to right, E.R. and Mrs. Herbert R. Dunworth, State Vice-Pres. Edward F. Turchen, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, the State President, Mrs. Turchen and D.D. Edward D. Forrester.



Thomas E. Burke, right, Chairman of the Ind. Elks Assn.'s Cancer Research Fund through which \$400,000 has been disbursed within the past eight years, receives Lafayette Lodge's \$4,759.17 check from Norman O. Neiburger.

## Hot Springs Scene of Arkansas Fall Meeting

Approximately 250 Elks and their ladies were welcomed by Mayor Floyd Housley and the members of Hot Springs Lodge on Nov. 5th and 6th for the Fall Conference of the Arkansas Elks Assn. at which Pres. James T. Aaron presided. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James was the guest of honor, and the inspiring principal speaker at the banquet. Other dignitaries on hand included D.D.'s Bolland Phillips and Victor H. Wilder.

Texarkana Lodge captured the Ritualistic Championship and the Earl James Trophy which was presented by D.D. Phillips. The award will become the permanent property of the lodge to win it three consecutive years. During the conclave, the delegates adopted a resolu-

tion eulogizing the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell; they also voted to continue assistance to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Jacksonville.

James H. Webb of the host lodge was elected new State President, to take office at the organization's Spring Meeting which will be held at Texarkana. Others elected at the November meeting were Vice-Presidents Harry O. Peebles, Eureka Springs, and James I. Malham, Brinkley; Trustee James T. Aaron, Texarkana; Secy. Sam Milazzo, Texarkana, and Treas. Tom L. Hocott, Mountain Home, both reelected.

## Texas North Elks Meet

Dallas Lodge No. 71 was host to members and their ladies in attendance at the annual District Meeting of Texas North shortly before Thanksgiving. Vice-Pres.





As part of its extensive Youth Activities Program, Richmond, Calif., Lodge promotes and conducts an annual Vocal Scholarship Contest among the high schools of the vicinity. Pictured here with Elk officials are the finalists in the most recent competition. Left to right, foreground: Dan Bohline and Barbara Gustafson of Union High; E.R. James A. Dyer, \$300 first-prize winner Jeanette Tingen, also of Union, and Katherine Bailey, an El Cerrito High School student; second row: General Chairman John O'Malley, Leslie Babbitt of El Cerrito High School, who won the second-place \$200 scholarship.



For the first time in the history of Chicago Elkdom, the three lodges of that metropolis held a joint meeting under the auspices of Chicago Lodge No. 4 to pay tribute to Mayor Richard J. Daley, second from left, a member of that branch of the Order. With P.E.R. Frank J. Jacobson, left, as General Chairman, the well-attended program included the initiation of a class in honor of the Mayor. Participating in the event were E.R. William Mulhall of Chicago (South) Lodge, E.R. Alvin Edelman of No. 4, and E.R. John Maccono of Chicago (North) Lodge, third, fourth and fifth from left, respectively.

Les Fulcher presided, following the talk delivered by host E.R. Marvin Hinchliffe which opened the session.

Six lodges of the area were represented at the meeting attended by Past State Presidents J. Rollie Pray, John D. Carter, State Secy. H. S. Rubenstein, Floyd B. Ford and Dr. D. E. Biser, all of whom addressed the delegates, along with various Committee Chairmen, and D.D. W. P. Howle who spoke on the plans and program of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker.

#### **Dallas, Tex., Elks Sponsor New Lodge at Garland**

Garland Lodge No. 1984 came into being not long ago under the aegis of Dallas Lodge No. 71 with D.D. W. P. Howle handling the ceremony, assisted by sponsoring lodge officers who also initiated the Charter Member Class of 58; an additional 23 candidates, scheduled for affiliation but unable to attend this program, were initiated later on.

Ronald W. Friend was elected as the first Exalted Ruler of the new lodge whose members have selected a large site for their home which will embrace a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

Garland Lodge, which was instituted as the result of the efforts of Jr. P.D.D. D. Holmes Smith, voted a membership in the Texas Elks Assn. and are already participating in its various programs.

#### **Red Bank, N. J., Elks Dedicate Home**

Red Bank Lodge No. 233 took formal possession of its handsome new home following a full-day dedication program which attracted 1,500 persons.

Highlighting the day's events was the ceremony conducted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick. As principal speaker, Mr. Jernick dedicated the building to the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man". Other speakers included D.D. Joseph A. Burns, Jr., State Assn. President William R. Thorne and

former Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Louis A. Spine.

P.D.D. Matthew J. Coyle presented the keys to the new home to the lodge's Trustees Chairman H. A. Scott; the keys had previously been presented to Mr. Jernick by Building Committee Chairman Patrick Vaccarelli, P.E.R.

Councilman H. E. Williams delivered the address of welcome, with P.D.D. C. A. Rorke asking the invocation for the meeting at which E.R. G. L. Vanhorne presided. Other participating dignitaries included Joseph F. Bader of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Past District Deputies Bart R. Boyle, Dr. Louis Hubner, E. J. Hannon, W. B. Meseroll and H. J. Fucille.

Many P.E.R.'s of the host lodge were introduced and Charter Members called upon to take a bow included T. I. Brown, C. F. Elliott, Fred Magee, Joseph Bray and H. G. Degenring. Richard Applegate, another original Red Bank Elk, was unable to attend.

Open house was held all day long until the exercises began, and a buffet supper, dancing and entertainment followed. More than 500 persons enjoyed the five-tier cake baked especially for the occasion by Elk Joseph Holiday who devoted four hours to its preparation.



During the fourth annual visit of the South-eastern Massachusetts Elks to the Taunton Dog Track on "Elks National Foundation Night," Committee Chairman Joseph E. Brett, P.E.R. of Quincy Lodge, center, presented the Elks Race Trophy to Jack Herold, right, owner of Ted Mark, the winning greyhound, pictured with Leadout William Rose. Looking on are Managing Director J. M. Linsey, left foreground, and, left to right, background, P.E.R.'s Harry W. Weatherill of Brockton Lodge and Walter E. Quinlan of Fall River.



D.D. Ben Scott Whaley, seated, sixth from left, with the candidates initiated into Sumter, S. C., Lodge during his official visit there, as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Walker. Standing, left to right, are P.D.D. E. T. Gullede, Sr., Est. Lect. Knight T. W. Kerlin, Loyal Knight J. S. Richardson, Lead. Knight James Cuttino, E.R. F. W. Ortmann, Jr., Esq. Lawrence Ledwell, Chaplain J. H. Thomas, Inner Guard M. M. Weinberg, Jr., and P.D.D. C. F. Hottinger.

**John R. Schafe Mourned  
by Virginia Elksdom**

John R. Schafe, Past Exalted Ruler of Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758, a former District Deputy and a Past President of the Virginia Elks Association, passed away November 26th at the Alexandria Hospital, following a heart attack.

Mr. Schafe, just 58 years of age, had been appointed to the State Associations Committee of the Grand Lodge for 1955-56 by Grand Exalted Ruler John L.

Walker, but was forced to resign because of illness.

A founder of the Virginia Elks Camp for Boys, Mr. Schafe was one of Elksdom's leaders in his State; he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

**Outstanding Initiation at  
York, Pennsylvania, Lodge**

Four top political figures of the State were initiated into York Lodge No. 213 at ceremonies conducted by E.R. Carl Workinger and his fellow officers.

Gov. George M. Leader was the most prominent initiate, and accompanying him in joining our Order were Mayor-elect Fred A. Schiding; George Wise, York County District Attorney, and Henry B. Leader, brother of, and administrative assistant to, the Governor.

Hundreds of Elks and their wives were on hand for the dinner which followed the ceremony, among them Mrs. Leader who heard her husband deliver a brief address pointing to various problems facing the people of his State.

Below: These men are the first officers of Mission, Kans., Lodge, No. 1946, which received its Charter last October at ceremonies conducted by State Assn. Pres. F. T. Pucka and D.D. A. Emmett Faulconer. Left to right, foreground: Est. Lead. Knight E. W. Walker, Lect. Knight George Jones, E.R. R. M. Shoop, Loyal Knight Fred Marts and Esq. G. B. Hood. Second row: Secy. C. R. Winter, Trustee Courtney Crimm, Chaplain Fred Weber, Treas. E. F. Cunningham, Trustee Dr. A. W. Bradford, Inner Guard Jerry Bilyeu and Tiler Vernon Witt.



Above: Minneapolis, Minn., Elksdom paid tribute to its 17-year Secy. Stanley P. Andersch, who was Secy. of the Minn. Elks Assn. for nine years and three-year State Chairman for the Elks National Service Commission, with the initiation of a class by the lodge's P.E.R.'s. Seated left to right are P.E.R.'s John Hafich, member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, and F. W. Bauler; E.R. Bob Newhouse, now State Assn. Secy.; Mr. Andersch, P.E.R.'s E. M. Peacock, State Assn. Pres., and Emory Hughes, former Grand Tiler. Standing: P.E.R.'s D. A. Ross, L. J. Pomerleau, P.D.D. B. E. Stroup, W. P. Wolfe, C. J. Lamb, W. H. Comstock and Dr. E. H. Hamlet.



Above: State Pres. Francis J. Howard, left, congratulates Hampton, Va., Lodge's State Championship Ritualistic Team. Its members are, left to right, E. L. Ahl, E.R.; M. J. Brennan, Est. Lead. Knight; H. H. Hughes, Est. Loyal Knight; E. L. Council, Jr., Est. Lect. Knight; David Norad, Inner Guard; C. F. Lipsey, Esq.; A. B. Eickmeier, Chaplain.



Right: Magruder Hospital receives the second installment on the \$5,000 pledged by Port Clinton, Ohio, Lodge for its new \$300,000 wing. Accepting the \$1,500 check from E.R. Kenneth Krupp, right, is Hospital official Ray B. Lambert. Looking on is D.D. Elwood W. Reed.



At Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge's tribute to Elks in Public Service, approximately 400 members were on hand, among them about 250 honored guests. Pictured with E.R. W. H. Gray, left, left to right, John J. Rhodes, Congressman from the first District and a member of Mesa Lodge; Gov. Ernest W. McFarland, a member of Casa Grande Valley Lodge; Carl Hayden, Senior U.S. Senator and Life Member of Phoenix Elksdom, and P.E.R. Alex W. Crane, Chairman of the Committee in charge.



Photographed on the official visit of D.D. Lewis J. Fraser to West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge are, left to right, P.D.D. J. Alex Arnette, Grand Trustee William A. Wall, Mr. Fraser, E.R. Stephen L. Sewell, and P.D.D.'s W. E. Poland, Jr., Robert J. Skanes and A. E. Kirschman. Mr. Skanes recently had the pleasure of presenting a Gold Star Certificate to the lodge, represented by P.E.R. and Trustee A. I. Tedder, for its participation in Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick's 16-point program of last year.

# *A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler*



## PLAN ELKDOM'S PROGRESS

**O**N FEBRUARY 16TH we celebrate the 88th Anniversary of the founding of our great Order. It has grown from the small number of men who met in New York City in 1868 to more than 1,150,000 fine American citizens who believe in and practice the cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Never before have our humanitarian and patriotic expenditures been so great or our prestige so high.

Naturally you are proud of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, where our brothers have all the comforts of a fine family, and of the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago. Every member who visits either place goes away a better Elk and better American.

You are also proud of the marvelous humanitarian programs of the Grand Lodge, State Associations, and Subordinate Lodges—the wonderful service they are rendering to the less fortunate, to America's Youth, to our veterans and those in the armed forces.

You are proud of the fine work being done by The Elks Magazine, the Grand Lodge commissions, and the officers and committeemen of all branches of our Order.

### *A Cause for Inspiration*

You are proud of your great heritage of Elkdom. It should inspire you to increase your productive endeavors and thereby promote "A Plan For Elkdom's Progress."

During February and March, the two remaining months in our lodge year, you can render invaluable service for our

Membership Control Program. You can get a good new member or a good reinstatement. You can assist your Secretary and Lapsation Committee in holding delinquents to an absolute minimum. You can enable your Lodge to achieve our goal of a five per cent net increase in membership.

We have many fertile fields for new Lodges, and experience has shown that they are needed if we are to continue to grow. Let us redouble our efforts.

### *Everyone's Campaign*

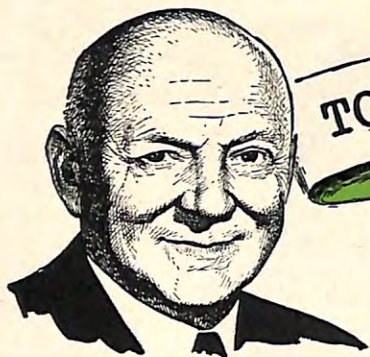
The campaign for the Elks National Foundation is now in full swing. This year we want individual contributors as well as the continuing support of State Associations and Lodges. Remember, "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves." We need the support of every Elk to give meaning to our theme: "Every Elk, Every Lodge, Every State Association a Contributor and Participant in the Elks National Foundation Program This Year." Won't you make your contribution now?

Just a little extra effort on the part of each Elk will enable his Lodge, his State Association, and his Grand Lodge to have the greatest year they have ever had. It will make our Birthday Celebration the finest we have ever had and will add to the happiness of every Elk. You will, I am sure, make that extra effort because you are determined to

"Serve Elkdom—Live Elkdom"

*John L. Walker*  
GRAND EXALTED RULER

*"We are pledged never to forget so long as a single disabled veteran remains in a hospital. The Elks National Service Commission's program in which every Elk shares is redeeming that pledge."*



## TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



**T**HE BATTLE of the typewriters has opened on Capitol Hill and mimeographs are clattering at high speed in the opening salvos of the 1956 political war. It's going to be a humdinger. Presidential primaries always make Senators and Representatives trigger-happy when it comes to press releases and publicity and they already have begun firing. Presses in the Government Printing Office are roaring and reporters are knee deep in statements. It is not entirely because the Presidential contests this year are wide open affairs. The whole technique of political campaigning has changed in recent years what with TV and radio, tape recorders and Hi-Fi. News transmission is swifter and wire photos and facsimile processes have been perfected to an amazing degree. Members of Congress have been quick to take advantage of these mediums and their own radio and TV studios are crowded. On the House side the press production centers around the member's local problems. Over on the Senate side it's more of a National affair. One third of the Senate, 32 seats to be exact, will figure in the Fall presidential election. Of these 17 are Republican with several in hotly disputed territory. Fourteen are Democratic with 9 of them in the South where there is little chance of an upset. In the Senate the Republicans admittedly have the toughest fight to hold what they have. Statements from members of the Party on both sides of the Capitol are being carefully scanned for political implications. To the political weather prophets at GOP and Democratic headquarters these press handouts are regarded as so many straws in the wind. Right now that wind here in Washington is blowing in all directions.

### PLAN RECEPTION CENTER

For years Washington has needed a hospitality or reception center and plans for one are now gaining support. Under consideration by the National Park Service is a proposal to establish the center in the space on Pennsylvania avenue between the Commerce Dept. and the Hotel Willard. The old temporary Information Building on that plot has been torn down. The new reception center may be below ground with a

sunken plaza like the skating rink in Radio City New York. It will be a place where visitors to the city can meet, get information and be made to feel at home. At the same time other ugly temporary buildings are to be razed until by 1960 the Nation's Capital will be the most beautiful in the world with many new government buildings. Some of these will have to go outside the 10-mile square District which is now too small to hold them.

### POSTMASTERS SALARIES

Annual report of the Post Office Department will omit postmaster salary figures for the first time because they vary considerably under the new law passed last year. First class postmasters now get from \$5,280 to \$14,800; second class, \$4,300 to \$6,390; third class from \$3,880 to \$5,460; fourth class up to \$1,500 (based on gross receipts). Postal pay, however, is still a matter of public record for those who want to know who gets what.

### THOSE FUNNY PENGUINS

Another chapter was added to the strange tale of the Antarctic penguins when an elaborate plaque was presented at the Zoo here to Commander Glen Jacobsen, skipper of the Navy ice-breaker "Atka," for bringing them to this country. Five members of the crew received gold watches and medals for catching them. The donor's identity is secret except that he is an American citizen living in Argentina. Nobody knows why he is so interested in Emperor penguins. All the funny birds have died except one in the zoo here and two in New York. Every visitor who sees the one in the Zoo laughs at it, it looks so stuffy. Comdr. Jacobsen said it was no trouble to catch the birds. "They walk right up to you, because they think you are another penguin," he said.

### DIVER DIDN'T SMILE

Chief Petty Officer Joe Tallarico, a 33-year veteran deep-sea Navy diver, was trapped for 8½ hours 130 feet down in the icy Patuxent River, never lost consciousness, was rushed into a decompression tank when he was finally brought to

the surface. After hours more in the tank as the pressure was gradually lessened to avoid the dreaded "bends" the Chief came out. "A big smile" yelled the photographers as usual as the flashbulbs popped. Joe looked at them quietly. "I don't feel much like smiling," he said. The picture without a smile was one to remember.

### INCREASE VACCINE PRODUCTIONS

Federal and State Health officials are watching for black market operations in Salk polio vaccine. Surgeon General Leonard Scheele says manufacturers promise stepped up production beginning in February. The program this Spring will be to get the vaccine to the most susceptible age groups of children, gradually including the teen-agers.

### BIRDS GET BREAK

Giant search-lights at airports which are used to measure altitude of clouds have been throwing migratory birds into tail-spins and killing about 25,000 annually, it is estimated. The birds fly into the beam and get confused and plunge to death "flying blind." This Spring, during the northward flights, the big lights will be turned on only as measurements are taken. Some 48 species of birds, if they could talk, will say "thank you."

### WASHINGTON WHISTLES

It costs \$346 to recruit a civilian in the Army and another \$3,500 to make him a soldier; \$10,000 for a trained technician. . . Smithsonian Institution has a 337½-pound sea bass caught in the far Pacific which had a big chuck steak in its stomach probably thrown overboard by an American sailor. . . Air Force says it will continue to court-martial civilians overseas despite a District Court ruling they are unconstitutional. . . Latest move by hackers to limit number of taxis here was denied. . . Over 1,700 blind persons operating news stands in public buildings made an average net of \$2,300 last year, highest ever. . . While President Ike has been away from the White House the squirrels have moved back into the White House backyard—and are they having fun around that putting green.

# ANOTHER PAGE FOR YOUR ELK FAMILY ALBUM



Left: Charles Jacoby, Albert Griffith and Cloyse E. Overturf, seated left to right, became members of Helena, Mont., Lodge in the presence of their Elk fathers. Standing are E.R. Fred G. Houston, Earl Jacoby, Morris J. Griffith, Cloyse M. Overturf and M. E. Anderson, Secy. of the lodge.



Above: The third generation of the Blue Island, Ill., Blatt family was represented in local Elkdome with the initiation of Ronald Blatt, Airman 1st Class, while on leave from Opheim, Mont., Air Force Base. The young man's father, Honorary Life Member P.E.R. Norman G. Blatt, right, acted as E.R. for the ceremony, witnessed by his own father, Life Member Emil J. Blatt.

