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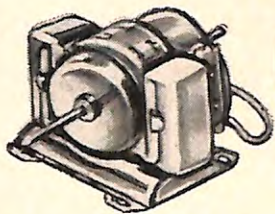


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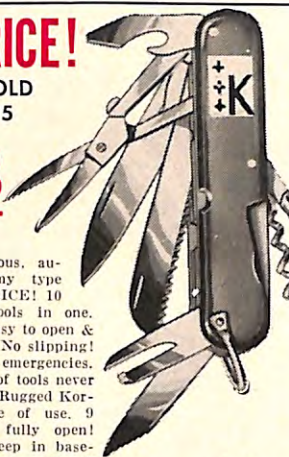
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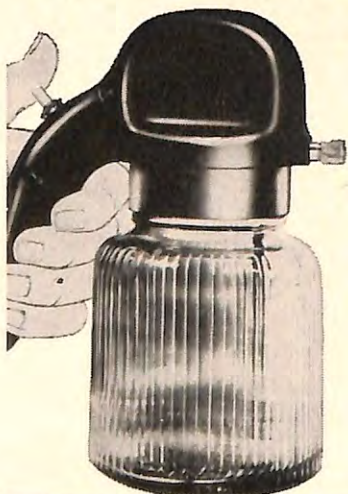
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Tom Wrigley Writes from WASHINGTON



ASWELLING CHORUS OF PROTESTS is rollin', if not rockin', in Washington that "the government is spending too much." You hear it from taxi drivers, clerks and waiters, from government workers themselves. Members of Congress, too, are getting letters from back home on the same somber refrain. All of this indicates the dangers of inflation are beginning to be better understood by the people. Treasury Secretary Humphrey was first to come out with a hope that the record high budget asked by the President could be reduced. Senator Knowland of California followed with a call for at least a \$2 billion slash. Others have joined the move. No matter what happens, however, to trim the \$73.3 billion total spending authority asked by the President, there will be no reduction in taxes. Surprisingly, only a few letters in the Congressional mail box demand tax reductions. Citizens want the budget balanced, naturally, but there is overwhelming sentiment that any surplus should be applied to the national debt. Many believe the foreign aid program with a \$4,363,000,000 tag in the budget could be pruned way down. The \$1,763,000,000 total for economic aid is another target. Threat of spiraling inflation with prices going up and wages rising to meet prices and prices jumping to keep up with wages for the past 24 months may put a brake on government

spending. Business and labor have been asked by Mr. Eisenhower to use restraint. In cutting down, however, the government could set a good example, the way the man in the street sees it.

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME

It is time for April showers and it is a safe bet the famous cherry blossoms, in spite of all the hormone sprays, will come out at the wrong time for the Cherry Blossom Festival. Cherry blossom week attracts hundreds of thousands of people, nevertheless. April in Washington is a paradise. Hotel reservation clerks are working overtime. There are many conventions and gatherings. During Holy Week the Daughters of the American Revolution will take over the town. Then Easter week and then the U. S. Chamber of Commerce meeting. From now on the Nation's Capital will be booming with tourists all Summer long. (Tip, get a room with air conditioning.)

TRIP TO THE MOON

Dr. Clifford C. Furnas, who retired as Defense chief of research to return to Buffalo University, says if man really wants to he will be able to send a rocket robot around the moon in 10 years and go there himself in 25 years. Present knowledge of physics and engineering make this possible, he said.

INCOME TAX SETTLEMENTS

Joe Louis wants to settle his income tax tangle with Uncle Sam for 50 grand. Settlements recently made by the Internal Revenue Bureau include the St. Louis Cardinals, overpaid \$224, instead of owing \$12,217. Such adjustments are not unusual because the taxpayer is sometimes right.

DEAN OF WOMEN PILOTS

Mrs. Blanche Noyes, commercial pilot, is the only woman Federal executive flying government aircraft. She is chief of the Air Marking Staff of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and spends hundreds of hours each year flying at low altitude checking markers and charting flyways. There are 45,000 air markers under her direction, a lot of them painted on the tops of barns and buildings.

OLD DISHES RETURN

Ben Johnson, from Kentucky, retired as a member of Congress 30 years ago. He was an honest man. Recently, a daughter, Mrs. J. Daniel Talbott of Bardstown, where "Uncle Ben" died in his mansion in 1950, unpacked an old box and discovered a sauce dish, a cream pitcher, a dinner plate, a bread and butter plate and three small dishes, all from the House restaurant. It is

known that the Congressman used to have his lunch sent to his office. Somehow or other the dishes were packed with his belongings when he retired. Mrs. Talbott sent them to Congressman Frank Chelf, of Johnson's district, and they are on display in Speaker Rayburn's dining room.

NO DUELING ALLOWED

Washington has some old laws in force since 1801. The penalty is a year in jail for cutting off a horse's tail and there's a 10-year jail term for promoting a bullfight or challenging a person to a duel.

GHOSTLY BASEMENT

Visitors could spend months and still not see everything in the Smithsonian Institution, irreverently known in government circles as the "nation's attic." Down in the cluttered basement are famous relics the public never sees. Some are gruesome reminders, such as the plaster of paris faces staring upward from the floor. They are death masks of great people. There are busts, too, of famous men and women in history, priceless sofas and chairs and objects. There is even the costume that Richard Mansfield, the actor, wore in the play Don Carlos. All of these things are kept in perfect repair. Around the gowns and the costumes there is a heavy odor of mothballs. Smithsonian officials look forward to the day when the Institution will have a new building big enough to properly display all the treasures it has gathered.

DISTRICT DITHERS

Men in Washington, even members of the National Press Club, are joining the present fad to grow beards. A national whiskers census says that the total of 140,000 beards has now increased to 200,000 . . . Mrs. Eisenhower wore her citron yellow and crystal Inaugural Ball gown to all three White House official functions so guests could have a look see . . . Rescue Squadron William Reamy rescued two little girls from a cake of ice in the river and his next call was to a house where he delivered twin girls while the ambulance waited outside. "Everything's coming in pairs" he observed . . . The Army, after waiting since 1775, has its own recognized flag and has presented one to the House Armed Services Committee. It has the original coat of arms adopted in 1775 by the War Department in blue on a white field . . . Traffic accidents in Washington cost \$22,000,000 last year. . . . Proceedings have been started to ban four coal-tar colors used in butter, oleo and other food products. They are FD&C yellow Nos. 1,2,3,4 . . . Two Public Health Service scientists have developed a new gimmick to reduce the cost of adding fluoride, a tooth decay preventive, to city water supplies.

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"The Joy of Giving"

Through an Elks National Foundation Scholarship, Cynthia Talbot of West Warwick, R. I., was helped along on her road to higher learning and present when the grant was awarded were, from left: John J. Kelly, West Warwick Scholarship Committeeman, Exalted Ruler Sylvio Laferriere, Past Exalted Ruler Ralph P. Cinquegrana and State Scholarship Committeeman J. E. Miller.



Recent grants of the Elks National Foundation in the field of cerebral palsy demonstrate the nation-wide scope of this great activity:

James G. Owens, sponsored by Allentown, Pa., Lodge, has received a \$525 grant to assist in his advanced training in physical therapy at New York University.

John Otto Geary, sponsored by Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, received a grant of \$250 to help complete his training in physical therapy at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Elaine T. Vergeront, sponsored by Riverside, Cal., Lodge is taking a course in speech therapy at the University of Redlands under a Foundation fellowship.

Miss Jane C. Scory, sponsored by Middletown, Conn., Lodge, has been awarded a fellowship to complete a course in hearing therapy at Boston University.

One bright spot in the income tax picture, as we all turn to our Federal forms again, awaits the many Elks who contributed to the Elks National Foundation during the year, for their gifts are deductible for tax purposes. As Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, has often pointed out, a gift to the Foundation is not only a deductible item, but also is of an everlasting nature because only the income from the Foundation's investments is used for its great work, and all expenses of administrating the Foundation are paid by the Grand Lodge.

The diversified type of training that the Elks National Foundation is making available in the cerebral palsy field is pointed out in this photograph of six employees of Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Hospital at Brighton, Mass. All six are recipients of Elks National Foundation fellowships and are the members of specialized fields, necessary to the rehabilitation of even one little child who is severely handicapped, such as Jackie Murphy with them in the photograph. Standing left to right are: Dr. Frederick G. Whoriskey, Medical Director; Mrs. Alice McLaughlin, teacher; Sister Mary Clement, F.M.M., speech therapist; Miss Katherine Heller, social worker. Holding Jackie are Miss Harriet McGovern and Mrs. Shirley D. Norton. Jackie's braces were purchased for him by Lawrence, Mass., Lodge.



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Looking forward to welcoming you to San Francisco and with best wishes for a successful Convention, I am

Fraternally yours,

George Christopher
Mayor

What Our Readers

Have to Say



Thank you so much for giving us that great story, "North Return", in the February issue of The Elks Magazine. It's the tenderest love story I have ever read and was written by a man who really knows his "North Woods" and with a heart as big as a ham. It's such well selected material as "North Return" that makes The Elks Magazine the most welcome publication that comes across my desk.

Art Hubbard

Fort Worth, Texas

May I congratulate you on publication in the February issue of the article on the Near East by Robert Aura Smith.

It is a clear objective account which manages to compress a good deal of history and background into a small space. I commend it to any readers who may have overlooked it.

Clifford P. Case
U.S. Senator

Washington, D.C.

Having been a member of Lodge No. 321, Lynchburg, Va., since 1951, I must say the February issue of The Magazine is one of the best yet.

The article "Near East" by Robert Aura Smith spells out in a few thousand words the gist of the whole problem that can affect the peace of the entire world, in my opinion.

The painting on the cover is also one of the most effective I have seen since I have become an Elk. I am having it framed. Will put it on the office wall of the store I own and operate.

Simons C. Busbee

Goode, Va.

My most sincere thanks and compliments to you and to Robert Aura Smith for the article "Near East" in the February issue of The Elks Magazine. It is the finest, fairest and best expressed epitome of a terribly
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PGER JAMES APPOINTMENT

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James has been appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohm as a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission to serve as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton.

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Looking Toward Peace in the Near and

DR. DANIEL A. POLING

FOR eight years now a major tragedy of the Middle East has been the border raid—Syria, Jordan and Egypt against Israel, and Israel in retaliation with her smashing and several times incredibly brutal reprisals. Once I was in the line of sniper fire near the Jordan-Israeli frontier where the former's boundary elbows into Israel west of the Jordan River. Egypt, particularly from the Gaza Strip, has made murderous and almost nightly attacks on Jewish settlements south of Tel Aviv.

However Israel may be condemned for United Nations violations in moving into the Sinai Peninsula (and she was promptly condemned), this major retaliation was the result of long-continued and steadily accelerated provocative guerrilla raids which the amount of Russian war supplies and equipment found by Israel on the Sinai Peninsula, along with the numbers of Egyptian troops concentrated there, indicated that these guerrilla attacks would very soon become army penetration in force. Indeed it is now clear that when Israel struck in army strength last October she believed, and had reason to believe, that she faced "extermination."

But without further attempt to appraise the provocative and immediate causes of the Suez incident, it is now abundantly clear that no mere withdrawal from the Peninsula and the Aqaba Gulf will even approach a solution to the Israeli-Arab problem. And it is the problem itself that must be faced. The United Nations will be tragically inadequate if it does not search for and find a solution for that problem, or at least a proposal for such a solution. To date there is no indication, or at least nothing made public, that offers the world hope for such a solution.

The proposal for United Nations sanctions against Israel has significance of a negative character entirely. William



Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of *Christian Herald Magazine*, is one of the most distinguished clergymen in the country. He is particularly qualified to contribute this article conveying his thoughts about the solution to the Middle East political situation because of his work overseas during World War I and World War II. In 1946 the War Department made an award to him for conspicuous service as an accredited war correspondent in the overseas theater of combat, and the following year he was the recipient of the United States Government Medal of Merit.

During the past few years he has made repeated trips to the Middle East to study political conditions. Dr. Poling is the author of several books and, also, of a syndicated newspaper column. In recognition of his outstanding moral influence as a pastor, several universities have conferred upon him Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. He is Chaplain of the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

F. Knowland, in opposing actions on the floor of the United States Senate, declared that a double standard of international morality was "growing like a cancer at the heart of the United Nations." He supported his statement by calling attention to the fact that nations that had demanded "speed" in condemning Britain, France and Israel for invading Egypt in the Fall of 1956 "abstained from voting on resolutions aimed at stopping Soviet aggression in Hungary."

The Senator from California has been joined by many of his colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, not only in opposing sanctions but in calling attention to what Knowland has described as a "double standard of morality." It was apparent at the time of writing that even if sanctions are avoided, the solution is only a stop-gap measure.

In November, 1956, President Eisenhower stated "We cannot subscribe to one law for the weak, another law for the strong, one law for those opposing us, another for those allied with us. There can be only one law or there will be no peace . . ." In the light of his November statement, it would seem that the only moral justification for United States support of sanctions against Israel would be a joint resolution against both Egypt and Israel. But sanctions will not be even a temporary solution or an approach to such solution of the Middle Eastern problem. Already the discussion itself has widened the ominous breach between this country and her great allies. England and France

have made clear their determined opposition to sanctions, as have the Scandinavian and other European countries. Even the Soviet bloc (for obvious reasons, of course) has declared sanctions by the General Assembly to be "illegal!"

Far from approaching any constructive proposal for re-

Middle East

solving the Near and Middle East impasse, the United Nations, and until recently at least the United States as well, has vacillated between two or more opinions.

It is easy to criticize and to condemn. In this article I shall refrain from negative criticism while I make an earnest attempt to answer possible self-criticism by offering a constructive proposal looking toward peace. Surely it was too much to expect from Israel that she should comply with the United Nations resolutions without receiving assurance, and adequate assurance, beyond any under-the-table intimated promise from Colonel Nasser, that Egypt would not reopen her attacks and also that Egypt would "open" both the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping.

Immediately the United Nations found itself compromised by the fact that through its distinguished and indefatigable Secretary-General it had conceded Egypt's right to expel United Nations forces whenever Egypt pleases—and who would doubt that Egypt might so please immediately after Israel's withdrawal had been completed? Certainly under all the circumstances the Israeli demand for a hard and fast Egyptian agreement to "a mutual and full abstention from belligerence" was not unreasonable. While apparently that was not done prior to the withdrawal, most certainly it should have been.

Submitting, then, that the time for comprehensive and radical action to save the Middle East from further disintegration and violence is at hand, I offer with all humility this "look" toward peace. Preliminary to any hopeful program for peace and security in the Near and Middle East, two decisions should be reached with a very minimum of delay—the first by the United States and the second by the United Nations:

1. President Eisenhower's request for authorization to commit the military forces of the United States against Communist aggression in the Middle East and his right to spend free of all restrictions \$200,000,000 for special aid projects in this area. His request should be granted quickly. In this matter former President Harry S. Truman in a characteristic and typically forthright statement has given his unqualified support to the President. His public statement contains the following: "Too long a discussion about the President's proposals, no matter how valid the criticism of them may

seem, could lead to . . . unfortunate results." And he continues, "the fact is that armed conflict may explode at any time if the control of the Suez Canal is not speedily and equitably worked out, and if the Israeli-Arab disputes are not settled, and if the shipment of arms by Russia is not stopped forthwith."

2. The United Nations must move with decisiveness to establish international controls of the Suez Canal that will make that strategic waterway open and free to all interested nations and beyond any possible interference by Egypt.

How vitally concerned the West has become with this fundamental issue was suggested in a radio interview in which the majority leader of the House of Representatives, Congressman John McCormack (D.-Mass.), said in effect, that whether or not France and Britain were justified in their Suez adventure, it was unfortunate that having begun they did not continue until the entire Canal was under their control. We may not agree with that conclusion, and of course Congressman McCormack was speaking off the cuff, but the Congressman has stated a profound concern of the free world.

And now my "look" toward peace:

That the Gaza Strip should not be returned to Egyptian administration seems only logical, if we desire peace. Egypt does not claim the territory as Egyptian and it is difficult to argue that she has shown a constructive interest in the peoples of that region. Certainly she has disregarded their security and well-being by using the Strip as the center of guerrilla attacks against Israel.

As a result, tension and violence became the common lot, not only of all who lived within the Strip, but of those throughout the surrounding areas. The situation became acute with Egypt's military build-up on the Sinai Peninsula and the concentration of military equipment and supplies from Russia in that area.

United Nations supervision, pending final disposition, seems to me the only logical solution of the Gaza problem.

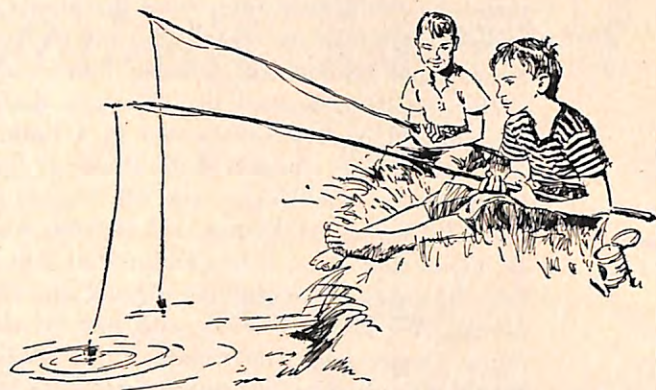
However, the Egyptian-Israeli border is not the only frontier where serious conflict exists. The central section of the Holy Land is charged with even more explosive materials. It is conceded, I think, by nearly all authorities that Jordan is neither economically nor politically strong enough to deal effectively with its vast problems.

A recent direct appeal for aid made to Saudi Arabia and Syria indicates that she is incapable of maintaining an unsubsidized government. Certainly Jordan should not be expected to provide the services for a settlement program adequate to meet the needs of some 450,000 refugees in this area. The plight of these 450,000 and of all other Arab refugees is, and should be, a burden upon the conscience of the world. You may debate the question—"Who is responsible for these refugees? Who made them refugees?" But that debate aside, they are here and their problem must be solved. The unstable nature of Jordan's government, plus her dependence on outside powers, has made her a potential victim of her neighbors—and these neighbors look with jealous eyes upon each other.

At the moment, a rejected \$33,000,000 subsidy from the British government is to be made up of funds to be provided by Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iraq all hope to annex Jordan. Syria considers

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Spring Fever



Fishing

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

It doesn't much matter what you fish for in the spring. It's just the natural time to go fishing.

APRIL somehow has become firmly established as *the* trout month, the time when all men's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of trout, the traditional season's opening. This is odd. Actually, there isn't overly much trout fishing during April.

In many states the season doesn't open until later, and in others there is no trout fishing at all. There is fishing, however. From Maine to California and from Washington to Florida the warm days of spring are calling. The skunk cabbage is pushing up out of the leaf mold. The buds are swelling. The first wild flowers are peeking shyly out. The air is buoyant and loaded with the fresh, invigorating, earthy odors of spring. The red-wing blackbirds are trilling beside every pond. And everywhere folks are going fishing.

It doesn't matter so much what you fish for in the spring. It's just that spring is the natural time to fish, like fall is the time to hunt, and merely to doze in the warm sunshine on the bank while you watch your bobber out of half-shut eyes is enough.

I suppose that I've caught fish in just about every way they can be caught, and of late years I've gotten so I hardly ever fish with anything but flies. Flies, generally, are more fun. But in the early spring, bait fishing is better.

Fishing with flies—or any other sort of artificial lures, for that matter—is aggressive fishing. You move along and show your fly to different fish. You hunt for them. If one won't bite you change position and offer your lure to another.

This is all right most of the time. But in the spring I'm not in the mood to work at fishing. Instead of always wading or paddling, continually seeking out new fish with my fly or lure, I'd rather just sit in the sun and let the fish come to me. This means bait and, as like as not, a cane pole and a bobber, although any kind of tackle can be used for bait, of course.

I remember a certain spring day a long time ago when Tom Trostle and I played hooky from school to go fishing. We didn't really plan to do it. But when we sat outdoors, beside the building, to eat our lunch at noon the warm spring sunshine and the sparrows busy building nests and the green grass sprouting up sort of got us. We just wandered away.

Fishing tackle was simple in those days. One or the other of us, or maybe both, had a ball of line, a sinker or two and a few hooks in his pocket. In an hour, we slid down the river bank at a spot where a point ran out from shore to break the current. We cut a couple of willows as straight and slender as we could find, and we dug some little red worms from the



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moist earth beside the spot where a spring trickled out.

We tied the lines to our willows, running them down the pole toward the butt before making the final knot, so that a big fish wouldn't break the slender tip and get away. Then we baited our hooks and swung them out into the slack water behind the point and waited for a bite.

Our aspirations were pretty much in keeping with our tackle. A fish was a fish to us then, and I don't remember just what we caught. Probably a sucker or two and maybe a few chubs, which we called chisel-mouths. We might even have got a couple of bullheads, which we esteemed highly because they were better eating than any of the others.

As I said, however, I don't remember



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what we caught. I don't even remember the punishment we received for missing school—although it is a moral certainty that justice was duly administered—but I'll never forget the solid satisfaction of lying there in the spring sunshine, watching lazily as the river eddied past, listening to the birds and feeling the soft, April breeze that caressed us.

As a matter of fact, I can't think of a time when what you catch, or whether you catch anything at all, is of less importance than in the early spring. I guess it's just being fishing that counts.

