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# Tom Wrigley Writes from WASHINGTON



ACCORDING to government experts and U. S. Chamber of Commerce heads, business should continue on a high level the rest of the year but with prices continuing to climb. How to hold down inflation remains a most serious problem. Commerce Department, in reporting that production of goods and services hit a new record \$414.5 billion total last year, also made known that about half of the six per cent increase over 1955 resulted from inflation. Agriculture was the only major industry to show no increase. Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, Senate watchdog over government spending, says the 1940 dollar is now worth 49.8 cents. Some put it even lower. Cost of living has risen steadily month after month. Federal, state and local taxes, meanwhile, take about one third of the national income. Individuals with fixed incomes, such as retirement annuities and pensions and those in a business which cannot absorb increased costs, are being hit by the inflation spiral. The average man in the street on the other hand is paying little attention to inflationary trends. As prices go up, his wages go up and installment payments are more attractive than ever. Senator Byrd's warning, however, that

world confidence in the American dollar is the chief restraint on Russian aggression should be remembered. A bale of greenbacks is worth only what the stuff will buy.

## Move by Truck

Air Force finds it is cheaper to move by truck than to use its own transport planes. A trucking concern moved almost 600,000 pounds of office equipment from its Aerochart and Information Services from Washington to its new offices in St. Louis. Classified material was shipped in sealed cases inside sealed trucks guarded by Air Force police. Nothing leaked. Some 400 employees also have moved to St. Louis.

## War Against Lampreys

Fishermen will be happy to know that U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service is hot on the trail of a killer which will destroy the loathsome lamprey eels. It tested 4,346 chemicals and compounds and finally found two poisons which kill lamprey larvae but do not injure trout fingerlings or other fish. The chemicals are now being tried out in two streams and a report may soon be issued. Lamprey eels fasten themselves onto fish and suck their blood. In Lake Michigan the annual lake trout harvest fell from 6.5 million pounds in 1946 to 34 pounds in 1955. If the poisons work they will be ready for the lampreys when they run up the streams to spawn next spring.

## Committee Keeps Fighting

The House Un-American Activities Committee, fighting communism since 1938, will ask the next session of Congress in January to change its name to House Internal Security Committee and give it a new charter. This, it is expected, will offset the crippling blow it received through the Supreme Court decision in the John T. Watkins case. Meantime, Chairman Francis Walter, of Pa., said the Committee will keep going this fall, looking into communist infiltration in the union labor and communications fields. In November it will go after communist activities in Puerto Rico. Procedures will conform to the Supreme Court decision.

## "Brain" to Track Satellite

An amazing machine is ready in Washington to track the first earth satellite when it is fired into space during this Geophysical Year. It will give answers in a few seconds to calculations which would take mathematical experts hours to compute. The electronic brain,

a product of IBM, has rows of colored lights and series of levers and buttons. When the satellite is launched at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida, its radio signals will first be picked up at Antigua Island in the British West Indies. They will be relayed quickly to Project Vanguard Center in Washington and the tapes will be put on punchcards which will be fed into the machine. In two seconds scientists will know if the satellite is "up" and other tracking stations will be alerted. The height, the path and the speed of the tiny 21-inch globe as it sends out its tiny radio impulses will then be checked and the machine will give the answers.

## Seek Plane Loans

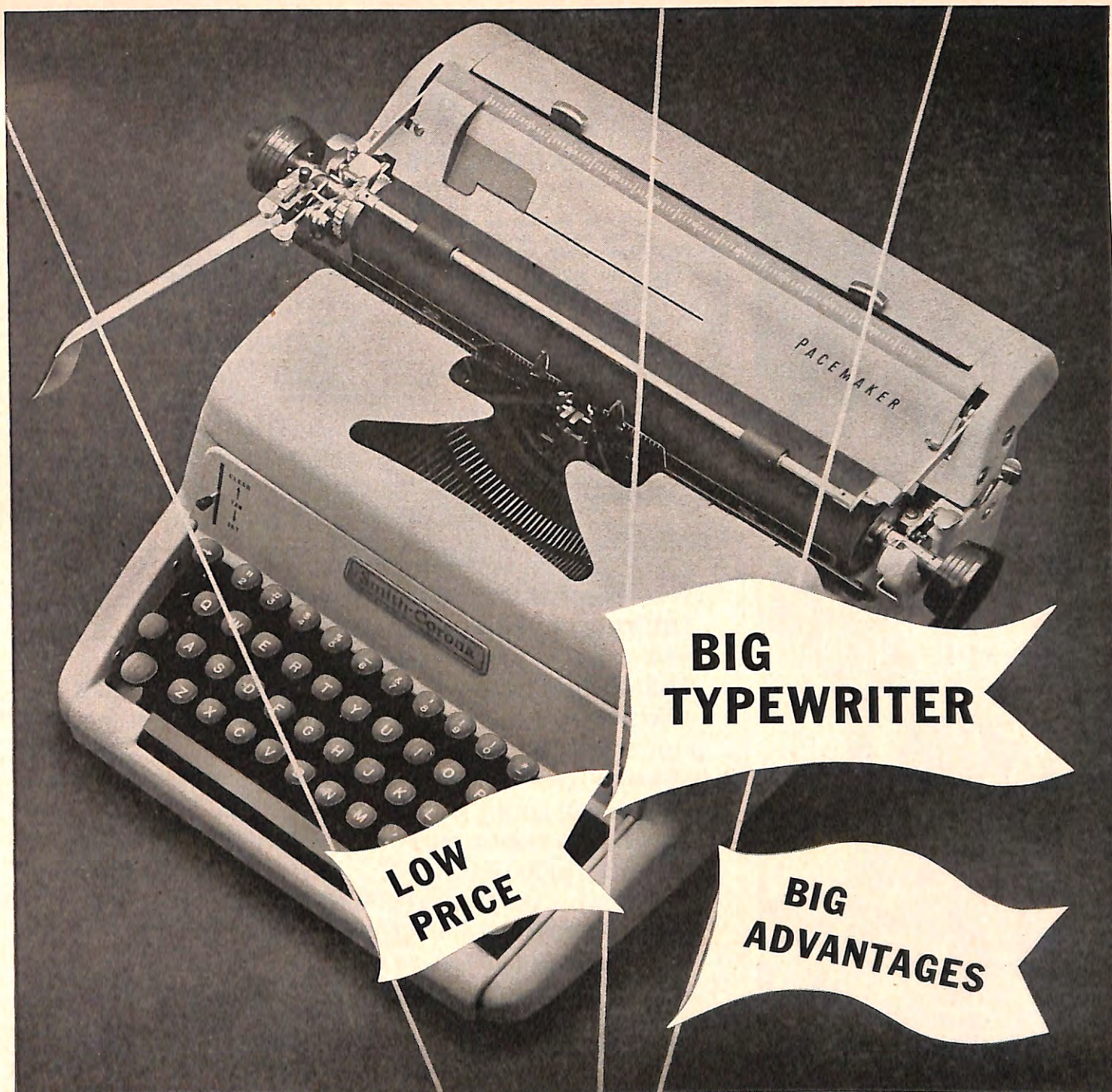
Feeder airlines around the country want the government to help them modernize their fleets of planes, 90 per cent of which are DC-3 two motor jobs which came out 21 years ago. They want the government to guarantee private loans up to \$5 million per feeder line. Better planes would cut down federal subsidies now totaling some \$30 million per year, they claim.

## Champ Truck Driver

Truck Driver-of-the-Year 1957 is Earnest Roedel, 29, of Missouri who has covered a half million miles without an accident. Receiving his award here he said "common sense and courtesy to the other fellow" is the way to avoid accidents on the road.

## Potomac Potatoes

Age limit of 57 years for reappointment of District teachers may be extended by Congress . . . Government Printing Office printers want a 37.5 hour work week . . . U. S. Information Agency's new pamphlet, "Dwight D. Eisenhower—Soldier of Peace," has been sent to 80 countries . . . Doctor bills have jumped 19 per cent, hospitals 39 per cent and dentists 13 per cent in the past six years . . . Stohlman's candy shop, operated by members of the family for 137 years here, is closed because they don't want to run it any more . . . Government Employees Insurance Company, with over 400,000 policyholders, is building a new \$5 million office . . . District hotels are booming and expect a record fall even with Congress in recess . . . Yokohama's mayor sent District Commissioner Renah F. Camalier a gift of a Japanese pagoda with nine tiers and the Commission is having the dickens of a time trying to put the 3,500 pounds of little stone blocks and bronze bells together. No do-it-yourself instructions came with it.



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# ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



## "The Joy of Giving"

Boston University conducted a two-day Institute on cerebral palsy recently, and during the meetings this photograph was taken with, from left: Dr. Robert Oxnam, Vice President of Boston University; John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation; Mr. Nelson Marshman, Executive Director of Mass. United Cerebral Palsy, and Dr. Arthur G. Miller, Director of the Cerebral Palsy Institute.



In addition to the "Joy of Giving" column that appears regularly in The Elks Magazine, this month there is additional Foundation editorial material that deserves the attention of all our readers, particularly since Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, reported at the Convention in San Francisco that this year the Foundation was the recipient of approximately \$500,000. This represented the greatest increase of the Principal Fund in the history of the Foundation. On page 26, there is a full report on the "Most Valuable Students Awards" for the year, and, on the op-

posite page, the announcement of the 1957-1958 Award Contest, which deserves the attention of every lodge. The digest of Mr. Malley's Report at the Convention and the award announcements of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson appear in connection with our coverage of the Second and Third Business Sessions.

"The Golden Heart of Elldom," of which every penny of gifts is directly used for benevolent purposes, since all expenses of the Foundation are paid by the Grand Lodge, continues to grow each year as a unique institution in a great Fraternity.



Chairman Gerald L. Powell of the Indiana Elks Scholarship Committee, center, and four students who have been helped along toward higher education by Elks National Foundation awards. At left are Samuel Stegman, Peru, and Sandra Decker, Lafayette; at right, Brenda Bryant, Evansville, and James Kruger, Gary.

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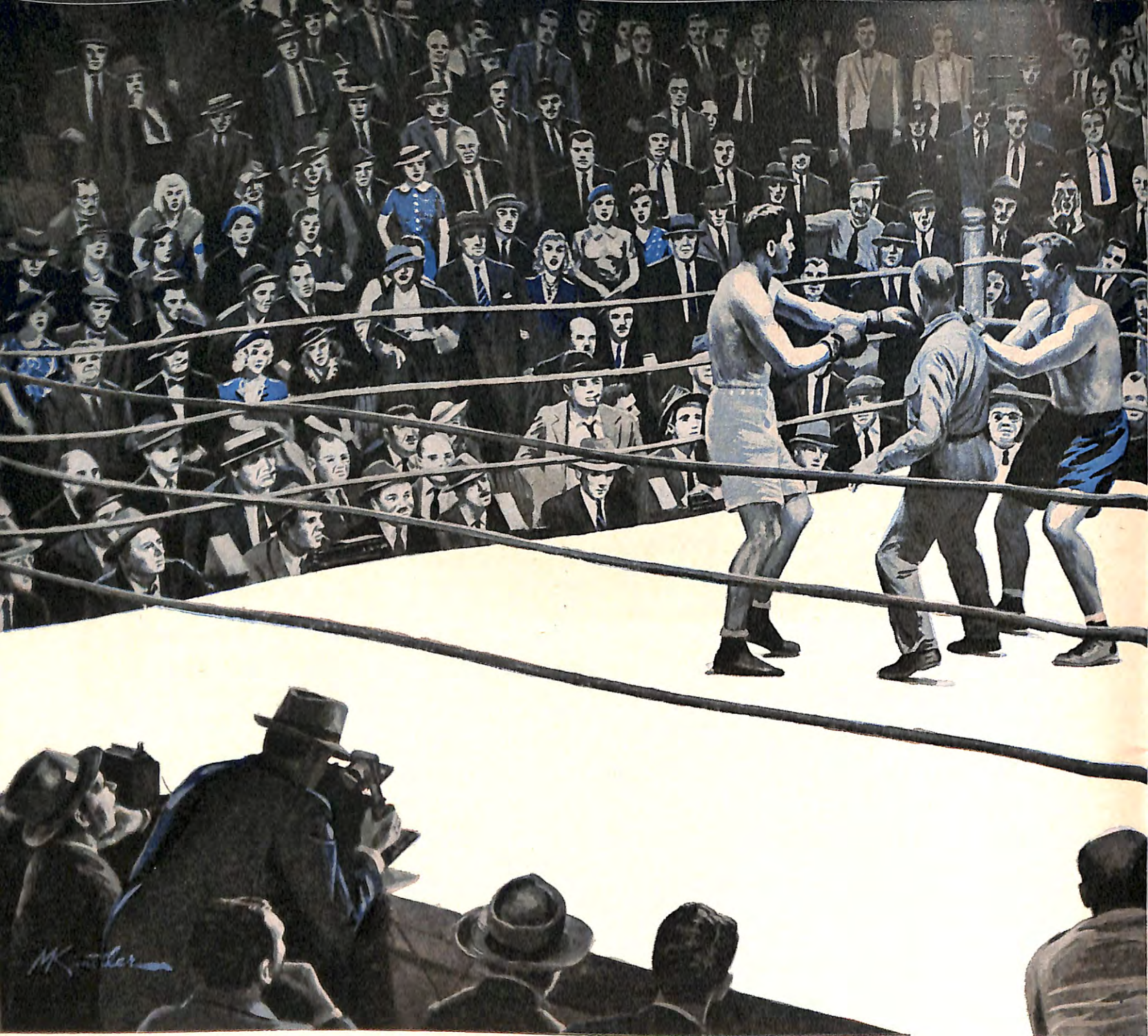
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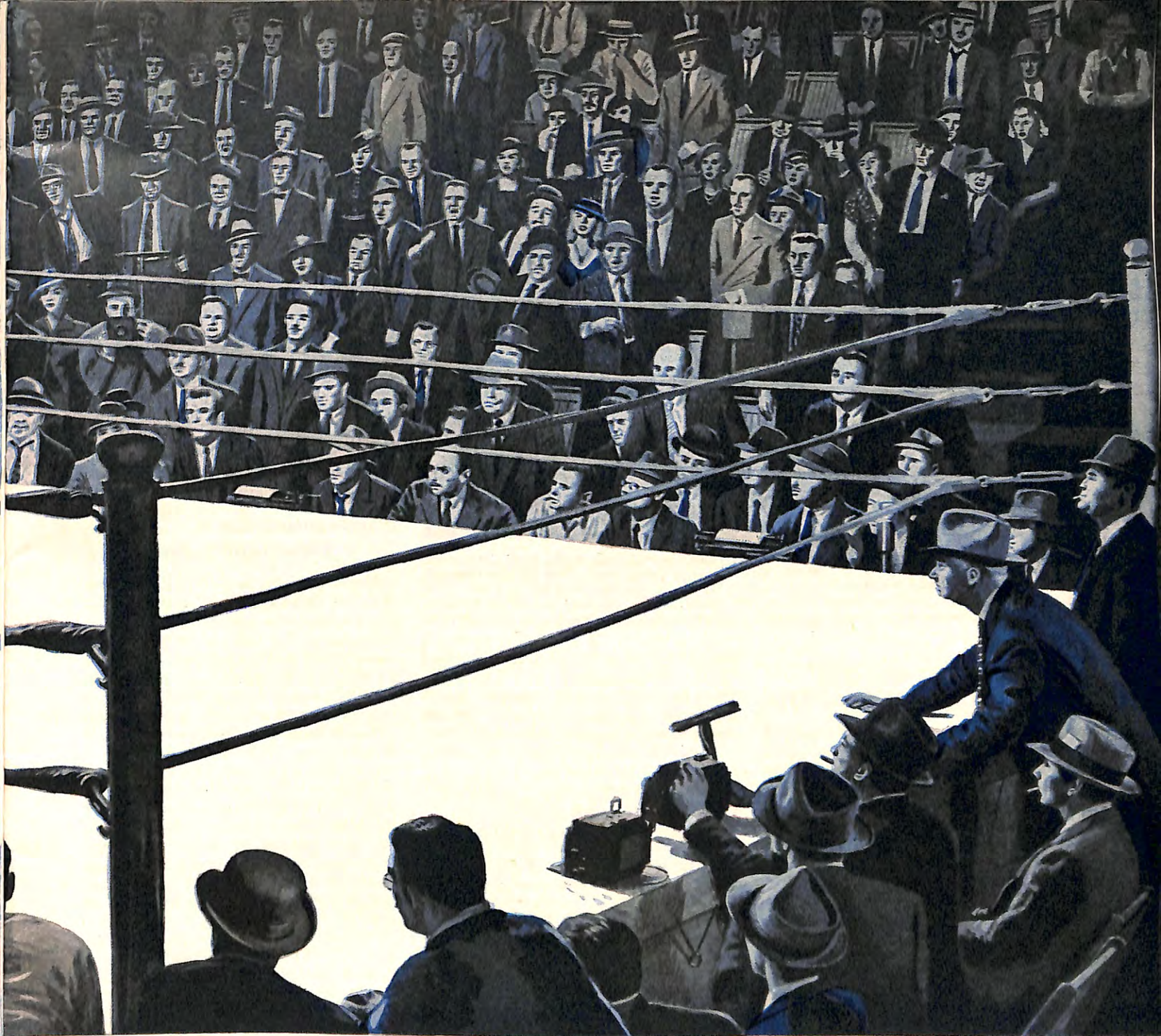
# The 30 Years War

*Only three decades ago this month? Dempsey—Tunney in Chicago.*

BY WILLIAM FAY

*Illustrated by MORTON KUNSTLER*





*Tunney won each of the first six rounds, but Dempsey had never learned to be discouraged.*

**O**N THE EVE OF THIS YEAR'S KENTUCKY DERBY, in the same crowded city of Louisville, a patient entry known as Joey Maxim was wearing the green (for cool cash) silks of Jack "Doc" Kearns, the celebrated trainer of flesh. Joey, who had once been the light-heavyweight champion of the world, was led from the paddock, or dressing room, for a test of ten slow furlongs with a handsomely muscled colt named Eddie Machen. It didn't surprise anybody in the lightly populated arena that Joey came in second in this special event. Most of his friends were relieved to see him escape with his skull, plus a fair share of the television receipts. Even so, I can't say it was fun. There was the legendary Mr. Kearns, whose name will always remain linked with Jack Dempsey's, looking like a tired old

bird of prey, and picking up peanuts instead of a feast. It was then that somebody said, "It's thirty years since Dempsey fought Tunney that second time in Chicago. Can you imagine—thirty years?" I'm afraid I can.

Thirty years ago, when nearly all of us had hair, boxing had entered what has been perhaps too often and too lyrically referred to as its "golden age." In the borough of the Bronx, for instance, when I was seventeen, one of the principal promoters of amateur boxing was the identical B.P.O.E. that owns and operates this magazine. I fought a young man named Mueller for the Elks one night, and he was neither benevolent nor protective, but there is no reason to discuss that now. This particular lodge was located on the Grand Concourse,

*(Continued on page 48)*

# News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS



All but three of the 1957-58 Indiana Elks Assn. officers were pictured at the State Convention. They were, foreground, Treas. J. L. J. Miller, Vice-Presidents Gerald Powell and Norman Freeland, Pres. J. J. Jennings, Vice-Presidents Leonard Imel, C. P. Bender and Paul Manship, and Secy. C. L. Shideler; second row: Trustee Lewis Gerber, Tiler Byron Foland, Sgt.-at-Arms W. A. Franklin, Trustees Arnold Fitzgerald, J. F. Callaway and Robert Thompson and Chaplain Dr. Karl Dickens.

## Fargo Is Host to 1,200 North Dakota Elks

Mayor Herschel Lashkowitz gave a warm welcome to the 1,200 delegates and guests to the North Dakota Elks Assn. Convention at Fargo during the Memorial Services June 8th, opening the meeting which was highlighted by many exciting events before it adjourned on the 11th. H. L. Blackledge, 1957-58 Grand Exalted Ruler, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern were guests of honor. Mr. Stern, a member of the host lodge, reported that the State had contributed \$96,000 to the Elks National Foundation of which he is a Trustee.

Milton G. Kelly of Devils Lake was elected Pres. of the Assn., with Alec Rawitscher of Williston as Vice-Pres. Everett Palmer of Williston is Treas., and Ray Greenwood of Jamestown is again Secy. Trustees are Frank V. Archibald, Fargo, J. J. Murray, Mandan, L. Donald Thorson, Minot, Frank C. Cheatham, Grand Forks, and Paul Brewer, Bismarck. Rev. Felix Andrews of Minot continues as Chaplain. His lodge will be host to the 1958 Meeting.

Mr. Blackledge, who was introduced to the Exalted Rulers of the State at their annual breakfast, addressed the delegates at their first business meeting. He also joined them and thousands of others as spectators to the thrilling Convention parade, a tremendous attraction in spite of a heavy downpour. He was deeply interested in the recently completed \$7,100 Speech Therapy Building at Camp Grassick, the

Elks-Easter Seal Camp for Handicapped Children on which the No. Dak. Elks spent \$16,125 last year. The new building, with its six soundproof therapy rooms and large demonstration room, will enable therapists to work with a minimum of interference.

## Michigan Elks Hold 53rd Annual Meeting

Approximately 2,300 Elks attended the four-day conference of the Michigan Elks Assn. at Grand Rapids, when retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn was guest of honor and the featured speaker at the well-attended President's Banquet. Gov. G. Mennen Williams also spoke briefly.