Right: Part of a class initiated not long ago into Terre Haute, Ind., Elkdome was composed of Charles M. Jacob, third from left, and his sons James R., left, and Charles J., right.



Left: Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge's largest Elk family—L. E. Scarlet, seated second from left, his four sons, his grandson and grandson-in-law, Cal Watkins. Seated, left to right: R. H., L. E., C. J., and D. L. Scarlet; standing, Ronald and F. L. Scarlet, E.R. Frank Delvie and Mr. Watkins, right.



Above: Three generations of the DeMarais family were honored by Chico, Calif., Elkdome when its youngest member was initiated on Old Timers Night. Officiating as E.R., assisted by other former leaders of the lodge, was P.E.R. Dr. Charles C. DeMarais, pictured at left as he welcomed his 21-year-old son Charles, Jr., into the Order. At right is 81-year-old Claude DeMarais, a 50-year-Elk and former Trustee of his State Association.



Above: On P.E.R.'s Night at Havre, Mont., Lodge, its former leaders, standing, initiated a class of ten. Among the candidates were William, Kenneth, Gene and Philip Morehouse, the first four men seated, reading from the left in that order. State Pres. Les Boodry, seated center, with Vice-Pres. Clarence Mieyr on his left, P.D.D. Joseph L. Mang, seated right, and former Grand Tiler W. L. Hill, seated second from right, witnessed the ceremony.



Above: Marshall S. Yemma, center, Trustee of South Kingstown, R. I., Lodge, pictured with his sons Frank, left, and Raymond, right, both Charter Members of that Rhode Island branch of the Order. Mr. Yemma had been a Westerly Elk for 30 years before he dimitted to help organize the youthful South Kingstown Lodge.



Above: The final meeting of the Grand Lodge year at Wakefield, Mass., Lodge saw a fine class initiated as a tribute to retiring E.R. Richard C. Little, pictured, third from left foreground, with incoming E.R. John M. Leone on his left. Among the candidates were the D'Annolfo brothers, William F., Michael J., Anthony L. and Frank P. D'Annolfo, all residents of nearby Stoneham.



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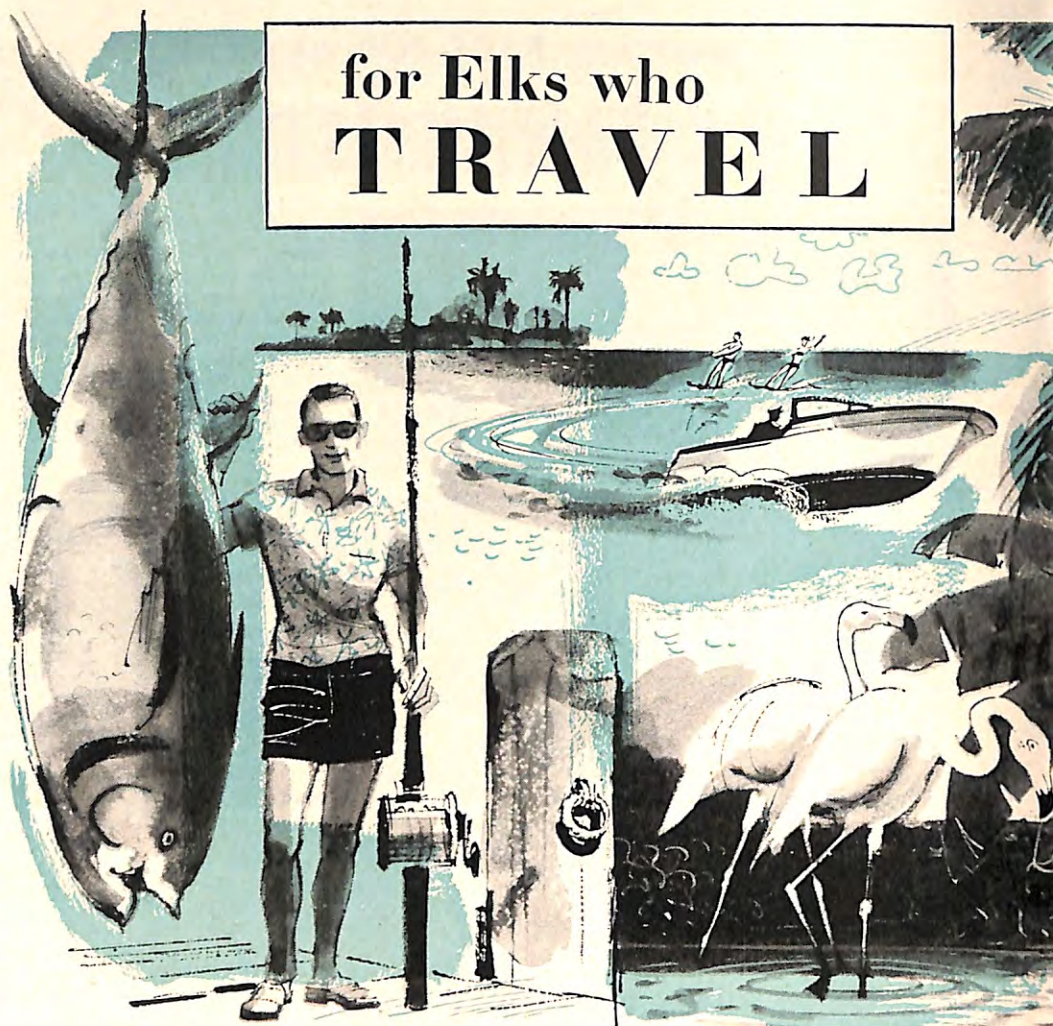
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# for Elks who TRAVEL



Some one million visitors are on their way  
to Florida in search of sun, play and rest.

BY HORACE SUTTON

ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL

THE HONORABLE Leroy Collins, a soft-spoken gentleman who makes a modest dollar by running the State of Florida, was saying in New York the other day, as the winter's season was about to unfold, that 500 people are moving to Florida every day. The governor didn't mean tourists, who are now in annual migration in figures a good deal heftier than that. He meant people who had sloughed through their last sidewalk of slush, leaned into their last January blast, sneezed and hacked their way through their last frigid winter.

I don't blame anybody who has had the gumption to do it, but for those of us tied by one means or another to the icy climes that stretch north of the Florida borders there are all sorts of ways to take seasonal respite. As far as transportation is concerned, the three major airlines involved in the annual shuttle to the south, namely: Eastern, National and Delta-Chicago and Southern, have been forecasting between twenty and twenty-five per cent more traffic to

Florida retreats than they carried a year ago. National Airlines, now whizzing south out of New York on DC-7s in three hours and a half, is forecasting roughly two hours even for the 1,100 miles when it gets the jet-powered DC-8s some three years from now. After all, the forecast for Europe is about six hours and a half. New York to London. Eastern, even with today's Constellation equipment, will whip you down from the chill winds of Lake Michigan in four hours. And what a difference a sixth of a day makes.

You might think that *everybody* would go by plane what with the speed and all, but that's not the case, and the Seaboard Airline Railroad and the Atlantic Coast Line have had extra sections running to Florida since back in December 15th. As usual, it seems apparent that a berth or a roomette on the train of one's choice will require a bill to the right hotel porter in New York or Chicago once we are in full season. For those who by hook or by crook obtain the ducats and the space, Seaboard



## ELKS LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

**W**E HAVE HAD so many requests for an Elks Lodge accommodation list that we plan to publish portions of the list from time to time in our travel columns. This first installment will be followed, as space permits, in later issues, until the entire list is published.

Following the complete publication, we plan to incorporate all this information in a pocket-sized booklet for our traveling readers. If your lodge is not listed, it means we have received no answer to our request for information sent out last May. Should you wish your lodge listed, send us all the information and we'll do our best to get it in the booklet.

### ALASKA

**ANCHORAGE** Lunch and Dinner,  
Cocktail Lounge  
**JUNEAU** Cocktail Lounge  
**KETCHIKAN** Cocktail Lounge  
**PALMER** Cocktail Lounge  
**SEWARD** Cocktail Lounge  
**SITKA** Cocktail Lounge  
**SKAGWAY** Cocktail Lounge  
**WRANGELL** Cocktail Lounge

### ALABAMA

**ALEXANDER CITY** No Accommodations  
**AUBURN-OPELIKA** Dinner,  
Cocktail Lounge  
**BESSEMER** Cocktail Lounge  
**BIRMINGHAM** Dinner, Cocktail Lounge  
**CULLMAN** Dinner (Sat. Night)  
**DECATUR** Cocktail Lounge  
**DEMOPOLIS** Bar  
**DOTHAN** Dinner, Cocktail Lounge  
**ENSLEY** Bar  
**FAIRFIELD** Cocktail Lounge  
**FAIRHOPE** Cocktail Lounge  
**FLORENCE** Lunch-Dinner (Thurs.)  
**GADSDEN** Cocktail Lounge  
**LEEDS** Cocktail Lounge  
**MOBILE** Lunch, Cocktail Lounge  
**MONTGOMERY** Dinner, Cocktail Lounge  
**BIRMINGHAM (Mt. Brook)** Dinner,  
Cocktail Lounge  
**SELMA** Dinner, Cocktail Lounge  
**SHEFFIELD** Cocktail Lounge  
**TALLADEGA** Dinner, Bar  
**TUSCALOOSA** Dinner, Cocktail Lounge  
**BLOCTON (West)** No Accommodations

### ARIZONA

**AJO** Cocktail Lounge  
**BISBEE** Cocktail Lounge  
**CLARKDALE** No Accommodations  
**CLIFTON** Bar  
**DOUGLAS** Cocktail Lounge  
**KINGMAN** Cocktail Lounge  
**MESA** Dinner (Special Occasions)  
Cocktail Lounge  
**MIAMI** Cocktail Lounge  
**PARKER** No Accommodations  
**PHOENIX** Lunch & Dinner  
Cocktail Lounge  
**PRESCOTT** Lunch & Dinner  
Cocktail Lounge  
**SAFFORD** Cocktail Lounge  
**TUCSON** Lunch & Dinner  
Cocktail Lounge  
**WINSLOW** Cocktail Lounge

### ARKANSAS

**BRINKLEY** Cocktail Lounge  
**EUREKA SPRINGS** Dinner (Sat. & Sun.)  
Cocktail Lounge  
**HOT SPRINGS** Cocktail Lounge  
**JONESBORO** No Accommodations  
**MENA** No Accommodations  
**MOUNTAIN HOME** Bar—weekly  
barbecues & buffet suppers  
**NORTH LITTLE ROCK** Cocktail Lounge

Airline Railroad (which is a railroad not an airline) is talking about new stainless steel Pullmans with observation dome cars of the kind already in use on the Western roads.

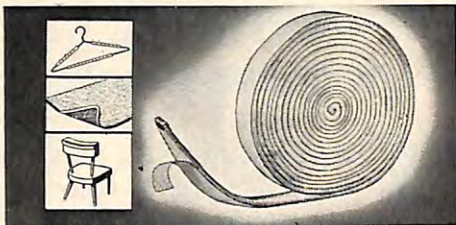
There still is, too, a mobile army that rolls south by car, and there is even good news for these types, too. Besides the battery of shining motels that have risen by the side of the road with each passing year, there have been some highway improvements too. That old standby byway to the palmlands, U. S. 17, has been spruced up between Savannah and Jacksonville. For one thing, the Talmadge Bridge will take you around the worst parts of Savannah traffic. All kinds of new concrete bridges have been put in along the route, and much of the road has been widened and resurfaced. I can't say how much has been done to eliminate the local speed traps where any municipal constable with a car, a siren, a pistol and a pad full of receipts could come away with a fast \$15 for minor infringements. All practitioners of the law have done, of course, has been to make life easier for the car-hire people from Jacksonville south to Key West. And a great booming business it has become. Couture in Miami. National in Jacksonville or Avis or Hertz will all have a car waiting on the line for you at the airport or

train station, and you can drop it right there when you're through, paying for it, if you've made advance arrangements, either with a credit card once back home, or else at the time you pick up your transportation ticket.

I don't know what all these new 500-a-day residents do once they are ensconced down in Florida, but it would seem that many of them go into the hotel business. Few Miami Beach hotels, as a prime example (and I would suspect few motels) are run by hotel people. The new Lucerne, one of This Year's Hotels in Miami Beach, is, by way of prime example, owned by one B. I. Binder, a gent who came to the Beach in 1945 looking for a vacation from his linen business. What he had in mind, of course, was a vacation of a week or two, but it didn't work out. Now he is sitting, in the sun, of course, with several million dollars worth of hotel.

The Lucerne, which as you might expect, is done in the Swiss tradition, is part of the current Miami Beach trend towards the European motif. I guess it all started last year with the opening of the mammoth Fontainebleau, or Fontaineblue, as it is known down there, which visited upon the unsuspecting Florida scene a multi-million dollar outcropping of French. Why even the mayor

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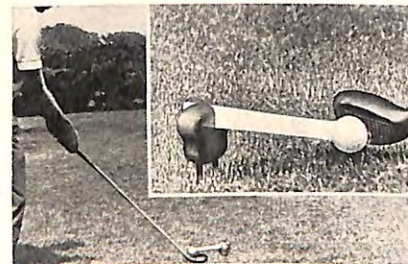
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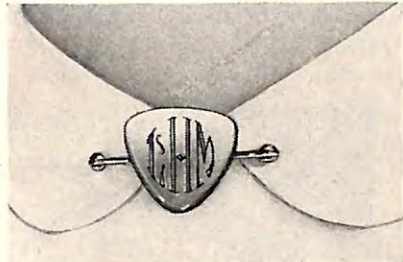
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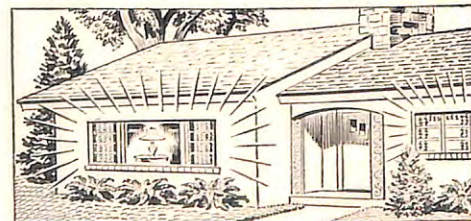


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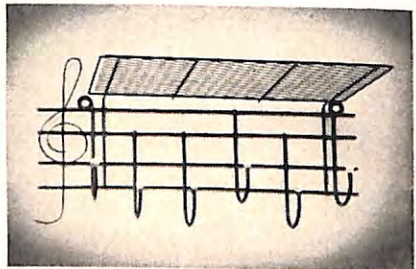
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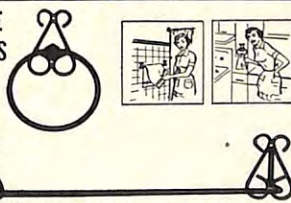
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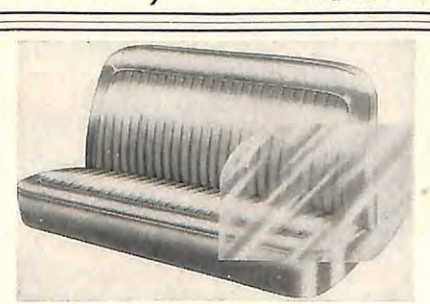


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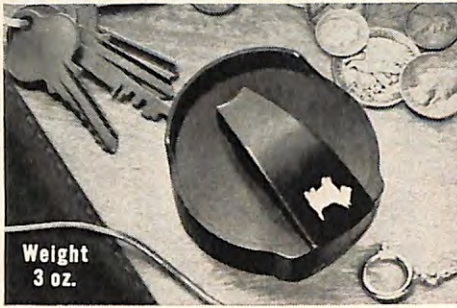
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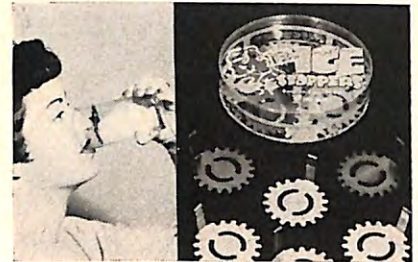
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## LODGE NOTES

At its first meeting in July, 1920, Braddock, Pa., Lodge elected John G. Gill as its Organist. From that meeting until this day, he has missed no more than five meetings, all due either to his own illness or that of a member of his family. Always at the lodge home well ahead of schedule, Mr. Gill has his music ready and entertains his fellow Elks throughout the entire evening. In 1925, the late Ralph C. Robinson, a P.E.R. of Wilkinsburg Lodge, visited Braddock Elksdom and was so impressed with Mr. Gill's music that he "drafted" his services for his own lodge. Mr. Gill has been playing for both lodges ever since.

Mrs. Leon Wood of Oklahoma City, Okla., the mother of ten children, lost her billfold and \$29 while visiting her husband at St. Anthony Hospital. The cash was all the money she had. After her plight was reported in the Daily Oklahoman, the local Elks raised \$50 for her family while \$25 more was raised by the hospital's employees and patients. In addition, her billfold and the lost money were returned to Mrs. Wood by an unidentified person.

The Lima, Ohio, Elks have a magnificent home, and about two years ago they opened a new addition to it, housing an up-to-date electric kitchen. The splendid menu has made it a very popular place; it serves an average of 300 meals a day, as well as special banquets for many civic groups. It was recently the subject for a highly complimentary three-page article in "Food Service" magazine, which boasts the largest circulation in the industry, in which due credit was given its key personnel, Secy. Norman Funni, Mgr. Ora M. Green, Chef Robert McPherson and Chief Steward Art Conway.

Grand Island, Neb., Lodge home was the scene of an initiation of 13 Hastings men by officials of Hastings and York Lodges. The ceremony, repeated simultaneously in other lodges throughout the State, was part of a nationwide tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker.

St. Paul, Minn., Elksdom is continuing its encouraging interest in new citizens. The area's 90 most recent Americans were honored by the lodge at a reception, co-sponsored by the International Institute. E.R. Wm. R. Carter, Jr., welcomed the former aliens and introduced the Hon. Archie L. Gingold, Judge of the Municipal Court and principal speaker on the program.



The officers of York, Pa., Lodge, led by E.R. Carl J. Workinger, center foreground, with the 70-man class initiated in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker in the presence of D.D. M. A. Swagart, standing at Mr. Workinger's left. Among the candidates were Gov. G. M. Leader, at Mr. Workinger's right, District Attorney G. W. Atkins and Mayor-elect F. A. Schiding.



Photographed during the Arkansas Elks Association dinner held in conjunction with its Fall Meeting at Hot Springs were, left to right, Pres.-Emeritus Wm. H. Laubach, Pres.-elect James H. Webb, Hot Springs Mayor Floyd Housley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, the principal speaker, host E.R. J. R. Smith, James M. Vaughan of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, State Assn. Secy. Sam Milazzo, D.D. Victor H. Wilder and P.D.D. Homer B. Dyess.



Grand Trustee William A. Wall, seated center, is pictured with other distinguished Florida Elks, the officers of Jacksonville Lodge, and a class initiated in Mr. Wall's honor. The event was attended by over 200 members, including representatives of many Northeast District lodges.



