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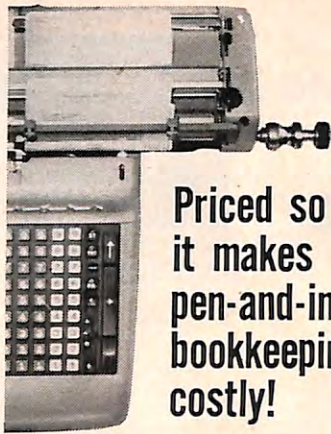
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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

"The Joy of Giving"

The Elks National Foundation and the Opportunity for Learning.

BY CHARLES E. BROUGHTON, PGER



This article by Brother Broughton so ably expresses the work and spirit of the Foundation that we are pleased to publish it in "Joy of Giving."

The members of Sheboygan Lodge No. 299, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the North High School, are elated over two awards made possible because of the Elks National Foundation.

At the State Convention of the Wisconsin Elks Association recently, President Kenneth F. Sullivan made two awards at Madison, one to James Wagman and one to Winifred Battig, the two North High students who won the State Constitutional contest and Most Valuable Student contest, respectively. This means that Miss Battig automatically becomes an entrant in the National Foundation's Most Valuable Student contest.

Former District Deputy John Poole of this city has been in charge of these events for the past eighteen years, and refers to the recent contest as the best in all history.

The Elks Magazine is proud to record this event, for it is a demonstration of faith in the Constitution and the government. Students who take part in it from year to year are as a result better equipped for a successful future. The National Foundation performs a real service in sponsoring these contests.

The student winning the Constitutional Contest, James Wagman, came to this country from Poland six years ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Markus Wagman, Polish refugees. His award comes as the result of love for his adopted country and his regard for liberty.

The story of the early life of James Wagman reads like a fairy tale. Some men grow old and never learn the fundamentals of the greatest document conceived at the birth of a nation. James Wagman learned the hard way, and from his own autobiography I quote briefly:

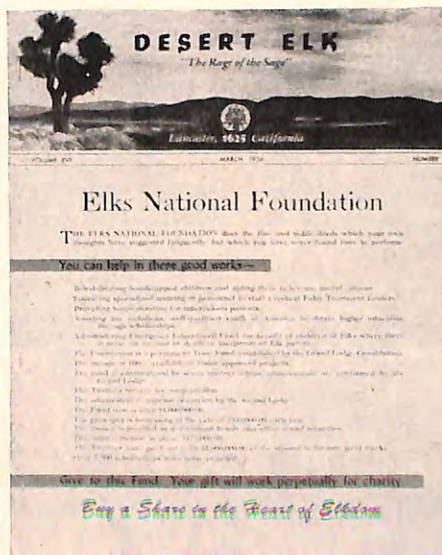
"It all started on a cold and snowy day, January 1, 1939. On that day I was born in Lemberg, Poland. There I

was to start on the road of life. * * * In my case, the article should be devoted to my parents, and a few paragraphs to me."

These few lines best tell the story of his love and devotion for his parents. He has little thought of himself, but a great deal of reverence for his parents. If time or space permitted it would be interesting to recount the hardships that befell this family previous to their reaching the United States as "refugees".

James and Winifred are outstanding students, and will never forget what the Elks have done for them. Next fall James will be a student at the University of Wisconsin majoring in science in preparation for a scientific career. His outstanding ability was evident when he appeared in a mock Democratic National convention at North High as the keynote speaker.

The Elks National Foundation has encouraged many a student to go on to higher learning, and we feel sure that James and Winifred will never forget what it has done for them. It all happened because the Elks of Wisconsin are Foundation-minded.



One of the outstanding lodge bulletins in the Order is the "Desert Elk" of Lancaester, Calif., Lodge. One interesting feature of the bulletin is the use of the front page to spotlight a particular message for the month. The news material and lodge announcements are contained within the publication, which runs to twelve pages and has the overall impression of being a magazine. In a recent issue the front page was used to give a very strong message about the Elks National Foundation and this year's campaign to increase the fund, which is now about five million dollars.

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COMMUNIST "NEW LOOK"

A STUDY IN DUPLICITY

The sole purpose of the new Party line is to hoodwink you.

HOW CAN COMMUNISM AFFECT YOU?

As a decent American citizen you mind your own business, work hard at your job, discharge your civic duties, and when you come home after a busy day you desire nothing so much as to stretch out in your favorite chair with the evening paper. The sense of well-being you experience is enhanced if the news happens to reflect even the most nebulous indication that the nightmare world of communism may be willing—sometime—somewhere—to make some slight concession toward civilized standards of behavior. So, you relax, and communism seems a threat that is sinister but distant, and one which, given time, might eventually recede and leave you and your loved ones untouched.

Would it surprise you to know that you are experiencing the very feeling of relaxation which the proponents of the most monstrous tyranny ever conceived desire to evoke in you? Would you be startled to learn that you are included in the communist blueprint for the future and that as of now the communist manipulators are striving to develop in you a frame of mind which will enable them to carry that blueprint through to a successful conclusion?

On page 275 of his book, "Toward Soviet America," William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, refers specifically to what will happen to you Elks if the Communist Party, USA, takes over the United States. He says:

"Under the dictatorship all the capitalist parties—Republican, Democratic, Progressive, Socialist, etc.—will be liquidated, the Communist Party func-

tioning alone as the Party of the toiling masses. Likewise, will be dissolved all other organizations that are political props of the bourgeois rule, including chambers of commerce, employers' associations, rotary clubs, American Legion, Y.M.C.A., and such fraternal orders as the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Columbus, etc."

Foster's book was published in 1932, and no evidence has yet been uncovered which would indicate any deviation (except for tactical retreats) from the stated goal—the sovietization of America.

As recently as February, 1956, writing in "Political Affairs," the Party's theoretical monthly, in an article entitled "The Advance of Socialism to World Leadership," Foster jubilantly proclaimed:

"There are now 17 countries which are either actually building Socialism or are definitely orientating in that direction . . . Together these countries embrace 900,000,000 people, or about 40 per cent of the world's population. They constitute the beginning of the new Socialist world."

The objective is fixed; the tactics remain fluid. We are presently witnessing a change in tactics and you, the American citizen, are the reason for that change. The communist "new look" presently being put into effect was created for your benefit. Its purpose is to hoodwink you.

The new Communist Party line—the American phase of the international co-existence theme subsequent to the Geneva Four-Power Conference—began to form late in 1955. It was fairly well solidified at a large National Committee meeting held in New York City, April 28 to May

1, 1956. In the course of this conference the new tactic of dressing the wolf in sheep's clothing became fully apparent. The Communist Party has dismantled, to a large extent, its underground apparatus. This move has brought back into open party agitational work a large number of valuable party organizers whose time and talents were curtailed or wasted in manipulating the complicated underground apparatus.

Five members of the Communist Party's National Committee who have completed five-year prison sentences for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence have returned to their top leadership positions. Among these leaders is Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA. Dennis has worked diligently at reorganizing the top Communist Party leadership into a group willing to forego, temporarily, dogmatic Party doctrine which tended to isolate them in order to picture the Communist Party, USA, as a bona fide political party.

In the course of the April 28 to May 1, 1956, meeting, Eugene Dennis, expressing the current propaganda line which hardly squares with Foster's liquidation theory, said:

"We desire and seek constitutional and democratic solutions to current and fundamental problems . . . Whatever may have been our attitude in the past, we American Communists, on the basis of our own experiences have come to realize that life is richer than theory and that certain developments in our country require a 'new look.'"

The discussions currently taking place among the Communist Party leaders

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Peaceful Coexistence



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The Speech of

GRAND EXALTED RULER, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and my Brothers all:

Would that God had blessed my lips with the same feeling of gratitude that is in my heart.

Standing before you today is an ordinary, everyday Elk from one of America's smaller subordinate lodges—thankful for your confidence, impressed with the great opportunity for service to our Order, mindful of my own limited capabilities, and deeply grateful for your pledges of cooperation.

Impressed with the responsibilities of the office, I pray Almighty God I may have His continual help and guidance to discharge them with wisdom and prudence so that every act may reflect credit to our nation and our Order.

Next to excellence is the appreciation of it.

Though I make no claim to it for myself, the dignity and merit of our great Order lends something of itself to me, in this hour of grateful acceptance of the office you have bestowed on me.

What we truly and earnestly aspire to be, that in some sense we are.

It is my privilege to succeed a great leader of our Order, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker of Virginia. Just one year ago at Philadelphia he pledged you a year of progress and the records plainly show the results of his driving force and astute leadership. It is an honor to be his successor.

I hope and pray I can be true to this trust and also prove worthy to follow the other great leaders of our Order—the Past Grand Exalted Rulers who are here about me in this Convention. To them is due all the credit for the continual growth and success of the Order of Elks and I shall always solicit their counsel and advice. They are the exemplars of the Order.

To owe an obligation to a worthy friend is a great happiness.

Of all the fine Past Grand Exalted Rulers, I am most indebted to my sponsor and nominator, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick of Toledo. He has been a trusted friend whose guidance is appreciated by every Elk in the state of Ohio and the nation. To him I owe an obligation far beyond my ability to repay, but this obligation is one of great happiness because it bears with it a deep sense of gratitude.

The esteem of wise and good men is the greatest of all temporal encourage-

ments to good work and best efforts.

And while I am so grateful to Dr. McCormick and the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, I am also aware of all the support given me by the many fine Elks of Ohio and, particularly do I appreciate the nice things done for me by the Ohio Elks Association and the Lodges of my State.

I am very grateful to Herschel Deal, President of the Ohio Elks Association, Grand Trustee Ronnie Dunn of New York, Past Grand Esquire Leonard Bush of California, Charlie Bowie, President of the Texas Elks Association, and Brother John Mangan, Exalted Ruler of New York No. 1 who seconded my nomination and have done so much to help in my election.

God willing, I may have the strength and opportunity to show my appreciation in service to our Order.

ELKDOM today is a tremendous force in the preservation of our nation and the American way of life. To keep it such is my obligation and pledge for the future.

Americans are so convinced of the value of Elksdom that I believe it high time we continue our pledge of leadership under the banner "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA".

Therefore, my purpose in life this year is to devote every effort toward the furtherance of "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA".

Having it, I will throw into my work such a strength of mind and muscle as God has given me. I shall expect this same devotion from every other Grand Lodge Officer and Committeeman, the District Deputies, State Presidents and officers of each subordinate lodge.

I don't want to be like a pair of trousers on a windy clothesline—going through a vast deal of vehement motion, but staying in the same place. I want progress.

Elksdom is a big business!

There are more than a million two hundred thousand shareholders in the billion dollar corporation.

All together we constitute a gigantic industry which can and must make its influences felt in our nation through our efforts toward "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA".

I know of no better way than through the continued promotion of already existing Elks programs.

Our Elks National Foundation de-

serves an active organization in every subordinate lodge under the direction of a state chairman dedicated to his job. It is my earnest hope that some day soon every Elk will become a member of the Foundation and own a share in the Heart of Elksdom.

It is my desire that every subordinate lodge show a ten per cent gross gain in selective membership in addition to securing ten reinstatements of former members.

I am particularly concerned about these ten reinstatements in every lodge that is old enough to have demitted members. Most of these men had good reason for demits at the time; many of them will be glad to reaffiliate and all of them are acquainted with Elksdom. They are splendid material for revitalizing subordinate lodges.

The youth of America are the trustees of tomorrow.

Elksdom is deeply concerned with the promotion of its Youth programs and this effort will be intensified throughout the year.

Our Veterans Service organization is serving thousands of young men who are heroes of our nation. They are heroes because they are the kind of people who love our nation and were willing to give their all for her preservation.

When I assumed my obligation to Elksdom more than 30 years ago, I was permitted membership after careful scrutiny of my application by an investigating committee. On this application I stated I was an American citizen and that I believed in God.

Those questions left an indelible impression I do not want to forget. To join this Order I had to be an American citizen and believe in God. I was grateful I could answer them in the affirmative.

SINCE that time I have seen many things happen to my country—some of which I approve and some I dislike.

But one of the distasteful things to me has been the glaring complacency of many of my fellow Americans toward the growth of an "ism" in this nation which sucks its very blood stream. I mean Communism.

The spread of such an influence as Communism in this great nation of ours can be attributed to many reasons. I am not too concerned about them for they are of the past.

However, I am deeply interested in the development of countering measures.

Contrary to the Communistic idea of

Acceptance

collectivism, America is a sturdy nation founded on individuals. The individual's right to think, feel, speak and worship as he likes; to achieve what he can on his own; and to appreciate completely that his freedom of individual initiative imposes individual responsibilities, make America great.

If then, we Americans recognize our individual responsibilities to our communities and put them into everyday practice, Communism can not prevail.

America needs Elkdome today more than it has in all the years of its existence. And it needs militant Elks who are cognizant of their obligation and the heritage of their citizenship.

The Order of Elks is strictly an American fraternity with no foreign affiliates. Members must be loyal American citizens who believe in God. It is non-political and non-sectarian.

True then to the spirit of those members of our Order who pioneered June 14 as Flag Day, back in 1907, and brought about national observance of this date, we present members of the Order must maintain a devout respect and provide a militant protection for our heritage.

To do this we must share this privilege with more of our young friends whom we can introduce into the Order, for theirs is the virility our Order deserves.

This virility, tempered by the wisdom of our present members, will implement a prudent understanding of our moral obligations as Elks.

To enter the Order we must be Americans and believe in God.

This faith—in the Infinite—is the only absolute security our nation has against the infidel of Communism.

Our slogan of "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA" demands that we assume an unyielding position in the promotion of religious practice as well as fraternal affiliation.

Without the strength and courage of your religious belief you are a tin soldier flaunting an atomic missile. There is a void that can not withstand the pressure of everyday living.

I do not believe that Elks and their families are so constructed because without sound foundation our Order would not have existed and grown for nearly a century. So then, my fellow Americans, it is my earnest plea that you

Re-dedicate yourselves to God

Re-obligate yourselves to Elkdome

and by your daily example build "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA".

OF

FRED L. BOHN



Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 114, elected Grand Exalted Ruler on July 9th at the Grand Lodge Convention held in Chicago.

The Pitchers' Pitcher

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BY TOM SILER

BENNY BENGOUGH, the chunky little man who directs bullpen traffic for the Philadelphia Phillies, has baseball memories over a 39-year-span to suit any occasion.

Now 58. Benny is bald and bubbling over with stories of teammates Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, of the World Series of 1927 and 1928, of pitchers Herb Pennock, Waite Hoyt and Urban Shocker, of a wiry little manager named Miller Huggins.

Or, Coach Bengough, with a change of pace that makes a good story-teller as well as a good pitcher, could tell you of a memorable May day at Wrigley Field, Chicago.

"The boss (Manager Ben Chapman) tossed me my catcher's mitt from the dugout and said, 'Take a look at this young fellow.' They told me he was a college boy from up in Michigan. So he threw to me. He looked good, the way he handled himself, on the mound . . . nice physique, thick through the shoulders, tall and rangy. He threw to me for quite a while. The fast ball was good, no better than that, not fast enough to get you really excited. The curve was a little thing. 'Course you never worry too much about the curve. If a guy can throw hard he can learn the curve.

"After he finished we talked for a minute or two. I asked him about the

speed. He told me he could throw harder than that, promised to come back the next day and show me. Well, I wish you could have seen the difference. I don't know why. Next day the fast ball was fast and the curve was better. Beyond that, you had to like the boy's rhythm. He threw hard but didn't seem to be straining at all.

"He had only one real fault. He telegraphed his curve by the way he held his forefinger. Most kids give the curve away one way or another. That's easy to correct."

Thus does Coach Bengough recall his first look at Robin Evan Roberts, the college boy from Michigan State. It was just a few months later that this youth—richer by \$25,000 on the bonus the Phillies paid him—received a prophetic accolade from another expert source.

It was just an exhibition game in Florida, Phillies vs. Red Sox, when Ted Williams went to the plate against Rookie Roberts, then 22. Williams, of course, hits all pitchers sooner or later, but he failed to distinguish himself that day. Afterwards, the great hitter said:

"That boy ought to be a great pitcher."

He is. Robin Roberts plays with a poor hitting team, but he is the most famous pitcher in baseball. Roberts, a right-hander with control, went into the

1956 season with 160 victories for eight seasons, a cozy average of 20 per season. Furthermore, he is the first pitcher in 20 years to win 20 games or more for six straight years. Only three pitchers in this century ever did better. Christy Mathewson won 20 or more for 12 consecutive seasons (1903-14), Walter Johnson did it 10 straight years (1910-19) and Lefty Grove had a string of seven 20-victory seasons (1927-33).

"A pitcher like Roberts comes along every 50 years or so," said Bengough, who could be a mite prejudiced.

No one would dare compare Roberts, as a fast ball pitcher, with Walter Johnson, generally rated the greatest ever, or even Bob Feller, who lost five big years in World War II. Unlike them, Roberts doesn't have paralyzing speed; he has a combination, a mixture that reminds Bengough of Waite Hoyt when he used to catch the Yankee star in the 1920's.

"Now I just sit out in the bullpen and think how nice it would be to catch a guy like Roberts," smiles Bengough. "His easy motion reminds you of Hoyt. He pitches a lot like Red Ruffing, too. Roberts is the type who can win for a long time . . . I'll tell you why . . . he learns easily. Tell you what . . . I'll bet he could learn to throw a knuckler or a screwball inside of a week. He is always studying the job. The boy is never satisfied. That's why he'll be around a long time. (Roberts will be 30 years old on Sept. 30, last day of the big league season.)"

Andy Seminick, the bandy-legged veteran who catches the star, pinpoints a major factor in Roberts' success. "Roberts," he points out, "always has something left. He knows how to pitch effectively without burning himself out in six or seven innings. That's an art. Some pitchers never learn it. When he gets in a tight spot he can almost always reach back and tap his reserve, that little extra to get the batter out."

Red Schoendienst of the Giants agrees with Seminick. "I remember the day I

*games in eight seasons
 20 games per season in the past 6 years
 won 28 games in one season
 . . . and still pitching*

got to Roberts for a single, triple and home run," Red said. "That last time up he had plenty left and just when I really needed a hit I couldn't touch him."

Roberts has had five managers, but each has had the common sense to leave the big right-hander alone. Usually they leave him in a game longer than they would an ordinary hurler, a tribute in itself. A classic example occurred three managers ago. Steve O'Neill let Roberts take his lumps from the Milwaukee club. The score was 6-6 through eight innings and Roberts was still on the mound. He was still there in the 17th inning when the Phillies won, 7 to 6.

As catcher Seminick explains it, Roberts relies on a fast ball most of the time, maybe throws one curve out of five pitches. This stuff, plus wondrous control—he usually walks about two men per nine inning game—are his more obvious tools. On the face of it, they aren't enough for a consistently big winner in the big leagues.

"Except that Roberts," explains Seminick, "throws the fast ball at varying speeds, four or five of them. See what I mean? He is a change of pace pitcher. As they say, he'll take a little bit off one pitch, add a bit to the next one, always trying to keep the batter off balance. That little difference is the difference between a hit and a lazy fly. The battle is half won if the batter can't get set for the pitch.

Roberts' control is so good it sometimes becomes a liability. Batters "Dig in," knowing the ball will be close, if not over, the plate. Batters wouldn't dare take such liberties with a wild pitcher for fear of getting beamed. Thus, long ball hitters frequently have an edge on him. Last season Roberts yielded 41 home runs, a new National League record which tarnished somewhat his own total of 23 mound victories.

Roberts has been counseled repeatedly to get "mean," intimidate the batters and

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Robin Roberts

News of the Lodges



The ninth annual Elks Charity Baseball Day sponsored by the Massachusetts Elks Assn. for the benefit of the Elks National Foundation realized \$1,014 for that important program. Pictured when the check was presented during the game between the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago White Sox were, left to right, Boston's pitching coaches Paul Schreiber and Bobo Ferris, State Assn. Trustee J. W. Bergin, State Vice-Pres. Louis Dubin, John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, Committee Chairman Andrew Biggio, Red Sox Mgr. Mike Higgins, retiring State Pres. Michael J. McNamara, State Elks VA Hospital Committee Chairman A. Gross, coaches Jack Burns, Del Baker and Mickey Owens. The Elks had 420 veterans as their guests at this game.

Annual Fairfield, Ia., Elk Scholarship Awarded

Fairfield Lodge No. 1192 has awarded another full-tuition scholarship for study at Parsons College under its youth program aimed toward enabling worthy students to continue their education.

This year's award, amounting to \$1,600 for four years, went to Danny Bryce Loeffler, selected by No. 1192's Youth Committee, Chairmanned by Kenneth Langner, which gives preference to all-round students from high schools in the twelve

townships within lodge jurisdiction.

This lodge sustains a program which makes it possible for two students to attend the College simultaneously under the four-year scholarship plan. This year's second student is Larry Hanshaw.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Elks' Lodge Room Dedicated

Under the dual Chairmanship of P.E.R. Clyde A. Lewis and E.R. Carlton E. LaPan, the large and modern new lodge room of Plattsburg Lodge No. 621 was dedicated at impressive ceremonies. Past

Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan delivered the oration and conducted the ritual, assisted by State Vice-Pres. Theodore J. Ryan, Past Pres. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, P.D.D. W. Edward Hudson and P.E.R.'s Frank J. Noone and George K. Yeager. On the speaking program were State Pres. Francis P. Hart, D.D. Jack Shea and Mr. Fitzpatrick, with brief remarks by E.R. LaPan.

Instituted in 1900 with 43 members, Plattsburg Elksdom now boasts over 1,400 affiliates. This new addition to their home, purchased in 1916, is a one-story brick edifice whose basement will house extra bowling alleys to accommodate the ever-expanding list of Elks participating in this popular pastime.

Preceding the well-attended program, a reception and buffet banquet took place in the spacious new addition, which will be the site of all future dances and banquets held by No. 621.

West Chester, Pa., Elks Reward Student

Patricia Touhey, a member of the 1956 graduating class of St. Agnes High School, was awarded the Ford J. Gurrell Memorial Scholarship. Announcement of the presentation was made by Horace F. Temple, E.R. of West Chester Lodge No. 853, sponsors of the award, made every four years and alternated between West Chester High School and St. Agnes'.

A memorial to Ford J. Gurrell, a member of No. 853 who gave his life during World War II, it will enable Miss Touhey to continue her education at the rate of \$250 for four years.

Below: Photographed when Lowell, Mass., Lodge presented this aluminum boat and trailer to the local Police Dept. for rescue work along Lowell's many canals were, left to right, Police Lt. P. G. Guduras, Elk Trustees Chairman J. H. Burns, Treas. J. R. Harrington, E.R. P. W. Fawcett, Police Chief F. M. O'Loughlin, City Mgr. Frank Barrett, Councilor R. S. Hoar and P.E.R. Francis V. Redding, lodge Secy.



Left: The winning fraternal float in the 23rd Annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival was this beautiful 50-foot entry of Tacoma, Wash., Elksdom. More than 75,000 daffodil blossoms were used by Chairman Jack Doore and his committee in building this masterpiece which depicted Cinderella's coach. E.R. N. E. Grove is seen fitting the slipper to Cinderella in the presence of her attendants, all daughters of prominent Elks. Tacoma and the Puget Sound country are famous in the bulb industry, producing about 10,000,000 for sale annually. The Festival is a yearly street pageant in three communities, celebrating the bulb season, with 150 floats, bands, drill teams and mounted units.

ADDRESS OF GRAND EXALTED RULER FRED L. BOHN: B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 114, 20 So. Fourth St., Zanesville, Ohio
ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY LEE A. DONALDSON: Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.



Highlighting the 51st anniversary banquet of Malden, Mass., Lodge was the presentation of a \$500 scholarship to Miss Dorothy Hicks. Pictured at the event are, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hicks, the student's parents, Scholarship Committee Chairman M. R. Flynn, Jr., Miss Hicks, Rev. E. J. Riley and E.R. James H. Lynch. Six other high-ranking contestants for the award were honored at the dinner which was attended by more than 200 persons.



Among the 18 candidates initiated recently into Scranton, Pa., Lodge was the fourth member of the O'Malley family to become an Elk. Pictured on this occasion, left to right, are E.R. C. O. Hostler of Frackville Lodge, E.R. Karl H. Strohl and Secy. W. S. Gould of Scranton Lodge, initiate Martin T. O'Malley II, his grandfather, Dr. Martin T. O'Malley, and his father, P.E.R. Carlon M. O'Malley. The other member of this Elk family, Carlon M. O'Malley, Jr., is serving overseas.



At a recent testimonial dinner, more than 450 Elks and non-members paid tribute to Mass. State Elks Assn. Pres. Michael J. McNamara. Photographed on that occasion are, left to right, seated, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Mr. McNamara and Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan. Standing are P.D.D. Leo F. Donovan, E.R. P. G. Asiatic of Brockton Lodge who was Toastmaster, P.E.R. H. W. Weatherill and Hon. John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee.



Photographed when Charlottesville, Va., Lodge welcomed Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker are, left to right, foreground, Treas. E. L. Turner, Esq. H. C. Pond, Mr. Walker, E.R. E. V. Thacker, Est. Lead. Knight E. J. Martin and Est. Loyal Knight M. R. Smith. Back row: Est. Lect. Knight H. B. Carper, Inner Guard H. K. Arnette, Chaplain F. V. Riddick, Secy. W. H. Crawford, Tiler E. D. Wilmouth. The Charlottesville reception included a well-attended banquet and a lodge session.

Iowa Boys Enjoy Camp Through State Elks

For the past seven years, the Elks of Iowa have made it possible for a deserving youngster from each of the 39 Elk communities of the State to pass a pleasant and educational two weeks at the Milwaukee, Wis., Boys' Club's Camp Whitcomb.

