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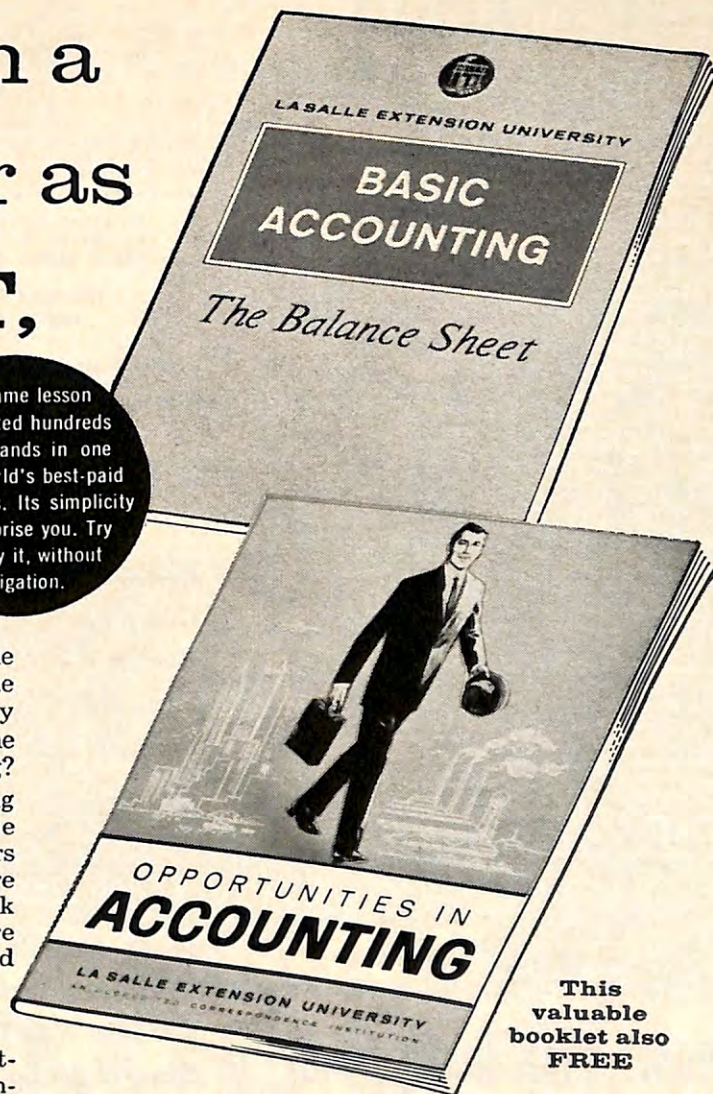
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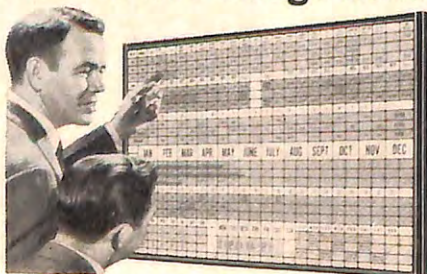
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FROM THE EDITORS

OUR COVER PAINTING—a watercolor—is somewhat evocative of another era, it seems to us. There may be some youngsters who know the pleasure of skating by moonlight, with bonfires casting flickering shadows and serving to warm numbed fingers, but only if they're not too busy going to meetings and indoor parties of one kind or another. We suspect that many adults who might have done some skating in that bygone era are today more likely to be found gazing upon the flickering shadows of the television tube—if they're not too busy going to meetings or indoor parties of one kind or another.

Yet the scene on the cover is not one of pure fancy. The artist, John Pike, lives in Woodstock, N. Y., and paints largely from his surroundings. Recently he opened a winter school in Hawaii for professional artists, and his part-time residence there has added lush tropical vistas to the sweep of his watercolor genius. In the summer he conducts a professional art school in Woodstock, which is an artists' colony nestled in the Catskills. He is one of the nation's leading watercolor artists, and his work is found in many collections.

We would be interested in finding out how readers like this cover by John Pike. Just write to THE ELKS MAGAZINE, 386 Park Avenue South, New York 16, New York.

APPEARING for the second time in THE ELKS MAGAZINE is short-story writer Robert Edmond Alter. In fact, it was exactly a year ago that his "The Man from Sudden" appeared. That story, you may remember, was about a gun-toting cowboy who freeloaded through the West via threat and bluff. When his bluff was called, he proved fast on the draw but incapable of hitting his adversary—because he had bad eyes and was too proud to wear glasses. According to our mail, the reader most charmed by that story turned out to be an optometrist.

In this issue, Mr. Alter is more serious with "Wrangler's Reward." We won't give a synopsis, though—turn to page 6.

The Old West is only one of Alter's specialties. He writes mysteries (*Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*, *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*) and other types of stories, some of which have appeared in *Adventure*, *Boys' Life*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, and other magazines. He's just had his first junior historical novel published—*The Dark Keep*, set in 13th Century England—and has others in the works. Bob Alter lives in Altadena, Calif., with his wife and a teenage daughter.

A FOOTNOTE to our article about the Office of International Trade Fairs in the December issue: A study conducted by St. Louis University for the Small Business Administration reveals that participation in export trade depends primarily upon the products being marketed and not the size of the firms. We quote briefly:

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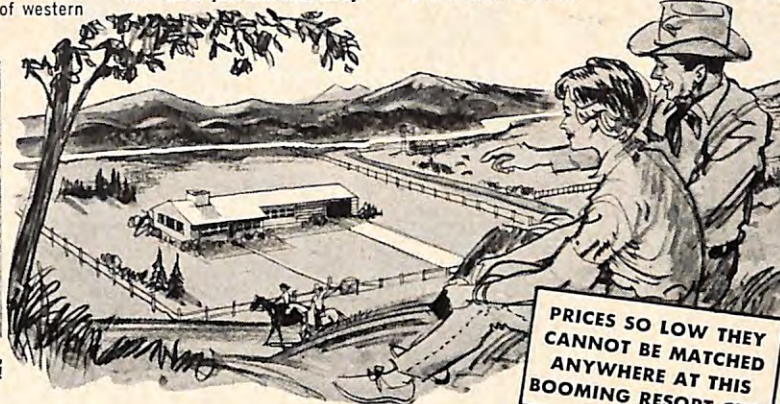
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WRANGLER'S REWARD

By ROBERT EDMOND ALTER

A drifting cowpoke can get into bad company, but if he's a man with a good face he may also get his reward

ILLUSTRATED BY DONALD TEAGUE

JUST BEFORE HE AWOKE he dreamed he saw horse hoofs pounding a stony road. The hoofs were blurred with motion, making quiet thunder in the dirt and stones—reaching, throwing, going. Then he was awake, half sitting up and blinking at the scrub oaks.

Torry Randall and Jack Spalt were gone; so were their blankets and saddlebags and saddles, their horses, too. *Those were real hoofbeats I heard.* Dave Gant listened a moment longer, but he couldn't hear anything—only the liquid chirp of a good-morning bird. Throwing his blanket aside, he pulled his holster and Colt from under his saddle and stood up. He looked around as he belted the weapon to his waist.