Nelson H. VanDongen of the host city was elected President of the organization, succeeding Robert A. Burns of Wakefield. V. W. Rouse of Battle Creek was named Vice-Pres.-at-Large and S. Glen Converse of Lansing and L. L. Hamilton of Niles were reelected Treas. and Secy., respectively. Cadillac was selected as the site of the 1958 Convention.

The new philanthropic program which

will contribute approximately \$75,000 annually to the care and treatment of the State's children was given unanimous approval by the delegates. The project, handled by a committee headed by Past Pres. Hugh L. Hartley of Owosso and approved by informal vote at the Assn.'s Midwinter Meeting in Niles, will cover all handicapped children except those with heart, brain and mental afflictions.

The Convention closed with a Memorial Service held at the home of Grand Rapids Lodge.

## Minnesota Elks Entertain Luminaries

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern and the Order's 1957-58 leader, H. L. Blackledge, were special guests of the Minnesota Elks Assn. at its June 6-7-8 Convention at International Falls. All 24 lodges of the State were represented at this meeting during which excellent reports were given on the Assn.'s varied activities and the decision was made to meet next year at Austin.

An initiation ceremony was conducted by the State Championship Team from Hibbing Lodge, and at the State Banquet at the lodge home on the 8th, Martin A. Nelson, Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court, was an interesting speaker. A Convention parade drew an enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

New officers of this organization are Pres. L. R. Benson, Rochester; Vice-Presidents Norman Hansen, Alexandria, Chet Nelson, Crookston, and E. B. Schliesing, St. Paul; Secy. C. W. Wilkinson, Duluth; Treas. L. E. Moening, Owatonna; Tiler Wm. Van Essen, Brainerd; Chaplain Cecil Brown, Rochester; Sgt.-at-Arms Bernard Hermanson, Albert Lea, and Trustees E. Archie Cook, St. Cloud, Phil Johnson, St. Paul, and Carl Carlson, Bemidji.

## South Dakota Session Is Great Success

The closing of a most successful June 7-8-9 Meeting of the South Dakota Elks Assn. at Brookings, for which Past Pres. Fred Green was a capable Chairman, came as the 596 delegates and their wives parted with plans to meet at Madison next year. They had heard an outstanding address delivered by Grand Secy. Lee A. Donaldson at the Memorial Services, following his intro-

### STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
*Nebraska	McCook	Sept. 7-8
Tennessee	Chattanooga	Sept. 12-13-14
*Wisconsin	Kenosha	Sept. 21-22
Colorado	Denver	Sept. 26-27-28
*Indiana	Indianapolis	Sept. 28-29
*New Jersey	Rahway	Sept. 29
California	Santa Barbara	Oct. 9-10-11-12
*Ohio	Youngstown	Oct. 18-19-20

\*Seasonal Conferences



Above: Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn receives the Key to the City from Chairman Ted Booth of Grand Rapids' Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee on his arrival for the Michigan Convention. Left to right are local E.R. H. C. Host, Convention Activities Coordinator A. J. Meyers, Mr. Booth, 1956-57 State Pres. R. A. Burns, Mr. Bohn, Grand Lodge Committeeman John K. Burch, Honorary State Pres., and Convention Chairman E. P. Breen, State Trustee.

Below: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland joins other South Dakota Elk dignitaries in welcoming Grand Secy. Lee A. Donaldson to the State Convention. Left to right are Mr. McFarland, former Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow, Mr. Donaldson, State Pres. L. J. Gregory and Glen S. Paterson, now Chief Justice of the Grand Forum.



duction by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, and witnessed the initiation of a special class of candidates by the All-State Ritualistic Team, a member of which was Bob Gregory, son of retiring State Pres. L. J. Gregory. Mr. Donaldson also addressed the new Elks initiated in the presence of such dignitaries as Glen S. Paterson of the Grand Forum and J. Ford Zietlow, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

The State's Youth Leaders and Scholarship award winners were rewarded by Past Pres. W. B. McKenzie and Mr. Zietlow, and host E.R. Gordon Duff presented a \$500 check for an electric cardiograph machine to Director Ronald Hanson of the Brookings Municipal Hospital.

Ross E. Case of Watertown is the new Pres. of the organization, with Harold Ricketts of Mitchell as Pres.-Elect. Vice-Presidents are R. E. Morgan, Mitchell, Jack Nolan, Hot Springs, and Herb Thomas, Pierre; Treas. Merle Korte, Aberdeen; Secy. R. W. Hanten, Huron, and Trustees Ronald Felker, Madison, and Ellis Gates, Aberdeen.

### **Elkdom's New Leader Is Iowa Convention Speaker**

Shortly before his election to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, H. L. Blackledge was the honored guest of the Iowa Elks Assn., convening at Des Moines May 31st and June 1st. Appearing before the meeting in place of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner whose illness prevented his attendance, Mr. Blackledge emphasized the importance of membership, ritualistic work and the participation of all State groups in a special state-wide program. In connection with the last item, retiring Pres. R. E. Davis announced during the session that his Assn., through its Trustees, was considering its participation in a proposed summer camp for crippled children at a cost of about \$15,000. Providing summer vacations

for underprivileged children is a continuing undertaking of this group.

Gov. Herschel Loveless was the principal speaker at the Assn. Banquet at which Mayor Ray Mills delivered a cordial welcoming address. Decorah won the Ritualistic Title and the following were chosen to head the organization for this term: Thomas J. Carroll, Davenport, Pres.; J. F. Waddell, Newton, Erle E. Bohen, Centerville, William Hamilton, Estherville, and Victor C. Glass, Mason City, Vice-Presidents; Sanford Schmalz, Muscatine, Secy. (re-elected), and A. P. Lee, Marshalltown, Treas. (re-elected).

### **Vermont Convention Held at Brattleboro**

When they met in Brattleboro for their 30th annual Convention, Vermont Elks Assn. delegates voted unanimously to adopt a new charitable program as a special project. Although this will be a Summer Camp for Mentally Retarded Children, the Association is not abandoning the Goshen Camp for Crippled Children which has been its foremost charitable project for many years; a trust fund of approximately \$45,000 has been set up for the Goshen Camp.

On June 9th, the second of the three-day meeting attended by 400 persons, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson was the principal speaker at the banquet which highlighted the session during which many other interesting events took place, notably a mammoth parade.

Brattleboro Lodge did very well this year—its State Ritualistic Champions had won the New England title before Convention time when its golfers took that contest, with one of its members, Robert Ratti, making low individual Score. Springfield won the Membership Award and Bowling Championship, and its patriotic entry in the parade captured the first prize. The Cribbage title went to St. Johnsbury Lodge which

was also tops in subscriptions to the Elks National Foundation, and was selected as host to the 1958 Association Convention.

Until that time the following Vermont Elks will handle Assn. business: Pres. Clarence V. Akley, St. Johnsbury; Vice-Presidents Richard B. Sheridan, Springfield, M. W. Corker, Montpelier, and T. J. Lanigan, Bennington. Re-elected were Roger J. Sheridan of Montpelier as Secy. and R. N. Owens of Rutland as Treas. Milton Montgomery, Jr., St. Johnsbury, is Tiler and K. T. Brown, Jr., and Fernand Gagne, both of St. Johnsbury, were appointed Chaplain and Sgt.-at-Arms, respectively.



The Order's new leader, H. L. Blackledge, right, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, inspect a full-scale model of Camp Grassick, the crippled children's camp long sponsored by the Elks of North Dakota. They were photographed at Fargo during the State Association Convention.

# Morale-Builders, U.S.A.

*From widely separated areas of the Nation comes photographic evidence of the diversified programs through which the Elks remember our servicemen*



Among the Elk groups which augment with gifts of their own the benefits provided to hospitalized servicemen by the National Service Commission are the lodges of the Rhode Island State Assn. During its recent Convention, this organization presented a \$1,722.50 closed-circuit television camera to the Providence VA Hospital. Photographed when that presentation was made were, left to right, incoming State Pres. James W. Leighton, Chairman Dr. Edward C. Morin of the Elks Hospital Service Committee, Hospital Recreation Director Edward J. McGrory, a member of Pawtucket Lodge, and former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum John E. Mullen. In taking recognition of this gift, the VAVS presented a framed Award of Merit to the Assn. This Hospital is the first to have a closed TV circuit which is expected to be a tremendous morale-building factor. It will provide many happy hours, especially for quarantined patients who will be able to visit with their families via the TV screen; courses of instruction may be televised, and outdoor events may be carried to non-ambulatory patients.



A view of the veteran audience for one of the many shows put on at Jacksonville State Hospital by the Illinois West Central Elks



Above: Louisiana Elk dignitaries were photographed as they presented a shipment of fine tooling leather to the U.S. Veterans Hospital at New Orleans for its occupational therapy program. Left to right are hospital patient Jos. J. Riley, Acting Mgr. John R. Parrish of the Hospital, Chief Therapist M. Jeanne Riviere, New Orleans E.R. Howard W. Lenfant, D.D. James H. Aitken, Committee Chairman, and convalescing veterans Tony J. Fosko, Barrett Hall and Roy S. Jerkins.

Below: A large roll of leather, processed by the Calif. Elks Assn., is presented to the neuro-psychiatric VA Hospital at Fort Mackenzie by Elks of Sheridan, Wyo. Left to right are P.E.R. and lodge Secy. Robert B. Mulholland, Elk Committee Chairman H. A. Livingston, Fort Mackenzie's Recreation Chief William Bokenkroger, Therapist Paul Hammontree and Felix Sowada, Administrative Executive for Medical Therapy.



# *A Message*



**T**HIS first message is directed primarily to the Exalted Rulers and Subordinate Lodge officers, but with equal application to the officers of our many splendid State Associations. I was tremendously thrilled by your reception of my program for the year, as outlined at the San Francisco meeting. I feel that we have a common understanding, each with the other, and with an acute awareness of the responsibilities that we have undertaken. The record that has been written was made by others, but the record that is now being made is ours. Let's make it a good one.

The office of Exalted Ruler, or State President, like that of the Grand Exalted Ruler, carries with it many burdens and responsibilities, but it also affords rare privileges to be of service to your Lodge, your community and your fellowman. As we swing into the beginning of the most active and most productive period of your Lodge year, let's start off with a re-dedication of the spirit of your installation last April, and then so dramatically emphasized at San Francisco.

With the rapid approach of fall initiations and inter-lodge visits, now is the time to sharpen up your ritual. First impressions are indeed likely to be lasting, so be sure that the new members' first impression of you, your Lodge and the Order of Elks is the very best that you can make it.

With the opening of the social and activity season, now is the time to further extend our membership. And, as our major project for the year, see to it that these new members have a planned and interesting indoctrination into all of the wonderful works of Elkdom.

And now is always the time for a greater participation in the Elks National Foundation, "the great heart of Elkdom."

My program for the year is in your hands; it is ambitious but not difficult, and I expect its full performance. Then we, too, as our predecessors have done, may point with pride and say that this record, our record, is truly Elkdom's proud record and America's rich reward.

*from the  
Grand  
Exalted  
Ruler*

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "H. H. Pennington".

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BY HORACE SUTTON

**HAMILTON, BERMUDA**

Maybe you always have orange juice for breakfast but if you're in Bermuda on a Sunday morning and would like to live in the traditional Bermuda manner, you will eschew orange juice for codfish and bananas. They are eaten together; worse yet, the bananas are sliced and fried with the fish.

**BOGOTA, COLOMBIA**

Airline people flying into this South American republic say you can live here on \$10 a day, in luxury. Example: Sixteen cents will fetch you from one side of town to the other in a modern taxicab. Three cents will carry your person in a crosstown bus. Sixteen cents will buy an orchid for madam. A single room in a luxury hotel is \$5, and a full course dinner with wine and steak is under the two dollar barrier. U. S. first-run color films—movies that is—are forty cents top

in the better theaters. The country peddles coffee, emeralds and oil. The rubber, gums and balsams in its forests haven't even been tapped yet.

**BLOWING ROCK, N. C.**

The newest attraction here in the Daniel Boone country of Watauga County is a tiny train named "Tweetsie," which rattles around the shoulder of Roundhouse Mountain several times a day carrying visitors to a shaded glen dotted with picnic areas and looped with hiking trails. The train, known as Tweetsie, leaves Tweetsie Station several times daily for an excursion which in its course takes the train across a three-decker trestle fifty feet high and up a grade of four per cent.

Tweetsie was named Tweetsie because her whistle, when she ran over the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina's narrow gauge tracks, could



Illustrated by Ted Miller

be heard from near and far. She linked Johnson City, Tennessee, and Boone in her day. She was bought and owned for a time by Gene Autry, then finally brought home to the Carolina hills, where she is now the only railroad in the county. Her station is a replica of an old one, and the present terminus of the track will eventually be the site of Tweetsieville, a reproduction of a mountain community of the 1880's.

#### ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

If there are men in the house who have been toying with the idea of relaxing for a few cool days at Atlantic City, the time to come down here would be the week of September 3rd. Beginning that day the city by the sea, home of salt water taffy and rolling chairs and a boardwalk, will be the scene of the annual Miss America contest. A total

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of 51 lookers have already registered. Among them will be Jennie Rebecca Blatchford from Hollidaysburg, Pa., who is also preparing for her doctorate in speech correction and audiology at the University of Michigan. In other words, if you develop a whistle when you talk to Miss B., she'll have it corrected in no time. Miss Missouri is none other than the 18-year-old daughter of Walker Cooper, famed catcher of the St. Louis Cardinals. She is Sara Ann Cooper and her hobby is compiling a history of baseball. Miss Massachusetts is a Lithuanian who arrived here from Germany seven years ago with no knowledge of English. Her name is Dolly Hirsch, is a sophomore at Emerson College, and will compete from Massachusetts. The weather ought to be lovely and after all, who can deny the scenery will be terrific.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

Over half a million passports were issued the first six months of this year for a 6.2 rise. Nearly 50,000 came from New York City alone, followed by Chicago and Los Angeles. New York and California together accounted for 34.6 per cent of the total, and if you want to know *who* has been traveling abroad, there were more housewives than anybody, then students, clerk-secretaries, retired people, teachers, military persons, engineers, executives, doctors and dentists, laborers and then lawyers. Half admitted they were going for pleasure, only about 35,000 said they were off in pursuit of commercial business.

#### OSLO

The Norwegian American liner "Oslofjord" in announcing its big cruise of 1958 proves that ships are becoming more and more adventuresome, as long as there are passengers to pay the freight. Its South Atlantic and African excursion, on which it sails February 11th, visits Pinheiro Point, on the Amazon, Brazil, St. Helena in the South Atlantic, Capetown, then Luanda, Angola; Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Conakry, French Guinea; and on to Fakar, Senegal, which is back around the corner.

#### TOBAGO, B. W. I.

Anybody who saw "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison," saw Tobago, a lovely island that looks like the South Pacific but is really twenty minutes from Trinidad. Not much goes on in Tobago, but there are goat races a few times a year, and there are secret formulas handed down from one generation of goat racers to another to make the nannies go fast. Lord Dillon, one of the island's most successful goat racers, sort of the Aly Khan of the paper munchers, says for that extra speed so necessary to a racing goat feed him hog plum bush. It builds muscles. Extra candy. It gives energy. Also, bathe the goat in the sea. It keeps the joints limber.

#### PARIS

Ancient France is offering some startling vacations, among them tours of the castles of the Loire Valley by helicopter. The trips, which will flutter out of Paris, are operated by Sabena, the Belgian airline which has made a specialty of helicopter travel in Europe. The Loire is sprinkled with many beautiful castles of flamboyant days, but the trip by car was arduous and long.

#### NEW YORK

If any week-end sportsman would like to settle a bet, the American Express Co. says it has taken a survey which proves that anglers and hunters outnumber golfers nine to one. Although 4 million golfers descend on 5,000 courses across the country when the weather is nice, some 32 million fish in streams from New York to California and go after everything from duck to deer in the fall hunting season. About fifteen per cent are women. Among "fishermen" one in five is a fisherwoman.

#### MADRID

In case you're going to Madrid, you can get Spanish lessons free by tuning in The Voice of Spain, a nightly short-wave broadcast in English beamed to New York at 10:15 (Eastern Standard Time). It is a forty-five minute show and you can find it over the 32 and 49 meter bands (9.36 and 6.13 meter bands). Besides the lessons, tourists to be are buttered up with travel information, interviews with visiting Americans, history lessons and bullfight results.

#### VIENNA

Motels are kind enough to post vacancy or "no vacancy" signs, but why not hotels? Why not indeed, say the Austrians who unfurl a "bed flag." It comes in a variety of colors, each of which depicts a small figure pointing to a bed. When the flag is flying, a bed is waiting.

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# News

## OF THE LODGES



Among the Elk dignitaries who played leading roles in the institution of Northgate-Memphis (Frayser), Tenn., Lodge, No. 2039, included, left to right, foreground, P.D.D. W. H. Foster, D.D. Raleigh M. Fisher, the new lodge's first E.R. Morey Evans, Secretary Hugh W. Hicks of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee, State Pres. Henry W. Beaudoin, P.D.D. John A. Gasell and State Trustee John Smith. In the background: P.D.D. W. J. Neese, Nashville E.R. Sam E. Aaron, Past State Pres. E. J. Nunn, Memphis P.E.R. J. B. Linton and Special Deputy S. J. Elkins, Jr.

### Elk Leader Makes Final Visits to Ohio Lodges

During the closing weeks of his term as Grand Exalted Ruler, Fred L. Bohn made several visits to lodges of his own State.

Greeted at the city line on June 26th by a delegation of Elks from Dayton Lodge No. 58 led by E.R. George C. Stoecklein, Mr. Bohn and State Assn. Pres. James W. Plummer were escorted to the lodge home for a reception and luncheon attended by a capacity crowd of members and special guests.

P.D.D. Marc C. Humpert was General Chairman for the program and out-of-town Elks on hand included Past State Pres. Charles Schmidt, State Trustee John D. Quinn, D.D. Franklin A. Wurstner, Troy E.R. Thomas Roszell and Father Michael Hinssen of Cincinnati Lodge. They were joined in applauding Mr. Bohn's forceful plea to encourage juvenile decency and expand our youth programs, by Lt. Jack Pickard of the Dayton Police Dept., Judge Frank Nicholas of Juvenile Court, Judge Paul Sheer of Common Pleas Court, Judge Emmett Jackson, Judge Carl Kessler of Municipal Court, J. R. Solenberger, former potentate of the Antioch Shrine, and Marshall Stross, city editor of the *Dayton Journal Herald* which gave the event wide publicity, as

did the local *Daily News* and radio and television stations.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Bohn and his party drove to Hamilton Lodge No. 93 where they were honored at a well-attended reception and banquet held at the lodge's City Club.

Following the ceremony instituting Van Nuys, Calif., Lodge, No. 2028, this class of 1,027 members, right, was initiated into the new lodge by San Fernando Elk officials. Dignitaries on hand included, in the photograph below, left to right, State Pres. Owen Keown, Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Van Nuys' first E.R. Elmer H. Meyer, D.D. Ronald Bringman, instituting officer, and Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the 1956-57 Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee.



Other Ohio visits which had been made by Mr. Bohn earlier in the month included receptions at Kenton and Lima Lodges on the 20th.

### Fond du Lac, Wis., Elks Are Hosts to Teen-Agers

Members of Fond du Lac Lodge No. 57 turned over their home to 200 students of Goodrich High School following their annual prom.

Chairman Tom Schuessler of the Youth Activities Committee arranged a well-planned program which began at 12:30 a.m. with a showing of the motion picture, "Desk Set", a premiere for the State, at the Retlaw Theater. Then the scene shifted to the lodge home where the teen-agers danced to the music of a local orchestra, availed themselves of the opportunity to use the home's bowling alleys, enjoyed hamburgers and soda, and finally a full-course breakfast before leaving for their homes at five a.m.

The youngsters were carefully chaperoned by members and their wives, with a rigid check-in, check-out system followed.

The program was broadcast over KFIZ and prizes were distributed every half-hour to keep things moving. E.R.







The three faiths were represented at an initiation ceremony conducted by Lynbrook, N. Y., Elk officials recently. The candidates, pictured with E.R. John L. Farley, third from left, were, left to right, Rev. Fr. Daniel J. Nelson of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church, Rabbi Morris S. Friedman of Congregation Beth David and Rev. Dr. George C. Eichelman of Christ Episcopal Church, all of Lynbrook.



Youth Activities Chairman Leon E. Porter, left, and P.E.R. Kenneth R. Knight, second from left, reward Elks National Foundation Scholarship winners sponsored by Winston-Salem, N. C., Elksdom. They are, left to right, first-place \$200 scholarship winners Miss Kay Krites, who went on to win the top award for the State, and Donald Shackelford, and second-place \$100 award winners Miss Jane Church and Terry Walser.

Frank E. Dittrich and his fellow Elks thoroughly enjoying their temporary jobs as waiters and pin boys. Even more, however, did they enjoy the appreciation voiced by the youngsters, their parents and other citizens.

### *Elk Activity at Quincy, Mass.*

Quincy Lodge No. 943 was host to the Massachusetts Championship Ritualistic Team from Worcester Lodge some weeks ago, when the visitors initiated a class of 13 candidates for No. 943 under the direction of P.E.R. Joseph A. Aspero. While the Worcester Team did not take honors in the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest in San Francisco, one of its number, Gerard E. Belanger, was selected as All-American Chaplain.

Quincy E.R. George W. Clark pre-

sided at the meeting, introducing 1956-57 Grand Treas. Edward A. Spry who delivered a well-phrased address. At this session, the lodge presented \$100 to the Francis Barry Memorial Fund and Elk Charles Murphy turned over to No. 943's Crippled Children's Fund the receipts of the third anniversary sale of gas at his service station. Korean war movies were shown by Paul O'Shea, a member of the lodge, and Entertainment Chairman P. J. Bartoloni reported that the Quincy Elks' family outing had 300 participants.