Two Dubuque, Iowa, citizens have given a great deal of time to this worthwhile effort. They are State Vice-Pres. John T. McKeever, General Chairman of the 18-man Iowa Elks' Youth Activities Committee which underwrites the expenses of this project, and Kenneth Corwin who is the Executive Director of the Dubuque Boys' Club.

Both men pick up the Iowa Elks' camp guests at a central point on a given day, take them to Dubuque's Boys' Club by chartered bus for an overnight stay, leaving for Camp Whitcomb the next morning. For the past few years, Mr. Corwin has remained at the camp with the Iowa contingent, assisting in the well-planned achievement program based on Indian lore, with the boys advancing from "papoose" to "chief." At the end of the period, ranks are conferred and Mr. McKeever calls for the boys, returning with them to Dubuque by chartered bus.

Right: Newport, Ky., Elks' National Bowling Champions, a title won in the handicap feature of the 1956 Elks National Bowling Assn. Tournament by dropping 3,164 pins. Left to right are bowlers Dodd, Welchon, Zimmer, Staubach, Norb, Gallichio and Capt. Meier.



On hand for the dedication of the new lodge room of Plattsburg, N. Y., Elkdom were, seated left to right, Committee Chairman P.E.R. T. H. Smith, P.D.D. B. F. Feinberg, State Assn. Pres. Francis P. Hart, E.R. C. E. LaPan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Past State Presidents Franklin J. Fitzpatrick and Bert Harkness and P.D.D. W. Edward Hudson. Standing are other officers, Trustees and Past Exalted Rulers of the host lodge.

NEWS of the LODGES



Above: Pictured with one of the first donors in the annual blood drive sponsored by Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge were Secy. E. G. Moore, right, and a group of Elk ladies who were very active in campaigning for the drive. A great success, under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. B. Crabtree, the one-day drawing realized 310 pints of blood.

Below: At Pasadena, Calif., Lodge, E.R. P. E. Haines, right, and P.D.D. J. R. Paine, second from left, reward Elks National Foundation Scholarship contestants, left to right, Della Parisi with a third-place \$100 award, Carl Shank with a second prize of \$200 and George Morlan, top \$300 prize-winner who also was named local Youth Leader.



Below: Just a year after its home was dedicated, Cedar City, Utah, Lodge burned the final note on its indebtedness. Participating in the ceremony were, front row, left to right P.E.R. L. J. Smith, Building Committee Chairman Frank Milne, Jr., P.E.R.'s H. E. Christensen, E. W. MacFarlane and Ray Lee; background: P.E.R.'s Dee Arthur, John Beal, Clarence Lamoreaux, Rex Harris, Wesley Thompson, Kenneth Imlay and J. M. Brown.



Below: Some of the Park County High School students pictured during the dance honoring graduating seniors given by Livingston, Mont., Lodge. These Elks sponsor several dances every year to which teen-agers of the county are invited to enjoy refreshments and "live" music. Illustrating the dances' popularity is the fact that of the school enrollment of 500 students, attendance ranges around 400.



When the Community Hospital lagged in its first efforts to raise \$1,570,000 by public subscription to obtain \$2,242,894 in Federal and State grants for its new building, Fresno, Calif., Lodge came to the rescue with a \$1,500 subscription, the first fraternal organization to assist in this enterprise. In this photograph E.R. Earl W. Nowell, center, shows the entry which authorized the subscription, to Elk Leon S. Peters, left, Chairman of the Hospital Fund Campaign, and Chairman Erwin S. Lehmann of the lodge's Social and Community Welfare Committee.



When the Washington All-State Team initiated 118 candidates for Seattle Lodge they received their official All-State Team cards from State Vice-Pres. Wm. C. King, right foreground, as retiring State Pres. William Singer looked on at left. The team is composed of, left to right, foreground, Est. Loyal Knight Robert Yothers, Seattle; Lead. Knight Elmer Baderischer and E.R. Arnold Marti, Vancouver, and background, Inner Guard Robert Stevens, Walla Walla; Chaplain Louis Clerf, Ellensburg; Esq. Dick Wacker, Ballard, and Lect. Knight Paul Sloan, Centralia.



Left: At Chester for the Illinois So. Dist. Convention, left to right, E.R. G. C. Berry, D.D. L. B. Richmond, Dist. Vice-Pres. J. G. Gilbert, State Pres. Charles W. Clabough, Vice-Pres.-Elect J. E. Giles, Jr., Trustee-Elect H. E. Mellor, P.D.D. Paul H. Wolff.

Right: Among the 400 persons at the testimonial dinner given by Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge for D.D. R. A. Moran were, left to right, State Congressman J. E. Fogarty, Mr. Moran, Rev. P. J. Hunt, E.R. Hugh E. Gentili, Program Chairman C. M. Turcotte, former Grand Inner Guard Dr. Edward C. Morin and Rhode Island's Governor Dennis J. Roberts, a member of the Order.



With the officers who initiated them pictured in the foreground, are the members of a class of candidates initiated into San Juan, Puerto Rico, Lodge on February 20th.

Leominster, Mass., Elks Aid Injured Child

On Easter Sunday, six-year-old Johnny Granata of Leominster was struck down by a hit-and-run driver. In a state of coma and critical condition for many weeks, the expense of the boy's medical and hospital care placed a severe

strain on his moderate-income family.

Typifying Elksdom's principles, Leominster Lodge No. 1237 spearheaded a drive for a "Johnny Granata Fund", headed by Police Chief George H. Smith who contacted all fraternal and civic groups for aid in reaching a \$5,000 goal.

A house-to-house canvass on May 4th,

proclaimed "Johnny Granata Day" by Mayor L. J. Cormier, was climaxed by a 16-hour radiothon conducted through the generosity of station WEIM.

The success of this Elk effort is revealed in the more than \$10,000 realized in little more than a month, and the fact that Johnny's recovery is expected to be complete.

Nebraska Elks Bowl

The 16th Annual Tournament of Nebraska Elksdom took place during April at Grand Island with a total of 134 teams, 320 doubles and 631 singles entered. The Nebraska Elks' Traveling Trophy went to the Elks #8 Team from North Platte for the second time. The doubles title was won by Perry and Melvin Crom, a father and son Elk combination from Scottsbluff. Bedric Wanek of Lincoln captured the singles championship, with the All Events title going to Bernard F. Kossek of the same lodge.

All but one the State's 22 lodges were represented in this tournament.

Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge Mourns Two Veteran Elks

On succeeding days during May, the members of Terre Haute Lodge No. 86 lost two of their oldest and most devoted members. On May 11th, Ernst Meissel passed away at the age of 90. No. 86's Tiler and Official Greeter for the past 18 years, Mr. Meissel had been affiliated with the lodge since 1903. He will be missed not only by members of his lodge and community, but by the many Elks throughout the country who had been welcomed by Mr. Meissel to the home of Terre Haute Lodge.

The following day, George Foulkes, pioneer Terre Haute realtor, merchant, contractor and civic leader, died at Union Hospital. He would have celebrated his 94th birthday on May 24th. He had been a member of Terre Haute Lodge since 1907 and served on its Board of Trustees since 1926. He is survived by a daughter, son, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Below: Rapid City, S. D., Lodge presents checks for the purchase of two infant incubators for local hospitals. The donation was made possible through the lodge's annual revue and minstrel show. Left to right are Bennett Memorial Hospital Administrator E. E. Pengelly, State Assn. Pres. Kenneth Roberts, Sister M. Elizabeth, Supt. of St. John's Hospital, Mrs. Roseanne Forsyth, R. N., of St. John's staff, and lodge Secy. E. N. Nelson, Trustee Harold Williams and E.R. A. N. MacVicar.



Above: When the ten lodges of the Connecticut East District paid special tribute to Grand Est. Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy, third from left, he received a Permanent Benefactors Certificate from Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, in recognition of the \$1,000 gift made in Mr. Roy's name by the ten lodges to the Foundation through the efforts of P.D.D. George H. Williams. At left is Grand Treas. Edward F. Spry, and at right is Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall. The event took place at Willimantic with over 600 persons joining in the tribute.

THE GRAND LOD



CHICAGO, JULY 8-12, 1956

Stage of the Ballroom in the Conrad Hilton Hotel as the Convention was opened Sunday evening, July 8th. The 22 Past Grand Exalted Rulers present and distinguished guests are seated with Grand Exalted Ruler Walker.

WITH a capacity gathering of 3,500 Elks and their ladies filling the main floor and balcony of the Ballroom in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, the 92nd Grand Lodge Convention opened at 8 p.m., Sunday, July 8th, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge, presiding at a session open to the public. Shortly before the meeting was called to order, the District Deputies of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker entered the Ballroom and formed in double, T-shaped file across the Ballroom and down the center to the stage.

Hon. William C. Stratton, Governor of Illinois, Hon. Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, and Honorary Convention Co-Chairmen, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Floyd E. Thompson and Henry C. Warner were escorted to the stage by the Columbus, Ohio, Drill Team. Grand Exalted Ruler Walker next was escorted to the stage by the Pottstown, Pa., Drill Team through the corridor formed by his District Deputies, after which the curtain of the stage opened with the

twenty-two Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention seated there.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson declared the meeting open and the United States Marine Color Guard posted the colors. All present sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Grand Chaplain Rt. Rev. William A. Brown delivered a prayer, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson then welcomed the Elks and their ladies present on behalf of the Chicago Convention Committee. He then introduced Mayor Daley and Governor Stratton, who gave brief but very moving addresses of greetings on behalf of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. Both Mayor Daley and Governor Stratton are members of the Order, the former belonging to Chicago Lodge No. 4, and the latter to Springfield, Ill., Lodge No. 158.

Then followed one of the highlights of the evening when the famous Blue Jacket Choir of the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, sang several serious, as well as light, choral numbers. The Blue Jacket Choir, which is an impres-

sively large group, was started in 1941 and has gained wide-spread recognition, not only through personal appearances, but also on radio and television.

Honorary Co-Chairman of the Convention Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, extended a cordial greeting on behalf of the Elks of Illinois, and particularly commended Brother George T. Hickey, Chairman of the Chicago Elks 1956 Convention Committee, for the splendid plans that had been formulated by his Committee to make the 92nd Convention an outstanding success. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner then spoke of the "Serve Elkdom—Live Elkdom" Program of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and how immeasurably it had contributed to the progress of the Order during Mr. Walker's year in office.

He then presented Mr. Walker, who gave an inspiring address which was most heartily received. Mr. Walker impressively expressed his sincere thanks

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for the help given to him, saying: . . . "I shall always be most grateful for the wonderful opportunity you gave me to "Serve Elkdom—Live Elkdom" as the chief executive of the world's greatest fraternity. You have overwhelmed my wife Kitty and me with your cordial hospitality, which we genuinely appreciate. I shall always cherish the many friendships I have made. You made it possible for me to see so much of our lovely coun-

try and to observe first-hand the marvelous work that Elks everywhere are doing for the less fortunate."

Co-Chairman Thompson then, in an informal and gracious extemporaneous gesture which was sincerely welcomed by the audience, introduced individually the Past Grand Exalted Rulers present on the stage. Following these introductions, Grand Chaplain Brown gave the Benediction, and the Public Session closed.

present on the stage because of duties in connection with Grand Lodge registrations, and Grand Secretary Donaldson was asked to give the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, which he did, announcing that preliminary registration was 2,308.

The following members of the Grand Forum were introduced: John F. Scileppi, Chief Justice; J. Paul Kuhn; Glen S. Paterson; John C. Cochrane, and H. L. Blackledge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner was recognized and he offered a Resolution. Through this Resolution, in event of a national emergency the Grand Lodge will be in a position to assess every member one dollar to meet the crisis, if it is deemed necessary. This Resolution has been submitted to the Grand Lodge Convention delegates for several years and, while it is not expected to be acted upon in the foreseeable future, it is felt desirable to protect the Order against eventualities that may occur in these troubled times.

From Distant Lodges

The customary introduction of Brothers from distant lodges was held. A large delegation from Alaska was present, and also represented were Canal Zone, Guam, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next appointed 24 Inspectors of Elections and six Clerks of Elections, with Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Robert L. DeHority Chairman of the group by Statute. The Grand Secretary read the list of appointments of Assistants to the Grand Esquire, Grand Tiler and Grand Inner Guard in connection with the election to be held later in the morning.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker submitted his Annual Report, a digest of which appeared in our July issue. He spoke very movingly of the outstanding achievements of Elkdom during the past year and expressed his deep appreciation of the support that he had received from the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen, District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, and, above all, Elkdom's membership. Mr. Walker's Report was accepted as printed, as well as the Minutes of the Philadelphia Convention last July, the Reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Board of Grand Trustees.

Seth Billings, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented his Committee's Report, which was accepted. Nick H. Feder, Chairman of the Board of
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1st BUSINESS SESSION

FOLLOWING excellent singing by the Muscatine, Ia., Elks Chanters, a choral group that has been an outstanding part of many Grand Lodge Sessions, Grand Esquire Alfred E. LaFrance, Racine, Wis., Lodge, proclaimed the First Business Session of the 92nd Grand Lodge Convention open at 9 a.m., Monday, July 9th. Attendance was excellent and the entire floor of the Grand Ballroom was filled by delegates.

The gathering, led by the Muscatine Chanters, sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee", after which the Pottstown, Pa., Drill Team escorted Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and the Grand Lodge Officers to the stage. Following the Opening Ritual, Grand Chaplain Rev. William A. Brown gave the Invocation. Grand Exalted Ruler Walker then declared the 92nd Convention regularly and duly open.

After paying a moving tribute to the twenty-two Past Grand Exalted Rulers seated on the stage, the Grand Exalted Ruler asked the entire gathering to stand a moment in silent meditation for late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell. The Grand Exalted Ruler introduced each Past Grand Exalted Ruler individually, after which the delegates gave them a wholehearted standing ovation in recognition of their service to Elkdom.

PGERs Introduced

Past Grand Exalted Rulers present, in order of their year in office, were: James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., Lodge No. 838; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge No. 556; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge No. 878; Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge No. 53;

Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge No. 779.

John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., Lodge No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge No. 142; Robert South Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge No. 758; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge No. 28; Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge No. 299; L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., Lodge No. 1345; George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515; Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge No. 173; Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge No. 260; Earl E. James, Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge No. 417, and William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge No. 1290.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Edward Rightor of New Orleans, La., Lodge No. 30, and Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge No. 174, were unable to attend the Convention.

Next, the Grand Lodge Officers were introduced: Robert L. DeHority, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; Arthur J. Roy, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Harold J. Ziertzen, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; L. A. Donaldson, Grand Secretary; Edward A. Spry, Grand Treasurer; Alfred E. LaFrance, Grand Esquire; M. E. Monagle, Grand Tiler; Waldrop Windham, Grand Inner Guard; Rt. Rev. William A. Brown, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Exalted Ruler introduced his Secretary, F. Haden Vines, and commended him for his splendid assistance.

The Board of Grand Trustees was introduced, namely: Nick H. Feder, Chairman; Arthur M. Umlandt, Vice-Chairman and Approving Member; Horace R. Wisely, Secretary; Ronald J. Dunn, Home Member, and W. A. Wall, Building Applications.

Robert E. Boney, Chairman, Committee on Credentials, was unable to be

JOHN L WALKER, GRAND EXALTED RULER

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

PLEASE EXTEND MY GREETINGS TO THE ELKS ASSEMBLED FOR THE NINETY-SECOND GRAND LODGE CONVENTION. I SALUTE YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR ITS CONTINUING FINE WORK TO MAKE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES BETTER, TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARD GOOD CITIZENSHIP THROUGH EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN. ALL OF YOU HAVE MY WARM BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION--

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Grand Trustees, reported the Preliminary Grand Lodge Budget.

Mr. Walker read three telegrams, saluting Elkdom for its fine work and expressing sincere wishes for a successful Convention. The telegrams were from President Eisenhower, Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief of the Boy Scouts of America, and Mrs. Roy L. Layton, President of the Girl Scouts of America.

Following the passing last fall of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton was appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler to fill his place on the Commission, and this appointment was confirmed by the Grand Lodge delegates. The appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner to a five-year term on the Memorial and Publication Commission was confirmed. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, who has been Chairman of the Elks National Foundation since its inception, was re-appointed to a seven-year term as a Foundation Trustee. Judge A. F. Bray of Richmond, Calif., Lodge, was appointed to a five-year term on the Grand Forum.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then appointed Fred H. Kelly, Past President Kansas Elks, a Pardon Commissioner. William S. Hawkins, Chairman Committee on Judiciary, and John F. Scileppi, Chief Justice, Grand Forum, served as Commissioners by Statute.

Nomination of Candidates

The next order of business was the election of officers. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick was recognized and he nominated for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn of Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge. Exalted Ruler Clifford S. Motto of Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge, was recognized, and he nominated Cyril A. Kremser, who is a member of the same lodge. The seconding speeches for candidates Bohn and Kremser followed. President Ohio State Elks Asso-

ciation H. J. Deal, Canton, Ohio, Lodge, seconded Mr. Bohn's nomination, as did Ronald J. Dunn, member Board of Grand Trustees, Exalted Ruler John J. Mangan of New York Lodge No. 1, member Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Charles C. Bowie and R. Leonard Bush, Past President of California State Elks Association.

Past Exalted Ruler Frank B. Hallock of Akron, Ohio, Lodge, seconded the nomination of Mr. Kremser. Since there were two candidates for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Walker announced that the delegates would vote by secret ballot as established by Grand Lodge Statute and would reconvene at 2:30 that afternoon to hear the report of the Elections Committee on the balloting.

Grand Lodge Officers

Elections for other Grand Lodge offices then were conducted and the following were elected unanimously: Douglas E. Lambourne, Salt Lake City, Utah, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Ruel H. Smith, Warren, Pa., Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., re-elected Grand Secretary; Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass., re-elected Grand Treasurer; D. E. Biser, Dallas, Tex., Grand Inner Guard; John P. Martin, Jr., San Pedro, Calif., Grand Tiler. Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Charleston, W. Va., was elected to a five-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees.

Following announcements by the

2nd BUSINESS SESSION

FOLLOWING the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Exalted Ruler declared the Second Business Session open Tuesday morning, July 10th, at 9 a.m., and then requested C. P. Hebenstreit, Chairman of the Committee on

Grand Esquire, the First Business Session was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Fred L. Bohn Elected

The adjourned First Business Session was called to order at 2:40 p.m., Monday afternoon, by the Grand Exalted Ruler for the report of the Elections Committee. Expressing his deep regret, as well as that of the Grand Lodge, to Chairman Robert L. DeHority for a sudden loss in his family, the Grand Exalted Ruler announced that Brother DeHority's report would be read by Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy.

Brother Roy reported that, as of 11:30 a.m., 2,545 members of the Grand Lodge were eligible to vote and of these 2,092 cast a ballot. The vote was 1,333 for Fred L. Bohn; 745 for Cyril A. Kremser, and 14 ballots were blank. After thanking the Election Committee for its splendid work, Mr. Walker declared Brother Bohn duly elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Grand Exalted Ruler asked Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick and a group of Past Ohio Elks State Presidents to escort Brother Bohn into the Ballroom and to the stage.

During the brief interval while the group was forming outside the Ballroom, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker spoke of the gavel he was using throughout the Convention. The gavel was presented to him by the members of Fredericksburg, Va., Lodge when he visited there and was fashioned from part of a holly tree on a farm near Fredericksburg where George Washington lived during his early years.

Accompanied by the Piqua, Ohio, Elks Band, Dr. McCormick, the delegation of Past Ohio State Presidents and a large group of Ohio Elks, escorted Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Bohn to the stage of the Ballroom, after which the delegates accorded him a standing ovation.

As a personal token of his esteem, Mr. Walker presented Brother Bohn with a Fairy Stone Cross, a legendary good luck piece found only in Patrick County, Va.

Mr. Bohn then delivered a Speech of Acceptance which was considerably abbreviated because of the lateness of the hour. The Speech was continued at the Thursday morning Session, but for sake of continuity of reading, The Elks Magazine publishes the Speech on pages 6 and 7 of this issue as a unit.

Following a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker declared the First Business Session closed.

Distribution, to make his Final Report, which was unanimously accepted.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, gave his Report, a digest of which ap-



1956 Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" presentation at the Wednesday morning Session. From left: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and L. A. Lewis; First award winners Edward C. Muns, Miami, Ariz., and Dianne Kasnic, Conway, Pa.; Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow and John F. Malley, Chairman.

pears on page 37 of this issue. While Chairman McClelland pointed out that the Report had been distributed by mail to every Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary, he briefly summarized for the benefit of the delegates present the contents of the Report.

Advertising Important

He particularly stressed the importance of advertising income to the Magazine in these times of increasing publishing costs, saying to the delegates, "it is of direct interest to you fraternally and financially." He reminded the delegates that The Elks Magazine as a national publication is in severe competition for the advertising dollar and must meet its competition, which is by no means to be underestimated. Judge McClelland urged the cooperation of the subordinate lodges in posting on their bulletin boards material which is forwarded from the Magazine in the interest of cooperating with advertisers, and, particularly, the desirability of replying to Magazine surveys. Concluding he said, "Let the advertiser know you are buying through The Elks Magazine."

After Judge McClelland's Report was approved, he made a motion authorizing the preparation, at the discretion of the Commission, of an additional 10,000 copies of the Elks Memorial Building Book, which was approved.

Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker thanked Judge McClelland for his comprehensive Report and spoke of the splendid cooperation and assistance he had received during the year from the Memorial and Publication Commission.

The Grand Exalted Ruler presented Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, who delivered his Report, a digest of which appears on page 38 of this issue. Chairman Malley opened his Report by attributing the outstanding in-

crease in the Principal Fund of the year, which was the highest in the history of the Foundation, mainly to the campaign that Grand Exalted Ruler Walker initiated. As a result of Mr. Walker's untiring activities, the Principal Fund was increased more than \$400,000, which was about \$50,000 higher than any previous year.

Mr. Malley then made a special plea to the delegates not only to acquaint themselves more thoroughly with the Foundation, but to carry his message back to the lodge members. He urged that the Foundation's "Joy of Giving" column, which appears each month in The Elks Magazine, be read and asked for a "general acceptance" of the Foundation by the members as their "personal agency for good deeds". Mr. Malley pointed out that the possibilities of the Foundation are limited only by the efforts of the members. Its growth since its inception in 1928 to a Principal Fund amounting to over \$4,000,000, with a present market value of more than \$6,000,000, unfortunately, can be attributed to all too few, Chairman Malley said.

Mr. Malley then invited Brothers present to come to the stage with their contributions to the Foundation. One of the first was Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Benjamin F. Watson, who gave Mr. Malley a check for \$800 from the

Michigan Elks as the first payment to the Jay H. Payne Memorial Fund, which is to be established in memory of late Judge Payne. At the time of his untimely passing Brother Payne was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

After Mr. Watson's presentation, several Brothers came to the stage to make contributions on behalf of either individuals or subordinate lodges. At the conclusion of Mr. Malley's Report, the Grand Exalted Ruler called for a round of applause, which was heartily accorded.

Working for the Foundation

The Grand Exalted Ruler particularly thanked the Alaska delegates for their wonderful spirit and their contributions to the Foundation at the Convention and then stressed how important it is for members to augment the Principal Fund through personal contact. This, as Mr. Walker pointed out, is the basic means by which the Foundation will grow. He singled out as an example Rock Hill, S. C., Lodge, which this year raised more than \$4,000 through personal solicitation. Adopting the same approach, Salisbury, N. C., Lodge had a 100 per cent participation with \$4,700 raised in addition to which \$1,000 was contributed by the Lodge. Outstanding was the contribution of Lincoln, Nebr., Lodge, which turned over to the Foundation more than \$10,000, a record for any one lodge.

The Grand Exalted Ruler paid tribute to Chairman Malley, to State Association officers, lodge officers and members of the Order for the great help they had extended in putting over his program to increase the Principal Fund of the Foundation during his year in office.

Chairman of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee, Clyde E. Jones, was asked to make his Report. He first introduced the other two members of the Committee, Hugh W. Hicks and John K. Burch. This Report covered details which are being worked out in connection with the establishment of a Pension Fund, which is available only to employees of the Grand Lodge. At the conclusion of the Report, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker re-appointed Brother Jones to a three-year term, and this appointment was unanimously confirmed by the delegates.

The meeting was closed at 10:30 a.m. for the Grand Lodge Memorial Services.

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Swift action by Fort Worth, Texas, Lodge that must be some kind of a record. This is the Fred L. Bohn Class, initiated July 10th, the day after he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

3rd BUSINESS SESSION

AFTER the Third Business Session opened Wednesday morning, July 11, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, who made a report for the John R. Coen Memorial Committee. Judge Thompson said that after consultation with Mrs. Coen the Committee recommended that the Grand Lodge appropriate \$4,000 to Laradon Hall, which is sponsored by Colorado Elks for the aid of handicapped children, and also that a suitable plaque in memory of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Coen be installed there. Laradon Hall was of deep interest to Mr. Coen, who was active not only in its formation, but also in its work up to the time of his untimely passing in 1954. This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Expressing his gratification for the outstanding Grand Lodge Memorial Services held the previous morning, Mr. Walker extended his thanks to the Memorial Service Committee: Past Grand Exalted Rulers John S. McClelland, Chairman, Henry C. Warner and Joseph B. Kyle.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, concluded his report from the previous day's Session. Mr. Malley stated that contributions to the Foundation amounting to \$11,000 were brought to the stage on Tuesday and invited further additions to the Principal Fund.