Once when I was living in Raleigh, North Carolina. I got to talking to Hunter Elliot about fishing. It must have been close to noon, and he had the windows of his office open. Spring had set in for sure.

A man just couldn't resist the odors and sounds that the soft air brought in through those open windows. Pretty soon we were on our way to a pond where Hunter had a skiff tied up.

Did you ever sit in a flat-bottomed boat that was moored to a couple of cypress knees on the sunny side of a southern pond in the spring? And fish for bream with a switch of a native cane pole and a little, slender perch float? It's pretty hard to beat.

We'd sit there about half dozing, and all of a sudden the bobber would start to dance and send out little waves, and we'd get all ready. After a few seconds of this the jigging float would up-end and plunk under and we'd hoist a wildly flapping bream into the boat. Most of them were bluegills, but once in a while we caught

a shell cracker or a red-breasted bream, or a crappie. None of them was very big. In fact, it wouldn't be exaggerating too much to say that they were about like silver dollars with fins.

But it was fun. I've caught big fish in far places that weren't any more fun than those little bream, and Hunter was an ideal companion. He understood the gentle art of relaxing.

That, I think, is important. Spring fishing should be neither strenuous nor exciting. Hard work and excitement can come later. In the spring, the trick is to sit in the sunshine and sort of vegetate and soak up the good feeling that comes from being close to growing things. That's the reason why bait fishing is the best: it

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BRUSH UP ON

BY ERWIN A. BAUER

Bass fishing can be as hard as you want to make it, but they're always on hand—willing and eager.

ONE DAY in Cincinnati, almost a century ago, a doctor walked out of his gas-lit office with a flyrod hidden inside his umbrella and a book of home-tied flies tucked in his vest. It was the beginning of a long fishing career that carried him in search of bass and bass fishing waters. He studied many of the nearby Ohio streams as thoroughly as he had studied his medical subjects before. He fished in Michigan, Wisconsin and the South. He waded the Kentucky blue grass rivers with his angling companion, General Sherman, and he, James Henshall, became the father of black bass fishing as we know it today.

But Doctor Henshall never dreamed that his favorite sport would become as popular and widespread as it is today. Now, no matter where they live nor where they're going, America's wandering anglers can stow tackle in station wagons and find excellent sport with bass. Usually they can find it right near home. They never have to travel far, for bass inhabit the waters of every state and most of Canada.

There are three species of black basses—the largemouth, smallmouth and spotted. Once the largemouth was principally a fish of rivers, sloughs and bayous, but now they're everywhere that water is warm and still for at least a part of the year. They're especially numerous in farm ponds all across the land.

Smallmouths, or bronzebacks, were the bass of the Great Lakes Country, but they've been transplanted wherever water was clean, rocky, and similar to their native habitat. Generally, they've become established in the northern half of the United States, leaving the Southern half to their bulkier cousins.

In that band between where large and smallmouths overlap, the spotted bass is at home in sluggish, meandering rivers. He's a slate-green battler that more and more anglers are meeting every season in the Ohio valley.

Bass have been credited with everything from superhuman intelligence to sheer stu-

pidity in contemporary literature on fishing. Probably they fit somewhere squarely in between. And bass have been considered unfavorably when compared to trout, but consider this: bass are prospering in waters everywhere while trout and trout waters are constantly retreating ahead of the advance of civilization and development of the landscape. And no fish in fresh water compares, pound for pound, with the smallmouth.

JUST WHAT KIND of fish are these that furnish sport for perhaps twenty million anglers every year? A quick look into the biology of the critters should furnish a background for fishing for them. Bass are solitary rather than school fish. They prefer water of about seventy degrees or slightly less—at least they're most active then. The exception is in springtime.

Between March and June, depending on the latitude and the time when waters reach sixty degrees, the bass begin to stir and become restless. If it's legal, there is no better time to fish for them than during this spring period before spawning. They hit fast and often because then the food supply is at the lowest level. Although there's considerable disagreement over it, they'll strike while spawning, too, an operation which consists of scooping out a nest in shallow water to deposit between 4,000 and 10,000 eggs. It takes a little doing, though.

After spawning is completed and the eggs are hatched, bass will stay in shallow water as long as water temperatures do not soar much past seventy. In cool years, this might be all summer long; when it's extremely hot, that might not be more than a month. Then they head for water that is more to their liking. But this is important: in deep water bass do not stop feeding, as often believed. In summer, metabolism remains at a constant rate and they must eat to survive. They only feed deeper where they're farther away from anglers' lures. It's not difficult to catch them deep, but it

is often very, very difficult to find them.

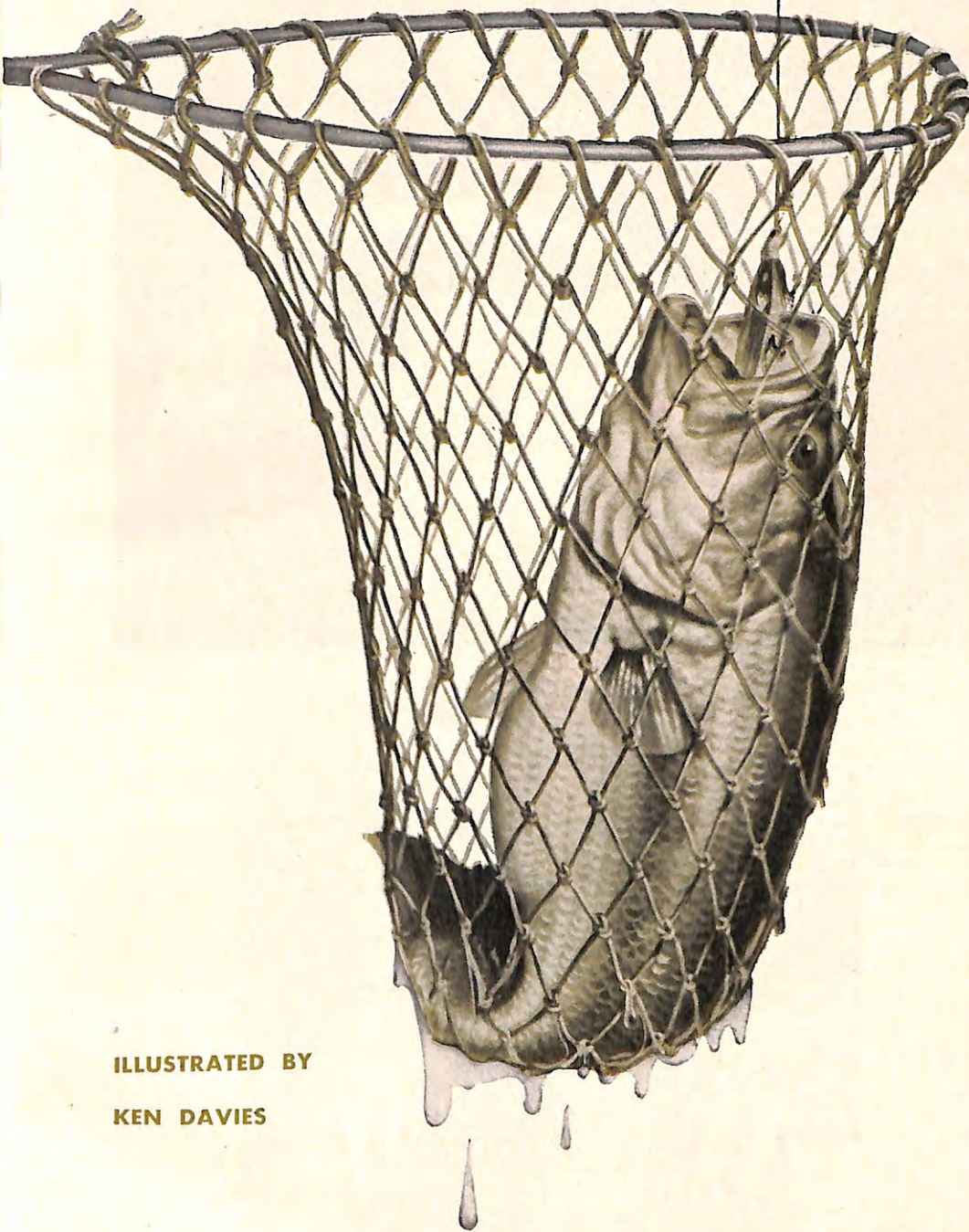
Of course, bass fishing is best when bass are in shallow water—whether the fish are smallmouths in swift streams or largemouths in weedy ponds. It's best because it's easiest to locate them near the visible signs or indicators on the surface. In a typical lake, lagoon or bayou, the best bass will be loitering around fairly obvious places—like the edges of weedbeds, around stumps or fallen logs, along irregular shorelines—in general, along “edges”. In streams, look for the pools, pockets, backwaters and undercut banks. You cast for them in places like these—in places where it's possible to hide while waiting for something edible to pass by.

Next to knowing the water, the matter of gear and lures is probably the most important. Bait casting outfits—a five to six-foot rod with a revolving spool, level-wind, multiplying reel—were developed especially for bass fishing. Old Doc Henshall did much to popularize new and lighter rods in a day when only stout greenhearts and Calcuttas were available. The first multiplying reels were made by watchmakers in Frankfort, Kentucky, and thereabouts. Today, bait casting, with tackle vastly improved and refined, is still the most accepted way to take bass. In sections of the deep South, it's considered the *only* way to take them.

Bait casting is the best way to cast the larger (from ¼ to ½ ounce) plugs, spoons, spinners and other lures. Accurate casting may be a little difficult in the beginning, but with practice it becomes a method of pin-point delivery that's virtually impossible any other way.

Often fishermen use bait casting gear with live bait. It's possible, but it's not nearly as simple and effective as with spinning tackle, a relatively new method here in America. Spinning rods are usually longer and lighter than casting rods and the reels have a fixed, rather than a revolving spool. The line (very light and single strand) pulls off the end with little

BASS



ILLUSTRATED BY
KEN DAVIES

resistance so that it's possible to cast extremely light lures ($\frac{1}{4}$ ounce or less)—or live bait—with fair accuracy. Any person with average coordination can learn to spin cast in ten or fifteen minutes.

Before Henshall's time, the fly rod was the weapon of trout fishermen alone, but the pioneering physician proved it was just as deadly for bass. The difference between fly casting and the other two methods is that the angler casts a length of line rather than a lure. The reel plays no part in casting; it merely stores line. At times and when bass are in shallow water, fly

fishing is the most deadly of all. It's handy for stream fishing with bait, too.

No outdoor writer grinds out much copy before he's confronted with the frequent question, "What's the best all-around outfit for bass fishing?". There really isn't such a thing, although spinning would come closest to it. For the serious angler, the best idea is to own all three; for the infrequent fisherman, a spinning outfit will do the job.

The actual technique of fishing can be as simple as casting a live crayfish unencumbered by float or sinker, to the sus-

pected lair of a bass—or it can be as complicated as drifting a delicate, floating fly along the cut bank of a river. Possibly it lacks some of the zest of casting artificials, but using bait properly is an extremely productive business. Properly, in this case, means naturally.

Let's say there is a pocket in the stream before you where the chances are good a smallmouth is lurking. If he's there, he's facing upstream, into the current which will drift all sorts of calories past his lurking place. Among these calories will be hellgrammites washed free into the current from beneath rocks and boulders. So why not obtain a supply of hellgrammites and present them in precisely the same manner they would normally pass the bass? Just impale one through the "collar" on a small hook and allow him to drift free into the proper places.

It's the same way in pond and lake fishing. You pick your spots and then deliver such creatures as frogs, minnows, lampreys, or leeches as near them as possible. It's that elementary. And remember that anything that moves is grist for the mill of a bass. Besides the baits we've mentioned, salamanders, newts, mice, worms, crayfish and catalpa worms are also good.

There are almost as many artificial lures on tackle shelves nowadays as there are fishermen. They range from faithful imitations of live creatures to fantastic gadgets that resemble nothing that ever lived. Curiously enough, some lures in both categories and in between them are effective.

First the plugs, the wooden or plastic-bodied models that are designed to imitate small fish or frogs. There are three general types of plugs—surface, shallow underwater and deep underwater. The surface plugs are the most exciting to use because of the smashing surface strikes they produce and because it's so fascinating to manipulate them—as slowly and erratically as your patience will permit. But their use is limited to periods when bass are in the most shallow places. Rely on them mostly early in the season, early and late in the day, and after dark.

The shallow-running underwater plugs are useful for bass in shallow or medium depth water. When the bass are deep, it's necessary to use lures which run deep, perhaps right on the bottom, to produce any action. As with surface lures, nine days in ten the slowest retrieves, with pauses and breaks, will be the best.

There are a few other lures which deserve a place in the bait caster's kit—the spinners, the weedless spoons and pork baits. The spinners work well in deep water or in stream fishing; the weedless spoons are necessary for casting into heavy vegetation or for water infested with snags; the pork frogs and spoons with pork rind tails are terrific almost any time the bass are shallow.

American bass fishermen have never really taken advantage of some of the fine European spinning lures (less than $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce).
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A VETERAN'S EYE-VIEW

Of Your Service Commission Activities

Right: In "The Ohio Story" of the Service Commission in our January issue mention of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Cincinnati was unintentionally omitted. The local Elks are doing an outstanding job there, as evidenced by this photograph, taken when the lodge's Chairman for this work, Fred Kessler, center, presented a \$100 check to Chief of Special Services R. F. Timmel, left, for the Hospital's Special Service Fund. At right is Cincinnati E.R. Robert C. Gfroerer who presented the leather, foreground, provided by the National Service Commission for the Hospital's occupational therapy department. The Cincinnati Elks participate in all VAVS activities there, and made a sizable contribution to the Hospital's Christmas Fund for decorations, gifts and the like.



Above: Chairman Leon Kimberly of the Veterans Service Committee of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., left, and Nate Werthheimer of the Rapids Food Locker Service, with 22 packaged deer hides collected through the efforts of Wisconsin Rapids Elksdom for distribution in veterans hospitals of the State for rehabilitation purposes.



Above are the "Meddiebempsters", Bowdoin College's augmented double quartet, who furnished popular entertainment for the patients at the VA Center in Togus, Maine, under the auspices of the Maine Elks during one of the recent programs they sponsored there.



Left: The "Cactus Chords", a talented quartet of Phoenix, Ariz., Elks, are pictured with Michael Melone, also a member of Phoenix Lodge, and one of the patients at the Veterans Hospital there where the Elks put on many varied programs of entertainment. One of the most interesting is the traditional Father's Day program, when awards are presented to veterans who are the "oldest father", the "youngest father", the "father with the most children" and the "father who is the greatest distance from home". A speaking program is also enjoyed, as is the entertainment provided by the "Chords" who are, left to right, Joseph Murrin, Paul Smith, R. Everett Manning and W. C. Balsley.

"DEVELOP ELKDOM'S RESOURCES"

APRIL, blessed with sparkling showers that hint of the new season, is an invigorating month in Elkdom. It is the month of inspiration to new leadership in our Lodges everywhere.

Twenty-nine years ago I, too, breathed the buoyant air of a new Exalted Ruler in Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 114. My installation was just fifteen years to the day after my father began serving as Exalted Ruler of the same Lodge. It was a great event in my life and I shall always be grateful to my Dad and my Lodge for this opportunity to serve our Order after I had been trained in the lower stations.

My teachers have never closed the books and the lessons are still going on. Each day my father, thank God he still lives, exemplifies an objective of Elkdom, as do all my Brothers. I am happy to be an Elk still privileged to serve our Order.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the result of sound fraternal principle, charitable practice and devoted service to organized effort. That is why it has grown from fifteen men to a million and a quarter American gentlemen in just 89 years.

Today I greet and congratulate 1,800 new Exalted Rulers who are starting their terms and say to them:

"Most of you were elected after serving the Order in lesser chairs but all of you are recognized as leaders and I welcome you 'on the team.' It is my happy privilege to work with you and I look forward with pleasure to greeting each and every one of you at our Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco next July."

The Exalted Rulers who have gone before struggled long and hard for the principles we espouse and I am sure that the past accomplishments of every Elks Lodge will only serve as inspirations for each new Exalted Ruler to continue building "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA."

Very sincerely,

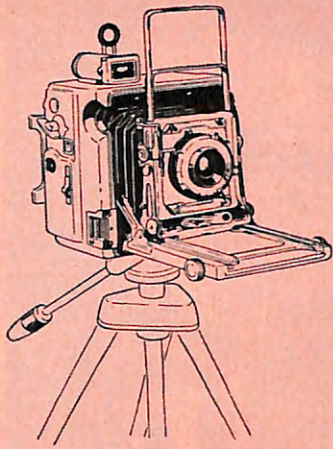


GRAND EXALTED RULER



A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

"A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA"



Taking Better Lo

The Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, N.Y., working in cooperation with Lodge No. 24 of that city, photographed the pictures on these pages with the thought in mind not so much of proposing specific ways of handling subordinate lodge photography, as suggesting that our lodge activities offer the possibility of a creative approach to photography that is not being realized to its utmost.



When picturing lodge officers, committees and other small groups, look for pleasant, informal poses such as above. The officers of Rochester Lodge posed twice for pictures just to show how much better one can be than another without any more trouble for either photographer or subject.



PICTURING LODGE ACTIVITIES is generally a matter of picturing people in groups of varying sizes—ranging from two people involved in a presentation, to the new officers for the year, to a new class.

Whether for some specific use or general record purpose, such pictures are highly desirable. However, getting good pictures that really tell the story of what happens and why can present a problem.

Thought and time are what it takes to solve this problem—whether the pictures are taken by a commercial photographer or one of your own members using amateur equipment. Give the picture you want a little thought, and take the time to set it up correctly.

Your pictures fall into two classes—those taken while something is happening and those which are posed. The candid, news-type shots need thought just as much as the others, and time must be given to the photographer to get his shot. Participants should be warned ahead of time that pictures will be made so they can key their action with that in mind. It is good to keep
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A better than usual way of picturing a presentation—the congratulations of Rochester Lodge's Exalted Ruler Joseph G. D'Aprile to Newspaper Week Award-winner Ira C. Sapozink are conveyed just as clearly in this picture as it would have been by the traditional hand-shake pose and at the same time gives a good view of the plaque. It is usually better to pose pictures such as this, before or after the actual presentation. Otherwise, be sure that the photographer has an opportunity to get the picture at the time. If you make the presentation too fast, it may be all over before your photographer can get his shot. Also, while the presentation will naturally look right to the audience, a hand or arm could easily obscure the award, which is the picture's reason-for-being, from the camera's view.

New class—and a different camera angle does the trick. Seventeen faces show clearly in an interesting pattern because the photographer climbed high to train his camera downward instead of standing on a level with his subjects.



Distinguished visitors almost inevitably become photographic subjects. There is no need for such pictures to be stiff and stilted. Here each man shows up just as well, if not better, than if he were standing with the others in a straight line. Yet the informal conversational grouping provides a much more interesting picture. Left to right: Lon Waters, Past State President; James A. Gunn, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee; Francis Hart, State President; Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Past State President; William R. L. Cook, New York State Elks Association Secretary; and George Swalbach, Past State President.



A strong center of interest is an asset to any group picture and can often be made to tell the story of why the people were together and why the picture was taken. In this picture, two lodge charters—one quite old, the other very new—help tell the story that the occasion for the picture was the institution of a new lodge. The setting is Rochester Lodge No. 24 and the new charter is that of the Greece Lodge No. 2016. Left to right: Edward Walsh, PER; James A. Gunn, Chairman Grand Lodge Auditing Committee; Francis Hart, President New York State Elks; Norman Gerhard, Exalted Ruler of new Greece Lodge; and Greece Lodge members George Badgerow, Kaye Tomasino and Ken Smith.

News of the Lodges



When E.R. Karl M. Smith, Jr., and his officers of Flint, Mich., Lodge initiated 40 candidates as a tribute to State Pres. Robert A. Burns, it brought the lodge membership to 2,312. The event followed a dinner for officers, candidates, their proposers and the Glee Club, and preceded a venison buffet supper for 200 persons in the dining room of the lodge home.

Red Hook-Rhinebeck Lodge for New York State

Through the efforts of an enterprising Organizing Committee headed by Dr. Joseph E. Vigeant, Red Hook-Rhinebeck Lodge No. 2022 came into being at ceremonies attended by hundreds of Elks, among them many leading dignitaries of the State, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum John F. Scileppi, D.D. J. Gilbert Collins and State Vice-Pres. Fred E. Crisp. Dr. Vigeant, 84-year-old P.E.R. of the sponsoring Poughkeepsie Lodge and a P.D.D., was also on hand. An active and devoted member since his initiation in 1915, Dr. Vigeant also has been

Mayor of Red Hook and President of both the Dutchess County Medical Assn. and the County Hospital, serving as a Health Officer for 21 years.

Past State Pres. James A. Gunn, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee and Chairman of the State Assn.'s New Lodges Committee, presided as Grand Exalted Ruler for the institution ceremony, assisted by Past State Pres. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Director of the National Convention Committee, and officials of the East District. The officers of Hudson Lodge conducted the initiation of the 218 Charter Members who elected Louis A. Downing as their first Exalted Ruler. Mr. Downing and his panel were installed by the officers of Poughkeepsie Lodge.



Portland, Ore., Lodge's State Championship Ritualistic Team is pictured, seated, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, fifth from left, and a recent group of candidates.



E.R. Carl Dingmann of Faribault, Minn., Lodge, left, and Tournament Chairman Al Fleckenstein look over the impressive display of trophies presented to winners in the Minnesota Elks Bowling Tournament which took place in that city.