### *Record Charter Class for Van Nuys, Calif., Lodge*

Over 1,600 men became affiliated with the Order when Van Nuys Lodge No. 2028 was instituted by D.D. Ronald R. Bringman and a corps of officials of the State, among them many

P.D.D.'s. This record-breaking total included 1,027 initiates and 587 members on transfer dimit. The ceremony bringing these men into Elksdom was handled efficiently by the officers of San Fernando Lodge in the presence of over 1,000 guests from other lodges, along with P.D.D.'s Dr. Duncan Graham of Mesa, Ariz., and Herbert L. Odlund of Hoquiam, Wash., a Grand Lodge Committeeman.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis installed E.R. Elmer H. Meyer and his officers. Other California dignitaries on hand were Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the 1956-57 Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Grand Tiler John Martin, Chairman R. Leonard Bush of the Calif. Elks Major Project Committee and State Assn. Pres. Owen Keown who presented the American Flag to his State's newest lodge.



ADDRESS OF GRAND EXALTED RULER H. L. BLACKLEDGE: Elks Home, Kearney, Nebraska  
ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY LEE A. DONALDSON: Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

## LODGE NOTES

Not only did Thomas A. Haggerty become a member of the Order at the age of 84, he traveled 1,400 miles to do so. Mr. Haggerty and William F. Ramsay had been visiting Florida for 20 years, during which time Mr. Ramsay had often urged his friend to join the Order he loved so well. When Mr. Ramsay died recently, Mr. Haggerty, a resident of Winsted, Conn., applied for membership there and by special ruling was permitted to take the obligation in Clearwater, Fla., Lodge.

We have just been informed that Roderick J. Dolan of New York, N. Y., Lodge has received his Three Gallon Club Pin, signifying that he has contributed a total of 24 pints of blood to the Red Cross.

Incidentally, we wish to apologize for the omission of a very important word in the caption for a photograph in our July issue. In designating the four Galena, Ill., Elks included in the picture as donors to the Blood Bank their lodge sponsors, we stated that each had made "two contributions". Each of these men has given two gallons of his blood, or a total of 16 contributions apiece. They are Eldon Glick, Lloyd Phillips, Roy Keller and Homer Haas.

The Elks of Vero Beach, Fla., put on a spectacular display for the community on July 4th. Chairman Frank Alber reports that \$700 worth of fireworks was set off in Holman Stadium at Dodgertown.

Crisfield, Md., Lodge's Youth Committee, headed by P.E.R. Thomas Blades, this year inaugurated as a major project to "Help Youth Get Ahead" an annual \$100 award for one student from each of the county's four high schools. The student is selected by the principal and faculty, and in addition to judging their aptitude, the offer is being made where college attendance might be a financial problem to the student.

When the Connecticut Elks convened this year, West Haven Lodge's 12-year Tiler, Peter J. Moran, was chosen for the fourth time as the Assn.'s Good Will Ambassador. In his three previous terms, Mr. Moran visited more than 200 lodges, including nearly every lodge in New England, New York and New Jersey.



Officials who played the major roles in the initiation conducted by a group of P.D.D.'s at Lakewood, Calif., Lodge included the initiatory team composed of, left to right, background, P.D.D.'s Oscar Stutheit, R. J. Gordon, C. P. Wright, retiring Grand Tiler John P. Martin, the Calif. Elks' Major Project Commission Chairman R. Leonard Bush, W. J. Hawkins and Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the 1956-57 Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee; second row, State Assn. Pres. Owen Keown, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis who delivered a most inspiring talk, host E.R. S. H. Avery, 1956-57 D.D. George Hutchinson and Chairman Robert Tronsgard. In the foreground are initiates R. J. O'Donnell, R. W. Fladboe, Carl Propst, A. J. Brodsky and J. W. Casey.



The All-District Ritualistic officers of Central Colorado, with the 33 candidates they initiated into Lakewood Lodge as a tribute to D.D. Albert H. Heller. Special guests also pictured include Campbell F. Rice of the 1957-58 Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman Jacob L. Sherman and former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum Wilbur Alter.



Photographed when Parsons, Kans., Lodge, No. 527, was instituted with 91 Charter Members who elected C. W. Walls as their first Exalted Ruler are the officials who conducted the institution, initiation and installation ceremonies. In the foreground, left to right, are former Grand Lodge Committeeman Fred H. Kelly, State Assn. Pres. K. F. Gascoigne and D.D. John T. Kirkwood.



These 60 candidates were initiated into Eina, Pa., Lodge by its State Ritualistic Champions, pictured in the background, as a tribute to its P.E.R., Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson.



Left: Ohio State Pres. James Plummer, Secy. Parker J. Obenour and D.D. Elmo Richard, left to right, standing, join E.R. William H. Conner, seated left, and Fred L. Bohn in looking over a report on the increase in membership of Kenton, Ohio, Lodge. Mr. Bohn's visit there was the first the lodge had received from a Grand Exalted Ruler.

Below: Photographed when Dayton, Ohio, Elkdom welcomed 1956-57 Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn at a reception and luncheon were, left to right, E.R. George C. Stoecklein, Mr. Bohn, P.D.D. Marc C. Humpert and Pres. James Plummer of the Ohio Elks Assn., Mr. Bohn's secretary during his term as leader of the Order.



Below: One of Detroit, Mich., Lodge's biggest annual affairs is Old Timers Night which brings together approximately 400 members. Photographed at this year's program, and representing a total of 303 years of Elkdom were, foreground, 58-year-Elk Robert Weying, Sr., center, and 55-year-members A. B. Heavenrich, left, and Albert Garland, right. In the background are 49-year-members J. H. Garlick, left, and William Porath, right, and Program Chairman Henry Wartosky, 37-year-Elk.



Above: Prize-winners in the annual Fishing Rodeo sponsored for youngsters of the community by Ansonia, Conn., Lodge are pictured with D.D. Warren G. Harold, Committee Chairman, left background, and Est. Loyal Knight Frank Hermance, extreme right. Mayor Joseph Doyle was on hand to inspire the 195 children who competed at the pond, stocked with a fresh supply of trout. Successful anglers were, left to right, foreground, second-place winner Steve Dobrowski, Catherine Hardaswich, the first girl to register, and third-place Howard Renker; standing are girls' first-prize winner Peggy Turick, and second-prize winner Barbara Cook, and boys' first-prize winner Robert Caesar.

## Flood Relief Report from Paintsville, Ky.

Last February, from the Grand Lodge Emergency Fund, \$1,000 was allocated by Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn to Paintsville, Ky., Lodge, No. 1658, for the relief of its members who had suffered substantial losses during the disastrous flood in that area. In addition, the Elks and their ladies of Louisville Lodge donated \$379.65.

The money was deposited in the First National Bank of Paintsville, and an eight-man committee headed by E.R. Wm. D. Salyer attempted to disburse the funds in proportion to the loss suffered. That their efforts were successful is evidenced by E.R. Salyer's report that the first checks were issued two days after the lodge received the Grand Lodge contribution, with ten of his fellow members assisted through sums ranging between \$50 and \$200.

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This was the scene at Elks Rest in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, Mass., when over 200 Elks, friends and relatives of deceased Brothers attended the Memorial Day Eve Service there. Wm. F. Hogan, P.E.R. of Everett Lodge and a Grand Lodge Committeeman, was the speaker.

# THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

*San Francisco, July 14-18, 1957*

**M**EEETING in the "City by the Golden Gate", the 93rd Grand Lodge Convention of the B.P.O.E. opened with a Public Session Sunday evening, July 14th, at 8:30 in Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif., where all the Convention Sessions were held. More than 3,000 Elks and their ladies were present.

The Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention entered the auditorium and seated themselves on the platform, after which Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn and distinguished guests joined them there.

Honorary Convention Chairman L. A. Lewis, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, requested the audience to stand for the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner." He then introduced the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, paying tribute to their contributions to the work of Elkdom.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by young James Landon, hopelessly crippled by cerebral palsy five years ago, and who today is well on his way to recovery, thanks to the help of the California Elks.

Mr. Lewis introduced the Hon. George Christopher, Mayor of San Francisco, and a member of the Order, who extended the greetings of his city, and San Francisco Lodge Convention Committee Chairman Charles S. Peery, who expressed welcome on behalf of the 3,500 Elks of his city.

Mr. Lewis next introduced Federal District Judge John W. Delehant and Governor Victor E. Anderson of Ne-

braska. He personally thanked Grand Lodge Convention Committee Chairman George I. Hall and his Committee for the assistance he had received in preparing for this outstanding Convention. Particular mention was made of the cooperation extended by Convention Director Franklin J. Fitzpatrick.

A spirited musical program followed by the Racine, Wis., Elks All-City Youth Band. Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis spoke briefly, welcoming the

Elks and their ladies to San Francisco on behalf of the 130,000 Elks of California and their 133 lodges. He then introduced Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, who delivered the Opening Address.

The key note of Mr. Bohn's speech was the importance of taking a constructive attitude towards American Youth and avoid thoughtless association with the minority group of juvenile delinquents. Mr. Bohn pointed up the

Miss Mildred Miller, brilliant Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, joins with the audience at Sunday night's Opening Ceremony in the "Pledge of Allegiance" led by James Landon, 17-year-old Eureka, Calif., Explorer Scout. Jimmy was totally incapacitated six years ago, when he began receiving treatments under the California Elks' mobile cerebral palsy program.





**PGER L. A. Lewis, presiding at the Sunday Night Opening Ceremony, flanked by Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn and 18 former leaders of the Order; Acting Grand Chaplain Richard J. Connelly; San Francisco's**

**Mayor George Christopher; Nebraska's Governor Victor E. Anderson and Federal District Judge John W. Delehant. This outstanding event of the 93rd Grand Lodge Convention was held in Civic Auditorium.**

splendid reactions that the Order had unfailingly received to its youth activities programs, but nevertheless stressed the need for continuing these programs which have proved so successful.

This year's musical program starred Miss Mildred Miller, mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, whose talent gave forth to one of the most memorable performances of any Grand Lodge Convention. Her versatility proved to please every taste and included semi-popular songs, a spiritual, and two areas from Carmen. Mr. Lewis presented Miss Miller with a bouquet of

red California roses and she then concluded her recital with a Viennese medley, specially arranged for her.

As the program drew to a close, Chairman Lewis devoted a few moments to relating the touching gratitude of young James Landon to the Elks of California. He asked Jimmy to come to the rostrum, whereupon the entire audience accorded a standing ovation.

After acting Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard J. Connelly delivered the Benediction, the audience stood to sing "Auld Lang Syne," accompanied by the Racine Elks All-City Youth Band.

on behalf of eight counties north of the Golden Gate.

As the hour of eleven tolled, the delegates stood in silent meditation in memory of Past Grand Exalted Rulers E. Mark Sullivan and Charles E. Broughton, who were lost to the Order since it met in Chicago last July.

The nineteen Past Grand Exalted Rulers present at the Convention were introduced individually by Mr. Bohn in the order of their year of office. They were:

James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., Lodge No. 838; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge No. 71; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge No. 556; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge No. 878; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge No. 53.

Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge No. 78; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge No. 28; L.A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., Lodge No. 1345; George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515; Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge No. 174; Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152.

Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge No. 173; Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge No. 260; Earl E. James, Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge No. 417; William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge No. 1290, and John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Lodge No. 197.

Mr. Bohn asked all the members to  
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## 1st Business Session

**A**T 9:15 MONDAY MORNING, July 15th, Grand Esquire Vincent H. Grocott called the First Business Session of the Grand Lodge Convention to order. After the well-known drill team from Los Angeles Lodge entered the auditorium and lined up on each side of the main aisle, the Grand Lodge Officers entered and stood before the Altar.

Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn was escorted to the rostrum by Past California State President R. Leonard Bush, after which the Officers took their places at their stations. Grand Esquire Grocott escorted the Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention into the auditorium, and they stood before the Altar while Mr. Bohn warmly welcomed them. At his request the Grand Esquire escorted the Past Grand Exalted Rulers to their chairs on the plat-

form, amidst a standing ovation by those present who filled the entire floor of this spacious auditorium.

The customary Opening Ritual followed, after which acting Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard J. Connelly gave the Invocation. Grand Chaplain Rt. Rev. William A. Brown of Portsmouth, Va., Lodge, was unable to attend the Convention because of illness.

The Grand Exalted Ruler declared the 93rd Grand Lodge Convention duly in Session, and at this time took the opportunity to comment on two gavels that he had with him at the rostrum. One, made of ivory and gold, was used fifty years ago at the Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia, and was brought to the Convention by Goldfield, Nev., Lodge. The other gavel was made of redwood and was presented by the Redwood Empire Assn.

stand in appreciation of the great work of these leaders of the Order and called for a round of applause.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Edward Rightor of New Orleans, La., Lodge No. 30; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 2; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge No. 142, and Robert South Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge No. 758, were unable to attend this meeting of the Grand Lodge.

### Officers Introduced

Mr. Bohn next introduced the Grand Lodge officers:

Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Douglas E. Lambourne, Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge.

Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., Lodge.

Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Ruel H. Smith, Warren, Pa., Lodge.

Grand Secretery Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge.

Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass., Lodge.

Grand Tiler John P. Martin, San Pedro, Calif., Lodge.

Grand Esquire Vincent H. Grocott, Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge.

Grand Inner Guard Devere E. Biser, Dallas, Texas, Lodge.

Acting Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster, Ohio, Lodge.

After these introductions, Mr. Bohn presented his Secretary, James W. Plummer, Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge.

Next the Board of Grand Trustees was introduced: Ronald J. Dunn, Chairman; Arthur M. Umlandt, Vice-Chairman and Approving Member; Horace R. Wisely, Secretary; W. A. Wall, Home Member, and Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Building Applications.

The Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Grand Secretary Donaldson, acting for Chair-

man Robert E. Boney. Brother Donaldson reported a Grand Lodge registration of 2,177 members.

Unfortunately, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum J. Paul Kuhn, Aurora, Ill., Lodge, was ill during most of the year, and serving in his place was Glen S. Paterson, Watertown, S. D., Lodge, who introduced the other members of the Grand Forum: John C. Cochran, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge; A. F. Bray, Richmond, Calif., Lodge, and Judge John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, who filled the vacancy created by the resignation of H. L. Blackledge.

The customary introductions of Brothers from distant lodges took place at this time. Present were representatives from Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, Canal Zone, Philippine Islands and a large delegation from Alaska, again attired in their colorful yellow jackets.

Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson read the names of the 25 Inspectors of Elections, as well as the assistants to the Grand Esquire, Grand Tiler and Grand Inner Guard.

### Fred L. Bohn Reports

Delivering his Report, a digest of which was published in our August issue, Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn said that when he took office last July he had promised the Order a business administration, because Elkdom is big business. He therefore regretted that it was not possible for him to visit more lodges than he did. However, he attended 20 State Association meetings and visited 42 states. Mr. Bohn particularly spoke of the membership gain during the year and of the outstanding progress made by the Elks National Foundation, whose Principal Fund experienced the greatest increase in its history. Much of this Mr. Bohn credited to the enthusiastic cooperation of the subordinate lodges. Concluding his

brief comments, Mr. Bohn spoke of his gratitude for having been permitted to serve the Order as its leader and the great privilege it had been to him. Mr. Bohn's Report was unanimously accepted, as were the Reports of the Grand Secretary, Board of Grand Trustees and the Auditing Committee.

Chairman James A. Gunn of the Auditing Committee was introduced and he, in turn, presented fellow members, Henry H. Hecht and Clarence L. Carpenter.

Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Ronald J. Dunn presented the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year.

### Message from President

The Grand Exalted Ruler than read a most appreciated telegram from President Eisenhower, congratulating the Order for its contribution to American life on the national level and wishing every success for the Convention. A letter from James A. Farley, Past Exalted Ruler of Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge, expressing his regret for being unable to be present was read, after which the Grand Esquire read congratulatory telegrams from Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles E. Grakelow and Frank J. Lonergan. Telegrams, praising the Order's outstanding Youth Activities work, were also received from Mrs. Ray F. Layton, President of the Girls Scouts of America, and Arthur A. Schuck, President of the Boy Scouts of America.

The appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, replacing the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton on the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, was confirmed. The appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, replacing the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan on the Elks National Service Commission, and the appointment of Judge John F. Scileppi, replacing H. L. Blackledge on the Grand Forum, also were confirmed.

The Grand Exalted Ruler announced the membership of the Charles E. Broughton Memorial Committee: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Chairman; Past Grand Tiler Otto Stielow; Wisconsin State President Arthur J. Chadek of Milwaukee, Lodge, and Past Exalted Ruler John Walter, Sheboygan Lodge, of which Mr. Broughton was a member.

The E. Mark Sullivan Memorial Committee was announced: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was reappointed to a five-year term as member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick was reappointed



Grand Lodge officers elected at San Francisco Convention Monday morning. Left to right: Nick H. Feder, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; Ed. W. McCabe, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; L. P. Schmid, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Lee A. Donaldson, re-elected Grand Secretary; Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge; Seth Billings, Grand Tiler; Louis E. Burmester, Grand Inner Guard; Robert G. Pruitt, Grand Treasurer; Edward A. Spry, Grand Trustee.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn presents his successor, Mr. Blackledge of Kearney, Nebr., Lodge No. 984, to the Grand Lodge after the election in Civic Auditorium. With them is Nebraska's Governor, Victor E. Anderson, Lincoln Lodge No. 80, who seconded Mr. Blackledge's nomination. Federal District Judge John W. Delehant, PER, Beatrice, Nebr., Lodge No. 619, nominated Blackledge.



for a seven-year term as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow was appointed to a six-year term as member of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee. Chairman of the Pension Committee Hugh W. Hicks was reappointed to a three-year term. Past Grand Esquire Alfred E. LaFrance was appointed to a five-year term as member of the Grand Forum. Past Grand Trustee Fred E. Mellmann was appointed a Pardon Commissioner.

### Warm Convention Welcomes

California State President Owen O. Keown, Santa Monica Lodge, came to the rostrum and on behalf of the Elks of California extended greetings to the members and appreciation of the most helpful cooperation that the Elks of California had received from Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn. At this time, Brother Keown pointed out that a large part of the success of the California program was the result of the dynamic leadership of Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.

Mr. Bohn requested Francis C. Miralda, Exalted Ruler of the host lodge, San Francisco, to come to the rostrum. Brother Miralda extended a most cordial welcome to those present, and in turn requested San Francisco Convention Chairman Charles S. Perry to stand and receive the grateful applause of the delegates for his outstanding work towards the success of the Convention.

Mr. Bohn spoke cordially of Robert Bonnell, President, and Edgar N. Quinn, Secretary, of the Elks National Bowling Assn. The Grand Exalted Ruler rolled the opening ball at the annual Bowling tournament this year and, while there, was presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 which will be added to the Principal Fund of the Elks National Foundation.

The Report of the State Association Committee was then given by Chair-

man Frank Hise, who first introduced Committee members J. Edward Stahl, Charles D. Fox, Jr., R. L. Bohon and Raymond C. Dobson. The principal part of the Report of Chairman Hise was devoted to the problem of membership, particularly as related to the need of the establishment of new lodges "on the fringe of a large city where the mother lodge is not taking care of Elksdom in its own jurisdiction." Close proximity is not detrimental Brother Hise stated. "In our opinion the fear of having new lodges instituted too close to the mother lodge is absolutely unfounded." Brother Hise discussed the problem facing a new lodge after its institution where new quarters that are large enough to hold the membership must be secured. The Committee recommended that the Grand Lodge study methods of financing buildings so that full information would be available in writing to newly instituted lodges when needed.

This year the State Associations Committee requested each State President to appoint a Chairman for the Elks National Foundation, the purpose being to make certain that every subordinate

lodge appoint a local Chairman to sell the Foundation program to the membership. This program proved very successful in putting over the Foundation's great work at the "grass roots" level. Closing his Report, Chairman Hise expressed his sincere appreciation for the outstanding assistance that Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, as well as all the other Past Grand Exalted Rulers, had given him, and also the State Presidents and State Secretaries. Speaking of Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, Chairman Hise said, "My most sincere gratitude to our Grand Exalted Ruler for having had the privilege of working with him to further the ideals of our great Order."

### Election of New Officers

The election of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year followed, but before they were held, Past Grand Tiler Sidney A. Freudenstein, New Orleans, La., Lodge, who was attending his 49th Grand Lodge Convention, offered a motion limiting the time of the nominating and seconding speeches.

The Grand Exalted Ruler recognized Federal District Judge John W. Delehant of Beatrice, Nebr., Lodge, who nominated H. L. Blackledge of Kearney, Nebr., Lodge, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. Governor Victor E. Anderson, a member of Lincoln, Nebr., Lodge, and a long-standing friend of Mr. Blackledge, was then escorted to the platform by the Grand Esquire to deliver the seconding speech. Brother H. L. Blackledge was unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

A committee to escort Grand Exalted Ruler-elect Blackledge into the auditorium was appointed, and it was composed of Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner, James R. Nicholson, Nebraska State President W. W. Winstrand and a delegation of Nebraska Past State Presidents. After Mr. Black-

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Ritualistic team of Rock Hill, S. C., Lodge No. 1318, that won the National Championship in a field of 36 teams at San Francisco. Left to right: John C. Richmond, Esquire; Lem G. Holroy, Esteemed Leading Knight; Roy H. Yeager, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Coleman G. Poag, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Sam J. Todd, Jr., Exalted Ruler, holding bronze plaque awarded annually to the winning team by Napa, Cal., Lodge as a memorial to PGER Raymond Benjamin; Robert E. Sibley, Chaplain; Frank Elliott, Inner Guard, and James E. Parker, Jr., Candidate.

ledge reached the rostrum, a large delegation of Nebraska Elks, bearing banners, entered the auditorium to salute their beloved Nebraska leader. Following this delegation, the colorfully dressed Gay Nineties Jolly Corks Band from Denver Lodge came into the auditorium. Mr. Blackledge then delivered his Speech of Acceptance.