Scholarship Awards

Mr. Malley presented Foundation Trustee Floyd E. Thompson, who then made the "Most Valuable Student" awards. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson, noting that it was the 23rd year of the awards, said that this year 27 scholarships were awarded to girls and the same number to boys. While originally \$30,000 was allocated for "Most Valuable Student" awards, there were several ties among the contestants so that the total amount granted was \$32,800. First award winner of \$1,000 among girls was Dianne Kasnic of Conway, Pa. She was sponsored by Ambridge, Pa., Lodge and had an average of 98.29 per cent. Winner of the \$1,000 award among boys was Edward C. Muns of Miami, Ariz., with 98 per cent. Both students came to the stage and spoke movingly and most sincerely of the assistance that the Foundation had given them in furthering their higher education. A complete announcement of this year's "Most Valuable Students" awards will be reported in our September issue.

Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, made his Report. The Committee based its program this year on three points: 1—Promotion of year around

Youth programs in subordinate lodges. 2—the Youth Leadership Contest. 3—the Promotion of Youth Day on May Day to dispel any thought that this is a day to be used for furthering communist inroads. Chairman Kuhns reported outstanding response from lodges. Our lodges invested more than \$3,000,000 in programs in which over 1,500,000 young people participated. Youth Leadership Contest entries exceeded 50,000, a gain of more than 50 per cent over last year, and 1,381 lodges took part in Youth Day programs.

Youth Program Awards

Committee member Charles C. Bowie made the awards for the best subordinate lodge Youth Programs during the year. Exalted Ruler Elmer Badertscher of Vancouver, Wash., Lodge, came to the platform to receive a beautiful trophy in recognition that his lodge placed first this year. Second place trophy was awarded to Somerville, Mass., Lodge and San Benito, Tex., Lodge was third. Plaques were awarded to Fulton, N. Y., Lodge, fourth place, and Newport, R. I., fifth place. Lancaster, Calif., Lincoln, Nebr., Mount Vernon, Ind., Phoenix, Ariz., Wellsburg, W. Va., and Juneau, Alaska, Lodges received Honorable Mention awards.

In the contest among State Associations for best Youth Programs during the year, Wisconsin received the first award of \$200, Nebraska was second and West Virginia third. Arizona, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Oregon were presented with Honorable Mention plaques.

Concluding his Report, Chairman Kuhns spoke of the inspiration his Committee had received during the year from Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and thanked him for his wholehearted assistance. Mr. Kuhns presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a framed Youth Day Program Participation Certificate and a Youth Activities Committee plaque. The Grand Exalted Ruler thanked Brother Kuhns for his able and dynamic leadership as Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee for the second consecutive year.

Outstanding Program

The Grand Exalted Ruler presented Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, for his annual report, which for many years has been an outstanding part of Grand Lodge Sessions. A digest of the Report appears on page 39 of this issue. Judge Hallinan asked that Veteran patients from Hines Hospital in Chicago be brought into the Ballroom and the patients, all of whom were in wheel chairs, were conducted to

the front of the stage. A large delegation of California Elks, carrying colorful rolls of leather, then came into the Ballroom. This leather will be distributed to Veterans Hospitals which will use it for therapeutic purposes.

Leather Contributions

Judge Hallinan recognized Robert Traver, Past President of the California State Elks, who asked James Neilson, President of the California State Elks, and Clarence Mieyr, President of the Montana Elks, to stand up in recognition of the outstanding work that these two Associations did during the year to provide leather to Veterans hospitals.

The Montana Elks this year presented 2,800 hides. Ninety-two per cent of the California lodges participated in this important therapeutic program.

Brother Traver requested Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis to come to the rostrum to receive a gift made by the veteran patients in California in appreciation of his very helpful contributions during the year. Judge Hallinan then returned to the rostrum and introduced the veteran patients seated in the wheel chairs. At the conclusion of the introductions the entire gathering stood for an ovation to the Veterans.

Chairman Hallinan spoke in appreciation of the support that he and the members of the Commission had received from Elk ladies during the year. He particularly stressed how much more effective the Veterans Service Commission program is when wives and daughters work in cooperation with members as a team.

Capt. McLean Introduced

Chairman Hallinan then introduced Captain James B. McLean, U. S. Navy, Commander of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. The largest Commission's fraternal center is at Waukegan near Great Lakes, and each year about 20,000 trainees enjoy the opportunity of using this center. On behalf of Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas, Captain McLean presented Brother Bede Armstrong, Director of the center, with a United States Navy Citation.

Judge Hallinan next introduced Brother William Lauer and expressed his appreciation for the support he had given to the Commission as Illinois State Chairman of the Service Commission program.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan introduced Floyd Brown, Field Representative of the Commission, and Bryan McKeogh, Executive Director, and expressed his appreciation of their splendid work during the year.

One of the highlights of the Convention then followed when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner came to the rostrum for a special presentation. Mr. Kepner, who is a member of the Commission, spoke eloquently of an experience he had in Los Angeles during the Convention two years ago when he

One of the most dramatic moments of the Grand Lodge Convention was when Garnett Shipley, Past Exalted Ruler of Martinsburg, W. Va., came to the stage in a wheel chair to receive a special award for his work in a veterans hospital. Brother Shipley's wife came to stage to be with him when the presentation was made. Standing to the rear of Brother Shipley and his wife from left are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, who introduced Brother Shipley, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission.



sat at luncheon next to a paraplegic veteran who was completely disabled and had to be helped by Mr. Kepner in order to eat. This instance brought home to Mr. Kepner how much the Order accomplishes if it can even in a small way help a veteran to improve his physical lot.

Lesson In Courage

Mr. Kepner then said that in the audience there was a remarkable example of rehabilitation of a veteran—Brother Garnett Shipley, who is a Past Exalted Ruler of Martinsburg, W. Va., Lodge. Brother Shipley in World War II received four purple hearts and at a late stage of the war as the result of a land mine explosion lost an arm and a leg. However, Mr. Kepner said that Brother Shipley did not give up and after his discharge from a Veterans Hospital developed such an active interest in working with veteran patients, because of his personal knowledge of their needs, that he had been chosen this year by the Elks National Service Commission as the outstanding leader in a Veterans Hospital in Martinsburg. Mr. Kepner asked that Brother Shipley, who was in a wheel chair, be brought to the platform and that his wife join him there. A presentation of a beautiful Past Exalted Ruler fountain pen desk set was made to Brother Shipley, and the entire gathering gave him a standing ovation.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, a member of the Commission, presented Donald LaRocque, Special Service Officer of Hines Veterans Hospital. Mr. LaRocque personally thanked the Elks for their service to this hospital.

Chairman Hallinan introduced James A. Parke, Chief of Volunteer Service, Dept. of Medicine and Surgery, of the Veterans Administration in Washington. Mr. Parke called the Elks veterans pro-

gram "democracy in action" and spoke very eloquently of the contrast between the inhuman treatment that the Communists accord their soldiers, as compared to the way our free world regards them with, for example, an organization such as the Elks, making veteran rehabilitation one of its major projects. Mr. Parke presented Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan with a "Certificate of Appreciation"

from the VAVS and then read a letter from Dr. William S. Middleton, Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Administration, expressing appreciation of the leadership of the Commission, as well as all Elks in planning for the Veteran patient discharge from hospitals to return home.

Judge Hallinan concluded by offering a Resolution that his report be adopted, that the 30 cents per capita tax be continued and that the Commission be increased by one member.

Judge Hallinan Thanked

The Grand Exalted Ruler warmly thanked Chairman Hallinan and other members of the Commission for this outstanding Report.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson was recognized to report for the Bruce A. Campbell Memorial Committee, of which Past Grand Exalted Rulers John S. McClelland, Henry C. Warner, Joseph B. Kyle and Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Nick H. Feder also are members. Mr. Nicholson said that after consultation with Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Campbell's son, a suitable monument had been planned and he offered a Resolution that the Grand Lodge appropriate \$4,200 to procure and erect it in the cemetery in East St. Louis, Ill., where Past Grand Exalted Ruler Campbell is buried.

After the Benediction by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Exalted Ruler declared the Third Business Session closed.

4TH BUSINESS SESSION

THE final Business Session opened Thursday morning, July 12, at 9:00 o'clock and immediately after the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain Robert E. Boney, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, was asked to give the final report of the 1956 registration:

Past Grand Exalted Rulers	22
Grand Lodge Officers	23
Grand Lodge Committeemen	38
District Deputies	141
Special District Deputies	6
Representatives	1,510
Alternates	85
Grand Lodge Members	902
Total	2,727

The total of 2,727 this year compares with 2,684 at the Philadelphia Convention last year.

Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Nick H. Feder gave the final Grand Lodge budget, after which he requested Secretary of the Board Horace R. Wisely to report on changes in Districts, there being several this year. Brother Wisely also stated that 24 Charters of new Lodges had been approved by the Board during the year.

Board member W. A. Wall offered a Resolution concerning revolving funds in

the Grand Lodge Emergency Fund, the purpose being to expedite the availability of the funds. This was adopted.

Board member Arthur M. Umlandt offered a Resolution paying tribute to Chairman Feder, who retired this year from the Board of Grand Trustees after rendering distinguished service. The Board was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial in appreciation of Brother Feder's outstanding work.

While Brother James Farley, former Postmaster General, was unable to attend the Convention this year, he sent a telegram expressing his regret and this was read by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern.

\$18,000 for Foundation

Brothers were then invited to bring to the rostrum any additional checks for the Elks National Foundation, and a total of \$2,500 was accepted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley for the Principal Fund. This brought the total number of contributions during the Convention to more than \$18,000.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow reported for the J. Edgar Masters Memorial Committee, of which

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and Walter Urben, Past Exalted Ruler of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, also are members. The Committee suggested that a plaque be placed on the wall of the Grand Secretary's office in memory of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Masters' 28 years of service as Grand Secretary, and that the balance of the \$4,200, which the Committee asked to be appropriated, be used to establish a J. E. Masters Memorial Fund as part of the Elks National Foundation.

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne reported on the Elks National Home Film Fund, which is supported each year by voluntary contributions of \$5 from subordinate lodges. This year Brother Hawthorne turned over \$6,600 to the Board of Grand Trustees to be used for film showings at the Elks National Home.

Lodge Activities Contest

Chairman of the Committee on Lodge Activities Edwin J. Alexander reported for his Committee. In the "Show Your Colors" contest in the group of lodges with over 1,000 members, Appleton, Wis., was placed first; Williamsport, Pa., second, and Vancouver, Wash., third. In the 500-1,000 group, Bellaire, Ohio, was placed first, Brownsville, Texas, second, and Norwich, N. Y., third. In the under 500 class, Leadville, Colo., was first, Mid City, Okla., second and Madera, Calif., third.

All the winning lodges received Certificates and the three first place winners received an unusual special award which Chairman Alexander obtained through the help of Past Wash. State President Russell V. Mack, who is a member of Congress. Through the cooperation of Brother Mack, three beautiful large flags were flown over the Capitol in Washington on Flag Day, and the architect of the Capitol provided a certificate affirming that fact. Each of the Exalted Rulers of the three first place lodges came to the platform to receive his flag.

Frank Hise, Chairman of the State Associations Committee, gave his Report. This year the Committee published a booklet on the institution and organiza-

tion of new lodges, and copies were given to State Presidents and Secretaries, District Deputies and Grand Lodge Committeemen. The booklet was so well received that it was reprinted. Chairman Hise then presented a trophy to the California Elks for being the first state in dispensations this year with a total of six, and also a trophy to New Jersey for being second with five dispensations. Total dispensations granted by the Grand Exalted Ruler were 28. Awards for the highest per capita donations in states to the Elks National Foundation then were given. Such per capita gifts were: Rhode Island first, \$1.28; North Carolina second, \$1.17, and Nebraska third, \$1.09.

In the Membership Control Program of the Committee, Certificates were awarded to the following states for qualifying with at least one lodge with 100 per cent paid up memberships: Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Illinois, California, New York, Maine, Tennessee, Michigan, Kansas, Ohio, South Dakota, New Jersey, Arizona, Oregon, Indiana and Arkansas. States with a membership gain of over five per cent receiving Certificates were: Alabama, Florida, Texas, California and Oregon. In the State Association Bulletin Contest, Rhode Island placed first; Wyoming, second, and Colorado, third.

Judiciary Committee

The next Report was that of the Committee on Judiciary, which was given by Chairman William S. Hawkins. He introduced the other members of his Committee: Judge John E. Fenton, Judge A. F. Bray and Jacob L. Sherman. Benjamin Watson, who replaced late Judge Payne, was unable to be present Thursday morning. Chairman Hawkins advised the delegates that the "Annotated Statutes—Reissue of 1955" was now available, and lodges should obtain it immediately since it supersedes the previous edition. Chairman Hawkins then offered several important amendments to the Statutes, which will be summarized in our September issue.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, Chairman of the Special Ritualistic Committee, of which Past Grand Exalted

Rulers John S. McClelland and E. Mark Sullivan also are members, came to the rostrum to explain a very important change in the Ritual involving the use of the flag at the altar. While the Elks have always treated the flag only with the greatest reverence, the United States has put into effect laws which make it advisable to change the Ritual. In the interest of cooperating with these laws, his Committee deemed it advisable to recommend a change in the Ritual whereby the flag will be placed at the right of the altar, rather than being placed under the Bible and antlers. This will involve several changes in the Ritual, and the new procedure will take place immediately upon the publication of the revision.

Convention Resolution

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis offered a Resolution whereby the Grand Lodge Convention Committee would be increased from five to six and that the 1957 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in San Francisco, July 14-18.

The Grand Exalted Ruler reappointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis for a six-year term on the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle for a five-year term on the Committee. Both appointments were confirmed.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker made membership control and increasing the Elks National Foundation Principal Fund major efforts in his program for the year. He announced the following results of the contests:

Lodges with highest percentage of individual contributions to the Foundation on the basis of membership as of March 31, 1955: First, Salisbury, N. C., 111.66 per cent; Second, Kingsville, Tex., 95.24 per cent; Third, Brevard, N. C., 53.53 per cent.

Lodges with greatest net gain in membership: First, Abilene, Tex., 533.9 per cent; Second, Fort Worth, Tex., 148.9 per cent; Third, Huntsville, Ala., 125.1 per cent.

Lodges with highest per capita contributions to the Foundation: First, Salisbury, N. C., \$12.76; Second, Gulfport, Miss., \$7.70; Third, San Benito, Tex., \$6.17.

Edward W. McCabe, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, announced the results of the National Ritualistic Contest. First place winner with an average of 94.5089 was Chattanooga, Tenn. As the new national champions the Chattanooga Lodge received a check for \$1,000 and the Raymond Benjamin trophy, which is a bronze plaque offered annually by Napa, Calif., Lodge, in honor of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin.

Second place winner of \$500 and trophy was El Centro, Calif., with a score of 94.3800. Third place winner of \$250 and trophy was Anderson, S. C.,

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Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, right, turns over the badge of office to the new Grand Exalted Ruler, Fred L. Bohn, as Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, who nominated Brother Bohn, looks on.

Memorial Services

ON TUESDAY MORNING, July 10th, at the hour of eleven, the Grand Lodge Memorial Services of the 92nd Convention opened in the Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, with a capacity gathering of Elks and their ladies present.

The setting on stage for the services was impressive with a background of ferns and white floral arrangements surrounding a white altar. At the opening of the Services, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman of the Memorial Service Committee this year, the other members being Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and Joseph B. Kyle, made brief remarks about the meaning of the Services, after which Grand Chaplain Right Reverend William A. Brown gave the Invocation.

Miss Virginia Sellers, Soprano Soloist, who is gifted with an exceptional voice, sang "Ave Maria", and the Aberdeen, S. D., Elks Chorus followed with an inspiring rendition of "The Lord's Prayer".

Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan delivered the General Eulogy and took for the theme of his remarks how Elkdom has contributed to the growth of our country. Charles Vivian, founder of the Order, was an immigrant to America with an ideal of fraternity and it has been by welcoming immigrants of his character to a land of freedom and prosperity that we have grown

as "a mixing bowl" for all nations. Mr. Sullivan eloquently traced the growth of the country to its present position and how Elks, living and dead, have been an integral part of its progress.

The Muscatine, Ia., Elks Chanters sang "The Twenty-third Psalm" beautifully, and then Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner delivered the eulogy to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, who passed away last September. "A life-time of intensive activity ended with the death of Bruce A. Campbell", Mr. Warner said in opening his eulogy. Mr. Warner spoke movingly of Mr. Campbell's career, not only as an Elk, but as an eminent attorney, who was gifted with a faculty not only for making friends, but for responding to situations requiring wisdom and judgment. Mr. Warner particularly noted the unflinching assistance Mr. Campbell had gained throughout his career from his widow, Mrs. Beulah Campbell, who had at all times been at his side as a helpmate. As Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner said, "Bruce A. Campbell had a splendid faculty of solving complicated problems, and his friends were important to him."

After Miss Sellers sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Watson gave a eulogy to late Judge Jay Payne, who at the time of his passing recently, at the age of 58,

was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary and, as Mr. Watson said, "one of the most illustrious Elks in the history of Michigan." Brother Watson spoke of Judge Payne's steady rise in Elkdom, and particularly the zeal and fervor he bestowed upon the Elks National Foundation and the Youth Program. He unceasingly labored in its behalf. "We are poorer for having lost Jay Payne, but richer for having known him," Brother Watson said in concluding his eulogy.

Grand Chaplain Brown then gave the Benediction, following which the Aberdeen Elks Chorus, together with the Muscatine Elks Chanters, sang "Auld Lang Syne." This impressive Grand Lodge Memorial Service was concluded with "Taps", with buglers echoing the notes from opposite ends of the ballroom.

Stage of Ballroom in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, as the Grand Lodge Memorial Services opened with soloist Virginia Sellers, standing at left, singing Schubert's "Ave Maria". Seated from left: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and E. Mark Sullivan, Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Benjamin F. Watson and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland. Seated from left at other side of the stage are Grand Chaplain Rev. William A. Brown, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, Grand Esquire Alfred E. LaFrance and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. Choral groups in front of the stage are, left, Aberdeen, S.D., Elks Chorus and right, the Muscatine, Ia., Elks Chanters.



ROD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

August heat and sunshine are fine for vacationists—but not always for bass.



NO THING helps the fishing like fish. Sunshine, no doubt, is beneficial; soft clouds drifting across a blue sky are lovely to look at; the twittering of the dickie birds is sweet music to the ear, and the rich, ripening odors of late summer delight the nostril. But they ain't fish. They help, like French fries help steak, but nobody wants a straight potato diet.

It is unfortunate that most vacations come in August. August is a wonderful time not to be working, but it is a poor time to catch fish. Bass, especially—and bass are the universal favorite, found in every state—like an August vacation, too.

The trouble is, in most places the in-shore waters we usually fish get too warm. A bass, like a man, tries to stay comfortable. Along in July sometime—the exact date, of course, depends on the temperature—bass begin to move away from shore into deeper, cooler water.

So Daddy gets his vacation and he takes the family to Lake Wottalottamosquito and the kids get sunburned and mamma does her regular work without any of her regular conveniences and Daddy fishes. Every day, he fishes. But unless he has his mind fixed so he can think like a bass—a process that requires hundreds of days on lake and stream—he probably won't catch many.

There are anglers with bass-like minds who do catch them, however, even during dog days. The trick is to fish in the right place at the right time. That's all, and it sounds so simple. Like poker, however, the principles are much easier to understand than to apply.

One of the first has to do with temperature. A fish has no built-in thermostat, like the mammals, so his body temperature always is the same as that of the water surrounding it. To be comfortable he has to go where the water is comfortable. This means that bass move away from shore during hot weather.

They still have to eat, however, and most of their food—minnows, frogs, crawfish, mice and other delicacies—is more abundant near shore. The bass come in to get it when the water is most comfortable. This means late in the evening, at night and early in the morning.

In August, I like to lie in the shade

during the heat of the day. Late in the afternoon, I eat my dinner and then start out fishing a little after sunset. The lake usually is glassy calm. Maybe nothing happens for a while, but before long the aquatic creatures begin their night-time activity. I hear a frog plunge off the bank. A bluegill pops among the lily pads as he takes an insect off the surface. A rock bass plunges after a low-hovering dragonfly. There are signs that the bass soon will be moving inshore, and I paddle slowly and silently along the edge of the vegetation.

SUDDENLY I see the clue for which I have been waiting. There is a violent flurry near the edge of the reeds. Spray flies briefly and then a V-shaped ridge moves slowly out from shore. Quick, now, but careful. I lay the paddle across the gunwales, pick up my fly rod and work out line. The cork bug drops softly to the water six feet ahead of the spreading V. I let it lie an instant, then twitch it gently. Again.

The water just bursts open. Drops arch skyward and shower back. The bug is gone. I strike to drive the barb home by raising the tip sharply. The first bass of the evening is safely hooked.

Fishing should continue good from that

moment until dark—or as late as I feel like staying at it. In fact, more and more bass often move into the feeding areas near shore as the evening progresses. Soon it is no longer necessary to cast to individual feeding fish. They are everywhere. I push the canoe along with an occasional paddle stroke and cover the water with my bug as I go. Strikes come more frequently as the evening progresses.

The only exception I have found to this—provided the bass come in at all—is when there is a moon. I have never caught bass on surface lures, either bugs or plugs, when the moon was shining on the water. Many times I have caught them in the shadow of a cloud or hill but failed to do so when I drifted into the light of the moon.

When the moon is bright, however, I have taken bass on a deep-running lure, such as a silver spoon with pork rind, fished near the bottom. Why? I don't know. I can't think like a bass.

Sometimes the bass don't move into the shallows in the evening. Then, instead of fishing vainly away into the wee small hours, I go back to the cabin and get to bed. Chances are, they'll be there early in the morning. The hours around

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Photo by Ted Trueblood



One of the best things about the largemouth bass is the exciting way in which he jumps trying to dislodge the hook.

WHEN IT COMES TO COOPERATION...

the Elks National Service Commission is right on top



Below: Cooperation among the subordinate lodges in adding to the benefits for our hospitalized veterans by augmenting the funds supplied for this work by the National Service Commission was evidenced when the Illinois Chairman for the Commission, William A. Lauer, center, accepted a \$1,000 check from his own lodge, Chicago South, represented by its Junior P.E.R. William Mulhall, right. J. Paul Kuhn, a member of the Grand Forum, was a pleased witness to this gesture of generosity.

Above: Cooperation in VA work in Georgia is epitomized in the Elks Cheerio Committee of Atlanta which recently celebrated ten years of service to the Atlanta VA Hospital. Appropriately, the event took place at the Hospital with Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, representing the Elks National Service Commission which sponsors the Cheerio Committee's work, reviewing the history of the Order's service to our veterans. Hospital Mgr. Dr. W. H. Thiele welcomed the celebrants at the program for which Secy. Tom Brisendine of Atlanta Lodge was Master of Ceremonies. Here, Judge McClelland, third from left, looks on as Mrs. V. S. West, wife of Atlanta Lodge's Exalted Ruler, cuts the birthday cake while members of the Committee and a few of the many patients who shared in the festivities look on.



Below: Cooperation in aiding our veterans in Kansas is represented by this photograph which points out the mutual participation of the Leavenworth Elks' Youth Activities and Veterans Service Committees in an entertainment program at the Wadsworth VA Hospital. It shows the youngsters, poised for action, who took part in an eleven-bout boxing card under the auspices of the Leavenworth Elks, some of whom are pictured at ringside, in the background.

Above: Cooperation of the California Elks in their outstanding leather processing for VA Hospitals throughout the country have made it possible to train many veterans in leatherworking, as these finished products reveal. The photograph, taken on Veterans Night when State Chairman Robert N. Traver and his Committee visited Inglewood, Calif., Lodge, includes, left to right, George Perry of Inglewood, Inner Guard Jack Fullington of Santa Monica, host E.R. Bill Kimmerle, Gail Shellhaas, Chairman Traver, Program Chairman Frank Marsh, R. V. Reilly of Santa Monica and P.E.R. Leslie Whealy of Ontario.



ELKS LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

WE 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 fifth 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.