Past State Vice-Pres. Martin J. Traugott made the presentation on behalf of the State's Eastern lodges prior to the closing ceremonies which were followed by a buffet dinner.

South Carolina Elks Meet at Sumter

Rock Hill Lodge's team captured first place honors in the State Ritualistic Contest held during the Jan. 25-26 Meeting of the South Carolina Elks Assn. in Sumter. The host team placed second in this contest, with the Anderson entry in third place. Judges for this event in which nine teams competed were Robert G. Pruitt of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, William R. Thorne of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee and P.E.R. R. D. Branch of Buckhead, Ga., Lodge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was guest speaker at the Convention, attended by over 275 persons, and other dignitaries on hand included former Grand Lodge Committeeman Marston S. Bell, D.D. Hal P. Porter and E.R. Carl Hansen, Jr., and Chaplain Anthony Barbieri of Trenton, N. J., Lodge. Reports were made by the Assn.'s Scholarship, Youth Activities, Elks National Foundation and Veterans Service Committees, and many social activities were enjoyed.

Battle Creek, Mich., Lodge Growing

Not long ago, E.R. Nick Gaetano and his fellow officers of Battle Creek Lodge No. 131 initiated a class of 168 candidates as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn. Over 500 members, including the initiates, attended the banquet which preceded the ceremony, with the Elks' ladies serving the guests in the record time of 30 minutes. A group of 15 P.E.R.'s were on hand to welcome this class, the largest in the lodge's history, which represented the ten per cent membership increase requested by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

E.R. Gaetano's goal for his term was set at 500 new members; as of Feb. 1st, 405 had been initiated.

ADDRESS OF GRAND EXALTED RULER FRED L. BOHN: Rooms 121-122, Zane Hotel, Zanesville, Ohio
ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY LEE A. DONALDSON: Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.



Looking over the program for the dedication of the new home of Russell, Kans., Lodge are, left to right, E.R. J. C. Morgenstern, Est. Lead. Knight J. F. O'Neil, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, State Chaplain Fr. Francis Zimkowsky, State Pres. Tom H. Lowman, Vice-Pres. W. A. Dawson, D.D. H. F. Davis, State Secy. F. H. Kelly and P.E.R. W. W. Ester.



For the fourth year, Effingham, Ill., Lodge presented a \$1,000 check to the Youth Recreation Center. Pictured on that occasion are, left to right, Recreation Board Treas. H. K. Dolbow, Est. Lect. Knight Dr. Charles Milone, Recreation Board Chairman Lolami Keller, Est. Lead. Knight A. W. Pitchford, Secy. N. A. Petersen and E.R. Jack Thies.



Pictured at Detroit, Mich., Lodge when a class of 19 was initiated in honor of State Assn. Pres. Robert A. Burns were, left to right, D.D. George J. Renner; Past Pres. Hugh L. Hartley, Chairman of the State Assn.'s Major Project Committee; Mr. Burns; E.R. Wm. H. Ferguson; Past State Pres. L. A. Koepfgen and Dist. Vice-Pres. A. A. Vernon.



Three generations of the Shaw family participated in a recent initiation ceremony of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Lodge when 46-year-member P.E.R. V. Briggs Shaw, left, conducted the ceremony bringing in the candidates, one of whom was his grandson, Walter B. Shaw, Jr., center. A witness was the young man's father, right, a member for 26 years.



Photographed at the Midwinter Meeting of the South Carolina Elks Assn., in Sumter were, left to right, foreground, D.D. Hal P. Porter, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Pres. W. H. Turner and Robert G. Pruitt of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities; background: Past State Pres. Marston S. Bell, a former Grand Lodge Committeeman, Vice-Pres. James P. Jervey, Jr., William R. Thorne of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee and Secy.-Treas. James E. Parker of the Assn.



When West Chester, Pa., Lodge paid tribute to its Old Timers, 37 members of 30 or more years' affiliation were honored at a dinner and program of reminiscence. Photographed on that occasion were, left to right, P.E.R. Claude S. Brubaker who served as Toastmaster, 54-year members P.E.R. John L. Clower and Trustee George J. Moses, who were members of the same class initiated in June, 1903, and E.R. Horace F. Temple who extended a cordial welcome to the guests.

Right: The officers of Red Hook-Rhinebeck, N. Y., Lodge, No. 2022, are pictured at the lodge's institution with Grand Lodge officials and the officers of Hudson Lodge who initiated the 228 Charter Members. In the foreground are Past State Pres. William F. Edelmuth, second from left, Dr. Joseph E. Vigeant, P.D.D. and Chairman of the Organization Committee, third from left, and P.E.R. Guy S. White of Poughkeepsie, Treas. of the Committee, right; standing behind the altar, center, is James A. Gunn, Chairman of the N. Y. State Elks Assn.'s New Lodges Committee, and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, with E.R. Louis A. Downing of the new lodge on his right, and E.R. Louis Pierro of Hudson Lodge on his left. At the far right are D.D. J. Gilbert Collins, Past State Pres. Martin J. Traugott and State Vice-Pres. Fred E. Crisp.
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Lodge Visits of FRED L. BOHN



When Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn visited Glendive, Mont., Lodge, he was photographed with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, seated, and standing from left: Exalted Rulers Garnet Montgomery, Wolf Point; Henry Dion, Glendive; Irving Joos, Miles City; State Assoc. Trustee Joe Wegesser; Exalted Rulers Clarence Benson, Glasgow, and Clifford Larson, Sidney.

Grand Exalted Ruler Attends Washington Elks Convention

On January 18th and 19th, the Washington State Elks Association held the 54th Mid-Winter Convention in Vancouver, and the highlight of the Convention was a visit by Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn on January 18th. Brother Bohn visited the Veteran's Hospital in Vancouver that morning and attended the Convention Session in the afternoon, at which time he gave an inspiring talk to the delegates. Other distinguished guests at the Convention were Past Grand Exalted Rulers Frank Lonergan, Emmett T. Anderson and Frank Hise, Chairman of the Grand Lodge

State Association Committee. The finals of the Washington State Ritualistic Contest were held at the Convention, and Ellensburg Lodge No. 1102 placed first. The lodge will represent Washington in the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest to be held at San Francisco during the Convention next July. About 1,200 delegates and their wives were registered at this outstanding Convention.

Large Gathering Present at Meeting of Oregon Elks

With nearly 400 delegates and 200 guests present, the annual Mid-Winter
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When Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn was at Vancouver, Wash., Lodge in January for the Oregon Elks Mid-Winter Convention, he was photographed with, seated from left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson (Mr. Bohn) and State President William C. King. Standing left to right are Washington District Deputies Dr. A. E. Gunderson, Wm. Keylor Smith, C. C. Weythman, Jay Bernstein and Henry C. Pedersen.



Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn was at Ontario, Ore., in January to attend the State Meeting and he was photographed with Sandra Osborn, who had been discharged recently from the Elks Eye Clinic in Portland, completely cured of blindness. Also with him were Roger Benson, left, and David Lavender, right, two football players who will play in this year's Eastern Oregon and Central Oregon Elks All-Star game to raise money for the Eye Clinic.



In January over 400 Elks and their ladies were present at Lancaster, Ohio, Lodge for an appreciation banquet honoring former Grand Chaplain Rev. Father Richard J. Connelly. In the photograph Mr. Bohn is pinning on Father Connelly a special Grand Chaplain's pin.



On February 9th Mr. Bohn was at Louisville, Ky., Lodge to attend the 80th Anniversary banquet, and present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, seated at left, and State President William Gresham, who in the photograph is making Mr. Bohn a Kentucky Colonel.

The Elks Still Pitch —for the Kids



Left: When Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge's Youth Committee held an Awards Night for boys who participate in its baseball program and Mayor Fred Gries and County Dist. Atty. P.E.R. Frank Gulotta were guests, the players' appreciative parents presented a plaque to the lodge. Charles Papa, an Elk team Capt., presented the award to Est. Lead. Knight John Farley.



Sponsorship of Babe Ruth Leaguers is popular in Elkdom, particularly in New Jersey where a championship group plays for Hillside Lodge. Photographed with the players at a dinner given for them by the Elks, standing, Youth Chairman A. Adamcheck, left, Committeeman J. Birger, second from left, E.R. Andrew Karlick and Coach Harvey Stone, eighth and ninth from left, and Committeeman J. Fenton, right.



Kingman, Ariz., Lodge's Cardinals have won the city Little League championship three consecutive years, taking all 20 games played in 1956. The boys are pictured with, standing, Mgr. Frank Freeburg, left, and Coach J. Y. McLendon.



Right: Clarence E. Carlton, Commissioner of Little League Baseball, right, presents the trophy emblematic of the American League Championship, to Dr. Arthur J. Prendergast, E.R. of Glens Falls, N.Y., when the boys won the League title for the second consecutive year.



One of the two very fine teams the Sacramento, Calif., Elks are sponsoring in the Little League are the "Giants," managed by Elk Ed Buletti, right foreground, and coached by Jack Borge, left foreground. Also photographed with the boys are E.R. Garry T. Vivaldi, standing at left, and Athletic Commissioner Babe Rose, standing at right. The younger groups of players under this lodge's aegis are known as the "Cubs."



Although they started late in the season, the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Elks' junior baseball players completed the season with 14 wins, one loss, allowing only 40 runs while scoring 106 themselves. The lodge's Youth Activities Committee sponsors these boys in the Hot Stove League competition, coached by Harry Kalbaugh, Sr., standing at right, with all proceeds marked for charity.



Above: Port Chester, N. Y., Lodge's Babe Ruth Team, managed by Thomas LaBate, right, was runner-up for the 1956 local championship.

Left: Playing in the American League of the West Haven, Conn., Little League, under the sponsorship of the Elks of that community, are these youngsters who won 15 of the 16 games played during the past season. They are pictured with, back row, left to right, Coach W. S. Hilderbrand, Elk Little League Committee Chairman Albert Gaetano, who is also Pres. of the local League, P.E.R. Hugh C. Graham, Youth Activities Committee Chairman Theodore Rocheleau, Est. Lect. Knight Wm. J. Heffernan and Asst. Coach David M. Testa.

Echoes of Christmas



The faith and trust in the goodness that is represented in "Santa Claus" is reflected in the faces of the youngsters who were guests of Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge.

AN INNOVATION in the handling of the 1956 Christmas charity reports of the subordinate lodges on the part of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities met with great success. In former years, these reports were filed with the Committee for judgment as to the most representative and worthwhile. The Committee then made its selections which were publicized in the Magazine and rewarded at the Annual Grand Lodge Convention.

This year the Committee dispensed with the awards, although the lodges were invited to send in their usual brochures covering their programs.

The Committee sent to each Exalted Ruler a questionnaire in which seven points relative to these charitable activities were to be reported on. The returns on these questionnaires were both heart-warming and enlightening, a total of 984 having been received at the time Committeeman Robert G. Pruitt made his comprehensive report on the information they contained—and more are still coming in.

Of the 984 received, only 13 stated that their lodges were not undertaking these Christmas activities in 1956, and of the 971 replying in the affirmative, only five reported that it was not a regular function of their lodge.

It is impressive to learn that these 971 lodges saw to it that 45,325 families and 294,747 children were assisted, with a total of \$757,556 spent on a wide variety of projects—some gave clothes, with particular emphasis on shoes, food, candies and toys to children, and furnished Christmas parties and entertainment as well. Other lodges were somewhat less lavish, and some restricted their activities to entertainment. Some concentrated on children, while others directed their attention to the old
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Las Vegas, Nev., Elks and their ladies are pictured during the Grand March at their charity ball through which the money they spent on their generous Christmas charity program was realized.



Scenes like this one, photographed at the home of Port Clinton, Ohio, Lodge, were repeated all over the country as Elks collected, packed and delivered food-stuffs to needy families, old folks and children.

Old Timers in Elksdom

SINCE the last edition of this feature appeared, we have heard from quite a number of lodges with their Old Timer candidates, and their records are really impressive. It was interesting to note, in compiling this material, that three of them are celebrating their birthdays this month—at the top of the list is 97-year-old Simon G. Kleinmaier, the sole surviving Charter Member of 72-year-old Marion, Ohio, Lodge which he has served as Exalted Ruler, Secretary and Trustee. An Honorary Life Member, Mr. Kleinmaier has a son, Jesse, who is also a P.E.R. of Marion Elksdom.

Another April celebrant is 81-year-old Joseph J. Rosborough, a member of Oakland, Calif., Lodge for 53 years who wrote to us not about himself, but about his brother, Alex J. Rosborough, who will be 92 in August with 65 years' affiliation with that lodge. The third is Charles F. Wickwire who has been a devoted member of Johnsonburg, Pa., Lodge for 52 years and is celebrating his 85th birthday this month. Now senior P.E.R., Mr. Wickwire served for many years as lodge Secretary and has also been District Vice-Pres. for his State Association.

Taking our other nominees in the order of age and length of service where possible, we start off with Dr. Frederick W. Vincent. At 98, he has been a member of Pendleton, Ore., Lodge since its institution in 1894, and was its Exalted Ruler in 1897.

Sheridan, Wyo., Lodge claims for its sole surviving Charter Member, 93-year-old Alf Diefenderfer, the distinction of having served longer consecutively in office than any other Elk. First elected Treasurer when the lodge was instituted in 1899, he has been reelected annually ever since, so that he is now in his 58th year of uninterrupted service in that office. He is in excellent health and attends lodge regularly.

Charles F. Werner of Orange, N. J., Lodge is now in his 93rd year and has served over 30 years as his lodge's Chaplain, an office he held both before and after his term as Exalted Ruler. Mr. Werner, an Elk for 67 years, was a member of the Orange team which won the State Ritualistic Championship when he performed his role without a single error.

One of the most interesting letters we received following our last Old Timers feature concerned Frank H. Thomas, 96-year-old Honorary Life Mem-

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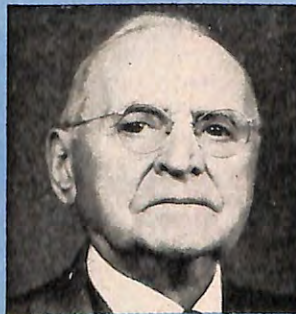


FRANK BOWMAN



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Idaho Falls, Ida.



ALF DIEFENDERFER
Sheridan, Wyo.



CHARLES A. WINSLOW
Watertown, N. Y.



CHARLES F. WICKWIRE
Johnsonburg, Pa.



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IT SEEMS TO ME to be entirely significant that the city of St. Petersburg, I mean the one on the Gulf of Mexico, not the Gulf of Finland, has within its corporate limits the world's only four-leaf clover farm. While it is quite true that St. Petersburg is sort of an al fresco geriatric center, there is something about the spirit of so many of its elderly citizens that exudes *joie de vivre*, optimism, and zing that it really is no wonder that four-leaf clovers grow in the place.

A lady who has to do with the city's Philharmonic Orchestra was saying the other day that it is the only place in the world where you can see a completely white-thatched audience. Many of these people are, of course, those who have sold their homes in the north and holed up down here with nothing to do but enjoy the sun. But besides these people, there is also a floating winter population of some 100,000 who come for a few weeks or months until the frost blows over in the northlands.

Whichever, not all the old folks in their winter home spend their time on the famous green benches of St. Pete which are set up along the boulevards. Besides watching the major league teams that flock to the West Coast for spring practice, the oldsters can also watch, or indeed, participate in, regular ball games played by the Half-Century Club or the Three-Quarter Century Club. To be eligible, players for the half-century outfit must be at least fifty years old, and the three-quarter century aggregation requires that players have reached their seventy-fourth birthday before trotting out on the field in their uniforms. Games are played Tuesdays and Saturdays in the morning with a full complement of umpires, a play-by-play over the loudspeaker, and the two grandstands are usually packed.

In the municipal centers operated by the city there are clubs for shuffleboard, roque, lawn bowling, checkers, chess. And since

nobody has anything but time on his hands, there are even dances held at noon. St. Pete is probably one of the world's few cities that gives courses in square dancing. It must make for interesting reading on the municipal budget.

Those oldsters who have not bought homes here seem to gravitate to the old-fashioned hotels in midtown, but many live, as well, in the some 90-odd trailer parks in the St. Pete area. There are 3,000 people living in what is rather loftily termed mobile homes, here, not counting those who roll down in their mobile homes for the winter.

Food for those who follow the cafeteria circuit comes fairly low, and many folks simply eat two big meals a day, lining up during the special times that the cafeterias are open. Typical hours would be from 11 to 2 in the afternoon and again from 4 until 8. There are seven-cent salads, a meat and vegetable dish might come to fifty cents, and what with pie for 15 cents, a rather robust meal is within the dollar bracket.

While many elderly people inhabit the St. Petersburg beaches, the crowd out along this offshore sand strip is generally a good deal younger, and perhaps represents a cross-section of what you might expect in a warm-weather resort anywhere. The hotels run all the way from the ultra exclusive like the Tides, which maintains some rather exacting requirements even for those who merely want to come for dinner, to pleasant little motels, many of them right on the sand looking off across the Gulf of Mexico to the far, far shores of Texas and Mexico.

A few motels have sprung up, too, at the entrance to Tampa Bay where the Sunshine Skyway, a mammoth viaduct, takes off over the water for some fifteen miles, coming to earth in the next county near Palmetto and Bradenton. For some eleven miles of the way there are gulf beaches with shelters and fireplaces, ideal for boating, swim-

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Henry Bergh—who brought kindness to animals.

TODAY you could ask one hundred people, animal lovers included, "Who was Henry Bergh?" and it is more than likely that few, very few, could tell you. But if you were in New York City during the early 1860's you would not be very much surprised if you were halted from wherever you were going by the hubbub of a lively dispute between a frock-coated dandy and the driver of a horse hitched to a heavily overloaded wagon. Being acquainted with newspaper headlines of that time, you would need no further introduction to know that the well-dressed man was Henry Bergh, self-appointed busybody and the city's number one tolerated nuisance.

Here was a man who dared to challenge the right of an owner of an animal to do with that animal as he chose, to inflict any cruelty with confidence that even if there was a law forbidding it, the statute was seldom enforced. What presumption that man Bergh had! An invasion into a free American's property rights, yes, but into personal liberty, no, Sir! Listen carefully and you may hear the voice of the driver of that distant day as he heatedly told off the town meddler, "It's my horse, ain't it? What's your business if I club this lazy beast to make him move faster?" Yes, it was his horse and it wasn't anybody's business how he punished it.

That is, it wasn't anybody's business other than that of Henry Bergh, who nearly a century ago began a career as a working humanitarian bringing a new conception of kindness, not only to horses but to all animals—a career resulting in the establishment of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—and a later great achievement, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. New York State granted the charter for the ASPCA April 10, 1866; the charter for SPCC was issued April 21, 1875.

Bergh was no blue-nosed reformer in the sense that his background was one of austerity and denial. On the contrary, he was a wealthy man, having inherited a considerable fortune from his father, who was the owner of a thriving shipyard. He was born in the early part of the Nineteenth Century, in 1813. As a young man he was an important figure in the highest social circles of New York City. He liked the good things of life and was blessed with the wherewithal to enjoy them. He was a connoisseur of art, a collector of Murillo paintings, was not unacquainted

with that morning-after affliction known as a hangover, nor while in Europe was he unwilling to patronize a fashionable gambling resort. He was also an inveterate first nighter, enjoying a wide acquaintance with foremost figures of the stage, but was perhaps one of America's most dismal failures as a playwright. Some few of his plays were accepted, staged and flopped.

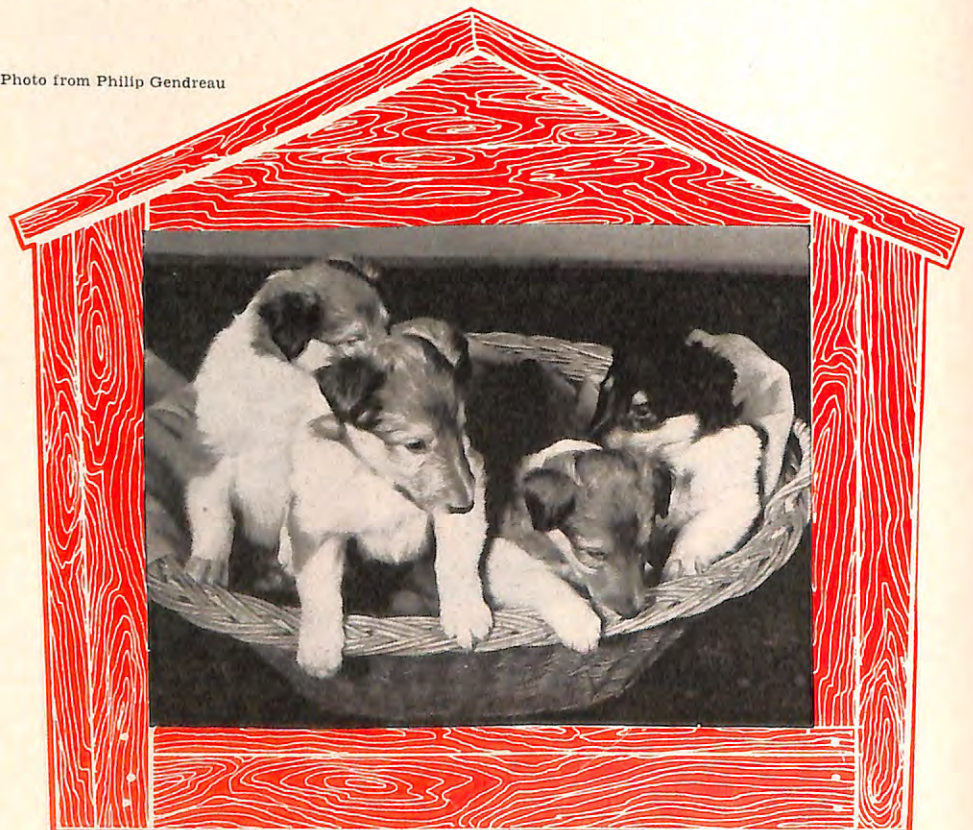
HE AND HIS WIFE were incessant travellers visiting throughout Europe following their marriage in 1839. Returning to the United States in 1862, Bergh realized the fulfillment of a long cherished ambition, the appointment to a diplomatic post. This was given to him by President Lincoln when he was named Secretary of the American Legation at St. Petersburg. July 12, 1863, he began to serve under the American Minister, Cassius Clay. Oddly enough, while not previously showing any particular interest in animal welfare, in Russia he suddenly began to be actively concerned. The first recorded incident was his dramatic interference with the driver

of a *droszky*, who was beating his horse.

