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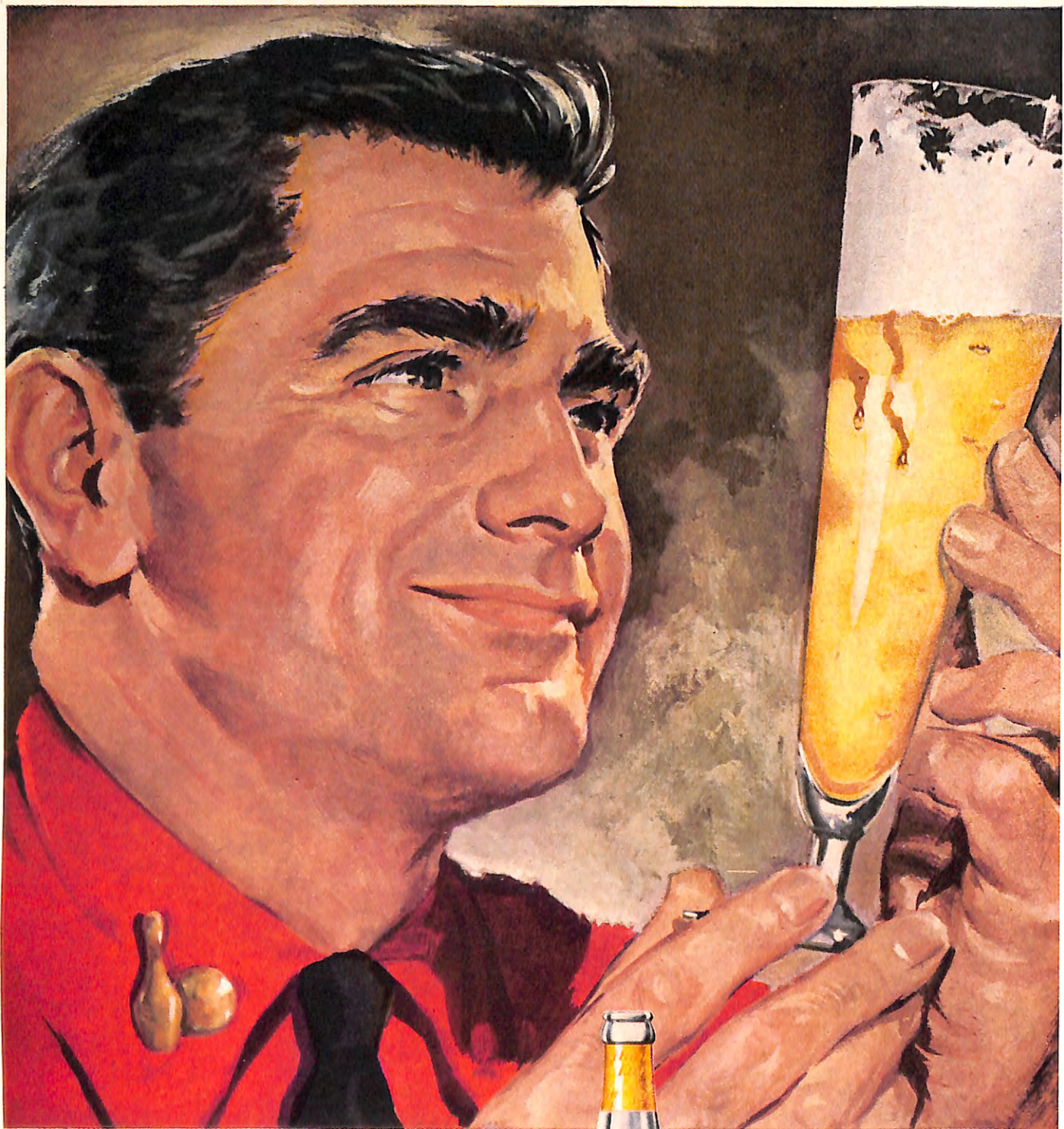
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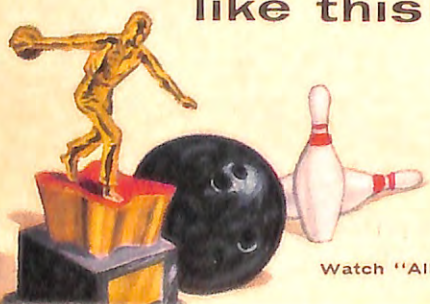
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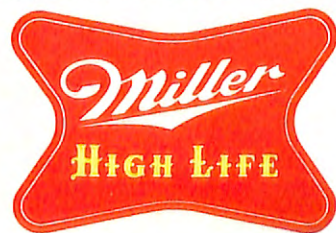
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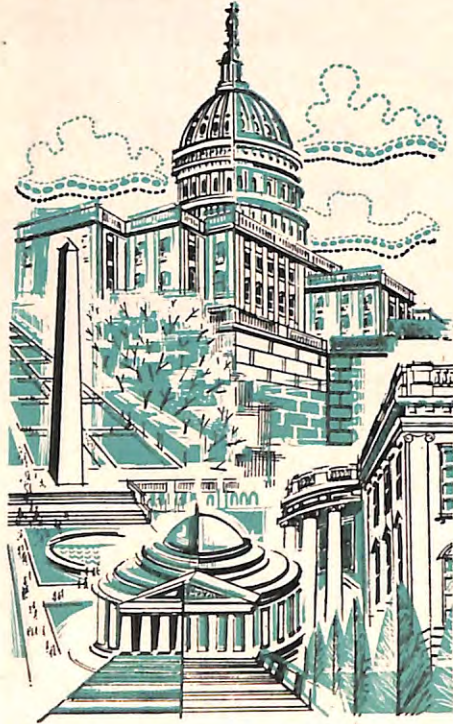
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Tom Wrigley Writes from WASHINGTON



RISING PRICES are causing apprehension in Administration circles, but arbitrary controls on wages and on prices are not considered the remedy. Inflation, our "major internal problem", as President Eisenhower terms it, will remain for some time to come. It will be a political football in the Congressional elections a year from now. Arguments over whom to blame are continuing even during this dull season in the Capital. Have higher wages caused higher prices, or did higher prices bring about higher wages? It's a question like the old one about the chicken and the egg: which came first? There is hope that a gradual leveling off of the inflation spiral will keep the situation within bounds. Fixed price and wage controls in peace time have not improved living standards in Russia. The President urges self-restraint in buying. We have the biggest income in history but that should not bring reckless spending, he points out. Record buying during recent months has raised installment buying to a new peak. The people owe about \$33 billion for things they bought on the cuff—autos, household appliances, even luxury items. Banks and finance companies, however, are gradually tightening up on credit, giving more care to making

loans. The biggest need, experts declare, is for more savings. There is not enough money in savings to supply the real borrowing needs of individuals, companies and government. Save a little more, spend a little less, will strike a real blow at inflation. The 100 per cent dollar of World War II days is now worth 49 cents.

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TELEPHONES FOR DEFENSE and other communication devices are keeping pace with the development of guided missiles. The "walkie-talkies" of the last war are obsolete. Wrist radios are in use and wrist telephones may be next. Phones in fighting planes and bombers are constantly being improved to an astounding degree.

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ANOTHER CHAIN LETTER SCHEME has been turned down by the Post Office Department. You send in two golf balls and ultimately if the chain is not broken you get back 200.

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WE'RE PAYING JAPANESE WORKERS PLENTY even if Federal employes did not get the pay raise they wanted. Taking army ground forces out of Japan threw 70,000 Japanese civilians out of jobs, but they are not starving. They get severance pay checks ranging up to nine months' salary and unemployment insurance for six months. The unemployment insurance is equivalent to 60 per cent of their regular pay.

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REPORTERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS from Newport, R. I., from writers, photographers, TV and radio broadcasters covering President Eisenhower's vacation were the biggest in years. That vacation will go down in the books as the most widely covered in White House history, with a total of well nigh 150 people on the list.

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YOU CUT THE BUDGET this year in the biggest economy wave to hit federal government spending in years. It was the protest of the folks back home at the grass roots level which caused Congress to make big slashes in spending. Once in a while the people do speak up.

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THOSE LITTLE BILLS passed by Congress in the final days get small publicity. One of them changes the rules so Senators can no longer stand on the Senate floor and, pointing to the gallery, proudly introduce home town delegations, beauty queens, cake baking champions and such. Another bill wiped out an import tax claim of \$540,-

540 against a New Orleans firm on a shipment of mint wafers. The government taxed them at \$1.75 per package instead of per 100 packages. And the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council won \$97,580 in settlement of claims for expenses in negotiating a new land agreement.

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BULLET-PROOF LIZARDS and snakes that eat bats have been sent to the Smithsonian Institution from Cuba. The tough hide of the lizards and their primitive nervous system make them difficult to kill with .22-calibre bullets. The snakes are boas which live in caves and whack the bats with their tails.

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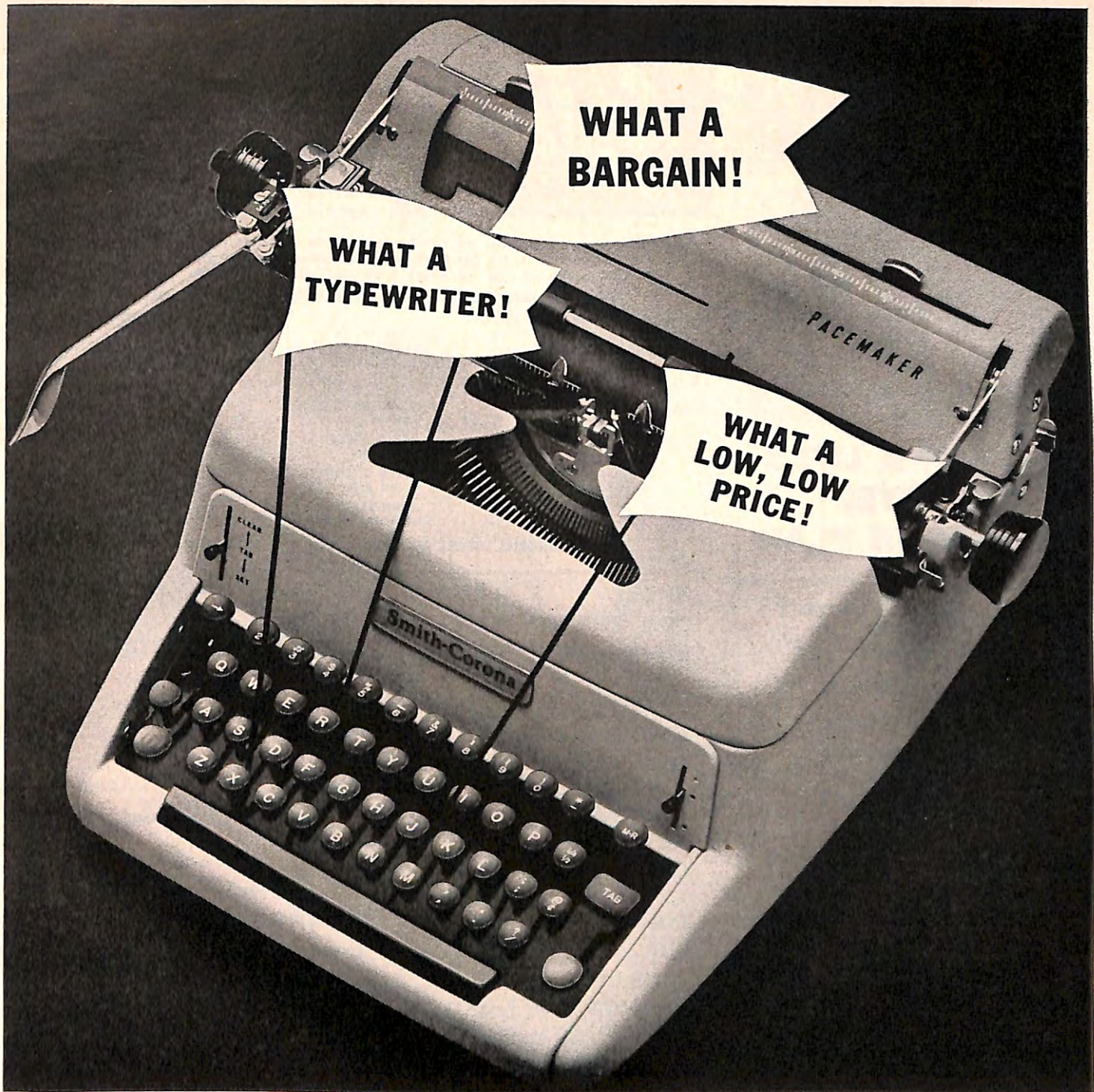
THAT FABULOUS HOPE DIAMOND popped into the news once again when papers printed notice of the death of Cyril J. Smith. He was court appraiser here on precious stones and antiques and once valued the Hope Diamond at \$175,000 when others said it was worth much more. Smith called it a "sullen blue stone of 44 carats with nothing to recommend it except its size, color and notoriety."

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YOU CAN'T MAIL A HORSE but you can send one air express. Post Office Dept. limits handling of live things to bees, day old chicks, ducks, turkeys, and certain small animals and birds and insects which do not require food or water enroute.

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YOUR CITY OF WASHINGTON wants \$210 million for expenses in 1958, of which \$23 million will be a Federal contribution—your money. . . . **LOOKS LIKE ALASKA** will renew its drive for statehood early in January and win. . . . **FAMILY INCOMES** for half the population are more than \$4,800 a year, but seven million families are getting less than \$2,000 a year. . . . **NO TIPSY CHINESE** have ever appeared in the court of Municipal Judge Thomas C. Scalley, he reports. . . . **HIDDEN TAXES** take half the price of a pack of cigarettes, about 90 cents on a quart of liquor and around \$800 on a medium priced auto, Tax Foundation declares. . . . **AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSN.** wants radio channels for use in ambulances and physicians' cars. . . . **OVER IN OLD GEORGETOWN**, where they have a lot of arguments over zoning rules, a protest has been made that a builder is putting up a house on a technical frontage of one foot 10 inches. . . . **HALLELUJAH**—The Washington Presbytery has increased ministers' minimum salaries from \$4,200 to \$4,500 a year.



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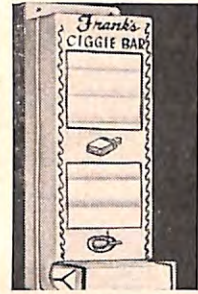
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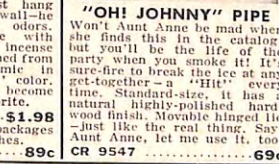
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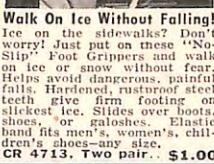
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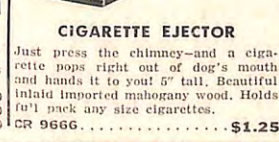
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This Plan covers the Committee's program for the current Grand Lodge year and its contents should be made familiar to every member of the Order.

Included in the Plan are the Committee's decisions in relation to various activities of the Order, several of which will be matters for Award, to be presented at the 1958 Grand Lodge Session. Preceding each event, a letter will be mailed to all Exalted Rulers in ample time for the instructions they contain to be carried out efficiently, and with a minimum of difficulty.

The three events to be given attention during the next few months are the observance of Elk Memorial Sunday, the distribution of Christmas charities and the participation in the Lodge Bulletin Contest.