After this stirring demonstration, Mr. Bohn took the opportunity to thank the members of the Alaska delegation for the fine work they had done during his year of office. He asked Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Jr., son of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, to stand and be introduced to the delegates. Mr. Malley's son is Exalted Ruler of San

Juan, Puerto Rico, Lodge.

Ballotings for other Grand Lodge officers then were conducted, and the following were elected unanimously: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight—Nick H. Feder, Belleville, Ill. Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight—Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn. Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Leroy P. Schmid, Butte, Mont. Grand Secretary—Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa. Grand Tiler—Seth Billings, Provo, Utah. Grand Inner Guard—Louis E. Burmester, Charleston, S. C. Grand Trustee, Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass.

The First Business Session then was closed with a Benediction by Rev. Father Connelly.

## 2nd Business Session

Following the Invocation by acting Grand Chaplain Connelly, Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn opened the Second Session at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, July 16th, by reading a letter from Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, who expressed affectionate greetings and also his regrets for not being able to be present at the Convention this year. R. Leonard Bush then gave the Report of the Distribution Committee.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Special Committee on Ritual, explained a further change in the arrangement at the Altar, whereby in the future the antlers will not be placed by the Esquire on the Bible, but rather at the rear of the Bible. This further change following the placing of the flag on a staff beside the Altar was the result of several suggestions, Mr. Malley said, and he offered an amendment to put it in effect, which was adopted unanimously.

The Report of the Elks National Me-

morial and Publication Commission, a digest of which appeared in our August issue, was then given by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman. Judge McClelland stressed the importance of advertising to the Magazine, pointing out that without it there would have been an operating loss of almost \$250,000 for the year. He reminded the delegates that the cost of the Magazine has not been raised during its thirty-five years of existence and stated that he could think of no other commodity of which that could be said. During its thirty-five years, The Elks Magazine has returned to the Grand Lodge nearly \$6,500,000.

Continuing his Report, Chairman McClelland said that no member of the Commission has ever received compensation for his services, except necessary travel and office expenses. He urged all the members to recognize the importance of cooperating with the Magazine's advertising program by posting

special advertisement reprints on the lodge bulletin board when requested and also by answering Magazine questionnaires. In his words: "Its profits are your profits, and they are for the general welfare of the Order."

The Public Relations Department of the Order, which is headed by Otho DeVilbiss, worked closely during the year in support of the programs of Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn and the Grand Lodge Committees in producing national publicity for the Order. Chairman McClelland emphasized the growing importance of the Public Relations Department and the need for cooperation in the handling of material, which it regularly provides to subordinate lodges.

Next followed the opening Report of the Elks National Foundation by Chairman John F. Malley. The Report was concluded the following morning.

### Work of the Foundation

Chairman Malley expressed the appreciation of the Foundation Trustees for the enthusiastic support given by Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn. As Mr. Malley said, "Wherever he has gone, he has spoken on behalf of the Foundation." He worded his personal appreciation to the members for the help they had extended, by saying, "Regard it as your Foundation." Mr. Malley did not go into great detail with respect to his report because a printed copy was mailed to every Exalted Ruler and, also, a digest of it appeared in our August issue. However, he explained that unlike other charitable foundations, not one penny of Foundation contributions or income is used for promotional work. "Everything that goes into the Foundation functions for good work."

This proved to be a splendid year for the Foundation and the Principal Fund was increased nearly \$450,000 at the close of the fiscal year. Approximately \$50,000 additionally was received after the books were closed and before the Convention opened. Therefore, the total increase since the Convention in Chicago last July was nearly \$500,000, the largest in the history of the Foundation.

Elks National Foundation Trustee Floyd E. Thompson then came to the rostrum to receive contributions to the Foundation from members on the floor. There was active response, but since the Report was continued the following day, details as to the total amount of contributions are reported in connection with the coverage of the Third Business Session. One particularly notable presentation was made when Norman Gold, President of the North Carolina State Elks, awarded an Honorary Founder's Certificate to Thad Eure, Grand Lodge Activities Committee member-elect, on behalf of the Elks of his state.

The Report of the Grand Lodge Pen-



Winners of Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships, who received their awards at the San Francisco Convention, with Foundation Trustees. Left to right: PGER Edward J. McCormick, PGER Floyd E. Thompson, PGER L. A. Lewis; Joyce Wong, Stockton, Cal., who won the \$900 second place award for girls; William Paden, Pasadena, Cal., winner of a \$900 second place award for boys; Foundation Chairman PGER John F. Malley; Jerry Harris, Kearney, Nebr., winner of the first place \$1,000 award for boys; PGER Sam Stern.



sion Committee next was given by Chairman Hugh W. Hicks.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern came to the rostrum to give a report on the Elks Relief Program for his home city of Fargo, N. C., which was struck by a tornado a few days before the Convention opened. The Grand Lodge immediately appropriated an Emergency Relief Fund of \$2,500 and this, added to the funds raised by North Dakota Elks and Fargo Lodge, will make substantially more than \$7,500 available.

In connection with the Elks emergency relief work, the Grand Exalted Ruler complimented Kansas City Lodge for its great tornado relief program, as reported in our August issue.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Chairman of the Charles E. Broughton Memorial Committee, gave a preliminary Report on the progress made. Chairman Thompson pointed out that there were many considerations involved in preparing the memorial and, while the plans were being studied, no definite decision had been made. However, there is a possibility that the memorial will be along the lines of youth work because of Mr. Broughton's very deep interest in the young people



Rear Admiral J. Q. Owsley, Commandant of Oakland Naval Hospital, had high praise for Elks' veterans service program when he addressed Grand Lodge Session during Report of Elks National Service Commission. Left to right: Major W. H. Moore, Chief of Physical Medicine at San Francisco's Letterman Army Hospital, who also voiced appreciation for the Order's aid to hospitalized veterans; PGER George I. Hall, Treasurer of National Service Commission; Admiral Owsley; PGER James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Commission, and Chief Petty Officer G. R. Baumgardner, patient at Oakland Naval Hospital, one of several veterans who took part in the Convention program.

of his home city, Sheboygan, Wis., as well as throughout the country.

The Second Business Session was closed promptly at 10:30 for the Grand Lodge Memorial Services.

tivities Committee Arthur J. Roy presented the members of his Committee and then called on them individually to report their various responsibilities.

Committee member Joseph F. Bader stated that 65 lodges had entered the Newspaper Week Contest, details of which were reported in our January issue. There were 42 lodges entered in the Memorial Contest, which was reported in our March issue.

Robert G. Pruitt said that estimates indicate that more than \$1,000,000 was spent by subordinate lodges for charitable help to needy people at Christmas time.

Gerald L. Powell announced the results of the Lodge Bulletin Contest, as follows:

**Lodges with membership over 1,000:**

First: Long Beach, Calif.; Second: Houston, Tex.; Third: Muskegon, Mich.

**Lodges with membership of 500 to 1,000:**

First: San Benito, Tex.; Second: Lancaster, Calif.; Third: Champaign, Ill.

**Lodges with membership of 500 and under:**

First: Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.; Second: Florence, Colo.; Third: Clovis, N. M.

One of the outstanding Elk events during the year was the Flag Day Program in Washington, on June 14th, and Lodge Activities Committee member Nelson E. W. Stuart asked the Exalted Rulers of Midwest City, Okla., Williamsport, Pa., and Pontiac, Mich., in recognition of their outstanding Flag Day observances, to come to the rostrum and receive a beautiful American flag which was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington on Flag Day through arrangement of Congressman

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## 3rd Business Session

This meeting opened Wednesday morning, July 17th, with the customary Invocation, after which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Bruce A. Campbell Memorial Committee, made the final Report for that Committee. Other members of this Committee were Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner, John S. McClelland, Joseph B. Kyle and former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Nick H. Feder. As reported

in the July issue of The Elks Magazine, a mausoleum at Mount Hope Cemetery in Belleville, Ill., was dedicated on May 15, 1957. The details of the arrangements were very ably completed by Brother Feder since he is a resident of that city, Mr. Nicholson said.

The Session was open to both Elks and their ladies, and Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn cordially welcomed the large audience.

Chairman of the Grand Lodge Ac-



First place winners in the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest as they received their awards at Wednesday's Grand Lodge Session from the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee. Left to right: Brian M. Jewett; Committee Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit; Charles C. Bowie; Nancy Louise Babel of Phoenix, Ariz., winner of the \$1,000 Savings Bond in the girls' division; H. Earl Pitzer; Charles A. Miller, III, Greenwood, Miss., tops in the boys' division; W. L. Hill and Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn.

# Memorial Services



*Stage of Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, as the Grand Lodge Memorial Services were about to open.*

AT THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis presiding, the Grand Lodge Memorial Services of the 93rd Convention opened at Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, on Tuesday morning, July 16th. The setting for the services was arranged on the stage of the Auditorium, which was beautifully decorated with floral sprays set against the background of a white cross, above which were the emblem of the Order and the American flag.

Following the Invocation by acting Grand Chaplin Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Miss Harriet Wood played a harp solo. Francis C. Miralda, Exalted Ruler of San Francisco Lodge, delivered the Eleven O'Clock Toast. Metropolitan Opera star Miss Mildred Miller, who sang so beautifully at the Opening Public Session on Sunday evening, was the featured soloist.

J. Thomas Crowe, Past President of the California Elks Association, gave a most impressive general eulogy for his fellow Brothers lost to the Order.

Following a harp solo by Miss Wood, John S. Walter, Past Exalted Ruler of Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge, delivered the eulogy to the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, who was a member of that lodge and a lifelong friend of Brother Walter. Mr. Walter in very moving words developed the career of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Broughton, not only as a devoted member of the Order but as an outstanding public servant in the newspaper field.

Speaking of Mr. Broughton, Brother Walter said: "He was never neutral. Once he had studied the issues and taken a stand, he never flinched, no matter how rough the way. While he could fight an able and devastating battle against something he thought was wrong, Mr. Broughton was equally effective in fighting for the things he believed good."

After this splendid tribute to a great Elk leader, Miss Miller sang the "Twenty-Third Psalm."

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley delivered the eulogy to the late

Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan.

Mr. Malley, who for many years was a close associate of Mr. Sullivan, spoke eloquently of his beloved friend.

"He was a delightful companion. Song and story and laughter and charm were as natural to him in lighter moments as were the profound and logical utterances of serious hours.

"He had a flair for dramatic display and oratorical speech, but he was sound and conservative basically and reflected the influence of his thorough education.

"He was that rare combination—a student of law and a brilliant, quick-witted and aggressive trial lawyer."

"These sterling qualities were recognized by appointment to high legal position . . . our membership will ever remember Mark Sullivan with affection and admiration."

After this memorable tribute, Miss Mildred Miller closed the Services with "Auld Lang Syne," and acting Grand Chaplain Connelly gave the Benediction.

# A Family Affair

Right: George Livesey, Sr., 1911-12 E.R. of Bellingham, Wash., Lodge and Chairman of its Building Committee which opened the lodge's home in 1912, installed his son, George, Jr., as E.R. for the current year.



Above: The new E.R. of Kankakee, Ill., Lodge, Milton Shapiro, left, accepts the gavel from his older brother, Samuel, who served the lodge as E.R. just 21 years ago. During his term Milton Shapiro will have the privilege of presenting 50-year-membership pins to his father-in-law, Fred Hefter, and his uncle, Harry Spielberger, who served as Exalted Ruler of two Alabama lodges during his career as a member of the Order.



Left: Installation events of note in Tennessee occurred when D.D. Archie M. Day, Jr., installed David C. Collins as E.R. of Athens Lodge, and his brother, Edgar D. Collins, as E.R. of Chattanooga Lodge. Photographed at the Athens ceremony were, left to right, Athens retiring E.R. Arnold L. Malone, his successor David Collins, Mr. Day and Edgar D. Collins.

Below: Ervin A. Heiney, P.E.R. and Secy. of Allentown, Pa., Lodge, right, had the pleasure of installing his brother, Robert J. Heiney, as E.R. of Ridgefield Park, N. J., Lodge.



Above: When a group of P.E.R.'s of Corvallis, Ore., Lodge journeyed to Seaside to install Lester Raw, fourth from left, as E.R. there, his brother, William F. Raw, fifth from left, was among them and handled the ceremony. Other visitors are, left to right, P.E.R.'s Percy E. Tallman, Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee who helped institute Seaside Elkdom in 1948, Robert Holcomb and Harvey McConnell, E.R. Rex Smith and P.E.R. Clarence Kienle. The beards in evidence were worn to celebrate the Corvallis Centennial. The crabs pictured were the gift of the host lodge to its distinguished visitors.



Above: At the Danville, Va., ceremony, E. E. Gatewood, Sr., center, received the jewel of office as Exalted Ruler of the lodge from P.D.D. W. E. Barrick, Sr., right, who conducted the ceremony, assisted by the new Exalted Ruler's son, E. E. Gatewood, Jr.



Above: When Altoona, Pa., Lodge's 1957 ceremony took place, E.R. Wm. P. Kimmel, left, was installed by his father, P.E.R. Victor A. Kimmel, Sr., center, while his older brother, Victor A. Kimmel, Jr., also a P.E.R., served as Grand Esquire for the ceremony.



FIRST AWARD \$1,000  
Carole P. Young  
New Castle, Pa.



SECOND AWARD \$900  
Joyce Wong  
Stockton, Calif.



THIRD AWARD (TIED) \$800  
Martha A. Tovell  
Cascade, Ga.



THIRD AWARD (TIED) \$800  
Janet M. Parkinson  
Bismarck, N.D.

# Our Most Valuable Students



FIRST AWARD \$1,000  
Jerry D. Harris  
Kearney, Neb.



SECOND AWARD (TIED)  
\$900  
William E. Paden  
Pasadena, Calif.



SECOND AWARD (TIED)  
\$900  
Robert W. Hedger  
Dickinson, N.D.



SECOND AWARD (TIED)  
\$900  
Elijah R. Heywood  
Cedar City, Utah



FIFTH AWARD \$600  
August L. Keyes  
Laramie, Wyo.

THIS year again the competition for the "Most Valuable Student Awards" of the Elks National Foundation was so keen that there were several ties. First Award winner, Miss Carole P. Young, was unable to attend the Grand Lodge Convention, because she was in Europe, but Miss Joyce Wong, Jerry D. Harris and William E. Paden were there to receive their scholarship grants in person.

In addition to the twelve major awards, there were fifty-five \$500 awards, representing an increase of seven over last year, as follows, with name of sponsoring lodges:

**Winners in the Girls' Division were:** Emma Gee, Tucson, Ariz.; Virginia E. Schroeder, Redlands, Calif.; Kay E. Krites, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Melanie Schlapak, Ambridge, Pa.; Therese M. Cernosek, Harlingen, Tex.; Margaret A. Wessel, Waterloo, Ia.; Suzanne Shaner, Bellefonte, Pa.; Rosmarie Atkin, Springfield, Ill.; Evadna K. Smith, Lansing, Mich.; Barbara M. Radcliffe, Dover, N.H.; Lois M. Menzel, Racine, Wis.; Ellen A. Brennan, Somerville, Mass.; Barbara A. Laster, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Joanna J. Martin, Grove City, Pa.; Delores E. Feuerstein, Aberdeen, S.D.; Esther J. Lawes, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Diana Schutte, Greybull, Wyo.; Mikell J. Peck, Missoula ("Hell Gate"), Mont.; Judith M. Krieg, Hood River, Ore.; Carolyn C. Fossick, Nashville, Tenn.; Kathryn M. Kidd, Eau Claire, Wis.; Janet A. Duncan, Littleton, Colo.; Joyce A. Wood, Princeton, Ky.; Helen L. Kellis, Waterville, Me.; Jayne M. Souser, Muskegon Hts., Mich.; Angela Grieco, Elmont, N.Y., and Anita L. Marshall, Yakima, Wash.

**Winners in the Boys' Division were:** Roy E. Miller, Moline, Ill.; John A. Koskinen, Ashland, Ky.; Albert L. Lewis, Jr., Nampa, Ida.; Larry L. Royse, Mesa, Ariz.; Samuel J. Stegman, Peru, Ind.; William R. Bauer, McCook, Neb.; John G. Edwards, Hempstead, N.Y.; Samuel D. Shore, Lewistown, Pa.; James W. Kruger, Gary, Ind.; Richard L. Noel, North Adams, Mass.; William D. McCullough, Boulder City, Nev.; Gary L. Neal, Long Beach, Calif.; Stanley A. Long, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Carl N. Dieringer, Napoleon, Ohio; Daniel G. McRae, Missoula ("Hell Gate") Mont.; Claude T. Moorman, II, Miami, Fla.; William L. Sytek, Washington, D.C.; Murray Edelberg, Hackensack, N.J.; Edward P. Schmidt, Hamilton, Ohio; John R. Hipps, Loveland, Colo.; Martin F. Mihm, Dixon, Ill.; James C. Williams, Rochester, Pa.; Norman Karns, Jr., San Diego, Calif.; James T. Richardson, Gainesville, Ga.; John W. Covey, Jr., Jamestown, N.Y., and John C. Santos, Westerly, R.I.



FIFTH AWARD (TIED) \$600  
Kathleen M. Hooks  
Fort Myers, Fla.



FIFTH AWARD (TIED) \$600  
Mary L. Kelliher  
Somerville, Mass.



FIFTH AWARD (TIED) \$600  
Sharon L. Hostler  
Rutland, Vt.

# Elks National Foundation

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees announce that FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in scholarship awards will be distributed at the 1958 Grand Lodge Session. This announcement of the "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to the students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For more than twenty-three years these awards have made it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The awards offered this year are:

	BOYS	GIRLS
First Award .....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Second Award .....	1,100.00	1,100.00
Third Award .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fourth Award .....	900.00	900.00
Fifth Award .....	800.00	800.00
Twenty-five \$600.00 Awards .....	15,000.00	15,000.00
	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

### ELIGIBILITY

Any student in the graduating class of a high or college preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class (except senior) of a recognized college, who is a citizen of the United States of America and resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, may file an application.

### MERIT STANDARDS

Scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism, general worthiness and financial need are the criteria by which applicants will be judged.

### FORM OF APPLICATION

The Foundation Trustees furnish a blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts," which must be filled out in type-writing and made a part of the student's presentation. The Trustees do not furnish any other blank nor do they insist on any special form of application. Experience has shown that the interests of the applicant are advanced and the time of the Trustees is conserved by orderly, concise and chronological presentation on paper approximately 8½" x 11" (the usual business-letter size), bound neatly at the left side in a standard binder or cover (8¾" x 11½") which can be procured at any stationery store. Remove all letters from envelopes and *bind the letters flat*. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements in leadership, literature, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities may be attached, but the applicant should avoid submitting repetitious accounts of the same aptitude. *Elaborate presentation is unnecessary*. Careless presentation definitely handicaps the applicant.

The bound application, with exhibits and letters, must not weigh more than ten ounces.

In addition to the "Memorandum of Required Facts," which should be first in the cover, we suggest as essential details the following, preferably in the order indicated:

1. Recent photograph of the applicant. (Not a snapshot.)
2. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant in his own handwriting, summarizing activities, accomplishments and objective of further education which the applicant thinks qualify him for one of the scholarship awards.

3. A letter of not over 200 words from a parent or other person having knowledge of the facts, presenting a picture of the family situation and showing the applicant's need for financial assistance to continue in school.

4. The applicant's educational history from first year of high or college preparatory school to date of application, supported by school certificates signed by the proper school authority, showing the courses taken, the grades received and the rank of the applicant in the class. The different methods of grading in the schools of the country make it desirable that the school authority, in addition to furnishing the formal certificates, state the applicant's average in figures on the basis of 100% for perfect and applicant's relative rank in class.

5. A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in each school.

6. Two or three letters of endorsement from responsible persons, not related to applicant.

7. A letter of endorsement signed by the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction of which the applicant is resident, *stating that he has reviewed the application and verifies the substantial accuracy of the statements contained therein*.

*Applications that do not conform substantially to the foregoing requirements will not be considered.*

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### FILING OF APPLICATIONS

The application, verified by the proper subordinate lodge officer, must be filed on or before March 1, 1958, with the Secretary of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident, in order that it may be judged by the Scholarship Committee of said Association and, if approved as one of the quota of applications allotted to the State, be forwarded to our Chairman not later than April 1, 1958.

The officers of the subordinate lodges are requested to give notice of this offer to the principals of the high and preparatory schools and the deans of the colleges in their vicinity, and to cause this announcement to be published in the lodge bulletin. Members are requested to bring this announcement to the attention of qualified students.