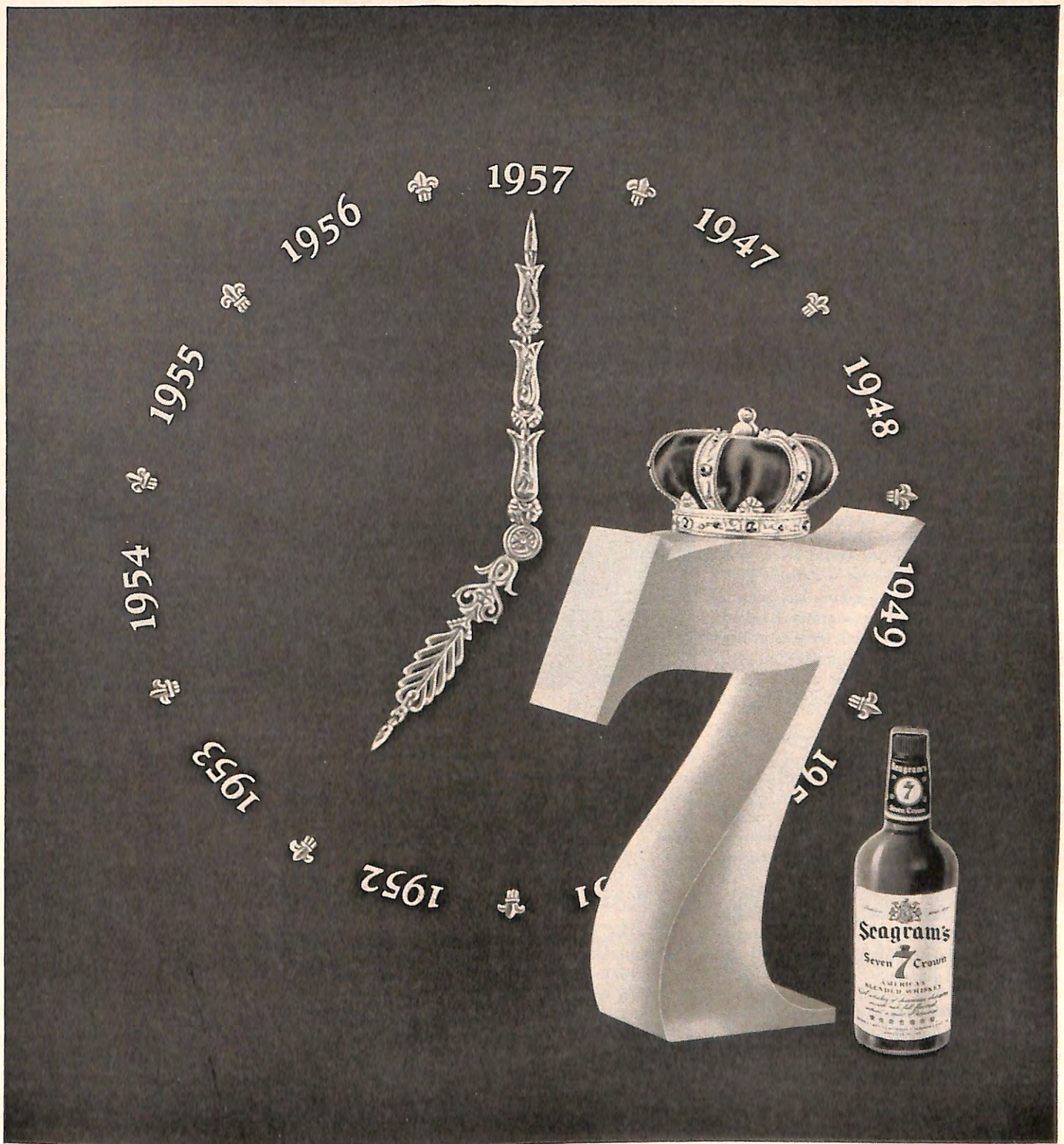
Following his return to the United States in 1865, he began an active campaign toward the founding of an organization dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals. It was a door-to-door task, but despite public ridicule and hatred, he was favored by the fact that his social position was such that he could solicit the help of men who were equally influential and, in some instances, even wealthier than the Berghs. His first success was the endorsement of one hundred people who subscribed to what he called a Declaration of Independence for those who believed as he did. The endorsement—"The undersigned, sensible of the cruelties inflicted upon dumb animals by thoughtless and inhuman persons, and desirous of suppressing the same—alike from considerations affecting the well being of society, as well as mercy to the brute creation—consent to become patrons of a Society having in view the realization of these objects."

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Der Meister Fischer

BY DAN HOLLAND

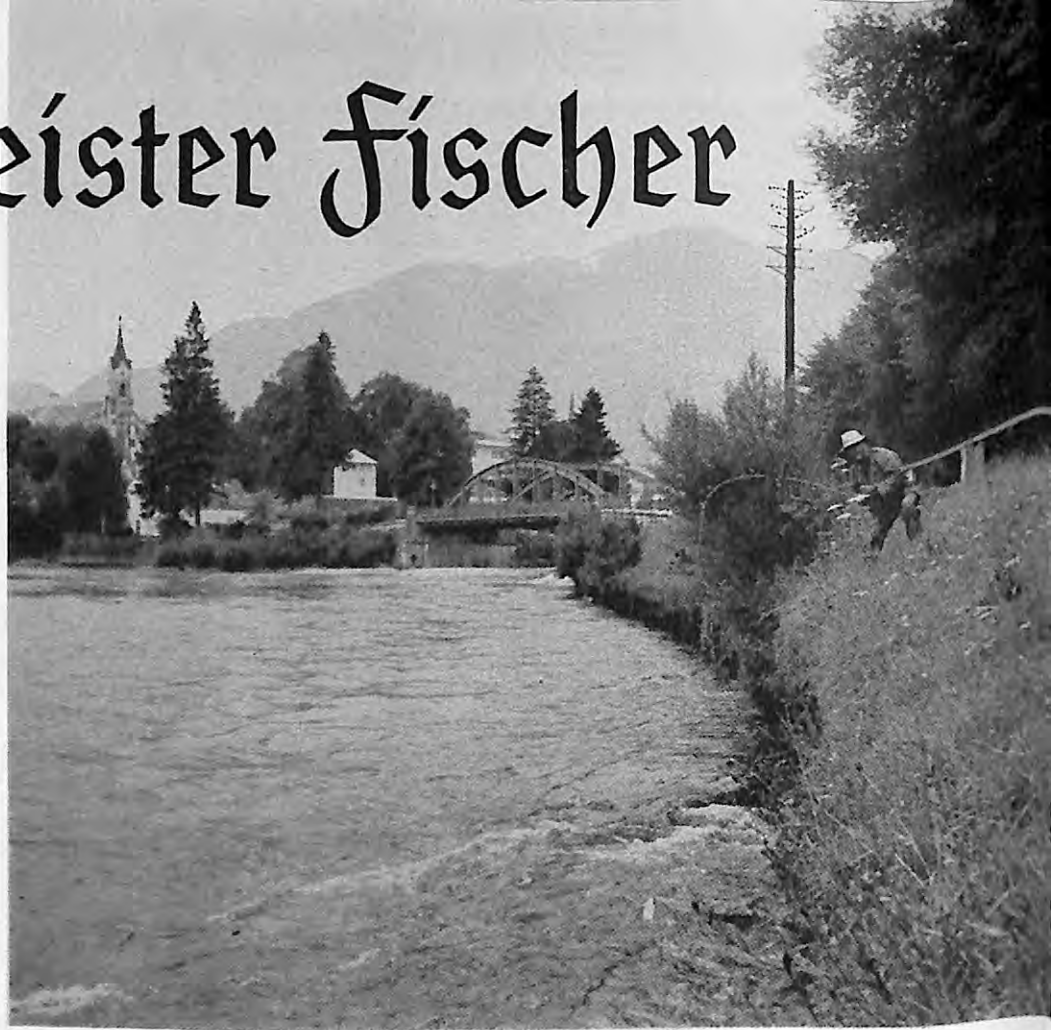
The Austrian trout were innocent and so the local residents gave Dan a new title.

WITH A CONSTANTLY greater number of people in America and an ever increasing pressure on trout streams near the centers of population, it is natural to wonder what the future holds for our sportsmen. One solution would be to look at Europe, which of course is densely populated, and where trout fishing has been a sport for centuries. Last summer I fished in the Austrian Alps and I have a pretty fair idea of the trout conditions in that particular area. Here is the picture. I know how I feel about it, but others may not agree with me.

In the first place, the trout are plentiful. In the second place, they are easy to take—easier to take, in fact, than in the wilderness streams of northern Canada and Alaska. Any competent man with a string of wet flies could take twenty or thirty pounds of trout in a day where I fished in Austria. In other words, the fishing is good. In a sense, it is excellent.

As the guest of a hotel man I fished a river in northern Austria at his country home. The first evening on the river I released most of the trout I took, which is a customary practice among many American sportsmen. When my host discovered this, he told me not to turn them back; instead, to keep all the fair-sized ones because he wanted them to serve in his hotels. "Go out and catch as many as you can tomorrow," he instructed. I rose to those orders like a ten-inch trout to a Quill Gordon. I've disciplined myself since I was a kid to turn back more fish than I kept, and for once it would be fun to let myself go and literally make a killing. I was prepared for the job. I learned trout fishing where the competition was stiff and the fish particular. In the process I picked up a few tricks. It wouldn't be difficult to show these cultivated European trout a thing or two they didn't know.

The next morning I started early and fished in earnest. I had one objective in mind: to put trout on the bank. The previous evening's fishing had given me a sufficient check-out on the river; so I didn't waste any motion. This much was certain: those innocent Austrian trout weren't ac-



Streams in Austria abound with trout—but only for the privileged.

customed to a scavenger like me. I took trout until it was a bother to carry them. I stashed them in bunches along the bank and hauled out more. I carried back a load when I returned for breakfast, another at noon, more in the afternoon, and a good mess in the evening. I took enough, I'm sure, to adorn the menu of at least one hotel.

As a result of that one day's fishing, I was dubbed *Der Meister Fischer* by the local residents; yet there are countless American trout fishermen who could have done as well or better under the same circumstances. The trout were that easy to take.

In that sense, at least—in the volume that can be caught—the fishing there is excellent. In some forms of angling there would be no other criterion than quantity, but where trout are concerned there is. In trout fishing as we know it in America there is a challenge which is seldom equalled in any other fishing. Almost by definition a trout is shy, cautious and discriminating. He is a wary creature which looks before he leaps. If he lives to be of any age under normal stream conditions, this is obvious evidence that his perception is particularly acute. Success with such a hard-to-please trout provides the satisfaction that makes trout fishing the fine sport it is. When this element is lacking—when there is no challenge—trout fishing loses some of its appeal. It was lacking where I fished in Austria.

Strangely enough, this brown trout of Europe, introduced years ago to this country, has earned the reputation of being the wariest species of trout in American streams; yet, in their native waters, I took two-pounders by dapping flies directly under the rod tip. Most of the fishing I did that day was in the heart of a centuries-old town where the river was artificially channeled within straight, stonework banks. Consequently, the flow of the river was unnaturally steady and uniform. The only place where a trout could rest and feed comfortably was in the turbulent waters close to the riprap, or retaining wall. It was wasted motion to cast into midstream. Fishing was simply a matter of walking down the bank and dapping flies to the unsuspecting trout. Some of them rose eagerly almost at my feet.

What is the reason for this? Why are the trout so plentiful in a densely populated country, and why are they so gullible? There is a simple explanation, but it is so foreign to the American way of thinking that it is almost inconceivable. I remained on this particular river for several days and witnessed the fact with my own eyes; I talked with numerous people who confirmed the situation; and yet, as a free-thinking, free-acting American, my mind wanted to reject the notion.

The answer is simply this: the fish—and game—belong outright to a few people, a very few. No one else molests it, even though the land is not posted. Some of

these rights to the wildlife have been kept within a family, handed down as an integral part of a barony, for instance, for generations. Others have been purchased or leased by wealthy people in modern times.

These rights are not abused or taken lightly. On the contrary, the fish and game are managed with the utmost efficiency and the greatest consideration. Each patch of woods is tended by its *Jäger*, or huntsman, whose job it is to eliminate poor stock among the game, to control predators and in every way possible to maintain a peak production of game in his territory; and each section of stream is likewise tended by a *Fischer* whose sole objective is a bountiful supply of trout. For a country which to American eyes would appear old and worn, it is amazing to see how large a crop of game and fish can be produced by these stringently controlled methods.

That much is good. In certain respects we might even be able to learn something from their game-management practices. However, the right to use a rod or gun belongs only to a privileged few, and their guests, and that is not good. Still—and this is where my reasoning fails to keep pace with the situation—the general populace doesn't feel that it is being denied a privilege. It is this attitude which is most astounding to an American. There is no evidence of resentment. Hunting and fishing are rights which were never theirs at all. It has been this way for so many generations, I suppose, that this state of affairs is accepted without question.

The people walking the banks of the river where it passes through the crowded town couldn't avoid seeing the trout finning idly against the current below them; yet it apparently never occurs to one of them to try to sneak a trout dinner. I have known some characters in my time who in such a situation would dangle a baited line down one trouser leg and into the mouth of a hungry trout while standing talking to the baron himself, but I doubt if any such deception ever occurs in Austria or Germany. Where I fished one stretch of river, it was necessary to work along the backyards of a score of homes, and—in the early morning, at least—I fully expected to come across a set-line or two, but there was no evidence of one. Moreover, the townspeople didn't display the slightest envy of the trout that I—a foreigner—was taking out of their river. They admired my catch enthusiastically and pointed out other fish to me which were still in the water.

It was no exaggeration to state that these Austrian brown trout were easier to take than wilderness trout, and the explanation to that is obvious. I have taken trout in the north country which undoubtedly had never seen a human until I came along; yet they were inherently shy. They had grown up finding against numerous obstacles. Anything that approached overhead or along the bank was a potential danger. It could be a weasel, otter, bear, osprey, heron, loon or other such trout-hungry creature. The trout that grows up, even in such a wilder-

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AFTER VISITING THERE for several days, I did something which was unpardonable. It was in connection with a happy, bright-eyed boy about nine years old who was the son of the housekeeper where we stayed. Like a healthy young boy anywhere, he took a great interest in the trout I brought in from the river. He petted them and fondled them, and he talked to his mother about them in glowing terms, I'm sure. One evening after he had returned from school, I asked if he would like to tag along while I went fishing down the river. He responded enthusiastically. Actually he spoke no English, and I speak no German, but he was so openly expressive that words were hardly necessary.

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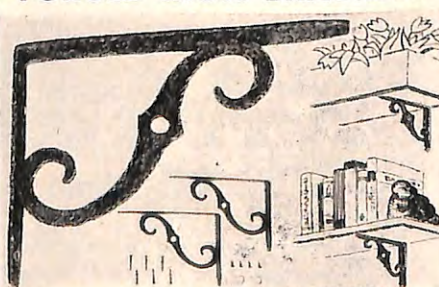
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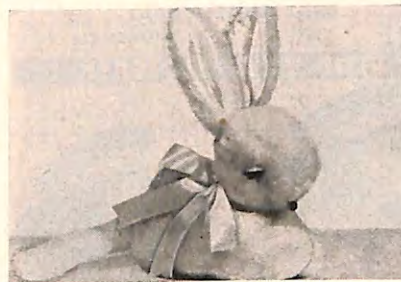
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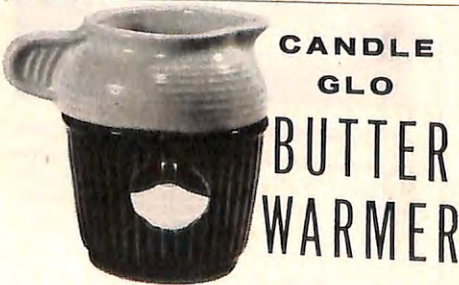


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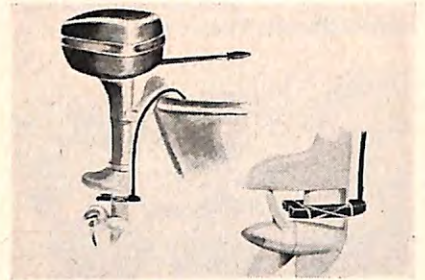
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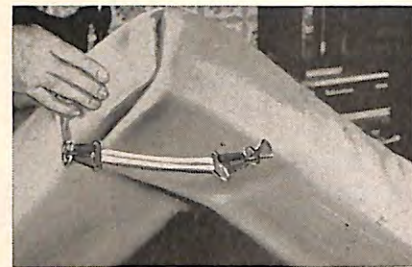
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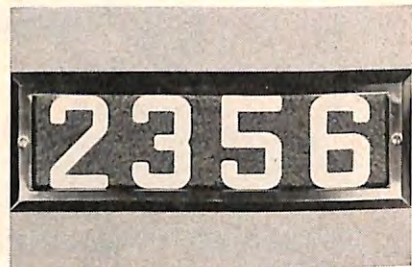
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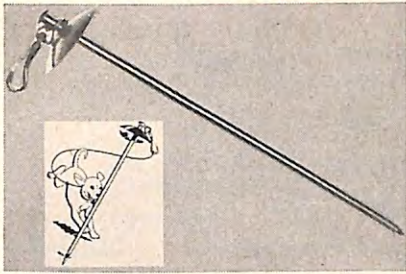
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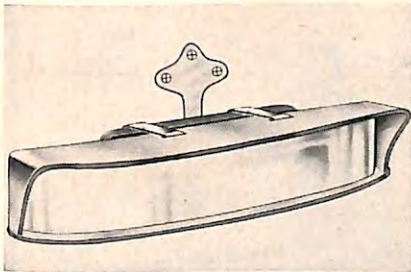
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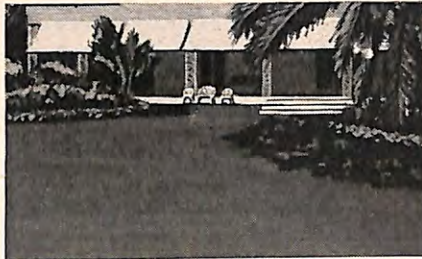


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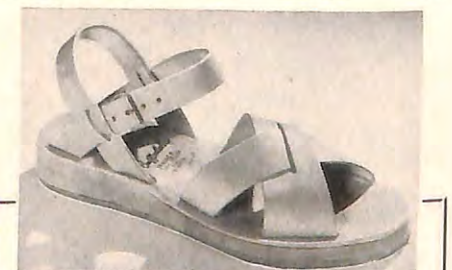
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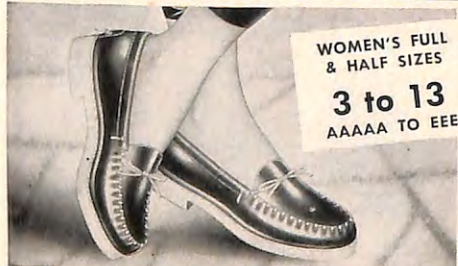
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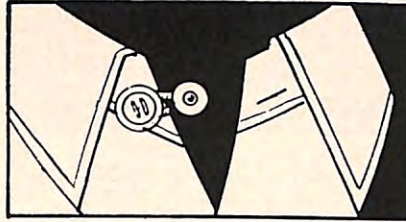
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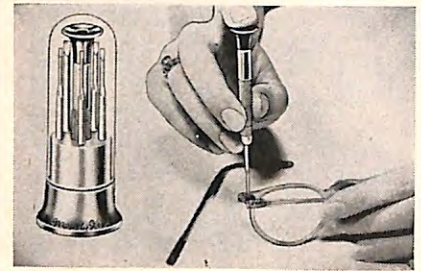
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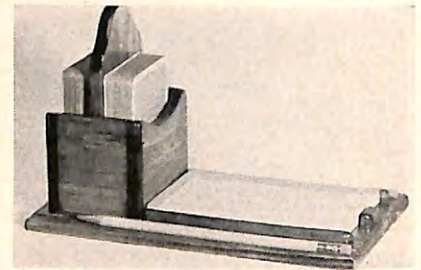
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Kearney Lodge No. 984, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, by resolution unanimously adopted at a regular session on December 17, 1956, presents Nebraska's most distinguished Elk, Hobert Lee Blackledge, for Grand Exalted Ruler.