"There was only one safe place for an outsider to be when a posse was on a search, and that was in the posse."

Miss Roady, his pie-faced mare, had found some bunch grass ten yards away. She looked up at the man, twitched her ears, then swung her muzzle into the grass again. So Torry and Spalt had run out on him. Maybe he could still stop them.

Maybe, he thought, *they simply had enough of your company and decided to ramble.* But he didn't really believe that. Torry wouldn't leave without a good-by handshake. Spalt would (and probably would take Dave's gun and horse while he was at it), but not Torry.

As soon as his boot touched the stirrup, the mare bolted and Dave took a flying mount. They followed the lane through the scrub oak until the trees

petered out and the land began to shelve. A wide, white trail dropped below them and wound into a rock castle. He could see the fresh tracks in the dust.

So they're heading for the road, he thought. The stage road. He raised the reins, and the mare worked into an easy swinging canter, dropping through the heart of the round-shouldered rocks.

Then he heard a shot. It echoed back up the canyon in a flat, lonesome *pow*, and Miss Roady's ears twirled. Then the *plam-plam-plam* of more shots, rapid fire.

He had met Torry and Spalt three weeks before under the ragged battlements of the Tetons. He was a drifting

wrangler and they were drifting wranglers, so they decided to do their drifting together. He had liked Torry right off, an easygoing, rangy, good-natured nineteen-year-old. Torry was the kind of cowpoke who dreamed of emulating the picturesque life of badmen and gunfighters, but who didn't quite have the sand to turn his dreams—or his life—into that kind of reality.

Torry's counterparts numbered in the hundreds: boys who broke their tails in saddles for a month only to lose their pay in some grubby cattleman's saloon to hard-eyed old hands, or to hard-eyed "painted women." But the kids never complained. It seemed, when He was

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The Forecast:

NEITHER BOOM NOR RECESSION

By **DR. MARCUS NADLER**

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IN FORECASTING the business outlook for 1962 in last January's issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, the author said the following:

Business activity in the U.S. during 1962 will, to a considerable extent, be influenced by international political developments and by financial conditions prevailing in leading foreign centers.

The recovery will continue, perhaps at a slower rate than during the second quarter of 1961. Gross National Product, disposable personal income, employment, and consumption expenditures should be at a higher level than during the second half of 1961.

In spite of the continued deficit in the balance of payments and the rising volume of foreign-owned, short-term dollar assets, the integrity of the dollar will remain intact. An increase in the official price of gold is out of the question.

On the whole, the forecast was accurate. The international political situation, culminating in the Cuban crisis, exercised a considerable influence, although temporary, on business sentiment and on the equity market. Business activity remained static at a high level, and the Gross National Product, as well as personal disposable income, exceeded that of the previous year. Employment was high but unemployment continued to be a problem, the ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force aggregating about 5½ per cent toward the end of the year. The younger workers, and the unskilled in particular, found it difficult to obtain suitable employment. The equity market was marked by considerable fluctuation. However, in contrast to general expectation, the rather sharp decline in prices of equities during May and June of 1962 had no material repercussion on business activity; the adverse effect

was felt primarily in certain types of luxury housing and luxury goods.

The balance of payments deficit and the fact that foreigners own over \$20 billion of short-term dollar assets exercised an influence on the credit policies of the Reserve authorities. Short-term money rates, on the whole, remained high, and were kept in line with those prevailing in other financial centers, notably London. Measures were taken by the U.S. and other leading governments, central banks, and the International Monetary Fund to strengthen the key currency system and to prevent speculative raids on the dollar and on the pound.

The principal characteristic of the economy during 1962 was a failure to increase the rate of economic growth. Recommendations were made, in order to achieve such growth, that the tax system of the U.S. be changed in order to create a new stimulus for the economy. Toward the end of the year, however, because of the necessity of increasing defense expenditures, such a reduction in taxes was feared impossible right now because of the danger of too large a federal deficit.

THE OUTLOOK—Business activity in the U.S. during the new year will continue to be influenced by international political and financial conditions. Whether or not the rate of economic growth will be accelerated, or whether the economy will falter in the early months of the year and witness only a moderate recovery later on, will depend to a considerable extent upon whether the tax burden resting on the economy of the country will be reduced.

It is, of course, impossible to state what the international political situation will be. The Berlin problem



remains unsolved. The U.S. is heavily committed in the Far East. The outcome of the Indian-Chinese border warfare remains a great source of anxiety, particularly because other nations may be involved. The Cuban incident, however, has revealed that a strong stand on the part of the U.S. can make the Soviet leaders back down.

Although the balance of payments deficit during 1962 was lower than during previous years, the deficit is still large. Efforts are being made by the Government to eliminate this deficit, but its success still remains uncertain. The greatest emphasis is being placed on increasing exports from this country. This, however, will depend on economic conditions prevailing in the rest of the free world and on the competitive position of American industry. Yet there is no danger of a serious dollar crisis and if, for some unknown reason, one should develop, the U.S. will not hesitate to utilize the enlarged facilities of the International Monetary Fund to protect the integrity of the dollar. A devaluation of the American currency or a worldwide increase in the price of gold during 1963 will not take place.

Business activity in 1963 on the whole should be at a higher level than during the past year. As stated before, it is possible that the economy may falter somewhat in the early months, and witness a recovery later on. At the end of 1963 the figures for Gross National Product as well as personal disposable income should be higher than they were at the end of 1962.

Should there be a material reduction in personal and corporate taxes, the rate of economic growth will be accelerated and 1963 could, under these circumstances, be a good year. Although employment will remain

high, unemployment will continue to be a problem. A reduction in corporate taxes, however, should stimulate capital expenditures by corporations on plant and equipment and create new employment opportunities for the growing labor force.

Short-term money rates in the U.S. will continue to be influenced by international financial conditions. If these rates should rise in the leading financial centers, the same trend will prevail here. On the other hand, if short-term rates of interest abroad should tend to decline, the same will happen in the U.S. The availability of credit will remain ample, and the banks will be in a position to meet all the legitimate requirements of industry and trade. The change in long-term rates of interest will be only minor in character.

FORCES OPERATING IN THE ECONOMY—The above outlook for business activity during 1963, on the whole favorable, is based on an analysis of the components of the Gross National Product, or the sum total of all the goods and services produced in this country, which may be divided into two broad categories: (1) those that are either steady or constantly rising, and (2) the volatile forces.

The steady and growing forces, briefly summarized, are as follows:

Government expenditures. Total government expenditures, embracing those of the federal, state, and local governments, are rising. It is well known now that the surplus of \$500 million estimated last January in the budget message will definitely not materialize; on the contrary, even without a reduction in taxes, the federal deficit could exceed \$8 billion. If there is a reduction in taxes, and this is made retroactive to January 1, 1963, the deficit will be larger. Whether in the long run this is good or bad is immaterial. The fact is that whenever the Government spends more than it takes in, it creates purchasing power which has an impact on business activity. State and local government expenditures have risen every year since the end of the War, and the end is not yet in sight.