Requests for blanks and other information should be addressed to John F. Malley, Chairman, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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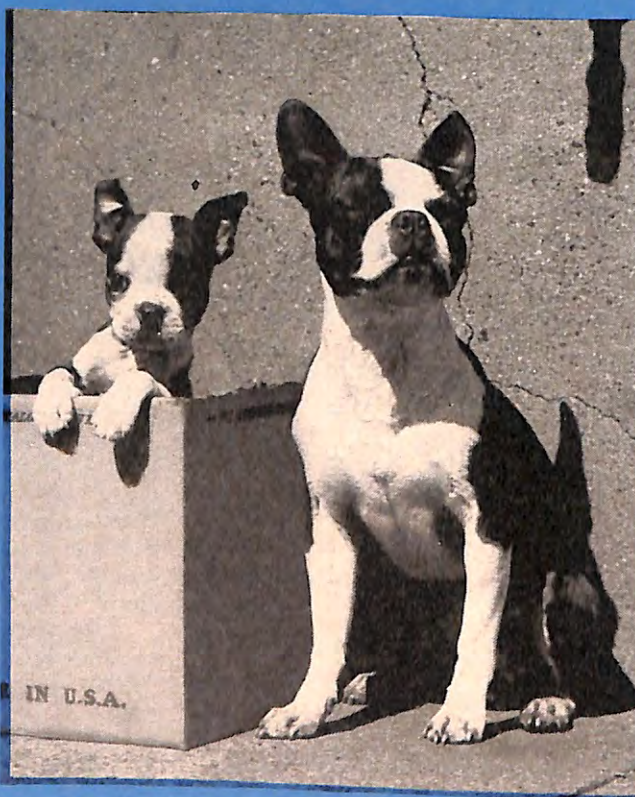
# in the DOG HOUSE

*Ed Faust tells the dramatic story of the Seeing Eye dogs for the blind.*

AT VARIOUS TIMES I have written about the valuable services that dogs give to their owners. Among such services I have briefly mentioned those dogs that act as eyes for the blind. These, of course, are the dogs that have been trained to guide the sightless—and what a great service that is. Perhaps at some time you have seen a blind person being guided by one of those quiet, self-assured, competent animals. If you have, you've noted that they wear a curious harness that has a U-shaped handle projecting from the part that lies over the dog's back. You've seen the reason for it as the blinded person grips it to follow where the dog leads.

Before the first World War there was no organized training of dogs for this purpose. The idea began with the German armies' use of dogs for war, for sentry, messenger, guard and rescue work. So capable were the dogs that the English forces adopted the idea. Strangely, our own army didn't use them until World War II. Many a man alive today might have died on the field, were it not for the keen perception and intelligence of a war dog that led to his rescue. While the first big war was being fought, wondrous stories of war dog performances were frequently featured in the daily press; but after the war was over public interest in the dogs declined. Many of the animals were trained to guide the blind, but lacking the glamour of war the work for the most part went unpublicized.

A young American, Morris S. Frank who had been blinded, had reason to visit Mrs. Dorothy H. Eustis, owner of an experimental breeding kennel in Switzerland where she was studying the intelligence of dogs and its application to their peace-time use to people. Mr. Frank became owner of the dog Buddy, the first Seeing Eye dog trained to guide a blind person. In 1929 Mrs. Eustis returned to this country and founded the Seeing Eye school dedicated to training dogs to guide the blind. Not only does the school train the dogs, but it teaches the blind how



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to use them. This was the first school of its kind in the United States. Since that time other schools devoted to training guide dogs for sightless people have been established. The Seeing Eye is located at Morristown, New Jersey.

In what follows I'll tell about the Seeing Eye, not only because it was the first school of its kind, but it established the basic principles of guide-dog training, and, what is of almost equal importance, the training of the blind who are taught how to use the dogs. The Seeing Eye buys its dogs but in addition has many donated by interested persons. While almost any intelligent dog of similar size can be trained to be a good guide dog, the German shepherd is the preferred breed. There is no preference as to sex; both male and female are used to train. For all dogs accepted, a preliminary training is given to test intelligence, a probationary period to eliminate those that either will not or cannot be trained for this highly specialized work. The dogs that successfully pass this test period are further trained to obey simple commands and still further trained to become intelligently disobedient.

The commands when working are

“Right,” “Left,” “Forward.” The disobedience training is to teach the dog to ignore commands that may be impossible or dangerous to obey. Dogs are trained to observe street traffic, not to proceed when traffic is crossing their path, to guide the blinded owner away from open cellars or similar dangerous openings. They are also trained to disregard others dogs or cats. They are trained to ignore people other than the individual being guided. One of the earliest commands given that must be obeyed is to sit when told. The primary purpose of training dogs for the blind is to enable such men and women to become independent, and it is for this reason that the dogs are not given to an applicant, but rather are sold. The dog freely given would become a token of charity, and that would be contrary to the purpose of developing a feeling of independence on the part of the blind person. Each person applying for a dog is required to pay part of the cost of the dog at such time as he or she can. To train a dog to guide the blind successfully is a far more expensive undertaking than simple obedience schooling. Dogs accepted or bought are about fourteen months old. The

training is rigorous and continued. Any dog that shows signs of having a hair-trigger temper, unable to get accustomed to sudden, unexpected sounds such as auto backfire or indication of poor health, is eliminated as soon as any of the defects are detected. The period of training is no less than three months.

Before "graduation" the dog is required to pass a final, exacting test, and only then is it certified ready for duty. For this test the dog's teacher operates blindfolded and proceeds that way through traffic, across street intersections and follows a route that would include all usual street hazards.

I should have mentioned earlier that frequently the person who buys the dog pays for it in installments. I have yet to hear of an eligible blind person being refused a dog because of lack of funds. If a guide dog used by a blinded owner should die, another trained dog

is provided at a nominal cost. A good part of the expense of training is the cost of maintaining the student for the period of a month required at the school, during which time the owner is taught how to work his or her dog and to understand the signals the dog gives through the U-shaped handle on its harness.

In the event of the death of a dog, the owner is required to spend another month at the school for another get-acquainted period with the dog selected as a replacement. This is understandably necessary. The temperament of the prospective owner is a matter of consideration, too. Those who are not in sympathy with dogs, who indicate any degree of unkindness toward them, are not permitted to buy a guide dog. The working life of guide dogs averages about eight years.

Another requirement that makes the

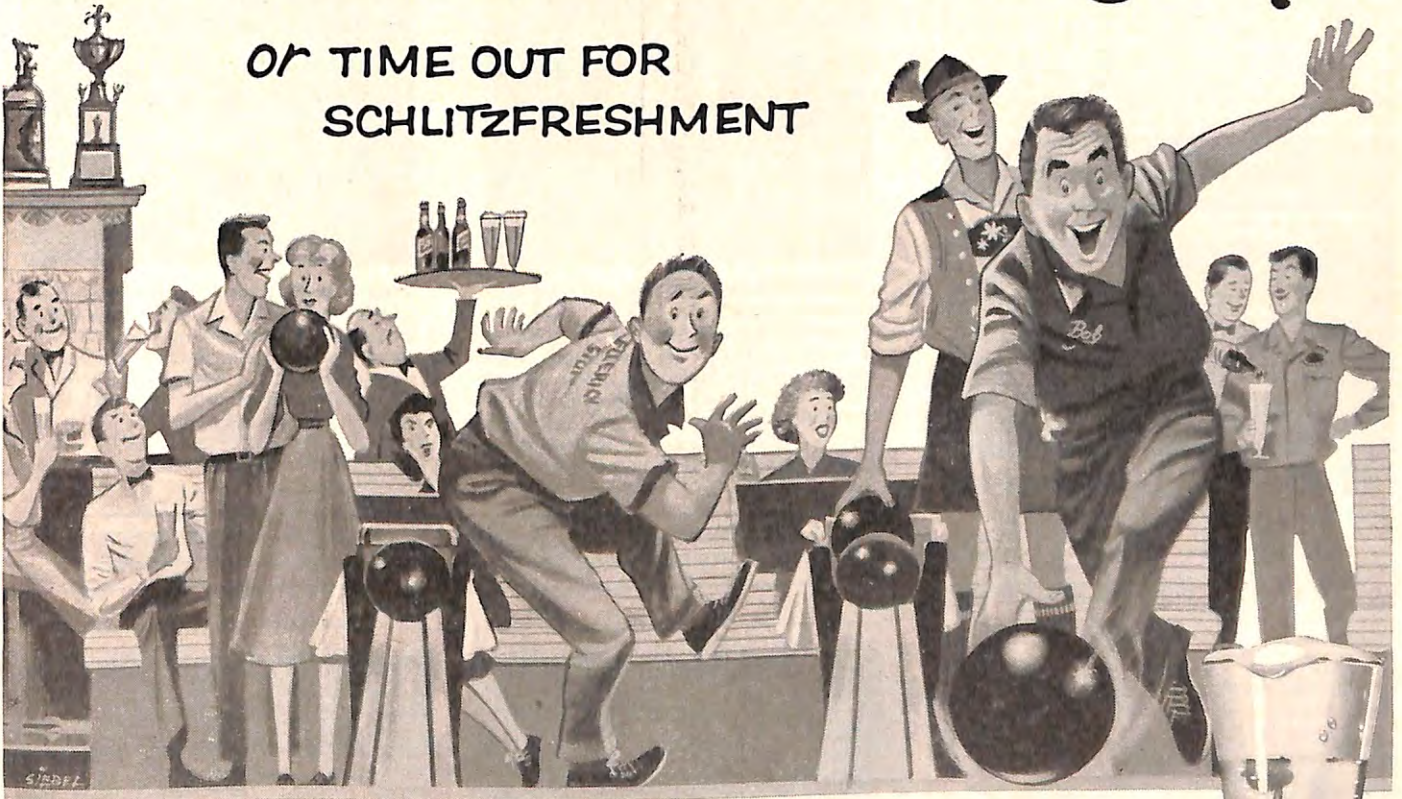
training of the dog far more expensive than the price asked for it is the long period instructors have to spend to become trainers. It's a four-year course, and part of that time they live without sight, blindfolded. During the "blind" period they are not permitted to remove the blindfolds. This is a must, and it is rightly reasoned that only in this way can the trainer learn the problems of the blind person who needs a guide dogs.

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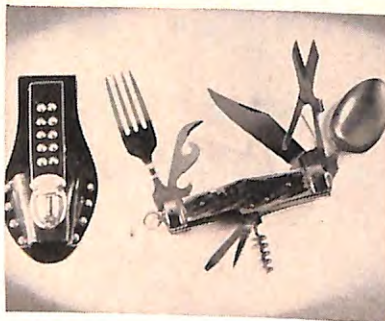
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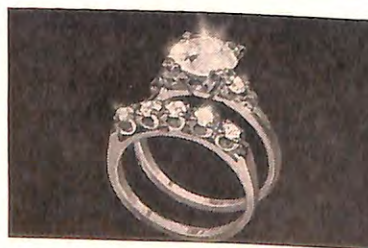
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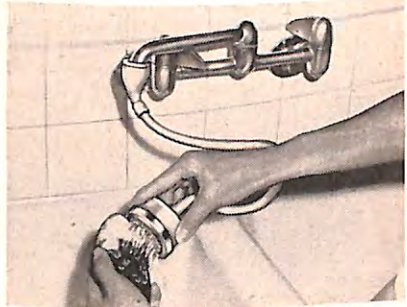
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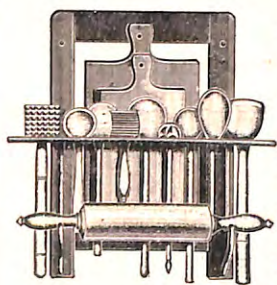


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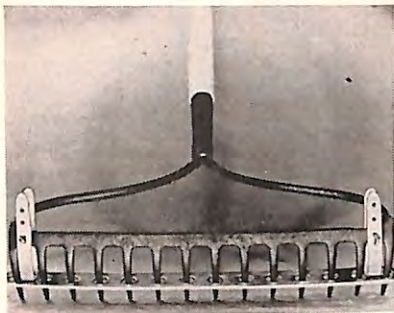
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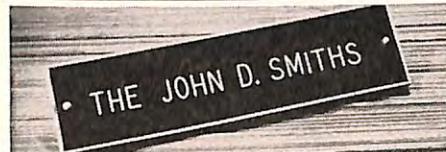
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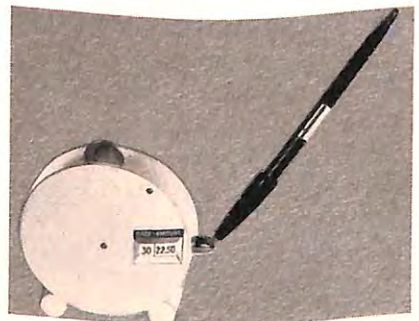
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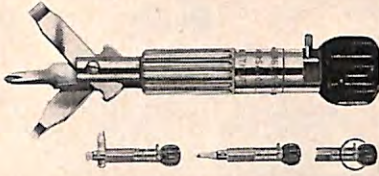


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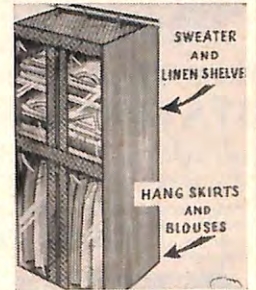
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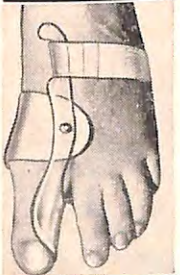


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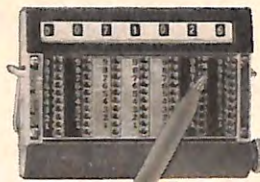


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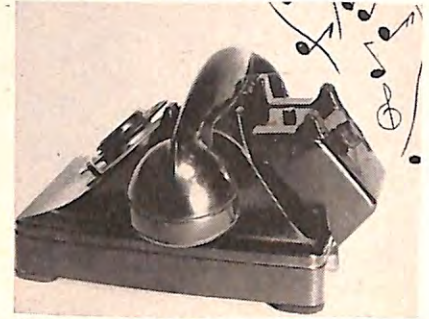
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Above: Saluting the Flag at the annual ceremony held by Canadaigua, N. Y., Lodge at the nearby Veterans Administration Hospital were, left to right, P.E.R.'s Lawrence Taber, former State Vice-Pres., and Lee Pierce, Chief of Police; E.R. Leonard Martino, and Hospital Manager Dr. L. V. Lopez who spoke briefly on the importance of Flag Day. About 1,000 patients, staff members and visitors attended.

**T**HIS YEAR, the 50th anniversary of Flag Day and the 180th birthday of Old Glory were celebrated by the lodges of the Order. A number of these lodges reported to us on their programs and from these we have selected a few photographs to represent Elkdom's part in the celebration, making our selection with an eye toward good reproductive quality and delineation of the typical Elk Service.

During the Grand Lodge Convention, the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities rewarded as outstanding three Flag Day programs. In first place was Midwest City, Okla., Lodge

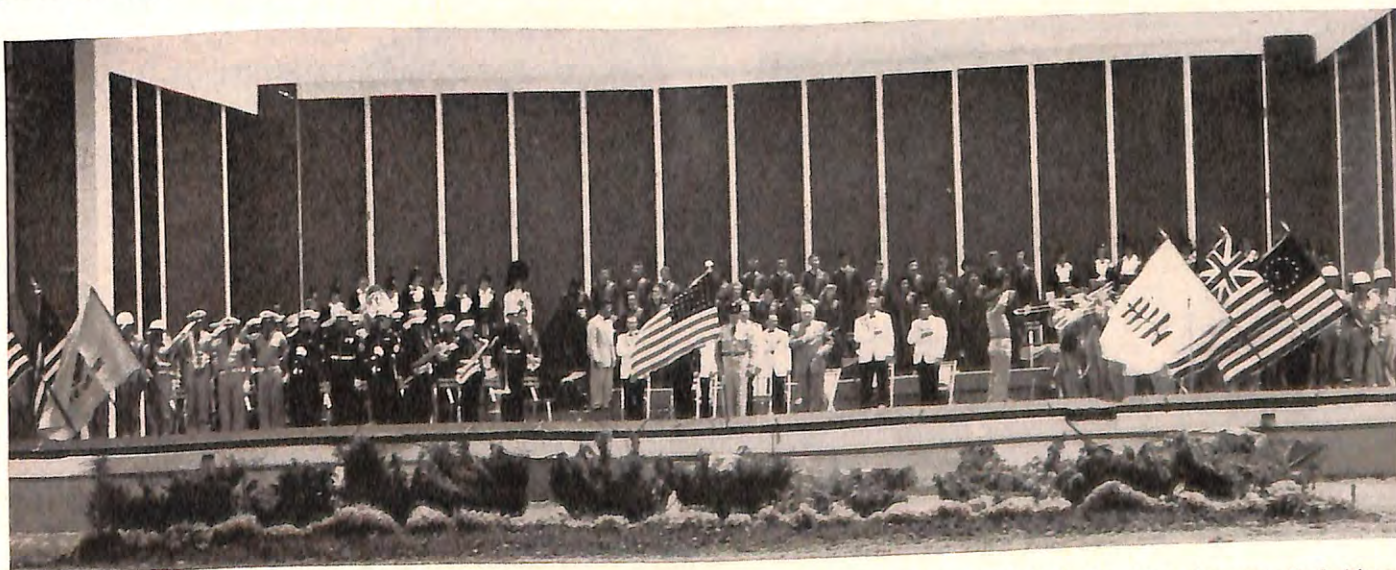
whose spectacular evening pageant arranged by Carl Thompson and his committee followed a parade led by the famous U.S. Artillery Band from Fort Sill and included an inspiring precision exhibition by the drill team from the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman. Dr. Howard Taylor, Dean of Oklahoma College for Women, delivered an appropriate talk at this event during which D.D. Roy Gonders presented a Flag to Cub Scout Pack #49.

The other two lodges whose programs received recognition at the Convention were Williamsport, Pa., in second place, and Pontiac, Mich., in third.

In addition to those covered pictorially, we received reports on several others, and it was interesting to note the part television played in the success of many of them.

A. J. Horenn, 20-year Chairman of South Bend, Ind., Lodge's one-man Flag Day Committee, reports that its entire 60-minute affair, in which the Marines and the Ball-Band Chorus assisted, was televised "live" over WSBT-TV. Approximately 40,000 viewers in Indiana and Michigan saw this event, many of whom sent in letters of praise, both to the Elks and the cooperating studio.

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Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge was invited to hold its Flag Day Service at the opening of the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial celebration. The

pageantry of the event, which thrilled a tremendous crowd of citizens, is evident in this panoramic view of the huge grandstand stage.

# ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

*Five-pound sea trout or not, it was a trip Dan would not care to repeat.*

**T**HIS IS A STORY ABOUT TROUT—large, gleaming, super-charged sea trout—but it is a little more than that. It is also a story about the north country, about a man who lives there and about his two sons, his two half-breed sons. One of these sons I know well, having camped and fished with him across many miles of northern Manitoba. The other I met on one occasion. Both men are unforgettable, each in his own fashion.

The father, an Englishman by birth and schooling, chose the adventure of the raw Canadian bush as a young man in preference to the surer but duller existence in his homeland. He is a Hudson Bay Company post manager at an isolated settlement on the bleak shores of the Bay itself. Twice a summer a small freighter carrying trading goods from England makes port at his settlement; otherwise his personal contact with the outside world is limited to the remote possibility that a wandering bush pilot might drop in for a cup of tea and a time of day.

This man has been married to a Swampy Cree woman for about thirty-five years. In this union he has found a wife and mother for his two sons and one daughter—all grown, married and gone their separate ways—but in the process of this fruitful marriage he has lost none of the dignity and position due a man of his English heritage, nor in the association has his Indian wife been elevated beyond her proper station as a Swampy Cree.

This woman appears to be as neat and clean about her person as any white woman, as does her home; and her cooking—even to such as Yorkshire pudding—would do credit to any modern household. Nevertheless, she is Indian: large in stature, broad faced and dark complected, and silent. She is quiet not only in her manner—in her shadowy movements about the house—but in her speech. Other than to answer respectfully, she has little to say, even to her husband. Since virtually her only contact with the white man's world and tongue has been through her husband,



*Andy, the bow man, with grandson who also was glad to make the trip.*

this could be due to a lack of command of the English language, but more likely it is due to a native impassiveness.

Her younger son inherited from her a gentleness of manner and an awareness of life about him—a closeness to the earth and its wild creatures that belongs only to an Indian—and from his father he inherited a penetrating intelligence as well as an expressiveness and sociability. The rare combination makes him not only fine company, but as able a man in the bush as I have ever camped with. There wasn't a day in his company that I didn't learn a thing or two or discover the significance of something that otherwise I would have passed unnoticed.

When the opportunity came to go fishing with his older brother, whom I will call Joe, naturally I was more than ready. I was a guest of the parents at the time, and Joe had just arrived from his summer camp miles down the coast. Also visiting at the time was an eight-year-old grandson, a quarter-breed son of the post manager's daughter. He was ready to go fishing, too, of course.

It was late summer, and Joe and his father agreed that the sea trout should be swarming out of the Bay into the small streams on their spawning run. All we had to do was pile into Joe's big

22-foot canoe, run an hour down the coast to such a stream, and catch all we wanted.

Along with an Indian named Andy to ride bow, the four of us—Joe, the post manager, his grandson and myself—shoved off. Joe, an enormous hulk of a man with heavy features, a barrel chest, and arms and hands to shame a gorilla, started the kicker and we headed into the gray water of the bay. It was a dark day, not unusual for that part of the world, but the wind didn't commence to blow until we were well on our way. By the time we rounded a sheltering point of land it was blowing hard, with dirty white foam streaking off the tops of the breakers; and the moment we struck the first swell we saw that the canoe had a "broken back." The keel and longitudinal ribs were cracked so that the canoe buckled as we rode over each wave. The higher the waves, the more it buckled. Weighted down by Joe and the outboard in the stern and the bow man forward, the canoe drooped over each wave and rode high under the break, squirting water along the broken ribs as it did so.

The post manager took one look at the break and asked his son to turn back. His son laughed. He begged him to turn back. He pleaded with him.



Joe still laughed. Ahead was an island, but instead of taking the lee course inside, Joe steered the canoe into the stormy sea—and laughed again, the empty, inscrutable laugh of an Indian.