Brother Blackledge was born in Red Cloud, Nebraska, in 1900. After graduation from the University of Nebraska in 1925, he commenced the practice of law in Grand Island, Nebraska, where, in March, 1927, he became a member of the Order of Elks.

Appointed Inner Guard the month he was initiated, he was serving as Esteemed Lecturing Knight in 1929 when he moved to Kearney and transferred his membership to this lodge, which immediately recognized his talents. He served in all Chairs, and was Exalted Ruler in 1935-36.

In 1939, he was elected Trustee, serving four three-year terms, and then declined further nomination. Under his leadership as Chairman of the Board, Kearney Lodge prudently saved the funds that made possible its new home, dedicated in 1956, one of the finest in the Midwest. In recognition of his services, Brother Blackledge was voted an Honorary Life Membership, the second ever bestowed by his lodge.

In 1945-46, as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, he organized and instituted Broken Bow Lodge No. 1688. He was instrumental in organizing Ogallala Lodge No. 1760 in 1948, and instituted the reorganized Omaha Lodge No. 1817 in 1950.

Brother Blackledge is a leader in our rituals. From 1947 through 1952 he was in charge of ritualistic work in Nebraska, and was instrumental in bringing Nebraska to its present high plane in this field. In recognition of these services, the Nebraska Elks Association has designated its annual award the "Hobe Blackledge Ritualistic Trophy".

Brother Blackledge was President of the Nebraska Elks Association in 1952-53, with a fine record of achievement. He planned and edited the "Cornhusker Elks" which became the Association's official publication.

Named to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary in 1948, Brother Blackledge served seven years on this Committee, two years as its Chairman, with great benefit to the Grand Lodge and credit to himself. He compiled and edited the 1955 edition of the Annotated Statutes, a testimonial to his talents and devotion. Probably no member of our Order has a greater familiarity with its laws. In 1955, Brother Blackledge was appointed a Justice of the Grand Forum, highest court of our Order.

In his professional life, he enjoys the highest respect of the Bench and Bar of Nebraska for his ability and integrity. He has served as President of the Buffalo County and Central Nebraska Bar Associations, a Vice-President of the Nebraska State Bar Association and is a member of the American Bar Association.

In civic affairs, Brother Blackledge has been President of the Kearney Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of its executive committee and for more than 20 years a member of the Board of Directors. He is a Past President of the Kearney Country Club and has served for 15 years as a Trustee of the Kearney Public Library. He is a member of the American Legion.

In 1930, Brother Blackledge married Helen Negley of Council Bluffs, Iowa. They are members of the Episcopal Church. He has served several terms as Senior Warden of their church, and was for many years Chancellor to the Bishop. Mrs. Blackledge is Nebraska State Regent of the D.A.R.

Brother Blackledge's record of leadership and accomplishment, his ability as a speaker, his long devotion to, and intimate knowledge of, our Order, eminently qualify him for its highest office.

Kearney Lodge proudly presents H. L. Blackledge as its candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler with full confidence that his election will insure that the duties of that office will be discharged with efficiency and dignity and in keeping with the records of his distinguished predecessors.

Donald Bond, Exalted Ruler

R. A. Daugherty, Secretary

ETNA, PENNSYLVANIA, LODGE PRESENTS GRAND SECRETARY DONALDSON FOR REELECTION

AT A REGULAR meeting of Etna Lodge No. 932 held on February 18, 1957, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother Lee A. Donaldson, Past Exalted Ruler of this lodge, has served the Order faithfully and well over a long period of years at the subordinate lodge level, in the District and State Associations and in Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, since his appointment as Grand Secretary in September of 1954, Brother Donaldson's conduct of that office has earned for him the confidence and respect of Elksdom, resulting in his twice being unanimously elected to said office by the Grand Lodge Conventions of 1955 and 1956; and

WHEREAS, the integrity and ability of Lee A. Donald-

son, which so fully qualify him for this important position, are most intimately known by the members of his home lodge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the delegate of Etna Lodge No. 932 to the Grand Lodge Convention of 1957 is instructed to place in nomination at the Convention the name of Lee A. Donaldson for reelection to the office of Grand Secretary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the lodge Secretary is directed to notify the membership of the Order of this resolution through proper communications to *The Elks Magazine* and the subordinate lodges.

E. J. Sigety, Exalted Ruler

C. E. Thompson, Secretary

NEWS of the LODGES

Right: Dowagiac, Mich., Lodge officers with the class they initiated in honor of State Pres. Robert A. Burns. Among the 23 candidates was Hon. Edward Probst, fourth from left, background, who is Judge of Probate for Cass County, and Robert C. Hamaker, second from left, foreground, who tips the scales at 448 pounds. At left foreground is E.R. I. P. Russell.



Left: This photograph was taken when Richmond, Ky., Lodge paid tribute to the Boy Scout Troop it has sponsored for 18 years, in recognition of its fine showing at a recent Camporee. Honored with the boys was retiring Scoutmaster Elk Raymond Norris.

Right: E.R. Louis B. Muenz, center, stands with his fellow officers of Newark, Ohio, Lodge behind the class they initiated as a tribute to State Pres. Herschel J. Deal.



Left: With the 53-man class initiated into Minot, N. D., Lodge in honor of State Pres. Wallace McKenzie are host lodge officers and the Bismarck Elk Leaders who officiated.

Below: Bluffton, Ind., Lodge's E.R. C. E. Moyer, center background, and his officers and the class initiated in honor of State Pres. Wm. A. Hart.



Above: Among the candidates initiated into Norfolk, Neb., Lodge in honor of State Pres. W. K. Swanson were Richie Ashburn, of the Philadelphia Phillies, right foreground, and his father, second from left. Standing are E.R. G. E. Koster, Jr., fourth from left, and his officers.



Officials on hand for the dedication of the new home of Willows, Calif., Lodge, included, foreground, left to right, D.D. H. J. Braghetta, P.D.D.'s P. T. Wemple and J. M. Deter, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, P.E.R. D. F. Geis, D.D. Rawlins Coffman, State Vice-Pres. H. C. Clarke, P.D.D. J. A. Raffetto, Jr., and P.E.R. R. M. Grant of Chico Lodge. In the background are the lodge officers, led by E.R. Edward J. Saal, Jr., fourth from left.



This large class was initiated in honor of D.D. Floyd N. Dunmire as part of the Dedication Week ceremonies celebrating the opening of the fine new home of Homestead, Pa., Lodge.



At Old Town, Me., Lodge when a class of 12 was initiated in honor of State Pres. Joseph J. Cummings are the candidates and, foreground, the lodge officers led by E.R. Robert U. Damien, fifth from left, with Mr. Cummings on his right and D.D. H. W. Merritt on his left.



This pleasing group of young people were photographed at the home of Madison, Wis., Lodge when they were guests of the Elks at a Teen-Age Snowball Formal. The party, which included dancing followed by a smorgasbord supper, was chaperoned by officers and lodge members.

LODGE NOTES

Danville, Ill., Lodge has a well-founded reputation for generosity in its community. During a recent two-month period, its membership pledged a \$15,000 donation toward the building of an addition to the city's two hospitals; \$5,000 was given immediately, with the balance to be paid during the next two years. Another \$1,000 was donated for the repair of the local YMCA building, and gifts of \$500 each were made to the Salvation Army Home and the local Children's Home for the maintenance of their kindergartens.

All Elk gridiron fans should be interested in learning that both Coach Tommy Prothro and All-American Tackle John Witte, the key figures behind the sensational rise of the Oregon State College football team from dead-last in the 1954 Pacific Coast Conference race to league champion in 1956, are members of Corvallis, Ore., Lodge.

Latrobe, Pa., Lodge reports the passing of Edward Abbatichio, a 55-year member of the lodge, and a 57-year member of the Order. Mr. Abbatichio, who was 79 at the time of his death, will be remembered as the Pittsburgh Pirates' short-stop for several years. His brother Albert who is 87 years old is another Charter Member of Latrobe Lodge and resides in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The third brother, 81-year-old Horace Abbatichio, is a 55-year Ellwood City, Pa., Elk.

Another long-time member who died recently was 93-year-old F. L. Fisher, sole surviving Charter Member of Cumberland, Md., Lodge who would have celebrated his 70th year as an Elk this month.

Florence, S. C., Lodge mourns the loss of two of its P.E.R.'s, C. Ennis Barfield, who at the time of his death was serving as District Deputy, and McLeod Marshall, who was killed in an automobile accident. Both were Honorary Life Members. Mr. Barfield is survived by his wife and sister, while Mr. Marshall leaves his wife, son and daughter, his parents, a brother and a sister.

Approximately 2,000 children and adults paid admission to see a performance of "The Amazing Mr. Stretz" which was presented by Farmington, N. M., Lodge, to augment its building fund. Through the efforts of Mayor W. W. McClellan, Treas. of the lodge, school was dismissed so that the city's young people could see the show.



Left: These are the trophy winners in the Junior Bowling League Tournament which was A.B.C. sanctioned and sponsored as one of the 1956 Youth Activities of Moline, Ill., Lodge. Ten teams, composed entirely of sons and daughters of Elks, all junior high school students, bowled on Saturday mornings, with Moline Lodge furnishing the alleys and trophies, and entertaining the youngsters at a banquet at season's end.



An unusual event for Garrett, Ind., Elksdom occurred while George Mansfield, a P.E.R. and Trustee of Kissimmee, Fla., Lodge, was on a vacation trip in the North. Mr. Mansfield visited the Indiana lodge and conducted the ceremony which made his son, George W. Mansfield, both pictured here, a Garrett Elk.

Right: Sons and daughters of the members of Auburn-Opelika, Ala., Lodge were guests at its Semi-Annual Youth Dance. Under the supervision of Sidney Keel with the House Committee in charge, the program included refreshments served by the 100 young people by the Elks' ladies.



East Liverpool, Ohio, Elk Football Star Honored

Coaches, teammates and nearly 400 Brother Elks and friends of Tom Jenkins, gridiron star for the University of Pittsburgh, paid him tribute at the banquet held in his honor by East Liverpool Lodge No. 258. General Chairman for this outstanding event was the city's Safety-Service Director, Wm. C. Heasley, Chairman of the lodge's House Committee.

Highlights of the program included the

presentation of a huge trophy and a radio to the guest of honor by E.R. William Wimmer, an address by the University's football coach, John Michelosen, and brief remarks by several Pitt players and other sports celebrities. Master of Ceremonies on this occasion was Al Abrams, the well-known Sports Editor of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Tom Jenkins, a former East Liverpool High School athlete, was initiated into his lodge last year. As a chemical engineering student at the University, he is maintain-

ing a high scholastic average, and is engaged in many extra curricular activities. He is Chairman of the Fund for Hungarian Relief, Pres. of the Chemical Engineering Council, Vice-Pres. of the Student Congress and of his fraternity and is one of the stars of the school's dramatic group.

Grand Secy. Donaldson, Guest of Wisconsin Elks

Over 700 Elks and their wives applauded the inspiring message delivered by Grand Secy. Lee A. Donaldson during the two-day Midwinter Conference of the Wisconsin Elks Association which took place at Milwaukee.

At that event, it was decided that the three finalists and District Ritualistic Championship teams from Wisconsin Rapids, Green Bay and Milwaukee Lodges would meet at Wisconsin Rapids this month to compete for the State title before judges from Indiana. Another April event is the \$1,900 Scholarship Contest awards presentation at the home of Neenah-Menasha Lodge.



Hamburg, N. Y., Lodge, instituted less than two years ago with 158 members and now boasting nearly 270, recently dedicated its new home which represents an investment of \$40,000. State Pres. Francis P. Hart, left, officiated, assisted by County Supervisor J. Leo Goodyear and Mayor Wm. A. Shoemaker, second and third from left. At right is E.R. Wilbur G. Bitterman. Other dignitaries on hand included Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight J. Theodore Moses, D.D. Richard J. Gavagan, Past State Vice-Pres. John F. Hayes, P.D.D. Clifford A. McNaboe, Building Chairman Leo P. Doucette and Lancaster P.E.R. John F. Kaegebein.



Dr. George M. Byrne, a P.E.R. and Honorary Life Member of Lincoln, Neb., Lodge which he joined nearly 50 years ago, is a resident of the Elks National Home. Through his many friends, the lodge brought Dr. Byrne home to Lincoln for the Christmas Holidays. He was guest of honor at several events, including a dinner at which this picture was taken. Seated, left to right, are P.E.R.'s Fred D. Everts, K. D. Kimmel, Dr. Byrne, Fred J. Cassidy, P.D.D. T. J. Connelly and H. F. Herminghaus; standing: P.E.R.'s Earl Gearke and P.D.D. J. J. Cariotto, Treas. L. J. Logan and P.E.R.'s Wm. J. Vifquain and Merle C. Karnopp.

Pendleton, Ore., Lodge Home Dedicated

The magnificent, modernistic home of Pendleton Lodge No. 288 was dedicated formally on Nov. 3rd, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan officiating. The event climaxed a three-day program which included dinners, open house, entertainment and the initiation of a class in honor of Dr. F. W. Vincent, 98-year-old Charter Member and the third Exalted Ruler of the lodge, instituted in 1894.

It was on property purchased from Dr. Vincent that the more than 1,300 Elks erected the \$300,000 building which will serve as their headquarters. Robert H. Lorfald is E.R. of this lodge, and P.E.R. Freeman Allen was Chairman of its enterprising Building Committee.

Faribault Scene of Minnesota Elks' Bowling Event

Feb. 3rd brought to a close a very successful four-weekend competition for the bowling Elks of Minnesota. With E.R. Carl Dingmann and the members of Faribault Lodge No. 1166 as hospitable hosts and Al Fleckenstein, Jr., as Tournament Manager, the event drew 110 teams representing 20 of the State's lodges.

The keglers from St. Paul won top money, a total of \$785, while the host bowlers claimed \$708 of the \$4,965 prize list. The Willmar Elks took the team event, including trophies for the six members, the team trophy and the Sam Stern Perpetual Trophy. Herman Sax and Joe Vavra paired off successfully in the doubles, and Harry McGuire of St. Cloud was tops in the singles with Wendell Halldin of Willmar placing first in the all-events. All winners received trophies as did Lorry May of St. Cloud, first in the all-events actual pin-fall, and C. Backstrom of Duluth with the high actual single game, a 268.

Hill City, Kans., Elks Sponsor Unusual Event

Our first word from the youthful Hill City Lodge No. 1995 concerns its sponsorship of an event that is a departure from the usual Elk activity, an Amateur Shooting Dog Field Trial Stake. Instigated by Elks Harvey McIntyre and Wayne Miller, it was such an outstanding success that another will be held on the 27th and 28th of this month.

Bobwhite quail were purchased by the Elks and released for the dogs to hunt. The birds were not killed, however, and remain to stock private land on which the trials were held. Leroy Magnuson of Salina and Gerald Price of Concordia were the judges, awarding trophies to first-place "Corky", a Brittany Spaniel owned by Otto F. Zlomke of Grand Island, Neb.; second-place "Red", a pointer owned by Emmett King of Hill City, and third-place "Duke", an English setter owned by John Koontz, also of Hill City.

The second event will be a four-stake affair, Amateur Shooting Dog, open to all ages, Open Derby and Open Puppy. All interested dog owners are invited.

SHEPHERDS IN ELKS' CLOTHING



A RADIO "ham" and a couple of good "eggs" from the Augusta, Ga., Elks Lodge were all that were needed to feed the Spirit of Christmas in the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chattman, stranded in that Southern town with their four-month-old son.

Sparked by a story published in the *Augusta Herald* about the plight of the young couple, the Elks of that town ignited a chain reaction of kindness that spread across 2,500 miles to Monterey, Calif.

While we had a brief editorial on this story in our February issue, prompted by a clipping from the *Chicago Tribune* sent to us by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, we have received further information on it which was so interesting, we thought we'd pass it along.

Jimmy Chattman, a full-blooded American Indian, and his family were stranded in Augusta just before Christmas when the 1948 car they'd won in a raffle in Charleston, S. C., broke down while they were trying to get to Monterey where he had a job waiting. They sold the car for junk for \$25, which was all they had, and Jimmy was trying to find temporary employment in Augusta when the *Herald* was in-

formed of his difficulties. His story was published, and when the warm-hearted Elks of Augusta read it, they began their job of shepherding the Chattmans on their journey through the assistance of other lodges and the facilities of the American Radio Relay League—the radio "hams" who so often come through in emergency situations like this.

From Augusta, the Chattmans were sent to Atlanta, then to Memphis, Tenn., Texarkana, Ark., Dallas and El Paso, Texas, Phoenix, Ariz., and Los Angeles, Calif., and finally home, with members of the Elks lodge in each city along the way meeting them, providing them with food and shelter for the night, and sending them on their way to the next stop.

Augusta E.R. Abe Fogel and Charity Committee Chairman Jack McGahee launched the project with bus fare and expense money to Atlanta. F. A. Saxon, Georgia Power Co. executive and owner of amateur radio station W4-AAAY, undertook to relay information through other radio amateurs to the seven other lodges involved, and so it went, all along the way, until the Chattmans arrived in Monterey at the home of Mrs. Chattman's mother.



When Baton Rouge, La., Lodge entertained 150 boys between the ages of 12 and 17, all members of the Junior Deputy Sheriff's League, 250 parents and guests were on hand to see them receive their graduation badges and identification cards. Trophies and marksmen medals which had been donated by local businessmen were also presented on this occasion.

Looking Toward Peace in the Near and Middle East

(Continued from page 7)

the desert kingdom as historically a part of Greater Syria. Iraq, linked with Jordan through the Hashemite ruling family (the Kings of Iraq and Jordan are cousins), feels that Jordan belongs logically with Iraq.

Here is a most explosive situation, explosive within the Arab League and explosive to Israel where problems of infiltration, border raids and retaliatory violence have existed and increased for eight years. How can the situation be dealt with before the explosion occurs?

Our Obligations

In a recent address delivered before the Overseas Press Club in New York City, United States Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and also a member of the United States Delegation in the United Nations, stated emphatically that the United States has both political and moral obligations to support with all required strength Israel as an independent nation. He said, and carried conviction in saying it, that in our relations with Israel and the Arab nations, with equal regard for the interests of both, we should not allow any misunderstanding to arise as to our attitude toward Israel. Senator Humphrey indicated in his New York address that we are committed, and irrevocably committed, to the continuance of Israel as a free nation. Israel believes this and on occasion may be inclined to take advantage of that fact. Arab nations may not be so convinced and on occasion have, I think, been inclined to act accordingly. During the Sinai incident and now in the following debate, some Arab representatives have repeated with varying degrees of intensity their original contention that there can be no peace in the Middle East unless and until the State of Israel is liquidated. But for some time it

has been clear that these published statements are for public consumption in Arab lands. Privately, Arab leaders now admit the futility, if not folly, of this attitude.

As an earnest student of Near and Middle Eastern problems, and as a regular visitor to this area during the past twenty years, I submit the following as a plan worthy of consideration—while there is yet time for a peaceful solution.

1. Since Iraq has vast oil revenues and, therefore, has the resources necessary to help develop the potentials of the desert kingdom of Jordan for the well-being of its people, Jordan should become a part of Iraq.

2. Also since Iraq is in need of labor to redevelop the potentially lush Tigris-Euphrates Valley, the Arab refugees could be resettled there in the midst of opportunity, life and health.

3. To make possible a manageable peace between Israel and the newly enlarged Iraq, the boundary lines should be straightened by designating the central sector of Palestine up to the Jordan River (which was annexed by Jordan in the war against the Palestine Partition Plan of the U.N.) as Israeli territory. This area is approximately 50 per cent barren and its peoples, both refugee and non-refugee, could be given vastly greater opportunities in Iraq than within the area as it is presently constituted. Moreover, the Jordan River would reestablish the natural, historic and Biblical boundary. Such a logical boundary could be more easily patrolled by both sides and, therefore, would be an inducement to peace.

Back in 1945 former President Herbert Hoover proposed the exchange of Arab and Jewish populations, so that an era of peace might make both a Jewish national home in the whole of Palestine immediately realizable and the fullest development of the Tigris-Euphrates watershed

possible. In this manner the welfare of both Jews and Arabs would be advanced. Today the principle is still a valid one. Actually, this program would constitute an extension of the exchange that has already taken place, for 130,000 Jews from Iraq alone abandoned their property and fled to Israel. In all, some 350,000 Jews from the Moslem Near East and North African lands are now in Israel and more are coming.

4. Israel should pay compensation for Arab lands abandoned in present Israel, plus compensation for the territory between present Israel boundaries and the Jordan River. These funds, when added to oil revenues and the U.N. funds (some \$200,000,000) for Arab refugee resettlement, could be used most creatively on vast development programs in the Arab states. There is also the Jordan Valley Project, on which Eric Johnston has been trying to secure Arab-Israeli consent. Such programs, if speedily and effectively implemented, would give the Arabs the material opportunities necessary to defeat Communism which is making such menacing inroads in Jordan today. Moreover, the Arab refugees would then no longer be treated as political hostages in a propaganda campaign against Israel. Resettlement for them, with the opportunity and hope it would bring, would be a further, and perhaps fatal, defeat for Communism in the area.