Consumption expenditures on services. This item has increased every year since these figures were first published. In part this is due to the rise in living standards; in part it reflects the constant increase in the cost of services. Consumption expenditures on services during 1961 totaled \$139.1 billion. They rose to \$148.1 billion on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, during the third quarter of 1962, and this trend will continue upward.

Consumption expenditures by individuals on non-durable goods are not materially affected by business activity. They are influenced, in part, by the growth in population and by rising living standards. While the birthrate of the country has slowed down, the population is still increasing at an annual rate of about three million. There are shifts within the individual commodities acquired, reflecting altered tastes and changing buying habits of individuals. For example, consumption expenditures on apparel and shoes have not increased as rapidly as the rise in personal disposable income. Consumption expenditures by individuals for non-durable goods, which amounted to \$155.2 billion during 1961, rose to \$162.6 billion on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, during (Continued on page 17)



FOURTH QUARTER:

TIME FOR LODGE INVENTORY

January 1 marks the end of the college football season. All of us can look back over the season and recall many thrilling fourth-quarter finishes when victory was snatched from defeat. It is a mark of a good football team and a strong coach that they always have something in reserve and go all out in that final quarter.

This is the final quarter for the subordinate lodge year, which ends three months from now on March 31. This is the time for every lodge officer, committeeman, and every member to take inventory and see how his lodge stands in this year's game, and particularly what he can do during the last quarter of the game to assure victory. Let us adjust our defense, and plan our offense to accomplish every objective by the time the final whistle blows.

Nearly every lodge has scored a few first downs in membership, in contributions to our Elks National Foundation, in tightening and improving the administration of lodge affairs, in the management of the club activities, and in the other programs of Elkdom. But first downs don't pay off. It is the score that counts, and a thorough inventory session with the lodge Secretary and committee chairmen will quickly reveal how many touchdowns the lodge needs for a last quarter drive to victory.

Stars—those men who are gifted with special talents—are good to have on any team. But it is teamwork, men working together smoothly and giving

their best to the common effort, that carries the day and makes the last-quarter drive a success. That is why every Golden Antler Award is a high score for your lodge and for Elkdom, because it means more and better teamwork, a broader participation by our Brothers in the programs of the lodge and of the Order. The Golden Antler Award program is a building program, building our lodges and our Order through intelligent teamwork. I urge all of my Brothers to participate even more vigorously in this program in this final quarter of the lodge year.

As Grand Exalted Ruler, I am proud of my field captains, the District Deputies and the Exalted Rulers of the subordinate lodges. Again, I call upon them to go immediately into a huddle with their teams and break out in a fourth-quarter victory drive. There are just three months left in which to take your lodge over the goal line of objectives accomplished. This is time enough, however, if it is used to advantage, to obtain enough new members of high quality to assure a gain for your lodge, time enough to obtain sufficient Participating Memberships in the Elks National Foundation and time enough to achieve all our goals, through teamwork.

This can be the best year your lodge ever had if you but will it. Make inventory time a productive time by assessing your needs against your goals, then marshal your team for a hard-driving final and victorious quarter.

L. A. DONALDSON, *Grand Exalted Ruler*



ROD AND GUN

Winter Fishing

By **TED TRUEBLOOD**

Ice, snow, and low temperatures needn't prevent a die-hard fisherman from pursuing his pasttime. After all, the fish don't complain

AL MILLER was jump-shooting ducks one morning in January. It was a foggy and dank two degrees below zero—so miserable that he had decided sitting in a blind wouldn't be worth it. After all, he told himself, I don't know if I'll even bag a single duck. But by jump-shooting, I'll at least be moving around and keeping warm.

As he walked around a bend in the creek, Miller came upon a fisherman huddled on the bank near a spring hole, his line dangling in the black water. They looked at each other in mutual surprise. Then the fisherman shuddered and said, "Ye gods! Imagine hunting on a day like this!"

Probably to most folks, the word "fishing" triggers a mental picture something like this: A balmy June day, a blue sky with a few puffy, white clouds drifting overhead, a stream that would do justice to a calendar, and a big trout leaping vainly to escape the line and rod held by a robust, handsome angler, whose shirt is open at the collar and whose sleeves are rolled up.

That, I'm afraid, is an all too common but unrealistic daydream. The truth is that not many fishermen are handsome, most streams aren't very scenic, the weather usually leaves something to be desired, and trout are more often than not small. And the final bit of truth is that, even (*Continued on page 31*)

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Tom Wrigley writes from Washington



THE NEW CONGRESS will be younger than ever, the average age being 56.9 years compared to 58.6 for the last session. Federal appointments are expected to go to Democrats who were defeated in November. Predictions include Sen. John Carroll of Colorado, Gov. Mike DiSalle of Ohio; and Rep. Sid Yates, who gave Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen a close race in Illinois. Members of Congress who now go out of office will not fare badly if they joined the Congressional pension plan. Those with 32 years service or over get \$18,000 a year. The pension for 22 years service at age 62 is \$12,340.

NEW AID to the handicapped is available in Washington. Mobile Care, Inc. provides persons confined to wheelchairs with transportation to stores, offices, churches, and other places. It has specially made buses with ramps; wheelchair passengers are easily placed in the buses, their chairs strapped in place, and away they go. They need no attendants. The driver unloads them and later comes back for them to take them home. Greyhound Bus Lines is planning a special bus to transport wheelchair travelers between Washington and New York City.

DOUBLE STANDARD for pay of men and women in industry is still widespread, Asst. Secretary of Labor Esther Peterson reports, following a survey by the Women's Bureau. It covered five cities and revealed that in a wide variety of occupations, pay rates for identical jobs were lower for women than for men. According to the Census Bureau, the average yearly wage for women is \$3,293 and for men \$5,417.

FALLOUT PROTECTION has taken a big jump due to the Cuban emergency, the Office of Civil Defense reports. Information material is being rushed to the public. It includes: "What To Do About Nuclear Attack" (H-6), "Family Shelter Designs" (H-7), "First Aid Emergency Kit" (L-12), "Fire Fighting for Householders" (PB-4),

"Home Protection Exercises" (MP-1). These publications can be obtained from local Civil Defense directors.

THE KENNEDYS will move sometime this month to their own country home in nearby Virginia (without leaving the White House, of course). It is on a 100-acre tract on Rattlesnake Mountain, about five miles from Middleburg. The house is on the mountainside, partially enclosed at the rear by ledges of natural rock. It looks out upon a beautiful sweep of fox-hunting country. Up to now, President Kennedy and the First Lady have spent occasional week ends at Glen Ora, a rented estate not far from Middleburg owned by Mrs. Raymond Tartiere.

CAPITAL BUILDING BOOM is on, with a record number of new hotels and inns springing up all through the District. Late projects in 1962 added 2,103 rooms to the existing total of 13,134—an increase of 16 per cent. By the end of 1963, the new Washington-Hilton will open with 1,200 more rooms, and other hotel projects will boost the total of rooms to 16,853. Looks like it will be easier to find a room in Washington from now on.