Chairman Bader has delegated a member of his Committee to handle the work on each of these programs. These Committeemen are to be contacted directly in each instance, and lodge officials are requested NOT to submit any material on these events either to Mr. Bader or The Elks Magazine.

ELK MEMORIAL SUNDAY



On December 1st the Order will again pay tribute to those members who passed away during the year. The Committee invites all lodges to submit full, illustrated reports on their programs for its consideration. The lodges will be divided into two groups—those of more than 750 members and those of less than 750. Three events from each group will be rewarded in the form of a handsome plaque and given coverage in the Magazine.

Reports must be mailed by December 20th to

*Loris A. Winn
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While no competition in this widely known Elk activity is to be conducted this year, the best entries will be publicized in the Magazine and displayed at the Grand Lodge Convention.

Those lodges wishing to have their charitable efforts considered for this representation are asked to submit their reports by January 10th to

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Phantom War

Down on his luck, Bick had been determined to play it safe and had wanted no part of a job as full of risk as this one promised to be.

BY HUGH B. CAVE

HE HAD THAT UNEASY FEELING AGAIN. It came when the man-made sounds of the construction camp subsided and those of the island jungle took over; when the lights went out and black Caribbean night crept down the walls of Janin Gorge.

Tonight the feeling would not leave him, and Bick stood listening at the door of his shack. Listening for what? A stealthy step—whispers—some sort of signal? One or all of those things, perhaps. Or nothing.

Bick had warned Pierre Dejean, in

charge of the work gang, to put an extra watchman on the dam tonight, with the job so nearly finished. But what if Dejean had chosen the wrong man? A peasant worker secretly employed by Jules Marnot would look like any other.

He turned to frown at the alarm clock



The shadow loomed large, moving swiftly. Bick stopped it with a shaft of light and looked over the gun barrel into a face.

Illustrated by FRANK GOLDEN

The night was black as Marnot's heart. A saboteur would love such a night. Eighty men slept within yelling distance, but even the grass-roofed shacks they slept in were invisible. Bick descended to the river and walked upstream, feeling his way around boulders—hard work and slow, but more direct than climbing the canyon wall to the truck road. Just let him see the watchman's lanterns. The feeling would go away then and let him sleep.

Not much water in the river now. Only a dry-season trickle squeezing through the opening in the dam base, like sand through the waist of an hourglass. A month hence, when the drenchings began, the stream would be a thundering torrent. But by then the dam would be ready to contain it, storing the flood for later use in the sugar fields of the valley. Ready in time, despite all the mysterious breakdowns and accidents. . . .

Bick halted. Fifty feet high, the massive arch filled the gorge before him, concrete and steel sheathed in a corset of wooden forms. High on the catwalk the lights winked: glowworms walking an invisible rope across the abyss. He lingered a moment to savor the triumph. *Your dad ought to see this, Donna. You ought to see it.* His own first sight of this mountain wilderness, months before, had made him shudder, he recalled.

Suddenly he held his breath. High above, one of the watchmen had halted to lean over the catwalk railing, the lantern outthrust in space as he peered down. His voice, a sharp challenge, rang through the gorge.

"Who is that? What are you doing down there?"

The answer was abrupt. A flicker of flame at the base of the dam; the unexpected thunder of a revolver shot. The watchman pitched into space like a huge bat with outspread wings. Weirdly the lantern plummeted through the dark, while the walls of the gorge tossed a scream of terror back and forth.

With knots in his stomach, Bick leaped forward.

The explosion came while he was still thirty yards from the barrier, at the very instant when he realized that the man at the base of the dam had slipped past him in the dark and would escape. One sullen blast ripped through the gorge; then a gale of wind between the canyon walls slammed him off his feet.

He fell among boulders, staggered up and fell again when his knees buckled. Fighting oblivion, he heard the land-

slide roar of shattered forms and concrete, his own lonely voice sobbing "No, no!" . . . and that was it.

WHOOEVER did it is a better engineer than either of us," Dejean said with a glum head-shake. "The charge was placed just right to do the most damage." A slender, dark man in his early thirties, he stood wide-legged at Bick's side in the sunlight, scowling up at the jagged gash in the dam. "We're set back three weeks. More, if the workers are scared. Marnot will dance a jig in the capital today."

Bick could find no words. Under a layer of bandage his head throbbed fiendishly where a flying chunk of concrete had laid open his scalp, but the greater ache was inside him.

Dejean was right. When told what had happened—and the telling would be in the form of a report from the saboteur himself, Bick suspected—Jules Marnot would rub his hands in triumph. For Tom Bickford, this was the end.

It was a forlorn business. In the beginning he had wanted no part of a job as full of risk as this one promised to be. Down on his luck, the Bickford Engineering Company all but ruined by a series of misfortunes, he had been determined to play safe and keep out of trouble. Behind him lay six months' work on a mountain road which, in the wink of an eye, had been wiped out by a landslide. Before that, four months of back-breaking toil on a pier and seawall which had been tossed in his teeth, a mass of debris, by the worst tropical hurricane in years.

When bad luck backed a man against the ropes in such fashion he lost more than money. He lost faith in himself. But then, with his mind made up to let Jules Marnot have the Janin Gorge job without a fight, Bick had fallen in love—desperately in love, with Donna Richie.

She was a special kind of girl. He had met her the week after she returned from college in the States, when she came to him to extoll the merits of a new truck her father was importing. Bick knew her father: a big man, admired and respected in his adopted country; a man who had come up the hard way, from nothing. He didn't know the girl. When he saw her that day for the first time, he was breaking ground for a small sisal plant on the city's outskirts—a small, safe job.

Flat on his back under a balky bulldozer, his face puddled with oil, Bick peered up at her. Nice legs, he thought.

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on the homemade table by his cot, his nerves nagged by its noisy ticking. One o'clock. He had to be on the job at day-break, sleep or no, to begin the last pouring of concrete. Beside the clock stood a framed snapshot of a laughing girl in tennis costume. He grinned back at her, but his grin was wry.

"Baby, if that doubting father of yours could see Tom Bickford now . . ."

The grin was short lived. He couldn't just stand here, waiting for something to happen and praying it wouldn't. He took his flashlight and quietly went out.

BIRD OF



The strange little woodcock never does what would be expected.

BY DAN HOLLAND

Illustrated by C. E. MONROE, Jr.

THE woodcock is a surprising bird. He is surprising any way you look at him, which is usually behind him when you are shooting. I think he even surprises himself. At least I never saw one which didn't have a wide-eyed, astonished look on his face.

To start with, the woodcock is an upland game bird—one of the very best—yet by nature he is not an upland bird at all. Instead, he is close kin to the many long-legged, sharp-billed, teeter-tail birds seen scurrying along the edge of beakers at the seashore. Ornithologists classify him in the Order Limicolae, which includes the sandpipers, yellowlegs, curlews, plovers, and even a few fuzzy characters with such unlikely names as knot and stilt; and a shorebird he obviously is. In fact, he is so similar in general appearance to some of these that there is likely a bespectacled bird-watcher or two who

wouldn't know a woodcock from a jack-snipe if he held one in his hand.

The woodcock is a shorebird gone astray. The grandfather of all timber-doodles apparently got tired of having wet feet all the time and took to the hills. He forsook the crowded beaches and big salt marshes for the tangled corners of birch and alder where we find him today.

For another thing, the woodcock is essentially nocturnal, different from either the related shorebirds or his adopted tribe of upland birds. Plus this he is a solitary creature—except when paired off during the spring nesting season—never associating in groups or flocks with others of his kind.

He is a waif, a lonely orphan. He is a ground-loving bird that flies reluctantly and then for a comparatively short distance, seemingly incapable of any prolonged flight; yet somehow,

wandering alone and at night, individuals manage to travel all the way from eastern Canada to Louisiana and back each year.

One of the most surprising things about this strange little bird—again completely out of keeping with either his cousins, the shorebirds, or his associates, the upland birds—is his courting dance and song. A woodcock hunter hearing this performance for the first time wouldn't recognize it as coming from a woodcock; it is so out of character with the bird's appearance and normal behavior.

The courting dance commences in early spring and continues each evening, apparently, as long as the female is setting. The male bird starts his act in a small clearing near the hedgerow or woodlot where his mate sits on her eggs. For a while he struts about pompously, his little tail erect

SURPRISES

and spread and his wings drooping, pausing occasionally to emit a sharp buzz—like the sound of a high-voltage current sparking across a gap—twisting his head abruptly as he does so. After going through these clownish antics for a few moments, he suddenly jumps into the air and spirals high into the evening sky, his wings whistling in the familiar pattern, climbing until he is just a dot far overhead. As he nears the top of this flight, his wing motion—and accompanying whistling sound—becomes interrupted, coming in spurts in ever-increasing tempo; then, suddenly, he turns earthward, letting go all holds, and descends in abrupt, erratic darts from side to side. Now comes the climax, the most unbelievable part of the whole affair. This is the song. The characteristic wing whistle is replaced by a sudden burst of music, filling the evening air with a series of melodic notes, as clear and ringing as

though struck from tiny bells. Then, as suddenly as he departed a minute or two previous, he swoops down and alights gently in the same clearing, in the fading light appearing gnome-like with his owl eyes and false-face bill. Again he struts around awkwardly, giving each buzz everything he has with an emphatic twist of the head, then abruptly takes off again in the same pattern of flight and musical descent. This performance continues until almost dark; then, as though exhausted by all his effort, he squats, his head sunk on his shoulders and his long bill pointed obliquely toward the ground, and goes to sleep.

To anyone familiar with the woodcock in October, this entire show is a contradiction. No one who has hunted him through the autumn hills would believe the woodcock capable of making such dainty music. But that is the essence of this strange little bird, to be

and to do anything but what would normally be expected of him, and that is probably his outstanding quality as a game bird. As surprising as he may be in all these respects, he is never quite so surprising as when he jumps suddenly out of the dry leaves at the hunter's feet and darts off across the alder tops, leaving a couple of hasty and futile shots behind him.

As bird hunters go, I lay claim to being pretty fair on ruffed grouse. Every so often I hit one I shouldn't, and I may even make two or three good shots in a day. Then a woodcock will burst up in my face, go fluttering through the birches and leave me with an empty gun and completely deflated. I know that a woodcock isn't as difficult a target as a ruffed grouse. He doesn't fly as fast or as far, and he doesn't flush as wild—in fact, I've known them to flush so close that they have risen inside the end
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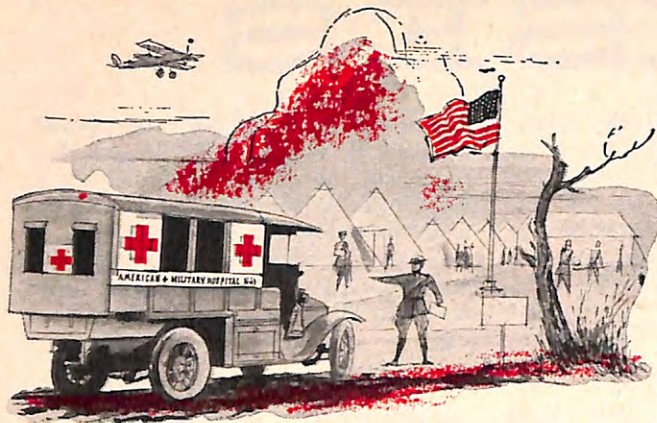
Photo by Dan Holland.



Since he lies tight, the elusive woodcock is ideal game for a good bird dog.

LEST WE FORGET . . .

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11th.



Elks throughout America will join their local veterans organizations in the annual observance of Veterans Day on November 11th. While the nation pauses to reflect upon its great debt to those who bore arms in all wars, it is fitting that Elks recall the early days of their outstanding service to those who served. These were the days before and after the signing of the Armistice of World War I.

First in War

World War I found our government unprepared, in many areas of medical facilities, for battle casualties. The aid of the Order of Elks was sought. As a result the first two field hospitals to arrive on the battlefields of France were made possible by the financial aid of the Elks. They were Base Hospital No. 41 staffed by the University of Virginia, and Base Hospital No. 46 staffed by the University of Oregon.

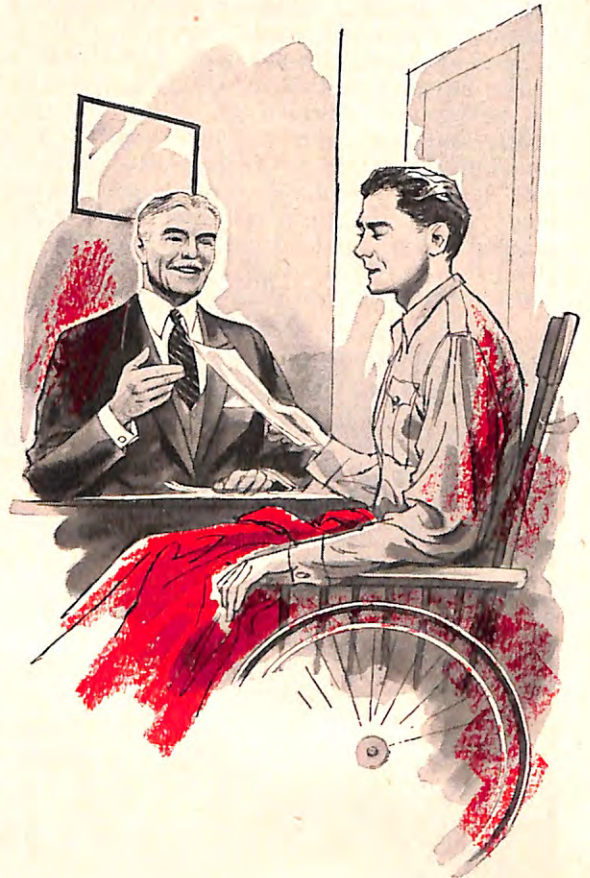
First in Peace

At the end of the war it was discovered that existing Federal hospitals were totally inadequate to care for the unprecedented number of returning maimed, wounded and sick veterans. While the slow process of legislation to correct the situation was in progress, the Order of Elks speedily constructed a 700-bed hospital in Boston and turned it over to the government on November 16, 1918, five days after the bugles called "Cease Firing". Thus, was the first veterans' facility made available after the declaration of the Armistice. It was also the first reconstruction hospital for veterans in the history of our country and it was the forerunner of our present-day Veterans Administration hospitals.

Shortly thereafter our government set up a vocational training program for the rehabilitation of disabled and handicapped veterans. Unfortunately, in the haste to establish these benefits, no provisions were made for the veteran's transportation from his home to the various training centers, nor were finances available for food or lodging while he awaited his first allotment. The Order of Elks immediately set up a \$500,000.00 revolving fund to provide quick loans to tide the veterans over this period. Without this fund many of them would not have been in a position to avail themselves of the training they sought. Legislation ultimately caught up with this deficiency and provided government funds to carry on the program the Elks had instituted. This was the first financial assistance ever offered to veterans in a situation of this kind and could be considered the groundwork for today's "G.I. Loans".

First in the Hearts of All Elks

Space does not permit the detailing of the many and varied services performed by Elks in the interest of our nation's defenders in all wars. Through the years, pages in *The Elks Magazine* have recorded these deeds. It is significant, however, that while the Elks are primarily dedicated to fraternal, civic, youth and charitable endeavors, the veteran who offered his life, if necessary, for his country will always be "FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF ALL ELKS".



A Message

OUR MAJOR PROJECT for Elkdom's 90th Year is a planned and comprehensive indoctrination of new members. Briefly and frankly, it means selling Elkdom to Elks. Primarily directed at new members at the time of their initiation, its beneficial results will spread to our entire membership.