Left: At Mountainside, N. J., Lodge's 25th Anniversary are, left to right, Charter Member and P.E.R. G. H. Riley, E.R. H. J. Flagg, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. J. Jernick, D.D. Charles Marosi, Jr., and Charter Member Hampton Hana.

Right: With the candidates initiated into Lewiston, Me., Lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker are: standing right, E.R. John C. Libby and, seated right, D.D. Alfred L. Bolduc who made his official visit on that occasion.





Past Grand Exalted Ruler C. E. Broughton was photographed during his address at the Okla. Elks Assn. Meeting in Muskogee with, seated left to right, D.D. A. E. Maupin, host E.R. G. R. Hughes, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, State Pres. John W. Coons, State Chaplain Taylor Ramsey, Past Pres. Kenneth L. Aldrich and P.D.D. John M. Collin.



When Springfield, Mass., Elksdom entertained 350 young ladies and 150 fathers on their second annual Fathers and Daughters Night, several of the girls were pictured with Elks Russell Brassard, left, and Venzi Brucatti, center. At this highly successful Youth Committee program, each child received an engraved wallet and other gifts.



E.R. C. S. Lowrie of Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge, right, presents checks totaling \$200 to Scoutmaster Philip Leahy, left, and Explorer Group Leader Philip Thomas to purchase equipment for the Boy Scout and Explorer groups the Elks sponsor. The 100 boys active in these movements aided in entertaining Scouts visiting the country last year.



Photographed with the bronze plaque honoring the memory of H. Alfred Vollmer, P.D.D., at the home of Freeport, N. Y., Lodge were, left to right, P.E.R. and Memorial Fund Chairman Benj. J. Reiner, P.E.R. G. H. Meyer, Chief Justice John F. Scilleppi of the Grand Forum, Rev. J. J. Madden, D.D. Walton S. Gagel and E.R. Joseph T. O'Connor.

### **Venerable Melrose, Mass., P.E.R. Goodwin Mourned**

Frank H. Goodwin, a Past Exalted Ruler of Melrose Lodge No. 1031 and a prominent resident of that community for many years, passed away late in November at the age of 97. Death came to Mr. Goodwin at Brunswick, Maine, where he had made his home for the past decade with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Tillotson. Other survivors are Mr. Goodwin's son, Herbert, a brother and a sister, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Goodwin had led his lodge as E.R. in 1925 and was active in its various programs throughout his entire Elk affiliation. He had planned to participate in the events planned by Melrose Lodge during the month of December. Officers and members of No. 1031 conducted services in his memory at the Fry Funeral Home prior to interment which took place at Wyoming Cemetery.

### **Ontario, Ore., Elks' Game Aids Handicapped Children**

For the second year, the members of Ontario Lodge No. 1690 sponsored a very successful All-Star Football Game.

Played by graduated seniors of the high schools of the Snake River Valley on one side, and of the Boise Valley on

the other, with only the most outstanding players invited to participate, the game holds a great deal of appeal. All proceeds of the game are split between the Oregon State Elks Assn's Visually Handicapped Children's Program and the Idaho Elks Convalescent Home for Crippled Children at Boise. The net proceeds of this contest totaled well over \$2,500.

### **Oklahoma Elks Welcome Charles E. Broughton**

Following a brief visit at the home of Tulsa Lodge and a tour of the area in the company of officials of that branch of Oklahoma Elksdom, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton was joined by Earl E. James, another former leader of the Order, and Mrs. James for the trip to Muskogee where the Elks Association of that State was meeting on Oct. 29th and 30th. A large delegation of Tulsans also made the journey, headed by E.R. Ernest Bussart.

The prominent Wisconsin publisher was the principal speaker at the State Assn. banquet that evening, his dynamic address on the duties of being a good American warmly received by 400 guests who later enjoyed dancing. The following day, Past Grand Exalter Ruler Broughton addressed the business meeting of the Assn. at which Pres. John W.

Coons presided. Later, in the company of Mr. and Mrs. James, Mr. Broughton visited the Will Rogers Memorial.

While in Muskogee, as a member of the Elks National Service Commission, Mr. Broughton toured the Veterans Hospital where so much is being done by the Elks. Under the Chairmanship of Ed A. Meyer, a P.E.R. of Muskogee Lodge, entertainment is provided twice a month, with games and prizes sponsored two Thursdays every month, in addition to ward and auditorium radio bingo parties two evenings monthly. The Oklahoma Elks also provide the occupational therapy department with leather, and paper-back books for the hospital's library. They have been doing a great deal in rehabilitating veterans after hospital discharge, with particular interest in securing job interviews.

### **Flint, Mich., Lodge Growing**

Within two weeks, Flint Lodge No. 222 held two initiatory ceremonies, the first a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker; the second was conducted by the officers and Escort Team of Owosso Elksdom. A total of 44 were initiated.

Owosso E.R. J. H. Dignan paid special honor to the fine Glee Club entertainment, the Flint Elk officers and the class initiated, among which were Gust, James and John Contos, sponsored by Charles Hayek.



At the installation of officers of Fidelity #712, the All-Elk American Legion Post, at the home of New York, N. Y., Lodge, left to right: former Queens County Cmdr. Victor Konow; Queens Borough E.R. W. C. Eisenhardt; former Cmdrs. T. W. Leo and J. A. Rafferty; State Sen. T. J. Mackell, P.E.R. of Queens Borough Lodge; Fidelity Post Cmdr. C. W. Bick; Post Chaplain Rev. J. L. Cunningham, and former Cmdrs. F. M. Ryan and Jerry Navarro, Secy. of New York Lodge.



Henry A. Sahm, third from left, the first Exalted Ruler of Great Neck, N. Y., Lodge, talks over the progress of his lodge with Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan during the ceremonies dedicating the fine new building of Great Neck Lodge when Judge Hallinan served as dedicating officer. Looking on at left is Exalted Ruler Andrew Imperator, and at the right is P.E.R. James F. Nilan, who was Chairman of the Committee in charge of the dedication.



Pictured during the dedication of the new home of Red Bank, N. J., Lodge were, left to right, D.D. J. A. Burns, Jr., State Pres. W. R. Thorne, E.R. G. L. Vanhorne, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. J. Jernick, and Committee Chairman Edmund H. Hanlon.

Every lodge in the State was represented at the Conference, during which the Elk Scholarship Awards, Youth Activities and the sponsorship of the Southern Eye Bank were the main topics under discussion. Preliminary reports were made by various Committee Chairmen at business sessions conducted at the lodge home, also the scene of a gala State Association Dance, following a banquet at the St. Mary's Center. Alexandria Lodge will be host to the 1956 Annual Convention of this State organization.

### Chicago, Ill., Elks Join in Tribute to Mayor Daley

For the first time in the history of Chicago Elkdom, the three lodges in that metropolis—Chicago Lodge No. 4, Chicago South No. 1596 and Chicago North No. 1666—held a joint meeting for the sole purpose of honoring Richard J. Daley, the Mayor of Chicago and a member of Chicago Lodge No. 4 under whose auspices the event took place.

An outstanding class of candidates was initiated as part of this tribute, participated in by a galaxy of civic and industrial leaders, all members of the Order. With P.E.R. Frank J. Jacobson of No. 4 as General Chairman, the Exalted Rulers of the three Chicago branches of Elkdom led large groups of the members of their lodges in paying their respects to Mayor Daley. Committeemen representing Chi-

cago Lodge No. 4 were P.E.R.'s Benjamin Adamowski, Joseph Burke, Michael Feinberg, Joseph B. Crowley and Jerome Sirota; Col. Jacob Arvey, Judge Michael Igoe, Hon. John Duffy, Hon. Clayton Smith and Leonard Schwartz; representing Chicago South were P.E.R. M. W. Lee, Capt. Matt Murphy, Alderman Nicholas Bohling, Edward Vyzral, Dr. Frank Farrell and Edward Hines; for Chicago North there were Hon. James Ashenden, P.E.R. Judge D. L. Hartigan, John D. Hayes, Sr., Com. William Flynn, Com. J. W. Jardine, Congressman C. A. Boyle and Judge J. V. McCormick.

### Louisiana Elks Convene

Delegates to the Semi-Annual Conference of the Louisiana State Elks Assn. were guests of Jennings Elkdom on Oct. 29th and 30th, with Pres. Milton Honigman, M.D., presiding.

### Sumter, S. C., Elks Welcome D.D. Ben Scott Whaley

"The Order of Elks offers its members the greatest opportunity for service to their community that I know of." Elks of Sumter Lodge No. 855 were told recently by D.D. Ben Scott Whaley. The occasion was a regular meeting of the lodge, and the D.D.'s official visit, at which E.R. Fred W. Ortmann, Jr., presided.

Addressing his remarks in particular to the nine candidates who were initiated that evening, D.D. Whaley spoke at length on the Elk scholarship programs, and commended the Sumter Ritualistic Team for its splendid exemplification of the ritual of initiation, adding words of praise for the host lodge's varied programs.

P.D.D.'s E. T. Gullidge, Sr., and C. F. Hotinger were among the guests, together with Past State Presidents A. J. Baumann and Louis Burmester.



With the officers who initiated them seated in the foreground are the 55 members of Saginaw, Mich., Lodge who comprised its Elkdom Progress Class.



# TRAVELGUIDE

The Hawaiian 1956 Post Convention Tour following the National Convention in Chicago will leave Los Angeles on July 14th and return to Los Angeles on the 27th. The Tour, of course, includes a visit to several of the Islands and a full program of entertainment and sight-seeing. Write to M. O. Isherwood, Hilo Lodge, Hilo, Hawaii.

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The New York Throughway Bridge over the Hudson River between Tarrytown and Nyack was officially opened to traffic by Governor Harriman the middle of December. This makes the New York skiing areas more accessible and cuts distance and travel time for cross-state travel.

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New hotels are springing up in Spain and the latest is the ultra-modern Cordoba Palace at Cordoba in the warm and colorful vacation region of Andalusia in the South of Spain. The luxurious Cordoba Palace will have 125 outside rooms with private baths and all air-conditioned, an illuminated swimming pool, magnificent gardens and an American Bar. Strict government control of rates and a favorable exchange will put single rooms at \$4.75 per day including tips and taxes, or \$7.00 with meals. It opens on March 1st this year.

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The growing interest in travel in Israel has taken the concrete form of increased tours to the Land of the Bible. During the 1955/56 season more than 275 organized tours will stop off in Israel. To take care of these tourists hotels have now been increased to 125 with approximately 5,000 beds in their 3,424 rooms. Winter reductions of 10 per cent are now in force until the end of February.

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The kind of letter we like to get is from Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Jones, Jr., of Chambersburg, Pa. They say in part, "When we planned our recent trip to California we secured travel literature and information from several sources including the Elks Travel Service. We found yours much more interesting, useful and up-to-date. The Elks Club in Los Angeles is a delightful place to stay—good food, comfortable and the staff is friendly and helpful."

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The birthplace of Woodrow Wilson is the latest home of a President announced for restoration. Wilson was born in the Presbyterian Manse at Staunton, Va., and plans will center around that city. Church services were held throughout the Nation on January 8th but the celebration period will be concentrated during April 21st to May 27th with pageantry, choral festivals, a Woodrow Wilson Institute and Scottish  
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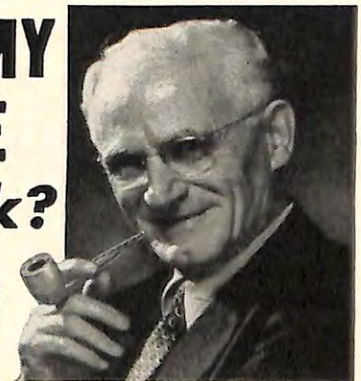
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# NEWS of the LODGES



Judge Otto B. Willett, right, E.R. of Redondo Beach, Calif., Lodge, is congratulated by D.D. Virgil B. Kingsley on his being rated as top individual E.R. in the State Ritualistic Contest in which his lodge took second-place honors.



One of the most successful Father and Daughters Nights sponsored by Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge saw 400 in attendance. Another 400 were on hand for the observance of Fathers and Sons Night.



Below: P.E.R.'s, lodge officers and candidates initiated into Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker are pictured with State Pres. L. P. Davis and D.D. Richard P. Warren, seated third and fourth from left, respectively, on their official visit.



Above: Officers of Alhambra, Calif., Elksdom, pictured with D.D. C. Wallace Ericson on the occasion of his official visit. Left to right, foreground: Asst. Chaplain Herb Carlson; Frank Haven, Auditor to Mr. Ericson; Est. Lead. Knight Clair Thomas, Mr. Ericson, E.R. James V. DeMartino; Esq. to D.D., George Allen; Est. Lect. Knight James Adams; second row: Secy. R. R. Lansford; Est. Loyal Knight Steve Brouse; Inner Guard Jack Laker; Chaplain George Scott; Paul Boyington, officer-at-large; P.E.R. Joseph S. Chambers, Program Chairman, and Trustees H. T. Fearnough, P.E.R., and Frank A. Lloyd.

Below: When D.D. Gerald F. McCormick visited Pittsburg, Calif., Lodge, he had the pleasure of presenting a \$400 Elks National Foundation Award to Barbara Carol Johnson, a graduate of Antioch High School, now a student at San Jose State College. Left to right are the young lady's mother, host E.R. John F. Jordan, Miss Johnson, Mr. McCormick, Fred B. Mellmann, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Miss Johnson's father, William Johnson, Past District Deputy Charles T. Reynolds and former Grand Tiler Louis B. Browne.



Above: Assisting two youngsters in the ribbon-cutting ceremony which opened the new \$65,000 building erected by the Long Beach, Calif., Exceptional Children's Foundation were Vice-Mayor Gerald Desmond, Exalted Ruler of Long Beach Lodge, Mrs. Ray Stevens, Pres. of the Foundation, Bryan Deavers, Ed. Brown of the A.F.L. and Angelo Icoboni, Mayor of Lakewood. The Long Beach Elks are now helping to raise \$1,000 for the transportation of the children to and from the school.

# TRAVELGUIDE

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games. On December 28th, Wilson's birthday this year, a large group of affairs is planned.

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*Panama Line cruise ships will leave New York every Thursday throughout the Winter Season for 15-day cruise tours in Haiti and Panama. Round trip rates for the cruises begin at \$342.00.*

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The Alcoa Steamship Company has begun direct passenger service between Mobile, Alabama and Trinidad, British West Indies. The new 26,000 ton "Sentinel" will sail every two weeks from both ports offering 7-day direct trips or a 14-day cruise through the Caribbean. Prices are \$160-\$275.

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*Jet-age to dwarf the United States when the new Douglas DC-8's of the United Air Lines enter service in November 1959. Passengers will be able to breakfast in New York, arrive on the Pacific coast before lunch time and reach Hawaii in time for a mid-afternoon swim at Waikiki Beach. Jet-liners will clip approximately 40 per cent from present fastest flight times.*

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If the following is a good tip now, we wonder if it will work after the jet-age gets under way. "General Practitioner," a medical magazine, offers this tip for relieving "plugged ears" which may come with air travel. "Blow your nose gently and clear your throat. Close your mouth, pinch your nose and try to inhale vigorously. That tends to equalize air pressure within the ear."

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*The West India Fruit and Steamship Company has inaugurated its passenger-automobile service from Key West to Havana. Ships are making the run in from 5 to 6 hours. For the motorist who wants to drive in Cuba this service will be a boon.*

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a gold mine. Because with this method you can fish within a hundred feet of the best fishermen in the county and pull in ferocious big ones while they come home empty handed. No special skill is required. The method is just as deadly in the hands of a novice as in the hands of an old timer. My method will be disclosed only to those few men in each area who will give me their word of honor not to give the method to anyone else.

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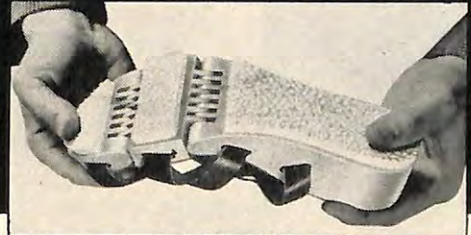
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with Ed Faust



# In the Doghouse

**For all that we love dogs, only four breeds  
can claim this country as their own.**

ONE of the oddities of the dog world is that despite the wealth of its people and its love of sport the United States has originated so few of the officially recognized breeds. Of the 112 recognized by the American Kennel Club, the governing body for pure bred dogs, only four breeds can claim this country as their own and all are mixtures of European ancestry. Of these the most widely known and one of the leading breeds in popularity is the perky little Boston terrier. As is apparent from the name, the Boston originated in and around that city.

Sometime between 1865-68 a dog of mixed breeding but strongly favoring a terrier type was imported to New England from old England. Breeders are in general agreement that dogs of this type were the result of a cross between the English bulldog and the bullterrier. From the bulldog our little Boston gets his pushed-in schnozzle and largely from the bullterrier his lively disposition. Originally he was called the Boston bulldog, the brindle bull or Boston bullterrier. Many early specimens carried straight tails and it was with the dog known as Barnard's Tom that the characteristic screw tail that marks today's Bostons began to appear.

The imported dog, Hooper's Judge, was marked pretty much as is the modern Boston—brindle and white, the brindle predominating. In the standard established for the breed, all white, too much white or absence of white are considered faults. For show purposes, solid black, liver and tan or mouse color disqualifies a dog of this breed. The coat should be short, smooth, bright and fine in texture.

It was not until 1894 that the American Kennel Club recognized the Boston as a distinct breed for show classes and registrations. Among other early designations for the breed was "The Roundhead". While the name was descriptive, it was hardly suited as a breed name. Thus, those more seriously interested in these little dogs came to happy agreement in the name Boston terrier. The roundhead designation stems from the fact that many early specimens were what is technically known as appleheaded, i.e. —a round skull. Today's Bostons, while having abrupt skulls or brows, are required to be flatheaded. But it is that

tendency toward a large skull that no doubt enables our little Boston to be the highly intelligent dog that he is. His brain box is big, unusually big for so small a dog, which affords greater capacity for brains.

Contrariwise, we have seen certain breeds in an effort to streamline them being bred with narrower skulls down through the years. Some of the latter, originally wide-skulled breeds, were noted for their intelligence before breeders tampered with them. As the brain capacity of such dogs became more and more limited, naturally intelligence has been bred out of them. I could cite shining, or not so shining, examples of those breeds, examples which you, if you are an observant dog admirer, have probably noticed. Yes, I could name such breeds but won't as I have no wish to have a war on my hands with their breeders.

No need here to point out to the owner of a Boston terrier the many virtues of the breed but to those who are not acquainted with these good dogs I'll say that they make one of the best of all housepets. Their's is a lively intelligence but of such nature as to be easily controlled. They learn quickly and are remarkably clean and not at all vicious. Their liveliness makes them alert watch dogs and they have plenty of courage. One of the stories told of the breed, and it could be true, maybe it is, relates that a Boston terrier

that gained considerable prominence many years ago in the show ring was named Hector and from that pooch comes the saying "When Hector was a pup."