FACTS about old Georgetown even the "cave-dwellers" of that historic area never knew are revealed in a new guidebook by Alice Coyle Torbert. Long before L'Enfant mapped the broad avenues and circles of the city of Washington, Georgetown was a flourishing town. Although swallowed up by Washington when the Capital was built, Georgetown kept its narrow streets, quaint homes, and beautiful mansions and gardens. The new guidebook gives visitors a vivid impression of the Georgetown of Colonial days.

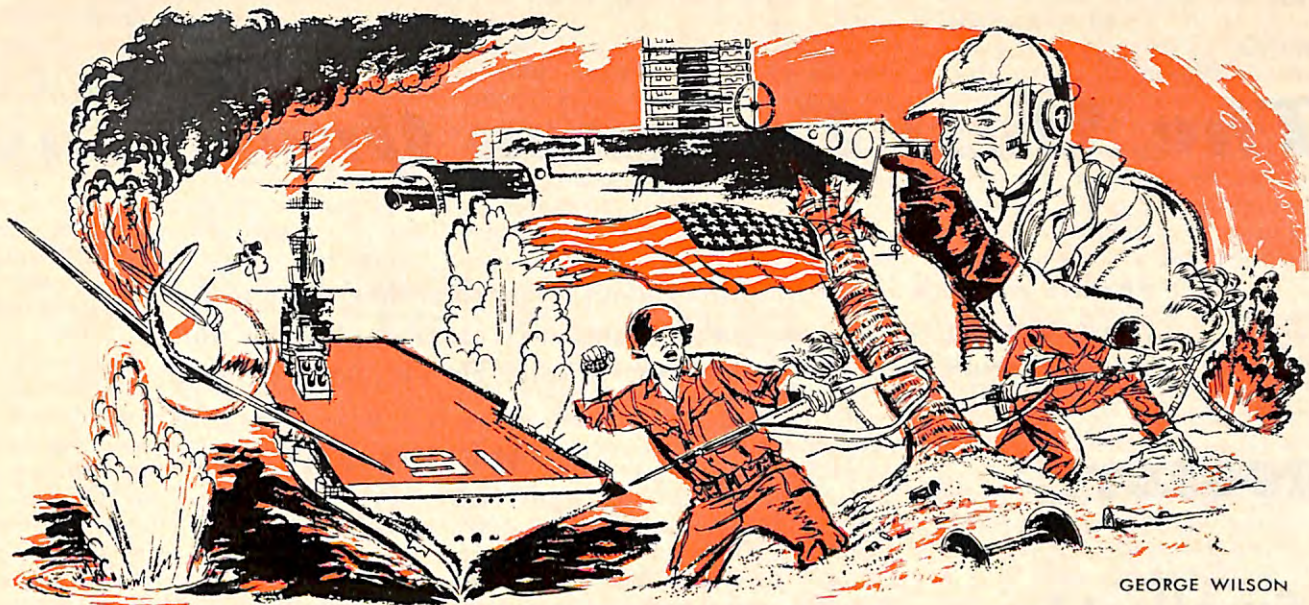
FABULOUS DIAMONDS, displayed in the Hall of Gems and Minerals of the Smithsonian Institution, dazzle the eyes of visitors. On display is the famous Hope Diamond, alleged to have been bad luck to any lady who wore

it. It has a wicked gleam. Near it is the 275-carat diamond necklace Napoleon Bonaparte gave to his wife, the beautiful Empress Marie Louise, after their son was born in 1811. It was donated to the Institution by Washington's outstanding civic and social leader, Mrs. Herbert A. May.

FROZEN POTATOES are becoming so popular, according to Agriculture Dept., that within 10 years about 75 per cent of the whole crop will be going to processors. Frozen French fries and potato puffs, "instant", whipped potatoes, and other easy to prepare items make housewives happy.

HOLES ARE BEING BORED in Washington as the first move to build a subway system. It is an \$800 million rapid transit project, and it will provide 85 miles of subways. The first subway is expected to be completed in 1968. The holes now being drilled are necessary to study subsoils. President Kennedy will be asked to approve the project this year.

JANUARY JOTTINGS . . . District Motor Vehicles Parking Agency is buying 1,500 "vandal-proof" parking meters which thieves cannot rob. . . . Banking circles report Christmas Club savings in the country exceeded \$1.5 billion, a new record, with nearly 14 million people having accounts. . . . Slingshots may be banned in Washington as dangerous weapons. . . . To settle any argument, the White House has 132 rooms. . . . Unemployment in the U. S. is now at a three-year low. The Christmas Season was best ever. . . . Thieves broke into Illinois Senator Everett Dirksen's apartment on Massachusetts Ave., but got nothing. In the nearby apartment of Senator Wallace Bennett, Utah, the burglars took a camera, gold cuff links and studs.



GEORGE WILSON

A New Year's Resolution

THE RENEWAL OF A PLEDGE

The observance of the beginning of a New Year takes many forms. To some it marks a time to pay old debts and start anew. These obligations could be financial, the return of a favor, or the performance of a good deed.

The American public has an everlasting debt to be mindful of at the time of each New Year's soul-searching. It is the debt we owe for our personal security and freedom which were won for us at great sacrifice by the members of our armed forces. They offered their lives where necessary to insure this freedom.

Many of these brave defenders languish today in Veterans Administration hospitals. Age is exacting its toll among many. They were cheered when they were healthy, young and robust as they took up arms in our de-

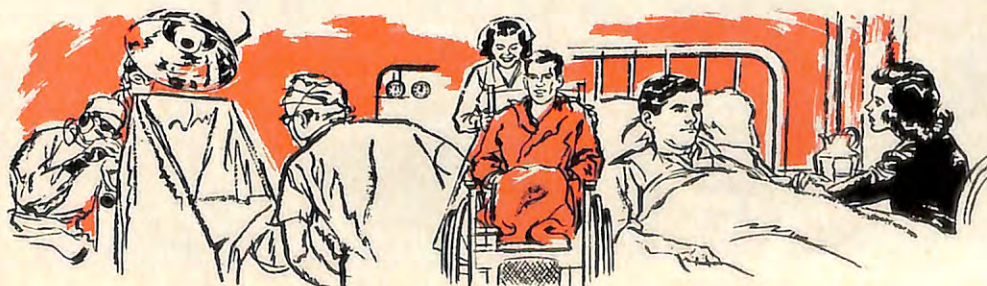
fense. There is very little cheering heard today behind hospital walls while these veterans conduct a daily personal fight for life itself.

Of course, they have the finest of medical and nursing care. This, unfortunately, has limitations. The cheery visit and the entertainment provided by our Elks National Service Commission committees throughout America bring encouragement and hope on the long journey to recovery.

These acts of remembrance have been performed on behalf of all Elks, every week, every month, every year since the first casualty entered a veterans hospital during World War II.

In the New Year of 1963 we proudly re-dedicate ourselves to our solemn pledge:

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



The Most Common Questions

Readers ask all kinds of questions about dogs when they write to Ed Faust. Some are about care and feeding; some are about kennels. But the most frequent are based simply on curiosity. Here are some answers

By ED FAUST

BIGGEST?

Smallest?

SMARTEST?

Fastest?

BEST?