Over each wave the gunwales bent in the arc of a bow. If they should snap, the canoe would fold completely. The post manager and I watched them strain and creak over a heavy wave and had the same idea at the same moment. We kneeled side by side on the break, grabbed the heavy middle thwart at our backs, then pulled down as each crest passed under us. This did stiffen the canoe, but not enough. We asked Andy to move back out of the bow. He merely looked at us with an open-mouthed, vacant stare, not even changing expression when a wave broke over him and drenched him. The post manager then tried to explain to Joe that the weight in the ends of the canoe was breaking it. Joe laughed, and continued on his way. We had started out to go fishing and we were going fishing. We realized there was nothing to do but ride it out and hope. It may have been against all reason to get into such a situation, but we were in it nevertheless. The grandson, meanwhile, sat on the bottom and baled water, like a child playing on a beach.

My thoughts turned to Joe's brother whom I had seen at his home in the in-

terior recently. In the many miles I had traveled with him in the past, he had taught me great respect for a canoe. His judgment and ability were as near infallible as possible. We had shot rapids that looked difficult, and with ease; then we had portaged stretches I might have attempted, but he pointed out where we would have met trouble. He generated confidence, and with good reason. I thought of the fine qualities he had acquired from both his parents and I pictured his sensitive, expressive face; then I turned and looked at Joe's heavy, dark features. I glanced at their father, the post manager, his face drawn and his lips tight, and I remembered the hours he had sat with a pipe and a cup of tea and listened eagerly as I told of his younger son. Where there had been pride, there was pain now. And before us sat the dark-skinned, black-eyed boy, his grandson, puddling the dirty water which sloshed about him on the canoe bottom.

**A**T ONE TIME OR ANOTHER I have been through a variety of rough water, both fast water and at sea—enough that I know when to be calm and when to be scared. This time I was scared. Continually during that long hour I measured the distance with my eye to shore and wondered whether I could make it through the choppy, icy

water. I thought maybe I could, but, I asked myself, what do you do about an eight-year-old boy? You don't desert him to drown, and you can't possibly make it with him. It wasn't a pleasant thought, and I strained all the harder.

My arms were weak and my knees sore when Joe turned the canoe in toward a distant strip of willows winding through the mossy tundra of the shore. This was our sea-trout stream. It had been a long time since I had thought of fishing.

As soon as we beached the canoe, the post manager and I started combing the shore for poles of driftwood to lay on the bottom of the canoe as stiffeners; then we took rocks from the stream bed to weigh them down and hold them in place. Joe watched us puzzled for awhile, then it appeared to dawn on him what we were doing. He leaned over and picked up a rock which must have weighed close to 200 pounds, doing so with as much ease as I would lift one weighing 50, placed it gently amidships in the canoe, and smiled proudly. Andy, the Indian bow man, stared at us blankly.

"A couple of weeks ago," Joe explained, "when the canoe was on the beach turned over our duffle, a white bear jumped on it and broke its back trying to get at the grub. I ran him

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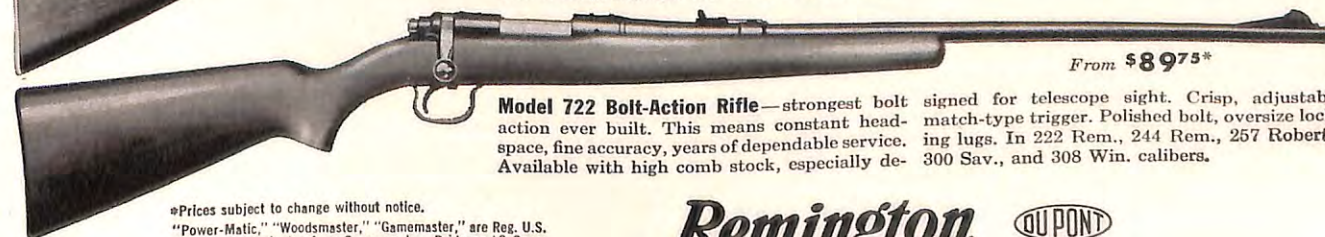
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Left: When Pratt, Kans., Lodge honored D.D. Ray L. Simmons with the initiation of 63 candidates, the largest class in its history, Mr. Simmons was pictured, center, holding the class sign, with E.R. Richard Bergner and his fellow officers on either side of him. Over 100 local and visiting members attended, including P.D.D. C. L. Gray and E.R. Nels G. Nelson of Hutchinson Lodge.

## NEWS of the LODGES

### Clarksdale, Miss., Elk Celebrates Golden Years

W. A. Ritchie, a member of Clarksdale Lodge No. 977 for half a century, celebrated that event by inviting over 100 fellow members to a dinner as a "token of appreciation of Elkdom".

E.R. H. L. McCarley praised his service to the Order and presented a 50-year gold membership pin to Mr. Ritchie. In making his response, the veteran Elk gave to the lodge an inscribed gavel made of woods and metal from historic American sites, including Washington's home at Mount Vernon, Jefferson's home at Monticello, and steel from the *USS Missouri* on which the Japanese surrender agreement was signed.

J. Lake Roberson spoke briefly, calling to attention the fact that of the 188 men initiated into the lodge prior to Mr. Ritchie, only eight survive. For many years Mr. Ritchie had served the lodge as its Secretary, helping with the erection of its home in 1910; at present he is a Trustee.

At the dinner, Mr. Ritchie received a letter of congratulations from Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn.

### Williamson, W. Va., Elks Wage War on Polio

Polio vaccine for all persons under the age of 40 was the goal of Williamson Lodge No. 1408 in launching an intensive polio vaccination campaign in the area. Working in cooperation with the Mingo County Health Dept. in the establishment of the Salk Vaccine Campaign, with free shots administered at several public clinics, the Williamson Elks held the first of these clinics at their lodge home; the second was held a month later, and the third is to take place in December.

Right: This pleasing picture shows some of the members of the McAllen, Tex., Elks Teen Age Club who were treated by their sponsors to a hayride to Bentsen Park where they danced, had a wiener roast and a general good time.



The campaign had the approval of the Mingo Medical Society, with the shots administered by nurses from the County Health Dept. While the latter furnished the serum for all persons under 20 years of age, and for expectant mothers, the Elks secured the serum free of charge for persons between the ages of 20 and 40.

The only requirement for participation in the free clinics was a firm commitment from each individual that he would take all three shots. An important feature of the drive was the

insertion of a coupon in the *Williamson Daily News*, which the public was invited to fill in and mail to Williamson Lodge, thereby officially registering for the series. There is no doubt that this promotion has guaranteed the success of this effort.

The outstanding community project brought high praise to No. 1408 from all sources, including 1956-57 Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn who suggested the undertaking, and the local press which gave the drive the utmost cooperation.

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Meeting in Fort Wayne, Ind., to plan the 1958 Elks National Bowling Tournament to take place there on the weekends beginning Feb. 22nd were, left to right, seated, lodge Secy. A. L. Jockel, Cal Stewart of radio station WOWO, local Convention Bureau Director Mrs. Donna Ehrhorn, Elk Trustee M. J. Johnson, National Assn. Pres. R. D. Bonnell and Secy. E. N. Quinn, local Elk Henry Wisniewski, Van Orman Hotel representative H. W. Ryan and A. J. Rodewald of the Key Lanes Bowling Center; standing: P.E.R. G. C. Ley, local Bowling Assn. Secy. J. E. Black, Natl. Assn. Vice-Pres. F. E. Cheney, host Bowling Chairman R. W. Bauer and Jim Edwards of Berry Lanes Bowling Center. Tournament information may be secured from Secy. Quinn, P. O. Box 29, Madison 1, Wis.



"Yosemite High Sierra Trails," a new 16mm color, sound film, is now available for free distribution to service clubs, churches, schools, etc., by the sponsor, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Starting on the floor of Yosemite Valley, the film picks up alternately the riders and hikers in various spots on the trip, showing both the beauty of the area and the camp life and activity. There are several excellent trout fishing sequences. The running time is 25 minutes. Write Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Traffic Office, Yosemite National Park, California.

The Treetops Hotel at Nairobi, Kenya, in Africa has been reopened and guests are again watching the unrehearsed behavior of elephants, rhino, and all the other wild game of the African bush. The new hotel has been erected on the west side of the water hole, affording a better view at sundown than heretofore when viewers had to gaze into the rays of the sun from the east side of the hole.

The four big days of the Pendleton (Oregon) Roundup are Sept. 11th through the 14th when the Old West lives again. Calf roping, bull riding, and bareback bronc riding, steer roping and other rodeo features round out a thrill-packed wild and wooly round up that has made the name of Pendleton a symbol of the best in rodeo. If you are out in that part of the country during that time, don't miss it. All the top cowboys from the United States and Canada will participate.

The last trolleys, four of them in New York City, have been retired after 38 years of service on the Queensboro Bridge. They have been replaced by buses in an economy move. So ends the trolley era in one of the great cities of the world.

British Overseas Airways has introduced individual dictaphones for busy executives using BOAC's deluxe overnight service between New York and London. On request, the Chief Steward will supply a compact Dictaphone machine to the passenger at his seat, compliments of the Line. The message, recorded on lightweight Dictaphone Dic-

tabelt, will be posted, via air mail, from the next port of call to any part of the world at BOAC's expense.

The newly-formed French-U. S. firm which is planning to link France and England by a proposed under Channel tunnel estimates the cost at roughly \$280,000,000. France already has officially okayed the project and hopes are now held for a favorable attitude in England where fear of a "through-tunnel invasion" has snagged all efforts to date.

The Mayflower II will be moored at Pier 81 all summer and until Thanksgiving Day for the public to board. Admission fee is 90 cents for adults and 40 cents for children. Don't miss it if you are in New York.

Alcoa (Aluminum Company of America) offers all-expense Caribbean tours aboard its ore-carrying ships, Leader and Sentinel. The cost for a two-week trip is \$350 and for four weeks, \$600. Possible stops include Trinidad, Barbados, Dutch Guiana. These ships sail from Mobile, Alabama, and have outside, air-conditioned, private bath staterooms for 12 passengers. Write any Alcoa office in the United States.

The new Walt Whitman suspension bridge, recently opened over the Dela-

#### FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

This month Horace Sutton has a news round-up of world-wide travel events in his article on pages 12 and 13.

ware River, links Philadelphia with Gloucester City, New Jersey, and provides residents of Pennsylvania with a new and better route to the Jersey coast resorts. Toll is 25 cents per car.

Washington, the Nation's capital, will soon have a memorial to General John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. The memorial is planned and will soon be constructed and located in the city.

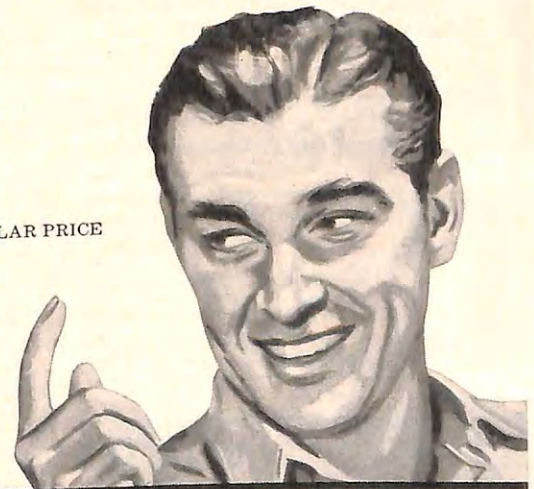
The Dominican Republic, inspired by the crossing of the Mayflower, plans to imitate Columbus on his first trans-Atlantic voyage with replicas of the "Nina," "Pinta," and the "Santa Maria." Hopes are for a successful conclusion on October 12th, Columbus Day.

Williamsburg, which has been restored and rebuilt in the Colonial tradition, has gone modern with the addition of a \$10,000,000 information center. It is located on a 40-acre tract just one half-mile north of Williamsburg.

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## Grand Lodge Convention (Continued from page 23)

Russell V. Mack, Past President of the Washington Elks.

Chairman Roy extended his very sincere appreciation of the outstanding support he had received from Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn and from his sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall. He thanked his Committee members for their untiring efforts and also Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson.

The Grand Exalted Ruler devoted a few moments of gratitude to the loyal service he had received from his District Deputies and also expressed his many thanks to the San Francisco Convention Committee for the most impressive Memorial Service that was held the previous morning at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis presided.

The Report of the Elks National Foundation was continued from the Second Business Session by Trustee Floyd E. Thompson, who first introduced fellow Trustees Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley, L. A. Lewis, Dr. Edward J. McCormick and Sam Stern. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Barrett and Grakelow, the other two Trustees, regrettably were unable to be present at the Convention because of illness. Judge Thompson then announced the 24th annual "Most Valuable Student" Awards, which are reported elsewhere in this issue. This year there were 67 scholarship awards made by the Foundation and, through its assistance, 115 additionally by the State Associations. The sum of \$40,000 has been appropriated for the 1957-1958 awards, which also are announced in this issue.

Carole P. Young, First Award winner among girls, was unable to be present because she was traveling in Europe at the time of the Convention, but Joyce Wong of Stockton, Calif., Second Prize winner, was there and was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis. Miss Wong spoke briefly,

but very effectively, about the full meaning of the Foundation's assistance.

The top winner among boys, Jerry D. Harris, of Kearney, Neb., appeared before the delegates and gave a very effective expression of gratitude. His award of a \$1,000 Certificate was presented by Grand Exalted Ruler-elect H. L. Blackledge.

Chairman Malley then received a check for \$2,000 from Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, representing an additional Foundation contribution from Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, which is the largest contributing lodge to the Foundation in the country. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Stern made a Foundation contribution and several additional contributions were made from delegates present, including a large group from Alaska. When Exalted Ruler Peter Ramaglia of Kodiak, Alaska, Lodge, presented his lodge's check, he announced that the per capita contribution from Kodiak Lodge had increased from 80 cents to \$6.07 during the year. Over \$18,000 was contributed to the Foundation by Grand Lodge members attending the Convention.

## PGER Hallinan Reports

The Report of the Elks National Service Commission was presented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, who is Chairman. A digest of this Report appeared in our August issue. As Judge Hallinan opened his Report, the excellent band from Great Falls, Mont., that has been a high spot of so many Grand Lodge Conventions, entered the auditorium, followed by Veterans on crutches and in wheel chairs, who then took their places on the platform beside Judge Hallinan.

Past California State President Robert Traver came to the rostrum and addressed the audience, after which Elks of California and Montana made a striking display by draping multi-colored leather hides over the railing of the balcony enclosing three sides of the auditorium. Chairman Hallinan said that the hides would be distributed to Veterans Hospitals throughout the country. He personally thanked the

Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn accepts certificate for "outstanding public service" awarded to Order of Elks by American Heritage Foundation for nation-wide support of last year's Register, Inform Yourself and Vote Campaign. Presentation was made by T. S. Petersen, President of Standard Oil Company of California and a Foundation Trustee. Mr. Bohn stated that he was placing the certificate in the custody of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission because of the cooperation he had received from the Commission in carrying out the Order's contribution to the campaign.



New England Elks for the much admired exhibition they had prepared for the lobby of Civic Auditorium and then spoke of the boys on the platform, saying that "they had made it possible for America to survive."

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan introduced the Veterans individually and presented Rear Admiral William Owsley of the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif. Admiral Owsley spoke of the immense help that the leather was in the occupational therapy work at his hospital. The hides represent thousands of dollars and are an important factor in helping Veterans to regain their strength, and, more important, their morale. He congratulated the Veterans Commission for a "job well done." Judge Hallinan introduced other personnel of the Oakland Naval Hospital and, also, California State President Owen Keown and Montana State President Leroy P. Schmid since the leather is provided by these two states.

Judge Hallinan presented the other members of the Elks National Service Commission: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner, George I. Hall, Howard R. Davis, Wade H. Kepner, Emmett T. Anderson, Joseph B. Kyle, William H. Atwell, William J. Jernick and John L. Walker. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, who is a member of the Commission, was not present because of illness. Concluding his Report, Chairman Hallinan said, "The great work of the Commission would never have been possible without the help of 1,200,000 Elks of America," and he thanked the many Elk ladies present for attending.

For the sixth consecutive year, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner offered a Resolution which in case of a national emergency will permit the Board of Grand Trustees, with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, to assess each member \$1.00 a year. Mr. Warner said he did not anticipate such an emergency, but that the Order should be prepared. This Resolution was passed by a standing vote, and the members remained standing as the Veteran patients left the platform amidst most sincere applause.

In the months before the 1956 Presidential election, the Order made an all-out effort to cooperate with the American Heritage Foundation in a "Get Out The Vote" Campaign. T. S. Petersen, President of the Standard Oil Company of California and a Trustee of the American Heritage Foundation, made a special award of a beautifully framed Citation in appreciation of the outstanding public service that the Order had rendered in encouraging people to come to the polls. Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn accepted the Citation on behalf of the Order.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, who nominated Mr. Bohn

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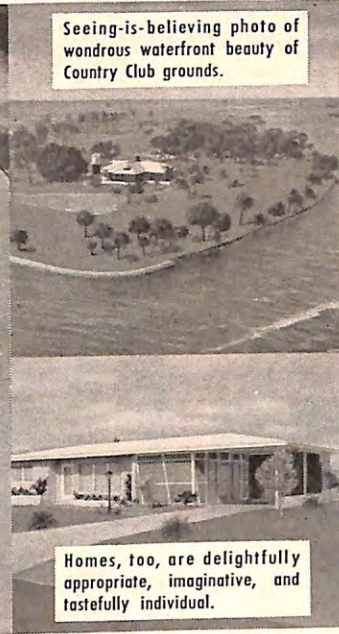
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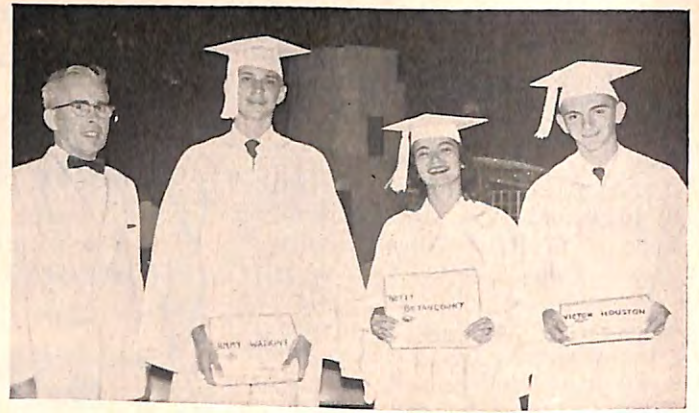
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At Ironwood during the Convention of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Elks Assn., Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, center, principal speaker, received an iron miner's hard hat from General Chairman George David Lindberg, right. At left is Assn. Pres. Fred J. Michetti.



E.R. Forest Eastman of San Benito, Tex., Lodge, left, with winners of the lodge's annual scholarship awards. They are, left to right, \$250 award winners James E. Watkins, Jr., and Miss Betty Betancourt, and Victor Houston, recipient of a full scholarship to Texas Southmost College.

## NEWS of the LODGES



E.R. Clyde Carroll presents Anniston, Ala., Lodge's \$250 gift for the purchase of equipment to start a craft shop for the community to Supt. W. G. Boyd of the Park and Recreation Board. The shop will afford instruction in ceramics, leather and metal work.



The bowling alleys at the home of Fond du Lac, Wis., Lodge were popular during the recent post-prom party given by the lodge for over 200 young people of the community.

Right: At El Paso, Tex., Lodge's awards program were, left to right, foreground, E.R. J. W. A. Johnson, Youth Leaders Laverne Hinton and L. T. Oliver; second row: Committee Chairman Eugene Thomas, \$100 scholarship winners A. R. Norte, Jr., and Cumerinda Hernandez, and \$150 award winners Martha Snidow and Robert Orton. Not pictured is Barbara Polsky who won the second-place \$200 Texas Elks Assn. scholarship.



P.E.R. Clyde Abrams, institutional representative of Explorer Scout Troop #5, left, presents a Charter for the Troop to E.R. J. A. Crutchmer of Okmulgee, Okla., Lodge which is sponsoring the group as its top Youth Activity. The ceremony followed a dinner at which the Scouts and Scout executives were guests of honor.



Honor students of the graduating class of the Chaffee Junior High School, were photographed at the banquet and prom which were given for them by the Elks of Chaffee, Mo., Lodge, through Chairman Carl Von Kessel and his Youth Activities Committee. County Prosecuting Attorney Weber Gilmore was the principal speaker at this program, which had as its objectives an effort to curb delinquency and create a desire for higher learning among these youngsters.

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last July for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, was recognized and he presented Mr. Bohn with his Past Grand Exalted Ruler's badge, thanking him for the splendid year he had given the Order.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Vice-Chairman of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, gave a report on the progress of the Order's cooperative effort with the fifty other national organizations that compose the Conference in combating the relentless forces of communism. He urged the Exalted Rulers present to once more get behind "Know Your America Week", which will be held November 24-30, this year.

Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee presented his Report and stated that the results of a questionnaire that the Committee had sent out indicate that only two lodges have no youth programs. He presented Committee members Brian M. Jewett, W. L. Hill, Charles C. Bowie and H. Earl Pitzer. Brother Bowie awarded a beautiful trophy to Seattle, Wash., Lodge for having the Best Youth Program this year. Trophies were also awarded to Fulton, N. Y. and Lincoln, Nebr., second and third place winners. Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge and Muskegon, Mich., Lodge, fourth and fifth place winners, received plaques. Honorable mention was given to the following lodges: Corvallis, Oregon; Newport, R. I.; San Benito, Tex.; Somerville, Mass.; Springfield, Vt., and Wellsburg, W. Va.