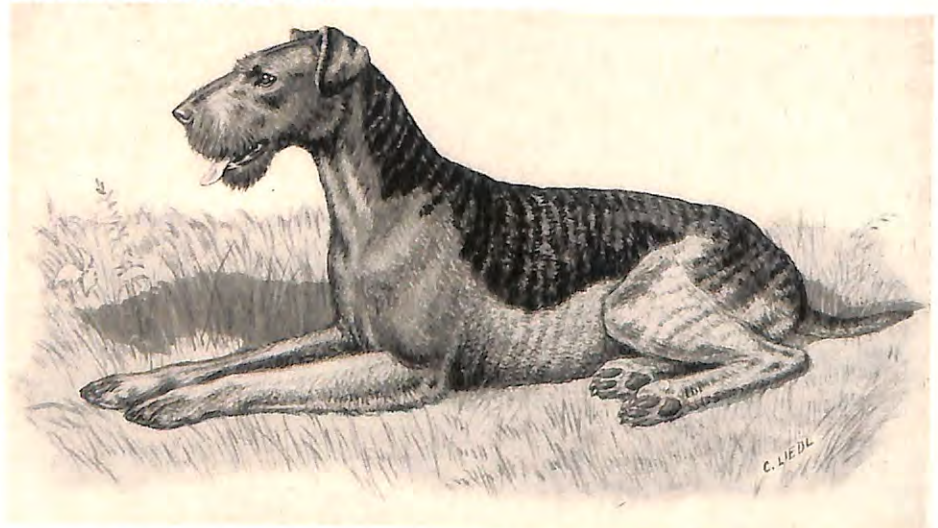
If the Boston has a fault or two it is not in his disposition or character but in the way he has been bred. His extremely fore-shortened muzzle subjects him in some instances to nasal and pulmonary ailments as he grows older. He may find breathing a bit difficult and if he could speak he'd probably deny it but he snores at times. Another handicap, mostly among the smaller specimens, is that the large head of the puppy often calls for caesarian operations on the whelping mother of the litter.

For show purposes Bostons are divided according to their breed standard into three weight classes: lightweight, under 15 lbs.; middleweight, 15 lbs. and under 20 lbs.; heavyweight, 20 to 25 lbs.

As mentioned before, in the matter of the Boston terrier, the American Kennel Club is slow to recognize a breed officially. It required nearly thirty years of consistent breeding before the A. K. C. accorded recognition to the Boston. The breed must meet requirements of breeding true to the standard established for it and this is no overnight matter. For example, we have another American breed that was established perhaps long before the Boston and yet went unrecog-

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ILLUSTRATED BY CHARLES LIEDL



The Airedale Terrier traces his ancestry to a breed fostered by Yorkshiremen.

# SALUTE TO ELKS

On December 2, the New York "Journal American" paid this striking tribute to Brooklyn Lodge No. 22, which we reprint because actually it is a tribute to the Order as a whole.

"All too infrequently do we consider how much our lives are enriched by the good works of those neighbors who join in groups to perform them.

"Yet Brooklyn and Queens have deep reason to be grateful to their many outstanding civic, patriotic, religious and fraternal organizations, whose constructive activities have done so much for the community.

"In the world's largest city, often criticized for impersonality, their zealous endeavors epitomize the spirit of warm human concern for others.

"A major case in point is Brooklyn Elks Lodge 22, with clubhouse at 912 Union St., which has announced an elaborate schedule of events to celebrate its 73rd year of social and philanthropic existence.

"As disclosed by Frank L. Coppola, Exalted Ruler of the lodge, the four-month-long birthday program is typically one of service.

"Included, among many other altruistic activities, is a youth aid plan designed to build better citizens; the providing of rehabilitation aid to veterans; the awarding of scholarships to outstanding high school students, and the direct support of recognized charities with money and other assistance.

"It is with pleasure and sincere appreciation of its work that we today congratulate Brooklyn Elks Lodge 22 on the occasion of its 73rd anniversary. Many happy returns!"

## Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary\*

- Feb. 1 Macomb, Ill.
- 2 Vincennes, Ind.
- 3-4 Champaign, Ill.
- 5 Bellevue, Ohio
- 11 Hagerstown, Md.
- 12 Frederick, Md.
- 13 Baltimore, Md.
- 14 Easton, Md.
- 15 Salisbury, Md.
- 17-18 New York, Lodge No. 1
- 20 Boston, Mass.
- 22 Washington, D.C.
- 24-25 Louisville, Ky.
- 25 Chicago, Ill.
- Mar. 2 Warren, Pa.
- 5 Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- 6 Montgomery, Ala.
- Dothan, Ala.
- 7 Columbus, Ga.
- Griffith, Ga.
- 8 Atlanta, Ga.
- Athens, Ga.
- 9 Elberton, Ga.
- Anderson, S.C.
- 10 Sumter, S.C.
- Florence, S.C.
- 11 Miami Beach, Fla.
- 13 Pompano Beach, Fla.
- 14 Pahokee, Fla.
- 15 Stuart, Fla.
- 16 Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 17 Orlando, Fla.
- 18 Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital, Umatilla, Fla.

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**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
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As we go to press, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker advises that he has received a telegram from Max Barrett, Exalted Ruler of Lincoln, Nebr., Lodge, informing him that as of December 25th, Lincoln Lodge has a total of 270 Foundation contributors, of whom 267 have subscribed \$100, for total pledges of \$26,753. Sixty-two of the \$100 pledges have been paid in full. Total contributions forwarded to the Elks National Foundation from Lincoln Lodge amount to \$8,780. With the aim of having every member of the lodge contribute to the Foundation, Lincoln is conducting one of the most outstanding drives in the history of that great benevolent Elks organization. The progress Lincoln has made was reported in our January issue.

In the August issue of The Elks Magazine there was a report on the winners of the "Most Valuable Student" contest conducted annually by the Elks National Foundation. This was accompanied by a photograph of the winners, Robert Evans of El Dorado, Kans., and Kathleen Joanne Kampmann of Naches, Wash., who was sponsored by the Ballard, Wash., Lodge.

The most interesting part of the awards is that both of these young people are pre-medical students. For that reason, it occurred to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick, who is also a past President of the American Medical Association, to write a letter to the Editor of the journal of the American Medical Association, in which he covered very impressively, yet briefly, the outstanding qualities of the Elks National Foundation. Dr. McCormick is a Trustee of the Foundation and in his letter he emphasized that all expenses for operating the Foundation are paid by the Grand Lodge, so that the entire income from the Principal Fund is used solely for humanitarian purposes. He also brought to the attention of the subscribers to the Journal, who are almost exclusively members of the medical profession, the great work that the Foundation has done in the awarding of scholarships and in contributions to combat cerebral palsy.

When the journal reprinted Dr. McCormick's letter, it ran a photograph of Dr. McCormick, grouped with the two pre-medical student winners.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, urges lodges to include in their Bulletin a paragraph reminding members to read The Elks Magazine, and, in particular, the regular "Joy of Giving" column, which each month carries information in brief form with re-

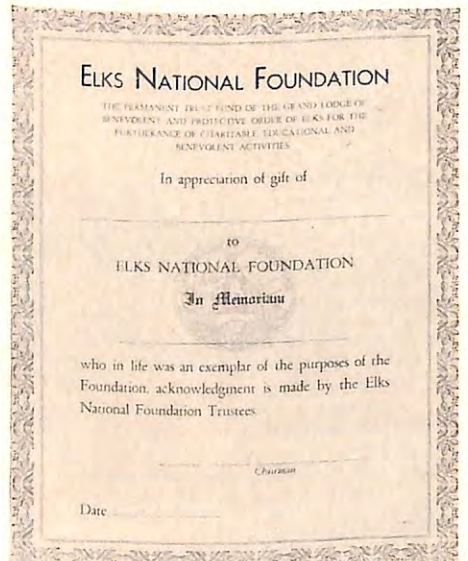
gard to the Foundation in action. Mr. Malley is convinced that every Elk who appreciates the good work sponsored by the Foundation will be anxious to contribute to the cause.

Ernest Cunliffe, who is a student at Stanford University and the recipient of an Elks National Foundation \$400 Scholarship, wrote a letter to Mr. Malley recently that summarizes the sincere gratitude of the hundreds of able students who have had their education furthered by the Foundation.

"The ceremony at the Pomona Elks Club was a marvelous experience. It was a proud moment for my parents and me when I was presented with a check for \$400. That night will remain in my mind forever as one of my happiest.

"I feel that the opportunity offered by the National Elks Foundation is one of the finest things for the youth of America to strive for. As for the interest shown by the Pomona Elks Club in helping me, I can offer nothing but the highest praise. I realize that the award will greatly aid me in gaining the best education I can receive. I am majoring in Civil Engineering and plan on receiving a B.S. degree."

The Elks National Foundation has prepared this "In Memoriam Certificate," which will be issued whenever anyone sends a gift to the Foundation in memory of a deceased person. Chairman Malley has prepared the certificate so that it is applicable to all persons—men, women, members and non-members. This reproduction is considerably reduced, and the actual certificate that the Foundation issues is beautifully printed on fine-grade paper, size 8 1/2" x 11", making it appropriate for permanent preservation.



# NEW LODGES KEEP ELKDOM GROWING APACE

THE Order of Elks continues to grow with America, to which, as a distinctly American organization, the Order's destiny is irrevocably linked.

Since the beginning of the Grand Lodge year in July to December 31, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker has granted dispensations for eight new lodges. Seven of them had been instituted to join the ever-growing ranks of Elkdom. The total of new lodges instituted in that period was eight, including one for which dispensation was granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick.

These figures show that there is no slackening in the rate at which the Order is expanding. Whether the final figures for the year bear this out will depend on the energy with which those in charge of organizing new lodges perform their responsibilities. An estimated 50 lodges are in various stages of formation, and Grand Exalted Ruler Walker made a strong appeal for aggressive action to bring them into being.

"Our country is growing, and in some sections the growth is phenomenal," the Order's leader pointed out. "We shall be derelict in our duty and oblivious of our opportunity if we do not make sure that Elkdom keeps pace with the country's growth. Every community that can support an Elks lodge should have one, and there are literally hundreds of such communities that are simply waiting for us to start the ball rolling. We should be especially anxious and eager to bring the advantages of Elkdom to those metropolitan areas that are showing tremendous increases in population, not over-



looking the smaller communities where the need is just as great, and the opportunity just as attractive.

"We should never oppose the organization of a new lodge, in any community where population and other factors clearly show that it is a sound project, on the ground that it will damage existing lodges. This is a mistaken idea completely disproved by

the facts. The record shows just the opposite, that a new lodge will strengthen the existing lodges and they will all prosper together."

Among the new lodges instituted was one with the largest charter membership in history. This was Beaverton, Ore., Lodge No. 1989, which was instituted on December 3 with 707 members. Grand Secretary Donaldson reported that only nine lodges ever started with a charter membership in excess of 400. Of Beaverton's 707 charter members, 583 were initiates. It is located near Portland, which is a rapidly growing metropolitan area.

Other lodges instituted since July 1: Orange, Tex., No. 284; Garland, Tex., No. 1984; Erwin, Tenn., No. 1985; Farmington, Mich., No. 1986; Fayetteville, Ark., No. 1987; Walterboro, S. C., No. 1988, and Lewisburg, Tenn., No. 1990.

One other lodge awaiting institution is Redwood City, Cal., No. 1991.

This year will see the birth of the 2,000th Elks Lodge, but the total of lodges will be some 250 short of the figure, owing to the fact that many numbers have been assigned to lodges that no longer exist.

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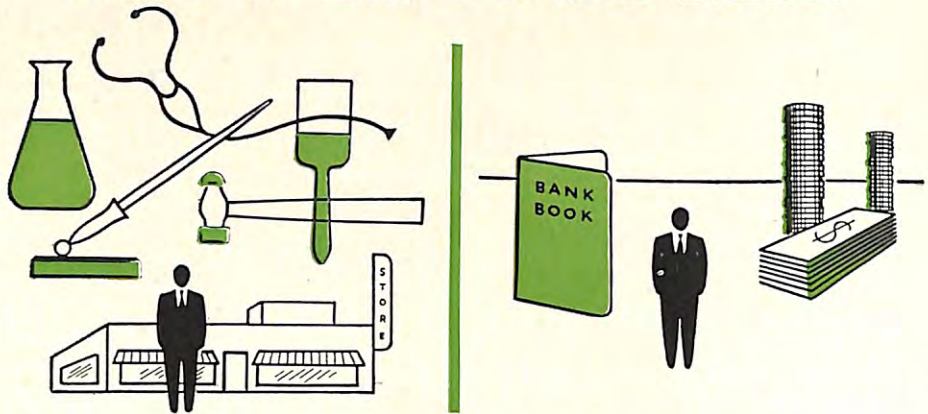


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The survey was made by having a group of experienced interviewers equipped with question-type data sheets personally interview a sufficient number of readers to obtain an accurate cross-section of the total readership of The Elks Magazine. The personal interview type of survey is considered far more accurate than attempting to obtain the information by mail.

While by no means totally unexpected, the results were most gratifying, and your Elks Magazine feels that the information obtained is of general interest to members of the Order. For that reason, this month we are presenting the first two divisions of the survey, namely, occupational status and personal income, but will continue in the months to come with the survey's remaining eight divisions.

### OCCUPATIONAL STATUS

34.8% are Business Owners  
17.6% are Executives  
14.9% are Professional Men  
18.8% are Clerical or Sales  
7.2% are Craftsmen  
3.6% are of Other Positions  
3.1% are Unknown

### PERSONAL INCOME

22.5%—\$10,000 or over  
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7.5%—\$3,000 to \$3,999  
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## Visiting the Lodges

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BURLINGTON, N.C., early in the afternoon on November 15th and following an interview by the "Daily Times-News" he made a broadcast from Radio Station WBBB. That evening there was a banquet and the address of Mr. Walker was covered by Radio Station WFNS. Both of these radio appearances were re-broadcast several times and the transcriptions will become a permanent part of Burlington Lodge records. A new class was initiated in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Dr. William Moseley Brown of Elon College, a member of the newly initiated class, gave the Invocation. The welcome and

recognition of guests was given by Exalted Ruler H. Clay Hemric and District Deputy Dr. J. R. Kernodle introduced Mr. Walker.

Guests at the dinner included Secretary of State Thad Eure, former member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee; District Deputy Franklin T. Dupree Jr., Harley E. Alson, President of the N.C. State Elks Assn., and Guy Killian, Sec. of N.C. State Elks Assn.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. Walker were at SALISBURY, N.C., LODGE to attend a banquet. While at Salisbury, they were the guests of Senator and Mrs. Woodson. Among the prominent Elks attending the banquet were State President Harley E. Olsen, Thad Eure and Past District Deputy Leon Lawrence. Exalted Ruler Ed. J.



Lewis, Jr. welcomed Mr. Walker on behalf of his lodge.

On November 22nd, the Grand Exalted Ruler returned to his home city of **ROANOKE, VA.**, for a memorable reception and dinner in his honor. Invited guests numbered 50 and included the officers and Past Exalted Rulers of Roanoke Lodge, officers of the Virginia State Elks Assn. and other prominent Elks throughout Virginia. Regrettably, because of illness Past Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett was unable to be present.

Following the dinner, the lodge had its regular meeting at which the Grand Exalted Ruler acted as Exalted Ruler and initiated a "Plan Elksdom's Progress" class of 16 candidates. This was the first time in the history of Roanoke Lodge that a Grand Exalted Ruler had initiated a class. The Grand Exalted Ruler thanked the members of Roanoke Lodge for their many acts of kindness and the cooperation they had always shown him. He then delivered an inspirational address to one of the largest lodge meetings ever held in Roanoke and explained his program and sought the cooperation of those present.

After his address, Charles D. Fox, Jr., member of the Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee and Past State President, presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a framed certificate which quoted the resolution recently adopted by Roanoke Lodge when it voted him an Honorary Life Membership. This was the first time that Roanoke Lodge had conferred an Honorary Life Membership to anyone.

After the meeting, a buffet supper was served at which Exalted Ruler Charles R. Fox extended a sincere greeting on behalf of his lodge. Among prominent Virginia Elks in attendance were First Vice Pres. of the Virginia Elks, K. V. Brugh and District Deputy Frank G. Payne Jr.

After enjoying a rest at his home in Roanoke, the Grand Exalted Ruler on December 1st visited **HARRISONBURG, VA. LODGE**, where he attended a dinner at the Belle Meade Motel with 85 in attendance. Following the dinner, to which he was welcomed by Exalted Ruler Porter R. Graves and other officers of Harrisonburg Lodge, the Grand Exalted Ruler was escorted to the Elks Home, where he was presented a scroll of appreciation from members of the lodge. At the meeting that evening the largest class in the history of the lodge was inducted in Mr. Walker's honor. More than 200 members were present for the ceremonies. Among the visiting Elks present were: Francis H. Howard, President of the Virginia State Elks Assn.; Charles H. Kirsch, Past Exalted Ruler of Richmond Lodge and Past District Deputy; Exalted Ruler William P. Wholey and Leading Knight Snellings of Fredericksburg Lodge, and Exalted Ruler Tribles and John D. Eiland of Staunton.

The following day the Grand Exalted Ruler, accompanied by Mrs. Walker, went to **MARTINSVILLE, VA.**, for a dinner and dance, which was held at the Forest Park Country Club in his honor. The welcome

address was made by Claude S. Cox, Exalted Ruler. During the dinner, W. R. Broadus, Jr., Master of Ceremonies, introduced Representative William Tuck and Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, both of whom made brief addresses. Also attending from out-of-town were Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee member Charles D. Fox, Jr., and William Armistead, President of the Roanoke "Times and World News."

On December 3rd, the Grand Exalted Ruler returned to **ROANOKE**, and he and Mrs. Walker held a reception and cocktail party in honor of members of his lodge and their ladies. The reception was held at the club, and there were approximately 700 in attendance. It was one of the largest meetings ever held in Roanoke.

Accompanied by Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, on December 5th, the Grand Exalted Ruler made a brief stop at **WAUKEGAN, ILL. LODGE**, where he made an informal visit. He was greeted at the lodge by Exalted Ruler William LaChell, who conducted him on a tour of the lodge. After leaving Waukegan, Mr. Walker went to **KENOSHA, WIS. LODGE** to attend a luncheon in his honor. There were approximately 150 members in attendance at the luncheon, including twenty of the twenty-four living Past Exalted Rulers. Exalted Ruler Carl R. Larsen was host for the occasion and Grand Esquire LaFrance was present.