Let's face the facts. Fact No. 1: The Order of Elks has for many years enjoyed a substantial net gain in membership, but this net gain could be so much larger were it not for losing the members who drop out each year, not because they lost interest, but because they never acquired the interest that sparks the rest of us. Fact No. 2: The working Elks, the devoted and dedicated members who give so much to Elkdom, represent only a small percentage of our total membership. The significant fact is that this interest and devotion that spark our working Elks were acquired by them some time after initiation, and often by accident or coincidence. Let's give this interest and devotion to all of our members, at the time of initiation, and by plan. That, in substance, is indoctrination. Of course, we will always have some members only occasionally participating in any program or activity, social or otherwise; but if we can make more working Elks, then the good works of Elkdom will be increased in direct proportion. Let's share what we have found with our own Brothers who have not yet found it.

I am not suggesting any departure from our initiation ritual. Ours is a beautiful ritual and I love it, but a fraternal organization must have much more than a ritual to hold its members. The Order of Elks has much more, but we have too long left it to chance for our members to find out. How can we expect our members to endorse the Elks National Foundation until it has been explained or, better yet, graphically demonstrated with the youth who received the scholarship, or the crippled child who was made to walk again? How can you expect your members to know about your Boy Scout troop, your youth program, your bowling team or your pinochle tournament unless they are told about it? How can you expect your new members to attend your next meeting if you don't tell them when it will be and how easy it is for them to gain admission?

A planned indoctrination of new members will answer all of these questions and many more. Let's make it easy for our new members to join with us in full measure from the very first. The applicant for membership has made the initial move, and we fail in our duty to him and to our Order if we do not demonstrate to him why it is that we so proudly say that ELKDOM'S RECORD is indeed AMERICA'S REWARD.

Already I have seen indoctrination in action. The response to this program has been truly remarkable, which simply proves that indoctrination supplies a need that we have too long neglected. Through indoctrination, Elkdom continues its march toward wider horizons and another banner year.



*from the
Grand
Exalted
Ruler*

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. H. Pennington".

GRAND EXALTED RULER

News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS



Above: His official hosts point out to Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, center foreground, various items on the agenda for the Pennsylvania Elks Assn. Convention. Left to right, standing, are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, retiring State Pres. A. Lewis Heisey and Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Convention Chairman.

Below: The Order's leader, second from left, presents a \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship and a Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn. \$400 award to William Sytek. At left is E.R. William T. Belt of Washington, D. C., Lodge and, right, Past Pres. Claude S. Martin.



Youth Interest Tops in Pennsylvania

The 1,500 delegates to the Pennsylvania Elks Assn. Convention in Pittsburgh placed the accent on youth, in whose behalf they have distributed over

200 scholarships at an estimated cost this year of \$100,000.

Speaking on several occasions during the four-day meeting which opened August 17th, Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge stressed the importance of the Order's youth activities. He gave high praise to the various programs of

the Elks of the Keystone State which, according to newly elected Pres. John S. Buchanan of Bedford Lodge, former Chairman of the Assn.'s Youth Activities Committee, have kept some 50,000 youngsters of the State busy and interested in worthwhile projects.

Formal festivities began on the evening of the 18th, with Grand Secy. L. A. Donaldson of Etna Lodge, Convention Committee Chairman, holding sway as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by a fine musical aggregation from Butler Lodge. Mayor David L. Lawrence extended the city's welcome, preceding informal talks by Mr. Blackledge and retiring Pres. A. Lewis Heisey.

Mayor Lawrence spoke again at the opening business session the next day, as did the Grand Exalted Ruler. At noon about 30 young students, recipients of State scholarships, and their parents were guests at a special luncheon with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis as a gracious host.

On the morning of the 20th, the annual Memorial Services were conducted by P.E.R. James A. Ellis of Carnegie Lodge with the Franklin Elks' Chorus supplying a musical background. Following the Service, Judge Benjamin Lencher spoke briefly.



Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge is welcomed to Chattanooga for the Tennessee Elks Assn. Meeting by, left to right, host Elks Ken Early, Jr., P.D.D. A. M. Day, Jr., and Secy. and State Assn. Treas. Ken Stevenson, Special Deputy S. J. Elkins, Grand Est. Loyal Knight Edward W. McCabe, retiring State Pres. Henry W. Beaudoin, P.D.D. Ben L. Talley, Pres.-elect George H. Dykes, D.D. George McNamee, and Chattanooga Elks P.E.R. D. L. Hill and Reception Committeeman John F. Crox, Jr.

A round of social activities had the annual President's Ball as a climax, and at the closing business session, Mr. Buchanan and the following officers were installed: Vice-Pres. S. Paul Seeders of Pottstown, Treas. W. E. Whitacre of Kittanning and Trustee Boyd W. Adams of Butler. Wilbur G. Warner of Lehigh is the Assn.'s new Secy., succeeding W. S. Gould of Scranton who retired at this session, after having served the organization capably for 41 years.

The 1958 Meeting is to take place in Harrisburg.

West Virginia Elks

Meet at Clarksburg

The hospitable Elks of Clarksburg were hosts to about 850 delegates and guests on Aug. 22nd, 23rd and 24th for the Convention of the West Virginia Elks Assn. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, Grand Trustee Dewey E. S. Kuhns and ten former State Assn. Presidents were on hand, with Mr. Kepner and Mr. Kuhns the principal speakers at the Assn. Banquet attended by about 150 persons.

W. Don Morris of Huntington, where the 1958 Meeting will be held, was elected to succeed Wm. H. Craze as Pres. of this organization, with Louis A. Maxwell of Sistersville, George W. May of Fairmont and W. Grady Carper of Princeton as Vice-Presidents. Garnett W. Shipley of Martinsburg was re-elected Secy. and Wm. F. Cook of Princeton will continue his duties as Treasurer. S. O. Stover of Elkins Lodge, was named a five-year Trustee, serving with P. K. Berwinkle, Weirton; Nelson Clarke, Martinsburg; L. E. Pruett, Beckley, and G. J. Jones, Wheeling.

Reports on the Assn.'s third year of Crippled Children's Camp sponsorship revealed an increase in each camp. At an open meeting, two of the youngsters, both nine-year-old polio victims, sang several selections for an appreciative audience. The Assn.'s four Veterans Service Committees are continuing their excellent work in the Hospitals of the State, and both the Scholarship and Youth Leadership Contests were highly successful this year. The winners in these competitions were guests at the open meeting, receiving their awards and hearing an address by Mr. Kepner.

Order's Leader Joins

Md., Del., D. C. Elks

The delegates to the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Assn. Convention at their four-day meeting opening Aug. 15th in Washington elected Lloyd B. Pahlman of Easton as their new Pres. Vice-Presidents are H. E. Thomas, Cumberland, B. L. Stanley, Annapolis, and William Z. Sturgis,



Dignitaries on hand for the Virginia Elks Assn. Session at Roanoke included, left to right, foreground, retiring Pres. Kenneth V. Brugh, Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge, Mayor W. L. Young and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker; second row: host E.R. A. A. Garland, Jr., State Assn. Chaplain V. K. Pifer, D.D. Worth Martin, State Assn. Treas. D. S. McClarin; third row: State Trustees W. E. Barrick and C. D. Fox, Jr., Pres.-elect E. L. Curtin, Secy. C. F. Curtice, 1st Vice-Pres. P. R. Graves, Trustee Joseph Marcus, 2nd Vice-Pres. P. S. Johnson and Trustee F. J. Howard.

Salisbury; R. Edward Dove, a member of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, continues as Secy.; J. G. Motyka of the host lodge is Treas.; H. L. Patterson, Essex, Sgt.-at-Arms; W. A. Goodman, Prince George's County, Tiler, and C. W. Miller, Hagerstown, Chaplain. Trustees are Daniel T. Witts, Towson; C. A. Kreatchman, Baltimore; Arthur Mason, Frederick; James J. Raughley, Easton; L. A. Myers, Salisbury; C. S. Martin, Washington; Alton Jacob, Wilmington, and J. P. Quick, Washington.

In the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Michael N. Byrne received a \$100 Bond as Youth Leader, and William Sytek received two

scholarship awards totaling \$900. On this occasion, retiring State Pres. C. S. Martin presented certificates to 34 Elks and three non-members for their fine work at the Assn.'s Camp Barrett. Mr. Martin was himself cited for his own splendid efforts on behalf of this camp, where 525 boys enjoyed a vacation period in 1957, the second year of its operation. Three houses have been built for sleeping quarters, in addition to a large combined kitchen and dining room. A Boy Scout Troop has also erected a building there where they hold their meetings all year long.

Next August, Frederick Elklodm will be host to the Assn., with regional meetings to take place at Hagerstown in January, Crisfield in April and Salisbury in June. Host P.E.R. George E. Strong was the speaker at the Memorial Services, and John E. Lynch of Washington was elected Pres. of the Past Presidents Club, with A. Guy Miller of Annapolis as Secy.-Treas.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE		
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Seasonal Conference		

Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge, right, praised the Scholarship and Youth display at the Fall Conference of his State Assn. at McCook, Neb., Lodge which also dedicated its fine new home at that time. The display was conceived and arranged by Bernard Dougherty of Scottsbluff, left, Chairman of the State Scholarship Committee which is aiming for the 100 per cent participation of Nebraska's lodges in Scholarship and Youth Activities for the current Grand Lodge year.



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.

OBSERVE THE OPPORTUNITY—Blackledge Urges Increased Support of Girl Scouts



TO MY BROTHER ELKS:

SINCE WORLD WAR II, our country's youth population has increased tremendously, and will continue to increase at an even greater rate for years to come. In addition to the problem created by sheer numbers, the pressures and confusions of this post-war period make more difficult the task of giving our youth sound development. It was never more necessary that we do all within our power to help young people through the vitally important formative years.

The Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. are doing their best to meet this challenge. Today, more than two million girls are being trained to be better citizens through the Girl Scout program with its emphasis on the development of resourceful individuals imbued with the highest moral principles and a desire to serve. But what about the other 12 million girls in the Girl Scout age group who now are denied the advantages of Scouting? They, too, need the guidance, the leadership, the training in democratic living that would help them to shape their futures; but they can never have these advantages unless we give the Girl Scouts the resources enabling them to reach these other millions of girls.

Many Elks lodges already are strong supporters of the Girl Scouts. They sponsor troops, give financial support, supply leadership and in many other ways are helping thousands of girls to grow up to be the kind of women who will build better than they found. Every Elks lodge has this same opportunity to make a similar contribution to America's future by supporting the Girl Scouts. I earnestly hope, and I strongly urge, that our lodges act now to make the Girl Scout program an integral part of their youth activities. Consult the local Girl Scout organization and find out how your lodge can best contribute to a program that is doing such a wonderful job of youth development. Let us observe the opportunity to the utmost in Elkdom's 90th Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
H. L. Blackledge
Grand Exalted Ruler



Preparing girls to be useful, informed citizens is a major aim of Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts learn how to handle voting machines, then give demonstrations as part of community service activities.



Learning by doing helps train Girl Scouts to become resourceful and capable individuals. Here Brownies develop practical skills in the Girl Scouts' Home-making program.



Shower building built by Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge No. 154 last spring at Molly Lauman Camp for Girl Scouts is typical of the way in which nearly 400 Elks lodges are backing the Girl Scout program as part of the Order's youth activities.

Lodge Visits of H. L. Blackledge

ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge arrived in New York City. That noon he was at the Commodore Hotel at luncheon at which about 125 were in attendance. This was the Annual Downstate Conference with Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the Southeast, East and East Central Districts. Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall presided, and, following an address by Mr. Blackledge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan spoke to the gathering. Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson and William J. Jernick were in attendance, as were State President Frank McBride, Judiciary Committee member Frank O'Connor, Chairman State Associations Committee James Gunn and Past State Presidents William Edelmuth and Frank Fitzpatrick.

The following day Mr. Blackledge was at Oneida Lodge for the 23rd An-
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On hand at the banquet given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor by the Eastern Virginia Elks at the Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point Comfort on August 14th, were from left: Robert S. Taylor, Exalted Ruler, Onancock; Hamilton H. Hughes, Exalted Ruler, Hampton; W. L. Dean, Jr., Exalted Ruler, Portsmouth; (Mr. Blackledge), Worth Martin, District Deputy; Perry E. Turner, Exalted Ruler, Suffolk and Arthur F. Eisenman, Jr., Exalted Ruler, Newport News.



When Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge visited Grafton, W. Va., Lodge in August, with him as he came up the steps of the lodge were left, Exalted Ruler John L. Linn, and right, Exalted Ruler D. L. Gallagher, Morgantown, W. Va., Lodge.




During his extended tour of Wyoming lodges in August, as reported in our October issue, Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge stopped at Greybull for breakfast and was greeted by Past Exalted Ruler Gerald W. Williams, left, with Exalted Ruler Dr. J. J. Coyne, center, looking on.



"Elk of the Year" award is presented to Brother Edward A. McErlean of Hampton, Va., Lodge, during a banquet at Hotel Chamberlin on August 14th, when Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge made his official visit to the six lodges of the Virginia Southeastern section. M. J. Brennan (right) PER of Hampton Lodge, assists in making the award.



On September 15th the Grand Exalted Ruler was at Oneida, N. Y., for the annual Upstate Conference of the New York State Elks, and with him were from left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, (Mr. Blackledge), Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall and former Chairman Board of Grand Trustees Ronald J. Dunn, a member of Oneida Lodge.



for Elks who TRAVEL

Follow the summer down to South America.

BY HORACE SUTTON

ANYBODY who isn't very partial to winter can follow the summer down to South America, where it most certainly—if things go the way they've been going the past few eons—will be in residence during December, January and February. I am not referring, for the nonce, to that portion of the continent washed by the bathtub warm waters of the Caribbean Sea, for those lands are warm around the calendar.

But take Brazil, for instance, or Argentina or Chile. You can go skiing a couple of hours out of Santiago of an August morning, so there is no reason, really, why you can't come up with a dandy suntan on a February afternoon.

The funland of the whole continent is Rio de Janeiro, a city which is divided into a business end and a play area. Six miles separate the two quarters and to reach one from the other requires a fast ride—a cab will take you for about half a dollar—through shiny tunnels that have been dug under the hills. Much cheaper than the cabs are Rio's *bondes*, or streetcars, which will take you halfway to Ecuador for about three cents. Two places of prime visitor interest the trolleys do visit are Sugar

Loaf Mountain and the Corcovado. It takes two cable cars to get up the Sugar Loaf. There is a magnificent view from the top of the complicated harbor of Rio de Janeiro. It takes a cog railway to bring you to Corcovado, site of a massive statue of Christ.

Hotels and apartment houses line the seaside road at Copacabana the way they line the beachfront in Miami Beach, with the exception that here in Brazil the sea can be seen from the roadway.

Precious stones are the best buys in Brazil, and you can find a dazzling array of aquamarines, tourmalines, amethyst and topaz. Many shopkeepers have them stuffed in their pockets. Tourists like to bring back the carved hands, called *figas*, symbols of luck and fertility. The oddity shops carry brilliant blue butterflies trapped by Brazilian farmers, and huge snake skins from the jungles of the Amazon. Temperature in December, January, February and March: low of 71, high of 83, average of 77.