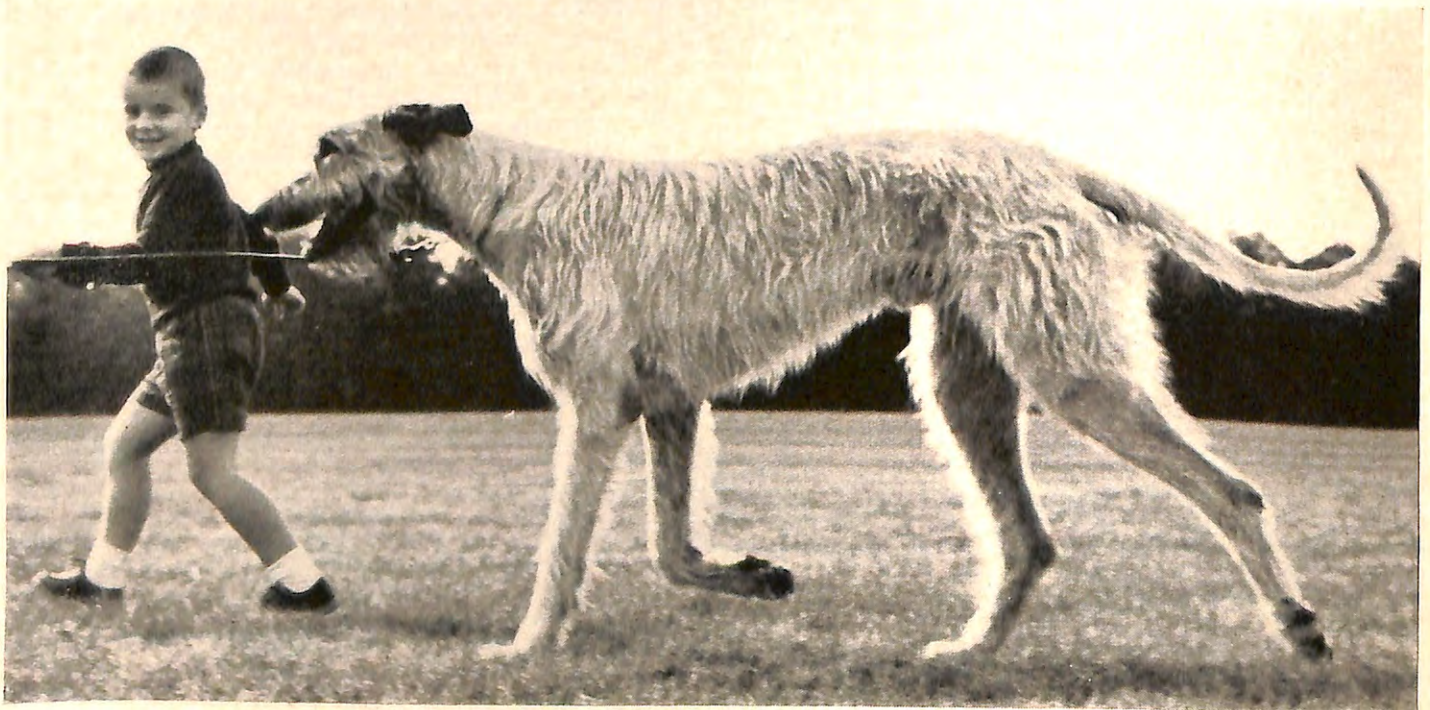
ALONG WITH QUESTIONS about Fido's care and training, this department of the Magazine is asked now and then not only to recommend a breed of dog but to supply the names of reputable breeders of a particular type of dog. Such inquiries invariably follow an article devoted to a specific breed. Now I don't mean to be uncooperative, but, for reasons of policy, I can't assume the responsibility for advocating the purchase of a dog of a particular breed or for the patronizing of a particular kennel. As those who've inquired know, I reply to such requests by suggesting a number of breeds, whose characteristics tend to match the wants of a prospective purchaser best.

And, whenever possible, the names of a number of reliable kennels that are conveniently located in the home area of the letter-writer.

Of course, I wouldn't be telling the truth if I didn't admit that I have my favorite breeds. Who hasn't? And, after all, as a member of a local kennel club, as well as a friend for never-mind-how-long of a good number of breeders, you can be sure that I have my opinions on that subject, too. But your Uncle Edward isn't brash enough to go out on a limb for either a particular pooch or specific kennel in this column or in my correspondence.

Another type of inquiry that fre-
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WALTER CHANDOHA



The biggest? That's easy—the Irish wolfhound.

the third quarter in 1962. In all probability this upward trend will continue. The rather favorable outlook for non-durable goods indicates that the volume of retail trade will be large. In all probability the increase in department store sales during the coming year will be as large as was witnessed during the past year. Competition, however, will remain keen because the number of shopping outlets is greater than is economically warranted and there is exceedingly keen competition between discount houses and old-line distributors. This competition will continue.

The *volatile forces* operating in the economy, briefly are as follows:

Inventories. Changes in business inventories have been among the most important factors in the cyclical swings in the postwar years. Thus, for example, non-farm inventories during 1958 declined by \$2.9 billion and rose by \$6.5 billion in 1959. This, in part, explains the recession during 1958 and the recovery during 1959. Similarly, non-farm inventories during the first quarter of 1961 on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, were curtailed by \$3.9 billion, whereas during the fourth quarter they increased by \$5.9 billion. During the first quarter of 1962 non-farm inventories increased on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, by \$6.6

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billion. This, as well as the last quarter of 1961, was affected by the accumulation of steel. During the second quarter of 1962, inventories rose by \$3.9 billion and during the third quarter by \$1.5 billion. Inventories at present are relatively low in relation to the volume of sales. A material liquidation from the present level, therefore, barring unforeseen events, is not likely.

Moreover, one may expect that inventories in the future will not play the same role as during the earlier postwar period, for the period of inflation has come to an end. The index of wholesale prices has remained fairly stable since 1958. Thus, the index of wholesale prices (1957-59=100) stood at 100.4 in 1958, at 100.3 in 1961 and at 100.7 on November 6, 1962. So long as industry is operating below capacity, while unemployment is large and competition is as keen as at present, a material increase in commodity prices on the wholesale level is not to be expected. On the other hand, the index of consumer prices has continued to rise. The latter index (1957-59=100) rose from 100.7 in 1958 to 104.2 in 1961 and to 106.1 in September, 1962. The principal reason for the constant

increase in the consumer index is the steady rise in the cost of services. In all likelihood, the consumer index will continue to rise.

The use of modern electronic devices makes it possible to regulate much better the flow of inventories. Under these circumstances, business will continue to follow a hand-to-mouth policy, and only in anticipation of major strikes will there be a sharp accumulation of inventories. During 1963 no great swing in the movement of inventories is to be expected.