The Grand Exalted Ruler arrived in **MILWAUKEE, WIS.**, during the afternoon of December 5th and was met by a large delegation from Milwaukee and Kenosha Lodges. The Milwaukee Lodge Plugs Drill Team and the Elks Military Band welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler when he entered the Milwaukee Elks Club. Approximately 350 attended a banquet in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor. Exalted Ruler William P. Robb introduced prominent Elks present, and following the banquet there was a meeting and initiation of 56 in a Grand Exalted Ruler's class.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was escorted into the lodge hall by a contingent of the Milwaukee Elks Plugs in full regalia. PGER Charles E. Broughton also was escorted into the lodge by a contingent of the Milwaukee Elks Plugs. A gathering of 500 attended the meeting.

Among the prominent Elks present were District Deputies Gerald S. Vassau, George Boyer and Dr. Austin F. Sipple; Kenneth F. Sullivan, President of the Wis. Elks Assn.; Grand Esquire Alfred E. LaFrance; Arthur J. Geniesse, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials; Past State Pres. Frank T. Lynde; Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator, Past State Presidents Frank L. Fawcett, Judge William O'Neill, E. W. Lattimer and James H. Boex; Carlton Mauthe, Bert Becker and Arthur J. Chadek, Vice-Presidents of the Wis. Elks Assn.; Sec. Wis. Elks Assn., Leo H. Schmalz, and Mayor Zeidler.

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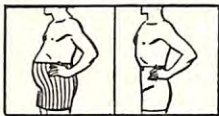
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his first stop being at WILLIAMSPORT. He was met at the airport by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and the officers of Williamsport Lodge. Following a reception early in the evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler was the guest of honor at a dinner attended by 400 Elks and their wives, members of Williamsport and surrounding lodges. Among other guests were District Deputy T. Harvey Stoner and Past State President Barney Wentz, of Ashland, as well as other District and State Association officers. Presiding at the dinner was Secretary Harry W. Klett, of Williamsport Lodge, with State Association Trustee Carl Gehron in charge of arrangements. Brother Walker was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and captured the audience with his inspirational speech. The Band and Male Chorus of Williamsport Lodge furnished music for the program and after the dinner a floor show was staged in the grill room of the club house.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and Grand Secretary Donaldson took the Grand Exalted Ruler for a visit to TAMAQUA LODGE, where he spoke that evening at a dinner attended by 175 Elks. The Master of Ceremonies, Howard R. Miller, introduced Burgess Newton Johns, who welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler to Tamaqua on behalf of that Lodge and neighboring lodges in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania. The Grand Exalted Ruler spoke over Radio Station WLSH in the afternoon, following an introduction by Exalted Ruler Hayden Evans, of Tamaqua Lodge. During his speech to the dinner guests in the evening, Brother Walker announced that an additional \$3,500 had been turned over from the national appeal to Past

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis for additional flood relief in two cities, Scranton and East Stroudsburg, where families had been hard hit by the floods of last autumn. Brother Davis announced that contributions by the Grand Lodge, the State Association and the 120 lodges of Pennsylvania had made it possible to allocate \$15,000 for the purchase of winter clothing to 1,250 children between the ages of 5 and 11 years, boys and girls of families who had lost virtually everything in the flood waters. District Deputy John Hauser, of East Stroudsburg Lodge, reported on conditions in his city, one of the two hardest hit by the high waters. Past Exalted Ruler P. Hugh Mundy, of Tamaqua, was in charge of the Tamaqua program, and among other visitors were Past State Presidents Barney Wentz, Dr. Charles V. Hogan and Wilbur Warner, of the north-eastern coal field section of the state.

The following day Brother Davis took the Grand Exalted Ruler to WAYNESBORO LODGE, where at a dinner that evening attended by 200 members of the Lodge he was welcomed by Exalted Ruler Robert J. Noel, with Past Exalted Ruler W. J. Davis acting as master of ceremonies. Mayor D. Robert Brown extended the keys of the city. Among visitors were District Deputy Marvin Swagert, of Airville, Pa., and District Deputy Arthur Mason, of Frederick, Md., Lodge. Visitors from six nearby lodges were also in attendance.

Inclement weather kept the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party at the home of Brother H. Earl Pitzer in Biglerville on Dec. 9 and he enjoyed a day of rest.

Saturday evening, Dec. 10, Brothers Davis and Pitzer took the Grand Exalted Ruler to RED LION LODGE, where the ladies of the Lodge served a dinner to 200 Elks in the evening. Guests were also present

from York, Lancaster, Hanover, and Gettysburg Lodges. Exalted Ruler Carl F. Myers welcomed the distinguished guest, and Past District Deputy Joseph Klinefelter was the master of ceremonies. A presentation to the Grand Exalted Ruler was made by District Deputy Marvin Swagert. Among other guests present were Vice President Louis Heisey, of the Pennsylvania Elks Association, and Past District Deputy Hubert Gallagher, of Gettysburg. Following the dinner and social session, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and Past State President Pitzer motored the Grand Exalted Ruler to Chambersburg, Pa., where he took an

early morning train for his home in Roanoke, Va.

There was a capacity turnout on December 15th when Mr. Walker was at DANVILLE, VA., LODGE, this being the first visit of a Grand Exalted Ruler to the lodge. The official party was greeted by the Danville lodge officers at a reception in the lobby and a banquet followed. Past District Deputy Walter E. Barrick, Sr. introduced Mr. Walker, and Exalted Ruler Henry H. Hogan presided. Mr. Walker particularly praised the lodge for its child welfare projects and its work among the less fortunate at Christmas time.

## Trial of Big Loupe

(Continued from page 5)

When the man reached the hogback the yapping was only a few rods ahead. He slipped up behind a rock, rose up carefully and looked.

On a flat-top granite boulder out the slope, a big, tawny dog-wolf was pacing restlessly back and forth, in the way of a bewildered, harassed animal. By an ancient jackpine snag a rod or two from the boulder he saw a wolf den, a shallow, large-mouthed burrow with an apron of dirt in front of it. Outside, eight small fuzzy cubs, about five weeks old, were wandering around forlornly. They were very small, their feet awkwardly big for their size, and when they tried to run they would go tumbling.

It took the man only a look and a listen to realize that the cubs were famished. Several of them were gnawing at some dry old rib-bones of a mountain sheep, others were eating leaves of cinquefoil and bitter avens, and now, close up, he caught the note of starvation in that incessant *kiy-yiy-yacking*.

He recognized the dog-wolf on the boulder instantly. It was a handsome, high-spirited animal, with a queer mixture of shyness and friendliness, which he had been seeing for several months and had named Loupe. During the Nahanni Moon-of-the-Long-Dark the big fellow and his silver-gray mate had often tracked around his shack at night and followed him in the mid-winter murk, close enough that he could talk to them, and with his glasses he had several times watched Loupe out hunting recently. Swift as an eagle's shadow and weighing a good hundred and thirty pounds, the big tawny could overhaul a caribou at one rush and hamstring a moose with one snap of his powerful carnassial teeth. The master hunter on that spur of the Liard Rockies, when he went ranging down into the timber for caribou or coursing the high heather meadows for bighorns, he was invariably followed by a retinue of scavenger birds and animals for the left-overs of his kills.

As the man thumbed his binoculars, studying the dog-wolf, den and cubs, he realized that some disaster had struck the wolf family, and he soon formed a rough idea what the disaster had been. The

famished yapping of the cubs could only mean that the she-wolf was not around to suckle them and hadn't been around there in some time. Through the strong x-10 glasses he noticed that a patch of foot-high crowberry just beyond the den had been trampled down, as though by a fight, and on the dirt apron and whitish flint-rock he made out some ominous dark splotches. Then he spotted a set of huge gouge marks on the jackpine, where a bear that could reach nine feet high had cleaned its three-inch claws, and with that the signs all added up:

Two or three days ago, while Loupe was out hunting, the prowling grizzly had discovered the den and killed the she-wolf, in her valiant defense of her young, and had lugged the remains off to its lay-up in that fastness out by the chimney rock.

But there was still another puzzle, and the man was quite a little while understanding that one. Though the cubs had not been weaned, they were of an age to have cut their needle-sharp milk teeth and could handle meat, and why hadn't Loupe brought in any game for them? The big fellow certainly understood their famished yapping; in fact, it had him on raw edge. There was plenty of game all around—hoary marmots, rabbits, lemming—and bringing in food was his natural job during the time the she-wolf was big with whelp and thereafter while the cubs were den-bound. So what was he doing there pacing the rock and acting so muddle-headed, while his hungry bairns ate leaves and *kiy-yiy-yacked* at him for food?

Occasionally the wolf would lie down wearily on the boulder, but almost at once he would be up again, snarling at a skulking fox or monitoring the air out toward the chimney rock or eyeing three ravens that were sitting in the blizzard-twisted jackpine and watching the cubs too interestedly. Up the slope a rusty-brown carcajou slunk out on a low jut and lay regarding the den, with evil patience. High overhead a golden eagle was circling in tight spirals against the rose-tinted cirrus clouds.

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## TV Show Boosts Elks National Foundation

An alert Exalted Ruler and his talented wife cooperated to bring the Elks National Foundation to the attention of a nationwide audience viewing the WCBS-TV show, "I've Got A Secret," November 20. They were Alton B. Garnand of Garden City, Kans., Lodge No. 1404 and Mrs. Stella Pajunas Garnand, the world's champion professional typist.

Failure of the panel to guess her "secret" netted Mrs. Garnand \$40, and a supply of Winston cigarettes, product of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., sponsor of the show. Mrs. Garnand asked Moderator Garry Moore to send her earnings to the Elks National Foundation, telling him and the TV audience: "I'd like to donate my money to the Elks National Foundation. I found out they give scholarships to worthy students."

When Mrs. Garnand was invited to appear on the show, Brother Garnand, sensing the opportunity for publicizing the Order's great benevolent agency, suggested that Mrs. Garnand donate her winnings to the Foundation. She accepted the suggestion with enthusiasm, realizing, as she put it, "the great value of the Elks National Foundation."

One of the most surprised and pleased viewers of Mrs. Garnand's appearance on television was PGER John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation.

"I was watching television when to my surprise you instructed Garry Moore to send the money you had won to the Elks National Foundation," Mr. Malley wrote Mrs. Garnand. "Your favorable comment in regard to our educational program was heard by millions of people throughout the country and was of inestimable value to us in our promotional campaign."

Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker

didn't see the show but heard about it from many Elks who did.

"Although I was not privileged to see the show, many of my Elk friends told me about it almost as soon as the program was over and I have continued to hear about it," he wrote Mrs. Garnand. "This year I am doing everything in my power on behalf of the Elks National Foundation, which symbolizes the great heart of Elksdom. I want you to know that this unexpected publicity from you was one of the finest things that I know of. Please accept my sincere thanks."



Garry Moore, TV personality, is amazed as the IBM counter and timer ticks out the typing speed of Mrs. Stella Pajunas Garnand when she appeared on the CBS-TV network show, "I've Got a Secret". Mrs. Garnand typed at a rate of 160 words a minute.

toddlers to take care of—it's rough, fellow," the man muttered. "I happen to know. And with you it's double rough—you don't have any mission boarding home where you can put 'em." He studied the burrow thoughtfully. "If those fuzzies of yours would only keep inside the den, where they wouldn't draw so much attention, you could get away for short hunts right around close. But they're too hungry to stay inside, I guess . . ."

He stopped there, suddenly seeing the grim dilemma the wolf was caught in. Goaded by the yapping of the cubs, along with his own hunger, the big tawny was half frantic to go hunting and bring back food, but he couldn't leave, he didn't dare leave. With all those enemies around there, watching, waiting, the small cubs would fall quick and easy victims if he left. And undoubtedly the lingering odor of the grizzly was a constant reminder that as soon as the bear slept off its meat gorge it would come lumbering back through the boulder fields to dig out the cubs and make a meal of them. So the

wolf's instinct to guard his young was holding him there at the den as though by an invisible tether, while the cubs steadily grew weaker, bonier from lack of nourishment.

Down on a moraine flat a colony of hoary marmots set up a chorus of shrill whistling. Wondering what had alarmed them, the man looked all around, a little jumpy about the grizzly. Then he followed the wolf's gaze upward and saw what the trouble was . . . Scarcely a hundred yards high, the golden eagle was hovering dead over the den, on the verge of plummeting down and picking off one of the cubs.

The alert Loupe sprang off the boulder and loped over to the burrow. In a great wrath the eagle came diving down, clacking its beak ferociously. But it prudently checked its swoop while it was still safely beyond the leap of the crouching, snarling wolf, and went sailing out across the void, with a screaming *chak-a-lac-a-lac* of disappointment.

Unaware that they had been shielded

from danger, the cubs rushed to the dog-wolf and crowded hungrily around him and under him, all eight of them, jostling his legs and reaching up to nuzzle his belly fur. For half a minute big Loupe stood there among them, stiff-legged, wagging his tail awkwardly, helplessly. But they kept besieging him with their importuning, and presently he backed off, fled over to the boulder and sprang up onto it, where they could not get at him. He could haul down a caribou or moose single-handed but the eight weanling cubs that had to be both guarded and fed were something his instincts could not cope with.

The man wished he could somehow help. He thought of taking one of the cubs himself, to raise; they made a fine companion, utterly loyal and as gentle as any dog. But one whelp less, he reflected, wouldn't solve Loupe's problem. He might shoot them a marmot, but then the cubs would probably stay inside the den better and Loupe could get away on short hunts. But that wouldn't help any when that rogue bear came back, as come it would.

**F**AR down the mountain a dun-gray animal drifted out of a pine woods and trotted out upon a little prairie of Eskimo grass and blue lupine. Behind it came a second and a third, in single file, and still others, till half a hundred of them were spread out fan-wise over the mountain meadow. A band of caribou, all males, they had spent the fly-tortured day down in the dense pine thickets and now had come out to pasture in the evening cool.

Glancing at Loupe, the man saw that the wolf was watching the caribou intently, his sharp ears up, his tail twitching. Presently the wolf began prancing and slaving, and the man had a hunch that the sight of all that big game would prove too much for the hungry, cub-harassed fellow. The marmots, rabbits and lemming of the mountainside could not pull him away from guarding the cubs, but the windfall of meat down yonder—that would. And a tragic hunt it would turn out to be. Three miles down and back, on top of the stalking, killing—by the time Loupe got back with food for his cubs, there'd be no cubs left alive to eat it.

His hunch proved right. For a minute or two the big tawny kept prancing the boulder, watching the caribou, watching his cubs. Then, finally, he leaped off the boulder, made a rush at an overbold fox and then went streaking off down the mountain. . . .

The fox started to slink in again before the wolf was a minute gone. The carcajou slipped off the jut and came diagonaling down the slope, with its peculiar, weasel-like gait. The man thought, "Like the devil you will!" and moved out near the den himself, protectively. But he swore at Loupe for drawing him into the wolf-family troubles and hanging him up there

for probably an hour and putting him in danger of a jam with the grizzly. The bear's awesome gouge marks on the iron-hard jackpine and his awareness that bears too, especially big, heavy ones, were most active in the cool of the midnight dusk, made him finger around again in his pockets. But he had only the bird shells with No. 4 shot.

The three scavenger ravens were following the wolf down the long, brushy mountainside, and by watching them he could tell roughly where Loupe was. Halfway to the prairie the big fellow trotted out onto a sentinel rock and stood there a few moments looking back up toward the den and probing the current of cold ground-air that was flowing down from a lofty snowfield to the northwest. Then he was off again, after his big kill, and the ravens went with him, flying from snag to snag.

The sun had slanted down behind the distant peakline and the slow twilight was creeping out of the canyon-like valleys and spreading up the mountain slopes. From a hundred points within earshot of the snag the quiet, flute-like vesper song of the golden-crown sparrows began arising. The man winced as he listened, remembering other times, happier times—the early years of his marriage, before he suddenly found himself alone, with the two little ones. Poignantly the twilight calling reminded him of the cottage at Resolution, his assayer job, and how at evening he and Paula listened to the golden-crowns on the granite swells behind their home. Out of the depths of his loneliness the notion occurred to him that the untimely death which had visited that cottage at Resolution had been not unlike the visit of this rogue grizzly. As unexpected as it was pitiless.

As he got up and flung a stone at a fox, he became aware that a family of gray jays were quarreling at something five hundred yards out toward the chimney rock, and with the glasses he swept the gulley-cut slope in that direction. The brush and "balancing boulders" kept him from seeing the slope very well, but after watching a while he decided that the trouble out yonder, whatever it was, could hardly be a thousand-pound bear.

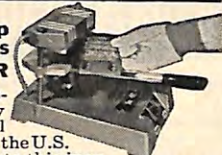
He turned the binoculars down the mountain, and as he waited for the wolf to show up on the prairie he got to thinking about the boarding home at Fort Smith and wondering how things were there with the two little folk. Recently he had been wondering a lot about that. Motherless and among strangers, their daddy hard-rocking around back in the Laird ranges after a will-o-the-wisp fortune—were they beginning to realize they were parentless and homeless? It could do things to a small child, that feeling of being different from other children. Of being a waif, unwanted.

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but the big kill? I could have kept my job, made a home for 'em somehow."

In a little while he began thinking that Loupe should have reached the meadow and that something had delayed the wolf. He looked for the ravens and when he finally spotted them he was surprised to see they were only a few thousand yards down the mountain and were coming back—a sure indication that Loupe had abandoned his hunt and was returning.

"What the devil?" he muttered. A minute later he caught sight of the wolf again—heading up the slope at a dead gallop, straight for the den. The big tawny appeared to be hackled up and snarling, and the man in all his days had never seen a wolf or any other creature cover broken ground in such a wild, breakneck fashion—tearing through the buckbrush, leaping wide gullies and taking the traprock slides like a bighorn at full flight.

**A** SUSPICION struck him and he hurriedly swept the slope to the north again with his glasses. Though he still saw nothing of the shaggy silver-tip, he felt positive the bear was out there somewhere, likely approaching the den craftily, out of habit. Either Loupe had seen the brute or else the heavy smell of it had drifted down to him on that river or snowfield air. Nothing except the dreaded grizzly could have turned the wolf back from his big kill. Nothing else could be bringing him back up the mountain at that headlong clip.

Then, jarringly, he sighted the bear. Not more than a hundred yards distant, it came clambering out of a deep wash and trundling toward the jackpine.

His good sense warned him to get away from the den, ease back through the boulders and take himself out of the picture, while he still could. In the battle looming up between Loupe and the bear the wolf didn't stand a chance on earth; he would get mauled and killed, like his mate, and then what? A half-ton grizzly, meat hungry, its blood up after a fight, and himself with nothing but the ptarmigan loads for his gun . . . But he made no move to leave. Still at a dead gallop, the wolf swung past the den and without wavering or pausing went charging out to meet the grizzly and try to turn it; and it was something about the wolf—his stark courage, his going certainly to his death against an enemy seven times his size—that made the man stay.