Buenos Aires is a serious minded big city, beautiful as Paris is beautiful, and to any American from the northern con-

Illustrated by TOM HILL



continent, a complete surprise that anything as magnificent and urbane flourishes so far from home without attracting a horde of visitors. Buenos Aires's Avenida 9 de Julio is almost wide enough for a pair of football fields placed end to end. There are great monuments and green parks where the Portenos play polo. There is a subway and elegant hotels like the Plaza where you might indeed run into a Spanish speaking, brogue wearing, Irish chambermaid born in Argentina.

There are two great buys in Argentina: steak and alligator handbags. I have never forgotten a steak dinner for four in Buenos Aires, wine included, when the bill came to just over \$5. I think of it tearfully when visiting New York's steak houses where you can't even get one steak for \$5 *without* the wine. Alligator bags are sold in a variety of shops, particularly along the Florida, a shopping center which during the morning shopping hours is closed to traffic.

After eating a steak and buying a bag, it is time to branch out daringly and eat an empanada, which is a meat pie you eat with the fingers; chorizo, a frankfurter souped up with spices; or puchero de gallina which is chicken, sausages, corn, potatoes and squash cooked in a stew. Thus fortified you can return to the shopping areas and look for such secondary buys as nutria

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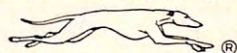


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TOTAL ELK MEMBERSHIP 203, WHICH REPRESENTS 46.6 PER CENT OF THE HOUSE.

News

OF THE LODGES



The officers of Fairbury, Neb., Lodge are pictured in the foreground, with the members of class they initiated as a part of the celebration of the dedication of their new \$175,000 home.

Pasco, Wash., Lodge Adds 247 Members

What is believed to be one of the largest classes ever initiated into the Order became affiliated with Pasco Lodge No. 1730 in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge.

Sparked by Membership Committee Chairman Fred Miller, the class had 13 additional candidates who were unable to be present for the initiation ceremony, performed by E.R. Larry Bradley and his officers without a flaw.

Welcoming addresses were delivered by D.D. James Leavy and State Association President Judge Felix Rea

and Vice-President Walter Hagerman.

Pasco Elkdom is made up principally of citizens of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco. Chartered in 1947, No. 1730's home was dedicated in 1948 by President Harry S. Truman.

Fairbury, Neb., Lodge Home Dedicated

Over 300 persons attended the formal ceremonies dedicating the fine new home of Fairbury Lodge No. 1203. The program was opened by the officers of Beatrice Lodge which sponsored No. 1203 when it was instituted in 1910, and a class of 39 was initiated by Lin-

coln Elk officials. The dedication was conducted by leaders of Kearney Elkdom, with Gov. Victor Anderson, a Lincoln Elk, and P.E.R. Frank M. Rain as principal speakers. Mr. Rain is the son of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain who was Fairbury Lodge's first Exalted Ruler.

E.R. C. L. Lindersmith and his fellow Elks were hosts to 350 persons at a banquet celebrating the building's completion. Erected under the aegis of a Committee headed by Harry M. Stearns, the \$175,000 one-story structure of steel, concrete, brick and tile is handsomely decorated and fully air-conditioned and boasts a complete communication and loud-speaker system.

Bismarck, N. D., Elks Welcome Governor's Class

When E.R. Emil W. Martin and his fellow officers of Bismarck Lodge No. 1199 initiated 47 candidates at a gala ceremony recently, not only was the group named in honor of Gov. John E. Davis, but the State's Chief Executive was one of the candidates.

Several of the initiates, 13 of them to be exact, came from the Governor's former neighborhood of McClusky, N. D.

Visiting Elks from Mandan, Dickinson, Valley City and Fargo were on hand to welcome the group and join them at the dinner which preceded the ceremony.

In the address he made that evening, the Governor, who participated ac-



Above: A new approach to the blood donation program has been initiated by Walnut Creek, Calif., Lodge under the leadership of E.R. C. Terence Ring. A "Blood Typing Party" was held at the lodge home when blood types of more than 100 Elks and their wives were catalogued. Now, when local hospitals need blood donors, they may contact Chairman Stan Schaffer, standing at left center, who then calls upon the Elks according to the blood type required. This photograph was taken as technicians from Walnut Creek Laboratories and Kaiser Foundation Hospital typed the Elks and their guests.

Below: Leaders of eight lodges of the New York City and Long Island area pause for a photograph during the annual interlodge picnic at which Great Neck Lodge was host. Left to right: E.R. Leo Perk, Jr., of Elmont Lodge; D.D. George L. Varjan of Bronx Lodge; E.R. James E. Gowdy of Queens Borough Lodge; Glen Cove E.R. Kermit H. Toelke; host E.R. John Stuart-Menzies and P.E.R. Richard E. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements; E.R. Peter T. Affatato of Levittown Lodge and Hempstead E.R. Robert G. Gregory.





When the officers of Meadville, Pa., Lodge initiated a recent class of 36, among the candidates were the brothers of two lodge officials, and a father and his son. Left to right are Norman Wescott; his brother Est. Loyal Knight Walter W. Wescott; D.D. William Brooks; E.R. Harry E. Randall; his brother, Edwin J. Randall, and Richard Freyermuth and his father, a fellow initiate, Arden Freyermuth.



John O'Connor of Troy, fourth from left, accepts the New York State Elks Junior Golf Championship trophy for the 15-to-18 age group from State Youth Activities Committee Chairman James B. Hanlon. Others are, left to right, Chairman Primo Montafia of Kingston Lodge which was host for the contest, Mary Maccaline of Port Jervis who won the girls' senior crown and Jerry Sedlik, runner-up in the boys' contest.

tively in the lodge's Youth Day program last May, spoke highly of the officers' rendition of the ritual, and expressed his desire to contribute to some of the lodge's many fine activities.

Catskill, N. Y., *Elk Loan Is Repaid*

Sixteen years ago, Catskill Lodge No. 1341 made a \$100 scholarship loan to 19-year-old Arthur Cooley. He used the money to help complete his college studies at Drew Seminary and promised to return the loan when he was able.

A short time ago, the money came back to the Catskill Elks, with a letter of appreciation from the young man, now pastor of Watson Memorial Church at Chatham, Va. The lodge reports that the repaid loan will be set up in a revolving scholarship fund.



During the past summer, the home of Saginaw, Mich., Lodge was a busy place, particularly on Wednesdays when the teen-aged children of members of the lodge, and their guests, danced to music provided by a well known disc jockey and broadcast over radio station WSAM. Elks and their wives served as soda-pop dispensers and chaperones for the popular activity. The first dance saw 190 teen-agers on hand; the last event attracted 629 youngsters. A total of 4,363 girls and boys participated in the 12-week program during which many prizes were awarded.



Gov. John E. Davis of North Dakota was a member of the 47-man class, background, initiated in his honor by E.R. Emil Martin and his Bismarck Elk officers. In the foreground, left to right, are Organist Mel Thorson, Inner Guard Chet Weingarten, P.E.R. Henry Flohr, Est.

Loyal Knight Ed McCrorie, Past State Pres. Jack Heimes, D.D. Walter Stein, Gov. Davis, E.R. Martin, State Highway Commissioner A. W. Weniz, Past State Pres. W. F. Kunz, Est. Lead. Knight Burt Olson, Secy.-Mgr. Franklin Roberts, Chaplain George Middaugh and Esq. Willard Yule.

LODGE NOTES

Since Allen Goldberg became E.R. of Miami Beach, Fla., Lodge its membership has increased by 300. During the past year, this lodge led the State in Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home Trust Fund certificates, and has enlarged its program to include bowling, baseball, football and golf. A \$135,000 addition to its home has just been completed—all of which adds up to a banner year.

Riverton, Wyo., Elks are in a state of happy suspense. When drilling to test footings on the site of their proposed new building revealed natural oil 17 feet down, the company handling the work brought in a seismograph unit to determine the exact nature of the earth's composition there. Speculation is running high among the membership on the outcome of these tests.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Lodge is mourning 76-year-old William Rifkin. Initiated in 1908, Mr. Rifkin was serving his 38th consecutive term as lodge Treas. Deeply respected in his community, this outstanding Elk had been honored by nearly 600 friends at a dinner marking his 35th Anniversary as Treas., and a year later was again honored at a surprise dinner given by the lodge. He is survived by his wife, three brothers, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

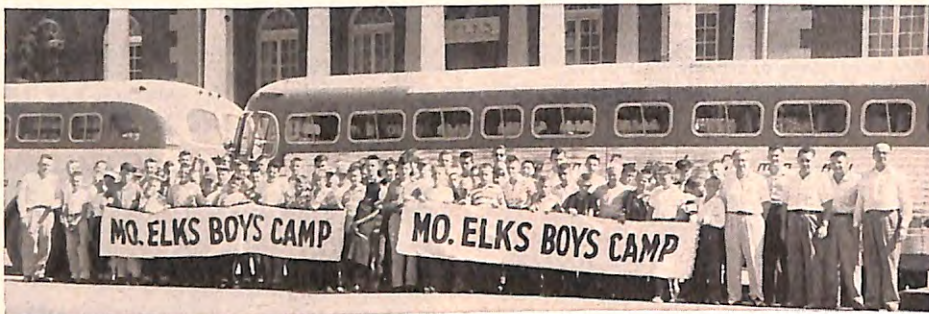
When Fred L. Bohn visited Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge as Grand Exalted Ruler, he met the only all-P.E.R.'s law firm he'd encountered during his travels. All three members of the firm, Thomas G. Roach, J. Robert Smolenski and Edward L. Twohey, are active in both lodge and State Association affairs.

While E.R. George Zimmer of Allegheny, Pa., Lodge was in San Francisco for the Grand Lodge Convention, he presented an Honorary Life Membership pin to Paul J. Staunton, one of Allegheny Lodge's two surviving Charter Members. At 89 years of age, Mr. Staunton has seen 61 years in Elkdom and is still an active and interested member. His son, R. W. Staunton, Sr., is affiliated with San Diego, Calif., Lodge.

Under the direction of James M. Kelley, 150 Cambridge, Mass., Elks enjoyed a moonlight dance cruise aboard the M.V. Boston Belle, sailing through Boston Harbor to music and entertainment provided by Baron Hugo and his orchestra.



These candidates were initiated into Lawrence, Mass., Lodge as a tribute to William A. Sullivan, Trustee of the lodge for 31 years. Class leaders were James C. Halloran and John M. Donovan, 21-year-old sons of veteran Elks Arthur N. Halloran and Louis M. Donovan.



Some of the 125 less-chance boys sent to the Missouri Elks Assn.'s Boys Camp for a two-week vacation this summer were pictured with a few of their sponsors. At the extreme left is Co-Chairman Curt Wiggins; the group of five Elks at the right, reading from left to right, are Grand Lodge Committeeman Guy D. Moore who has been Chairman of this project since its inception in 1947, Chaplain William DeFrieze of Joplin Lodge, State Assn. Vice-Pres.-at-Large Clyde Ellis, and Tom Crim and E.R. Edward L. Weber of Joplin Lodge.



These officials of Texarkana Lodge won the Ritualistic title for Arkansas for the third time this year, gaining permanent possession of the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James Trophy.



Over 150 boys attended the Fifth Annual Junior Golf Tournament Dinner sponsored by Salem, Mass., Lodge when prominent Elk officials were on hand. Left to right, foreground, are State Pres. Dr. William Maguire, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Salem Lodge's Youth Activities Chairman Patrick Murphy who directed the Tournament, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, E.R. R. J. Nicol and former Grand Lodge Committee Chairman George Steele. Standing: Trustee Henry Marciak, Chaplain A. H. Little, P.E.R. Henry Quirk, Treas. John McDonald, Est. Lead. Knight John Grace, Esq. Roscoe Cole and P.E.R. Albert Rikkola, Chairman of the N.E. Dist. Elks Youth Committee.



Above: P.D.D. Thomas E. Mallem, left, presents the charter for Southside Jacksonville, Fla., Lodge, No. 2014, to E.R. Wm. T. Doro as State New Lodges Committee Chairman Edmund Simon looks on.



Above: These youngsters took first, second and third place honors in various events in the second annual Swim Meet sponsored for children between the ages of 7 and 18 by Huntington, N. Y., Lodge. On behalf of his lodge, Town Supervisor Joseph W. Cermak, right, presented thirty trophies to these winners. At left, background, is E.R. Chester L. Murray.



San Antonio, Tex., Lodge's hard-working Youth Activities Committee which sponsors many educational, social and sports programs, joined with E.R. L. F. Langwell and Est. Lect. Knight D. G. Slaten and his Committee to present a Teen-agers Dance. Held at the lodge home early in September, it celebrated the return to school of the Elks' teen-aged sons and daughters.

spectively, while the Girls Small Fry competition was won by Marlene Gill who was backed by members of the host lodge.

Following the tournament, the 100 contestants were guests of the Binghamton Elks' Youth Activities Committee at a buffet dinner at the lodge home, when Chairman Sheehan promised an even bigger and better contest next year. N. Y. State Elks Youth Activities Chairman James B. Hanlon was on hand to congratulate the Binghamton Elks on the outstanding job they did in handling this very worthwhile project, and John J. Burns, assistant to Binghamton's mayor, extended an official welcome to the youngsters.

The competition was held under the direction of nationally known baton director and instructor, John Smetzler.

Batons Wave at Binghamton, N. Y.

The first Elks National Baton Twirling Contest was an unqualified success. Held in Binghamton under the aegis of the Youth Activities Committee of that lodge, headed by John W. Sheehan, the competition was open only to contestants sponsored by Elks lodges.

Two youngsters who flashed their batons for Trenton, N. J., Elksdom cap-

tured the titles in their divisions—Sharon DeAngelo, Girls Juvenile Champion, and Philip DeAngelo, Boys Junior titlist. Jack Crum, sponsored by Kissimmee, Fla., Lodge, winner of the Senior Boys championship in the National Open, took the trophy for having traveled the greatest distance to compete in the Elk affair.

Judy Backer from Norwalk, Conn., and Judy Delp from Butler, Pa., won the Girls Senior and Junior awards, re-



Above: E.R. W. Bruce Ellsworth of Corry, Pa., Lodge, second from left, presents \$200 checks to Robert Tunnell, Jr., center, and Miss Marjorie McKeeta, awards made annually by the lodge. At far right is James Watson who received his second consecutive \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship; at left is former Dist. Pres. Donald Nantes.

Below: Photographed at the Clinic at Danville, Va., Lodge by D.D. Geo. A. Myers, Jr., were, left to right, seated, P.E.R. and Treas. C. A. Prescott, E.R. E. E. Gatewood and D.D. Myers, all of Danville, and State Pres. Paul S. Johnson; standing, Roanoke E.R. A. F. Suiter and Secy. C. W. Wilcox; E.R. F. S. Hermann of Martinsville; E.R. E. W. Mays, Secy. C. W. Golladay, R. O. Pullen and H. Rankin of Clifton Forge; P.E.R. H. W. Mead, D. E. Irvin and E.R. J. C. McKee of Lynchburg, and S. N. Shaip and Secy. L. A. Womack of Danville.





At the initiation of Billy Asbury, right, into Elberton, Ga., Lodge, his father and brothers played top roles. His brother Gene, left, served as Est. Loyal Knight; his father, P.E.R. J. Stewart Asbury, second from left, as E.R., and his brother, P.E.R. James Asbury, as Lect. Knight.