Personal consumption expenditures on durable goods is also a highly volatile item. Thus, during the first quarter of 1961 such expenditures on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, amounted to \$40,800,000,000, whereas during the fourth quarter they aggregated \$46.6 billion. During the third quarter of 1962 on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, they totalled \$46.8 billion. As is well known, automobiles are the most important item among consumer durable goods. 1962 will have been the second best automobile year in the history of the country. As a general rule, a good automobile year is followed by a poor one. It is, however, quite possible that 1963 may also be a good automobile year, although not as good as 1962. This will be due primarily to the fact that in 1957 over

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7,200,000 cars were sold. They will be six years old during the present year, and therefore the scrappage ought to be unusually large. Similarly, the high level of personal disposable income as well as the number of new buyers will help to make 1963 a good automobile year.

Gross private domestic investment is another highly volatile factor in the Gross National Product. Thus, for example, during 1958, a year of recession, this item amounted to \$56.6 billion; on the other hand, in 1959, a year of vigorous recovery, it totalled \$72.7 billion. During the third quarter of 1962, total gross private domestic investment on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, amounted to \$77 billion. Eliminating inventories, the two items comprising gross private domestic investment are construction and the purchase of producers' durable equipment.

The total value of new construction during the third quarter of 1962 totalled on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, \$46.1 billion. Of this, residential non-farm construction amounted to \$24.3 billion. It is generally anticipated that home starts during 1963 will be between 3 per cent and 5 per cent less than during 1962. Similarly, fewer individual homes will be erected and more multiple-dwelling apartments will be constructed. Individual home starts have a more important economic effect than multiple-dwelling buildings, but, although home starts will decrease, total construction and public works in general should remain at a high level and may exceed in value the total reached during 1962.

The purchase of producers' durable equipment by business concerns during the third quarter of 1962 on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, was at a high level of \$29.4 billion. McGraw-Hill forecasts an increase in capital expenditures by corporations on new plant and equipment of 3 per cent over 1962. This is quite likely to materialize, partly because the depreciation provisions of the revenue code have been liberalized and partly because the tax credit of 7 per cent on the purchase of new equipment is now in effect. If there should be a reduction in the corporate tax, it would have a further favorable effect on capital expenditures by corporations.

Thus, if one considers the volatile forces together, one finds that, while there may be a decline in the output of automobiles and while home starts may be lower during the new year than during the past, all other items comprising the Gross National Product are likely to be higher. Barring, therefore, unforeseen events at home and abroad, which could materially influence business activity and business sentiment, the Gross National Product, the index

of industrial production, and total disposable personal income ought to be higher during 1963 than during the past year.

THE PATTERN OF BUSINESS—The balance of payments problem will continue. Although it is to be expected that great efforts will continue to be made by the Administration to reduce the deficit materially, it is doubtful whether it will be solved entirely during the present year. A dollar crisis is not to be expected. If, for some unknown reason, a run on the dollar should set in, it will be met by the Government through the use of the resources of the International Monetary Fund and the stand-by agreement of \$4 billion made available by some of the leading industrial nations of the world.

Under no circumstances can one expect a devaluation of the dollar or a general increase in the price of gold.

Competition will continue very keen nationally as well as internationally. So long as industry is operating below capacity, profit margins will be adversely affected. International competition will become even keener, particularly if the boom in Europe should slow down. Competition from the Common Market countries will increase as well. One may expect that organized labor in manufacturing industries will follow a more conservative policy in their demands for wages and increased fringe benefits. The leaders of unions in manufacturing industries are fully aware of the keen international competition and of the fact that prices in the U.S. have to be kept in line with those prevailing in other industrial countries. On the other hand, no such moderation

can be expected on the part of labor in the service industries.

The availability of bank credit will remain ample and the Federal Reserve authorities will continue to follow a policy of credit ease. As during 1962, the credit policies of the Reserve authorities will be closely coordinated with the debt management policy of the Treasury. Short-term rates of interest will remain relatively high and will be kept in line with those prevailing in the leading financial centers of the world, notably London. The supply of long-term capital is ample, and only a material increase in the volume of long-term Government securities could bring about a moderate increase from the present level. If, on the other hand, the Treasury does not offer a large volume of long-term obligations, there is a good possibility that long-term rates of interest may witness a moderate decline.

The volume of retail trade will reflect the increase in personal disposable income as well as the growth in population and rising living standards. The total volume of retail trade during 1963 should exceed that of 1962. It is possible, however, that the sale of durable consumer goods, notably automobiles, may be somewhat smaller than a year ago. On the other hand, consumption expenditures on non-durables as well as on services will be higher. Competition in the retail field will be very keen. The number of failures will continue relatively large, and the merger movement will continue.

CONCLUSIONS—The trend of business activity during 1963 will depend to a large extent on whether Congress

Grand Secretary Meets March of Dimes Poster Boy

Five-year-old Jimmy Boggess, Poster Boy for the 1963 March of Dimes, visited Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick to help launch the National Foundation's annual fund-raising drive. Jimmy astounded doctors by surviving serious birth defects and now walks with leg braces and crutches.



passes legislation reducing individual and corporate taxes. If so, business activity will continue to remain at a high level, and later on in the year the rate of economic growth will be accelerated.

If a reduction in taxes does not take place, there is a possibility that business activity may witness a minor decline in the early months of the year but resume its upward trend later on. Without tax reduction, however, the economic growth will slow down.

In any event, 1963, on the whole, ought to be a good year, and Gross National Product, disposable personal income, and total production should be at a higher level than prevailed during 1962.

The international political situation will continue to exercise a great influence on business sentiment as well as on the equity market. It is, of course, impossible to state what developments will take place in the field of international politics or what the equity market will do.

The balance of payment deficit will continue to be a problem. However, barring unforeseen events, the deficit during 1963 should be smaller than during 1962. Measures have already been taken to prevent a massive raid on the key currencies of the world, namely the dollar and the pound. A dollar crisis is not to be expected, and a devaluation of the dollar is definitely out of the question.

The availability of bank credit will remain ample. The commercial banks will be furnished by the Reserve authorities with the necessary reserves to meet all the legitimate credit requirements of industry and trade. A further reduction in the reserve requirements against time and savings deposits can be expected. However, because of the balance of payments problem, short-term rates of interest will be kept in line with those prevailing in other financial centers, notably London.

Competition will remain keen, and prices on the wholesale level ought to remain fairly stable. On the other hand, the consumer index will continue to rise, reflecting primarily the constant increase in the cost of services.

Finally, the fact should be borne in mind that the American economy is healthy and strong. There are no inherent weaknesses in the economy. What it lacks is a new stimulus to accelerate the rate of economic growth in order to create employment opportunities of the expanding labor force. Later on in the decade, such a stimulus will appear in the form of materially increased family formation. In the meantime, a thoroughgoing tax reform which would reduce the tax burden on individuals and on corporations could provide the needed incentive. ● ●

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

In the October issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE it says there are over 50 voluntary organizations which provide hospitality to foreign visitors in the U.S.A. ("Tom Wrigley Writes from Washington"). I had been welcoming foreign visitors in my home, but since last year I have rented 21 rooms in my home and have not been able to be hospitable to foreigners as I used to since 1932. However, I shall be glad to treat guests to tea or dinner while they are in Baroda.

I would like someone to send me your magazine after they have read it. I like to receive all kinds of magazines.