When the bear saw Loupe it stopped and reared up, evidently to see how many foes it had to deal with. It seemed to be an old hand at raiding dens and knew that a ring attack by several determined wolves could be punishing. But when it saw only the one defender it dropped down and came on. The man was near enough, crouching behind his rock, that he could hear its low, piglike grunting. It did not appear particularly hostile toward the wolf, as yet. Just hungrily intent on

the mess of cubs which it had seen when it killed the she-wolf.

Fainting lunges, the wolf circled the bear several times, keeping out of reach of its deadly, claw-armed swipes. A heel bite was his only way of getting at his huge enemy and presently he went flashing in for one—a quick snap and wrench and back out again. The bear growled from the pain of the bite but its massive, thick-furred hock was proof against hamstringing. Surprisingly nimble for so heavy an animal, it pivoted around and swung at Loupe. Missing him, it turned and lumbered on for the den, as unstop-pable as a rolling granite boulder.

The hopelessly uneven fight moved nearer and nearer the jackpine, and the man cursed his helplessness as he watched. He could see that with every yard of his retreat Loupe was getting more desperate, taking more chances. Each time the wolf lunged in he held his breath till Loupe got safely back out again. It seemed to him that the bear's fearful swipes were missing by next to nothing, and he knew that inevitably one of them would catch Loupe and send him tumbling, torn and bone-broken.

The fight reached the patch of crow-berry where the she-wolf had made her last-ditch stand, and there Loupe failed to get back safely from a lunge and bite. The man swore and fingered his .410 itchingly as he saw the wolf get hit and rolled. It was no solid smash but a glancing swipe across the haunch, and Loupe was up again almost instantly. But the blow left him shaken up and visibly slowed. In a vicious temper now from the heel bites, the grizzly rush at him to finish him off. Loupe got away and the bear turned again and made for the burrow.

The cubs had fled into the den and were staying there, terrified by the snarling and growling of the battle. The three ravens had returned to the snag and from a dead limb above the den they were watching the fight with macabre eagerness, expecting a feast one way or other. To the man they looked like grotesque cheer-leaders as they kept side-hopping along the limb and flipping their wings and uttering a hoarse *kwank-kwank-kwareecee!*

On the apron of dirt the wolf, unsteady and limping a little, lunged in for a last time, and got hit again, hit solidly, and knocked against a juniper bush a dozen feet away. He struggled up, nearly helpless, a left haunch torn and bleeding from the savage swipe. When the bear went for him that time he was too dazed and groggy to escape. He could only crouch and snarl and wait for his death defiantly.

Without stopping to think or tote up the consequences, the man whipped up his gun, took a quick but careful aim and shot. It was like something he could not help doing. All along he had told himself that he was going to keep strictly out of the battle, but when he saw the bear making for Loupe his gun seemed to come up by itself and he leveled, aimed

the weapon and shot instinctively.

At the flash and bark of the .410 the bear jack-knifed entirely off the ground, with a great roar of pain and rage. For several moments it writhed and twisted, clawing at its hind parts—the one sensitive spot, acutely sensitive, of its big, hulking body. Its explosive roar was so loud and fearsome that the ravens jumped high off the limb and flapped away and a fox which had been sidling up close streaked off like a blur of red.

When the bear got over its twisting and clawing, it reared up to its full height, ignoring the wolf, and glared around to locate its other enemy. The man had half risen to get in his shot, and was throwing a fresh shell into the chamber of the .410, and the bear saw him. With another roar it dropped down and charged.

Thinking in swift flashes, the man coolly waited. He had heard fellows say it was like that; when you suddenly found yourself looking at death as through a thin pane of glass, you were incredibly cool. You could think like one of those whirring calculator machines. He had not planned any gun tactics against the grizzly; in fact, he had not planned to argue with that ugly big customer in any way whatever. But when the bear dropped down and came for him, he found himself thinking fast, planning fast and deciding exactly what he would do and exactly when.

**H**IS thought was to try and disable the brute, in spite of having only the light shells. Two shots at close quarters could do the business. But they had to be right. At the right split second. In the exact right places.

His rock was a scant seventy-five feet from the jackpine, and the bear was coming at a gallop, but he waited, waited, gun butt against his cheek, aiming, waiting. The grizzly's head looked to him bigger than a bushel basket and the darkish eye-patches were as plain a target as a person could ask for.

He took his first shot when the bear was only about forty feet from him. With the flash of the .410 the grizzly lurched against a rock, pawed at its right eye-patch, but then came on. The man fined down on the left patch and shot again, with the bear hardly thirty feet in front of the gun muzzle.

As he leaped up, whirled and started running, he had a flitting glimpse of the huge, shaggy animal barging on toward him, and for a brief little eternity he thought that his second shot hadn't scattered enough, at that pointblank range, and he'd maybe missed that left eye-patch.

But the terrible roaring didn't follow him. As he ducked behind a rock and slammed in a fresh shell, he saw the bear crash head-on, *blindly*, against the boulder where he himself had been crouching a few seconds ago. It didn't come on, chasing him. It didn't know

where he was. It couldn't see him. It couldn't see anything. Still roaring, it was squatting on its hind legs and swiping all around, smashing and demolishing everything within reach. But it was swiping around blindly now, in the groping blackness of its sudden night.

The man silently reloaded. He was directly up wind from the bear and only a dozen steps away, but he figured it was wise to sit tight rather than try to escape. The bear might hear him. It still had ears and nose to guide it, and it could cover ground fast, blind or no.

As he waited, wondering what would come next, he caught sight of the wolf, slipping around through the deerbrush below the den and watching. The big tawny was limping and bleeding but he appeared to have no disabling wounds. The man flung an oath at him for leaving the cubs and then an oath at himself for tangling with a huge rogue grizzly. It was a crazy chance for a man to take. Especially when two little folk over at Fort Smith hadn't anybody on earth to look out for them except himself. Even living in that lonely, savage country, with its avalanches, rock slides, blizzards and the constant danger of accident or sickness, was a gamble he had no right taking. In the mountains anything could happen; you never knew what or when. You went out to get a couple of ptarmigans and you wound up battling a grizzly for your life.

As he had feared, the bear finally caught his scent. At once it stopped its roaring, its aimless swiping around, and started toward him. Not with the lunge and rush he had expected but slowly, stalking him—reaching out with one paw and then with the other, almost cat-like. A tense hush fell, except for the golden-crowns. Again the man waited, gun up, reasoning he had a better chance if he didn't run. His hobs clattering on the stones would be a give-away. He figured that after the bear got close and he emptied his gun at it, he could still dodge and run—if he had to.

But he didn't believe he'd have to run. At an ordinary distance the scatterloads of the .410 were hopeless against a big grizzly, but at muzzle point they could tear a pretty fearful hole. Two or three shots, placed right, could blow the bear's brains out.

The grizzly came on, step by slow step, and its crafty silence was a little more hair-raising to the man than its roaring had been. He waited a few seconds more, with a steely grip on himself, till he could have tossed a pebble into the grizzly's open mouth. Then he played his last card. As fast as he could work the bolt and shoot, he poured in his full clip, six shots, into that open maw.

He was set to jump and run, but it wasn't necessary. His first blast stopped the bear cold. As he pumped in the rest of his shots the grizzly sagged and caved in and then slowly toppled over. Thrashing and clawing, it went rolling down the

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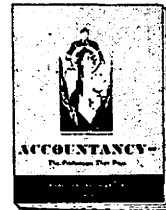
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slope, lodged against a rock near the jackpine, and gradually quieted. . . .

When he was sure it was good and dead, the man walked down past it to the burrow. The cubs were huddled together at the back end and he couldn't quite reach them. So he found a straight, slender stick, poked it in, and got a fur twist on one of the cubs and pulled it out.

As he patted the little thing and gentled away its panic, he saw Loupe pacing back and forth in the deerbrush and watching him anxiously. He called down: "Take it easy, fellow. You've still got plenty of 'em left. This one is my cut. I know a little person that needs a pup. I'm taking it to him, myself. You can have this country; me. I'm getting out."

He stepped up to the bear and fixed things with his hunting knife so that the cubs would have no trouble getting at the meat. Then he turned toward home. But he got only as far as the hog-back when the heebiejeebies struck him. They came on so hard that he had to sit down on a rock, shaking all over, his legs like rubber, sweat running down his face.

In a short while a fuzzy head appeared at the mouth of the wolf den. Then others edged out, sniffing the air, smelling meat. In a couple of minutes all seven of them were outside, rushing around madly. One by one they found the huge windfall of food, and the man could

hear their tiny growling and spit-fighting. The cub that he had stuck inside his shirt began to wiggle around, and as he patted it quiet he could imagine a little fellow at Fort Smith showing it to the other kids. "Looky what my daddy brought me! It's a wolf pup. My daddy brought it from 'way back in the mountains. My daddy. . ."

Yes, they'd have a daddy again and a home again, his two tykes. The mountains could keep their will-o-the-wisp fortunes, their bitter disappointments. He'd had enough.

In spite of the gathering twilight the three ravens presently returned, along with the foxes and the carcajou. The bear's carcass was drawing them in dangerously close, and the man was relieved when finally the wolf came back and took charge. At Loupe's show of fangs the foxes fled, the carcajou slunk off, the ravens on the dead limb side-hopped and *kwanked* disappointedly.

"Okay, fellow, it's all yours now," the man said, getting up. The rubber was out of his legs and he felt steady again. "Just don't pitch off after any more big kills and leave your fuzzies by themselves." At peace with himself at last, he stood for a moment watching the wolf and the busy cubs and planning his route out of the lonely mountains. Then he picked up his .410, whistling softly, and headed home through the midnight dusk.

## Rod and Gun

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terprise. The situation was easy to solve. Conveniently, they had brought along a jug of *mescal*. There was a full moon that night, huge and orange as it rose over the tropical waters. Our friends didn't waste so lovely a night sleeping. As we lay in our tent we heard them until the moon was high overhead strumming their guitars and singing—and, quite likely, sampling the *mescal*. All the next day they slept in the shade. There was no problem.

We fished for three days, while the *pescadores* slept the days away and sang the nights out, and we filled the hold of their little fishing vessel with robalo, sea trout and redfish. We estimated that we gave them a ton and a half of robalo alone. I'm not proud of my part in killing so many game fish, but, I have to admit, it was fun.

The Mexicans and the natives of the Caribbean have long considered these fish a delicacy, but it was in comparatively recent times that the snook became commercially important in Florida. Fifty years ago, Jordan and Evermann writing in their famous "American Food and Game Fishes," remarked that at Key West the snook was "little valued as food." As I understand it, someone eventually discovered that if a snook was skinned prior to cooking, the flavor was much improved; then things changed.

Snook rarely appears under its own name on the restaurant bill-of-fare. Usually it is sold as "red snapper," a subterfuge but not too serious a one since its flesh is almost as firm, white and flakey as that which has made the true snapper a favorite table delicacy. In any case, the day this was discovered was a black one for the snook and the sport fisherman. Commercial fishing in Florida is carried out to an intense degree today, and people acquainted with the situation over a period of time have seen an enormous decrease in the snook population as a result so that it has become a serious conservation problem.

I have never seen snook fishing in Florida to compare in volume with that at Eighth Pass, Mexico, although it undoubtedly once existed. Even today, though, there is much that in its own way is just as exciting. The best of all was on the beach near Naples, Florida, a few years ago. Conditions were right and stayed right for several days. The glass minnows had gathered in numerous small patches and the wind blew gently out of the east if at all. No one could have asked for more fascinating fishing. The snook were cruising and they were big, and the water was clear. Even with clear water, though, a fisherman must be alert and have keen eyes to spot them, especially if they are cruising twenty or thirty yards



# "FREEDOM'S FACTS"—They Fear Refugees



In an endeavor to inform the American public of the strategy that the Communist Party is using to attain its ends, the All-American Conference to Combat Communism each month is publishing a bulletin—"Freedom's Facts". Membership in the Conference consists of fifty national organizations, including the BPOE, and in line with a consistent policy of informing readers about aspects of the communist conspiracy, each month The Elks Magazine is re-printing salient parts of the bulletin.

During the past five years hundreds of people have fled from communist-dominated countries. They have been of all sorts: farmers, policemen and doctors from East Germany; servicemen and diplomats from Poland; Red Army officers and MVD agents from the Soviet Union; and people of many talents from other Red-run lands.

The Communist Empire, which regards people as property of the state, has gone to great length to prevent the escape of its subjects. Once they have escaped, the Reds have tried in many ways to lure them back to their homelands. Recently this campaign to woo the refugees back home has been greatly stepped up.

Within the past few months a number of new committees for the return to the homeland have been set up in communist countries. A barrage of letters has been sent by communist governments to former Soviet and East European residents, offering amnesty and urging them to return home. And one country—Red Czechoslovakia—ran an advertisement in some 20 American newspapers appealing to its refugees.

The Reds have even tried to use the United Nations in this bizarre campaign. The Soviet Union last month proposed a resolution calling for the UN Commissioner for refugees to "encourage and assist" the early return of refugees to their homelands, but it was rejected.

## Internal Propaganda Line

What is behind this campaign? Evidence from communist press and radio reports indicates that the return of at least some refugees is needed by the Reds to convince their own subjects that life in

the West is less desirable than life under the communist regime.

A great fanfare of publicity is being given to the few refugees who are now returning. Radio Prague, for example, reported August 15 on a group of repatriates from West German refugee camps and from England.

The radio also reported on the return of a mother and two little girls. The commentator told the Czech listeners, "The family got to know West Germany, France and London. And everywhere they suffered poverty. The mother worked as a servant and cleaning woman, the father as a storeman."

Referring to the two little girls, the radio continued, "They marvel at a city where everyone speaks the same language as their mother. They can well be calm. Their parents' homeland, the land of their mother tongue, will insure them a childhood free from care and a happy future."

Radio Prague, August 17, reported that another returnee had said, "Living standards in our country are much higher than in West Germany. I am happy to be home again."

## Reds Are Making Concessions

In order to lure more refugees to return to Red-domination, Communist Empire countries are making extraordinary concessions. Virtually all have offered amnesty to returnees. Red Poland has gone even farther. Radio Warsaw, October 7, reported that special centers for repatriates were being set up; each center would provide medical care, housing, a library, and various cultural and recreational facilities. Several countries also have arranged conditions so that repatriates can bring all their money back with them to their homeland.

Some of the returnees are being recruited only to be returned to the West as Red espionage agents. Others are needed to help out the man-power shortage in many Red countries, particularly skilled workers. But by far the most important function of the returnees is to provide material for internal propaganda.

This reason is understandable. When Yuri Alexandrovich Rastvorvov, a former Soviet MVD agent, escaped to the West, he gave his reason, "I wanted to live like a decent human being. I wanted to be treated decently and I wanted to be able to treat other people decently. It is impossible to live like this under communism."

out. Occasionally they work right in to the beach, poking their flat noses into the gentle breakers where they lap the smooth sands; then they are easy to see, but they are just as easily startled away by a quick or careless motion.

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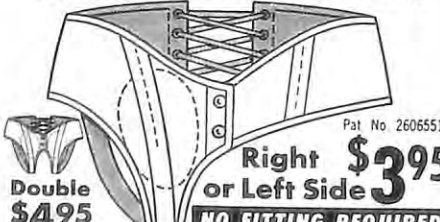
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the fish or behind them where it will startle them into deep water. It should land in their path eight or ten feet ahead, temptingly close and yet far enough away not to spook them. Then watch out! They will race for it, almost too fast to see the motion, and the fun is on.

We had more than our share of this beach fishing, with just enough snook cruising by to keep us continually on edge and just demanding enough to make it interesting. And besides the snook, there were other plug-hungry fish for variety: jacks, ladyfish, sea trout, redfish, and, most exciting of all, an occasional big beach-cruising tarpon. The tarpon appear darker in the water than snook and ominous because of their huge size. We hooked a few and had the thrill of that first breath-taking leap, but that was all. They didn't stay around. A few sharks and rays came by, too, but they are easy to spot and avoid because they look black in the water, much darker than any game fish.

With snook accounted for up to twenty pounds, we thought we had seen everything, but the show was only starting. Up until that time the glass minnows had appeared as only small gray patches here and there along the beach; then one morning we discovered an enormous school of them. The glass minnow is so named because it is virtually transparent. Only the eye and part of the digestive tract are opaque; yet there were so many millions of them concentrated in that one mass that the water was black with them over an area that must have been an acre in size. Around the edges of the black swarm, jacks, ladyfish, sea trout and snook churned the water as they feasted on them. Outside these were the big snook, the redfish and the tarpon slashing into the smaller fish and the minnows. In still deeper water beyond them hovered porpoise. Occasionally these would plow into a school of marauding snook, sending a shower of them into the air, just as the snook had scattered the frantic minnows. Each in its turn was eating something smaller—or being eaten by another a size larger.

Over a period of a couple of days we saw this vast swarm of minnows gradually but steadily diminish in size as they were devoured. Millions vanished before our eyes, fodder for larger fish, and undoubtedly this same drama was being enacted elsewhere along the shore. Life is the dearest possession of the individual, whether it is man, beast or glass minnow, but it also is the cheapest commodity of all.

In the sea it is a never-ending cycle of kill and be killed.

Of course, everyone with a rod and reel was in there pitching, doing his part to add to the confusion, although a puny artificial lure didn't make much impression among such an abundance of natural food. The awesome spectacle was interesting more from a spectator viewpoint than from that of an active fisherman.

There was a local fisherman, however, a commercial netter, who wasn't slow in taking an active interest. Early the next morning he ran a net completely around the swarming fish and pulled them flopping onto the beach. I thought that we had made a terrible kill years before at Eighth Pass, but our efforts had been insignificant. The experience of the great concentration of glass minnows was new to me, but not to this commercial fisherman. He knew what he was doing. Everywhere along the beach that the minnows appeared, he ran his net and made a haul. The snook were fat with roe that time of year, and the toll he took—not only at the moment but for the future—was appalling. As efficient as the killers of the sea are, there is none so deadly as man.

No one could logically blame the particular netter. He was doing no more than the law allowed. He was out to make a living—and he was doing it, all right. The fact stands that he killed more fish in two or three days than a thousand winter visitors could do all season. He was to blame for one thing. With each haul of the net he brought in many rough fish—ladyfish, needlefish and the like—along with the merchantable fish. These are food for future snook, tarpon and redfish—his future as well as that of the sport fisherman—but in his haste to make another haul he left them in a pile to struggle, die and rot on the beach. The actions of some people are governed by law alone and it was his legal right to kill everything his net would hold. He did it well.

That ended it, of course, and there may never be another such concentration of snook. But, as efficient as he was, the netter didn't get them all. There are still calm days in the spring when the big ones cruise the beaches. The plug-caster who is on hand to take part in such a day is lucky. Maybe he will land only one of these big silver-sided fish, but he will have something long to remember. A snook hits hard, runs fast and jumps high. He has everything it takes to make a day a fisherman will never forget.

## Boom in Boats

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ing has been the same since. Boat Fever.