5. Such a solution as is here proffered would also make it possible for Israel to absorb Jews still fleeing or being expelled from areas of trial, or outright persecutions, such as those presently under way in Egypt, North Africa and some of the satellite countries. In the future Israel may have to take hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union—if the Soviet masters ever give them freedom to leave. Finally, such a settlement would cut the Russian line of subversive penetration—the Kremlin would no longer have direct land access through Syria to Egypt. Look at the map!

Further explosions in the Jordan area are inevitable unless something positive is done immediately about the current situation. In the interests of Arabs (refugees as well as settled), of the Israelis (including those Jews still requiring a home), and indeed of world peace, as well as of a constructive solution in the Near and Middle East, some such creative program as is here outlined should be undertaken by the U.N. without delay. To wait could well be disastrous.

While peace in the Near East is being restored on one front by the United Nations, this larger and more constructive program for the long-range security and well-being of the peoples east of the River Jordan, as well as those in the central section of Palestine, should be implemented.



Prints of February Cover Now Available

Because of the wide-spread interest in obtaining prints of our February cover (reproduced at left) depicting the new arrangement of the Altar with the flag on a staff, The Elks Magazine is making available full-color photo prints of the original painting. These prints do not include the lettering that was on the cover and are mounted in a folder which can be placed on a desk or table in the home, office or lodge, or they can be framed for hanging on a wall. Interested parties should write to The Elks Magazine, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., to place an order for the prints, which are offered at our cost price of \$3.00. This cost includes postage and handling.

Lodge Visits of Fred L. Bohn (Continued from page 18)

Meeting of the Oregon State Elks Association was held at Ontario on January 18th and 19th, with President D. V. Bulgar presiding. Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn was present on Saturday, January 19th, as guest of honor. Elk dignitaries present included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and Grand Lodge State Association Committee Chairman Frank Hise.

During the Convention Brother Robert Mulvey, Chairman of the Oregon State Elks Eye Clinic Committee, gave an outstanding report on the progress being made at the Clinic and the very important work being done to correct blindness in premature babies. The Eye Clinic in Portland was among the first to advance the solution to this medical problem, Brother Mulvey said. Last year, the Oregon Elks gave \$20,057 to the Eye Clinic and the nursery program for blind children, making a total of \$123,868 contributed to this visual program for children of needy families since 1949. Last year the Clinic admitted 724 new patients, raising the total since 1949 to more than 5,200.

What Our Readers Have to Say (Continued from page 5)

explosive situation that has come to my attention.

For the good of our country, I wish that every Elk, and a dozen of his friends, would carefully read that article and be induced to go deeper into the history of this matter, and then weigh their findings with the calmness and fairness evidenced by Mr. Smith.

John B. Dilworth

La Porte, Ind.

Fine, interesting and understandable article concerning Israel and Egypt and their troubles in the February issue. For the first time I have a clear conception of the situation but, alas, not the cure.

F. H. Holley, D.D.S.

Sidney, N.Y.

For Dr. Poling's answer to this difficult problem, we refer Dr. Holley and other readers to our lead article this month.

I just finished reading the article "Soviet Aggression—How the United Nations Could Curb It," which Senator William F. Knowland wrote for the March issue of our Elks Magazine. The wider the circulation of Senator Knowland's revelations, the more likely that success will be attained by all free nations.

Israel Ginsberg

New York, N.Y.

Bruno Shaw's interview with Senator William F. Knowland, which was printed in the March issue of The Elks Magazine, does an excellent job not only for Elksdom in general, but for all the free world. I believe that this interview should be spread among the people of the United

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Stanley P. Kaszer
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Being a charter member of Red Bank, N.J., Lodge, I have read The Elks Magazine many years. I have always enjoyed its interesting and educational articles, as well as having been impressed with the many attractive covers. However, the cover on the February issue "tops them all". It is a work of art, and I wish that every member would take time out and refresh his memory of what this cover exemplifies.

Thomas Irving Brown, Publisher
Red Bank, N.J. Red Bank "Register"

The Allen Saalburg painting of the new altar arrangement on the cover of the Feb-

ruary issue is the most beautiful cover you have had in all the years I have been an Elk. I hope you will make colored reproductions of this cover, suitable for framing, for lodges and members. I would like to have one for my study.

Earle P. Hambly

Fontana, Calif.

For full details on reprints of our February cover, please refer to page 40 of this issue.

The cover on the February issue of The Elks Magazine, showing the new arrangement at the altar, is, I believe, one of the best ever.

Frank Kline Jr.

Millville, Pa.

Taking Better Lodge Pictures

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a program moving, but, if you want pictures, don't go too fast for your photographer.

Most of your pictures will be posed—but they don't have to look that way. The most obvious way to picture people is to have them face the camera and shoot. The result

—a picture of people having their picture taken.

A little thought will enable you to get pictures of people which show why they are together. Props are the answer. If there is any object or symbol that can serve as a center of interest, group your people

around it, naturally and informally, with their attention on it rather than having it on the camera.

If it is a committee, show something to indicate their job. This could be anything from putting a poster for a special meeting on a bulletin board to a huddle with the chef to discuss a banquet menu.

When you can't have a center of interest, use props such as chairs, tables, railings, stairs, doorways, to aid in arranging people in relaxed, informal poses.

Above all, avoid, whenever possible, lining people up like so many pickets in a fence seemingly ready to face a firing squad. This dull type of picture represents the photographic path of least resistance, but the extra effort required to produce a good, lively group picture is well worthwhile.

Obviously, the larger the group, the more perplexing the problem of interesting pose. This is especially true for the amateur photographer, so it is wise to make sure you have a professional on hand when you have a large group. Amateur lighting equipment isn't, as a rule, sufficient for this type of picture because of the difficulties of arrangement involved.

It is important to keep the group as compact as possible and have all of them as nearly equidistant from the camera as possible. Faces are the key to good group pictures. People must be arranged so each shows plainly. No matter what the arrangement, avoid having them look into the camera. Stand them at an angle and if necessary select some spot outside the camera range to which they can turn their attention. The angle arrangement permits assembly of more people within a given space and adds variety from the large group pictures in which you cannot avoid placing people in rows.

In your quest for better lodge pictures, keep in mind that the photographer's success, be he an amateur or a professional, will depend on the cooperation of his subjects. If you want good pictures, urge your members individually to be as helpful as possible.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Nevada	Hawthorne	Apr. 25-26-27
New Mexico	Carlsbad	May 2-3-4
Kansas	Wichita	May 3-4-5
Missouri	Joplin	May 3-4-5
Nebraska	Hastings	May 3-4-5
Georgia	Augusta	May 9-10-11
Oklahoma	Muskogee	May 10-11-12
New York	Albany	May 16-17-18
Utah	St. George	May 16-17-18
Wyoming	Casper	May 16-17-18
Ohio	Columbus	May 16-17-18-19
Alabama	Montgomery	May 17-18-19
Arkansas	Fayetteville	May 18-19
Kentucky	Owensboro	May 23-24-25
North Carolina	Salisbury	May 23-24-25
Florida	Orlando	May 24-25-26
Illinois	Springfield	May 24-25-26
Louisiana	Shreveport	May 24-25-26
New Hampshire	Manchester	May 25-26
Arizona	Nogales	May 29-30-31 June 1-2
Oregon	Coos Bay	May 30-31 June 1
Iowa	Des Moines	May 31 June 1-2

SPECIAL ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH DAY PLANS

In a letter to all Exalted Rulers of the Order, Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee urges the observance of May 1st as Elks National Youth Day to be a truly outstanding event. Stressing the fact that Youth Day has always been an Elk affair, he calls it an opportunity for us to lead in honoring deserving young people while focusing attention on each lodge's year-round youth programs which are building toward a better and stronger America.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn asks for wholehearted participation in the 8th annual observance of Elks National Youth Day which the Committee has promoted in its program booklet, distributed last Fall. In this brochure special suggestions for successful Youth Day activities were listed, including the securing of proclamations from each Mayor, the organization of Student Government programs, public meetings and the presentation of awards to local Youth Leaders at special events.

Guided by the slogan, "Let's Make May Day American", each program should demonstrate clearly democracy's aims for its youth, its encouragement of their individuality, initiative and leadership, to contrast vividly with the brain-washing through which communism seeks to fashion youth into spiritless, faceless pawns of the state.

The Grand Lodge Committee will again reward those lodges submitting evidence of outstanding Youth Day programs. Each lodge is urged to submit exhibits, including newspaper clippings, photographs and detailed accounts of each project, in brochure form for consideration by Committeeman Brian M. Jewett, Woolwich, Maine, not later than May 15th.

No material on Youth Day should be submitted to The Elks Magazine.

NATIONWIDE RADIO BROADCAST PLANNED

The Order of Elks, in cooperation with Ted Malone and the American Broadcasting Company, will salute the nation's youth on Elks National Youth Day, Wednesday, May 1. The Elk tribute to youth will be highlighted by the Ted Malone Show, carried by the network's more than 300 stations across the country. Originating in New York, the broadcast will feature a unique coast-to-coast interview conducted by Mr. Malone during which he will query Exalted Rulers on their lodges' Youth Day observance and year-round youth program. Exalted Rulers will receive details on the broadcast shortly. In the meantime, Exalted Rulers in towns where there are ABC affiliates are asked to contact station managers to ascertain whether the Ted Malone Show will be carried on May 1. In the event that the program is not presently scheduled, the station manager should be advised of the lodge's interest in this show, with a view to having it carried by the local station.

Impressed by Beauty of the Elks National Home

Members of the Order and the general public who visit the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., for the first time unfailingly are impressed by its beauty and character as they tour the buildings and grounds.

This fact recently was made evident by a letter that Mr. O. L. Kincheloe, University City, Mo., wrote to Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, who, in turn, forwarded the letter to the Elks Magazine. Mr. Kincheloe had just returned to University City after escorting his brother to the Home and he wrote to Mr. Bohn, extending his gratitude for the facilities and courtesy made available to his brother. While Mr. Kincheloe is not an Elk and is 85 years of age, he expressed regret in his letter that he had not been a member so that he could have had a part "in the wonderful work the Order is doing."

In his letter to Mr. Bohn, Mr. Kincheloe said: "I have just returned from Bedford, Virginia, where I had taken my brother, a Veteran Elk of 77, to the Home. I had been told of the magnificence of the place, but was not prepared to find a Home so extensive and of such beauty. I had the pleasure of meeting the 273 residents of the Home, and they were unanimous in their praise of the Home and Superintendent Thomas J. Brady. . . With every good wish for the continued success of the Order and an expression of gratitude for the wonderful care my brother is receiving at the Home."

Echoes of Christmas

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folks, or those in hospitals and institutions; still others brought Christmas to the children of their own membership, as well as to the underprivileged. But no matter what phase the observance covered, it is undeniable that the Elks of each community are deeply conscious of what group of their fellow citizens is most in need at Holiday time, and that they devote their time, efforts, generosity and personal attention to that particular group at that particular time.

While charity should not be measured, note was taken of the fact that 12 lodges spent more than \$5,000 on their Christmas programs, with Muskegon, Mich., Elksdom leading with \$13,167. The others, in alphabetical order, are Albany, N. Y., Everett, Wash., Houston, Tex., Huntington Park, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., Los Angeles, (Continued on page 44)

JUDGE SCILEPPI APPOINTED MEMBER OF GRAND FORUM

Judge John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge and former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, has been appointed a member of the Grand Forum to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. L. Blackledge.

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Of the 99 written accounts received by the Committee in addition to the questionnaire reports, six were particularly fine—again in alphabetical order, these came from El Paso, Tex., Fort Myers, Fla., Hutchinson, Kans., Kingsport, Tenn., Las Vegas, Nev., and Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodges with the three most outstanding submitted by Fort Myers, Las Vegas and Rocky Mount.

Most of these reports included photographs along with newspaper articles, statistical information and so on, and to illustrate this digest of the Committee's findings we have reproduced three photographs which were selected from the standpoint of both their reproductive quality and their delineation of what the Elk Christmas Story means.

The most definite conclusion to be drawn from this information is that Elkdome's

PGER BARRETT DONATES NEW MASONIC HOSPITAL

Members of the Order are well acquainted with the benevolent activities of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett and, in particular, their contribution to the Elks National Home of the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper Memorial Theater.

On February 13th, the Masonic Home of Virginia dedicated the new Robert South Barrett Hospital, a gift of Dr. and Mrs. Barrett. This new hospital fills an important need for expanded facilities to treat aged persons at the Masonic Home. The building will include an elevator to serve the second floor, a modern sun porch and all of the standard hospital equipment. It will provide hospital space for thirty patients.

Spirit of Giving is reaching greater heights and greater numbers of the less fortunate with the passing of every year.

Der Meister Fischer

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boy could follow in the water and see the trout as it struck. With each cast he watched the shiny lure eagerly, and he

MESSAGE OF INSPIRATION

Redondo Beach, Calif., Lodge, issues a splendid Bulletin and in the February issue there was a special message from Exalted Ruler William M. Everett that was of general interest because of its inspirational character. For that reason, we quote in part this outstanding message.

"The current lodge year is nearing its inevitable conclusion and soon we must start anew; with our efforts directed toward a greater and more successful future. Perhaps it would be well, at this time, to review our participation, during this year, in the various functions and activities of the lodge . . .

"Attendance: Were you among the Brothers who were consistent in this respect, or were you among the absent who criticized what others do? . . .

"Membership: Have you met the challenge of proposing a candidate for membership, or did you leave this for some other Brother to do?

"Lapsation: Are you among the few who are delinquent in the payment of dues? . . . Are you a proposer who has lost interest in a Brother whom you proposed?

"Activities: Did you participate in our various activities and help toward their success, or did you shy away until all the work was done?

"The Past—The Future: My Brothers, let us review the past with deep sincerity and rededicate ourselves to an outstanding future for Elkdome. From our lack of participation and from our inactivity in many phases of the work of our beloved Order may there emerge a desire to truly exemplify all that is conducive to the continued success of our Order and our lodge."

greeted every strike with a shout of enthusiasm. If I missed the fish, he looked as though the world had tumbled about him, and, when I hooked one, he practically held his breath until I brought the trout alongside where he could pounce on it. I cut a forked willow branch to string the fish on, and he carried them proudly behind me.

We had accounted for four or five trout when a fat twelve-incher struck. I realized he hadn't seen it, so I had a sudden inspiration. I threw considerable slack to the fish, handed the boy my fly rod and motioned to him to strip in line. He took the rod in his hands with anticipation, watching the water ahead of him wide-eyed and expectant, and slowly began to retrieve the slack. Suddenly he felt the trout, and his face lit up like a burst of sunshine. He was beside himself with happiness, and yet, at the same time, fearful that the trout might escape before he could bring him to shore. I knew what he was experiencing. I had been there. But, for all his excitement, he played the trout quite well, firmly but gently, and before long the fat, red-spotted fish lay on the grass at our feet. We strung him on a special willow branch, and went home happy. It had been a great day of fishing.

It wasn't until some time later that I realized what I had done. It seemed like a good idea at the time, but now I regret it. In America it would have been fine, but not there. That twelve-inch trout and I had awakened something in that boy which would much better have been left dormant. As the son of a housekeeper, he may never again be privileged to know the thrill of a trout on a line and trout fishing is nothing to do only once.

The European system is a possible solution to future hunting and fishing in America, for those who want it that way. I don't.

Spring Fever Fishing

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is conducive to relaxation. Of course, you don't really have to use bait. I've spent mighty restful days fly fishing, too.

For three years in a row, we caught our first crappies in Owyhee Reservoir, in Oregon, on April 4. That's exactly two months before the opening of the trout season in Idaho, where we live, but when the weather gets warm and the grass starts to grow a fellow just has to go fishing. And we got to using flies in Owyhee because we could catch ten crappies on a fly for every one we could get on bait.

This one day, which was typical of all the others, my brother Burt and I got there about 10 a.m. We took our boat off the car and put it into the water and then loaded our lunch and fishing tackle into it. We went up the lake two or three miles to a long, secluded bay where the crappies often gather in the spring. At its head there was a patch of downy, new grass, about 30 feet square and as smooth as a carpet. We beached the boat there.

Owyhee is a big, deep reservoir. Most of its water remains cold until early summer, but the sun begins to warm the shallow bays fairly early. As the water in them warms up, the crappies move in by the thousands. They are always hungry, and the fishing sometimes is fantastic.

This day, however, either no fish had come into the bay by the time we got there or else they wouldn't bite. We had assembled our tackle as soon as we arrived, and after fishing around the shore for 50 yards we went back to the boat. Burt glanced at his watch and discovered that it was nearly noon.

We built a little sagebrush fire and put

on the coffee pot. When it had boiled, we fried our steaks and ate. Then we tried the fishing again but, once more, there were no takers.

This left us nothing at all to do but to lie in the sun and listen to the grass grow. There was no need to talk because we had been brothers for 35 years and everything that needed saying had long since been said. I think maybe we dozed a little. About 2 o'clock we got up and fished some more, but the crappies still hadn't come in.

We laid down in the sun again and devoted our attention to some ants that were struggling to carry off the crumbs we had dropped while we were eating lunch. Personally, I don't think ants are nearly so intelligent as they're often credited with being. In fact, most of the time they act like idiots. But they are strong. If ants got as big as dogs it wouldn't be safe to graze cattle on any range in the West; the ants would carry them away and stuff them down a hole.

Thus 3 o'clock arrived, and 3:30. Burt walked along the shore, down one side of the bay, for about 50 feet and made a cast. He let his fly sink and started to retrieve it with little jiggles and pulls and all of a sudden his rod tip snapped up and into a bow and his line was cutting sizzling circles in the water. "I've got one," he said.

The statement was neither grammatical nor necessary because I was watching like a hawk. I picked up my rod and went to help my brother.

It is a funny thing, but I like crappies about as well as any fish I've caught, and that applies to both the catching and the

BATON ROUGE, LA., SECRETARY RICAUD MOURNED

Louis J. Ricaud, an official of Baton Rouge, La., Lodge, No. 490, since its organization 54 years ago, passed away as the result of a heart attack on January 22nd. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Ricaud had served his lodge as Secretary every year since 1903, with the exception of the term during which he was Exalted Ruler, and he performed his duties as Secretary on the very day he died.

Born near Baton Rouge, Mr. Ricaud accepted his first public office in 1908. He became City Treasurer shortly after that, until 1914 when he was named Commissioner of Finance. He held that office until 1936 when he became Manager of the Docks, and served as local Civil Defense Director throughout World War II.

In 1949, when the new form of government was adopted, he was appointed the first Director of Finance until his retirement in 1951.

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A joint command, to include the Marine Corps and Coast Guard, has been established to coordinate all Armed Forces Day activities in each of seven geographical areas of the United States, with an area project officer or coordinator for each area.

"Power for Peace" again will be the slogan of the day on which the public is invited to take a close look at the national defense system. Principal emphasis will be placed on the relationship between our national strength and our peaceful aspirations. A feature of the observance again will be "open house" programs and community projects at all installations, wherever feasible, in the United States and overseas. Programs will feature educational exhibits, demonstrations, air shows, parades, drills, award ceremonies, vessels in port, meetings, sports events, social affairs, special films and similar activities.

As in previous years, the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Defense, will be responsible for the planning and direction of the observance at the national level.

eating. They never get so big as bass or trout and I don't suppose a crappie ever lived that could fight so hard, ounce for ounce, as a bluegill. But when they decide to bite they're so whole-hearted about it. They strike fast and as soon as they've discovered their error they do the best they can.

Anyway, things just couldn't have been better than they were there at that bay on Owyhee Reservoir for about two hours. The fish were willing and so were we. The sagebrush-covered hills were soft and green in the spring light, with a few of the earliest flowers beginning to add a touch of color here and there. The air was loaded with the fresh odors of sage and rabbit brush. Somewhere down the shore a meadow lark was singing his heart out and on a pile of rocks just up the hill a pair of canyon wrens were chiming in to the best of their rather limited musical ability.

We quit when we had enough fish. We took down our tackle and put our lunch things in the boat and went back to the car and started home. But we didn't hurry. You shouldn't hurry after a real spring day of fishing because if you hurry you likely will undo all the good that such a peaceful day has wrought.

The only trouble with fly fishing is that it sometimes gets out of hand. When you're fishing bait you have to sort of time your activities to the whimsy of the fish. I don't know anybody who can hurry a fish. But when you're fly fishing—or casting plugs either, for that matter—you keep going to new fish, and if they're willing to cooperate you can work up a pretty good storm. This is contrary to my idea of what spring fish-

ing ought to be, but I did it once in Florida.

Bryant Baker and I drove over from Fort Myers to fish Lake Okeechobee. It was along in late April or early May but, of course, the season really is pretty well advanced by then in Florida. Anyway, we went to fish for bass, and they were singularly uncooperative. In fact, as I recall, we hadn't caught a fish by noon.

About that time, when we were working the boat into a wide, shallow, grass-grown bay, Bryant said, "I smell a brim bed."

That may sound far-fetched to a Yankee, but every southern bream fisherman knows that you can smell their beds a right far piece on days when the breeze is right. We moved in on it and took our fly rods, which we hadn't used so far, and tied on some tiny, popping, cork bugs. When Bryant figured we were close enough we dropped the anchor and eased over the side of the boat into the water, which was only about three feet deep.

A bream bed is the spot where bluegills or other members of the sunfish family gather to make their nests and spawn. There may be only three or four spawning pairs, each with its little nest, on a bed, or there may be several hundred. A bed may be six feet wide, or 60, depending on the number of fish using it.