Photographed when Lowell, Mass., Lodge's two annual \$400 Scholarship Awards were presented were, left to right, Treas. J. R. Harrington, Secy. F. V. Redding, student Jean M. Liston, Committee Chairman W. J. Markham, E.R. C. D. Slattery and student J. J. MacLaughlan, Jr.



Left: When Endicott, N. Y., Lodge's 1957-58 E.R., John E. McTamney, Jr., was installed, his father, a P.E.R. of Owego, N. Y., Lodge, participated in the ceremony. Left to right are retiring E.R. Paul F. Koot, E.R. McTamney, his father and P.D.D. Leroy B. Coe, the installing officer.



Above: Ephraim L. Henault, left, was pictured with E.R. H. T. Finn who joined 50 Fitchburg, Mass., Elks and their wives in celebrating Mr. Henault's 75th birthday and 25th anniversary as lodge Organist. P.E.R.'s Bernard D. Ward and M. J. Kittredge, and Mr. Henault's son, Est. Lect. Knight Albert Henault, spoke.



Above: Each year, Reading, Pa., Lodge cooperates with the Berks County Golfers Assn. when it plays host to the caddies from various country clubs of the county. On "Caddie Day" the young men play in their own tournament, after which they are guests of the Elks at a dinner when prizes are awarded. This photograph was taken at the 1957 banquet.



Right: Allegheny, Pa., Lodge had these children from the Protestant Home as their guests at the 1957 Police Circus. This event will be held annually by the lodge, for girls and boys from a different orphanage each year.

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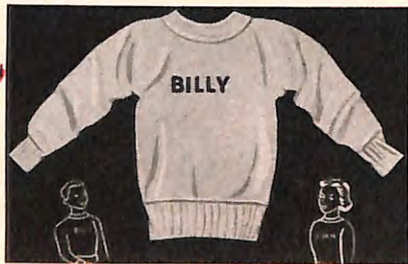
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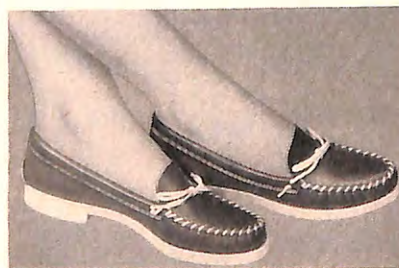
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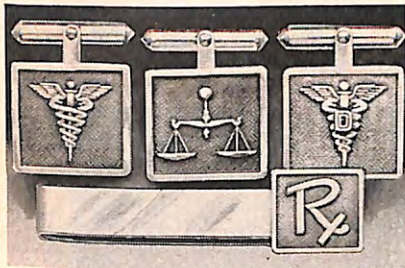


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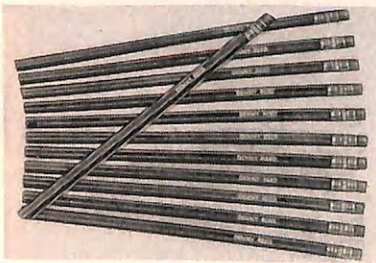
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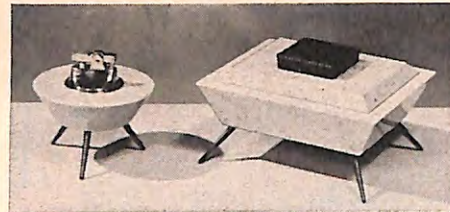
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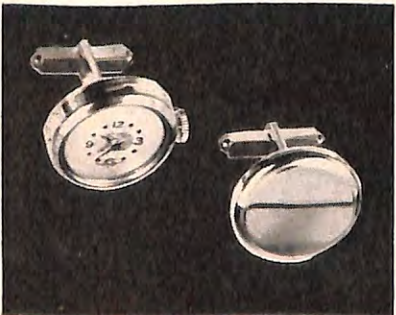
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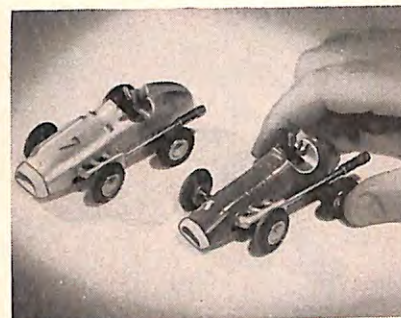


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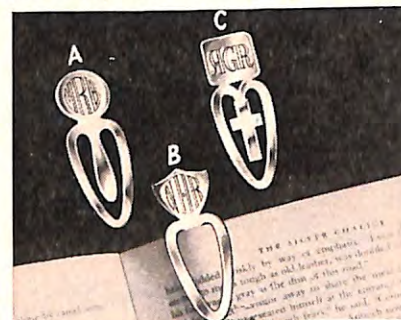
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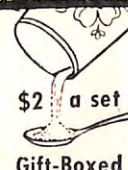


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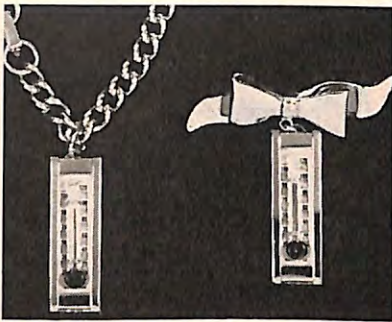


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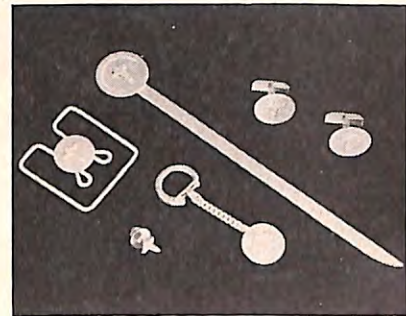
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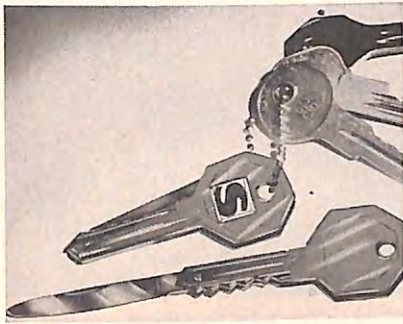
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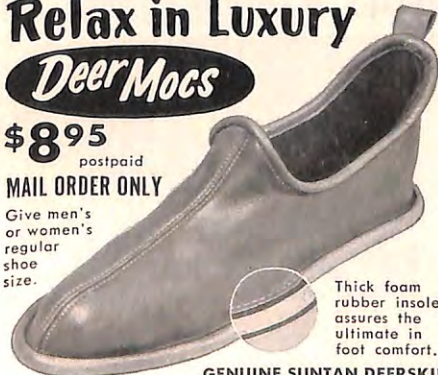
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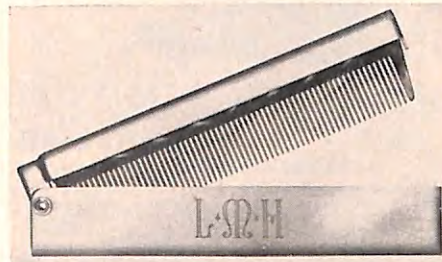
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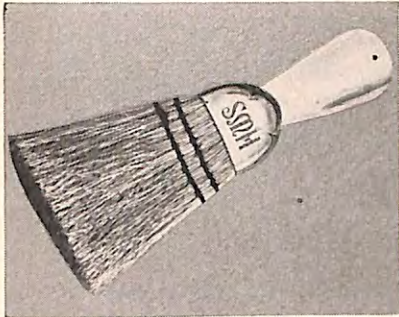
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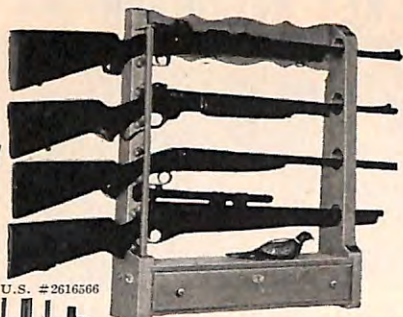
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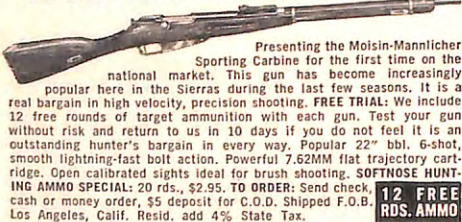
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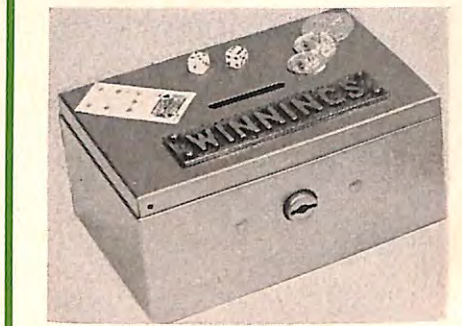
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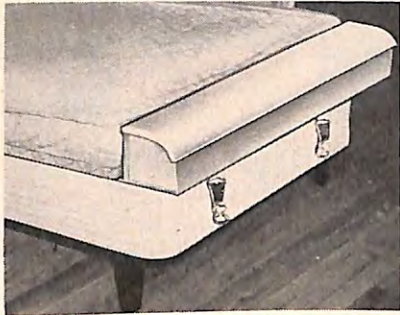
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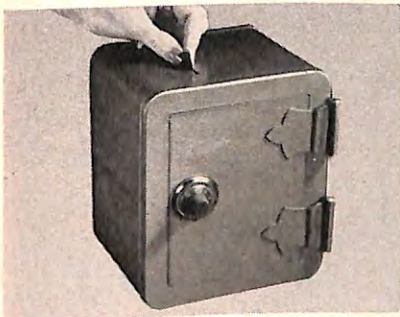


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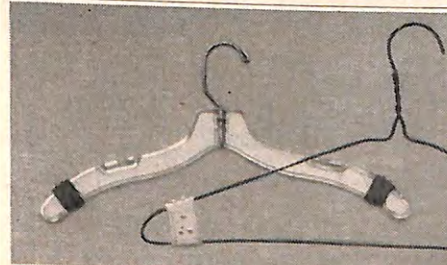
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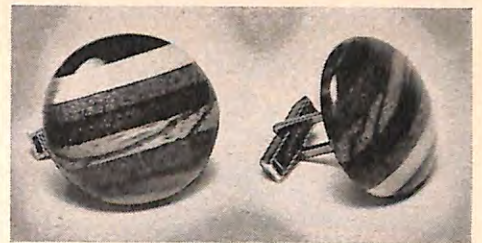
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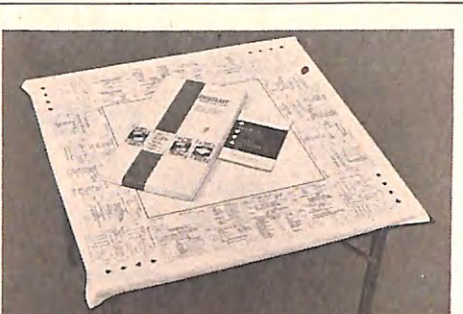
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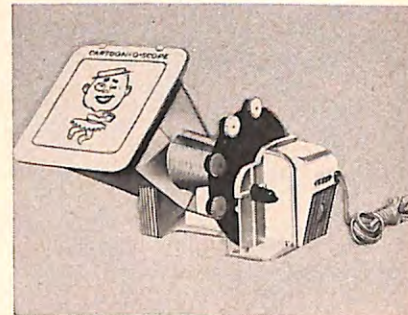
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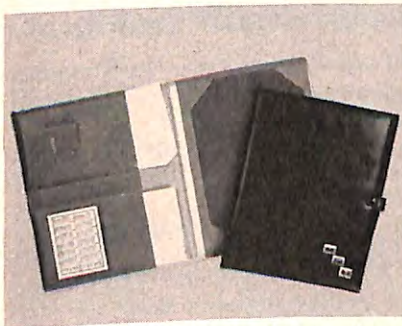
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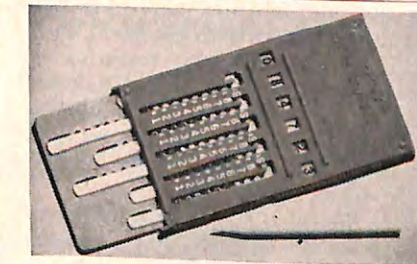


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One of the gratifying aspects in the “Joy of Giving” is the reaction of those who benefit from the grants and donations and who in other ways have been brought in contact with the good works of Elksdom through the work of the Foundation. The spirit of gratitude and hope for fulfillment of their ambitions are reflected in the many letters, received by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman.

From Sharon L. Hostler of Rutland, Vermont, who was one of the winners in this year's “Most Valuable Student” competition:

“My Certificate of Award was presented to me by State Scholarship Chairman Lanigan on August 4th at Brookfield, Vt. I was extremely proud that the ceremony took place at Silver Towers where the Vermont Elks are establishing a camp for mentally retarded children. My thoughts during the presentation centered on the idea that my award

would prove also to be an investment in the advancement of the mental health program.”

As recipient of an Emergency Educational Fund grant, Robert Brooks Wicker, III, writes:

“As you are aware, I was notified that I had been named a recipient of a \$600 Elks National Foundation scholarship for the coming academic year, 1957-'58. This, of course, came as a thrilling and wonderful surprise to me—probably my greatest thrill in life. I wanted you, the Foundation Trustees, to be the first to know how grateful I am to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

“My loftiest ambition, besides a medical degree, is to become a member of good standing in the Sanford B.P.O.E., the lodge to which my late Dad belonged. Then, ‘The shoe will be on the other foot.’ Chances are I can compensate for the generosity and graciousness shown me and mine by my fellow man.”



Wheel chair basketball team at Rehabilitation Center, Okmulgee, Okla. Standing second from right is Harlan E. George, who received a Foundation grant to enable him to study at New York University and who now is Administrator of the Center. On his left is Floyd Wood, Vocational Counselor. Others shown in back row are husbands and wives of Lawton, Okla., actively interested in the program. Photo was taken after a game in Lawton.

For Elks Who Travel

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coats, suede jackets, kid gloves and hand-made shoes, not to mention a vicuna steamer rug. Winter lows run to the 60s, winter highs to the mid-80s, and the average is in the low 70s. Not only are the seasons reversed, but the farther south one travels in Argentina, the colder it gets.

Between Argentina and Brazil lies the happy resortland of Uruguay where a string of beach resorts stretches for 200 miles up the coastline. Ninety miles from Montevideo is the swank resort of Punta del Este and you can visit there as an excursionist for \$5 including lunch and tea. There is night life in summer (our winter) at the casinos, and swimming, yachting and water skiing in the sea. Anybody with money

left over (run for cover, father) will find the nutria coats the best in South America. Four hundred dollars will fetch a nifty one.

Peru is a curious cross between the sophisticated city dweller of Lima, and the Indian. The result is a mixture of chic ladies and colorful Indians now and again crossing before each other in Lima's streets. Off in the shops are marvelous rugs of llama and silver work handled with a modern and interesting flair. A fifteen-minute car ride will bring you to the beach; and it's about that far to the country club where all tourists are welcome, the tab being about \$10 a day for a room, tennis and swimming on the premises.