DR. SYED F. HUSAIN-KHAN
NAWAB MUNZIL
BARODA, INDIA

I just finished reading "The Unusual No Trump" ("Play Cards with John R. Crawford," November issue), and I want to tell you how much I enjoyed it and have learned about bridge from the articles in the Magazine.

MRS. WILLIAM LASOWSKI
MOHAWK, N. Y.

Having been an Elk for a good many years, I want to compliment you on our fine Magazine. However, in the November issue ("A Decade of Progress") I would like to call to your attention several inaccuracies and omissions regarding the Corvair.

Corvair has parallel wiper blades.

Regarding wagons: It's true they discontinued the Lakewood, but they still have quite a wagon in the Greenbrier.

The author makes the statement that all cars except Chrysler Corp. and Corvair have self-adjusting brakes. He is in error, as Corvair has them.

He does not credit Corvair with a synchronized manual transmission.

F. GERALD RYAN
CHARLESTON, ILL.

The Greenbrier is a boxy wagon resembling a certain import in appearance.

No make was credited with a fully synchronized four-speed gear box, although many, including Corvair, offer one. So far, only Ford offers a fully synchronized three-speed manual transmission.

Just to keep the record straight: Having read the article about automobiles in the November issue, I see two glaring errors.

One is where you say that Oldsmobile introduced the famous Rocket en-

gine in 1952. The year for this was 1949.

The other was where you mention the Olds 98 series Starfire luxury model now having a concave rear window. The Starfire is basically a Super chassis built on a 123-inch wheelbase. The 98 is a 126-inch wheelbase car. The 98 model that is built somewhat like a Starfire is called the Custom Sports Coupe and does not have a concave rear window.

DICK RANDOLPH
LINCOLN, NEB.

... He says the 1953 models were not much good, when in reality our 1953 models were the best Oldsmobile had ever produced and are still in very great demand as used cars if they have been properly cared for.

RUSSELL DUNMIRE
TACOMA, WASH.

Mr. Wherry did not mean to imply that the '53s were "not much good" in their time. The purpose was to show the progress made by the industry in the years following—the latest "Decade of Progress."

The article "A Decade of Progress" proved most interesting. However, I came across some facts I disagreed with.

The Edsel did not "last until 1959" but there were 1960 models manufactured and sold before the line was discontinued.

In 1955 Chrysler used the "death stick" to operate the automatic transmission and introduced push buttons in the 1956 models.

The first Corvette was manufactured and sold in 1953, not 1954.

JOSEPH T. JOHNSON
WATERVLIET, N.Y.

The last Edsel rolled off the assembly line in the fall of 1959, but it was a 1960 model.

Please accept congratulations to THE ELKS MAGAZINE and Jerry Hulse for the fine article "The Double Life of Las Vegas" in your October issue. As a member of Las Vegas Lodge, I received a copy.

So many writers about Las Vegas print only the sensational side of this fine city. It is refreshing to find a writer and an editor who will print an honest, well-balanced article about this delightful little desert city.

ROBERT E. JONES, President
Chamber of Commerce
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



Another Year, Another 105,000 Miles

By JERRY HULSE



Hong Kong

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE, but my flight log reveals that during the year just past I covered 105,000 miles, keeping up on the latest developments in travel and tourism the world over. Moving about so much and so fast, one's impressions tend to blur, so before pushing off into the new year, I'm going to sit back and put my feet up, as it were, in order to review some of the sidelights and highspots of 1962.

For instance, exactly a year ago, I was in exotic Hong Kong, comfortably ensconced in a room in the Ambassador Hotel that afforded me a breathtaking

view of the city's magnificent harbor that's always alive with little sampans, plying back and forth between Kowloon and Victoria Island.

My reason for being in Hong Kong was to attend the Pacific Area Travel Association's eleventh annual conference, which attracted 500 delegates from nearly every shore that's touched by the waters of the blue Pacific, ranging from Hong Kong to Hawaii, from New Zealand to New Guinea.

When the convention was over, I drove out to the border of the British crown colony at Lo Wu one slate gray morning. Here freedom ends at the bridge that crosses the River Shum Chun. Only 20 paces away, dressed in heavy winter military overcoats and fur hats, a group of Red Chinese soldiers were on guard duty. With automatic guns cradled in their arms, they stared at me, inscrutably. Ironically, just at that moment came the song of a bird from a nearby meadow, its small but free voice carried by the chill wind that was moaning mournfully. A Chinese flag flying above the sentries, was being whipped by the wind. Below it on a sign were the words: *Welcome to the Chinese People's Republic*. The rawness of the wind made me shiver, and, since there wasn't anything else to see, I was glad to get back in the car and return to Hong Kong. Only 45 minutes but a world away from Red China, the



Bombay



Tokyo



San Francisco



Paris



Berne

teeming city of tailors and tourists—and refugees—seemed vitally alive after my journey to the bleak gates of the communist world.

Soon it was time to move on, so I boarded a steamer that in a three-hour trip through the Sea of Nine Islands delivered me to the little Portuguese colony of Macao. It turns out that the wicked, wicked ways of this once vice-ridden town have come under considerable reform—so much so, in fact, that today if it's Oriental color and excitement you're looking for, then Hong Kong is the place for you.

Later I jetted to the island of Taiwan (Formosa) with Civil Air Transport, the airline formerly run by the late General Claire Chennault. In Taipei I checked into the Grand Hotel, which is cradled by the jade-colored hills that tumble down to the banks of the meandering Tamsui River. While I found Taipei a friendly place, it seemed unready at the moment for any major tourist push. So I decided to push off to Tokyo.

There it was sumo wrestling season,

so I bundled up in an overcoat and joined the enthusiastic audience at Kuramae Stadium to watch Japan's grunt-and-groan artists in action. Later, I dined at the Shirobasha Tea Room, which is a six-story Japanese concoction of cuisine, fine arts, and antiques. Additionally, you can be entertained anytime from 11 AM to 11 PM by no fewer than five orchestras and ten vocalists.

February found me in New York City, on hand to greet the *France* at the end of its maiden voyage from Le Havre. This experience reminded me that nearly two years earlier I had watched the launching of the \$80 million vessel in the little French port of St. Nazaire. Now, after extensive trial runs, here was the world's newest and longest passenger vessel steaming majestically into New York harbor. The sumptuous *France* boasts the biggest movie theater afloat, the longest cocktail bar on the high seas, two complete dance bands, two

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Mexico City



New York



Chicago



ELKS Aim For Safe Gunning



LONGVIEW, Washington, Lodge's instructors Vern Mauerman, lodge Trustee, left, and Vern Verhei, second from left, are pictured with a few of the hundreds of youngsters who are taking advantage of the lodge's training program in the safe use of firearms. The boys are, left to right, Mallory Smith, 13, Phil Jones, 16, and Marcus Smith, 13.

THE ELKS were the leaders in promoting safe driving among our teenagers, and now they're way out in front in another safety effort. One of these is Harlingen, Texas, Lodge, No. 1889, whose members organized a Junior Rifle Club early last year to teach boys and girls the safe handling of firearms and the sport of competitive target shooting.