There were, we soon discovered, a great number of beds in this shallow bay, and some of them were big. We would cast the little cork bugs onto the water over a bed and jerk them a couple of times and "Pop!" A scrappy, little bluegill would smack one with all the strength he had.

I doubt whether they averaged quite half a pound apiece—more likely about

six ounces—but you'd be surprised how many got away. They'd hit the bug with a pop you could hear for 50 yards, then dive down and try to wrap the leader around the stems of the grass that was growing everywhere. Whenever they succeeded they dislodged the hook and left.

It was fast sport. We got a strike on nearly every cast, and often when one fish got off we'd hook another before we finished the retrieve. It was exciting, too—far out of proportion to the size of the fish.

Each of us had tied a stringer to his belt when he slipped over the side of the boat, and all too soon they were full. We hefted them into the boat reluctantly and headed down the lake toward home.

That was fun. It was fast and furious while it lasted, and I suppose we could have sunk the boat with bream if we'd stayed at it long enough. But it wasn't really what spring fishing ought to be. Spring fishing should be restful.

The homely, little bullhead is a restful fish. In fact, he is so restful that he is barely able to muster the strength to wiggle half-heartedly when you lift him from his happy home. Most of the time he lies on the mud or fins along slowly just above it, looking for tidbits such as a dead bug or minnow or a hook well padded with a succulent night crawler. He is a good fish to catch in the spring.

One evening after work, Harry Erickson and I walked down to some water back of his place. I don't know whether it should be called a big pool or a small pond. Anyway, it was a widening in the creek, and fairly deep. We had a can of worms, our poles, a big bucket that we hoped to fill with bullheads, and a lantern.

It was a balmy evening. The alder leaves were just splitting their winter shells, and the peepers were trying to split their throats. The sun was dropping out of sight when we reached the creek, which meant that the bullheads should soon be biting, and we quickly baited our hooks and cast them out.

Nothing happened for a while. We ate

the sandwiches we'd brought to take the place of dinner. Then we sat quietly and listened to the day sounds taper off and the night sounds begin. It was good just to be there, and the warm spring evening was possibly even more peaceful than the day had been.

Pretty soon Harry's float went under in a deliberate sort of way and he lifted out a gleaming, wiggling, ten-inch bullhead. He dropped it into the bucket, rebaited and cast again. Before long, I got a bite and Harry's bucketed fish had a companion.

It seemed only a little while before we had to light the lantern so we could see to bait our hooks. The bites continued to come regularly, and just about right. The action was neither too fast nor too slow. We had time to visit or to sit quietly and enjoy the evening, and we still had plenty to do.

I suppose it was about 10 o'clock when we finally decided our bucket was full enough. We wrapped our lines around our poles, gathered up the rest of our gear and walked slowly up through the meadow to Harry's house.

Once we got there, we realized that we were starving. We quickly skinned out a dozen of our bullheads, rolled them in egg batter and cornmeal and fried them in deep fat. We ate them all and wished we'd cooked a dozen more, but it was too late then.

That's another nice thing about spring fishing. Have you ever noticed how much better fish taste in the spring? I don't know why, but I'm sure it's true. Maybe it's because a fellow gets fish hungry during the winter. Maybe it's the cool water or the fact that just sitting and fishing is such a perfect way to work up a super appetite.

Maybe it's just the fact that everything about spring fishing is good. It's good to be outdoors. It's good to be fishing again, and it's good to eat whatever you may happen to catch—almost regardless of what it is.

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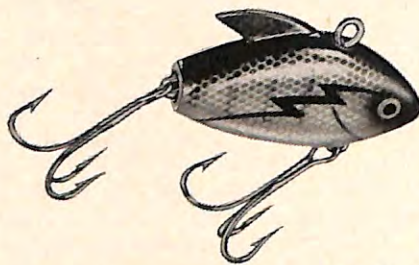
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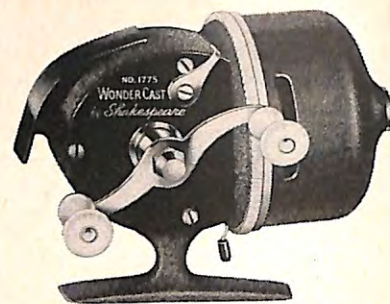
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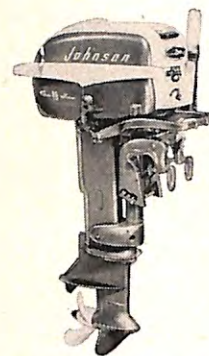
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"FREEDOM'S FACTS"—

Red Propaganda Floods U.S.



This month's excerpt from "Freedom's Facts," a monthly bulletin of the All-American Conference To Combat Communism, brings home the Soviet's long-range endeavor to infiltrate through seemingly innocuous propaganda. Membership in the Conference consists of fifty national organizations, including the Elks, and "Freedom's Facts" is one of the important aspects of the work being done by the Conference. The publication is issued monthly at a subscription price of \$3.00. Address of the Conference is 917 15th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

According to officials of the U. S. Post Office Department, the quantity of Red propaganda material coming into the U.S. has skyrocketed during the past few years. Back in 1952 Post Office officials testified that probably 100,000 packages of Red propaganda materials were coming into the country each year. In 1956, however, they estimated the amount at more than 2,000,000 packages a year.

Communist propaganda comes in many forms. First, there are Communist Party publications such as "Kommunist", the Soviet theoretical journal; the newspaper, "Pravda", and the magazine, "Party Life".

Then there are publications designed primarily for internal and satellite consumption—"Izvestia", the official Government newspaper; "Trud", the Soviet "trade union" newspaper; "Ogonek", the picture magazine, and "Krokodil", the magazine of satire.

Far surpassing these in quantity, however, are the propaganda pieces directed specifically at Americans—publications in English such as "New Times", "Soviet Woman" and "Soviet Union"; and a wide variety of propaganda booklets on Marxism-Leninism, foreign affairs, economics, and culture.

Also included in this category are the millions of newspapers, pamphlets and leaflets mailed directly to members of national groups who have ties of language and culture with peoples now behind the Iron Curtain. Post Office officials estimate that today 50 per cent of all incoming Red propaganda is aimed at members of various national groups.

What ideas are these publications trying to sell the American people? Take the new publication, "USSR", published by the Soviet Embassy, as an example. If "USSR" was a person's only source of information on the Soviet Union, he would get the impression that Communist Russia is a land

of happy, well-fed people who attend concerts, go hunting, watch TV, and enjoy the best of everything. Recent issues have featured such articles as "American Judge Visits A Moscow Court", in which the American judge, in relation to a court case he witnessed, is quoted as saying: "I would have passed the same sentence"; and picture stories showing Americans viewing Soviet buildings or preaching in Soviet churches.

While publications like "USSR" seek to persuade Americans that life is wonderful in the Soviet Union, Communist front groups are taking a completely different tack. At a recent meeting of one of these organizations in New York, speakers expressed mild criticism of the Soviet Union because of the armed intervention in Hungary and lack of freedom behind the Iron Curtain.

Such expressions are only to disarm the American people so that these Red fronters can promote attitudes favorable to the success of Communist aims. These are to convince Americans that:

1—Any action the U. S. takes to defend the free world from Communist aggression will lead to a hydrogen bomb war;

2—Conditions are improving inside the Soviet Union and if we wait long enough everything will turn out all right;

3—The U. S. Government is just as guilty of armed intervention in places such as Guatemala as the Soviet Union is in Hungary; and,

4—Our only hope for peace and prosperity is "peaceful coexistence"—a doctrine which in practice means that the free world will not oppose the "natural and inevitable" advance of Communism.

Americans are being subjected to Red propaganda of many kinds and from many different directions. Two rules that have proved useful in detecting Red propaganda are to:

1—Keep up to date on current "lines" of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party, USA; also the current "lines" of Red front organizations, particularly those operating in your special field of interest—women, youth, labor, peace groups, international affairs. You can recognize the line in action through similarity of wording, phrasing and purpose;

2—Follow the old Biblical saying that we should judge a tree by its fruit. Ask what would be the result if we followed the action suggested by a proposal we believe is Red inspired. If the resulting action would strengthen the Soviet foreign policy objective, speed the spread of Communism, or weaken the ability of the free world to combat Communism, the chances are the idea would ultimately be traced to a propaganda worker in the Party's Agit-prop Section in Moscow.



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Coffee at its best—freshly made and steaming hot—is now available aboard flights of United Air Lines. Until now coffee was prepared in flight kitchens, stored in jugs and kept hot by the plane's electric system, or was made from a liquid concentrate. With the new method, coffee is brewed as needed during flight and is made in relatively small amounts to guarantee its freshness.

American Express, 1957 Mikado Tour will leave San Francisco May 24th via American President Lines' "SS President Wilson." The tour of 55 days duration includes Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok and Bali. The air transportation will be supplied by Canadian Pacific,

Garuda Indonesian Airways, Japan Airways, Qantas and Pan American back to San Francisco, with stops at Manila and Honolulu. Top hotel accommodations and meals and first class air and steamer transportation make this a wonderful tour for those who have always wanted to visit the East.

Speaking of the Pacific, how would you like to win a 35-acre Fiji island, a home and all the trimmings. This contest is sponsored by the Pacific Area Travel Association and Samsonite Luggage Company together with MGM movie studios, which will soon release a film called "The Little Hut." The contest began March 1st and ends September 20th. The winner will be judged on the most amusing last line to an MGM-inspired limerick. Entry blanks may be secured by writing PATA, 391 Sutter Street, San Francisco, at any Samsonite dealer and at the theaters showing "The Little Hut."

Four new hotels will be completed in Sweden this year. Last year eight were put in operation and, together with the motels now going up in the country, Sweden is fully prepared to cope with the increased volume of tourists expected in 1957. The number of American tourists in Sweden is second only to those of Germany and neighboring Scandinavian countries. So tourists from America who choose Sweden for their vacation can look forward to adequate and comfortable accommodations.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has approved the proposal of eight eastern railroads for a five per cent raise in coach fares and a 15 per cent raise in first class. The Board, however, turned down a request to end round trip reductions.

The U. S. State Department has opened a Passport Agency in Los Angeles. This brings the number of these agencies to six—the others are in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston and New Orleans.

The Australian Government has reopened its information office—closed since 1939—at 153 Kearny Street, San Francisco. The new headquarters offer free literature, attractive displays and posters and brochures.

For Elks Who Travel

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ming, fishing and picnicking. The toll is \$1.75 each way, but for those coming by car who would merely go out for a day's outing, and using the Skyway parks, there is merely one toll and nobody is dunned for the round trip. There are protected troughs along the side of the roadway for the inveterate pier fisherman.

Down at Sarasota—an easy ride from St. Petersburg now that the Sunshine Skyway is in (it was a ferry excursion before)—the offshore sand beaches are virtually sinking with motels, hotels and apartments. For example, the Sandcastle, which is last year's motel, offers some 600 feet of beach

fronting on the gulf as well as a private balcony or terrace with every room, charges anywhere from \$18 to \$25 a day for a room for two in the top of the season. The new Azure Tides Hotel Court charges a top rate of \$18 to \$23 for a double room from Feb. 1st to April 1st, but that drops to \$8 to \$14 a day from May 1 to June 15, and rises slightly to \$9 to \$15 for the summer season. That is as good an index as any of how the rates fluctuate with the times along the Gulf Coast.

There are several large city-type hotels on the mainland—the Sarasota, the Orange Blossom, the Sarasota Terrace and the John

Ringling, and anybody putting up here could make use of the Lido Casino on Lido Beach, which is operated by the city. It offers a free beach, free parking, free showers and operates a moderately-priced bath-er's grill, cocktail lounge, dining room, ca-banas and lockers. The Casino was a half-million dollar project when built, but is only one of the public facilities available on the thirty-five mile strip of sand from Longboat Key to Manasota Key, all rough-ly opposite the Sarasota area.

So many restaurants and shops have sprung up on the mainland and along the keys that Sarasota has become a sort of cosmopolitan tropical center. On the Ring-ling Causeway, which John Ringling, the circus magnate, built to run to Lido Key, a nest of fine shops has sprung up—Stinch-field's, famous for resortwear in Palm Beach and in Nantucket and Martha's Vine-yard; the Basket Bazaar; and two restau-rants, the Colony and Colombi's. The tiny circle where they all roost is known as St. Armand's Key.

There are all sorts of endeavors to keep the youngsters happy in Sarasota and the environs, not the least of which—should you come in winter—being the circus itself, which hibernates in winter quarters on the edge of town and gives shows on Sundays and rehearsals daily. But even when the circus has moved north to make money, there is still the Circus Hall of Fame, which has a number of exhibits and mementoes,

conducted tours, puppet shows and circus acts. The state of Florida also operates as a museum the fantastic home of John Ring-ling built in Venetian style on the edge of Sarasota Bay, as well as the museum he or-ganized and built and filled with paintings he bought in wholesale lots during his excursions abroad in search of acts for the circus. On the grounds the state has also added a Museum of the Circus which traces the history of the Ringlings and other cir-cus big names such as Hagenback, Sells Floto, Barnum and Bailey. The old time posters alone are worth the admission.

Elsewhere there is the usual collection of attractions such as Jungle Gardens, full of flamingoes and peacocks, a collection of an-cient autos, and Sunshine Springs, which is the local answer to Cypress Gardens and which itself functions inland. There are four water shows every day.

For those who ride onward, there is Venice, reawakening now after a false start in the Twenties; Fort Myers, which is strung along the Caloosahatchee River, and far down to Naples where a social colony, away from it all, is abuilding hard by the fringes of the great cypress swamps. After that its 144 miles via the circling Tamiami Trail to Miami, running across the top of Ever-glades National Park where big cats and many alligators, egrets and cranes, galli-nules and spoonbills, grouper and crevalle, tarpon and snook live and love where it is spring the whole year around.

Old Timers in Elkdom

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ber of Milford, Massachusetts, Lodge who is still going strong. An Elk for nearly 46 years, his candidacy was offered to us by his son, R. E. Thomas, who wrote from a San Francisco A.P.O. number. In his letter, the young man told us that he had read his copy of our December issue, in which this feature last appeared, on a little island in the South Pacific about 8,000 miles from our office.

Dropping down a decade, we have a number of octogenarians, three of whom are Coos Bay, Ore., Elks, in the company of another member who has not quite reached that age. All Honorary Life Mem-bers, they are E. D. McArthur who at 88 has 59 years' affiliation with Elkdom—first with Leadville, Colo., Lodge and then as a Coos Bay Charter Member. John H. Stadden is 84 years old and during his 37-year affiliation he served 27 terms as Tiler, missing only 22 lodge sessions in that period. Dr. George E. Dix, a P.D.D., is an 80-year-old P.E.R. of this lodge which he joined in 1909. W. H. Kennedy was that lodge's first Esquire that year, and is also a P.E.R. Now 78, his member-ship dates back to 1905 when he became an Alliance, Neb., Elk.

Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge offers two candidates, 87-year-old Frank Bowman and 78-year-old C. A. Orr. The only living Charter Member of the 49-year-old lodge still residing in that area, Mr. Bowman

was originally initiated into Park City, Utah, Lodge in 1902. Always active in lodge affairs, today he is a participant in all Elk events. Mr. Orr has been an Elk for 57 years, having first joined Cam-bridge, Ohio, Lodge. Since his affiliation with the Idaho branch of the Order, he has served on many committees. At present he is Chairman of the lodge's Visiting Committee, overlooking no hospitalized Elk or member of their families in making his rounds of good cheer.

Watertown, N. Y., Lodge's only living Charter Member is 85-year-old Charles A. Winslow. An Honorary Life Member, he was its first Organist in 1899 and has been one of its most devoted members ever since. At 80, Dr. A. A. Spears has seen 19 years as Secy. of Brazil, Ind., Lodge, and B. Hockstadter holds membership in Everett, Wash., Lodge since 1904, after transferring from Tacoma Elkdom which he joined in 1896.

Heppner, Ore., Elks are celebrating their 60th Anniversary this year and boast two Charter Members, L. L. Matlock and E. W. Rhea. In addition, they have on their rolls half-century members J. F. Lucas and Curtis C. Rhea, and an impos-ing list of affiliates of more than 40 years. Heading that particular group are Charles L. Campbell, L. E. McBee and P.E.R. Frank W. Turner, all initiated into the Order 47 years ago.

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Brush Up on Bass

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ounce) that have been on the market. For smallmouths especially and for largemouths in spring, many of these small bits of hardware are as deadly as any lures produced. Some of the spinning models of old favorite casting plugs have been extremely successful, too.

Two kinds of flyrod lures are most suitable for bass—the streamer flies and the floating bass bugs. Streamers are minnow imitations most effectively used in river fishing. Among the killing patterns are the White, Black and Yellow Marabou, the Edson Tiger and nearly any of those tied with gray squirrel tail wings. They should be retrieved to dart in the manner of small fish trying to escape.

No more fascinating and at times no more murderous method of catching bass has ever been devised than with surface bugs. These may be small cork-bodied poppers, insect imitations, or frog imitations in clipped deer hair and their application is limited to reasonably shallow places. Cast them around all the likely places we described earlier and take plenty of time retrieving them—between frequent and lengthy pauses. It's a pastime similar to playing with dynamite, for there's something about a bug a bass can't stand.

TOO MANY ANGLERS neglect to take advantage of an extremely important bass characteristic—they're often nocturnal in their habits. Go out on any lake in midsummer, even those heavily fished or frequented by water skiers, bathers and speed boaters and you'll find a change has come over the place. As soon as the noise and confusion subsides, the bass will move out along the edges to forage near shore. That's the time to be on hand with surface plugs or bugs. You'll harvest many a big old residenter that wouldn't otherwise turn up on a stringer.

Sometimes night fishing will seem exasperating because of the backlashes and other mishaps that are bound to happen in the darkness. But experience and fishing slowly will eliminate many of these and the action that follows will make the rest worthwhile.

Where to go for bass? Why not try near home first? There are more than a half million farm ponds across the country

with more a-building all the time. There's bound to be some of these in your neighborhood, so why not seek them out and obtain the landowner's permission to fish? The bass grow big and lusty in them so you can't go wrong in a perfect set-up like that.

Elsewhere, some of the finest smallmouth fishing is right where the critters are native—in the Great Lakes. Specific spots are near Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, around Cape Vincent on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, the Bass Islands region and Pelee Island in Lake Erie. There's splendid sport for bronzebacks, also, in many Maine lakes and in Lake of the Woods, Minnesota. Such eastern waters as the Delaware, Susquehanna, Shenandoah, Potomac and Greenbrier Rivers are good. So are Indiana's Tippecanoe, Ohio's Kokosing and Mohican, Wisconsin's Chippewa and the White, Current, Buffalo, Big Piney, Gasconade and Ouachita Rivers down in the Ozarks. But for trophy smallmouths, it's a trip to Dale Hollow, Kentucky, where last year a new world's record eleven pounder was taken.

Bigmouths are even more widely distributed. In the West they grow big in Lake Mead, Nevada, and in the water supply reservoirs of San Diego. Nearly any of the fresh water lakes of Florida are terrific; Okeechobee Lake especially is making a comeback as a superb fishing hole after several years of decline. There's splendid largemouth fishing in Norfolk Lake, Arkansas, as there is in most of the TVA reservoirs of Tennessee and points south. Kentucky Lake and Cumberland Lake will produce new records in the next few years. Ditto for Minnesota and the upper Mississippi drainage. Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee, a body of water formed by an earthquake in 1812, is another top producer of bass. So are tidal, brackish water areas from Back Bay, Virginia, to Albermarle and Currituck Sounds, North Carolina. The new irrigation and power reservoirs of Puerto Rico furnish bass fishing that is hard to beat anywhere.

Doctor Henshall really started something that spring day he left his office. This year millions of anglers will follow his example. You could be one of them.

In the Doghouse

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famous men of that time, among them Peter Cooper, John Jacob Astor, Horace Greeley, the then Mayor of New York City, John T. Hoffman, and others. First President of the Society was Henry Bergh. New York City in those days, as elsewhere, was a place of horses. Dobbin was the universal burden bearer. The streets of the city, or any city, particularly in winter, too often revealed pitiable scenes involving a horse.

Far too many broken-down, aged or sick horses were employed to the limit of their endurance. Particularly was this true of the many used to haul the heavy horse cars of that time. With the wide use of the horse, naturally that animal was the first concern of the Society. Working for the welfare of animals was a seven-day week job for Henry Bergh.

Regardless of the weather he would leave

his luxurious Fifth Avenue brownstone home to patrol the city streets with a sharp eye for examples of animal ill treatment. Many a truck driver was startled by the sudden appearance of a well-groomed gentleman with a determined voice who would loudly and insistently command the driver to stop whipping his horse or forbid him to proceed further with it. Prior to the establishment of the ASPCA there was an anti-cruelty law of 1829, a law seldom enforced, as mentioned earlier. Through the efforts of Bergh and his Society, that law was improved and revised in 1867. As the saying goes, teeth were put into it.

While Bergh's efforts on behalf of animals were tireless, they also were tiresome to the police, as time and again Bergh would cause the arrest of people he caught abusing animals. As the Society expanded through voluntary contributions from Bergh's friends and others who believed in mercy toward the helpless, additional help was employed to scour the city to rescue animals suffering abuse. It took years of sustained effort to arouse the public to the duty it had toward its dumb creatures. But the efforts of the Society never faltered.