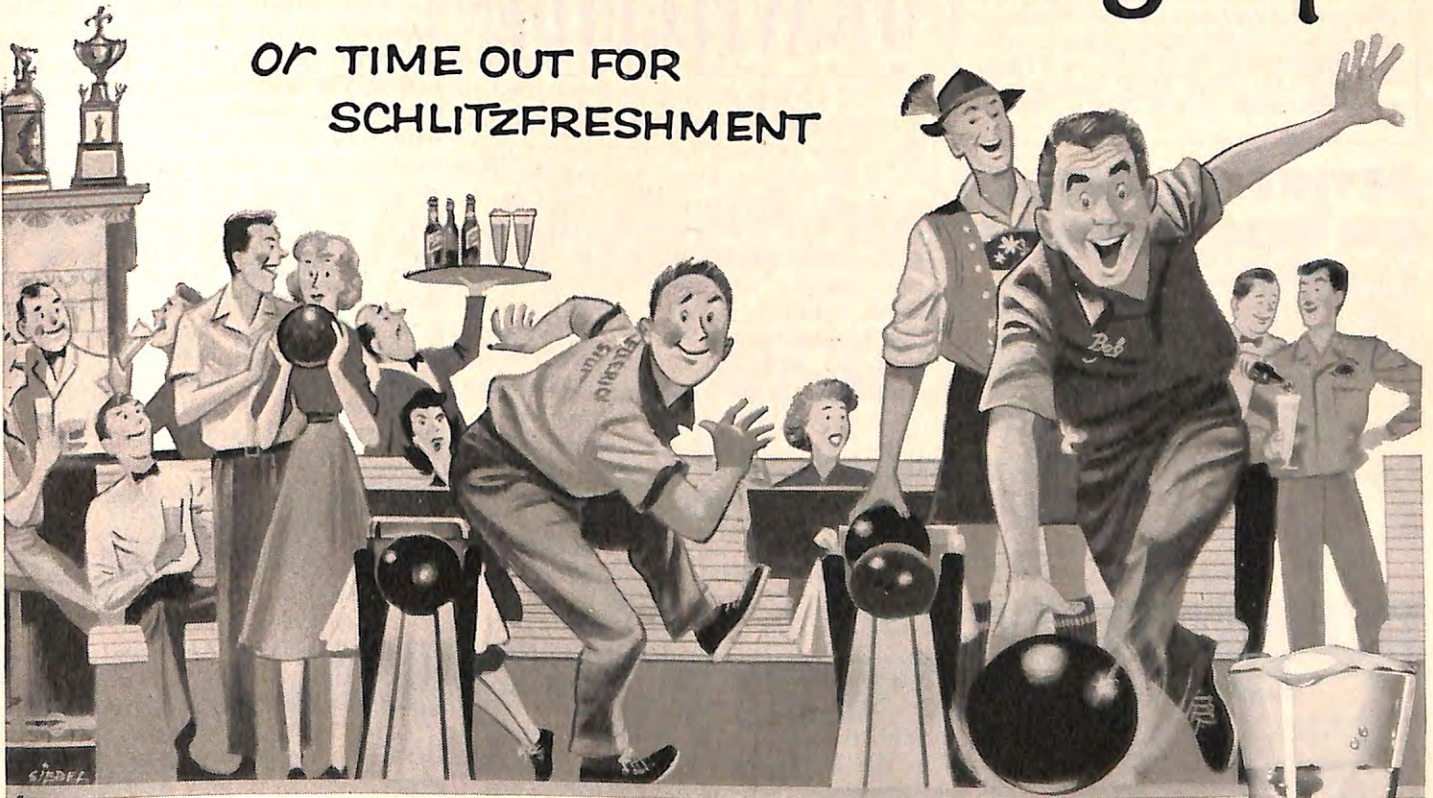
Chile has lakes and mountains and is

reminiscent of Europe. Ecuador is a cool 55 the year around and Colombia is not much warmer. Venezuela is bursting at the seams with the fruits of oil, being the second largest producer in the world. Iron has added new wealth, and the results for the tourist are high prices, a certain lack of interest with tourism, and a spate of skyscrapers and brand new boulevards. Many of the streets, since they lack names, are identified by terms for street corners, and these have been dubbed "Keep the Eye Peeled," "Dopey Face," and "The Fat Woman," to mention merely a few. Biggest tourist hotel is the Tamanaco where it took \$8 millions to complete 400 rooms, a swimming pool and some sweeping views of the city from most of the rooms.

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twice on the way back. The whole round trip must be completed within thirty days. This will bring the cost of a 28-day package tour around South America by the combined services of Panagra and Pan American to less than \$900, a handful of scratch that will take care of hotel, sightseeing, meals and visits to nearly a dozen areas, among them Panama, Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Sao Paulo, Santos and Rio in Brazil and San Juan, Puerto Rico in the Caribbean. Not only that, you can eat steak most of the time and if nobody stops to buy a nutria coat it might turn out cheaper than a month of the high life back home.



Winter vacations are now uppermost in the minds of many of our readers, and we are receiving many requests for information on Biloxi and the Gulf Coast. This all-year vacation spot has always been popular with those who seek to escape the ice and snow of the North. Biloxi has many things to recommend it to the traveler, including the best known landmark on the coast. The outstanding object of interest is the lighthouse on West Beach Boulevard. Built in 1848, it played an important part in the "War Between the States." It had two women keepers—mother and daughter—for sixty-two years and is perhaps one of the very few lighthouses in the United States located within city limits. It stands today like a Colossus, astride the newly completed four-lane super highway U. S. 90, the most popular deep South route between Florida and California.

With the opening of Corregidor Island in the Philippines to tourists this past September, many of our readers on the West Coast are thinking of this stop as part of their Pacific vacation this winter. Daily ferry and plane service is available from Manila and overnight accommodations on the island make it possible to spend some time there exploring the grim fortress which has been left just as it was at the end of the war.

The devaluation of the French franc actually means that the value of the tourist's dollar has increased just about 20 per cent. This makes the \$5-a-day hotel

room now \$4, and the \$10 bottle of perfume now goes for \$8, and the \$3 filet mignon now is \$2.40. The reduction, of course, applies right down the line and includes theater tickets, transportation within France and all other expenditures common to travel.

The World's most unusual school will open at Daytona Beach, Florida, on January 6th this winter. This is "Vacation College", but you will find no one there of college age. Most of the students will be in the fifties and some in the sixties and seventies. "Classes" are held in the small Princess Isena Theatre and are mostly discussion sessions with well known writers, doctors and world travelers taking part in the television-type panel discussions on books, health, world affairs, creative writing, etc., etc. There will be two series of classes this Winter, one at Daytona beginning Jan. 6th, and one beginning on Feb. 24th at Sarasota. Both series are six weeks. Special hotel rates will be offered members. Information and application—write to Gretta Baker, Director, Box 5263, Daytona Beach, Florida.

From the Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C., for 10 cents you may obtain a copy of the 1957 Directory of Hotels in Central America, Panama and the Caribbean listing 400 hotels, the number of rooms, the rates in U. S. currency and whether American or European plan. The 1957 Mexican Hotel list is also available at the same price.

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And while on the subject of air travel for the world traveler, we report that Northwest Orient and Trans World Airlines will start the New Year with an "all-U. S. Flag" all-radar guided, round-the-world service.

Bird of Surprises

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of the gun barrel—yet they do something to me. I can miss them with great regularity.

Actually, I suppose if a woodcock were taken into an open field and released from a trap as a pigeon is released on signal at a live-bird shoot, he would be easy. But a woodcock doesn't fly on signal, and he doesn't proceed with any logic so far as the gunner can foresee it.

Being primarily nocturnal, a woodcock may be reluctant to fly in the glare of day and only does so when crowded, sometimes not until actually in danger of being stepped on. Also, the way he flies, he may be confused by the bright light of midday. This is conjecture. But one thing is certain: the gunner is confused by his sudden and erratic action.

Since he lies tight, the woodcock is ideal game for a good bird dog. Sometimes, though, when a dog pinpoints one in a patch of alders, tail high, foot up and head cocked slightly to the left and down as though looking the bird in the eye a couple of feet away, I almost feel that we are taking advantage of the little fellow. The element of surprise is gone. The dog is pointing, the bird is there under his nose and all we have to do is walk in, kick him up and shoot.

But after a couple of minutes spent tramping around expectantly in front of the dog's nose, I change my mind. I conclude that our trusty dog is pointing a mole hole, mouse house, or some such again, and about the time I reach in my pocket for a cigarette, friend woodcock gets up somewhere behind Old Rock and whistles merrily up the hillside untouched.

The woodcock is so contrary, so surprising and eccentric, that he has become a bird of mystery, with accompanying fables. Capable of other oddities, a brooding bird is believed by many to be able to carry her young about with her, tucked between her legs. Others insist that the telltale wing whistle of the jumping bird is vocal, whistled in accompaniment to the beat of the wings. Simply making a wing noise in flight as so many species of birds commonly do is too ordinary a trait to be accepted for the woodcock. In keeping with his unusual character, someone even claimed that this bird subsists solely by sucking mud. His diet, of course, is earthworms, which in my opinion would hardly be preferable to good, clean mud, but then I'm not a woodcock. Another observer, admitting that woodcock eat worms, said that they

procured them in the following manner (he was right there and saw it): first, the bird probed several holes in the ground with his long bill, then he prostrated himself, bill pointed toward the holes, and fluttered his wings enticingly on the ground, charming the worms into coming up through the holes conveniently probed for them; whereupon the feathered fakir gobbled them one by one.

Another notion which strikes me as fanciful, although quite common among woodcock hunters, whether in New Brunswick or New Jersey, is the ability to distinguish a migratory bird from a local one by his appearance. "I got three woodcock yesterday," the hunter will remark; "one flight bird and two natives." When queried as to how he knew, the answer might take one of many forms, but a common explanation is that the flight birds are smaller than the local ones. In late season, woodcock suddenly appearing on northern slopes, birch hill-tops and odd places not usually inhabited by the night wanderers must obviously be migrating, but that a person can identify an out-of-town bird by superficial appearance alone, I doubt. In a sense the woodcock starts migrating long before the season opens since his

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autumn habitat is somewhat different from that inhabited in spring and summer. Also, a "native" bird becomes a flight bird twenty miles south of the hillside where he was raised, and I doubt that he changes appearance overnight.

But all these conjectures and theories only add charm to the mysterious and contradictory little owl snipe and have little to do with his game qualities, which are the best. He has all the necessary characteristics to make him interesting and challenging to hunt: he has a fast get-away, his flight is erratic, he behaves well to a pointing dog, and, most important, he is unpredictable.

Of course, woodcock aren't as plentiful as they used to be, but as far as I can determine they never were. The other day I was glancing through a book, "Frank Forester's Field Sports," published in 1848, and he continually bemoaned the disappearance of the woodcock. Things weren't like they used to be. One reason might be the following quote from his book, speaking of shooting in July in Orange County, N. Y., in 1840:

"With a friend from New York, I shot all day the first, and until noon on the second; bagging, on the first, one hundred and twenty-five birds, and, on the second morning, seventy. The first of these days was intensely hot; and the ground became so much foiled by running of the innumerable birds, that, although we had excellent retrievers, we lost, beyond doubt, forty or fifty birds; and at four in the afternoon we were entirely out of ammunition.

"I am perfectly satisfied that, if we had been provided with a brace of fresh dogs, at noon, with clean guns, and a proper supply of powder and copper caps, both of which gave out, it would

have been perfectly easy, on that day to have bagged from one hundred, to one hundred and fifty couple of Woodcock.

"The shooting on that ground is now ended. The Erie railroad passes within ten miles of it, and it is now overrun with city poachers and pot-hunters; besides being shot incessantly by the farmers' boys and village idlers of the neighborhood who have begun to compete with the New York vagabonds in supplying the markets with game."

No, things aren't like they used to be, and it's always someone else's fault—although it is very much to Frank Forester's credit that even in that long ago time, he strongly recommended that the woodcock season not open until the first of October.

In the thirty years that I have hunted woodcock I am glad to say that I have witnessed no appreciable decline in their numbers. Sure, my favorite woodcock cover when I was a kid is now divided into city blocks, but for the most part there are plenty of them through the rugged hills of the Northeast for the man who is willing to work for them and who recognizes their habitat and who can spot the telltale signs of their presence: the drill holes in the black loam and the chalk marks, or splashings, left behind by a feeding bird.

We don't look for a hundred brace of birds in a day any more, of course: one brace is more than enough. And this is one bird I never regret missing—something which I manage to do regularly. In fact, the time a woodcock surprises me the most is when he tumbles to my hasty shot; then my only regret is that I can't turn loose the little imp for another day as I can a trout in my favorite

stream. But with the sensible conservation program of the present day, plus the woodcock's solitary and seclusive habits, he will be with us for a long time to come—and we're glad of that. This surprising little fellow—which isn't an upland bird at all—is the going-away favorite of thousands of upland hunters.

Phantom Warning

(Continued from page 9)

On his feet he discovered she was nice all over, with honest brown eyes and a ready smile.

"A truck? The only truck this outfit needs right now is a nice slow hearse." Speculatively he stared at her, and then his grin came through the oil and grease like a sun through dark clouds. "Of course, if you went with the truck—"

Yes, she was special. Most American girls in the islands were running away from something back home. This girl had been born here. Practical as Times Square, like her father, she still stopped to listen when black hands beat a drum-head in the shrouded hills.

She got that from her mother, maybe. But her mother was dead. It was her father Bick had to deal with, and Everett Richie was as hard as the grindstone which had shaped him.

"A year ago, Bickford, I would have been pleased to see you paying attention to my daughter. You were on the way up—a smart young engineer in a country where engineers are sorely needed. But not now. You're a bad risk."

"I didn't invent landslides and hurricanes," Bick retorted.

"No, but you've let them lick you. I know what goes on, Bickford; it's my business to know. What you had, you've lost—and I don't mean money. You're scared. If my daughter marries you—and, mind you, she hasn't told me she wants to—she'd run the risk of being the wife of a beachcomber six months from now." Richie spoke quietly, without rancor, but there was no mistaking the finality of his rejection. Had he been some other girl's father, Bick might have been angry.

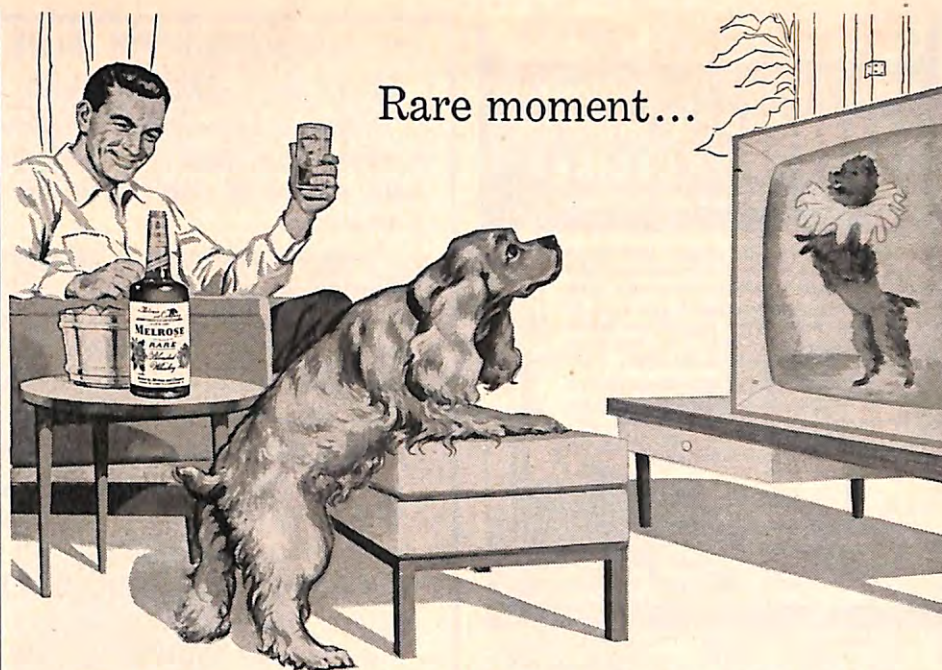
That same evening Bick had a date with Donna. Driving her up the mountain road, high above the lights of the city, he stopped the car and turned to face her. "So you think I'm on the skids," he said defensively.