CONNECTICUT (Continued from July)

WALLINGFORD *Cocktail Lounge*
WATERBURY *Cocktail Lounge*
WEST HAVEN *Cocktail Lounge*
WESTBROOK *Dinner (Sat. only)*
Cocktail Lounge
WILLIMANTIC *Bar*
WINSTED *Cocktail Lounge*

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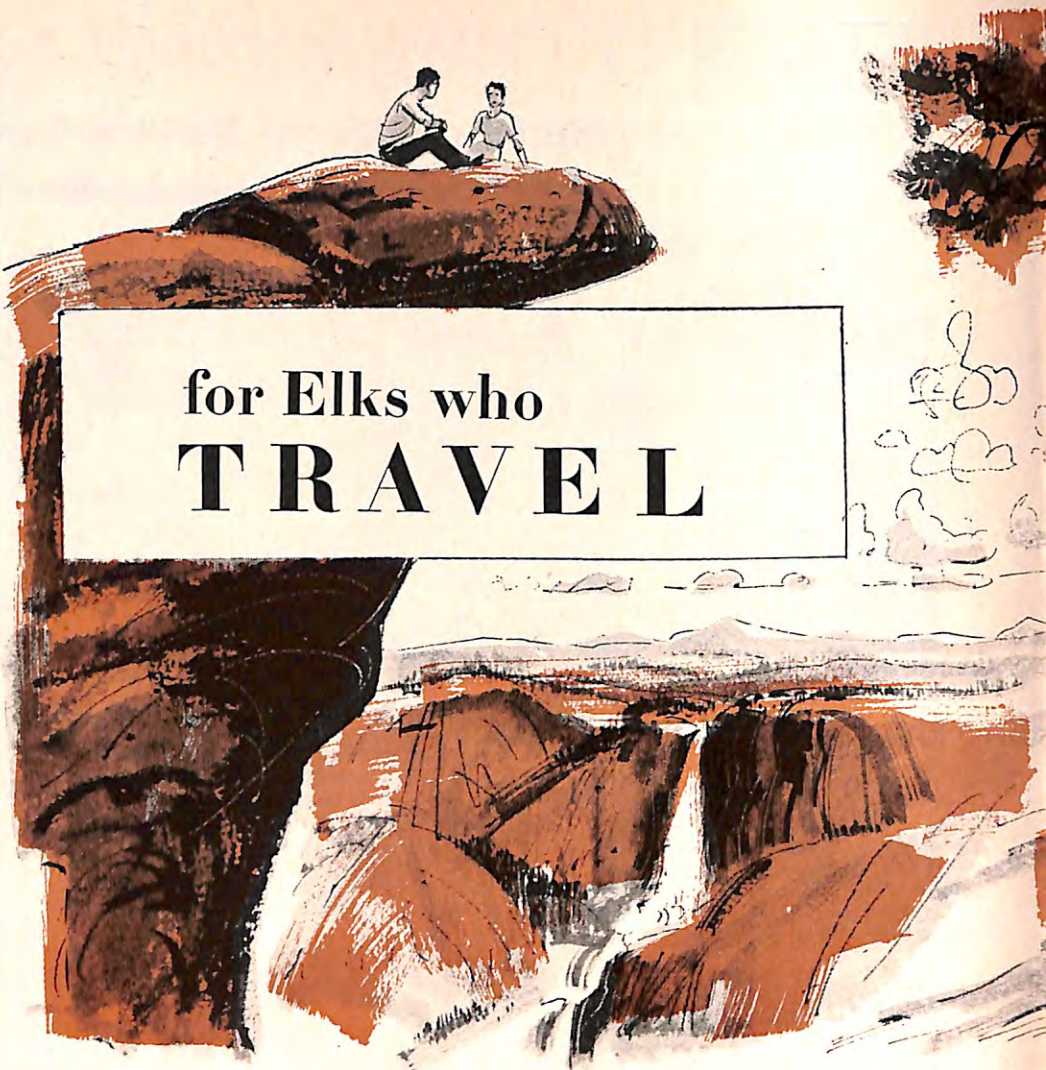
DOVER *Cocktail Lounge*
WILMINGTON *Bar*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. *Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner & Cocktail Lounge*

FLORIDA

ARCADIA *No Accommodations*
BELLE GLADE *Cocktail Lounge*
CLEARWATER *Lunch, Cocktail Lounge*
CLEWISTON *Cocktail Lounge*
COCOA *Lunch, Bar*
CORAL GABLES *Lunch-Dinner*
(Winter only) Cocktail Lounge
DAYTONA BEACH *Lunch & Dinner*
Cocktail Lounge
DE LAND *Cocktail Lounge*
DELRAY BEACH *Cocktail Lounge*
EUSTIS *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*
FT. LAUDERDALE *Lunch & Dinner, Bar*
FORT MYERS *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*
FORT PIERCE *Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner*
Cocktail Lounge
FORT WALTON *Bar*
GAINESVILLE *Cocktail Lounge*
GREEN COVE SPRINGS
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HIALEAH *Bar*
HOMESTEAD *Bar*
JACKSONVILLE *Cocktail Lounge*
JACKSONVILLE BEACH
Cocktail Lounge
KEY WEST *Bar*
KISSIMMEE *Cocktail Lounge*
LAKE CITY *Cocktail Lounge*
LAKE WORTH *Cocktail Lounge*
LAKELAND *Rooms (Elks & Wives)*
Lunch & Dinner, Cocktail Lounge
LIVE OAK *Dinner*
MADEIRA BEACH (HOLIDAY ISLES)
Lunch & Dinner, Cocktail Lounge
MARIANNA *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*
MELBOURNE *Bar*
MIAMI *Breakfast & Lunch*
Cocktail Lounge
MIAMI BEACH *Cocktail Lounge*
NEW SMYRNA BEACH *Bar*
NORTH MIAMI *Lunch-Dinner (Fri.-Sun. only) Cocktail Lounge*
OCALA *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*
ORLANDO *Lunch & Dinner*
Cocktail Lounge
PAHOKEE *Cocktail Lounge*
PALATKA *Bar*
PANAMA CITY *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*
PENSACOLA *Bar*
(Florida to be continued)



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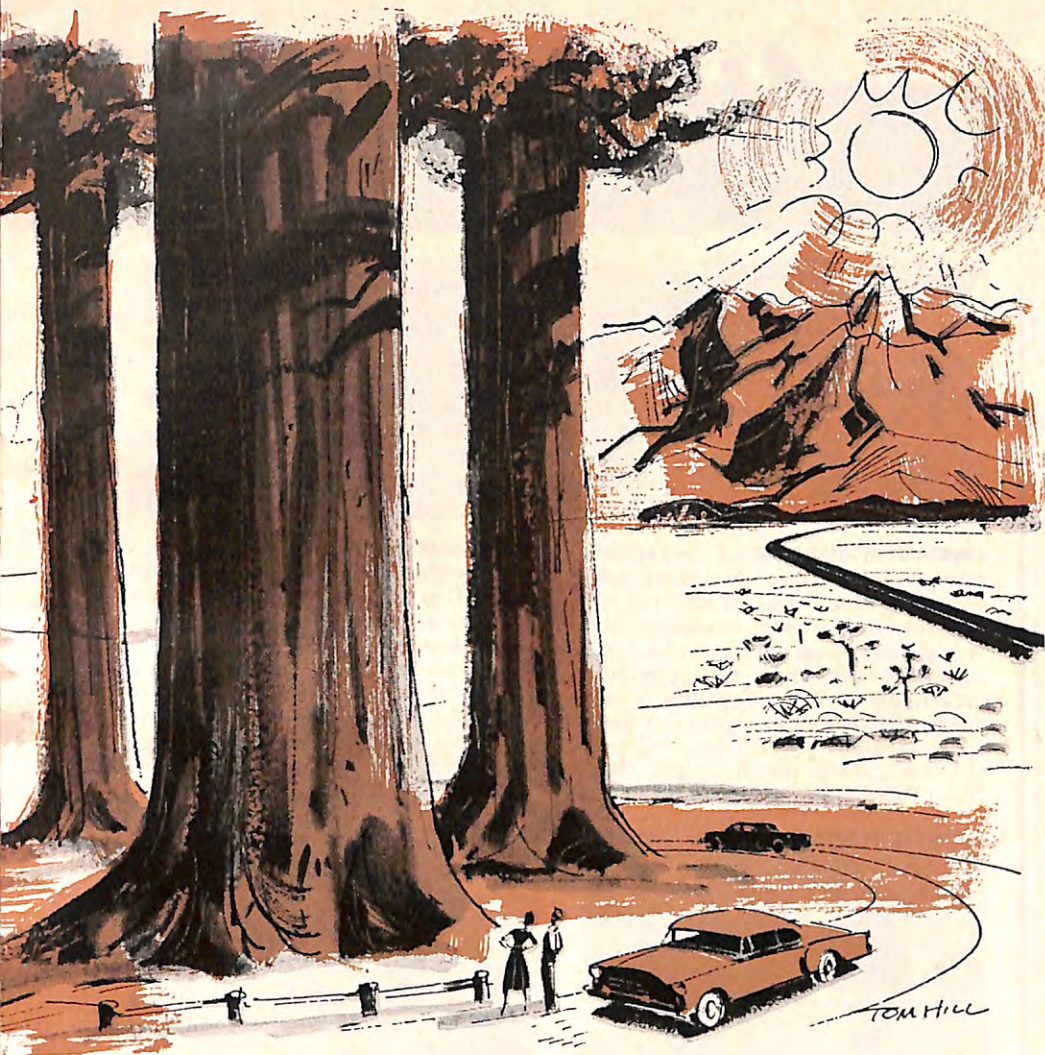
BY HORACE SUTTON

**Our National Parks and Forests are fine for
"getting away from it all" in humid weather.**

IF YOU been holed up in an office or an attic since the last time the good weather was with us, you are doubtless unfolding the folders and pawing the hardwood floor anxious for a go at the great outdoors. The outdoors doesn't come any greater (all right, quiet, down there in Texas!) than it does in California. A whole string of National Forests and National Parks virtually covers —by rough eye estimate—a strip two-thirds of the state long. This vast acreage of green includes Lassen Volcanic National Park, Plumas, Tahoe, Stanislaus, Toiyabe, Inyo, and Sierra National Forests. Tucked away in these woodlands —and they have been hung with handsome handles, haven't they?—are the rather formidable areas of Yosemite National Park, and Kings Canyon National Park. Despite the enormity of these National Parks they are completely (except for one small border area) contained within the tree-shaded confines of the National Forests.

Whereas it won't be possible to tell you of all the natural goodies that lurk in each forestland which the government has so thoughtfully preserved for us, still I would like to dally in a few reservations for the nonce. Now, then, Sequoia-Kings Canyon Park, a coalition of two areas that adjoin each other, is the nesting place of the great Sequoias, and is known, therefore, as the Park of the Giants. Some 600,000 citizens roll through the gates each year and wander among the 1,309 square miles of wilderness. (Just by way of comparison, Monaco—oh, you remember, Monaco—has a total land area of 0.6 miles.)

There are some thirty-five groves of giant trees in the park, and 12,000 of them are wider than ten feet in diameter. Two of the most famous trees, one named for General Grant, the other for General Sherman, are figured to be 4,000 years old, and to have enough lumber within their bark for each to supply the needs of forty five-room houses. (All right



ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL

builders, lay that power saw down.) Besides trees, the Park of the Giants also has giant mountains. Standing on the monolith of Moro Rock the gazer can gaze upon the Great Western Divide, a range of white-thatched peaks each over 12,000 feet high. The Park also contains Mount Whitney, which, at 14,495 feet, is the highest dome in the United States. And besides it, there are 50 peaks higher than 13,000 feet and 10 in the 14,000-foot class.

Accommodations in the Park include Giant Forest Lodge which offers bungalow-tent cottages and rustic cabins with private bath; Cap Kaweah, which offers housekeeping cabins; Grant Grove Lodge; Meadow Camp (similar to Kaweah), and several public camping grounds. Figure up to \$20 a day for two with meals, up to \$10 without in the flossiest establishments; up to \$20 a week for housekeeping cottages; and one dollar per automobile in the public camp grounds.

There are also all-expense tours of both one and two-day duration which take in escorted excursions to the big trees, meals and overnight lodging. This Park is 237 miles from Los Angeles, 274 miles from San Francisco, and the South-

ern Pacific, as an example, will get you from either place as far as Tulare where the Park stage rolls straight to Giant Forest Lodge over a scenic route in two and a half hours.

To the north of the Park of the Giants is Yosemite, the park of the waterfalls. It has—count 'em—five natural aquacades spilling over the cliffs. One, Upper Yosemite Fall, plunges 1,430 feet, which is to say about five times the distance of Niagara. Just under Upper Yosemite Falls is, naturally enough, I guess, Lower Yosemite Falls which drops 320 feet. Counting all the cascades in between and such, the whole drop of the fall from the very top to the very bottom is nearly 2,500 feet. Ribbon Fall cascades over the side for a tumble of 1,612 feet and famous Bridal Veil Fall drops 620 feet.

Besides all the waterfalls, Yosemite shows a number of effects of the glacial age, particularly the perpendicular granite peaks anywhere from 3,000 to 4,000 feet straight above the pine forests and the green valley floor. Yosemite also has big trees, and the Mariposa Grove has some 200 specimens ten feet in diameter. The Wawona Tree is 230 feet tall, and measures 27.5 at its most obese point. In

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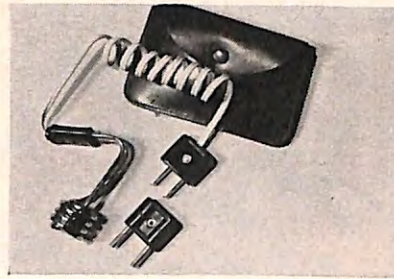
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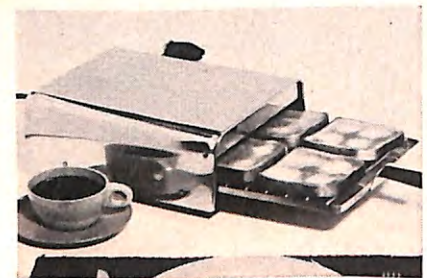
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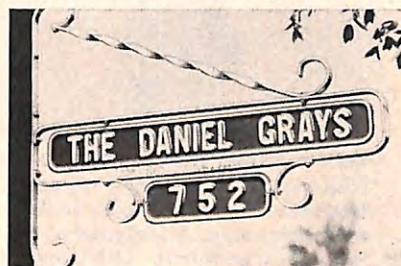
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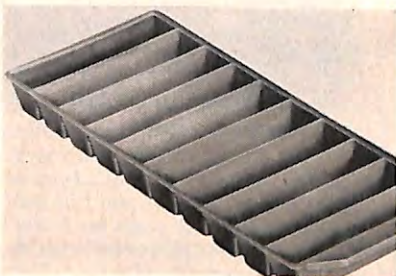
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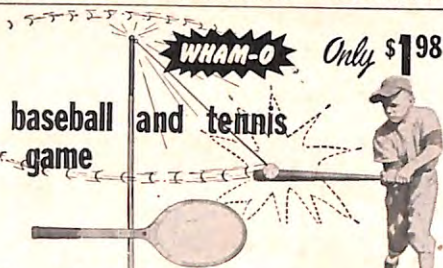
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In the July issue, we featured editorially an illustrated U. S. Coin Catalog of rare coins, offered for \$1.00 by Bybymail, Dept. 1, Box 488, Hempstead, N. Y. Mentioned as an example of a rare coin, was the "1908 silver dollar". This was a typographical error as coin collectors realized, since no silver dollars were minted that year. Copy should have read "1804", which was the date on the coin pictured.

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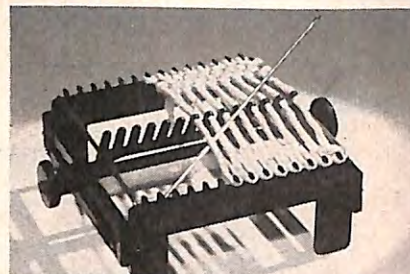
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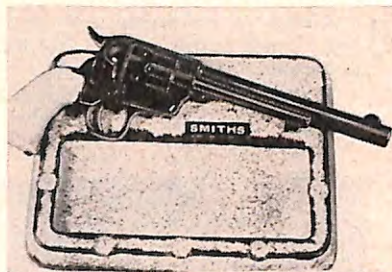
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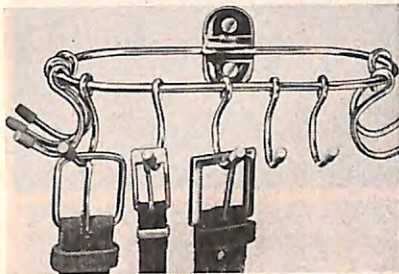
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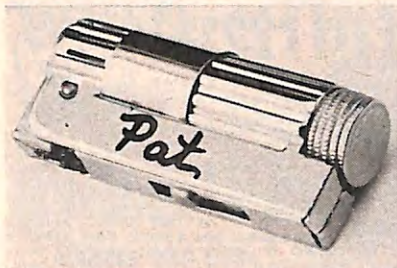
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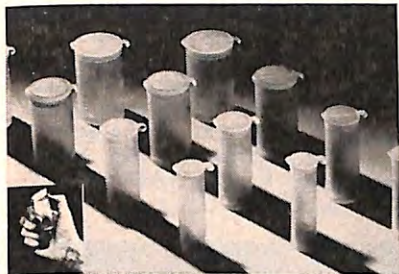
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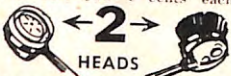
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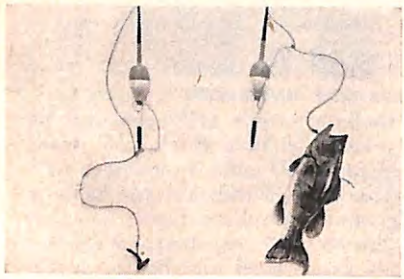


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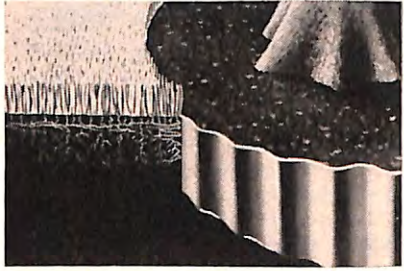
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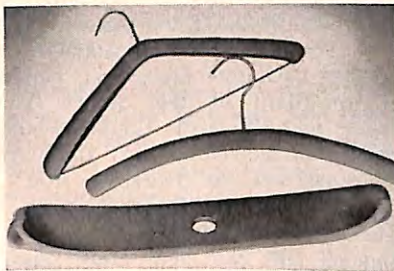
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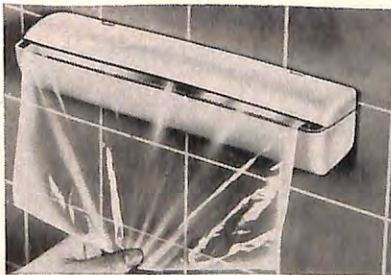
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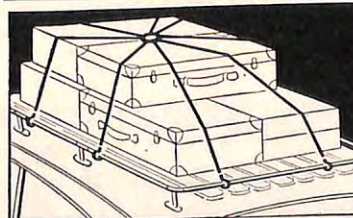
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NEW YORK'S MAYOR WAGNER SPEAKS AT STATE MEETING

Over 800 delegates applauded the address made by New York City's Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr., a P.E.R. of New York Lodge No. 1, at the opening session of the New York State Elks Assn. Convention. In his talk, Mayor Wagner gave high praise to the Association for its awarding of 51 scholarships totaling \$18,450 to high school and college students. Judge Hallinan presided at the Scholarship Awards session, and at a luncheon honoring the students and their parents, during the May 17th, 18th and 19th conclave held in New York City.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall presided as Toastmaster at a luncheon held in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, recently appointed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, on the closing day of the session. Among the 1,200 persons joining in this tribute were Albert E. Conway, Chief Judge of the N. Y. Court of Appeals; Gerald Nolan, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Dept.; Past State Pres. James A. Farley, former Postmaster General; Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson and William J. Jernick; Grand Trustee Ronald J. Dunn; Chief Justice John F. Scilleppi of the Grand Forum, and James A. Gunn, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities.

Mr. Hall installed the officers who will serve until the May 16th, 17th and 18th

Convention at Albany next year. They are Francis P. Hart, Watertown, Pres.; Wm. R. L. Cook, Queens Borough, Secy.; C. Y. Cushman, Binghamton, Treas.; Morris Goldstein, Little Falls, F. H. Crisp, Mamaroneck, L. P. VanDerberg, Haverstraw, T. J. Ryan, Plattsburg, J. W. O'Connor, Oswego, S. J. Smaldone, Glens Falls, and L. H. Taber, Canandaigua, Vice-Presidents, and J. F. Burke, Oneida, Ellsworth McDole, Ellenville, F. W. Fitzgerald, Saranac Lake, F. E. Connell, Oswego, P. A. Buchheim, Albany, and Wm. M. Mahaney, Dunkirk, Trustees.

Norwich Lodge won first place in the Ritualistic Contest, with Lockport second and Lynbrook third. Public Memorial Services featured a eulogy to Past President T. Emmett Ryan and an address by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick.

Special features included a golf tournament with 90 participants, and a ball in honor of the organization's retiring President, Franklin J. Fitzpatrick.

OKLAHOMA ELKS GATHER AT OKLAHOMA CITY

The 49th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Elks Assn., took place May 11th, 12th and 13th at Oklahoma City, with Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. John L. Walker as guests of honor. It was at this meeting that the Floyd Hyer Trophy was awarded to Claremore Lodge in recognition of its having contributed more money to the Elks National Foundation than any other lodge in the State.

In his report on this work for the

Assn., Mr. Hyer, who resigned his Chairmanship at this meeting, stated that during his three years as head of this Committee, Oklahoma's Participating Members had increased from three to 96, Honorary Founders Certificates from three lodges to 13, with six lodges paying on Permanent Benefactors Certificates, and two individuals holding Honorary Founders Certificates.

Highlights of this meeting which climaxed Mr. Walker's trip through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, and back into Oklahoma, included the rewarding of the State's Youth Leaders and Scholastic Contest winners, and the announcement that Holdenville Lodge had won the Ritualistic title.

Lawton Lodge will be host to the organization's October meeting, and the following are the new State officers: Pres., Temple Benbrook, Woodward; 1st Vice-Pres., Bert Wysor, Holdenville; 2nd Vice-Pres., J. M. Paulk, Altus; 3rd Vice-Pres., Clarence Dietz, Sapulpa; Treas., Clair Hill, Shawnee. Retiring Pres. John W. Coons of Bartlesville is the new Secretary.

WADE H. KEPNER ADDRESSES KENTUCKY STATE CONCLAVE

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner stressed the growing need for, and rewards of, Elk lodge activity on a community level in his address before the delegates to the Kentucky Elks Assn. Convention on May 11th. Over 400 Elks and their wives registered for the three-day 48th annual meeting which opened on the 10th with Ashland Lodge as host.

At the final business session, the following officers were elected and installed by P.D.D. Clyde R. Levi, Past Pres.: William Gresham of Princeton as Pres.; Steve J. Banahan of Lexington, 1st Vice-Pres.; W. C. Wilson, Henderson, 2nd Vice-Pres.; J. D. Biancke, Cynthiana, 3rd Vice-Pres.; George M. Rock, Paducah, Secy-Treas., and J. P. Ratcliffe, Ashland, Trustee.

At this session, J. Edward Stahl of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee presented two \$400 scholarships—one



With some of the 51 students who received a total of \$18,450 in scholarships from the New York Elks Assn. during its recent Convention in New York City are, beginning third from left, left to right foreground, Past State Pres. Stephen McGrath, Chief Justice John F. Scilleppi of the Grand Forum, Past Pres. J. Theodore Moses, Past Grand Exalted Rulers

George I. Hall and James T. Hallinan, retiring State Pres. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, State Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. F. Quinn, State Pres.-Elect Francis P. Hart, James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Past Pres. George A. Swalbach and Chairman T. Lawrence Cusick of the N. Y. State Elks Scholarship Committee.

from the Grand Lodge and one from the Assn.—to Dottie Jean Boyd of Princeton and to Charles G. Wade of Covington.

At the annual banquet, E.R. David Aronberg presided, introducing Hon. Simeon S. Willis, former Governor of the State and a member of the host lodge, who delivered an interesting history of the Order. W. E. Kazee was General Chairman for the meeting which closed with a ball, beauty contest and the decision to meet at Owensboro next year.

KANSAS ELKS VOTE \$1,000 TO FOUNDATION

During the Kansas Elks Assn. Convention at Wichita May 4th, 5th and 6th, the delegates voted to make a \$1,000 contribution to the Elks National Foundation, in addition to its traditional gifts to the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita and to the Kansas Children's Home and Service League.

Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. John L. Walker, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and H. L. Blackledge of the Grand Forum and his wife were special guests at the conclave for which registration ran to about 815 persons who saw 14 teams entered in the Ritualistic Contest won by Ottawa Lodge.

Tom H. Lowman of McPherson is the new President of this group, with W. A. Dawson of Russell, L. D. Rice of Lawrence, W. C. Nunn of Winfield and George Gould of Dodge City as Vice-Presidents. Clay Hedrick of Newton is Treas. while Fred H. Kelly of Salina continues as Secy. Carlos Wood of Liberal is Trustee, and Rev. Fr. Francis W. Zimkosky of Goodland is again Chaplain.

NEW MEXICO ELKS INCREASE CEREBRAL PALSY EFFORT

Approval of a new budget for its cerebral palsy work and brace shop, an additional project for this group, will cost the New Mexico Elks Assn. \$30,000 this year—\$10,000 over the total spent for cerebral palsy in 1955-56 under the Chairmanship of Fred Dilley, Jr., of Roswell, the Assn.'s new President. This decision was made at the May 10th, 11th and 12th meeting at Santa Fe with 800 persons, including 150 official delegates, present. All 16 lodges participated in the Ritualistic Contest, with Carlsbad, which will be host to the 1957 Meeting, taking the title for the third time.

Distinguished guests on hand for this very successful meeting included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thomp-



Dignitaries on hand in Santa Fe for the New Mexico Elks Assn. Convention included, left to right, Treas. A. Mandell, Chaplain Julian L. Pierce and Trustees Henry Balocca, retiring Chairman, J. E. Box, W. T. Haldeman and J. B. Thompson, D.D. Louis Garrison, Pres. K. V. Crowder of the Arizona Elks Assn., Past State Pres. Ashley Thompson, retiring Pres. Dante Vaio, New Mexico's Governor John F. Simms, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Jacob L. Sherman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee and P.D.D. Campbell F. Rice.

son. Jacob L. Sherman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. Pres. K. V. Crowder of the Arizona Elks Assn. and Gov. John F. Simms of New Mexico, who was the Convention's special speaker.

Elected with Mr. Dilley are Vice-Presidents James Carpenter, Farmington, and James Baird, Las Cruces; Secy. H. G. Zike, Roswell; Treas. A. Mandell, Clovis; Chaplain Julian L. Pierce, Alamogordo; Tiler J. E. Elliott, Raton; Trustees James Thompson, Albuquerque, R. E. Menapace, Gallup, J. E. Box, Hobbs, W. T. Haldeman, Artesia, and S. J. Woodin, Albuquerque.

JUDGE ATWELL HONORED AT TEXAS ELKS' BANQUET

Guest of honor and principal speaker at the banquet held during the Texas Elks Assn. Convention at Fort Worth was Judge William Hawley Atwell. Past Grand Exalted Ruler and long-time member of Dallas Lodge, Judge Atwell, celebrating his 87th birthday, was the subject of a skit based on the "This Is Your Life Program" of TV fame, when Past State Pres. Dr. D. E. Biser narrated the judge's life as a man, a jurist and a devoted Elk.