Bergh didn't confine his work solely to horses. His horizon broadened to include all animals and quite naturally he turned his attention to dogs. In his time dogs were still used to pull carts, to work on treadmills and, sorriest of all uses, were pitted against each other to fight. The carts dogs were used to pull were frequently overloaded and dogs were beaten, yes even crippled in the beating, to force them to work beyond their strength. The same was true of those used on treadmills. Many of the latter were used as motive power to churn butter on farms. Other treadmill uses were devised for Fido as a worker. That unspeakable cruelty, professional dog fighting, flourished uninterrupted and many

dogs were wounded or killed for the sake of a bet between their owners, or for a stake that would be offered. This so-called sport still persisted on the race track when I was a youngster.

I recall the assortment of dogs; scarred, battered, ear-torn that were inflicted upon my mother from time to time as household pets by a horse-backing brother of mine. The same brother had no part in dog fighting but would think nothing of "borrowing" a fighting dog to retire it from the pit. I'll add here a word to anyone who is offered the doubtful gift of a fighting dog—that word is don't take him. I firmly believe that there is no animal that can disturb the peace of a home more than a fighting dog. I don't mean a dog that thinks it can fight, but one that has been trained to fight. To harbor one is a sure way to create almost instant unpopularity with your neighbors.

So successful was the work of Henry Bergh that his idea of a Society organized to protect animals spread throughout the nation. In city after city, in communities east to west, north to south you'll find men and women organized for humane work. Through Bergh's efforts we've seen an abatement of cruelty to horses, a reduction in the use of the torturing check rein, tail docking, over-working and a vastly greater consideration for horses.

Until Bergh aroused public opinion, it was a common practice in many places to dispose of stray dogs by clubbing, drowning and other merciless ways. Today no decent community would inflict such cruelty. Nor are dogs permitted to be over-worked or pitted against each other to fight for their master's money or for any other so-called sporting reason. What is more, cruelty to animals, any animals, has largely been made a thing of the past through the pioneering work of that great-hearted "busybody," Henry Bergh.

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How to Put a Keen Edge on Knives and Tools.

BY HARRY WALTON

WHEN the work being done with an edged tool does not go well, it may be that the edge isn't up to it. Dull tools are a severe handicap, and one that no skilled worker accepts. An edge that isn't sharp makes the task harder than it should be.

Sharp tools are safer; it's the dull one that slips instead of biting cleanly where it should. If you don't enjoy using edged tools, see to their keenness. You will find sharpening them a worthwhile and satisfying effort.

Slice Through An Edge, or take a cross section through a knife (Figure 1) and you will see that it resembles a wedge. This gives it a splitting action. Seen under a magnifying glass, an edge has uneven, tooth-like projections (Figure 1). These enable it to saw across the grain or fibers of the substance it cuts.

A razor has a very thin wedge section and a highly honed edge that looks smooth even when magnified. But anything tougher than a beard will ruin it. An ordinary kitchen knife has a more obtuse edge angle, which can stand up to hard use, and its edge is actually more efficient if left rough like the one in Figure 1.

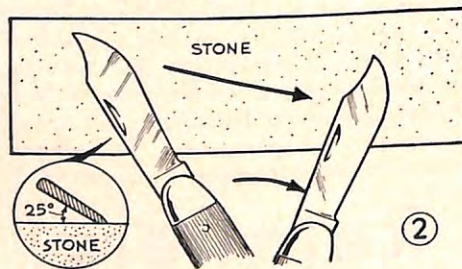
What you actually see of the edge angle is a narrow ground bevel along both sides of a blade. The two sides of the blade behind these bevels form a second angle called the blade bevel, but except on chisels and plane irons this blade bevel is never whetted; all sharpening is done on the edge bevels.

A keen edge is formed by the meeting of two straight or hollow-ground bevels. If these bevels are rounded outward by careless sharpening, some of the keenness

of the edge is lost. Almost the whole trick of sharpening is to hold the tool at the same angle on the stone from start to finish of every stroke.

The Stones You Need are few. A synthetic bench stone, coarse on one side and fine on the other, will sharpen knives, scissors, chisels and hatchets. Such tools as auger bits, gouges and molding cutters require small specially shaped stones. Handled stones are convenient for whetting kitchen knives.

You also need kerosene or a light, non-gumming oil to use on the stone. Oil promotes free cutting and a fine edge by



floating metal and stone dust out of the whetstone.

Power grinding wheels save time when an edge is so badly nicked or worn that it must be ground back. A wheel will also enable you to hollow-grind a blade bevel. But the ordinary wheel does only the rough part of the job. You must still finish on a hand whetstone to produce a truly keen edge.

Sharpening a Pocket Knife. Put a small puddle of oil on the coarse side of the stone. Holding it firmly by one end near the edge of a table or bench top, place the blade diagonally across one end as in Figure 2, tilting it up at about 25 degrees to the surface.

Maintaining this angle all the way, draw the blade along the stone and toward you. If the tip is rounded, swing the blade back slightly as in the drawing to continue the bevel around the tip, but do not change the 25-degree angle. Stone the opposite bevel

by turning the blade over and starting at the other end of the stone.

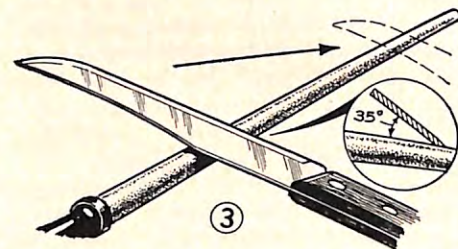
Finish sharpening with a few strokes on the fine side. If the edge does not cut through paper with moderate pressure, you may not have whetted it long enough, or the bevels may be rounded or at the wrong angle.

Whetting Kitchen Knives can be done in the same way. Hold a carving knife at 25 degrees, an ordinary utility knife at 35 degrees to the stone.

To whet these on a handled stone, hold it in one hand and the knife in the other. With the blade tilted to the correct bevel angle, start with the heel of the knife at the handle end of the stone and sweep it diagonally away from you as in Figure 3. To sharpen the opposite bevel, hold the blade under the stone, tilted to generate the correct bevel, and sweep it the same way.

Scissors Are Different because they have only a single edge bevel on each blade; the other side is either flat or hollow-ground and should never be stoned.

Place the whetstone near the table or bench edge. Open the scissors, holding one edge bevel on the stone at a diagonal,

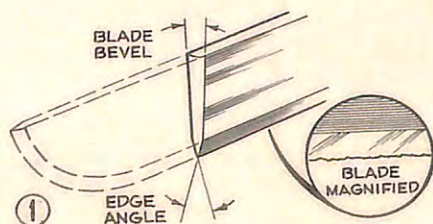
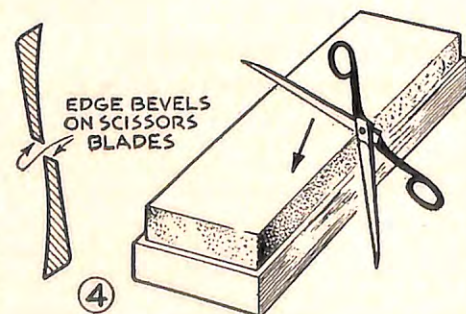


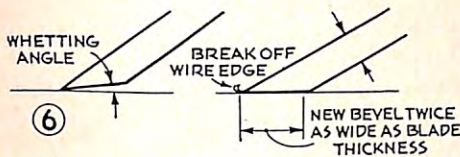
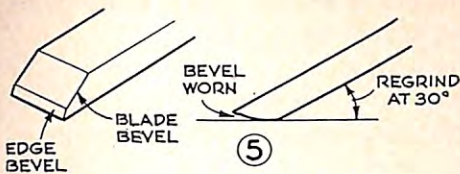
with the other blade beyond the table edge. If you curl three fingers around the handle of the blade being sharpened, you can place the forefinger and thumb on the other blade to apply pressure and control the angle.

Draw the blade diagonally along the stone several times or until the bevel is flat and of uniform width all along the blade. You can gauge its sharpness by drawing a finger down—not along—the edge. Test scissors on cloth.

Chisels and Plane Irons also have only a single edge bevel. But if the edge is nicked or rounded, you may have to re-grind the blade bevel first (Figure 5).

Hold the blade at a 30-degree angle on the coarse side of the bench stone with one hand. Use the other to apply downward pressure just above the edge. Keep the wrists rigid. Maintaining the 30-degree angle between blade and stone, move the





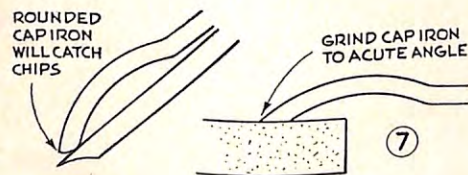
blade in an oval or a figure-eight motion. Continue until the bevel is twice as wide as the blade is thick, as in Figure 6.

On the back of the blade, if you have ground far enough, the metal will now be turned back on itself, forming what is called a wire edge. Break this off by rubbing it across a piece of hardwood.

You need not regrind the entire blade bevel each time a chisel or plane iron needs sharpening. To whet the edge bevel, place the tool on the fine side of the stone with the heel raised about three degrees as shown in Figure 6. Stone it as before. This will turn up another fine wire edge. To remove it, turn the blade over with its back absolutely flat on the stone and grind it lightly. Then stone the edge bevel again at the same angle as before.

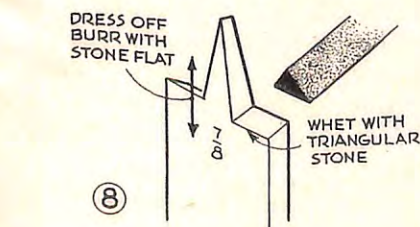
Round off both corners of a plane iron slightly. Test the blade cautiously on the flat of a thumbnail; a poor edge will slide off, but a sharp one will catch or take off a tiny paring.

Check the cap iron of a plane when you reassemble it and the blade. If the cap iron is nicked or rounded as in Figure 7, chips will catch under it and clog the plane. Remedy this by stoning the cap iron as shown.



Sharpening Other Tools. A screwdriver has no edge, but when its bit is rounded or misshapen, it will tend to climb out of screw slots. Grind the tip square, with the blade held straight upon the stone. Then hold the side of the bit firmly on the stone with one finger to grind it flat. Flip it over to do the other face.

Modern flat boring bits are easy to sharpen with a small triangular stone. Be sure to keep the bevel flat, avoiding any tendency to round off the sharp corner. Stone off



any wire edge with the whetstone flat against the face (Figure 8).

If you grind on a wheel, remember to dip the tool often in water to avoid heating. Should any part of the edge turn blue, the temper has been drawn and the entire edge will have to be ground back beyond the blued part.

The angle of the tool can be maintained each time you put it on the wheel if you keep the fingers of one hand in the same position to act as a stop against the grinding rest (Figure 9). Or you can clamp a strip of wood under the tool to act as a stop. This will insure grinding a true bevel instead of one with several angles.

Safeguarding Keen Edges When Carrying Tools



A toolbox is convenient to take to odd jobs in different parts of the house, yard and garage, or even to the summer cottage. But edged tools will quickly dull and acquire nicks if tossed in with others.

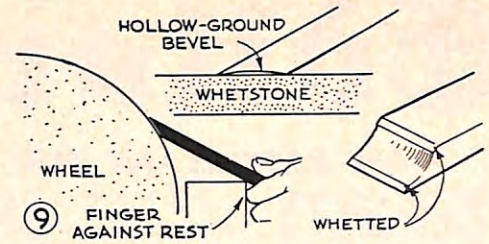
To protect them, wrap the sharp ends of boring bits and chisels with heavy-duty kitchen foil. Well creased, it will stay in place. Wrap files and rasps their full



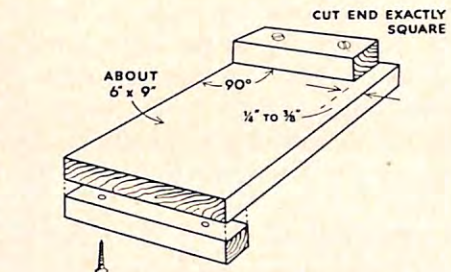
length. Saw teeth are well protected by a strip of wood with a saw cut made its full length by the saw itself. Place the toothed edge of the saw in this groove, holding the strip on with rubber bands or with cord looped over small nails driven into the wood.

A Bench Hook Helps You to Saw Straight

Indispensable if you have no vise, and handy even if you do, a bench hook facilitates accurate hand sawing. It is



A hollow-ground bevel formed on a wheel (Figure 9) can be whetted to a good edge by rubbing it flat on a stone as shown. The flats ground this way are easily seen. When they become so wide that they almost touch, it is time to regrind the blade bevel.



especially useful for cutting butt and half-lap joints, dadoes and tenons. Hooked against the edge of a table or workbench, it holds work securely against the thrust of the saw. The squared end of the upper cleat serves as a guide for keeping the cut vertical.

Use straight, well-seasoned 3/4" or heavier hardwood if available. The dimensions are not critical, but take pains to fasten both cleats at 90 degrees to the base, using wood screws.

For long work, two bench hooks of identical size may be used a suitable distance apart.—Harry Walton.

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Editorial

AN IMPORTANT ELK MONTH



The month of April is a particularly important month in the life of our fraternity.

Shortly after this issue of The Elks Magazine reaches the 1,200,000 members of the Order there will be installed new Exalted Rulers in practically every

lodge throughout the country.

Thus will be made nearly 1,776 new members of the Grand Lodge who will make up the largest percentage of those participating in the forthcoming Convention in San Francisco in July. Theirs will be the responsibility of selecting the Officers of the Grand Lodge for the coming year, initiating, considering and passing, when desirable, amendments to the Constitution and/or Statutes of the Grand Lodge.

Beyond that, of course, these Exalted Rulers will have the responsibility of leading and directing the activities of their individual subordinate lodges.

Much of the success of a lodge depends upon the character of leadership and initiative shown by the Exalted Ruler. A great responsibility is his, a responsibility that is growing every year because of the increased importance of the Order not only nationally but in every individual community where it is located, the day having come when, in most instances, the local lodge is one of the outstanding factors for community progress.

These Exalted Rulers, as well as other officers of the subordinate lodges, will, in this month, be inducted into office with one of the most impressive sections of the ritual of the Order.

Let us hope that in all instances the Exalted Rulers and the other officers will bear in mind the important charges entrusted to them by the installing officer, representing the Grand Exalted Ruler, and that all shall have successful years, recording real progress in the history of their individual lodges.

Let us also hope that a very large percentage of the members of the subordinate lodges will give themselves the benefit of witnessing this impressive ceremony of installation and pledge themselves to loyal cooperation with the new officers of their respective lodges.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNISM



In an article on Russia written by W. B. Courtney for The Elks Magazine some time ago he referred to a talk he had with Krupskaya, the widow of Lenin, in which he asked her what was her estimate of the pro-Soviet percentage among the Russian masses. She

replied with this observation:

"What does that matter. The education needed to make any people or nation 100 per cent Soviet is a simple exercise in arithmetic."

She said she was primarily interested, as the chief Soviet educator, in those who would be 35 years old 35 years

from then, emphasizing that they could in a very few years educate the youth to 100 per cent support.

That appeared to be a reasonable assumption which we admit sharing with many other people at the time. Developments have indicated how unsound was such an assumption.

In the uprising in Poland, which has brought a considerable modification of the domination by Russia, students played a very important part.

A year ago in Warsaw four youths were convicted of being traitors. A Warsaw radio commentator said that "their independent thinking" began when they seemed well trained in Communist theory.

Also, the students were the leaders in the brave fight against Communists' brutality in Hungary.

East German students have refused to study compulsory Russian language lessons. Czechoslovakian students lampooned the Reds in a university parade.

Even in Soviet Russia there has been a pronounced student revolt, one instance being a riot staged by the students of the Tiflis State University.

In the Russian satellites as well as Russia itself the young people of the present day have been brought up under total Communist government and yet have risen in protest against its principles, notwithstanding the manner in which its teachings have been forced upon them throughout the period of their school life.

It must be clear to all observers that the acceptance of Communism cannot be brought about by education and that the Communist government cannot maintain its dictatorial rule except by force of arms.

It is refreshing to note that the American Communist Party at its national convention in February made plans to dissolve the "Labor Youth League". Surely this may be recognized as indicating that the attempt to sell Communism to American youths has failed.

RECORD OF SERVICE TO YOUTH

The Order of Elks has a long and effective record of assisting our youth.

In 1911 the Grand Lodge created a Committee on the Big Brother Movement. In a few years 90 per cent of the lodges were engaged in that work.

In 1949 Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, recognizing the desirability of a Grand Lodge Committee to assist and direct subordinate lodges in this work, recommended that a Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee be created.

Judge John F. Scieppi, of Queensboro Lodge No. 878, served as the first chairman of the Youth Activities Committee and recommended that March 24th be designated as Elks National Youth Day. Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle acted favorably on that suggestion.

In 1952 Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis changed the date of National Youth Day to May 1st of each year.

There was adopted the slogan of "Make May Day American". May Day, which had been the special possession of the Communists, is now established as American Youth Day.

The proclamation of Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn, published in the March issue of The Elks Magazine, strongly states the importance of the Elks recognition of National Youth Day and carries a vigorous appeal for every lodge and every Elk to contribute to the success of that recognition.

May his appeal receive a very satisfactory response!

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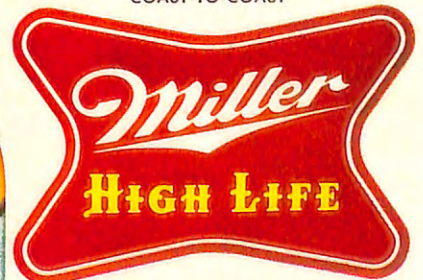
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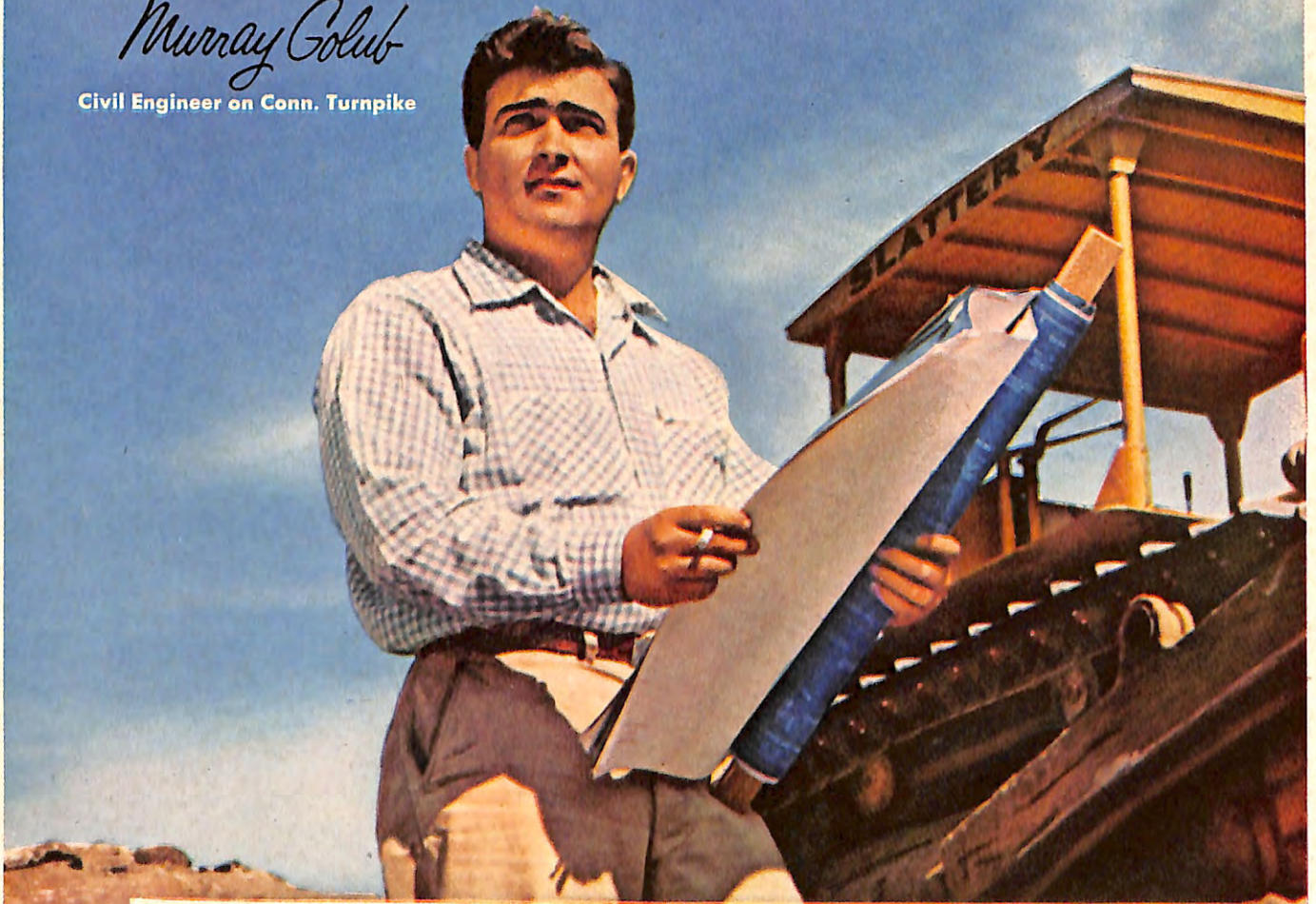


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