When we emerged from the Crow's-nest we were completely bereft of a substantial sum of cash. However, we had prepared by opening a charge account. A partial list of the apparatus

we had acquired follows: a plastic case for carrying charts (you don't use maps on a boat, you use charts), a magnifying glass with a built-in spot light, a wire frying pan frame with disposable aluminum pans, a galley pan with three

compartments, a mahogany wall rack for glasses, three dozen plastic glasses, a wall rack for a salt and pepper set, a wall rack for spices, a wall rack for books, a square skillet, a plastic bottle, a stainless steel ice pick, a folding garbage gadget, two folding yacht chairs, two clothes hammocks, a stainless steel bean bag, ash trays, a special towel rack, a set of plastic nautical type dishes, a nautical table cloth, a floating key-holder, a special magnet to fish out tools that fall in the bilge, a new type mooring buoy, a canvas sea bucket, a supply of signal flares, a rubber jacketed flashlight, a waterproof nylon foul weather suit, two pairs of Kleets, a special deck shoe . . . but why go on. The idea is clear. And this, our first shopping tour, occurred before the boat was even in the water!

When the boat finally did get in the water we avoided swamping by returning half a truckload of accumulated gear. Actually, it's surprising how few "extras" you really need.

**T**HE first trip as master of your own craft can be an exciting business even after you have the usual test runs with an experienced skipper. The fellow we bought our boat from was so busy selling boats he had no time for instructing beginners. He did show me where the engine was and where to put the gas in. By dogging his heels for several hours, I was able to nag him into giving me five minutes of instruction on the water. Half of this was devoted to admonishing me not to fight the wheel. "Let her sail herself," he said airily. The rest of the lesson consisted in showing me how to come up to a dock. The main point was to head into the wind, he said. This time it didn't work because if we had headed into the wind, which was blowing quite hard, we would have been going away from the dock instead of toward it. Anyhow, something must have gone wrong because we smashed into the dock so hard my teeth chattered.

"Well, you get the idea," said my busy instructor. After that we were on our own.

Next afternoon Pat and I made our first cruise solo. When you first put to sea, or for that matter, to lake or bay or river, the chances are you've spent some time beforehand studying the appropriate charts. I had—for hours. Nevertheless, I had one before me now—just in case. I cast off the spring lines, ran over the location of the life jackets, noted that the anchor light was off, checked my burgee for wind direction, had a second can of beer, assured myself that the gear was in neutral, the throttle and choke in proper position. Then I moistened my lips and pressed the starter button. Nothing happened except a grinding noise which reminded me of the last time my automobile wouldn't start—the time it cost \$97.65

to fix it. "What has happened now?" I wondered.

A half-hour later, after checking and rechecking everything from the gas tank to the anchor, I discovered that I had failed to turn on the ignition key. This is about par. Some beginners discover it in ten minutes, a few take an hour. Here I also made my first of a series of discoveries, all tending to prove that boats are not automobiles. The starter on a modern car won't work if the ignition isn't turned on. The starter on a boat will, but the engine will not.

Now with the engine purring I cast off the last lines, put the gear in reverse expecting to back out of the slip as handily as I back out of my garage. But instead of backing straight out, I found the stern swinging to starboard and the entire craft drifting rapidly to port where someone had thoughtlessly moored a fifty-footer. Yelling to my wife to fend off the impending collision with a boat hook, I attempted to retrieve the situation by slamming the gear to forward position and gunning the engine, meanwhile spinning the wheel hard to starboard. The boat gave a responsive leap, all right, but it didn't leap to starboard, not by about ten feet. It leapt straight ahead where a formidable 18-inch thick piling buttressed the edge of the dock.

At this point, I really wished I was home in bed but several of the "this-ain't-no-automobile" lessons had been learned. One is that a single screw boat is about as unpredictable in reverse (until you know her well) as a rodeo bronco. It tends to swing with the direction of the propeller. Another lesson was that water is no highway. There are tides and currents and winds that will move a boat in spite of its engine. The third lesson was that an auto steers from the front and response to a turn of the steering wheel is instantaneous. A boat steers from the rear and the response is delayed. When you gun the engine and spin the wheel you'll travel quite a few feet straight ahead before the power responds.

Well, somehow, with the aid of the helpful boating fraternity—who quickly rally to a colleague in difficulty, plus a benevolent Providence, the neophyte skipper—as I did—maneuvers his craft out of the congested area into more or less open water. Here is when the boat bug first bites him, but good. Temporarily free of the dangers of imminent collision, with his prow knifing through the clear blue water, with his wake white and churning, if not exactly straight, he becomes indeed master of a little world of his own. The passengers (one nervous wife and two awed kids) look to him for leadership; on his seamanship may depend their survival. As skipper he is boss, the law supreme. He can and does shout orders and has them obeyed for everyone knows that he can never leave his solemn duty at the wheel. Here the lore and law of the sea confer



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Another of my original purchases was a tome called the "United States Coast Pilot" which informed me, among other things, that the Minnesota River enters the Mississippi 1,808.0 miles above the Head of Passes. But it did not tell me where is the Head of Passes so I couldn't utilize this information. It also told me the hours a certain drawbridge on the Acushnet River in Massachusetts will open at my toot. That is, it would open if my boat was big enough to draw fifteen feet of water. My boat draws 11½ feet of water and a couple of times that's been too much. This book, incidentally, is particularly handy when used with a supplement which lists 68 pages of changes and modifications in the original volume.

Naturally, I couldn't face the idea of going out in a boat unless I was on the list of the Navy Department's Hydrographic Office to receive the weekly "Notice to Mariners," and I had to arm myself with the official "Pilot Rules for Atlantic and Inland Waters." This was free. There is another book giving similar information which costs \$5.00 and which I miraculously managed to resist. I purchased the "Inland Waterway Guide" just in case the notion struck me to pack the family into the 22-footer and take off for Florida. I got

a pamphlet on weather forecasting (Red at night, sailors delight; red in the morning, sailors take warning), and for 10 cents a treatise on the hurricane which was most informing about everything except what I should do if suddenly I found myself in the eye of same.

The rest of my sea library was a book on navigation which turned out to be full of things that looked like logarithms (whatever they are), a pamphlet on cloud forms which contained many pictures of you know what, and a booklet which gives all the symbols on nautical charts and says what they mean. There are more than 650 of these symbols and abbreviations. You have to know what they mean before you can read a chart and you have to read a chart to know where you think you are. Wouldn't you feel silly to be cruising in a dense fog feeling your way with chart and compass and encountered the initials P.D. on the chart and not to know it means Position Doubtful.

**T**HAT was all my reading matter except for a 500-page volume called "Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling" by a painstaking fellow named Charles F. Chapman who is regarded in the boating fraternity somewhat as the more superstitious early Romans regarded Jupiter. What Mr. Chapman omitted to say about boating could be summed up in two words—"noth ing." He even included a sixteen-page nautical dictionary which enables one to tell a cat from a cat block from a cat boat from a cat-harpin from a cat head from a cat's paw, should such a desire ever overtake one.

Obviously, the owners of not all of the 5,600,000 pleasure craft which are the measure of the boating craze have acquired as much literature as I have. But these include everything from a canoe to a 150-foot yacht, and the canoe and row boat boys don't need a library. More than 800,000 of these 5.6 million are cruisers, or boats with sleeping facilities. It is in this class that the boating boom has been most notable. With a cruiser a man isn't tied to

night's ashore. He can take off for two days or for two weeks. At the very least, he has groceries aboard, a stove, a refrigerator, a private toilet. The bunks make up into berths, often covered with luxuriously comfortable foam rubber. In some cases the bunks become a real double bed. Thus equipped, a man can contemplate a cruise that begins, say at New York, and includes visits to Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and Duluth. Or he can take off for Florida and New Orleans—or for Kansas City, for that matter.

Most important, he can cruise these great distances without encountering the hazards of the open ocean. A trip beginning at the Mexican Border, at the mouth of the Rio Grande, follows the protected Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to Florida. There begins the Inland Waterway which follows the Atlantic Coast northward. At New York, the Hudson River leads to the Great Lakes. Along the entire 6,000 mile route from Brownsville to Duluth there are only 26 miles of open ocean.

Nearly 30,000 cruiser owners have joined some 190 branches of the 42-year old United States Power Squadrons, membership in which has increased a record 11 per cent a year since 1949. These squadrons sponsor a \$500,000-a-year education program on piloting safety and seamanship which in the metropolitan New York area alone had 4,200 students enrolled last winter. Another 15,000 have joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary which not only sponsors classes, too, but provides free safety inspection for any boat owner requesting it.

What the total effect on the boat craze will be on the U. S. economy no one can now foresee but it has already sparked a brand new industry which is one of the most flourishing in the country. This is the business of operating marinas.

A marina consists of large strings of floating docks which can berth far more boats than separate moorings. They have fresh water and electric outlet connections for each ship; they can supply a boat with most of its needs including

## PRESENT ELK HISTORY BOOKS TO LOCAL LIBRARY

To acquaint local residents with the work of Elkdom through the years, Taft, Calif., Lodge recently presented two copies of "The History of the Order of the Elks" to the library of that city. Participating in the presentation left to right: Exalted Ruler Clifford L. Brown, Chairman Board of Trustees Weaver Pittman, Librarian Ellen Underwood, County Supervisor and Past Exalted Ruler Vance A. Webb and Past District Deputy Frank L. Claire.



gasoline or diesel fuel, ice and a mechanic. They also provide restaurant service, and the more plush of them, particularly in Florida and California, are fully and beautifully landscaped and include, inevitably, a luxurious swimming pool.

These marinas can run into money. A really big job which would accommodate 500 boats would require an investment of \$500,000. But smaller jobs are paying off handsomely in popular boating areas. Within a year of opening, a well located marina can be expected to be operating at capacity and taking in maximum profits. Even in northern waters where the active season is only six months, the take is handsome. A major reason is boatmen aren't stingy where their yachting pleasure is concerned. This is their fun and they are willing to spend something on it. And, too, they usually have the money. Another factor is the marina reaches their pocketbook in a dozen ways. Mooring rentals, repairs and dry storage are basic. But food and beverage sales, supplies, gasoline, hauling and launching fees, marine insurance, sale of second-hand and new boats, all keep the cash register ringing merrily.

**B**UT despite the efforts of scores of enterprising marina barons the need for marinas is steadily increasing. In some places applicants must wait two to three years to get a mooring at a public dock. In California only the foolhardy would purchase a boat before lining up a place to berth it. Indeed, the need is so great that a boat manufacturers' association has issued an elaborate 64-page brochure which tells in enticing detail how to get into the marina business. The outboard people have a similar booklet, complete with blueprints.

The fact that there are now almost one-tenth as many pleasure boats in the U. S. as there are automobiles is one indication of the growing boat congestion. But the significant fact is that all these boats are buzzing around on their own with virtually no traffic cops to mind them. This adds measurably to the hazards of boating. Boatmen generally are pretty responsible people but there are enough water cowboys around to put your heart in your throat from time to time. One day last summer we were cruising in Long Island Sound with a stiff breeze and whitecaps making me wish I'd stayed in bed. Few boats were out and I was concentrating heavily on keeping my prow into the wind at just the angle that produced the least pitch and roll. Suddenly a thirty-five footer doing about eighteen knots passed me within ten feet. He was so close I was almost swamped in his wake before I could cut my engine and come about. It was a moment of really serious danger.

Now there was a square mile of water in which we were the only two boats and

this guy not only had to pass dangerously close, he didn't even slow down to reduce his wake. If I had had a gun I would have shot him as a menace to navigation and not a jury of boatmen in the country would have convicted me.

There are, of course, rules of conduct for any given situation but the only practical enforcement behind them is a hard look. There are no drivers licenses, no tests of competence. The Coast Guard simply issues the craft a number and away it goes. Happily, the anarchy is soon to come to an end. In New York State, for example, a legislative committee is now preparing a code of laws regulating boating. Such regulations will doubtless soon be universally adopted.

Not long ago boating was essentially a sport for men. Only the largest boats had the facilities that appeal to women and at best their bunks were uncomfortable. Boats were built to be sturdy or fast or dependable or maneuverable—qualities with which men are mainly concerned. Nowadays, stock boat builders care almost nothing about what the man wants. They are designing boats for women with emphasis on privacy and convenience and shelf space and a functional galley. Most of the smallest cruisers now have a private toilet and many of them include a wash bowl. Stall showers are being built into the medium size boats. So far as facilities go the larger boats are no less convenient than a well equipped home.

Since boating has become a family affair there is no question that it is here to stay. A family of five with a good cruiser which likes to travel no longer need to contemplate the nation's jam-packed highways. There is a vast new world awaiting them wherever they go. Life on a boat is never dull and it is completely relaxing from ordinary cares.

Moreover, a family which follows the usual pattern will trade in its boat for a bigger one every few years (good boats depreciate far less rapidly than automobiles). By the time the kids have grown up and mama and papa are ready to retire they can sell off the old homestead and live on the boat. When they get tired of being in one place they just touch the starter button and head wherever they like without one thought about rent and taxes.

That's the way it will be for me. Come R Day we're heading for Captain Bill's down at Marathon in the Florida Keys. We'll moor up there awhile and loll around his big swimming pool and talk good boat talk. We've never yet been at Bill's long enough to tire of it but if that should happen we'll just mosey over to the Bahamas and contemplate that crystal blue water, those magnificent beaches on a jillion islands, with the world's finest game fishing, just by tossing over a hook and line.

From where I sit this sounds like a pretty good program—worth a try anyhow. My gosh! What have I got to lose?

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## WORKSHOP

### Soldering—Handiest of a Handyman's Tricks.

BY HARRY WALTON

ONE of the most useful techniques anyone can master—and anyone can—is soft soldering. This is the joining of metal parts with a molten alloy of lead and tin. You'll find it useful in all kinds of jobs, from mending a broken toy to repairing a leaky roof gutter, in wiring a hi-fi set, building a model railroad, making custom jewelry, or patching a hole in a garbage pail.

If you've tried to solder, only to see the metal shrink away instead of clinging to the pieces it was to join, you probably overlooked some simple rule. Soldering is really easy; here's all it takes:

- Clean work. Solder can bond only to metal. All rust, paint, grease, insulation and the like must be removed.

- The right flux. Oxygen in the air forms a film of oxide on metal, off which solder rolls like water from an oiled plate. Flux is an active chemical that removes the oxide and keeps more from forming.

- The right solder. Any standard brand will do. You can buy it in bar, strip or wire form for use with separate flux, or in the shape of hollow wire that has the flux right inside. Aluminum requires a special solder.

- Ample heat. Unlike cements, solder does not merely stick to the surface. It partly dissolves into the metal beneath, and for this the work itself must be raised to solder-melting temperature.

**CHOOSE YOUR IRON.** Although some soldering can be done with a flame, most requires a soldering "iron" (the business end is actually copper). The cheapest is the kind you heat on the kitchen range, but an electric one is more convenient. For radio, electrical and hobby work, a 75-watt iron is adequate. If you plan to do larger work, make things of sheet metal, or repair household articles, get a 100-watt or 150-watt iron.

Cored solder comes with either acid or rosin flux inside. Acid flux is quick-acting and better for general work, but

its residue must be washed off, or it will eventually corrode the parts. For this reason, acid-core solder should never be used for electric or radio wiring. Use rosin-core solder for this; its residue is harmless.

If you buy solid (uncored) solder, get separate flux. It comes in fluid, paste or powder form.

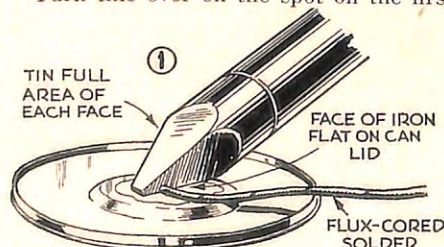
Pliers, a file, a scraper or wire brush, sandpaper or steel wool, and a piece of asbestos board or an asbestos shingle to protect your workbench will be useful. Cut the bottoms and tops out of a couple of small tin cans to practice on.

**NOW TIN THE IRON.** A new soldering iron must be tinned—its tip coated with solder—before it can be used. While the iron is heating, file each of its tip faces, or rub them on sandpaper, until clean and bright. As soon as the heat darkens the copper, touch each face with cored solder (or apply separate flux and plain solder). Rub one flat side after another on a tin-can top and feed in more solder as necessary, until all have a bright silvery coating. (Figure 1) If a blob of solder clings to the iron, wipe it off with a wadded rag.

In time, especially if the iron overheats, this coating may burn off. If this happens, file the tip again and retin it.

**NOW TRY A JOINT.** Hold the hot iron near the edge of a second can top and feed a little cored solder in between the iron and the tin plate. Then rub the iron about to tin an area about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " long along the edge.

Turn this over on the spot on the first



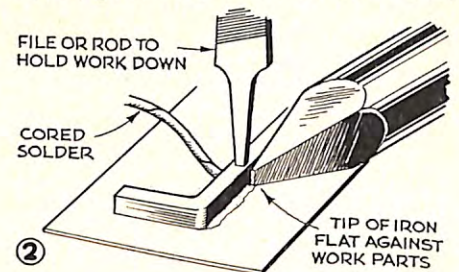
can top where you tinned the iron. Press the hot iron on the uppermost piece. Wait until you see solder ooze out at the edges. Then hold down the top piece with the end of the file and remove the iron. Keep the parts absolutely still until the solder has set.

Joining two pieces that have been separately tinned like this is called sweating a joint. It makes a strong repair.

**HOLD EVERYTHING!** Sometimes the work slips as you wait for the solder to harden. In this case, it may suddenly change from bright silver to a dull grainy appearance. When solder crystallizes this way, the joint is sure to be weak. Apply the iron again until the solder melts, taking time enough to heat the work too, and try not to let anything shift after you remove the iron. Use tweezers, pliers, weights or wire to hold small or awkward pieces in position.

#### SOLDERING OTHER METALS.

Tin plate is easy to solder because it already has a thin coating of tin. Brass, copper, galvanized iron, monel and steel



require a little more care in tinning. The chief thing to watch is cleanliness; sandpaper, scrape or file the surface right down to bare metal.

Experts insist that solder should be applied only to the work, not to the iron. You can cheat on this a bit, however. Hold the hot iron with one tip face flat against the work (it won't transmit heat if tilted up on its point). Wait until the work has heated up; then push the end of the solder into the corner formed by the iron and the work surface.

Being fluid, the molten solder will conduct heat rapidly from the iron to the work, and the whole job will be done more quickly. But don't melt solder onto the iron and then carry it to the work, nor expect to make a joint by dripping hot solder on comparatively cool metal.

Once the solder flows on, move the iron around slowly to spread it. If the solder remains pasty instead of flowing like quicksilver, the iron is not hot enough or the job is too big for it. Should the tinning stick only here and there instead of coating the surface uniformly, the work probably was not well cleaned. Too much solder, on the other hand, may form a lumpy surface; wipe the excess off with a rag or steel wool while it is still fluid.