The event climaxed the four-day meeting which opened June 6th and was dedicated to the memory of Emmett C. Bunch who passed away just six weeks prior to the close of his term as Association President. Serving in his stead as presiding officer was Interim-President Howard E. Stapleton, ably assisted by several former leaders of the State group.

Distinguished guests of the 610 delegates at this 31st Annual Meeting included Representative Floyd Brown of the Elks National Service Commission,

Past Pres. Robert Cunningham of the New Mexico Elks Assn., and Past Pres. John Coons of the Oklahoma Elks Assn., who served as judges in the Ritualistic Contest won by El Paso Lodge, with Lubbock's entry in second place.

Chairman H. B. Livingston of the Assn.'s Elks National Foundation Committee awarded trophies to San Benito, Kingsville and Lubbock Lodges for their outstanding efforts in behalf of the Foundation, and Youth Activities Chairman Chas. C. Bowie of San Benito made awards to the State Youth Leaders, Herman Burton and Beverlie R. Fassnidge, and second-place Leaders Glen G. Guillet and Marilyn Sue Goldstein. San Benito and Galveston Lodges were rewarded for their outstanding Youth Programs.

Traditional Memorial Services were conducted, with Mr. Bunch eulogized by State Secy. Harold S. Rubenstein, and Past Pres. George Strauss honoring the memory of P.D.D. John Schmidt of Brownsville who was serving as Chairman of the Assn.'s Trustees at the time of his death.

Mr. Bowie was elected President of this organization, with Mr. Rubenstein of Brenham again serving as Secy. Vice-Presidents are Ray Stubbs, Laredo; James A. Cates, Waco; E. C. Hartrick, Baytown; Les Fulcher, Wichita Falls; Marlon B. Savage, San Angelo, and H. E. Dew, Tyler. Reese B. Lockett of Brenham is Treasurer. Elected to an eight-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Institute is W. P. Howle of Wichita Falls. Trustees for the Association are Lloyd W. Burwick of McAllen and Jack Petoskey of Midland.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton pictured as he delivered his address at the Alabama Elks Assn. Convention banquet in Mobile. Looking on are host E.R. G. M. Bailey and Est. Loyal Knight C. L. Givens.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Pennsylvania	Reading	Aug. 19-20-21-22
Dela., Md., and D. C.	Easton, Md.	Aug. 23-24-25-26
West Virginia	Parkersburg	Aug. 23-24-25
Virginia	Hampton	Aug. 25-26-27-28
Tennessee	Gallinburg	Sept. 13-14-15
Colorado	Loveland	Sept. 20-21-22

FLAGSTAFF SCENE OF FOUR-DAY ARIZONA ELKS CONVENTION

Nearly 1,000 persons from all over the State converged on Flagstaff June 6th, for the Arizona Elks Assn.'s four-day conclave. Accompanied by their wives, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis were guests of the Convention, along with Pres. Jim B. Nielsen of the Calif. Elks Assn., and New Mexico Elks Assn. Pres. Fred Dilley, Jr., and Past Pres. Dante Vaio.

Nogales Lodge held on to its State Ritualistic title in a contest judged by Ronald R. Bringman of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, D.D. Oscar W. Stutheit of Calif., and P.E.R.'s from lodges of California and Nevada. The host lodge's team won the golf tournament, with the individual trophy taken by Yuma Elk C. D. Miller.

At the banquet attended by over 1,000 persons, Mr. Lewis presented \$400 scholarship awards to the State's leading boy and girl. Mr. Walker received an official certificate from Arizona's Secy. of State, Wesley Bolin, adopting the Order's leader as an Arizonan.

Elected to office were L. Cedric Austin, Phoenix, Pres.; John D. Frakes, Tucson, 1st Vice-Pres.; Joseph Weidinger, Winslow, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Alex W. Crane, Phoenix, Treas.; Warren Strom, Miami, William Young, Safford, and Ben Brokaw, Mesa, Trustees; and Kermit Greer, Tucson, Scott Garland, Tucson, Ray Swift, Mesa, Leo Gavagan, Phoenix, and Clarence Carpenter, Miami, comprise the Hospital Executive Committee.

The meeting closed with the decision to meet next May at Nogales.

NEVADA ELKS WELCOME L. A. LEWIS

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis was a moving speaker at the Trophy Banquet held April 14th, the final day of the 32nd Annual Convention of the Nevada Elks Assn. at Boulder City. Other California visitors to this conclave, attended by 300 Elks and their ladies, were Jim B. Nielsen, Pres. of the Calif. Elks Assn., Past State Pres. Vincent H. Grocott, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee who delivered the Memorial Services address, and D.D. C. Wallace Ericson. Additional out-of-State visitors included D.D. Duncan G. Graham of Arizona North, and Chairman William Choisser of the Ariz. State Elks Ritualistic Committee.

Las Vegas bowlers won their tournament cup, with Winnemucca capturing the Horse Show Tournament trophy. Ely Lodge's entry defeated the 1955 State Championship Ritualistic Team from Boulder City which won second place honors this year.

Retiring Pres. Leonard P. Davis presided at this session during which P.E.R. Harley Harmon of Las Vegas was elected Chairman of the Assn.'s Crippled

Photographed at the ceremonies dedicating the Oregon Elks Assn.'s Eye Clinic for children at the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital were, left to right, Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, former Chairman Edgar W. Smight of the State Board of Higher Education, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and retiring Pres. M. P. Coopey.



Children's Committee. Until the 1957 Convention in Hawthorne, these men will be responsible for the Assn.'s activities: Pres., John M. Billings, Hawthorne; Vice-Pres., No., James Starr, Winnemucca; Vice-Pres., So., W. Otis Wright, Las Vegas; Sgt.-at-Arms, Jack Smith, Ely; Secy.-Treas., Carl C. Merrill, Boulder City, and Trustee, O. K. Adcock, Las Vegas.

OREGON ELKS CONVENTION

A record registration of 3,047 Elks, added to 200 non-registered late-comers, made Seaside a very busy place the last day of May and the first two in June when the Oregon State Elks Assn. Convention took place there. Among the distinguished guests on hand were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, D.D.'s H. M. Randall, W. L. Davis and Jack Judson, P.D.D. Elmo Angele and former Grand Lodge Committeemen Albert H. Hodler and Albert W. Wagner.

On the 31st, Astoria Elksdom was host to 125 Club managers and Secretaries at a banquet and on the same day about 450 members saw the State Championship Ritualistic Team from Oregon City initiate a class of eight candidates for Seaside Lodge.

Pres. Martin Coopey presided at the business meetings during which it was decided that the 1957 Convention would take place at Coos Bay, with Ontario the site of the Midwinter Session.

The officers elected at this time are Pres. D. V. Bulger, Portland; Vice-Presidents Vern Moore, Klamath Falls, Jack Judson, Ontario, J. H. Moore, Prineville, and Warren Randle, Albany; Secy. Harold Harp, Tillamook; Sgt.-at-Arms Fred Stefani, Oregon City; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms John Graham, Salem; Tiler Ned R. Gee, Baker; Chaplain Clarence Hale, Hood River; Inner Guard A. J. Beeler, McMinnville, and Trustees David E. Starks, Jr., Gresham, Otto Streitburger, Myrtle Creek, Otto Sanders, Baker, William H. Warden, Lebanon, and Neil Smith, Burns.

Many enjoyable social events were offered, including the banquet and dance on June 1st, and a 50-unit parade on the 2nd with the Tillamook Drum and Bugle

Corps taking first place. Following the parade, a picnic lunch was served to about 2,200 persons and a Drill Team Contest took place with the Beaverton Men's Team and the Portland Ladies' Team taking top honors.

Seaside golfers won the team titles in that contest with Johnny Rippet of that lodge capturing individual low gross honors. Flight winners were Chet Patton, Tillamook; Ed Wheaton, LaGrande; Harry Swanson, Astoria, tying with John Gunst, Portland, and L. Stout, Albany, tying with Chet Gustafson, Seaside.

Bob Wetmore of Portland won the singles in the Ragtime Bowling Tournament, with George Muncer and Boyd Mabry of Seaside capturing the doubles title. Tillamook's gunners won the Trapshoot Contest over 12 other teams, with McMinnville Elk Briggs the top individual shooter and Van Tress of Tillamook the No. 1 handicap rifleman.

JEROME AND GOODING ELKS HOSTS TO IDAHO DELEGATES

With Sun Valley as the setting, the members of Jerome and Gooding Lodges were co-hosts to the Idaho State Elks Assn. Convention, when U.S. Senator Herman Welker, a member of Weiser Lodge, was guest speaker at the impressive Memorial Services conducted by Burley Lodge officers. A total of 415 persons attended the May 11th, 12th and 13th meeting, during which it was voted to authorize the Trustees of the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Center to buy and sell property and enter into contracts to start construction on the Association's new hospital at Boise.

The Boise Gleemen won first place in the Chorus Contest, with Idaho Falls a close second, and Twin Falls Lodge officials captured the State Ritualistic Championship.

Many fine entertainment features were enjoyed and the following were elected for the new term: Pres., Loris Winn, Moscow; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Fred Hilliard, Pocatello; Vice-Presidents: William MacKnight, Jerome, South; William Taylor, Blackfoot, East, and James Gridley, Coeur d'Alene, North; Secy., M. K. Cline, Moscow; five-year Trustee, A. L. Rossiter, Idaho Falls.

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with Ed Faust



In the Doghouse

This month Ed Faust writes about coats—
that is, varieties of dog coats.

THIS MONTH I'm going to cover three matters relating to your dog's coat, two of which he'll be grateful for my mentioning, while the third, if he could speak, he'd advise you to toss in the ash can and never read Faust again.

The first is the business of shedding, a process which is perhaps as annoying to him as it is to you or whoever is responsible for keeping your home looking neat and tidy. But let's begin at the beginning; there are five kinds of dog coats—the short-haired, the long-haired, the medium, the wiry and the silky. The short-coated pup is a cinch to take care of and the wiry is the most difficult of all to keep looking well groomed. From the short-coated to the silky fellow, all dogs shed, some bi-annually, getting rid of hair in large amounts which sometimes endows them with a moth-eaten appearance, while others shed continuously throughout the year. Now the shedding of a short-coated dog, particularly if the hair is white, can be a downright nuisance to a spic-and-span housekeeper and has been known to cause men possessed of strong vocabularies to invent still stronger words to express themselves. I'll say that this goes for all five of Fido's varieties of coat.

Among the heavy shedders there are some that change their clothes only once a year, but when they do—well, let's not go into that. When the dog is losing an excessive amount of hair he should get more than the usual amounts of fats and oils in his diet. This should be supplemented by a mild laxative occasionally, a teaspoonful will do mixed with three or four spoonfuls of water. For the chap who sheds lightly but continuously a well balanced diet which is provided in most of the better known commercial foods will furnish enough oils. Actually, the proper care of a dog's coat starts from within since the coat condition depends so much upon the nourishment that is fed into the bloodstream.

Before going any further, we'll note that Fido usually has two coats, an inner and an outer coat. The former more often is soft and fine while the latter may consist of any of the previously mentioned five coats. Every so often, but not often, you'll see a dog with only one coat. Among Welsh terriers I've owned or who have owned me in the past I had only one

dog with a single coat. I may add when it comes to grooming such a pup this takes a delicate hand, plus much experience, because almost before the groomer knows it he or she is right down to Fido's hide and nothing can be done to correct the dog's appearance but sit back patiently and await the arrival of a new growth of hair.

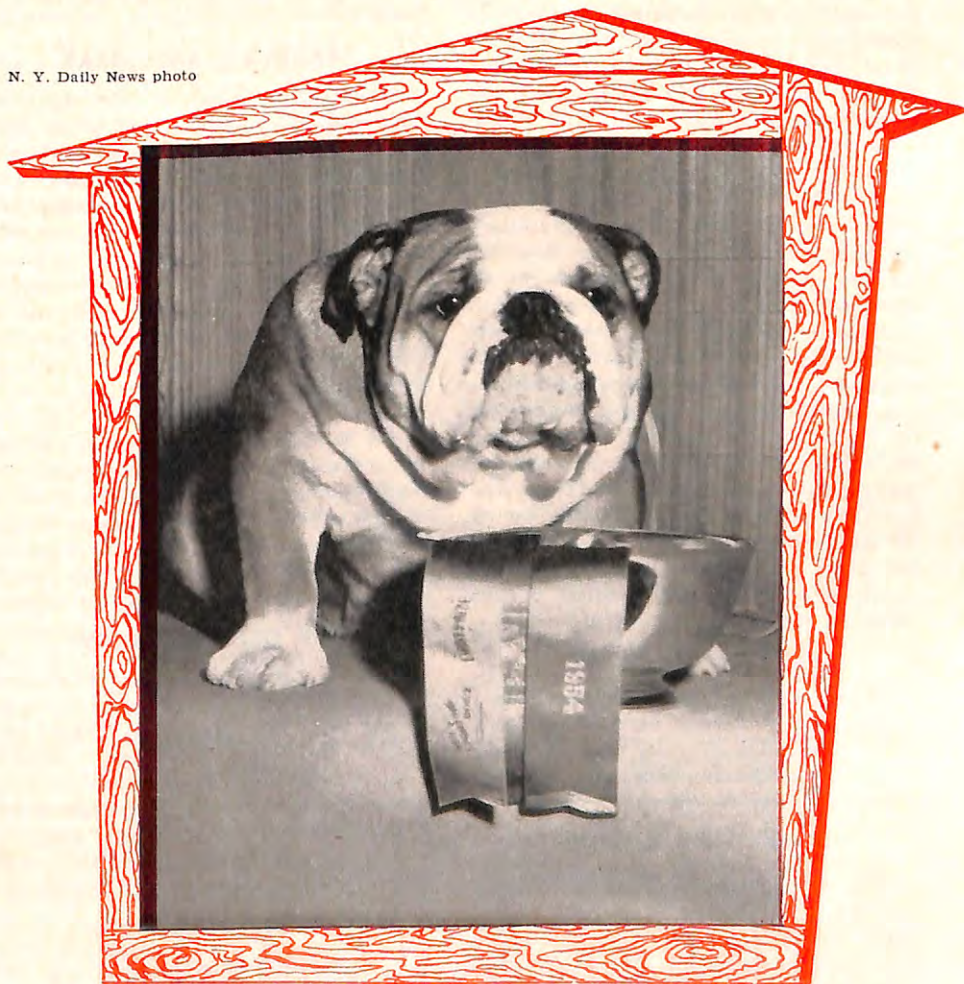
Then there are breeds that possess such dense inner coats that they are practically waterproof. The poodle is one, the Chesapeake Bay retriever is another. This is true for nearly all the water retrievers, including Springer spaniels.

How come the poodle is in this category? The answer is simple: far from being the boudoir hound as many wrongly believe, the poodle was developed to retrieve water fowl and

is still widely used for that purpose in certain European areas. Oddly enough, his talents as a retriever have won scant recognition in this country. Perhaps this is because of the hair cuts that are inflicted on him, and it may even be linked to the fact that being termed the French poodle may have caused some people to believe that this dog was not exactly a tough nut. So that you won't lay awake worrying about this tonight, let me tell you that the poodle is no more French than a frankfurter. Actually, he was developed in Germany with an ancestry that stems from Spanish stock. Dogs with such dense coats as these breeds can swim for unbelievably long periods in cold water.

The beginning of warm weather, or in
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N. Y. Daily News photo



Champion Kippax Fearnaught, a prize bulldog, is proud of winning first place honors.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



ON AUGUST 13, the eyes of the nation literally will be turned on Chicago, where the Democratic National Convention opens in the International Amphitheatre. It is estimated in official circles here that over 100 million Americans will see the historic contest for the Democratic presidential nomination. TV arrangements for covering the sessions are far more elaborate than four years ago. Newspaper and radio coverage, also, will be on a greater scale than ever before. All of the highlights from the Convention floor will be brought into the homes of the nation. In addition there will be more sidelights, features and interpretive analyses. Seat assignments for newspapermen and space for radio and TV commentators have been made, but the usual jam of last-minute requests is now before the committee. It will be a great show, and the Republican National Convention which follows in San Francisco, beginning August 20, will be another rip-roaring demonstration.

JOB'S FOR GRADUATES

High School and College graduates are finding many jobs open for them this summer, reports to Labor officials reveal. Women graduates never had it so good in finding positions. Demand for engineering graduates still leads, but liberal arts graduates are finding more opportunities than last year. Average starting salary for engineers is around \$420 per month, an increase over last year. Demand for women graduates is up 33 per cent. Labor Department's "Job Guide For Young Workers" points out that birth rates in the 1930 period were lower and as a result there is less competition at this time for jobs.

JET CRASH THEORY

Unexplained crashes by jet planes may be caused by deadly carbon monoxide gas seeping into the pilot compartments, Air Force doctors believe. Jets give off a huge amount of the gas.

UNEXCITING SESSION

The session of Congress had but few exciting highlights. There was a real battle over the natural gas bill, which finally got through but was killed by a Presidential veto. The farm price sup-

port bill was an intense fight loaded with politics and a Presidential veto forced it to be rewritten and repassed into a measure in which both sides claim the credit. Foreign aid, highways, schools and housing were other important issues. While both Senate and House were Democratic, party lines were tangled in almost every major piece of legislation and both will point with pride during the election campaign.

PRESIDENTIAL SAFEGUARD

The White House limousine goes wherever the President drives, no matter how far from Washington. It is a security measure. The car is not only air-conditioned, but it has bulletproof glass and armor plate and is well-nigh tamper proof.

TRADING STAMP IDEAS

Trading stamps are all the rage but regulations prevent their use in the District of Columbia. Stores complain they are losing business to nearby Maryland and Virginia areas where the stamps are popular. One businessman suggests sale of Treasury Bonds would get a big boost if trading stamps were given. Purchase of a few thousand dollars of bonds would give the buyer a nice premium. But Uncle Sam so far says no.

TAXPAYERS ONLY PAY

The Internal Revenue Service will not make change at its cashier windows in Washington. It collects millions from taxpayers but is not in the money-changing business. Officials explain there is less chance of mistakes and any shortages come out of the cashiers' pockets.

CIVIL DEFENSE GROWS

Our 41 largest cities spent \$7,407,000 for Civil Defense last year, an increase of 16 per cent. New York City had 25 per cent of the total, with Detroit second. Civil Defense now has a new light duty rescue truck which can be bought under a matching-fund government program. It can go across open fields and rough ground in case highways are closed.

PLACE OF SECRETS

Central Intelligence Agency is the government's top cloak and dagger out-

fit and any inquiry about what's going on gets decidedly nowhere. In the Congressional Directory it takes but two lines of type, one line of which says Allan W. Dulles is director. Before moving into the District, CIA was housed in an old building in nearby Arlington. It is whispered the hush-hush members hated to move, it was so delightfully gloomy.

MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN

District residents plan to build a "Lilliputian Museum" for Washington. It would be a paradise for children and the idea is to build it and turn it over to the government. Proceeds from small admission fees would go toward research into child diseases.

TVA PAYMENT

Tennessee Valley Authority has made another payment—\$32,000,000 to the Treasury, out of profits. Thus far it has paid back \$244,899,785 of the original \$348,239,240 cost. The entire amount, by law, is supposed to be paid by June 30, 1958.

FOOTBALL MOTEL

A new million-dollar motel on Route 240 near Washington has a swimming pool and six tennis courts and boasts it is the only motel with a regulation football field for the use of visiting pro and school football squads.

CAPITAL CONSOMME

The Navy, after trying slide fasteners on sailors' pants since 1948, has gone back to the 13-button style which the tars like better . . . The Senate spends \$2,000 a year for bottled spring water for members but House members drink Potomac river water and like it . . . District Welfare survey shows some fathers leave home in order to get wives and children on public assistance rolls—then they sneak back . . . Federal Trade Commission has told another firm to stop claiming it can cure baldness . . . National Council of Weights and Measures here said smart housewives who watch the scales or compare prices and weights on packaged goods can save up to \$100 a year . . . A card on Defense Secretary Wilson's desk reads, "Do it tomorrow, you've made enough mistakes today."



Digest of Annual Reports Submitted to the Grand Lodge

AT CHICAGO IN 1956

ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

THE Annual Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission was presented to the Grand Lodge at the Convention in Chicago by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman. A digest of salient points in the Report follows:

Bruce A. Campbell

During the year the Commission, as well as the entire Order, suffered the loss of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, who prior to his decease had served as a member of the Commission and its predecessors longer than any member of the Order. Brother Campbell was on the Committees which were responsible for the construction of the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago and the founding of The Elks Magazine. From 1937 until his death last September he was Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission and prior to that was a member of that Commission, as well as those preceding which were responsible for the direction of the Building and the Magazine.

Memorial Building

One of the great landmarks of Chicago is the Elks National Memorial Building, which is dedicated to the members of the Order who served in World War I and World War II, and in particular to those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Building is open daily to the public and during the past year was visited by 83,986 persons. Since the Building was opened in 1926, it has attracted 2,026,012 visitors. The expense of maintenance and operation of the Building during the year amounted to \$80,378.06. This expense was paid from surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine.

The Elks Magazine

The 34th year of publication of The Elks Magazine as the national organ of

the BPOE was concluded on May 31st, 1956. During the year, 14,234,122 copies of the Magazine were printed, as compared to 13,980,564 copies the previous year. Total earnings of the Magazine for the year were \$238,396.57, as compared to \$256,108.17 for the previous year. Although gross income for the current year was higher than for the previous year, increased publishing costs, particularly paper, accounted for the difference in net profits.

Income for the year from the sale of advertising was \$397,545.84, as compared to \$352,794.27 for the previous year. In connection with advertising income, Chairman McClelland particularly stressed how important it is that not only the lodge, but also individual members who are in the market for supplies of any kind, give every consideration possible to products advertised in The Elks Magazine. In placing orders, lodges or individuals should make it quite clear to the supplier that the Magazine is responsible for the order, because advertisers judge magazines by the results they produce.

The Elks Magazine shares with the entire publishing business the problem of continually rising production cost from year to year. Therefore, as pointed out in the Report, income from advertising becomes increasingly important if profits are to be maintained. A particularly important factor in maintaining the Magazine's profits has been the Elks Family Shopper, which has been in existence for nearly five years. The Shopper has developed to the point where last year's advertising dollar volume was \$105,276.38. This was not only an important source of revenue, but a proof of Magazine readership and confidence.

Public Relations

Public Relations Director Otho DeVilbiss was particularly commended by the Commission for the successful year that his Department enjoyed, with a total of 6,945 newspaper clippings received. Unquestionably, the actual number of newspaper items resulting from publicity sent

out by the Department was considerably higher, because by no means all news items which are printed in newspapers are forwarded to the Department.

The 1955 Convention in Philadelphia was given wide national coverage, and local papers published 51 news stories and 58 photographs. There were also several very favorable editorials concerning the Order. Local radio and television stations were equally cooperative, as were the National Press Services. A total of 2,142 clippings about the Convention was received.

The key note of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker's program for his year in office was "Plan for Elkdom's Progress", and the Public Relations Department worked very closely with Mr. Walker in helping to make his Program the outstanding success that it proved to be. During the year the Department issued 172 releases to lodges and State Associations in advance of the Grand Exalted Ruler's visits. In addition, the Department cooperated with the Grand Exalted Ruler in the preparation of several special messages to lodges and State Associations, as well as his booklet for Exalted Rulers, outlining his program. Nearly 1,000 clippings on the Grand Exalted Ruler's activities were received during the year.

As in the past, the Public Relations Department supplied lodges with publicity aids for National Newspaper Week and a total of 563 clippings on this activity were received. Working with the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, the Department prepared a poster and publicity material for Youth Day, with the result that 1,046 clippings on youth work were received.

Disposition of Earnings

Prior to the close of the fiscal year May 31, 1956, the Commission had turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine the sum of \$6,408,997.17, an average of nearly \$200,000 a year. In addition to paying

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for the cost of maintaining and operating the Memorial Building in Chicago throughout the period, the Grand Lodge has used these earnings for such purposes as building an addition to the Elks Home in Bedford, decoration of the Memorial Building, contributions to the Elks War Commission and Elks National Foundation, establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund and general Grand Lodge expenses. As a result of these payments from the earnings of The Elks Magazine, the per capita tax for each year has been considerably less than would have been the case had not the Magazine's earnings been available.

This year the Commission turned over

to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of the Magazine an additional sum of \$150,000, bringing the total amount turned over to the Grand Lodge in the 34 years of operation of the Magazine to \$6,558,997.17.

Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission who presented the Report are Past Grand Exalted Rulers: John S. McClelland, Chairman; Emmett T. Anderson, Vice Chairman; Wade H. Kepner, Secretary; James T. Hallinan, Treasurer, and Charles E. Broughton, Asst. Sec. and Asst. Treas.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees report a wonderful year of progress in building the Principal Fund of the Foundation . . . the members of our Order have responded in greater number and to more general total donations than in any previous year," Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman, stated in presenting his Annual Report to the Grand Lodge.

Continuing he said, "The projects of education, benevolence and humanity fostered by the Foundation, to the extent of its distributable income, have continued to win for our Order the high opinion and good will of all those who represent the unselfish groups in the citizenry of our country, with a resulting lift in the prestige of our Order. We are recognized and accorded position by general acclaim among the outstanding charitable, benevolent and humanitarian institutions of the United States."

Current Year

The total amount received by the Foundation from all sources during the fiscal year ended April 30, 1956 was \$403,802.17. This is \$49,811.38 in excess of the best previous year and compares with \$353,990.79 received last year.