The honest brown eyes looked at him levelly, and there was affection in them—perhaps more than affection—but uncertainty, too. "Do you remember what you said the day I tried to sell you a truck? You could use a hearse, you said."

"I was kidding," Bick protested.

"Were you, Bick? Does a man say such a thing just to be funny?" She shook her head at him, slowly. "I'd like to believe my father is wrong, Bick. But is he?"

Bick chewed his lip. He had known



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Donna Richie only a short time—a month or so—but he was sure of one thing. This was the real thing, no passing fancy. Donna was what he wanted. He had to have her.

"I'll show your father," he promised. "I'll show you both!"

THIS is going to cost money, Mr. Bickford," Pierre Dejean said glumly. "Cleaning up this mess, rebuilding the forms—it will be expensive."

Bick nodded, gazing at the rubble where grim-faced workers dug for the watchman's body. "I don't know where we're going to get it," he said. "I couldn't borrow the price of a crying towel. You know that. Marnot knows it, too. If he isn't with the Minister of Public Works right now, making arrangements to take over, I miss my guess."

Dejean had no answer. He knew well enough that Bick had won the contract partly on bluff, accepting an intricate financing arrangement which left him no cushion to absorb setbacks. And the setbacks had been almost unending.

Nearly every day had brought some

new, unforeseen expense—a 'dozer laid up through carelessness, a truck lost in the gorge when the road mysteriously crumbled. Small things, perhaps, when considered against the scope of the job itself. But small things hurt. The company was on its last legs, deep in debt. There would be no further payment from the government until the job was finished and approved.

Bick recalled the morning, months ago, when he had signed the contract and a bitterly disappointed Jules Marnot had extended a limp hand in congratulation. Marnot's smile had been polite enough. He was an immaculate man who concealed his feelings behind impeccable manners. But his words—"I wish you success monsieur, in an undertaking full of risk"—had tightened the muscles of Bick's stomach.

Jules Marnot was big, and in a country of this sort it was suicide to buck a local big shot unless you were solidly entrenched. Now, gazing at the wreckage, Bick realized how vulnerable he was.

He turned away. The blast of an

automobile horn halted him. On the truck road at the rim of the gorge a car had stopped. Donna Richie, her yellow bandanna shining like a great gold coin in the sunlight, looked down and waved. Bick disconsolately lifted a hand in answer and trudged back to camp.

SHE was waiting when he got there. Catching his hand as he toiled up the path from the river, she said anxiously, "Bick! What happened?"

"Dam blown up. Watchman killed." Bick did not feel like talking. It was good to have her here, but he was too much aware of the silence behind her. The men stood around in small groups, waiting to find out what he would do. Most of them knew the score.

"I came out to congratulate you," Donna said, staring wide-eyed at the bandage on his head. Her fingers trembled, dug into his wrist. "You told me last week—"

"I was out of my mind." Last week, on a visit to the capital, he had flung caution to the winds and told her the battle was won. He was paying for his idiocy now. The look in her eyes—

The look did something to him that all his thinking had failed to do. He gripped the girl's arms. "We're going back to the city!" he said fiercely.

"Now? But what—" "I can't do anything here. We need lumber, cement. Most of all we need money." He swung to face Dejean, who stood watching. "Pierre! Take over till I get back. Talk to the men. Find out who murdered that watchman!"

"Tomorrow is pay day," Dejean warned.

"The money is in the safe." "Yes. But if they work after that—" "They'll be paid. I'll get it somewhere." With Donna hurrying after him, Bick strode to her car and crammed himself behind the wheel.

From camp to capital was a six-hour drive usually. This time the chickens and donkeys on the dusty roads had to shift for themselves and the ride took four hours and a half. While driving, Bick worked out a list of prospects in his mind. Friends, mostly. He dropped Donna off at her home in the suburbs.

"See you this evening." For an instant he clung to her hand, hating to let her go. "And don't count me out too soon!"

But when he drove the car into her driveway again it was midnight, and the mask of despair was back on his face. "I've been all over town," he admitted, sinking wearily onto a veranda chair. "All over, Donna. No one has any faith in Tom Bickford." With an effort he turned to glance toward the doorway. "Where's your father?"

"He went to bed, Bick." "I thought he'd wait up, to gloat. Well, I'm not licked yet. I missed some of the names on my list. Tomorrow—" "Come inside, Bick," she said. "I'll

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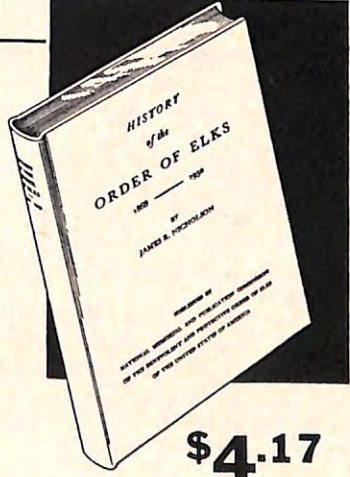
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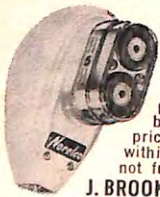
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make some coffee. It may be helpful."

The next day was worse. The knock-out punch was delivered at the club, by an American whose sugar holdings would double in value when the dam was completed.

"Why should I risk my money needlessly, Bickford? We'll get our dam. Sure, it will cost the government three times what it should by the time Marnot runs through his repertoire of tricks. But we'll get it. With you on the job we won't. Jules Marnot never gives up."

Donna's father was not in bed when Bick returned to the house that evening. Seated with Donna on the veranda, smoking his pipe, he gravely rose to shake Bick's hand, then sat again to listen to the bitter tale of failure. He was a good listener.

The house boy brought Bick a drink, and while he sipped it Everett Richie appraisingly stared at him. Then: "How much do you need?" Richie asked.

The glass almost slipped from Bick's fingers. "What?"

"How much will it cost to repair the damage and finish the job?"

"I've been trying to raise fifty thousand."

Richie frowned. He was well off now, but there had been times when fifty thousand had seemed as unattainable as the moon. He sucked at his pipe for a moment, his gaze fixed in space. Then, frowning, he leaned forward.

"I don't have that much, of course. Not that I can put my hands on. But I can raise it, I believe. I can persuade others to back you."

Bick knew who was responsible for the man's change of heart. His own heart thumped wildly as he swung about to face Donna. But Donna was gazing at her father in wide-eyed astonishment.

"She hasn't been talking to me,"

Richie said quietly, "if that's what you're thinking."

"Then why—?"

The man put down his pipe and fixed Bick with a steady frown. "The moment you won the contract for the Janin Gorge Dam, Bickford, this undertaking ceased to be a personal matter, as far as I am concerned." He paused, as though searching for words to express his meaning. "I happen to love this country, and by the country I mean the people in it—the real people, who walk barefoot on the country roads, not the Marnot breed who squeeze the national treasury dry to stock their cellars with champagne. I want that dam finished—not for the sugar plantations owned by foreigners, but for the peasants in the valley who have to walk ten miles for water when the river dries up!"

This was a side of Everett Richie that Bick had never seen before. The passionate sincerity of the man numbed him, and for a moment he could find no words. Then he stood up with his hand outthrust. "Thanks for the offer, Mr. Richie. You won't regret it, I promise you."

The hand hung unsteadily in space until Donna's father at last leaned forward to clasp it.

BICK drove back to camp in Donna's car, and in answer to his triumphant yell as he jumped out, Pierre Dejean appeared in the doorway of the headquarters shack.

"Got it!" Bick exulted. "The lumber and cement are on their way. What have you done here?"

"Cleaned up the rubble," Dejean said. "But I'm worried, Mr. Bickford."

"About what?"

Dejean drew him inside. "I have questioned the men, all of them. One at

FRED A. MORRIS IS MOURNED



COL. Fred A. Morris, one of the most prominent citizens of Mexico, Missouri, and widely known throughout the Order, passed away September 14th

after a long illness. He was 80 years old. He is survived by a daughter and a son, and by three grandchildren.

An active and devoted Elk for many years, Col. Morris was a Past Exalted Ruler of Mexico Lodge, and in recent years was affiliated with Jefferson City Lodge No. 513. He was the first President of the 48-year-old Missouri State Elks Assn. and served three terms as Grand Treasurer of the Order, from 1926 to 1929.

A leader in local civic affairs, Col. Morris had served on the Mexico City Council, was President of the Commercial Club, a forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce, and was a charter member and first President of the Rotary Club. He had also served on the staffs of two of Missouri's governors.

Private funeral services were conducted at Elmwood Cemetery by the Right Rev. Monsignor P. D. Gavan.

a time I had them in here and gave them the third degree. He is clever, the fellow who shot that watchman and wrecked the dam. I don't know how we are to smoke him out."

"You think he'll make trouble again?" "Jules Marnot is a tenacious man."

Bick was thoughtful. "We can't fire them all; it would take too long to replace them. He'll find it a lot tougher next time, though. Come on, let's get the show on the road."

Three weeks, Dejean had predicted. The work had to be completed sooner than that, or it would run past the contract deadline and there would be a maze of red tape through which Jules Marnot might find a way to accomplish his ends. Bick called the workers to him. "Two weeks," he told them. "That's all we have—two weeks. Every one of you must work harder than he knows how to!"

He showed them how hard a human being could work. On the job before dawn each morning, he drove himself unmercifully until darkness sent him staggering back to camp. Then after an hour or two of rest and a supper he was usually too tired to eat, he was back in another role—the role of sentry.

"You'll kill yourself!" Dejean remonstrated. "Night after night without sleep—you can't keep it up. Surely we can find at least one watchman we can trust!"

"The only man I trust on that dam at night is myself," Bick retorted. But Dejean was right; he was killing himself. After a week of it his hand would not hold a razor steady enough for him to shave. Days, when the heat rose in waves from the concrete, he found himself reeling between canyon walls that blazed red with imagined flames. And at night . . .

Patrolling that lofty, foot-wide catwalk at night, with a rifle clutched in his hands, did things to his nerves. The wind moaning through the gorge kept him on edge, jumpy. The trickle of water among the river-bed boulders had a score of voices, some of which brought him up short and held him rigid for moments at a time, peering into the dark in search of phantoms. He could have sworn he heard footsteps and whispers.

He kept awake on his sentry go by thinking of Donna, and sometimes by talking aloud to her. "This is for you, baby." But not only for you, he thought. Your father was right. This is for the people of the valley, too. The peasants who lose their land and livestock every rainy season when the river runs wild. Who have to subsist on filthy water from ditches all through the dry spells. This is for them.

Yes, the nights were long. And lonely. But he got a lot of thinking done during the dark hours. He came to understand and admire Everett Richie in a way that made him glad, for a new reason, to be in love with the daughter of such a man. He came to think of his

own workmen not as nameless, barefoot men wielding shovels, but human beings who knew hunger and weariness, laughed and wept and got married and had children.

There was a morning when, returning to camp from his all-night vigil, he went to the widow of the dead watchman and talked to her for more than an hour . . . and, on leaving, emptied his pockets and pressed money into her hands, and told her he was sorry he had so little.

Baby, he thought, I wish I could talk to you. But it was Donna's father, not Donna herself, who showed up on the tenth day.

Bick, supervising the pouring of concrete, saw the car on the truck road and signaled Dejean to take over. He shook Everett Richie's hand as the man wearily wriggled from behind the wheel. There was something on Richie's mind, he realized. Something grave, revealed in the man's worried eyes and drawn mouth. Together, silent a moment, they stood at the edge of the gorge, gazing at the massive wall of steel and concrete.

"You will be able to finish it?" Richie asked at last.

"Day after tomorrow we'll have a dedication, Mr. Richie. I've already sent word to the capital." Bick could not keep the triumph out of his voice. Despite the endless days and sleepless nights, he still had something left.

"Bick"—it was the first time Donna's father had called him that—"when will you be paid?"

"Pollard, the Public Works man, will have the check in his pocket." Bick sent an anxious glance at Richie's lined face. "Why?"

"I'm in trouble. Serious trouble, Bick." Richie took in a deep breath and laid a hand on Bick's arm. "Jules Marnot was furious when he learned that I'd raised money for you. He would have killed me, I think, had he dared. Now he has bought up a note I signed—one I had every reason to believe would be extended. It falls due next week. This morning he told me he would present it for payment."

"Marnot!" Bick muttered. The name had a poisonous taste on his tongue.

"He means to smash me, Bick. If anything goes wrong—if you're not able to repay at least my part of the loan—I lose my business, perhaps even my home. Marnot is a vicious man."

Bick waited for the knot to unravel in his stomach. "Mr. Richie, nothing is going wrong here," he said then, grimly. "You'll have your money day after tomorrow." He gripped the man's arm and turned him toward the car. "Go down to the camp and get some rest. Stay here with us till this is finished."

Richie's only reply was a silent nod.

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a restless note in the wind's moaning. He halted on the catwalk to listen. His thoughts had been on his responsibility to Donna's father.

A fat drop of water splashed on his sleeve. Another struck his upturned face. All at once a clap of thunder burst the black barrel of the heavens and a deluge descended.

At two-thirty, soaked to the skin and jumpy from the incessant flashes of lightning, he saw a figure stumbling up the road toward him. It was Dejean, with a raincoat flapping about his legs.

"I got scared for you, Mr. Bickford. You should go back to camp. In such weather there is no need to stay here!"

"Not on your life. I'm staying."

"Then I stay with you."

By the flashes of lightning they watched the river rise on the upstream side of the barrier. There was no coffer dam to halt it. Gambling on getting the job finished before the season of daily downpours, Bick had left an opening in the base of the dam for the river's normal dry-season trickle to pass through. That opening was plugged now with concrete. Swiftly at first, then not so swiftly, the swollen stream backed up into the gorge.

By six o'clock the impounded lake had attained a depth of eight feet on the gauge, and in dreary daylight Bick peered over the upstream rim. "Look at it, Pierre!" he exulted. "Water! Tons of water for the peasants of the valley when they need it!"

Dejean looked at him strangely. "Mr. Bickford," he said, "I have worked for you a long time, but I guess I never knew you. Or else—well, perhaps you have changed."

Bick looked down at the hand out-thrust at him, glanced up at Dejean's solemn face, and gripped the hand.

INTERMITTENTLY the rain fell. Behind the wall of concrete the lake in the gorge steadily deepened. But the work went on. The long wet hours were filled with the wheeze and clank of the mixers. The last forms were in place. Concrete flowed for the final time.

When Monsieur Pollard, the Minister of Public Works, arrived on schedule with his official party, Bick was ready.

A surprise was in store for him. Out of one of the cars stepped Donna. Her eyes shining, she came straight to him and put her hands on his shoulders. "Bick, I'm proud," she said. "So proud!"

Bick, his weariness gone, turned back to the official group. But still another car had rolled into camp. Out of it calmly stepped an immaculate figure he had not seen since the day of the contract signing. Jules Marnot!