Where the joint area is small, the parts need not be tinned separately. Hold the iron on one side of the joint and touch

cored solder to the other. (Figure 2) It should flow into the joint of itself. Do not use too much; excess solder does no good and may have to be filed or scraped off if it proves to be in the way.

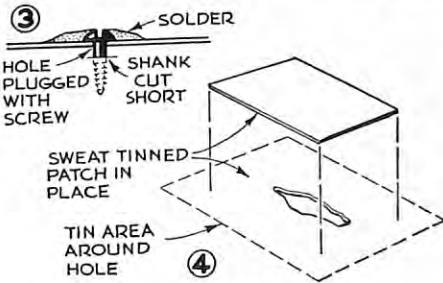
**HOW TO PLUG HOLES.** Leaks in dishpans, tanks, pails and so forth can be closed by soldering, provided you can apply enough heat. It's not the size of the patch, but how much metal there is around it to dissipate the heat that counts. Sometimes you can do a big job over a gas-stove burner, letting it supply extra heat while the iron does the actual soldering.

Very small holes can be sealed by tinning around them, and then wiping a film of solder over the hole with the iron. Bigger ones can be plugged with a screw, nail or rivet held in by soldering over and around it. (Figure 3) For still larger holes, cut a piece of sheet metal slightly bigger than the opening, tin it and a larger area around the hole, and sweat the patch in place, running extra solder around the edges. (Figure 4).

To repair an enamel utensil, carefully scrape away the enamel right around the hole. Solder to the metal beneath.

**USING A TORCH.** Some heavy work is best done with a torch. Those having a tank of pressurized gas are convenient, and can be bought with special soldering heads. In general, alcohol torches are too small for big jobs.

Clean the work area, put on flux if you are using uncured solder, and apply the flame near but not directly to the spot (flame hastens oxidation). When the work is hot, apply solder directly to it. Let it flow freely; then remove the flame.



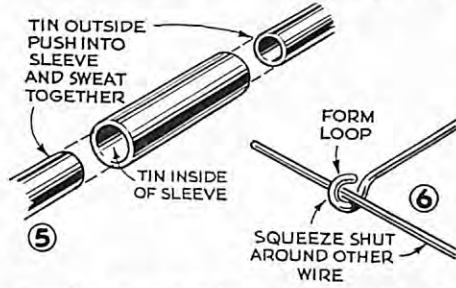
Electric wires can be joined with a small alcohol torch or an iron. Strip off insulation cleanly; run stranded wire repeatedly over a knife blade or through a fold of sandpaper until every strand glistens. Twist the wires together tightly. Apply the flame or the iron, touch rosin-core solder to the wire, and when it flows freely into the joint, let the wire cool.

**HOW TO SOLDER ALUMINUM.** This metal conducts heat away fast. It takes a big iron for any but small jobs. Special solder is required; some brands are flux-filled, others are meant to be used without flux. Read and follow the directions carefully.

Aluminum solders do not flow on; they usually must be rubbed in, either with

the bar of solder itself or with an iron. This mechanical action helps the solder to bond with the aluminum. A stronger joint is usually made if the aluminum is not merely cleaned or brightened, but deeply scratched with a rasp or scraper.

If the second piece is also aluminum, tin it the same way and fuse the parts together with heat. If the other part is a



metal that will take ordinary solder, tin it with that and then sweat the parts together.

**POINTS TO WATCH.** Some soldered repairs fail because they lack reinforcement. For instance, soldering a broken rod or stem together end to end is useless. But if a sleeve made of tubing or rolled up from sheet metal is slipped on both parts and soldered, the joint will hold. (Figure 5).

Wire from old coat hangers can be scraped clean, shaped, and soldered into many useful objects. But a joint made by soldering wires where they cross is weak. Form a loop in one, push the other through, and solder the joint as in Figure 6.

Don't solder directly to nickel or chrome plating. Remove the plating and solder to the base metal beneath.

Never repair food utensils with ordinary lead-tin solder; the lead content makes it toxic. An aluminum solder that contains no lead is safe for food vessels.

Some toys, jewelry and machine parts are die-cast of alloys that melt at about the same temperature as solder. If you tackle such a job, be careful not to damage the part. A very hot iron, quickly applied to make the joint before heat can saturate the piece, may turn the trick.

Beware of plastic attachments on a piece you may want to solder; the plastic part may shrink, swell, change shape or even melt from the heat.

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# Editorial

## TRUE TOLERANCE

We are always pleased when we meet a man who proudly produces an Elk card that he has held for 25 or 30 years. A casual introduction, recently, led to just such a rewarding experience. It also revealed an insight into the character of our Order that gave an extra dimension to our own pride in Elkdom.



The gentleman whom we met began to reminisce about his experiences in the Order, which led him to relate the reason why he had become an Elk. As a young man, living in New York, he had joined several organizations identified with his religious faith and national origin—you know, he said, the groups to which I naturally was attracted by my background. Then one day, when he was in conversation with an aunt, she gave him some advice. She told her nephew that he ought to join an organization in which he would brush up against men of other cultural backgrounds, with other points of view, men with whom he would have to compete socially and intellectually. You should, she said, join the Elks.

The lady's advice was, and is, an excellent commentary on our Order, for it is just as sound today as it was then. In Elkdom, men of diverse religious, social and economic backgrounds meet, and work and play together, bound together by a common devotion to God and to country, yet all completely free to follow and practice their own faith and creed.

True tolerance has surely flowered in the Order of Elks. May it always blossom as sweetly.

## "A QUIET PRESS MAY NEED OIL"



We ran across an article recently in that excellent publication, "The American Lithographer."

Of course, being an article for a publication reaching lithographers, it referred to a printing press and the advisability of watching such a machine continuously to be sure that it was not in need of oil instead of waiting until the press gave notice of its dry condition by some sort of a squeak, if not a more alarming notice.

However, it struck us as an expression, a warning, if you will, properly applicable to most any of the activities of life.

A large percentage of the American people today use

automobiles. Here, of course, would be an application of the expression to a machine needing the same sort of constant attention as does the lithographer's press before a vital part has burned out.

How generally do doctors advise people to have periodical check-ups of their physical condition and against waiting for the squeaks or pains that may not have come until a dangerous physical condition has developed.

How about one of the most valuable things in life—a friendship? Do not friendships need constant watching and oiling? How unwise it is to wait until it is evident that something serious has happened—that the friendship has gone dry even though it had been going along quietly and seemingly undisturbed.

If the Exalted Ruler of a lodge is to make a success of his year in office he must keep the activities of the lodge well oiled. He will be wise if he watches carefully the interest and cooperation of his members and does not assume that everything is all right until suddenly the criticism comes, the protests arrive, and it is painfully evident that the lodge machine has gone dry and needs oil.

May all of us benefit by keeping in mind the quiet press that may need oil.

## THE FREEPORT PLAN



We have been very much interested in what we have learned recently about the plan that is being followed by Freeport, N. Y., Lodge No. 1253.

On the first meeting night following an initiation the newly initiated members are the guests, without their sponsors, at a dinner at the lodge participated in by the officers of the lodge and some other members.

Someone who is well qualified to do so gives a talk on the lodge and on the Order. This is followed by an informal question and answer period.

Following this the group tours the lodge building to acquaint new members with its facilities. It is arranged that they meet as many members as possible.

On this occasion the initiates are invited to state what activities they are mostly interested in and the committees on which they would like to serve.

It is our understanding that Freeport Lodge plans to extend this system another year by providing for indoctrination prior to initiation. In practice this is coming to be followed by more and more lodges of the Order.



## THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR ORDER



As we approach the birthday of our Order it is appropriate to recall briefly its accomplishments. Formed on February 16, 1868, by fifteen members of the "Theatrical, Minstrel, Musicial, Equestrian and Literary Professions" our Order now has a membership of

over 1,150,000.

Its founders' aims and purposes were modest compared with the scope of Elkdom's activities today. It is among the greatest benevolent and protective organizations of our country with charitable, community service and patriotic expenditures of \$7,000,000 annually.

The Grand Lodge has over \$3,000,000 in assets, not counting the value of the Elks National Memorial Building.

The 1,750 Subordinate Lodges have assets of over \$250,000,000.

Since 1880, when records were started, Subordinate Lodge expenditures for charitable, welfare and patriotic work have amounted to \$120,000,000.

The Elks National Home, erected at an initial cost of \$450,000, is a real home, consisting of a main building and eight cottages capable of accommodating more than 400 residents. At present it is accommodating 300.

When a Brother seeks admission there "Outstretched hands welcome him and loving hearts administer to his every want and need."



When our country was drawn into the First World War the Grand Lodge appropriated \$1,000,000 for war relief and the Elks War Relief Commission was appointed.

At the following Grand Lodge Session a second \$1,000,000 was appropriated.

In all, the Commission expended \$1,371,000, providing base hospitals, erecting the first reconstruction hospital in the country and turning it over to the War Department, providing a community house at Camp Sherman, Ohio, and making over 40,000 loans to war veterans.

Of this action a representative in Congress said:

"The Elks fund thus provided is the first instance of the kind in the history of the country where a great patriotic, fraternal organization has come to the aid of the Government in so timely, helpful and substantial a manner."

As to the assistance given to the Salvation Army, Commander Evangeline Booth said:

"I say without hesitancy that our organization could not have achieved its exceptional success in the war but for the splendid, practical, tangible aid that was rendered to us by the Elks."



The Elks National Foundation, founded in 1928, has won recognition as one of the important benevolent institutions of the country. It has built up a fund of \$5,000,000, has disbursed \$1,000,000 and its current rate of disbursement is \$175,000 a year from income of the fund, Grand Lodge paying all operating costs.

The Foundation takes care of crippled children, gives college scholarships to deserving students and grants fellowships for advanced training of doctors, nurses and

therapists in cerebral palsy therapy, filling a great need.



The Elks National Memorial Building, dedicated in 1926 in memory of those members of the Order who served in World War I, was rededicated in 1946 in memory of those members who served in World War II.

Erected at a cost of \$3,444,526.62, it has been referred to by competent judges as one of the outstanding memorial buildings of the world. Its great frieze, extending around the exterior of the central rotunda and depicting "Triumphs of War" that perish, on one side, and "Triumphs of Peace" that endure, on the other side, is probably the most extensive work of its kind in the world.



In 1940 the Grand Lodge created the National Defense and Public Relations Commission.

The Commission was requested by the Adjutant General of the Army to assist in promoting the recruiting and training of young men for the Flying Cadet Corps and working through the Subordinate Lodges the Commission was successful in establishing more than 400 refresher schools where thousands of young men were given intensive training enabling them to qualify for the Corps.

At the outbreak of World War II the name of the Commission was changed to Elks War Commission. It was asked by the Adjutant General to assist in recruiting 45,000 young men for the Ground Crew of the Army Air Corps. The Elks gave him over 100,000.

One hundred and fifty-five fraternal centers for the comfort and entertainment of those in the Services were established throughout the country.

When the need for more men skilled in the field of construction became urgent the Army and Navy asked the Elks War Commission to assist in the drive to secure them, the only organization to participate.

The required number of Army Engineers and Navy Seabees was obtained three months ahead of time.



When World War II was over, the thoughts of Elks turned to those coming back from the service of their country with physical or mental ailments calling for hospitalization. The Elks National Service Commission was created to serve these men, which it has done and is doing with outstanding success. The Commission's slogan is:

"So long as there is a Veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

The Commission's program, enthusiastically supported by the Subordinate Lodges, affords continuous entertainment to the patients in nearly 200 hospitals. It supplies materials for their use in occupational therapy. And when a patient is ready to go home, the Commission, with the assistance of the Lodge nearest his home, helps the veteran to re-integrate himself in the life of his community.

The Commission continues to operate Fraternal Centers for the benefit of our young men in the Armed Forces.



These are some of the highlights that illumine the pages of Elk history. That history was written by men of ideals, to which they devoted their time and energies, their talents and their money. As we turn the page, and begin a new chapter, may we write in letters that will be as bright.

## For Elks Who Travel

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of Fontainebleau, France, came over to plant a tree on the front lawn, and that eminent Gallic maitre d'hotel, Rene Black, was imported from the Waldorf.

Now this year we have the Lucerne, the lobby of which is done chalet style. All right, it has beamed ceilings. And part of the hotel's facade was brought from Switzerland. It has an "Alpine" dining room, a "William Tell" Coffee Shop and a nightclub known as the Club Chalet. The Lucerne aside, another 21—count 'em—21 million dollars—was spent on two other hotels that opened this year. They are the Eden Roc and the Seville, both in the European motif, natch. Eden Roc has long been a famous byword along the French Riviera, and in honor thereof, the architect (the same one who did last year's Fontainebleau, incidentally) has decked the place in an aura of Italian Renaissance. Now then, besides 401 rooms, some of them split level, there is under one French/Italian roof the Mona Lisa dining room, Harry's American Bar, the Marco Polo Lounge and the Cafe Pompeii. As for the 300-room Seville, it is, I'm thankful to say, all except the television sets in every room, finished by and large in the Spanish style. I have neglected to get the word on the Ivanhoe, a fourth beach front hotel new this year, but I guess we would all be quite safe in assum-

ing it is Auld English as all get-out.

There is, to be sure, much more to Florida than Miami Beach, and if you are one who would like to avoid the man-made (European) grandeur and get out in the fresh, natural sunshine, one of the most fascinating views of nature is afforded each year by the Audubon Society. Now the Audubon people are normally in the bird-preserving business, but they will go out of their way to show you a random otter, a crocodile, or even a key deer, nearly an extinct species. More Audubon trips than ever have been laid out and they leave variously from Miami, Tavernier, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Okeechobee City. The trip from Miami, which I took a few seasons ago, features a look at Everglades National Park, and a boat trip on Florida Bay to see the roseate spoonbills. The trip originating on Tavernier takes off for the Key Deer Refuge and pokes among the keys in search of white herons, roseate spoonbills, and the slithery beasts as well. From Fort Lauderdale with an overnight stop at Clewiston, the birders cruise into the Everglades again, intent on spying cattle egrets, smooth-billed ani and limpkins, all of which are birds in case you were wondering.

Anyone who would enjoy a look at a Seminole Indian village, and I don't mean those commercial shacks set up by

the roadside, might enquire about the Audubon tour No. 5 out of Okeechobee City, working into the Kissimmee Prairie and the remote inland villages. Birds, too, of course.

For refugees who just want to settle in a quiet spot there are all sorts of sun-burnt nooks down the East Coast—New Smyrna Beach for example, which does indeed have a wide stretch of sand. It's an ideal place for families at fees that must be considered moderate in the light of other Florida prices. Lots of good fish here and a golf course where you can play away at a dollar and a half a day. Sailfishermen have long known about Stuart, which is nineteen miles south of Fort Pierce. Although it is five miles from the coastline beaches, a pair of bridges will soon be built over its two rivers and that will open Stuart to some ten miles of beaches now reachable only by way of a rickety bridge.

Meanwhile, in another part of the state—over on the Gulf Coast—the accent is on mobility and the byword is growth. The area is laid out for the automotive traveler, there being no fewer than 600 motels in the general St. Petersburg area. Some one million visitors are on their way to the section in search of sun, sleep, solace and a tan and tonic to see them through the remaining deep freeze season up in the chilly northlands.

## In the Doghouse

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nized until 1945. The breed is the coonhound, a distant cousin of the foxhound and widely distributed in the South, the Southwest and parts of the East. The dog gets its name from his use and proficiency as a raccoon hunter. The coonhound is a night hunter, as his quarry is a night prowling animal.

The standard for the breed was adopted by the Black and Tan Coonhound Club and coonhounds of this color combination are the only kind recognized. There are many other coonhounds of other color combinations but the black and tan is the only variety that has become well enough established to win official recognition. He is basically a working dog, classed as a hound but a working dog in the sense that he is expected to be a useful assistant in the field. The standard emphasizes that he should be a dog with sufficient endurance to withstand hard winters and summer heat. He must be a purp that can navigate rough country. His coat should be short and dense, coal black with tan markings above the eyes, on sides of muzzle, chest, legs and breeching. Black markings on toes is required.

Of the five retrievers, the curly-coated, flat-coated, golden Labrador and Chesapeake Bay, the latter is the only one of

this class that can be said to be pure Yank. He shares the honor of being the second of the sporting dogs, gun dogs that is, that are native to the United States. He has a story-book background and is said to have originated from a crossing of native non-descript dogs with two Newfoundland dogs that swam ashore following the wreck of the United States vessel "Canton" off the Maryland coast in 1807. The Newfoundland is an American dog, although not a dog of the United States, originating in Newfoundland, a Province of Canada. These dogs are perhaps among the best swimmers of all dogs and can endure the coldest water with no ill effects. They are likewise among the best of retrievers of water fowl. The writer, who lives in one of the better duck hunting areas in the East, can testify to the retrieving ability of the Chesapeake. I'm almost convinced that no other variety of dogs are kept in my village unless I count a few stray beagles used to try to keep the rabbit population from getting too brash.

The Chesapeake is practically waterproof, having a dense undercoat and an outer coat that sheds water like a duck. He's a dog of great courage. On land he hunts by foot scent, not by body scent but his greatest usefulness is as a water dog

and in this as I've indicated he has few equals. On the water he gets the game's scent from the oil which the feathers of the bird leaves on water. He too is about the size of the German shepherd (I mention the latter because the breed is so well-known—so often mis-called the police dog) ranging from 23 to 25 inches at the shoulder to the ground. His color is from dark brown to dull tan. He's a reserved sort of fellow although by no means unfriendly but prefers to give his affection and loyalty to one or two persons with whom he is more closely associated.

No mention of dogs of this country would be complete without giving the American Water Spaniel his due. This little fellow is housepet size in addition to being a right smart gun dog. He's playful and affectionate. By no means is the breed new to the American home as it has been known for decades, but it was not accorded official recognition until late in 1940. As a boy, never mind how long ago that is, I saw many such dogs around the landscape where my grandparents farm was located. The breed then, as I recall, was well established and possessed a common family resemblance. As a gun dog he can be taught to point, flush or retrieve.

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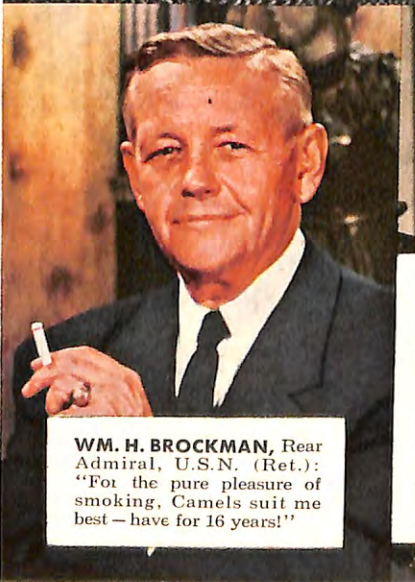


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