The Wisconsin State Elks Association was awarded a certificate and a check for \$200 for having conducted the best state-wide youth program during the year.

Brother Brian M. Jewett announced the results of the National Youth Day Contest, as reported in our July issue. The winners of the Youth Leadership Contest were at the Convention to receive their awards of a \$1,000 bond, as well as a Certificate Plaque. Miss Nancy Louise Babel of Phoenix, Ariz., was first introduced to the audience, and she gave an effective speech of appreciation. Charles A. Miller, winner among boys, came to the rostrum and expressed his appreciation of the award of a \$1,000 bond and a Plaque.

In closing his Report, Chairman Hebenstreit paid tribute to Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick for representing the Committee on the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, which is devoted to improving the lives of American young people. He also thanked the Boy Scouts for their cooperation and said that subordinate lodges are now sponsoring 683 Scout troops, representing a gain of 30 for the year.

The conclusion of Brother Hebenstreit's Report brought the third Business Session to a close.

## 4th Business Session

The final Session of the 93rd Grand Lodge Convention opened Thursday morning, July 18th, with the splendid band from Los Angeles Lodge providing the musical entertainment.

Following the Invocation, Chairman Robert E. Boney of the Credentials Committee announced final registrations:

Past Grand Exalted Rulers	19
Grand Lodge Officers	18
Grand Lodge Committeemen	43
District Deputies	155
Special District Deputies	10
Representatives	1,528
Alternates	54
Grand Lodge Members	768
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,595</b>

Chairman Ronald J. Dunn of the Board of Grand Trustees gave the final Report on the Grand Lodge Budget and directed his thanks to the other trustees for their help and cooperation. Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely announced several changes in State Districts and stated that during the year 44 new Charters had been granted.

Dewey E. S. Kuhns reported on Building Applications and submitted a resolution fixing annual Grand Lodge dues at \$1.80. William A. Wall said

that the Charter of Leeds, Ala., Lodge No. 1735, had been revoked. He offered several resolutions making Grand Lodge funds available to the Grand Exalted Ruler for emergency use.

Trustee Arthur Umlandt then submitted a Resolution honoring retiring Chairman Dunn, who had served on the Board for the past three years. The Resolution authorized the Board to procure a suitable testimonial for Brother Dunn, and this was passed by a standing vote.

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne submitted a Report on the funds that the subordinate lodges had provided to make motion pictures available to the residents of the Elks National Home. Brother Hawthorne gave the Board of Grand Trustees the sum of \$6,761.91 for this use. Amidst applause, Thomas J. Brady, Superintendent of the Elks National Home, was escorted to the platform by Grand Esquire Grocott and was wholeheartedly commended by Mr. Dunn for the splendid work that he had accomplished for the Home during the year. Brother Brady spoke briefly in appreciation of this tribute.

The next Report was given by William S. Hawkins, Chairman of the Com-

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Robert A. Yothers, Exalted Ruler, proudly holds trophy awarded Seattle, Wash., Lodge No. 92, by Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee for conducting best youth program of all lodges last year. With him are Edwin J. Alexander, PER Aberdeen Lodge No. 593 and former Grand Lodge Committee Chairman; Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn and PGER Emmett T. Anderson of Tacoma.



mittee on Judiciary, who first presented Committee members Judge John E. Fenton, Jacob L. Sherman and Benjamin F. Watson. Frank D. O'Connor, a member of the Committee, had to return to New York that morning because of illness in his family. Chairman Hawkins submitted several changes in the wording of the Grand Lodge By-Laws for sake of efficiency in handling affairs of the Order by the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary. Further details on changes in the by-laws will appear in our October issue.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, member of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, announced that the 1958 Convention will be held in New York City, July 6 through 10th. He asked Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Chairman of the Committee to stand, and the entire audience applauded Mr. Hall for the great work that his Committee had done in making the San Francisco Convention so successful.

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Sidney Robinson of Reno, Nevada, Lodge, offered a Resolution acclaiming those who had worked so diligently in connection with the San Francisco Convention, particularly mentioning Honorary Chairman L. A. Lewis, Convention Chairman Charles S. Peery and his fellow Committeemen. The Resolution commended the newspapers, radio and television of San Francisco for the excellent publicity received.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner came to the rostrum and recognized E. Gene Fournace, Past President of the Ohio Elks, acting for Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick, who had to return home because of the urgencies of his medical practice. Brother Fournace submitted a Resolution praising the leadership that Mr. Bohn had exercised during his year in office and authorizing the Board of Grand Trustees to procure a suitable life-time gift for his home in Zanesville.

The Ritualistic Committee submitted its Report. There were 36 teams in the National Contest this year with 252 officers competing. Edward W. McCabe, Chairman, who has closely followed Grand Lodge Ritualistic work for

more than a decade, stated that this year there was more interest in ritualistic work than any in his experience. He then introduced the members of his Committee: Leo P. Ronan, William F. Hogan, Robert W. Boyle and John B. Morey. Committee members Charles T. Noble and William R. Thorne were unable to be present.

This year's National Ritualistic Champion is Rock Hill, S. C., Lodge with a score of 93.1937. Exalted Ruler Sam Todd of Rock Hill Lodge came to the platform to receive a check for \$1,000 and the Raymond Benjamin Trophy, which is a bronze plaque offered yearly by Napa, Calif., Lodge, in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin, who during his many years of service to the Order particularly contributed to ritualistic work. Brother Todd presented the team members.

Second place winner of \$500 and trophy was Athens, Ga., Lodge with a score of 93.1857.

Third place winner of \$250 and trophy was Homewood, Ala., with a score of 92.8769.

Fourth place winner of \$150 and trophy was Bristol, Tenn., Lodge with a score of 92.8728.

Fifth place winner of \$100 and trophy was Salida, Colo., Lodge with a score of 92.8673.

The All-American Ritualistic team was then invited to come to the platform. This year's team is composed of:

Exalted Ruler Sam Todd of Rock Hill, S. C.

Esteemed Leading Knight James J. Bates, New Brunswick, N. J.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Robert J. Lace, Niles, Mich.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight J. E. Biernesser, Etna, Pa.

Esquire Tom N. Harris, Stillwater, Okla.

Chaplain Gerald E. Belanger, Worcester, Mass.

Inner Guard Albert Stumborg, Effingham, Ill.

Following this splendid Report of the Ritualistic Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner came to the rostrum for the purpose of installing the new Grand Lodge officers. After a choral number by the Los An-



ges Lodge Chanters, the officers-elect entered the auditorium, escorted by the Great Falls, Mont., Band. The officers, as reported in our coverage of the elections held during the First Business Session, were duly installed.

Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge addressed those present, conveying gratitude for the trust placed in him and pledged most sincere efforts.

Brother Blackledge's first act as Grand Exalted Ruler was to nominate Fred L. Bohn as a member of the Elks National Service Commission. He announced the new Grand Lodge Committees. Mr. Blackledge introduced his Secretary, Chester O. Marshall of Kearney, Neb., who served as District Deputy under Fred L. Bohn. He then presented Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson.

Mr. Bohn presented to the Grand Exalted Ruler 1,265 cards from lodges, showing 12,873 new members initiated since the present Exalted Rulers had taken office. He further stated that there would be 82,898 new Elks before March 31, 1958.

Past Exalted Ruler Donald R. Bond

## 1957-1958 GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

**Lodge Activities Committee:** Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N.J., No. 1505, Chairman; Nelson E.W. Stuart, Cleveland, Ohio, No. 18; George T. Hickey, Chicago-North, Ill., No. 1666; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N.C., No. 735, and Loris Winn, Moscow, Idaho, No. 249.

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**Ritualistic Committee:** Ronald R. Bringman, San Fernando, Calif., No. 1539, Chairman; Leo P. Ronan, Decorah, Iowa, No. 443; William F. Hogan, Everett, Mass., No. 642; William R. Thorne, Trenton, N.J., No. 105; Herb L. Odlund, Hoquiam, Wash., No. 1082, and M. S. Bell, Anderson, S.C., No. 1206.

**Youth Activities Committee:** Charles C. Bowie, San Benito, Tex., No. 1661, Chairman; W.L. Hill, Great Falls, Mont., No. 214; Leo B. Carey, West Warwick, R.I., No. 1697; W.W. Wenstrand, Omaha, Neb., No. 1817, and Gerald L. Powell, Peru, Ind., No. 365. (Announcement of the Committee on judiciary will appear in a future issue).

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Congratulations were extended to Grand Esquire Vincent Grocott for the splendid handling of a difficult duty, and the 93rd Grand Lodge Convention adjourned with a closing Benediction by Grand Chaplain Connelly. The four-day Session was held in continuous sunshine, showing beautiful San Francisco at its best.

### The Thirty Years War (Continued from page 7)

about midway between the Yankee Stadium and the impressive home of Leo P. (for Phineus) Flynn. Mr. Flynn, who managed fighters in wholesale lots, included among his negotiable livestock men of such assorted sizes and skills as Jack Renault, of the Northwest Mounted Police, Dave Shade, Kid Norfolk, Emil Paluso, Lew Paluso, and others I can't at the moment recall. Any morning, if you got up early enough, you could see a small platoon of Mr. Flynn's gladiators doing their roadwork along the streets and in the parks.

**D**EMPSEY, of course, had been fairly beaten by Gene Tunney in Philadelphia the year before. Yet Tunney, a native New Yorker, did not enjoy the prestige he should have merited in our section of the Bronx. It was as though by defeating Dempsey he had done an underhanded thing, like drawing a mustache on Mary Pickford, or boring a hole in Babe Ruth's bat. Nobody was supposed to beat Jack Dempsey, in our opinion, at that time.

1927, if you are unable to recall it, was a year of superlative accomplishment. The hero habit was strongly entrenched in Americans. After Lindbergh's performance in May of that year, what else would you expect? Babe Ruth blasted sixty baseballs out of bounds for a home run record as yet unequalled. Bobby Jones had won the National Amateur again. Alvin Shipwreck Kelly sat on a flagpole for exactly twenty-three days and seven hours. Bill Tilden was supreme on the courts. Johnny Weismueller was cutting through various swimming tanks like a smiling baracuda. And in the Bronx, we waited for Dempsey.

He arrived in July to fight Jack Sharkey in the Yankee Stadium. The big thing, however, was that he came to the home of our neighbor, Leo Flynn, a shrewd but honest and entertaining man. It was an alliance of necessity for Dempsey, who had severed relations with lovable "Doc" Kearns some

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time before, had learned that the doctor had more talent as an enemy than he had ever displayed as a friend. In the previous summer, when he was preparing for his first meeting with Tunney, Jack had been badgered and vilified at every turn by his former manager. Subpoenas and injunctions had bloomed like posies at his training camp. Dempsey, for all his savagery within the ropes, was not very good at personal recrimination, whereas Leo Flynn, if the need arose, had the tongue of an Irish scorpion, as well as the experience and skill to handle Dempsey's rather scrambled affairs.

Looking back three decades, it is difficult to understand what made the simple proposition: *can Dempsey beat Tunney?* so terribly important to a hundred million Americans of divided opinion and allegiance. It must have been, on one hand, a lack of more serious distractions; and, on the other, the contrast and fascination provided by the two personalities involved.

There had never been anyone exactly like James Joseph Tunney in the prize fight industry before. Fiction writers—among them George Bernard Shaw—had a fondness for constructing gallant and gentlemanly characters who ventured into the prize ring for the "sport" of it. This was never quite the case with Gentleman Gene, whose mysteriously cultivated accent, along with his elaborate preference for William Shakespeare, never permitted him to be one of the "boys" around the gym. They merely scratched their puzzled heads and wondered aloud how a guy could get so uppity and cultured in a downtown section of New York. Yet under the veneer of these social graces, however acquired, Gene Tunney could fight like an angry leopard. If he lacked the one-punch power of a Dempsey, a Louis, or a Rocky Marciano, he could



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stab you to pieces with a vicious left hand and break your ribs with his right hand.

It's at least partly true that Tunney was a "manufactured" fighter, but the architect in charge of this construction and development was always Tunney himself. No one schooled him in the fundamentals of his trade, as, for example, Jack Blackburn later tutored Joe Louis. Tunney trudged the hardest of roads, and always by himself. The path to Dempsey was paved with stubborn carcasses—with Harry Greb, a gifted brawler, who drained him of two quarts of blood and nearly killed him on the occasion of their first fight; there were innumerable meetings with Charlie Weinert, Chuck Wiggins, Tommy Loughran, Jimmy Delaney, Johnny Risko, Bartley Madden, Erminio Spalla, Carpentier, Tommy Gibbons—and four more fights with Greb, to whom he never lost a second time. In very few of his earlier fights was Gene Tunney exactly impressive. Actually, he was building his body as well as his fighting skills. From a skinny, slat-ribbed light-heavyweight with a funny haircut, the man who beat Dempsey finally emerged. "Gene Tunney," to quote Grantland Rice in a final summation, "dedicated himself to a task as no other athlete, with the exception of Ben Hogan, ever dedicated himself."

With Dempsey it was different. When I first met him, at Leo Flynn's, there was a certain magic in everything he did. He walked with the lethal grace of a giant cat, yet spoke in the

trebling register of a parakeet. The little voice, however, never reduced the man. Dempsey rejoiced with people and the pursuit of amiable nonsense. He might break your arm in innocent fun, but he was, preeminently, one of the crowd. The only apparent physical change in the Dempsey who had slaughtered Willard and Firpo was his reconstructed nose—a concession to the movie-makers of Hollywood. There was no real evidence of vanished speed or power, and if Tunney had beaten him the year before—well, it *had* to be an accident.

Dempsey fought Jack Sharkey in the Yankee Stadium on July 21st of that year. It was a joyless experience for those of us who had been close to Dempsey and shaken his hand and shared in the high enthusiasm at Leo Flynn's. The myth of his invincibility was almost totally dispelled by Sharkey in the first six rounds. This was not something reported to us by radio. Here was evidence for our eyes to see, and yet we would not believe it. Sharkey, a flashing and emotional ex-sailor, was twenty-five years old, and he was capable, at this stage of his career, of punching the ears off a marble elephant. I recall how in the first round Dempsey staggered and stumbled and nearly went down. Sharkey hit him at least five punches for every one the slowly plodding ex-champion was able to return. The fight moved along in this grim pattern until the seventh round, then ended in a furor of controversy not to be exceeded until the seventh round of Dempsey's next engagement with Gene Tunney.

Dempsey, with his head full of lumps and the tide of the fight running out, tossed an unquestionably low blow into Sharkey's trunks. The high-riding sailor made one serious mistake. He turned to the referee and opened his mouth wide to complain, whereupon Dempsey threw a short left hook that not only finished Mr. Sharkey, but almost turned the ball park upside-down. It's not for me to say whether or not the low blow was deliberate. Your opinion's as good as mine. I know that in 1927 my own view of things was too partisan to be objective. One thing certain about Dempsey was that he never troubled himself too greatly about the social amenities while a battle was being waged. As a compensating factor it can be said with equal candor that he never squawked or raised an alibi when his luck ran the opposite way.

It's very likely that the second Dempsey-Tunney fight, from the moment it was agreed to by the principals, to its culmination in Chicago's Soldier Field, consumed more newsprint and journalistic talent than the Armistice concluding World War I.

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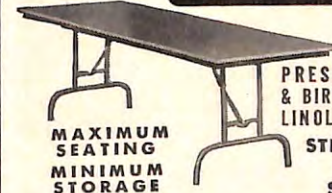
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Arthur Brisbane, who was the editorial voice of the Hearst Publications, and a man whose opinions never rested lightly on a foolish world, deplored the accent on muscle that was so prevalent through the 20's. Mr. Brisbane once sagely remarked that there was no reason for getting excited about the relative prowess of heavyweight fighters when a gorilla could demolish the two of them with a single sweep of his hairy arm. I remember reading this and being both chastened and impressed.

I would never have had the temerity to contradict Mr. Brisbane if it were not for the testimony of another Hearst employee whom I admire and respect above all other columnists—my present friend and neighbor, Frank Graham. Not long ago Frank told me of an incident that happened in the St. Louis Zoo. It seems there was a grown gorilla, whose name I can't provide, and a lightweight Irishman of testy disposition, whose job it was to sweep the gorilla's cage. Frank says it was the Irishman's habit, when sweeping, to push the gorilla blithely aside, specially when the ape was blocking the broom. One morning, however, the gorilla refused to oblige, and when the Irishman pushed the obstinate beast, the gorilla shoved the Irishman right back. Things got a little unfriendly, and even dangerous, whereupon the Irishman is alleged to have punched the gorilla on the point of the chin and knocked him out. The gorilla, according to Frank Graham (to whom, incidentally, you may send your protests) had a glass jaw!

I don't claim that this incident has any real significance, but there is a whole generation of newspaper readers who would have been delighted to find Arthur Brisbane standing outside the cage.

Among other things, the Dempsey-Tunney fight of September 2nd, 1927, proved to be the greatest and the last of Tex Rickard's successful promotions. The Tunney-Heeney bloodletting of 1928 was neither artistically nor financially a success, and Tex died soon after that.

Disregarding an army of foreign and domestic correspondents in the press rows of Soldier Field that evening, 104,943 fresh-money customers paid \$2,658,660 to see Dempsey fight Tunney the second time. It was then, and it remains today, the record amount of money ever spent to witness a single sports event. Tunney, as the defending champion, received for his services

\$990,000, unquestionably the record windfall for a solitary athletic performance. In view of Joe Louis' recent problems with the Internal Revenue Department, it's interesting to note that Gene paid only \$60,000 to the government on an approximate million dollars in cash.

Admirers of Dempsey (myself among them), who screamed "murder!" and "larceny!" over the "long count" granted Tunney in the seventh round at Chicago, should in fairness review what occurred in the Illinois Boxing Commission's offices that afternoon. Leo Flynn was acting as Dempsey's hired brains in a conference with Tunney's lawyer, a gentleman named Whiteside. Concerning the business of knock-downs, it was agreed that in the event of one man being dropped to the floor, the fighter scoring the knockdown would go to the *farthest neutral corner*, and there remain until his opponent had risen, and the referee signalled for the battle to be resumed. This is the standard procedure you hear chanted over your TV sets these Wednesday and Friday evenings, if you happen to have the fights tuned in. But in 1927 it was significantly new.

TUNNEY wore white trunks into the ring. He entered, as always, with a banker's poise—and, incidentally, a banker's purse. Gene had the kind of celtic fairness that the sun can never ripen to a deep mahogany tone. He looked pallid and hardly athletic in contrast to the saddle-skinned Dempsey.

There's no reason to recall much of the first six rounds. They did not even represent an exciting brawl. Tunney moved with matchless skill and deliberation. The only apparent difference between the Philadelphia and Chicago fights was that Dempsey seemed to be in better shape this time. The ordeal with Sharkey had unquestionably toughened him and reinforced his stamina. But if you were looking for the speed of hand and foot that had decimated Willard at Toledo, you would have to go searching back to Dempsey's youth, from which he couldn't borrow now. Tunney won each of the first half dozen rounds, and yet a built-in, inseparable part of Dempsey was that he had never learned to be discouraged in a fight.

In the seventh round, with the pattern of the fight almost monotonous, Dempsey suddenly crossed a right hand over the left lead of the champion. It was as though he had somehow contrived to shed his weariness like a bathrobe on the canvas of the ring. From a series of short and murderous blows that only a camera could register, Tunney, the invincible boxer, was down. He lay sprawled and stunned and confused near his own corner, a kind of sad smile raising the

corners of his mouth. His left hand clung to the middle strand of rope. It was the first time he had ever felt his trunks against the floor.

Dempsey hovered close for the kill. The referee, Dave Barry, pointed to the distant neutral corner where Jack belonged. But Dempsey remained behind the fallen Tunney while the vital seconds elapsed. Barry was obliged to put an arm around him and escort him personally to the neutral corner. Only then, while the emotions of millions were sailing like gas balloons, did Barry toll "One!" over Tunney, then continue with the count.

It seems a bit unwarranted after thirty years, but there are statistics to disclose how many Americans perished of heart attacks while standing beside their radios that night.

Estimates of the exact length of time Tunney reposed on the canvas vary greatly. The shortest estimate I have been able to find is fourteen seconds; the longest, twenty seconds. Nor was there, until the slow-motion movies solved the arguments, any agreement as to the number of blows absorbed by Tunney on his way to the floor. The Associated Press, the United Press, and the International News Service were not in agreement at all. A friend of mine, working for the Los Angeles "Examiner" at the time, despaired of

solving the problem, and for that reason printed all three accounts on page one. The evidence of the moving pictures is that Dempsey drove seven distinct and murderous punches to Tunney's head, and it's to the everlasting credit of Mr. Tunney that he managed to regain his feet in almost any period of time. No one has ever been able to question Tunney's gameness, or to detract from his poise under fire.

Dempsey's partisan admirers have claimed for thirty years that he was robbed by the "long count" and should have been the first and only heavy-weight champion to regain his crown. Jack, however, with characteristic grace, has never advanced that claim. Through the eighth and ninth and final round of the battle he could no more connect with the skillful and magnificently conditioned Tunney than he could have thrown a rock to the moon. He took his defeat, as he took each victory, without apology or shame. As for Tunney—who can argue with a million dollars and an almost perfect performance?

It actually matters very little now, except as a reflection on the times we used to know. It's been more fun to think of Dempsey and Tunney than it would have been to dwell on some ancient scandal.

It just doesn't seem like thirty years.