The skin crawled on Bick's ribs.

Marnot, coming toward him, was all smiles. "My warmest congratulations, Mr. Bickford," he murmured. "Nothing stops you, I see."

"Nothing has yet." Bick coldly re-

turned his gaze. "Not even—" He shrugged it off, the word "murder" still unspoken. Let it go, he thought.

But Marnot's presence made him uneasy. A man who never admitted defeat couldn't be counted out while time remained for him to strike another blow. Bick kept a wary eye on him while escorting the group to the dam.

He was not the only apprehensive one. While the others paraded over the structure, marveling at the depth of water already impounded, Everett Richie halted at Bick's side. His fingers, Bick noticed, had trouble getting a cigarette out of a package.

"Bick—what right has Marnot to be here?"

"He's a big wheel, Mr. Richie. We can't make a fuss."

"He's up to something. That man is always up to something!"

Pollard, the minister, approached them, smiling. "Monsieur Bickford, I congratulate you." He pumped Bick's hand. "A magnificent job. And on time!"

"Ahead of time," Bick said. "But I trust I'm to be paid promptly . . . ?"

"With the greatest pleasure I shall hand you a check at the dedication ceremony, tomorrow morning."

One more night, Bick thought. One more lonely night of watching the shadows and listening to the wail of the wind. He had to return to camp with Pollard and the rest. Had to sit at supper with them. But after the first cognac was poured, he broke away.

"I've some reports to write. You know how it is."

Donna followed him out, and in front of his own shack she faced him. "Bick," she said, "I'm scared."

"I'm scared myself, baby."

"If anything should happen now—"

"It won't. Go on back. Keep an eye on Marnot. If he makes any suspicious move, I'll be at the dam."

He watched her return through the darkness, then stepped into his own place for his rifle and flashlight. Odd. Even here he had the feeling something was not quite right.

He thumbed the flashlight switch and directed the beam around the room, over cot, table, chairs. His nerves, probably. With so much at stake, he was imagining things. Still, the room was unnaturally quiet, as if holding its breath in anticipation of trouble . . .

He shook the feeling off, turned and went out. The camp sounds died away behind him. Alone in the rain he made his way along the muddy river path.

He must have had a sixth sense, or else the lonely all-night vigils had sharpened the other five. There was no sound, really. No real movement. Yet suddenly he flicked the light off and dropped to a crouch, and with the skin crawling under his clammy clothes, worked his way clear of the path to a pocket among the boulders.

Only then could he be sure. Bare feet slapped softly on the wet stones. From the base of the dam a shadow glided toward him.

The watchman was above, on the catwalk. No man should be here in the river bed at this hour. Silently Bick adjusted rifle and flashlight and tensed his legs for a leap. The shadow loomed large, moving swiftly. He stopped it with a stabbing shaft of light and looked over the gun barrel into a face quick-frozen with fatalistic lack of expression.

"Not so fast. I want to talk to you!"

The man shivered once, all over, and then was still as stone. Bick stepped closer. It was one of the workers, a thin-faced man named Valcin, who earned an extra few dollars a week by sweeping out the camp buildings when his day's stint was done.

"What are you doing here this time of night?"

"Nothing, *msié.*" A shrug. "Only looking for something I lost."

"For what?"

"A knife. It fell from my pocket this afternoon." His recovery had been quick. His tone was insolent. "I paid a whole dollar for it. Would you expect me to leave it here?"

"A dollar is a lot of money," Bick said coldly. "We'll look for the knife together. Unless," he added, watching the man's eyes, "you've planted another charge of dynamite and don't want to be blown to bits."

Without a word the workman turned and began walking.

At the foot of the concrete wall Bick halted. A beam of light fastened on him from above, and the anxious voice of the watchman followed it down. "Is that you, Mr. Bickford?"

"Yes, Lelio. This man has been prowling. Did you hear anything?"

The light wavered. "No, *msié.* Nothing."

Valcin saw me coming, Bick thought. He was up to something but saw my light down the gorge and thought he could get past me in the dark. Stepping close to the prowler, he ran a hand over the man's clothing, found only cigarettes and a box of matches. Again he looked up. "Lelio!"

"*Msié?*"

"Keep awake. I'll be back when I've taken this man to camp." He motioned with the rifle. "Get going, Valcin. Fast."

He wondered what to do with the fellow. Third-degree him, to put the finger on Jules Marnot, where it undoubtedly belonged? That would take time. For now, the best move was to lock him up, say nothing and let Marnot do the sweating. This night could not last forever.

He avoided the headquarters building where, by the sounds, the cognac was still flowing. In Dejean's quarters a light burned. Bick steered his prisoner to the doorway and found the foreman

inside, quietly reading a newspaper.

"Caught him prowling in the gorge," Bick said. "What he was up to I don't know; evidently I scared him out of it. Take care of him, Pierre. I've got to get back there."

Well, the night would pass now. There'd be no more trouble. But on the path to the river Bick halted again. That nagging uneasiness . . .

Impulsively he strode to his shack and pushed open the door. Empty. The same odd stillness. His light licked over floor and walls, swept the table, stopped and swung back. He stared wide-eyed at Donna's picture.

He knew.

"Pierre!" He skidded to a halt at Dejean's door, saw the prisoner roped on a chair and the foreman bending over him. "Come with me! Quick!" At the locked door of the supply shed a few yards beyond, he wasted precious seconds fumbling for the right key, while Dejean pounded up behind him.

"What is it, Mr. Bickford? What—"

Bick threw his weight against the flimsy door and smashed it open, his light probing the array of tools and mounds of boxes. "We had four cases of dynamite, Pierre!"

"Four. Yes." Dejean took a step forward, stopped. His breath hissed. "Mon dieu! One is gone!"

"That devil stole a key to this place. He's planted a time bomb at the dam! Pierre—the people in the valley! If all that water hits them without warning—" Bick flung the foreman out of the way and ran. "Phone the dam!" he yelled over his shoulder. "Tell the watchman to clear out!"

"Mr. Bickford, you can't go up there!" Dejean wailed after him. "The bomb may go off!"

Bick didn't stop.

It would have been safer to climb to the truck road. Then if the thing went off he would not be trapped between canyon walls in the path of the flood. But moments counted. Perhaps even seconds. The river route was shorter.

Shorter? He ran until his lungs must burst, and it was like racing in a nightmare along a path without end. Never had the river route seemed so long before! Ahead, high in the dark, a light sped along the catwalk . . . the watchman scurrying to safety. Then there was nothing. Only the towering mass of concrete and the tunnel of rock through which the water must pour at express-train speed.

He covered the last ten yards in a stagger of exhaustion, sagged against the concrete and listened. It would be such a small sound in that place! Hearing nothing, he fell to hands and knees and began crawling along the wall.

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wheezed. His heart pounded. The wind moaned between the canyon walls. He heard nothing else.

Journey in a nightmare, on hands and knees, and no end to it! No end! He could feel the moments slipping away from him like knots in a rope he could not hold. Precious moments, escaping so fast! He heard voices and looked up against his will.

Car lights on the truck road revealed a knot of human figures at the edge of the gorge. Donna and her father. Pierre Dejean. The minister and his group. They shouted at him to come up. But he had no time for them. Head down, he crawled on again, listening. He heard.

The muffled sound came from a cairn of boulders at the dam base, just ahead. Almost no sound at all, only a tinny heartbeat—tunk, tunk, tunk. He threw himself at it and tore the boulders aside, got his hands on the thing and staggered to his feet.

It was so harmless in itself. Only a cheap alarm clock, wired to batteries in a wooden box—a clock stolen by the saboteur from the table near Bick's bed. He stared at it in silence while the reaction came and sweat ran into his eyes. Then, shaking with relief, he looked up at the people on the rim of the gorge and weakly waved a hand.

GENTLEMEN, said Monsieur Polard, the Minister of Public Works, "I propose to make this dedication very

brief. We are emotionally exhausted, all of us. Last night, as you know, an enemy of the state attempted to destroy this magnificent structure, and had it not been for the great courage of Monsieur Bickford—"

He saw the look on Bick's face and stopped, then grinned. Perhaps the grin stemmed from his memory of Jules Mar-not's abortive attempt to escape last night, after Valcin had mumbled a confession. Pollard himself, despite his lofty position, had halted the fleeing man with a magnificent flying tackle.

"I talk too much, eh, monsieur?" He gripped Bick's hand. "Well, let the others thank you for themselves. I thank you for my government, and for my wife and children. Monsieur"—no smile now—"you do not know it—last night you did not know it—but my own family lives in the valley only a mile below here."

The minister stepped back, plucked an envelope from his pocket and thrust it into Bick's hand. "Your check, monsieur. It should be signed by all the people of our country."

It was a nice speech, Bick decided. He wished he had the knack himself, so he could answer it in kind. Well, he was only an engineer. They wouldn't expect too much.

He raised his clasped hands over his head and grinned, then turned and took Donna in his arms. In front of them all he kissed her. What more could an audience ask?

Lodge Visits of H. L. Blackledge

(Continued from page 17)

nual Upstate Conference with Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of seven upstate districts. About 300 were in attendance. Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall was toastmaster for the occasion, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan and Mr. Blackledge delivered the principal addresses. Other speakers were former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Ronald J. Dunn, a member of Oneida Lodge, State Association Committee Chairman James A. Gunn and State President McBride. Past State Presidents Fitzpatrick, George Swalbach, Roy Martin, Bert Harkness, Francis Hart, John Sweeney, J. Theodore Moses and Stephen McGrath were on hand for this outstanding occasion. Exalted Ruler Robert McDermott welcomed the distinguished visitors, and co-chairmen for the occasion were Past Exalted Rulers Arthur Olin and James Burke.

That evening, accompanied by State President McBride and Past Presidents Martin and Fitzpatrick, Mr. Blackledge was at Elmira Lodge for an informal dinner in his honor. It was held at the Mark Twain Hotel in that city, and about 25 were present. Exalted Ruler Samuel C. Smith was host.

On Monday, September 16th, the Grand Exalted Ruler was at Watkins

Glen Lodge for a luncheon attended by approximately 100 Elks, including Brothers McBride, Fitzpatrick and Martin. In the evening of that day Mr. Blackledge was at Bath Lodge for a dinner party, at which Exalted Ruler Floyd A. Freeman extended a welcome to about 200 Elks who were present, including Brothers McBride, Fitzpatrick, Martin and District Deputy Dr. William H. Ness. Prior to the dinner the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party were the guests of the Bath officers on a tour of the Taylor Winery at Hammondsport, N.Y., the center of New York State's wine industry.

The next day Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge was at a luncheon at Hamburg Lodge with about 100 Elks in attendance, including President McBride and Past Presidents Fitzpatrick and Moses. Exalted Ruler Francis J. Stone extended a cordial greeting to those present. In the evening of that day Brother Blackledge concluded his New York State visits at a dinner in his honor given by Buffalo Lodge, with Exalted Ruler Harry R. Lang as host and District Deputy Gordon F. Murray among the guests. The dinner followed an outstanding dedication of Buffalo Lodge's new home by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Over 200 Elks were in attendance.

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Editorial

INDOCTRINATION



For a long time we have been hearing about indoctrination. Like the weather, it has been a popular subject of conversation but no one, or hardly anyone, has done anything about it.

It is true that a few lodges of our Order have done a little something about it, but on a broad national scale nothing has been done.

It is very encouraging to learn that our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Brother Blackledge, is really going to do something about it in a national way.

Learning this, we decided it is about time that we consulted Mr. Noah Webster about the meaning of the word. The nearest Mr. Webster gets to the sort of indoctrination the Grand Exalted Ruler has in mind is his reference to the word "Indoctrinate" as meaning "to instruct in or imbue with principles or doctrines."

The Grand Exalted Ruler wants all candidates for membership in the Order of Elks to be both instructed in and imbued with the principles and doctrines of the Order.

Unquestionably, there are many men initiated in the Order without either being instructed in or imbued with such principles and doctrines.

With the strong Lodge Activities Committee lining up the Subordinate Lodges to carry out the program of indoctrination inaugurated by the Grand Exalted Ruler, certainly we are justified in expecting the most satisfactory results.

Undoubtedly, there are many men joining the Order without a proper knowledge of its purposes, social, fraternal, patriotic and humanitarian.

The message of the Grand Exalted Ruler in this issue of The Elks Magazine should be read by every member of the Order.

It clearly and impressively sets forth the great importance of his indoctrination program.

THE ELKS MEMORIAL SUNDAY



Exalted Grand Ruler Hamilton E. Leach, a member of Washington, D. C., Lodge No. 15, presiding at the Grand Lodge Session in New York in 1889, recommended that it be made an established custom to be observed annually by every lodge

to hold a memorial, or a "Lodge of Sorrow."

At that Convention, Allen O. Myers, of Columbus, Ohio, Lodge, a member of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved that the first Sunday in December annually is hereby designated and dedicated as a day to be celebrated as 'Lodge of Sorrow' by all lodges of Elks."

This resolution was unanimously adopted. The following year a new constitution and new statutes were adopted, and therein the first Sunday of December was designated and dedicated as a day to be commemorated

ated by every lodge of Elks as the memorial of our departed Brothers. It was provided that it shall be known as "The Elks Memorial Day," while the special funeral services following shortly after the death of any Brother shall be known as a "Lodge of Sorrow."

It is mandatory in all of the 1,808 lodges of the Order that they commemorate the first Sunday of next month as "The Elks Memorial Day."

Following the custom of the past few years, the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities again offers awards to six lodges whose Memorial Services are judged to be the most carefully planned and executed. In the pages of your Magazine, an illustrated account of those selected will give evidence of the fact that, once more, Elkdom has carried out the deeply moving 87-year-old ritual in accordance with all the Order's time-honored traditions.

EXALTED RULERS AT GRAND LODGE

Prior to the Grand Lodge Session in 1932, a member of the Order was required to have concluded a year as Exalted Ruler of his lodge before becoming a member of the Grand Lodge or being eligible as a representative of his lodge at a Grand Lodge Session.

Grand Exalted Ruler Coen, presiding over the 1932 Grand Lodge Session, urged a very important change in the Constitution, making the current Exalted Ruler of a lodge a delegate to the Grand Lodge.

He stated in his annual report that he had received a suggestion from many lodges that the present plan of Grand Lodge representation be changed to make possible the attendance at the Grand Lodge, as a subordinate lodge representative, of the then acting Exalted Ruler of each lodge.

He further stated that the argument was advanced that if the acting Exalted Ruler should attend a Grand Lodge Session, he would have presented to him the program formulated and agreed upon at such meeting and would have the inspiration of personal contact with the Grand Exalted Ruler, Committeemen and other leaders of the Order and return to his lodge, fired with enthusiasm to carry on during the year.

There has been brought to our attention the recent report of Exalted Ruler Dobbs of Farmington, New Mexico, Lodge, in which he says:

"I was very much impressed by the manner of the operation of our Grand Lodge. I believe we have some of the greatest men in our country heading our organization. These men give of their talent and time to promote Elkdom in the true sense. After attending a national convention you can appreciate why the great Order of Elks is continually growing. The Order of Elks is a big business and we have to have big men with a lot of unselfishness and willingness for hard work to keep it running smoothly and to carry out our programs."

If a considerable percentage of Exalted Rulers attending Grand Lodge Sessions experience the reaction of Brother Dobbs, then this change in our Constitution for which Grand Exalted Ruler Coen was responsible will have demonstrated its justification.

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