Two bequests were received: \$2,500 under the will of Dr. A. Adolphe Linke of Los Angeles, and \$2,000 under the will of Frank W. Peterson of Storm Lake, Ia. As Chairman Malley pointed out, these bequests emphasize the importance of his appeal to members of the legal profession to familiarize themselves with the Foundation as an admirable agency for perpetuating good works in the fields of charity, benevolence and education.

In addition to the Consolidated Principal Fund of \$4,239,380.99, the Foundation has a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$125,000. This fund is invested exclusively in United States Government securities. Therefore, the total Consolidated Principal Fund is now \$4,364,380.99.

Appreciation

"Our first accolade must go to Grand Exalted Ruler Walker for placing the Elks National Foundation in important position on his project program, and then carrying on vigorously and persistently in urging the members, the lodges and the State Associations to make generous contributions," Mr. Malley said in his Report. He further expressed his appreciation of the "Joy of Giving" column, which runs each month in The Elks Magazine and tells through pictures and items interesting news of the Foundation in action. Mr. Malley urges every member to read this column each month.

Continuing this part of the Report, Mr. Malley praised the District Deputies, State Associations and Committeemen, the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of subordinate lodges and the Foundation-conscious members of innumerable lodges who gave most valuable assistance in making last year the greatest in the Foundation's history.

Current Distributions

Cerebral Palsy—The Cerebral Palsy Projects of the Elks National Foundation continue to win national recognition and acclaim and are indeed the "Heart throb" of the Foundation. To date, Foundation grants in this field have totaled \$194,131.94. These grants have assisted in defraying the cost of tuition, maintenance and other necessary expenses for 341 qualified persons who have taken specialized training in the treatment of Cerebral Palsy at leading universities and accredited medical institutions.

Most Valuable Student Awards—The annual "Most Valuable Students" awards by the Foundation were expanded this year, and \$30,000 in scholarship awards were distributed in the Boys' and Girls' Divisions—\$15,000 to each. The winning boy and the winning girl this year each

received \$1,000. These awards are offered to students who are outstanding in scholarship attainment, in character, in citizenship and in extra curricular activities.

Other Educational Projects—During the year, 179 scholarships were awarded to students selected by the State Associations, who, in their opinion, were deserving of assistance in furthering their college education. Each award amounted to \$400.

Youth Leaders—The Foundation Trustees have made the sum of \$6,400 available for awards by the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee to outstanding youth leaders selected by the Committee.

Emergency Educational Fund—This fund is available to assist in the education of any deserving child under the age of 23, whose parent is a member of the Order who lost his life or was incapacitated while a member in good standing. The fund is administered at the discretion of the Trustees. During the current year, scholarships in the amount of \$4,150 were granted under this Fund.

Expenses

All expenses of the Elks National Foundation are met by Grand Lodge Appropriation, and only the income from the Principal Fund is used for the work of the Foundation. Therefore, a gift to the Foundation is a permanent deed which increases the Principal Fund and, hence, furthers the activities of the Foundation through the income received from the contribution. During the year total expenses of the Foundation amounted to \$38,903.76.

Conclusion

In concluding the Foundation Report, Chairman Malley particularly urged members to become better acquainted with the work of the Foundation and its importance to the Order, pointing out very appropriately, "We owe so much to so few."

"If you have helped build up the Foundation, you will feel a thrill of satisfaction. You should, in any event, catch an inspiration and determine to join with your Brothers in the endeavor to reach the high objectives which are the potentials of the Elks National Foundation," Mr. Malley concluded.

The Elks National Foundation Trustees, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers, are: John F. Malley, Chairman; Robert S. Barrett, Vice Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; Charles H. Grakelow, Treasurer; L. A. Lewis; Dr. Edward J. McCormick and Sam Stern.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

SINCE the close of World War II, a day has not gone by but that some place, somewhere, in our Veterans Administration hospitals and Domiciliary Homes throughout the country, an ill or disabled veteran has been cheered as a result of the programs presented by faithfully dedicated Elks and their ladies," Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, stated to the Grand Lodge in opening his Report to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternal Centers

At the outbreak of the Korean conflict, thirteen Fraternal Centers were re-activated. There was a serious morale problem existing among the members of the Armed Forces at that time, many of whom were away from home for the first time. However, since the end of the war there is evidence of a lessening in the morale tension of the trainee or peacetime service personnel. Judge Hallinan said, particularly since the Army, Navy and Air Force Special Service programs are providing excellent recreational and athletic diversions.

Since last year, Centers at Louisville, Ky., and Tucson, Ariz., have been closed because of lack of attendance, and there are indications that others will follow since the acute need for Fraternal Center programs has greatly diminished. However, the Commission is making studies to determine the need of assistance to remotely located bases, and typical of this type of endeavor was the outstanding "Elks Flying Showboat" reported in our May issue.

A Special Service

For the men stationed on Korea, the Commission provided a special service by sending a small remembrance of packages of cigarettes which were distributed in the mess halls. As a result, thousands of cards of appreciation were received, as well as a special letter from General I. D. White, noting that during a 19-months interval the Commission had donated two million cigarettes to the Far East and Eighth United States Army.

Return to Home

For some time one of the chief concerns of the Commission has been the problem of taking care of the Veteran patient who has been discharged but whose family interest is lacking, or even absent. This presents a severe problem

of adjustment, particularly when employment is not available to the Veteran. Unless this problem is met, very often the Veteran eventually returns to the hospital in worse condition than when he originally entered.

To help correct this situation, every lodge has been requested to appoint a Veterans Rehabilitation Committee, and it is gratifying to note that more than 90 per cent of the subordinate lodges have appointed Committees. A pilot program initiated by the Elks is now in force in various V.A. Hospitals throughout the country, and it is expected that the results of this program will establish a method of procedure which will be adopted by the nation's leading veterans, service, and fraternal organizations.

Occupational Therapy

While the Commission has very much in mind the need for entertaining the Veterans in the hospitals, there also is the need for co-operating with Veteran Occupational Therapy Departments. Unfortunately, government budgets never seem to be adequate to meet the constant demands for materials and equipment, and this is particularly true of leather supplies, Chairman Hallinan pointed out.

Through the efforts of the California State Elks Association Veterans Committee, donated hides are gathered in several surrounding states and processed in California. The only cost involved is the tanning and finishing of the hides, which are processed in a variety of bright colors. This cost is met by the National Service Commission. Last year \$5,095.85 was expended on this program, although it is estimated that the leather distributed could be valued at more than \$18,000.

In Massachusetts, considerable amounts of leather and plastics are gathered for this popular project, and in Rhode Island hand looms for the production of fabrics are featured. Many other State Associations collect radios, TV sets and other electrical appliances for occupational therapy.

Civilian Defense

An important part of the Report was the evidence of the Commission's very active interest in America's first Civilian Defense Week, which is to be held September 9-15. Mr. Val Petersen, the Administrator of Civilian Defense, requested the cooperation of the Order through the Elks National Service Commission, and to this appeal, the Commission readily responded. The Service Commission urgently requests every Elk to help make

national Civilian Defense Week an overwhelming success.

Conclusion

In concluding his Report, Chairman Hallinan particularly expressed his gratitude for the unfailing assistance of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, and particularly pointed out how he had personally visited VA Hospitals to spread cheer among the Veteran patients whenever possible.

The Commission further acknowledged the splendid support and assistance of Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson.

"Of great importance to the successful operation of the Commission's program has been the continued experienced services of our Executive Director Brother Bryan J. McKeogh, Field Director Floyd Brown and a faithful and very efficient office staff. Their loyalty, ability and knowledge of the problems and operation of the Commission have contributed immeasurably to our attainments during the past year," Judge Hallinan stated.

In closing his report, Judge Hallinan paid tribute to former Executive Director, Brother William M. Frasier, who died on March 23, 1956, after a three-year illness. "His passing is deeply mourned by all who were privileged to know him and work with him during his 41 years of activity in Elkdom," Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan said.

Finances

During the year total program expenses amounted to \$311,850.50 and these expenses were financed from balance of funds on hand at June 1, 1955, of \$635,127.41, plus receipts of \$702.30 being balance due on Grand Lodge per capita assessment of 1954-'55, \$25,000 appropriation adopted unanimously at the Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia, and \$4,251.08 through miscellaneous donations from subordinate lodges and interest on securities. As of March 31, 1956, there remained on hand the sum of \$353,230.29 representing a moderate reserve against any immediate emergency or crisis which might arise from any one of many tension filled situations now existing throughout the world.

Members of the Elks National Service Commission who presented the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge in Chicago were: Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Chairman; Henry C. Warner, Vice Chairman; E. Mark Sullivan, Secretary; George I. Hall, Treasurer; Howard R. Davis, Assist. Treasurer; Frank J. Lonergan; Wade H. Kepner; Emmett T. Anderson; Joseph B. Kyle; William Hawley Atwell; Charles E. Broughton and Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker.

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ALABAMA ELKS APPLAUD CHARLES E. BROUGHTON

Emphasizing the importance of our interest in political campaigns in upholding the ideals of our government, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton was a dynamic speaker before 600 delegates to the Alabama Elks Assn. Convention at Mobile May 11th, 12th and 13th. Introduced by another former Grand Exalted Ruler, John S. McClelland, Mr. Broughton made his address at the Assn. banquet which featured Saturday's activities.

Earlier in the day, the delegates had elected Joe S. Foster of Huntsville as their new President. Other officers are James J. Burks, Birmingham, Executive Vice-Pres.; E. B. English, Fairfield, Secy.-Treas.; Earl Shelton, Montgomery, and F. B. Lemont, Fairfield, Trustees.

A \$400 Elks National Foundation Award was presented to Mary Jan Picken, with \$300 Alabama Elks' scholarships going to Margaret N. Morse, Maurice W. Goodwin and Roy Nolen. Youth Leader Mary A. Crowder was also rewarded.

The meeting closed with a Memorial Service conducted by Chaplain W. D. Butler. Martin J. Johnson was speaker.

EVANSVILLE TO HAVE 1957 INDIANA ELKS CONVENTION

The delegates to the Indiana Elks Assn. meeting in Michigan City June 8th, 9th and 10th decided to hold their 1957 conclave at Evansville, with a Fall Meeting in Indianapolis on Sept. 29th and 30th. Approximately 1,200 Elks and their ladies attended the 1956 event, highlighted by the banquet at which retiring Pres. Charles W. Clabaugh of the Illinois Elks Assn. was principal speaker. Other Elk luminaries on hand included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Grand Est. Lead, Knight Robert L. DeHority, Chairman Ed. W. McCabe and Cecil Rappe of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee. Gerald L. Powell of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, former Grand



Nebraska Elk H. L. Blackledge, a member of the Grand Forum, right, presents to Lincoln Lodge's P.E.R. Max Barrett the Nebraska trophy for ritualistic excellence. Adopted by the Assn. as a permanent revolving trophy, it has been inscribed in Mr. Blackledge's honor.

Photographed when the Indiana Elks' checks totaling \$55,000 were presented for cancer research are, left to right, Purdue University Exec. Dean D. R. Mallett, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Dean John D. Van Nuys of the Ind. University Medical Center and Committee Chairman Thomas E. Burke.



Lodge Committeeman L. A. Krebs, Past Pres. Maurice Conn of the Tenn. Elks Assn., and Illinois and Colorado visitors.

At the banquet, State Permanent Activities Chairman Thomas E. Burke presented a \$40,000 check to Dr. John Van Nuys, Dean of the Indiana University Medical Center for Cancer Research, and a check for \$15,000 to Executive Dean Don Mallett of Purdue University for Cancer Research. Mr. Burke pointed out that during the past nine years, the Assn. had given \$463,600.35 to this work.

Mr. Powell presented three scholarship awards and Chairman James O. Baxter of the State Youth Activities Committee rewarded the State Youth Leaders. Mt. Vernon Lodge was honored for its outstanding youth program and Past Pres. C. E. Thompson presented awards to the six Ritualistic Teams which had competed in the State Contest, won by Vincennes.

The Memorial Services had Past Pres. H. E. McClain as speaker with music by the Senior High School Chorus.

Dr. William A. Hart of the host lodge succeeds Herb Beitz as President of the Assn. which reelected Secy. C. L. Shideler of Terre Haute for the 18th consecutive year. Vice-Presidents are John Jennings, Evansville; Norman Freeland, Greensburg; Leonard Imel, Portland; C. P. Bender, Wabash, and Paul Manship, Noblesville; J. L. J. Miller of East Chicago is Treas., William Murray, Lawrenceburg, Sgt.-at-Arms; Erik Ihlstrom, Richmond, Tiler; Marvin Rich, Huntington, Inner Guard; Donald M. Hilt, Greenfield, Chaplain, and Wilbur Lee, New Castle; Lewis Gerber, South Bend; Earl Aders, Elkhart; R. E. Thompson, Frankfort; J. F. Beldon, Seymour, and John H. Weaver, Brazil, are Trustees.

CONNECTICUT TROPHY RETIRED

Having won the award three times, the Ritualistic Team of Bridgeport Lodge retired the Connecticut State Assn. trophy at the June 8th and 9th Convention of the Assn. in Middletown. Grand Est. Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy was among the delegates representing his State's 30 lodges, and announced that he would present to the Assn. a trophy to be known as the Elks Ritualistic Trophy to be awarded annually.

Mr. Roy installed the new officers of this group, Edwin J. Maley, New Haven, Pres.; A. Clayton Weisner, Meriden, and Dr. George Cailouette, Manchester, Vice-Presidents; Thaddeus J. Pawlowski, Norwich, Secy.; John J. Nugent, Ansonia, Treas.; Charles W. Bennett, Middletown, Trustee. Holdover Trustees are J. T. Gilbert, Danbury, Benjamin Schlossbach, Westbrook, J. J. Gillespie, Bridgeport, and L. I. Olmstead, Southington.

During this meeting the delegates appropriated \$2,500 to complete the sun deck at the Newington Home for Crippled Children, for which they had donated \$10,000 last year, and an additional \$2,700 for the purchase of a motor vehicle, equipped with a hydraulic lift for wheelchairs, to be used for the youngsters' transportation.

LINCOLN LODGE IS NEBRASKA RITUALISTIC CHAMPION

In a contest entered by the greatest number of lodges in Assn. history, Lincoln Lodge's snap Ritualistic Team emerged as victor, with Scottsbluff in second place. Four Scottsbluff officials made the All-State Team, with two from Lincoln and one from Columbus.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner was a guest of the 456 delegates to this Convention which was held in Falls City June 7th, 8th and 9th, and highlighted by a State Flag Day Service on the courthouse lawn. A fish fry and smorgasbord featured the many social events presented by the host lodge.

Officers elected at this conclave were Pres. W. K. Swanson, McCook; Vice-Presidents W. W. Wenstrand, Omaha; Clyde E. Burdick, Ainsworth; Graden L. Rathbun, Lincoln, and Stan R. Danekas, Broken Bow; Treas. F. C. Laird, Fremont; Trustees H. C. Duncan, York; J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha; O. G. Anderson, North Platte; Elmer L. Bradley, Columbus, and George Mintzer, Alliance. Retiring Pres. Paul D. Zimmer of Falls City is the Assn. Secy., a post filled capably for many years by H. P. Zieg of Grand Island, who received an Honorary Membership in appreciation of his great work for the Association. Mr. Zieg is now Honorary Secretary of this group.

"FREEDOM'S FACTS"



The current issue of "Freedom's Facts", a monthly bulletin of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, sums up the motives behind the recent about-face by the Soviets and is well

worth the attention of Elks Magazine readers. For this reason we reprint, in abbreviated form, the "Freedom's Facts" article, as we have several others during the past months. The BPOE and a group of other national organizations comprise the membership of the Conference.

The impressive and cleverly timed announcement on May 14 that the Soviet Union will demobilize roughly one-fourth of its military establishment has created a great deal of confusion throughout the free world.

In general we have learned to be suspicious of words coming from Communist sources, but we tend to believe in the sincerity of words when they are backed up with deeds.

And the Red leaders have been performing a number of deeds in recent months which are persuading many people in the non-Communist world that the Reds have had a real change of heart and that we can look forward to a reduction in the Communist threat.

Red Policy To Change Tactics

Much has happened since 1947 to force the Reds to change their tactics. The failure of the Berlin Blockade, the failure of the Red-sponsored revolution in Greece, the failure of the Red-sponsored civil war in Korea, the creation of a chain of U. S. military alliances and bases all over the world, and the remilitarization of Western countries which had disarmed—voluntarily and unilaterally—after World War II. Inside the Soviet Union, too, there has been trouble—a large number of people have fled Red rule and many of those remaining have grown either hostile or indifferent to Red leadership.

It is not unnatural to assume that the top Reds—faced with these changed and hostile conditions—have settled upon a bold program to change the attitude of the Soviet citizens toward their regime on the one hand and to gain the goodwill of hostile elements in the free world.

To understand the importance of current Red moves to gain the sympathy of the masses in the free world as well as inside the Communist empire, it is necessary to bear in mind—and be warned—that a handful of power-greedy and completely unscrupulous Red leaders control 200,000,000 people inside the Soviet Union, 100,000,000 in Eastern Europe and 600,000,000 in Red China.

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Youth Leader Awards Made at White House

An Indiana girl and a Missouri boy on June 21 were named the nation's outstanding young leaders by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. They are Jeanne LaDuke, 18, RFD 3, Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and Joe Edward Pendergraft, 17, 2518 Jackson Avenue, Joplin, Missouri, winners of first place honors in the sixth annual Elks National Youth Leadership Contest. They swept a field of more than 55,000 contestants from all 48 states, according to Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Elks Youth Activities Committee, which sponsors the event to encourage America's Junior Citizens to develop their talents for leadership.

The youngsters received their awards, \$1000 U. S. Savings Bonds, at a White House ceremony June 21. President Eisenhower, who was to have presented the awards, was represented by Bernard M. Shanley, Secretary to the President. At the same time, Mr. Shanley accepted for the President the Elks gold Medallion for Service to Young America, awarded to the President for having set "a most inspiring example to all citizens and especially to the nation's youth" by his, "faithfulness to the ideals and principles of freedom that are our heritage, under God." The Medallion and accompanying Citation were presented by Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker.

Winners in their state competitions, Miss LaDuke and Mr. Pendergraft were chosen from 12 finalists by a board of judges composed of Governors Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia, Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island and Victor E. Anderson of Nebraska. Boys and girls competed in separate divisions and were judged not only on their achievements as leaders but also on character and citizenship.

Other national winners and their awards were:

2nd Place, \$500 Bonds—Ann Louise

Sherer, 17 West Holly, Phoenix, Ariz.; and William Albert Steiger, 870 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, Wis.

3rd Place, \$300 Bonds—Dian Smith, 1520 William Street, Valdosta, Ga.; and Joseph Kindall Hurd, Jr., 1026 Pine Street, Pueblo, Colo.

Both Miss LaDuke and Mr. Pendergraft have compiled notable records for achievements in 4-H Club work while heading up many school and community activities and winning high scholastic honors as well. Miss LaDuke headed a student group that remodeled a barracks and equipped it as a youth center in Mt. Vernon. Young Pendergraft is sales manager for a highly successful Junior Achievement leather firm; heads his high school student council, and is governor of the Missouri-Arkansas District of Key

Club International, concert master of his school band and a junior deacon in South Joplin Christian Church.

"While the records of these young people are exceptionally outstanding, they are nevertheless typical of the achievements that hundreds of thousands of young Americans have to their credit," Chairman Kuhns said. "The tremendous contributions that the overwhelming majority of our boys and girls are making to their communities, while fitting themselves for much larger future responsibilities, are obscured too often by the misdeeds of a very small number of youngsters. The careers of these young people make it plain that we should do more to encourage and stimulate the right kind of activities among youth, instead of voicing so much carping criticism of all youth generally."



White House Secretary Bernard M. Shanley, representing President Eisenhower, convalescing from his operation, accepted from Grand Exalted Ruler Walker the Elks gold Medallion For Service To Young America on June 21. The Medallion was awarded to the President for the example he has set for the nation's youth by his faithfulness to the ideals and principles of freedom, according to the Citation that accompanied it.

Preceding the presentation of the Medallion, Mr. Shanley presented awards to the winners of the sixth annual Elks National Youth Leadership Contest, Jeanne LaDuke of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and Joe Edward Pendergraft of Joplin, Missouri. Witnessing the White House ceremony were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett of Alexandria, Va., and Dewey E. S. Kuhns of Charleston, West Virginia, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee.

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with a score of 94.3471. Fourth place winner of \$150 and trophy was Homewood, Ala., with a score of 94.1645. Fifth place of \$100 and trophy was Vancouver, Wash., with a 94.0008 score.

Named to the All-American Ritualistic Team as outstanding performers in their respective positions were: Exalted Ruler Raymond Lester, Athens, Ga., Lodge; Esteemed Leading Knight Joseph M. Curley, Wakefield, Mass., Lodge; Esteemed Loyal Knight John T. Wiegand, Homewood, Ala., Lodge; Esteemed Lecturing Knight Arthur Viehman, Homewood, Ala., Lodge; Esquire Merten Olin, Grove City, Pa., Lodge; Chaplain

W. M. Ashley, Anderson, S. C., Lodge, and Inner Guard M. E. Brasswell, Anderson, S. C., Lodge.

An interesting point about the contest this year was that the competition was so great that no member of either the first or second place National Championship Teams placed a member on the All-American Team. Members of the 1956 All-American Team came to the platform and were heartily applauded.

The Grand Exalted Ruler asked Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson to stand and personally thanked them for the support they had given him. Mr. Walker then spoke movingly of what his year in office had meant to him.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. McCormick then came to the rostrum to

install the new Grand Lodge officers. While they were assembling outside the Ballroom, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis read a Resolution extending warm and heartfelt appreciation to Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and authorizing the Board of Grand Trustees to procure a suitable testimonial of appreciation. Mr. Lewis then presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with his Past Grand Exalted Ruler badge. Following the installation of the new Officers, the names of which appear in connection with our Election report in the coverage of the First Business Session, Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn asked Grand Secretary Donaldson to read the new Grand Lodge Committee appointments, which are listed on opposite page.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn appointed

Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick a member of the Elks National Service Commission. He then introduced his secretary, Past Exalted Ruler James W. Plummer of Zanesville, Ohio, who is First Vice President of the Ohio Elks Association.

Special Presentation

In the course of several presentations to Mr. Bohn, Mr. Walker came to the rostrum and handed to the new Grand Exalted Ruler a box of cards returned from a survey he had made, which indicates a possibility of 32,000 candidates initiated between the close of the Convention and October 1st. Mr. Walker felt that there was an undesirable lapse in obtaining members through the summer months and after talking it over with Grand Secretary Donaldson, he made a survey to see if a "Salute to the Grand Exalted Ruler Class" could not be initiated in order to fill in the gap. As indication of immediate action, he handed Mr. Bohn a photograph of the first Fred L. Bohn Class, which was initiated on July 10th at Fort Worth, Texas.

Following the Ritual and the Benediction, the 92nd Grand Lodge Convention was declared closed by Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn.

1956-1957 GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Judiciary Committee: William S. Hawkins, Chairman, Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Lodge; John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., Lodge; Jacob L. Sherman, Denver, Colo., Lodge; Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, Mich., Lodge, and Frank D. O'Connor, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge.

Lodge Activities Committee: Arthur J. Roy, Chairman, Willimantic, Conn., Lodge; Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J., Lodge; Robert G. Pruitt, Buckhead (Atlanta), Ga., Lodge; Nelson E. W. Stuart, Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge, and Gerald L. Powell, Peru, Ind., Lodge.

State Associations Committee: Frank Hise, Chairman, Corvallis, Ore., Lodge; J. Edward Stahl, Newport, Ky., Lodge; Charles D. Fox, Jr., Roanoke, Va., Lodge; R. L. Bohon, Jacksonville, Fla., Lodge, and Raymond C. Dobson, Minot, N. D., Lodge.

Ritualistic Committee: Edward W. McCabe, Chairman, Nashville, Tenn., Lodge; Leo P. Ronan, Decorah, Ia., Lodge; Charles T. Noble, Niles, Mich., Lodge; William F. Hogan, Everett, Mass., Lodge; Robert W. Boyle, Kansas City, Mo., Lodge; William R. Thorne, Trenton, N. J., Lodge, and John B. Morey, Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge.

Youth Activities Committee: C. P. Hebenstreit, Chairman, Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge; Brian M. Jewett, Bath, Me., Lodge; W. L. Hill, Great Falls, Mont., Lodge; Charles C. Bowie, San Benito, Texas, Lodge and H. Earl Pitzer, Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge.

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If you are interested in schooner cruises this summer there will be many opportunities in Maine. A number of schooners which accept paying guests will be cruising in the Penobscot Bay area along the coast of Maine. Numerous stops are made in coves and small fishing villages for shore excursions. Local dances and clam bakes are part of the shore fun. Life aboard is informal—sweaters, blue jeans and sneakers are the usual garb. Food is plain and plentiful. Larger schooners

1881 some architectural types were disposed to cut a tunnel through it which exists today—twenty-six feet long and eight feet wide.

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Hawaii will welcome another large hotel about October 1st this year. Built near the new lagoon just off the Beach at Waikiki, by Henry Kaiser, it will have 100 rooms and suites. Prices will range from \$8 to \$10 single; \$12 to \$14 double.

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A bright red and yellow sign will bear welcome news and good safety advice for U.S. and Canadian motorists this year. The sign will announce "FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, STOP FOR A COFFEE BREAK". The signs will be displayed at gasoline service stations, restaurants and road stands where coffee is sold. The new red and yellow signs invite all motorists to take a rest from driving and a coffee break.