## In the Doghouse

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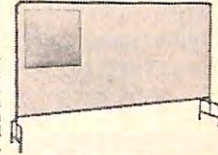
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reads these dog dissertations. In the writing I held to the belief that the sixth sense was nothing more than the dog's unusual powers of scent, hearing and sense of awareness, usually unrecognized by people who have not given our four legged friend close observation. "I read your article, Ed," he said. "Nothing unusual about it other than that you have applied to dogs what we in medicine have long recognized as ESP."

"ESP? How come and what?" I asked.

"Extra sensory perception," my doctor friend replied. "Some people have it, you know."

Well, I didn't know, but it summed

### Rod and Gun (Continued from page 39)

off." It was about as simple as that.

By now we had relaxed, and we knew that with our makeshift splint the 22-footer would ride out the rough water with ease on the return trip. It was time to go fishing. And the trout were there. Any Eastern brook trout is a beautiful and exciting fish, but these were special. Sea trout, like salmon, run out of salt water, but are smaller of course. A three-pounder is considered a big one, but here, far north of the range of the Atlantic salmon, some of them weighed five pounds. Seacharged and silver-plated from their invigorating lives in the icy water of Hudson Bay, they seemed to have twice the power of ordinary trout their size that I have caught.

The grandson was futilely twirling a handline about his head and tossing it out with the hope of snagging one. I couldn't have saved him from the angry waters of the Bay if we had capsized, but at least I could see to it that he caught a trout. The next one I hooked I handed him the rod, but when I realized the size of the trout, I almost wished I hadn't. I think a lot of my rod, and the trout and the boy were so equally matched that more than once I was sure the rod would be the loser. The boy dug in and threw his full weight into it while the trout churned the water into a froth. It was temporarily a stalemate, but the boy's endurance paid off and the silvery fish finally flopped on shore, much to my relief.

"That's the biggest trout I've caught in my whole life," he beamed, and I thought to myself that for an eight-year-old handline fisherman a five-pound brookie wasn't bad at that.

That evening back at the post manager's neat little house, conversation came slow. I tried to talk of ptarmigan, of wolves, of polar bears, and then, like my host, of nothing. I too just sat and smoked. It was a relief when his wife came in from the kitchen with a large trout she had boiled for dinner. The fish was already cut in pieces and

up my belief. Now I wonder if that extra sensory perception operates among dogs that guide the blind to enable them to detect the departure from the normal that marks the blind person, and for this reason the guide dogs function more efficiently in performing the great service they render.

Earlier I wrote that at some time you may have seen a person guided by one of these remarkable dogs and maybe you may again see another. If so, would you do that blind person these few favors? Don't talk to that person unless he or she talks to you. Don't pet the dog. Don't talk to it. Don't distract it with noise. The dog has a serious job to do.

served on the plate and, since I was their guest, she gave me the choice piece—the head. I had difficulty declining her courteous gesture, but somehow convinced her that as the lady of the household she should have the honor. She ate it with obvious relish.

After she disappeared into the kitchen, the post manager and I managed to get on the subject of his early days on the Bay, and he immediately looked younger. With an accent—still frightfully British, you know—which seemed out of place in the wilderness surroundings, he told me proudly that much of Canada was settled through these Hudson Bay ports, and he spoke of the teams of Indians which vied with one another for the renown of making the best time wading up the river dragging a barge of supplies by tote line to the next post, and of the excitement and bustle when a ship made port, and of the eager immigrants. It was a stimulating place for a young man with pioneer spirit.

But that was all long ago. The Hudson Bay ports are isolated now. The great rivers which empty into the Bay are no longer the highways to the interior of Canada. The ports today are trading posts for a few scattered Cree Indians, no more. The post manager grew silent again, and I said nothing. I knew he was a man who had grown accustomed to silence, and he had ample to occupy his thoughts. Finally, inevitably, he turned the conversation to the day's fishing, and Joe.

"We English are a bit of a stubborn lot, they tell me, and I suppose I'm no exception." He paused to tamp his pipe. "Yes, Joe does take after me, you know—in some respects, at least."

"So does your other boy," I commented.

"Say, he's doing just fine, isn't he?" he asked eagerly. "And that fishing today was tops, wasn't it, eh?"

I agreed that it was—although it was hardly a trip I would care to repeat, five-pound trout or not.

## Flag Day

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Through the medium of TV, an estimated 15,000 residents of the area were able to see the Big Spring, Texas, program in which Major Ed Schleiter and Capt. William Ludlum, both of the USAF, participated as Esquire and Chaplain, respectively. Elk Kieran T. Murphy, Vice-President-Treasurer of the Crosley Broadcasting Corp., made it possible for the Elks' program which was held in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio, to be reviewed on evening telecasts by WLW-T in Cincinnati, WLW-D in Dayton and WLW-C in Columbus. Judge Joseph Brueggeman was Chairman and Dr. W. C. Langsam was guest speaker.

Many lodges were fortunate in securing the services of outstanding speakers for their programs. Thousands applauded the address delivered by Governor Averell Harriman in Public Square at Watertown, N.Y., an event jointly sponsored by Watertown, Carthage and Lowville Lodges.

Homewood, Ala., Elkdom had Thomas Mitchell, distinguished actor of stage and screen and a member of McMinnville, Ore., Lodge, present the History of the Flag at its program, and his talent added meaning to this always stirring part of the ritual. The Flag's history was traced by a very interesting speaker at the West Haven, Conn., Elks' ceremony—Dr. Clarence R. Rungee, curator of International Flags. This duty was also capably handled by Major William F. Young, inspector-instructor of the Oshkosh Marine Corps Reserve Unit, during the Oshkosh, Wis., Elk Services.

The military gave splendid cooperation to a number of lodges. Highlight of the Fulton, Ky., Elk-sponsored community celebration was a thrilling demonstration put on by a drill team from Fort Campbell under the direction of Lt.-Col. Paul Durbin.

As is so often the case, in many instances the Elks singled out the young people of the community for special honors. This happened at the Liberty, N. Y., affair at which youthful patriotic essay-writers were rewarded, and also at the Quincy, Mass., Elk event when \$1,200 in scholarships was presented to

## NEWSPAPER WEEK CONTEST

Chairman Joseph F. Bader of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities requests all lodges to send reports on their observances of Newspaper Week, Oct. 1-8, to Committeeman George T. Hickey, 846 West Montrose Ave., Chicago 13, Ill., by Nov. 1st. Three awards will be made in two categories—lodges of over 750 members, and those of less than 750.

three students. Joseph D. Ward, a Fitchburg Elk and a prominent figure in civic affairs, was the speaker, sharing the dais with Mayor Amelio A. Della Chiesa, a member of the host lodge.

About 300 persons witnessed the impressive tribute to the Flag which was conducted by Beacon, N. Y., Lodge at an outdoor program followed by "open house" at the lodge home. Dutchess County Clerk F. A. Smith was a popular speaker at this event.

Naturally, the Elks were responsible for the display of American Flags in communities throughout the Nation on June 14th. Glens Falls, N. Y., Lodge saw to it that its neighbors were prepared to Show the Colors on Flag Day through the courtesy of WWSC radio station owner, Elk Martin R. Karig, who gave time for spot announcements for several days prior to the 14th. On that day over 500 local citizens actually carried the colors, when members of the lodge distributed Flag lapel pins to passersby on the city's business streets, where American Flags had been placed atop the light poles.

Many spot announcements on radio and TV heightened public awareness of the "Show Your Colors" program in Carnegie, Pa., through Harold C. Lund, Vice-Pres. of the Westinghouse Broadcasting System and a loyal Elk.

Out in Las Vegas, Nev., Chairman Clarence T. Hibbs and his committee were assisted by the Elks' ladies in making their Flag Day program a success. The lodge officers in their white jackets and the ladies in white gowns made a handsome combination of forces to give proof of the fact that Flag Day is of patriotic importance to everyone.

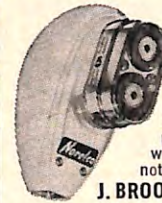
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During the evening ceremony conducted by Dallas, Texas, Lodge in a beautiful outdoor setting, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell was photographed with Elk-sponsored essay contest winners Mary Nell Phillips who won the second prize, Maureen O'Toole, third-prize winner, and 10 1/2-year-old Peter Hinkel who captured first prize.

# ELKS WORKSHOP



## Choosing and using the modern electric drill.

BY HARRY WALTON

WHEN shopping for an electric drill, you probably have more jobs in mind than its primary one of making holes. Although it pays its way in this alone by saving time and effort, it can do so much more that it's as handy as an extra set of biceps. With attachments, it can saw, sand, remove old paint or mix new paint, sharpen tools, and trim hedges.

**SELECTING YOUR DRILL.** These popular little power tools are now sold even over drug and cigar-store counters. Some are offered with an assortment of accessories in a tool chest or kit. Few other tools have been the object of so much hard sell, extravagant advertising and quality cutting. It pays to shop carefully.

The 30 or 40-piece set may resolve itself largely into an assortment of sandpaper disks, washers and drill bits. The sleek little drill that feels so capable when you pick it up in the store might overheat, stall or burn out when put to hard work. This may happen if you buy a less powerful drill than the work demands. As with most things, you get only what you pay for.

You can feel the heft of a drill, decide whether a pistol or spade grip suits you, try the switch, and make up your mind whether to buy one with a handlocking, wrench-locking or geared chuck. But the deciding question should be whether the drill has the power, speed and torque you will demand of it.

**LOOK AT THE NAMEPLATE.** This gives the current rating of the motor in amperes and fractions. A drill rated at only a little over one ampere (1.3 ampere for example) is for light, intermittent duty. It may last for years if properly used, or go up in smoke the first time you add a saw attachment and try to push it through a two-by-four.

Drills are designated as quarter-inch, three-eighths inch, half-inch and so on for the largest shank their chucks will

hold. A quarter-inch drill drawing 1.8 ampere is fairly adequate; one rated at 2.0 or 2.3 ampere is better. The heavy-duty type drawing about 2.9 ampere is very capable but costly.

Speed drops off when a drill is put to work, but a powerful motor properly geared down will keep turning over at a useful speed. A high R.P.M. (revolutions per minute) figure on the label is less important than the current rating in judging work capacity. A 2,000 R.P.M. drill with plenty of muscle will do more than one that runs at 2,500 with no load but falls to half that when put to work.

**THE FIGURES ARE DIFFERENT** for three-eighths and half-inch drills. They draw more current (2.0 to 5.0 amperes) and usually run much more slowly—from 500 to 1,000 R.P.M. with-



These are home makers. In front of the electric drill, from left to right, are a hole saw, twist drills, wood augers, and two types of wood-screw pilot drills. Small masonry drills (not shown) can also be used in such a drill; big masonry drills require lower speed.

out load. The reasons for this are that the larger drills and masonry drills for which these tools are made must turn at lower speeds in order not to overheat cutting edges, and that a lower R.P.M. figure is the natural result of gearing down motors to get the high torque—turning effort—which such drills demand.

An unusual three-eighths inch drill is one with a four-ampere motor geared to drive the chuck at 3,200 R.P.M. This is high for large drills (a reduction unit can be added to get a speed of 460 R.P.M. and tremendous torque). But it's fine for sanding, polishing, and driving the jigsaw, orbital sander, hedge trimmer, circular saw and other accessories made for this sturdy power unit.

Many a home mechanic will find a quarter-inch drill very useful for drilling and the occasional tasks of sawing, sanding and polishing that come up around the house. Used with discretion, it will do almost more than one has a right to expect. I have put a 1¼" hole through the steel firewall of an automobile with a hole saw in a medium-quality drill of this kind.

**CONSIDER THE CHUCK** when you buy. The geared type is chosen by most professionals. Although a bit costlier and more awkward to use than others, it has superior holding power. The chuck should unscrew from its shaft (to remove it, insert the wrench or key and tap it the same way the drill runs). If the shaft has a ¾"-24 thread, you can mount attachments directly on it instead of in the chuck. This affords greater strength and spares the chuck from excessive strain.

Most drills now have a three-wire cord and three-prong plug. These make it possible for the home handyman to ground the drill housing so that an internal short will not give the user a severe or even fatal shock. But the special plug *must* be plugged either into a three-hole outlet made for the purpose, or into an adapter that is in turn plugged into an ordinary outlet and also grounded to the outlet box.

**MOUNTING DRILL ATTACHMENTS.** Make it a rule to pull the plug out whenever you remove the chuck or mount an accessory. It's only too easy to turn the switch on inadvertently at such times.

Insert drills, wood augers, hole saws and paint mixers as far into the chuck as they will go. Tighten the key in all three holes of a geared chuck for maximum grip. Drill cast iron and brass dry, but apply oil to the bit when drilling steel or malleable iron.

The larger augers and hole saws may overload the motor. If the chuck slows down greatly, ease up pressure until it speeds up again. Drills may seize and stall the motor when they break through metal. As the hole approaches full depth, get set to shut off power if this happens. Back the jammed drill out by turning the chuck with one hand. Then advance it very gingerly under power, or open out the hole with a file or a tapered reamer. Never leave the power on in a dead stall.

**SANDING WITH A DISK.** The rubber backing pad supplied for this may have a stem to fit into the chuck, or it may screw onto the spindle after



the chuck is removed. Tighten the pad on by hand, in a clockwise direction as you face it. Never turn on the motor to screw any tool on.

Mount the abrasive disk with the screw and washer provided. Lift the drill so that the disk is clear of all objects before turning power on. Move the spinning disk with long sweeping strokes, holding it at a slight angle so that only part of one side touches the work surface, and with very light pressure. Do not let the full disk touch at any time (it will jump about if you do) nor tilt it so much that the edge digs in and gouges the surface.

**TO WORK UP A POLISH** on furniture or on your car, tie the lamb's-wool bonnet firmly behind the rubber pad. Be sure the surface is clean; otherwise grit and dirt will be spread or ground into it by the polishing action. Tilt the drill as for disk sanding. Use separate bonnets for cleaning compounds and wax, and for light and dark finishes.



This circular saw attachment bolts to the drill case, making the tool a rigid unit. Feed slowly, and always use a sharp blade. A thin strip of wood tacked to the work (arrow) for the saw shoe to guide along makes more accurate rip cuts than the small metal guide furnished.

**YOU CAN REMOVE PAINT** or get scale and rust off metal with a wire brush, either wheel or cup shaped. Handle this with care; the wires readily pierce skin. Be sure the drill is disconnected; then use a heavy rag to protect your hand while turning the wire brush on tightly.

Hold the brush lightly against the work. If long use makes it dull, re-sharpen it by letting it run in the drill against a revolving grinding wheel.

**THE CIRCULAR SAW ATTACHMENT** is popular, highly useful and probably the most dangerous of all drill accessories. Read the maker's instructions and mount it exactly as described with the power cord disconnected. Set the depth adjustment so that only one full tooth will project under the cut. Make certain all mounting and adjustment nuts are tight, the blade and hinged guard work freely, and the switch is off. Then plug in the cord.

Resting only the front of the shoe on the work, so that the blade does not touch, line up the guide with the cutting line. Turn on the switch, hold the wood with your free hand, and advance the saw slowly. This is important to let

it maintain a high speed. Too much pressure will slow it down, overload the motor and produce a rough cut that is undesirable.

Watch the power cord; it can show a perverse tendency to get into the line of the cut. Jam a wedge into the start of long cuts to hold the kerf open and keep it from pinching the blade. Be sure one side of a board or panel does not sag below the other, which will also pinch the saw. Never force the blade; if it cuts only when you push hard, it is either pinched or dull and will overload the motor.

**FOR FINE FINISHING** you may want a belt, reciprocating or orbital sanding attachment. All produce a better finish than disk sanding.

Guide the tool with no more down pressure than its own weight. Bearing down hard slows sanding action and wears abrasive paper more rapidly. Hold the shoe perfectly flat on the surface; tilting may cause it to gouge the work. With an orbital sander, you can move in any direction, with or across grain.

Open-grain aluminum oxide paper is most efficient; ordinary close-grained sandpaper fills up fast and soon wears out. Use coarse paper first to smooth out scratches then medium and finally fine. For an especially smooth finish, cabinetmakers moisten the wood after preliminary sanding. This raises the grain. When dry, the surface is finish-sanded with very fine paper.

**CUTTING CURVES OR OPENINGS** (such as the hole for a sink in a counter top) is easy with a jigsaw attachment. This should clamp on the drill body and have a shaft that screws on in place of the drill chuck.



With a drill stand fastened to the workbench, you can clip the drill in for stationary use with a wire brush, polishing pad, buffing or grinding wheel. Handle should be to your left so that the spindle turns toward you.

Support the work so that the blade can go through it freely to make the cut. Keep the shoe of the tool flat on the surface, advancing it slowly.

**OTHER ATTACHMENTS YOU CAN BUY** include a metal nibbler (for cutting sheet metal), a wood planer, a hedge trimmer, a screwdriving accessory and tables that convert the circular and jigsaw units into stationary machines.

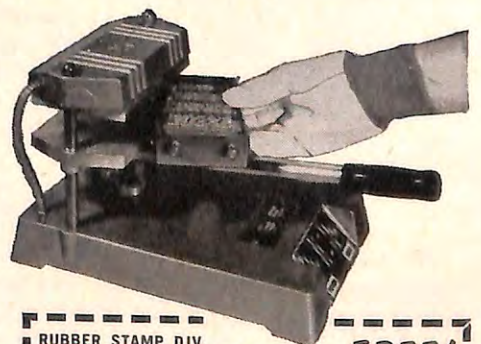
Some screwdriver attachments are reversible so that they both drive and remove screws by power. You can get a stand that converts the drill into a drill press, a cradle that holds it horizontally for grinding and polishing such things as tools, kitchen and table ware, and a base that makes it a disk-type bench sander.

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# Editorial

## THE CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO

May not one who enjoyed thoroughly for ten days the delightful weather of San Francisco, only to return to a record-breaking 97.3 degrees of temperature in New York, with humidity in keeping with it, be forgiven if, before lauding the contributions of committees, individuals and causes, he takes off his hat, if he wears one, to the weather of the City of the Golden Gate.

That being done, we want to leave our hat off in recognition of the fine planning and performance of the officers and executive personnel of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee and the Local Committees, City and State.

From the grand Public Meeting of Sunday evening to the installation of Thursday morning, every event was well prepared and well performed.

The Memorial Services were most impressive and the eulogies true in their presentation of the characters of those eulogized.

The presentations of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Foundation Trustees, the National Service Commission were, as is the custom, most effectively made and the various Grand Lodge Committee reports showed the results of much conscientious and intelligent work.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn presided fairly and intelligently and expeditiously and Grand Exalted Ruler Elect Blackledge made a most gracious and impressive speech of acceptance justifying a feeling of confidence in the character of the service he will render during the coming year.

The Grand Lodge attendance was about the average for the last twelve years but when one deducts from the total of the twelve years the much larger than average attendance on the two occasions during the period when the convention was held in New York City, then the Grand Lodge attendance in San Francisco was considerably above the average.

It is to be regretted that we have no system of determining how many Elks and members of their families, outside of those privileged to participate in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, were in attendance as a general registration appears not to be a practical proposition.

### NEEDED—A DICTATOR

The recent secret vote in the Soviet Central Committee by which three formerly prominent members of that body were removed from it revealed the real weakness of the Communist form of government.

At the Twentieth Communist Party Congress in February 1956, the present First Secretary of the Party surprised the world by a very vicious attack on Joseph Stalin and on what he referred to as the "personality cult" and extolled the values and virtues of group leadership.

And now, less than a year and a half later, he demonstrates the failure of group leadership and established another "personality cult" with himself as dictator.

Well, as one who was close to and cooperative with Stalin in the cruelties, crimes and murders of his era, he would appear to be a natural to become his successor.

Of course, the truth is that a "Communitistic" government cannot live under group leadership but must have a ruthless dictator, ready and willing to deprive the people of a voice in government, of all the rights of liberty and to kill and kill to maintain his power.

In the fight for power since Stalin's death (natural or unnatural), Beria was executed, and five men accused of connections with the Leningrad plot disappeared.

There will be more to follow and a new Stalin will exercise the powers and follow his methods.

Can we doubt that dictator will follow dictator until a succeeding generation of common people of increasing education demand and receive the rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

### THE CORE OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM

What we refer to as the "Middle East Problem" is really a combination of many problems.

It must be recognized, however, that the major problem, the core of the situation, is that of the displaced Arabs and that the solution of that individual problem would make very much easier the solution of all the rest.

Feeling that the displaced Arabs problem like our own weather was being talked about by everyone but that nothing was being done by anyone about it, we asked Dr. Daniel Poling, one of the best informed men about the Middle East and one of the most skilled and experienced observers of conditions in that area, to present a definite plan of solution of the displaced Arabs problem, to the readers of The Elks Magazine.

This he did in the issue of last April.

Now we note that Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, a member of the U. S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, is advancing some specific suggestions.

In his report following two months' tour of the Middle East, Senator Humphrey stated that the existence of this problem ten years after the Arab-Israeli War is "a challenge to the conscience of humanity."

It is encouraging to note that important and well informed people are beginning to strongly suggest that the Middle East Problem be met at its vital point, that of the displaced Arabs.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

On this page in the August issue of The Elks Magazine the statement appeared that our new Grand Exalted Ruler, H. L. Blackledge, is a member of the Episcopal Church, where he "served several years as the Bishop."

For the benefit of those readers who have enquired how a hard working lawyer can be a Bishop, we will explain that in the retyping of that editorial all that was left out was the following: "Chancellor to" before the word "the Bishop."

Also in the August issue we referred to a Grand Lodge Report, stating that California, New York and Oregon were the leading states in respect to new lodges.

As a careful reader of The Elks Magazine and a very alert Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Brother William J. Jernick calls our attention to the fact that New Jersey should be reported in third place.

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