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Israel also is stepping up its construction of modern hotels to accommodate its many visitors. In Tel Aviv the de-luxe, air conditioned Dan Hotel is adding 120

For Elks Who Travel

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and provide for your own meals at the cafeteria, the soda fountain or the dining room. There are other hotels, too, in the park area of similar price and type of accommodation, and it behooves the tourist to choose according to the location which seems best to suit his tastes. I think I should mention for the benefit of those who would come to the park not solely for natural attractions, that the Ahwahnee sports a nine-hole mashie golf course, and the Wawona has a nine-

rooms. At Haifa, a new 65-room hotel on Mount Carmel is nearing completion. In Jerusalem, the 80-room "A" class Kings Hotel is nearing completion and the official opening will take place in July. The famous King David Hotel has reopened 16 rooms in its southern wing and 48 more will be opened shortly.

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The new toll bridge over the Delaware River is now open. The bridge links the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Turnpikes, enabling motorists to travel from New York City to the Ohio-Indiana State line without stopping for a stop light.

hole, standard course. You can rent clubs at both places. There is sand-beach river swimming, tennis, and the trout season runs until October 15. You can rent tackle.

Either the Southern Pacific's San Joaquin Valley Line or the Sante Fe will get you to Merced, the park's all-year gateway. There is also daily bus service via Fresno.

I might, before closing, draw your attention to the natural beauties of Death Valley, a place where it is almost always fair weather. For example, in one year 351 days of sun were recorded and only 1.4 inches of rainfall. For those of you taking late vacations the climate is ideal from October around to the springtime, a bit of information I hasten to tell you since midsummer temperatures have gone as high as 134 degrees in the shade. There are fine facilities for the traveler operated by Fred Harvey at Furnace Creek Inn, Furnace Creek Ranch, and the Anargosa Hotel. I would also like to direct your attention to the metropolis of Badwater in Death Valley, 282 feet below sea level. It is as low as a man can get in the western hemisphere.

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Communist "New Look"

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throughout the Party's various district organizations will be further debated and a finalized Communist Party program will be adopted at the National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, which is scheduled for late 1956 or early 1957.

The convention, the first to be held in six years, will elect national officers and establish a program—of course, in line with the then current international Communist Party line—for the months ahead.

Unless some significant change takes place on the international scene, we may expect that the program which will be adopted at the convention will be simply an extension and concentration of the currently operating program of infiltration and united front tactics.

This modification of the strict revolutionary program of the Communist Party is designed to hoodwink you. Remember that it is a communist tactic, on occasion, to take one step backward in order to enable the Party to take two steps forward in the future—a temporary retreat which sets the stage for a greater advance. Lenin put it succinctly:

"The strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism must be combined with the ability to make all the necessary practical compromises, to 'tack,' to make agreements, zigzags, retreats and so on . . ."

The fact that some Communist Party leaders have been convicted in American courts of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence has not deterred the Party. It is readying itself for an intense new effort in a new disguise. Behind the exploitation of the coexistence theme are underlying sinister objectives: chiefly, the relaxing of America's security measures. The specific goal is

to obtain a repeal or nullification of the Smith Act of 1940, the Internal Security Act of 1950, and other anti-communist legislation in order that the Communist Party can expand its operations without further fear of prosecution.

Is the Communist Party succeeding in its purpose? *It is if you can be persuaded that the communist menace is lessening.*

The truth is that the global tyranny of the Twentieth Century has never been more deadly because it has never before been camouflaged with such shrewd effectiveness. The communist press has openly criticized the "Crimes of Stalin" and the "Beria gang" relative to their pogroms and other vicious excesses. This is the first real criticism ever made by American communists of the "Motherland of Socialism" and it may tempt some people to conclude that the leopard is changing his spots.

These zigzag tactics and calculated camouflage create a perfect opportunity for the communist to build his deadly weapon—the united front.

And what, exactly, does that mean?

The united front is one of the most important of the current communist tactics for organizing and using the mass pressure of vast numbers of deceived non-communists to further communist objectives. It may be applied on any level—local, state, regional, national or international. Communists begin with popular, pressing and legitimate current issues relating to unemployment, wages, hours of labor, general working conditions or similar subjects. They build a variety of organizations around these issues. They then seek to sweep large numbers of laborers and the various segments of our population which can be misled into supporting veiled communist objectives into these organizations. The objectives are gradually broadened and related to foreign as well as to domestic policies. The

DAVID F. WALSH MOURNED



David F. Walsh, a P.E.R. of Framingham, Mass., Lodge, No. 1264, passed away May 19th at the age of 79. Surviving are his wife, son, daughter, brother, four sisters and two grandchildren.

Initiated as a Milford, Mass., Elk in October, 1903, Mr. Walsh transferred his affiliation in 1911 to become a Charter Member of Framingham Lodge, in which he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in 1923. Thirty years later, No. 1264 presented to him the first 50-year jewel adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Walsh served on many committees for his lodge, his State Association and the Grand Lodge, and was appointed District Deputy in 1918.

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procedure may even develop into what is known as a "united front government." It can become a powerful weapon of a small minority Communist Party—and that Party always preserves its independent role at the very time it is manipulating huge numbers of noncommunists this way and that way in behalf of communist designs. The united front is made to sound appealing to liberals, progressives and reformists as well as workers while at the same time it works to ultimately destroy the freedom of labor unions and all that true liberals, progressives and reformists hope to achieve.

How does the united front tactic aid communism?

It divides the leadership of the communist opposition. It confuses and weakens the great masses of people who would normally oppose communism. It splits them into differing groups, and isolates them from united leadership, thereby rendering their opposition to communism ineffectual. In the language of the professional communist revolutionary the united front is a deadly revolutionary weapon which, if properly used, divides, splits and shatters all noncommunist mass organizations and efforts.

Once opposition is destroyed, the next step is to win the people over to the Communist Party by advocating general collaboration with broad Communist Party objectives, and by subtle indoctrination.

These are the things I think of when people ask me, "Can the danger be great when the membership of the Communist Party, USA, is consistently falling? Is there an existing danger if Party membership numbers only about 20,000 persons?"

To that I can only say that numbers mean nothing and that those nations which have attempted to assess the threat of communism on the basis of numerical strength alone are eating the bitter bread of slavery for their shortsightedness.

The Communist Party in the United States presently numbers an estimated 20,000; however, this group is a fanatical, dedicated body of individuals operating under the strict discipline which the Communist Party imposes. The investigations we have conducted indicate beyond doubt that the Communist Party, USA, wears a foreign label which can be interpreted to mean: "Property of the U.S.S.R.—subject to orders from Moscow." Also, the members of that Party are located in strategic industrial areas. More than half of the communists in this country are concentrated in two states—New York and California. The majority of the remainder are concentrated in the urban industrial areas of Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

The Communist Party, USA, is not "just another political party" as its adherents and apologists would have you believe. It is a fifth column which no American who values his freedom can afford to ignore. Its most menacing qual-

ity is its ability to pursue inflexible objectives—fixed, unvarying goals—by means of flexible tactics. Falsehood, trickery, and cold-blooded deception are part and parcel of the communist plan of action. Today they may condemn a group or individual and tomorrow—if it is to their interest—praise and work with that same group or individual. The policy may be reversed, if it serves their purpose, as witness the recent "desanctification" of a bloody-handed dictator by the very men who kept him on his pedestal. We are now viewing the obscene spectacle of the purification of the living at the expense of the dead as the sins of more than three decades are being hastily shoveled into one grave. And the callous accomplices, shuffling all guilt onto a reluctant corpse, expect absolution, and after that, acceptance.

There is purpose in this waving of olive branches and this process of "re-appraisal." It is calculated to allay fear of communism in order to intensify "Operation Trojan Horse" and, through complacency, pave the way for a united front.

Free men and free governments would do well to reflect on the cannibalistic nature of communism. Whenever a united front includes communists, the front often disappears and the communists emerge, sleek and fat, seeking new fronts with which to "unite." In this game, the role of the smiling tiger seems always to be played by the communists.

And when the smiling tiger growls ever so slightly, reverberations echo world-wide. If anyone desires evidence of the international character of the communist conspiracy, he need only view the frantic gyrations of the communist press as the sleazy halo is stripped from the tomb of the head butcher. Why destroy that halo? To help prepare the way for further communist advances.

We Americans—one hundred eighty years after our declaration of independence—are face to face with a tyranny more monstrous, more devious, less un-

derstood and more deadly than any which has threatened civilization heretofore. The basic concept of Communist Party operations is infiltration into all strata of American life. The Party is especially interested in penetrating all types of legitimate organizations. It is particularly eager to get as many members as possible into basic and heavy industry. This is sometimes referred to as its "concentration" or "colonization" program. In this connection, labor unions are special targets.

In time of crisis, the concealed communist puppet in the steel, coal, or rubber industry, or the automobile, airplane, atomic or similar defense plant can be of far greater value to the communist masters who pull the strings than whole divisions of armed soldiers.

The current constitution of the Communist Party, USA, states that it "educates the working class, in the course of its day-to-day struggles, for its historic mission, the establishment of socialism." This is simply another way of saying that the Communist Party is daily working toward its goal of a "Soviet America."

If the goal is to be accomplished, the public must be lulled into believing it has been misled about communism—that communism is not an evil; that, on the contrary, it espouses a philosophy which can only result in the greatest good for the greatest number of Americans.

From 1948 until recently the Party has been operating from a retrenched position. It has had to lean heavily on front groups for the accomplishment of much of its propaganda work. This is particularly true in the attempt to "win the will and sympathy of the people." This "mass work" includes such things as petition drives, fund-raising campaigns, agitational activities, distribution of Party literature, and legal defense of communist leaders.

With the adoption of the "new look," a change in Party organization has become visible. The alleged relaxing of world tensions has had much the same

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effect on the communists as does the warm spring sun shining on a den of dormant prairie rattlesnakes. The warming atmosphere tends to bring the inhabitants above ground and often into dangerous proximity to the unsuspecting public. The snake gives warning of his presence. The communist is less forthright. He spreads his poison quietly through front activities.

It is just not possible to give a complete picture of the huge numbers of persons who have been drawn to the rim of the communist orbit through such activity. The scope encompassed is apparent in the fact that during recent years more than six hundred groups and organizations have been designated as communist front organizations by official Federal, State, and municipal government agencies.

How many American citizens have, innocently or otherwise, been involved in work connected in some manner with advancement of the Communist Party? I do not know. Communist fronts have allegedly embraced millions of Americans since the united front tactic was firmly established in 1935.

The front group is not controlled by its members. It is controlled through occupancy of key positions in the organization by disciplined Party members. Every effort is made to conceal the communist character of the front group and to attract "big names" as a cover.

THE phenomenon which I call the pseudo liberal is something quite different. The individuals who belong to this cult are not members of the Communist Party. They even deny any sympathy with communism. But they live in a never-never land. Seemingly ignorant of the existing conspiracy, duped by communist contacts which they are apparently incapable of recognizing, the pseudo liberals constantly take off on intellectual flights that inevitably end on an enticing airstrip planned for them by the communists. Even when the concealed pitfalls on that strip bring each subsequent flight to a disastrous conclusion, the experience apparently holds no lesson. The pseudo liberals flit off eagerly again to a rarefied stratosphere, and, inevitably as before, return to the communist hangar.

These misinformed dupes are among the persons who offer blanket opposition to all security programs now in effect and to all that are suggested. They are among the ones who demand the removal of all measures designed to eliminate security risks from government. They add their voices to those that rant endlessly at patriotic committees of the Congress whose efforts are dedicated to exposing the conspiracy and to alerting citizens to the danger. These persons indulge in sabotage by semantics—they stigmatize patriotic Americans with the obnoxious term "informer," when such citizens fulfill their obligations of citizenship by reporting known facts of the evil conspiracy to

properly constituted authorities. It would require very little time for these critics to pick up a dictionary. Webster's unabridged volume specifically states that an "informant is one who gives information of whatever sort; an informer is one who informs against another by way of accusation or complaint. Informer is often, informant never, a term of opprobrium."

The persons who are so careless with the slur and smear in their use of the word informer maintain that communism is not a menace. It is, they say, simply a political party like the Republican and Democratic parties. These incredible people profess to find the tyranny of communism compatible with Christianity and synonymous with academic freedom! Our difficulties today, they proclaim, stem from a myth created out of fear and hysteria. These simple-minded souls would have you believe that this foreign-directed conspiracy which already has enslaved approximately one-third of the peoples of the earth, and is resolutely working night and day to bring us to our knees, is a myth!

The antics of these vociferous individuals create a smoke screen which helps to conceal the deadly menace of communism. The manipulators, working ceaselessly behind that screen, smile with satisfaction and characterize as "a growing understanding of communism" the failure to see their real objective. In the double-think, double-talk lexicon of communism, this "growing understanding" means simply that American citizens are failing to comprehend the deadly facts of the communist conspiracy.

Make no mistake about it. The strategy of the communist conspiracy has not changed. The tactics only have altered and they are presently designed to develop a climate more favorable to conspiratorial activities. Subversion, infiltration and espionage can best be carried out when the people of a nation have been lulled into a state of lethargy.

Many times I have thought that if this young Republic is to fall before the grinding onslaught of a slave-driven regime, it will not be solely because an enemy-directed fifth column has worked its way into the body politic. Rather, it will be because we who are citizens are indifferent.

It is to me appalling that so few among all the citizens who daily enjoy the God-given blessings of being free Americans are sufficiently interested in their future, and that of their children, to acquaint themselves fully with the facts of communism. Too many people condemn the word yet have not the vaguest notion of the evil which the word encompasses.

A handful of inspired men gave us our freedom. They cannot preserve it for us. That responsibility rests with the individual American. And we must now face the harsh truth that the objectives of communism are being steadily advanced because many of us do not readily recog-

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nize the means used to advance them. The communist, meanwhile, does not allow himself the luxury of inertia. He is intensely active. Because of him, the menace of communism in this country will remain a menace until the American people make themselves aware of the techniques of communism. No one who truly understands what it really is can be taken in by it. Yet the individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. The American mind simply has not come to a realization of the evil which has been introduced into our midst. It rejects even the assumption that human creatures could espouse a philosophy which must ultimately destroy all that is good and decent.

The straightforward American cannot conceive of another citizen enlisting in the espionage service of a foreign country, or deliberately propagating discontent, hatred and disunity at the orders of an alien group. He cannot believe that any American would serve a philosophy which moves inexorably toward the goal of reducing the status of the individual to that of slave.

Our frontier forefathers faced great dangers. They encountered heat and storm and starvation. Again and again

they joined in battle against a hostile foe. But our forefathers were very much aware of one thing. That was the nature of the enemy they faced. Insofar as possible, they prepared themselves for eventualities. When the campfires flickered low on the long trek west, a watch was set. Those men of the frontier knew that awareness of danger is the first requisite if one is to combat that danger with any degree of effectiveness. Until the American citizen learns for himself the nature of the present menace, communism will continue to be a deadly danger.

The conscientious citizen asks, "How can one be sure what the truth is? How can it be winnowed out of the welter of propaganda which the communists and their apologists spew forth?"

All that I can say is—and I repeat what I have said many times—the American citizen must hew to a line comprised of a little skepticism, a lot of knowledge, monumental faith, and an everlasting desire to get the facts. He must ascertain for himself what the facts are. He must accept nothing less than the facts—neither the majority version nor the minority version. He must view all the evidence until the face of truth is plain.

Where shall he begin the search for facts? Much basic knowledge can be

gained from the lives of those who have experienced the gulf between the promise of communism and the evil reality.

Faith can come only from spiritual sources. We need to drink again at the wells from which the Founding Fathers drank. We need to return to the fundamentals which our fathers knew. We need to steep ourselves in the idealism from whence sprang the seeds of our constitutional form of government—to read again the immortal documents, the books and memoirs of the men whose faith in God and in posterity gave us our heritage of freedom. Our youth must understand that faith is essential to the continuance of freedom.

The battle we are presently engaged in is a struggle between the spiritual and the material. The proponents of atheistic materialism are determined to wipe the Judaic-Christian principles of morality, on which Western civilization is founded, from the face of the earth. The strength we bring to this struggle is dependent upon one thing: our individual understanding of the enemy we face.

If we fail—if we allow ourselves to be duped by communist cunning and the "new look"—we shall, with a casualness that is indecent, toss into discard our immortal heritage of freedom.

The Pitchers' Pitcher

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keep them "loose" at the plate. He steadfastly refuses to do so. Roberts throws the inside or "tight" pitch as frequently as any pitcher in baseball, but he will not deliberately knock down batters. Not even Whitlow Wyatt, who coaches the Phillies' pitchers, can change his mind.

"I'd knock down my own brother if he were the batter," said Wyatt, star pitcher with Brooklyn's 1941 flag winner. "When you're pitching it's you or the batter. Knocking down batters sure helped me."

Catcher Seminick was asked if Roberts was sensitive about his home run record. "Well, he certainly isn't proud of it. Sometimes he tried to kid about it. Murry Dickson, you know, held the old record. He was with us last season. Robbie kept telling Murry he was going to break the record; nevertheless, it was a record he didn't want. When you get to know him and know how he fights to win every game you know it rankles. Sometimes I go out to talk to him. I can see he is angry. He'll say, 'I got a little careless with that guy,' then grit his teeth and go back to work."

Roberts' value to the 1956 Phillies cannot be measured. Manager Mayo Smith—the fifth pilot in Roberts' time—would hesitate to expound on this point for obvious reasons, but many observers figure the Phils are hopelessly outclassed when Roberts isn't on the mound.

"You can imagine what it means to a manager," said Smith, "to have a fellow like Roberts. He is always ready, always

in condition, and gives you a real pro job every time he takes the mound. You know that every fourth day you're going to see a good ball game. That's an inspiration to every man on the club."

Over his eight-year big league career Roberts has manifested none of the nonsense of the baseball prima donna. He doesn't cry, doesn't alibi, manages to keep on amiable terms with the fans and ducks off-the-field episodes. Manager Smith says Roberts never asks for "preferred" treatment, not even in the spring when many stars take elaborate steps to miss a few exhibition games.

"When I go out to the mound during a game I'm liable to ask, 'Are you okay?'"

He always says he is. I think he'd say he was if his arm was dropping off. He's that kind of a competitor. But if you take the ball, that's it; it's my decision and he goes along with it, never says a word."

Does a team of modest talent like the Phils play better when a star workman is on the mound?

"Sitting in the dugout I can't say the team hustles more, or plays sharper, but you would assume that it does. They are bound to know that when Robin pitches two or three runs probably will win the game. Certainly the men play position better. If the play is for a low outside curve they know it will be a low outside

George T. Hickey, Chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee, looks on as J. Lear Grimmer (right) Assistant Director of the Lincoln Park Zoo and Joseph McKale, bear keeper, uncrate polar bear cub that arrived in Chicago in advance of the Alaska delegation. "Mike's" naturally unruly disposition apparently was in no way improved by the trip, although it was made short through courtesy of Northwest Airlines. Hessel Ragins, Exalted Ruler of Fairbanks Lodge donated "Mike", and he has now taken permanent residence at the Zoo.



curve when Roberts is on the mound. Taking the career-long view of it, Roberts was most fortunate to join the Phillies in 1948 when the late Herb Pennock—the same old pitcher Bengough used to catch—was putting together the Whiz Kids that were to win the 1950 pennant, the club's first since 1915. Thus Roberts, the younger, reaped early benefits of pitching for, and being a part of, a winner.

Now, the Phillies, as a club, have become a definite drag on the "winningest" pitcher in baseball. Roberts himself would never say that. No good team man would. Nevertheless, there is an abundance of evidence, if, indeed any is needed, that a second division team robs pitchers, no matter how talented, of just reward.

Walter Johnson, the incomparable speedballer, was good enough to surmount mediocrity all around him. During the decade in which he won 20 or more games every year the Washington Senators spent five years in the first division, five in the second division. But even the great Johnson felt the strain. Johnson won 25 victories in 1910 with a seventh place club, won 23 in 1911 with another drab club. But the Nats zoomed up to second in 1912 and Johnson zoomed, too, to 32 wins and won 36 more in 1913 with another second place team.

MORE recently Warren Spahn serves as a prime example. The cagey southpaw won 20 or more in 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953 and 1954, each year getting a few assists from a first division team. In 1952, the Braves (then in Boston) plunged to seventh and Spahn won a mere 14 games. The old Athletics (then in Philadelphia) finished first three times, second three times and third once while Lefty Grove, a fastball pitcher, reeled off his 20-victory seasons. Likewise, the New York Giants never finished worse than third when Carl Hubbell was winning 20 or more in five consecutive campaigns. Currently, Bob Lemon has a brilliant record of six 20-victory seasons in seven years and the Cleveland Indians have been in pennant contention every year.

To pitch for a chronic loser undeniably dims the luster of any star. Ted Lyons was a notable example. Ted spent 20 years with the White Sox, never played on a pennant winner. He managed to notch three 20-victory seasons while the Sox spent 13 consecutive seasons in the second division. The burly right-hander, who extended his baseball life with a dazzling knuckle ball, wound up with a handsome 260 victories, 230 defeats. Lyons had everything for unforgettable stardom except a winner behind him.

Some experts suggest that Roberts cannot continue to carry the Phils. Last season, for instance, he pitched 15 complete games in which the opposition got two runs or less, obviously pitching at its best, but there are some days when the Phillies can't get even two runs. The

attack, in the main, consists of Richie Ashburn, the league's top hitter in 1955, getting on base and Del Ennis driving him home. Ashburn batted .338 as an expert leadoff man, Ennis whacked 29 home runs and had 130 RBI's. Otherwise, the Phils' attack was anemic and, aside from Roberts, no pitcher won more than 12 games.

This sort of thing has been going on for some time. Fact is, Roberts' eight-year total of 160 victories represents better than one fourth of the team's total victories—a fantastic achievement when you remember the club carries at least nine other pitchers. In 1952—when Roberts won 28 games—he was the winning pitcher in almost a third of the team's victories.

Roberts began the 1956 season in characteristic style, clipping Don Newcombe and the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first game. Then he whipped the New York Giants twice, Johnny Antonelli being his victim in the second victory. With a 3-0 record he stalled and lost three in a row, pitching well enough normally to win two of them. Roberts broke that drought with a conquest of Milwaukee, scoring the tying run himself when he bowled over catcher Del Crandall at home plate. As the season rolled into mid-June the top-salaried star was not staying above the .500 mark. The dice were rolling against him, like the day in St. Louis when he scattered eight hits, struck out seven and walked two . . . a typical Roberts' performance, yet he lost, 2-1.

The strain began to show on Roberts for the first time. A few days later he was locked up in a 4-4 battle with the Chicago Cubs when the rival pitcher, Vito Valentinetti, bunted down the first base line, a normally routine play for the poised star. He scooped up the ball and fired to first, but the throw hit Valentinetti in the back. The runner was safe and the winning run scored from second base. Roberts charged Hal Dixon, the first base umpire, claiming the runner veered out of the base path to block his throw. Not even Manager Smith could quiet the usually subdued right-hander. Finally, Umpire Hal Dixon tossed Roberts out of the game—the first time in nine years he had ever been bounced from a game in which he was participating (he had been ejected once as a bench heckler).

Meanwhile, the club was battling to stay out of the cellar; a long agonizing summer loomed for the strong right-hander.

Even if the Phils flounder and Roberts with them he will be the last to complain. Like any top-fighter he hates to lose. And when he does lose he snaps back as tough as ever; he has the resilience of a hickory limb. Furthermore, his philosophical approach to the game is perfect. As he explains it, he simply likes to play baseball. Baseball's big salaries—if you're good—didn't lure him. He is in the game because he excels at it.

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Now, he is making \$55,000, but his big moment isn't payday; it's beating an old rival. In this respect, he hasn't changed much from his high school days in Springfield, Illinois. Don Anderson, who was one of his prep coaches, recalls Roberts' attitude toward all sports:

"He always had a sort of deep-seated confidence in himself. He felt he could whip the other fellow, or the other team. He was very serious about it. When we'd lose he'd sit there with his head halfway in his locker and never say a word. Sometimes the tears would come. If you'd ask him if anything was wrong, if he was injured, he'd just shake his head and say nothing."

Somehow the notion has gained wide circulation that Roberts was a basketball addict who just happened to discover he could play baseball. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Roberts, who still lives in Springfield, discounts this tale.

"I can remember when Robin's great baseball favorite was Lou Gehrig," she explains. "He had pictures of Gehrig scattered all around his room. He was nine or ten at the time. It's very clear to me because the newspapers carried stories of how Gehrig had bought his mother a home. Shortly afterwards I was chiding Robin for playing ball all the time instead of doing the chores around the house.

"You'll be glad someday I'm playing ball," he said. "When I get good enough to play in the big leagues I'll buy you a home." Which is just what he did when he got his bonus money from the Phillies."

Robin actually acquired his early baseball interest from his father, Thomas Roberts, a Welshman, who brought his wife and two eldest children from the British Isles in 1921. The elder Roberts still speaks with a slight accent. A miner by trade, the immigrant headed for Springfield and a job in the nearby soft coal fields. The mines were working only one day a week, so Roberts took what he could get—a job with a Springfield firm that manufactured electric meters and similar products. He's been there ever since, night foreman for the past two decades.

This unlikely background notwithstanding, Roberts senior quickly became an avid follower of major league baseball, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. He became a red-hot fan when the Cardinals, the major league club nearest Springfield, won their first pennant and world series in 1926—the very year that Robin was born.

The Roberts' children—there were five besides Robin—took an active interest in all sports. Robin, more commonly known around Springfield as Evan, embraced each sport in season, so much so that his dad couldn't get any work out of him. The father confesses he was considerably nettled at the time, but speaks of it now in a benign manner.

"I would ask him to hoe a bit in the

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garden," smiles the elder Roberts. "But somehow the hoe would break, or there'd be some other excuse. Away he would go to play baseball, football, basketball or something."

Mrs. Roberts recalls that Robin put in two solid summers handling sacks of flour in a nearby mill "to make muscles for football." In high school Robin was an end on the football team, forward in basketball and a little bit of everything in baseball. He played third base, first base, in the outfield and occasionally pitched. A peculiar set of circumstances set up Roberts for the college education that led to the quick bonus and the Phillies.

A good student, young Roberts at 17 qualified for the World War II Army Air Force cadet program. Graduating from high school in June of 1944, he was sent to an army student training reserve unit at Michigan State. There his basketball finesse quickly attracted attention. When the Air Force allowed him to drop out for a few months—he was to be called up for active duty later—school athletic officials gave him an athletic scholarship. Roberts played basketball and completed

one year of study before the Air Force recalled him and sent him to Sheppard Field in Texas. Roberts finished basic training there, by which time, the pre-flight program—his next step—had been suspended. Instead, Roberts drew orders to report to the sheet metal school at Chanute Field, Illinois, and in November 1945, he was declared surplus and sent home.

Roberts, of course, returned to Michigan State where he starred in basketball and received his B.S. degree in June, 1948. His college career was almost all over before he got a tumble in baseball. John Kobs, the baseball coach, naturally took a dim view of a basketball player's chances, for obvious reasons.

"If you play basketball you get a late start," Coach Kobs explained. "The other boys had been working out many weeks indoors. It seemed very doubtful to me that Roberts would have much of a chance coming out in April after basketball was all over."

Roberts, displaying the usual grim determination, was not to be deterred. He couldn't hit, and even if he could the pitchers were far ahead of him. He asked Kobs for a chance to pitch. The coach recalls that Roberts made the squad but just barely. Kobs perked up when Robin pitched a no-hitter against Great Lakes Naval Training Station team.

Even so, Roberts was a genuine unknown until Ray Fisher, the Michigan coach and himself an ex-big league pitcher with the Yankees forty years ago, took him to New England to pitch in a college boy circuit known as the independent Northern League. There Roberts won 18, lost three for Montpelier, Vt., and the scouts began to buzz him. The Phillies were one of a half dozen clubs that wanted him. Roberts had no intention of signing as quickly as he did. However, Chuck Ward, a Philly scout, showed up one day and offered Robin \$10,000 to sign.

Roberts, who later admitted he would have been delighted to get \$2,500, put Ward off, explaining he had a date to visit the Boston Braves. Ward raised the ante to \$15,000, then to \$25,000.

"That seemed like all the money in the world to me," Roberts said later. "I just couldn't say no. Anyway, things could not have worked out better for me than they have with the Phillies." He built the home he had promised his mother, spent a minimum of time in the minors (he had a 9-1 record in two months at Wilmington), and got a quick chance to begin pitching for the Phils in mid-season of 1948.

As he says, he has no regrets. His unforgettable thrills came early. Eddie Sawyer, then the club manager, called on his clutch star to pitch against Brooklyn and Don Newcombe in the pennant-deciding game of the 1950 season. Roberts pitched a great five-hitter and Dick Sisler did the rest with a 10th inning home run that gave the Phils their first

fished lake. You'll miss a lot of strikes—which will be equally exciting—and hook some bass that get off after one or two unseen but thrilling, crashing leaps.

There are occasional days, even during the hottest part of the summer, when the air feels different. The temperature may be high, but there is a freshness more like spring. It makes a man feel good. This is a time to be fishing because I believe it makes the bass feel good, too. In an eastern lake you may find them feeding actively among the lily pads from sunrise to sunset. In a rocky western reservoir they're likely to be up along the shoals and reefs where they hung out two months earlier.

One such day last summer, Jim Eide-miller and I pushed away from the dock on Owyhee Reservoir, in eastern Oregon, just before sunrise. We both prefer top-water fishing so we decided to start with surface plugs, even though the bass had moved into deep water a month before. To our surprise, they were near the shore and near the surface and we had a picnic until four in the afternoon. We caught 32 and kept four of the biggest.

Another time, Harry Erickson and I found them near shore in a New York lake on a hot August day. He fished a surface plug and I used a bug with my

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fly rod, and we both had fun. Each of these times the weather had a fresh exhilarating feeling. I suppose the barometer was high, although I refuse to be made the slave of any mechanical gadget when I have a chance to fish.

The most surprising experience of all, however, came at a time when I had no business fishing at all. We were living in Pleasantville, New York, then, and my wife's cousin Elmo and his family came up from Jersey to spend Sunday with us. It was a hot, sticky August day. We dis-

posed of a fried chicken and wasted a great many words. I got the fidgets.

Elmo started home about six o'clock. As soon as he had turned the corner, I said to my wife, "Let's go fishing."

She was willing, even though it was obvious that a thunderstorm was approaching. We drove out to the nearest lake, since there wasn't much time, and even before our tackle was set up the rain began to come down by bucketfuls. We put on our slickers, walked down to the shore and cast our floating plugs out onto the rain-ripped surface of a little bay.

As I live and breathe, every fish in that lake was utterly insane! Thunder shook the earth, lightning ripped the sky, and the water looked as though it were being swept by a gigantic hose. But the fish were wild. I'm sure we caught every bass that saw our plugs. We caught bluegills, rock bass, crappies, perch. My wife even caught a big bullhead on a top-water bass plug!

The excitement lasted until the storm swept on to leave the trees dripping and the water placid, just at dark. Then the fish quit and we went home. We were as wet as drowned puppies, but we didn't mind. As I have said, nothing helps the fishing like fish.

In the Doghouse

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winter sleeping in overheated quarters, frequently brings on a shedding spell. This is particularly true when dogs are permitted to sleep close to radiators or other heating equipment. I recall the first Welsh puppy I bought from a kennel in Scarsdale, New York, a kennel where the dogs the year 'round were housed in unheated quarters. At the time of that pup's arrival in our home his coat was like sealskin. He was bought as a house pet and the time was winter. Within a month or so his coat turned hard and brittle and had lost all traces of the gloss it had when we got him. Household heat just ruined Imp's wardrobe.

The dog that is unwell may shed profusely and continually until it is restored to health, at which time it reverts to its usual normal shedding periods. One of the facts of doglife is that Mrs. Dog is more often a twice-a-year shedder and often changes her clothes when the stork arrives. The latter event is a severe drain on Mrs. Dog's system and no doubt the shock causes the shedding. An overdose of internal parasites can cause a shedding term. For this there are a number of excellent remedies on your druggists' shelves, but you'll have to be sure that you know what kind of worms to look for. If you don't want to take on the job at home and are not familiar with the different varieties of such parasites, then you'd best turn your pooch over to your vet. He'll know exactly what to do in such a case.

It will help a lot, help your dog and

help lessen the household chore of riding your carpets and furniture of dog hairs if you give Fido a daily combing and brushing. If you have a cellar in which to do this so much the better, but wherever you groom the dog it is wise to stand him on a few sheets of newspapers to catch the combings. The comb can be any that you might buy in a five and dime store. But if the teeth are sharp file them down; the idea is that you want to remove hair, not hide. For the dog with a short or fairly short coat use the finer spaced tooth part of the comb. For the fellow that has a wiry coat or, perhaps, a long coat use the part of the comb where the teeth are much more widely spaced.

Never comb a dog of any coat while that purp is wet—after a bath or a swim. If you do you'll pull out too much "live" hair. After combing put a few drops of oil, mineral or olive, on the dog's brush. First brush against the "lay" of the coat and finish by brushing the hair back to its normal position. A brush with bristles about one half inch long will do for the short-haired dog, but if your Fido has a coat as short as that of a pointer, or any other dog that could be termed short-coated, then a piece of chamois or even the palm of your hand will be all that is needed for the final polishing. For the long-haired, medium or wiry coated dogs a brush with bristles about one and a half inch long is suitable, but for the fellow that has a really stiff coat such as some of the terriers you'd best

use a brush that has very stiff bristles. Never use one of those wire hair brushes. That type of brush is too prone to cause deep scratches in the dog's skin. For both kinds of bristles here again you can easily get the brush you want in the same place where you buy the dog's comb. Or it may be that you have a local pet shop, department store with a dog department where you can buy a brush designed for dogs. Lacking these local sales outlets, your five and dime store will either have dog brushes or a variety of the two types (intended for human use) which I have described. Don't try to brush out snarls in the dog's coat as this is almost impossible to do, nor should you try to comb them out. In doing the latter you'll very likely pull out too much hair. Separate such snarls and tangles with your fingers.

Don't make the mistake of having your dog closely clipped if you live where the weather becomes very warm. This won't cool him at all. In fact, his coat acts as an insulating medium. I've seen instances around New York at dog shows during very warm spells where some extremely short-haired dogs such as pointers, bulldogs, etc., suffered from heat prostration while their longer-coated cousins, although panting like engines, were actually feeling the heat far less than the short-coated fellows.

After this diversion about clipping let's get back to the business of combing and brushing. When brushing, do the job vigorously. This stimulates the coat,

brings blood to the inner part of the skin and will give your dog a glowing feeling that he'll appreciate. Apply this only to the brushing, not the combing. Should the coat have become spotted with grease or heavy oil, put a little—very little—ammonia in some hot water (not too hot) and use a sponge that you've previously dipped into the solution. Wring out most of the liquid and sponge the spot or stain. Test the heat of the water with your bare elbow. If you can endure the heat then the water is hot enough. Be sure that the solution is very weak as the skin of the dog is extremely sensitive to chemicals.

Now that we've covered the two things your dog will like, the combing to help him shed and the all-around grooming which follows, we'll touch on that subject that will forever after make him believe that this fellow Faust goes around thinking up mean things to do to dogs. This is the matter of bathing. I've seen many dogs that keenly enjoy swimming; as a matter of fact all dogs can swim, but I'm still waiting to see the pooch that really enjoyed being dunked purposely, at home or elsewhere. To some extent this may be a result of the methods employed by his boss. The business of bathing a dog can be done efficiently or can become a domestic riot. To begin with, too many house pets are washed too often. Unless Fido has played around with some ancient, castoff fish or other unpleasantly odoriferous thing which to him may be like roses, the average house pet can do with one bath a month or at most every three weeks. The dog that is bathed too often frequently suffers a bad coat as soap and water remove essential oils in the skin. This results in a harsh, brittle coat.

When tubbing your pup don't use

soaps intended for human use as they are likely to contain caustics harmful to both skin and coat. Use a good dog soap. Your local druggist or grocer very likely has one or more of the better known brands. Be sure your bathing vessel is big enough to fit the dog, one large enough for you to maneuver Fido around in it. Again, use your elbow for the hot water test. Don't bathe the dog in cold water when the days are cool or cold. Cold water will not clean the dog as thoroughly as will warm water, nor will you be able to rinse out the soap as easily.

Begin by putting a collar of soap around the pup's neck. This will serve as a barrier for fleas and other parasites that will climb out on his head once the dog's body is in the water. It will keep them there until you wash the head. It is well to soap and rinse the dog twice but be sure you have removed all soap possible from his body. Keep a bailing can handy for rinsing. Don't throw the water on the dog but gently pour it on. Next give attention to his head, but when soaping it keep one hand over his eyes. Wind up with a thorough over-all rinsing. Take him out of his tub. Dry him thoroughly down to his BVDs. After the bath encourage him to romp around for this will help the drying process. Let him have a ball or one of his favorite toys—a ball is best because it will keep him on the move faster. Don't permit him to go outdoors if the weather is chilly and don't permit him to lie where there is any draft.

Don't bathe your dog right after he had been fed and never bathe a dog that is unwell. No matter how fractious Fido may become, don't lose your temper, don't scold or shout as either will make the experience more of an ordeal, an unpleasant ordeal, for the dog.



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ELKS WORKSHOP



Planning a plywood project? If so, here is what to look for at the lumber yard.

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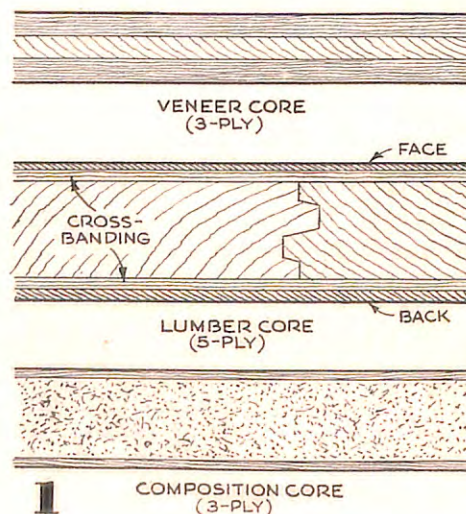
HOW many things do you look for when you buy plywood?

To most do-it-yourselfers, plywood is simply plywood—a wonderfully workable kind of manufactured lumber that comes in large, uniform panels that won't split or splinter.

But if you've been buying any old kind of run-of-the-yard stock, the chances are that you've been paying more than you should for plywood's advantages, or getting less quality than your projects deserve. Or both.

For the fact is, plywoods aren't all alike. They vary widely in a number of important respects that affect price, appearance, strength, and suitability for different jobs.

How can you pick the one that is best suited to your purse and purpose? As a starter, it helps to know in what ways plywoods are alike and also how they differ.



WHAT KIND OF CORE? A plywood panel is a lumber sandwich made up of an uneven number of layers or plies. True plies (or veneers) are large, thin sheets of wood that differ from boards in that they are made by peeling tree trunks rather than by sawing them up. The cleanest and finest veneers are used for the outer surfaces of plywood panels; inferior veneers, or slices of cheaper woods, are frequently used for the centers or "cores."

Structural plywood, the most commonly available kind, is usually made with a *veneer core*. (See figure 1.) However, there are two other kinds of cores that are also very widely used. They show up most frequently in expensively surfaced panels intended for furniture projects and decorative room paneling.

In *lumber-core* plywood, the center layer isn't really a slice or ply, but consists rather of strips of sawed wood that are joined edge to edge in a way that minimizes warping and provides a solid foundation for thin outer veneers.

Composition-core plywoods, the third major variety, are built around a center layer that is manufactured by bonding wood chips or flakes with a tough glue or resin. Composition cores are usually lighter and flatter than real wood, and are almost totally warp-free. And what may be even more important, they cost less. They are usually surfaced with real wood veneers, but you can also buy "plywood" panels that sandwich a composition core between outer layers of composition board.

HOW MANY PLYS? Before you buy a sheet of plywood, take note of the number of plies of which it is composed. You'll always find an uneven number—usually 3, 5, or 7. Wood layers are arranged so the grain of one ply runs at right angles to that of the next. This cross-lamination is what gives plywood

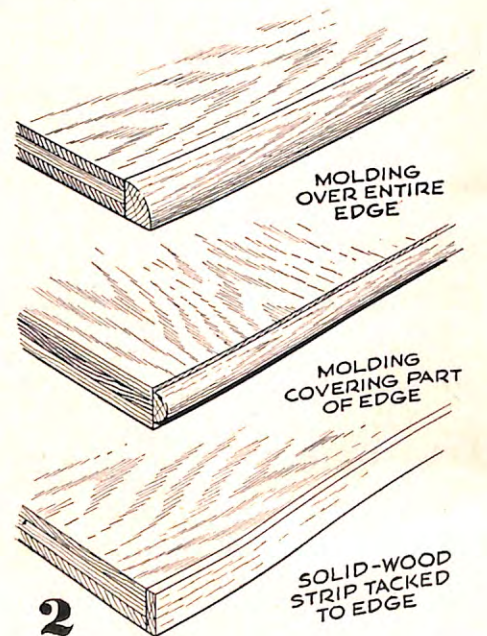
its strength and rigidity as well as its resistance to splitting and shrinking. Incidentally, the plies that lie between the core and outer veneers of a 5-ply panel are called "crossbanding."

As a rule, thicker panels have more plies, but the rule has plenty of exceptions. For example, you can find many varieties of 3/4" plywoods in either 5- or 7-ply panels. Other things being equal, the larger number of plies usually testifies to greater strength, stability, ruggedness, freedom from sag and warp, over-all quality—and cost.

Those "other things," however, aren't always equal. In addition to variations in core material and construction, plywoods differ in other important ways.

"TYPE" and "GRADE." Strictly speaking, "type" refers to the glue used to hold a plywood sandwich together. *Exterior-type* plywood is assembled under pressure with a completely waterproof adhesive. The glue, in fact, resists moisture and weathering better than the wood itself, which makes exterior plywood, the preferred type for outdoor structures, sink paneling, and the like.

Interior-type plywood (which includes most fine furniture woods as well as a



large percentage of structural panels) is laminated with a moisture-resistant glue. Though it isn't waterproof, it is usually more than adequate for any weather-protected installation.

Within these two basic types there is a much larger number of grades. A plywood grade is a rough index of its overall quality, but the term refers most specifically to the appearance of the outer veneers. Higher graded panels show fewer natural defects (such as splits, knots, pitch pockets, and the like). Their grain is usually finer, and the surfaces are more thoroughly sanded.

But when similar plywood panels are available in different grades, the better one may also have sounder core stock,



more plies, and generally superior construction.

Cabinet-grade plywoods are made with several hundred different face veneers, but despite this impressive number, grade variations fall within a fairly narrow range. In a well-stocked lumber yard, you may be able to pick between first and second-grade panels with the former having choicer veneers and more uniform grain patterns.

Structural plywood, on the other hand, offers a much narrower selection of wood types in a much larger number of grades. These workhorses of the plywood family are engineered to fit many jobs. If you want to lay a sub-flooring, for example, it makes sense to buy an inexpensive—and low-grade—type of plywood since both faces will be hidden from view. In other applications, the appearance of one—or both—surfaces may be much more important.

You'll have no trouble ordering the right kind, however, if you remember that the face and back of most structural panels are separately graded—usually by the letters A through D. An "A-A" panel, for instance, has veneers of equal quality on the face and back. It is just right for a door, a room divider, or some other installation in which the appearance of both sides must be considered. But you'd be wasting your money if you used it, say, to panel a playground, for, since the panel backs will be permanently concealed, less expensive "A-C" panels should be plenty good enough.

HOW TO PICK YOUR PLYWOOD. For all these variations, it's a simple matter to buy plywood that is good enough—but not too good—for whatever job you have in mind. All you have to do is know what to look for and what to ask for.

Obviously, no lumber yard can possibly stock the hundreds of types, grades, woods, cores, finishes, thicknesses, and panel sizes in which plywood is manufactured. But most dealers will be glad to order the kind you want, and will even be glad to help you make a proper and economical choice.

To get the benefit of the choice that is yours for the asking, it is best to allow a little time. Decide about the quantity

and kind of plywood you will need while you are drawing up your plans, and order it as soon as possible. Don't let the selection hang fire until you are ready to begin work.

If you intend to give your project a clear, stained, or natural finish, here's an important fact to keep in mind: most plywood surfaces are *real wood veneers*. That means surface appearance is very likely to vary a little from sheet to sheet. When your job calls for several panels, pick them out yourself. Your lumberman won't mind letting you look through his stock, and you'll be able to select sheets that have the best matched color and grain.

In any given grade or type, thicker panels cost more than thinner ones. Surprisingly often, home workshopppers use $\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " stock when $\frac{1}{4}$ " or $\frac{3}{8}$ " panels would do just as well. Any time a job permits individual pieces of plywood to be securely framed and anchored, give some thought to using thinner stock. By eliminating unnecessary thickness, you may be able to make a big dent in your plywood costs.

WHAT ABOUT EDGES? In jobs where large, unbroken surfaces are called for, plywood has an obvious advantage over narrow boards of solid wood. But in one other respect, plywood seems to have an equally obvious disadvantage. Because it is made in layers, exposed ends and edges have a way of showing their origin. This shortcoming is often compounded by a tendency of inner plies to chip out, leaving a raggedness that cannot be concealed successfully even with the use of paint.

Considering how often the ragged edges of home-built plywood pieces offset the good looks of the surface veneers, you might think that this is an unsolvable problem. Actually, it's a very simple one.

Where appearance counts, there is no reason for failing to conceal raw edges. Experienced craftsmen use tricky dodges to give their jobs a truly finished, professional look. Of course, many of their methods call for either special tools or special skills, but even if you don't want to go in for precision mitering or rabbeting, there are simpler ways to get results that are almost as good.

The simplest is to tack on a strip of molding or thin wood as shown in figure 2. You can buy ready-made molding the same width as the plywood edge, or use a narrower molding and center it along the edge.

Or if you want an even fancier trim, you can take advantage of one of the newest and best solutions to the old problem of plywood edges. Thin, tape-like strips of real veneer are now on the market. Tapes like the one shown in figure 3 are available in mahogany, oak, walnut, and several other woods that match the most popular furniture plywoods. They are surfaced and sanded just like face veneers; under a stain or clear finish, they look like solid wood edges.

An Easy Way to Open a Stubborn Window



When a window sticks, prying it up from the bottom with a screwdriver will leave permanent scars. A better way is to use a lift bar and

lever. Measure up from the sill to the inside of the upper sash rail. Cut the lift bar about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " shorter than this. The lever can be any convenient length.



Place a small block on the sill to prevent marring it. With the end of the lever on this, set the lift bar under the sash rail in one corner, keeping it $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the glass. Place the bottom end of the lift bar on the lever as near the lower sash as possible.

Lift cautiously just a trifle. Then shift the bar to the opposite corner. Continue alternating this way until the sash is free.

Sawing Plywood Easily

Plywood panels are so flexible that their own weight tends to pinch the saw when you cut them by hand. The material on one side of the cut made by the saw usually drops below the other as soon as the cut has proceeded a foot or two, binding the blade. To keep the two parts in line, tighten a C Clamp across them at the edge where you began the cut, using a bit of wood on top and another underneath to bridge the cut made by the saw.

Time Saver for Lumber

When you cut a piece off a board or a length of molding, it takes only a moment to measure the remaining piece. If you mark this on the end of the length before returning it to your stockpile, it may save you the trouble of pulling it out only to find it too short for your purpose. A glance at the end shows how much is available.—Harry Walton.

Editorial

OUR NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER



The members of Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 114 emphasized in their endorsement of Fred L. Bohn for the Grand Exalted Rulership his possession of the following qualities:

Devotion to the Order,
Civic Leadership,
Patriotic Americanism,
Religious Faith.

Surely their claims to his possession of these qualities are fully justified by his record.

Surely these are the characteristics which all members of our Order admire and appreciate.

From his initiation into the Order in February, 1925, he has shown his deep interest in its purposes and principles and his desire and determination to give his best and most constant efforts to its advancement.

Three years after his initiation, during which period he served in the various chairs of the Lodge, he was elected Exalted Ruler.

Three years later he was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

Three years more, having served on various committees of the Ohio State Elks Association, he became its President.

He served the Grand Lodge as a member of the Antlers Council and of the State Associations Committee.

In 1949 he was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight.

A year later he was elected Grand Trustee and then succeeded to the chairmanship of the Board.

In all of these positions, in his own Lodge, the Ohio Elks Association and in the Grand Lodge, he has shown a most commendable application to the duties involved.

The members of our Order may be definitely confident that he will meet the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Exalted Rulership with the same sense of devotion and degree of conscientiousness that he has shown in all the preceding offices he has so faithfully filled in his own Lodge, in the Ohio Elks Association and in the Grand Lodge.

The members of the Order may be confident that the interest he has shown and the experience he has gained in local community service organizations and health and welfare movements, in the interest of children and the less favored of all ages and stations in life guarantee his inspirational leadership of all the lodges in the humanitarian programs to which our Order is dedicated.

The members of our Order may be confident that out of his own recognition of the fatherhood of God and his devotion to his church he will lead them in the Order's fight against the forces of Godlessness and totalitarianism, personal or collective totalitarianism, that are the greatest menace to those freedoms, to the preservation of which all Elks are solemnly pledged and devotedly committed.

FOR EVERY ELK TO READ

As one reads the annual report of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, the Board of Grand Trustees and the several Commission and Committees of the Grand Lodge one must experience regret that copies of all of them cannot be sent to each of the 1,175,000 members of the Order.

If this were practicable how much more and clearer knowledge each member of the Order would have of its steady growth, its great strength today, and the importance of its patriotic, educational and humanitarian activities.

So far as is possible, the Elks Magazine attempts to carry the important parts of these reports and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Sessions in the July and August issues but its space is limited and it cannot give them the complete coverage that might be desired.

However, we feel disposed to urge upon all members of the Order to read carefully and thoroughly such coverage as the Magazine does find it possible to give to these activities in which every member of the Order must have a justifiable sense of satisfaction and a great feeling of pride.

OUR OLDEST PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER

On June 9th, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell celebrated his 87th birthday, celebrated it, as an item in the Dallas Morning News tells us, by following his usual routine, putting in a full day's work.

Judge Atwell served 33 years on the Federal bench and still will not consider permanent retirement.

Those who attended the New York Elks Dinner at Philadelphia last July and noted the extent to which he has retained his singing voice and his spirit of song will find it difficult to believe that we have stated his age correctly. But it is true that our oldest Past Grand Exalted Ruler is only a little over a year younger than the Order of Elks.

Brother Atwell has been, and is, a dedicated Elk, a devout churchman and a great American.

The thousands of Elks who know, love and respect him will rejoice at his attainment to his age with full retention of good health, cheerful spirits and the joy of life.

A PLEDGE MAINTAINED

Reminded by Exalted Ruler Harlow, of the Elks Home Lodge, that July 7th was the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the Elks National Home we read again the remarks of the various speakers at that dedication.

The spirit of the Home was most eloquently expressed by Past Exalted Ruler Fred Harper of Lynchburg Lodge, later Grand Exalted Ruler, when he said:

"On behalf of the vast army of stalwart, red blooded, warm hearted, high minded American citizens who compose its splendid citizenship I here and now pledge to the world that they will ever cherish and here maintain this institution as a real Home of true Brothers."

Surely the thousands of Brothers who, during the years, have enjoyed the comforts and privileges of the Home and of the members of the Order who are familiar with its operation have felt that and those living do now feel that Brother Harper's pledge has to this day been maintained.

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