At present the lodge has an enrollment of 20 girls and 49 boys ranging from eight to 17 years of age who meet each week to attend lectures and demonstrations on safety and the firing of .22 caliber rifles for qualification certificates and medals. The boys have earned 47 awards, the girls 38. They get their practice in the lodge hall over a regulation N.R.A. 50-foot course using portable backstops and target holders constructed to N.R.A. specifications. They use rifles borrowed from the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Dept. of the Army, and have fired more than 10,000 rounds of ammunition.

Exalted Ruler R. M. Elmore suggests that other Elk Junior Rifle Clubs interested in holding postal team matches contact his lodge, an idea which should

do much to foster inter-lodge relations and permit young people to become acquainted with Elk lodges. He also suggests that lodges interested in organizing such a club should write for information to the National Rifle Assn., 1600 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D.C., a non-profit group.

ANOTHER branch of Elkdom interested in training youngsters to handle firearms safely is Longview, Wash., Lodge, No. 1514.

As part of its Youth Activities this lodge has been conducting Hunter Safety Classes with Vern Mauerman, Vern Verhei, Dr. Ted Roth and Joe Schneider as certified instructors, abiding with the State Law requiring all persons under the age of 18 to pass a Firearms Safety Training Course before they may purchase a hunting license.

A minimum of five hours' training includes a practical as well as a written examination. Students passing these tests are issued a certificate which may be renewed each year without reexamination. At the time of writing, 145 youngsters, both boys and girls, have successfully finished the course.

FOUR ARMY ENLISTEES were inducted into the service at special ceremonies held at the home of Kokomo, Ind., Lodge, No. 190. They were John Jameson, F. E. Debusk, Peter Cone and J. M. Kerby. Assured of returning home for the Christmas holidays, the four left for Fort Knox as members of a "Holiday Class", sponsored by Kokomo Lodge in support of an Armed Forces program planned to interest fraternal and civic groups in the recruiting effort.

The inductees and their parents were guests of the lodge at dinner prior to the ceremony, when Exalted Ruler Harold Scott, Jr., introduced the speaker, Frank Celarek, Americanism Committee Chairman for the State Elks Association.

THE MEMBERS of Gainesville Lodge No. 1126 were hosts to the quarterly meeting of the Georgia Elks Association October 20th and 21st. Nearly 600 Elks and their wives representing 34 lodges set a record for attendance at this session at which President H. L. Williamson presided.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was among the dignitaries



HARLINGEN, Texas, children take their training in the handling of firearms seriously, as you can see in 11-year-old Jamie Parker, eight-year-old Eric McDonald and ten-year-old Tommy Speaker, as they take aim at the target. Their instruction is always given under the watchful eye of their sponsors, and often of their parents.



WAYCROSS, Georgia, E.R. B. N. NeSmith, Jr., left, receives the John S. McClelland plaque for its fine increase in membership from Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland. This lodge presented \$4,000 to Elks Aidmore, Inc., with another \$1,070 from its ladies.



JACKSONVILLE, Illinois, Lodge was host to a workshop conducted by D.D. Raymond Shanle and attended by 100 officers and committeemen from West Central District lodges. Reading clockwise from left foreground are P.D.D. Wilford Queen, Springfield Secy. Earl Schryver, D.D. Shanle, host E.R. Alford Herrin, State Membership Committee Chairman Wendell Smith, Dist. Vice-Pres. Irwin Stipp and host Secy. Richard Cruzan.



GROTON, Connecticut, Elk Frank Corralino presents to Esq. W. J. Partridge a \$500 check to become an Honorary Founder in the Elks National Foundation. Mr. Corralino, the first Honorary Founder of the lodge, contributed a total of \$1,869 to the Foundation last year. The lodge has five Participating Members and 50 others filling pledges. Left to right are D.D. R. C. Hullivan, Mr. Corralino, Mr. Partridge and E.R. Andrew Champagne.

who attended the conference, presenting plaques to Albany and Waycross Lodges for their extensive membership gains during the past year.

A highlight of each October meeting is the presentation of contributions by the lodges and ladies' groups to the Board of Trustees of Aidmore, the Association's Hospital for Crippled Children. Gifts made at the Gainesville meeting for this purpose totaled more than \$38,000, accepted on behalf of the Hospital by Robert G. Pruitt, Chairman of its Trustees.

A HALF-CENTURY of Brotherhood was climaxed recently during the Golden Anniversary celebration of Grinnell, Iowa, Lodge, No. 1266. A special initiation of 49 candidates highlighted the observance and boosted the lodge's membership to 625. An overflow crowd of more than 125 officers, members and visiting dignitaries attended.

Exalted Ruler James Webb and his officers conducted the program, and among the out-of-towners who joined them were State President B. G. Tranter, Vice-President R. G. Murphy and, former State President James Tait.

Two of the lodge's original Charter Members, Floyd Eichhorn and H. C. Gray, received 50-year-membership pins. Mr. Eichhorn, who attended the meeting, also received an Honorary Life Membership. Mr. Gray, already a Life Member, was unable to attend since he is now a resident of California. No. 1266 has 18 other active members of more than 40 years' continuous affiliation who were special guests.

IN AN impressively simple ceremony, Fort Walton, Fla., Lodge, No. 1795, dedicated its flag pole and raised the colors to half-staff at precisely eleven

a.m. on Veterans Day. Exalted Ruler Dudley Rogers presided at the patriotic service which was held at the lodge's new home along Florida's northwest Gulf Coast.

William J. Roberts, Jr., former Mayor and a Trustee of the lodge, was the principal speaker, hailing the Stars and Stripes as the symbol of true world unity. Esteemed Leading Knight Louis Luther raised the Flag to its place, assisted by Secretary John S. Gould and Trustee E. L. Gill. The invocation was asked by lodge Chaplain W. T. Nichols. Mr. Gould, retired after more than 36 years of active duty with the U. S. Army and the Air Force medical services, is a veteran of both World Wars.

OF THE MANY Youth Activities sponsored by Oak Park, Ill., Lodge, No. 1295, its Sea Scout Ship #48 probably gives the membership the most satisfaction. Almost every member of the Ship has won local or national honors for efficiency or proficiency in Sea Scouting.

During the past year, one of the students entered by the lodge in Grand Lodge scholarship contests won State honors, bringing further pride to Oak Park's Elks.

EVERYBODY had a grand time when the Youth Activities Committee of Bayonne, N. J., Lodge, No. 434, headed by H. R. Scott, entertained its Little League ball players at a dinner. The youngsters were welcomed by Exalted Ruler Irving Schwartz, and Mr. Scott introduced them to city officials who congratulated the boys on their fine sportsmanship throughout the season.

Congressman Cornelius Gallagher, Mayor Francis Fitzpatrick, Municipal Council President Alfred Dworzanski, a

Past Exalted Ruler, and Councilmen William Martin, Joseph LeFante (both Elks), Dennis Collins and Joseph Makowski, and Director of Parks George Prendeville who has aided the lodge in its "Handicapped Summer Day Camp" program joined Past Exalted Rulers Larry Hill, Edward Tischler and Walter Hutner in this testimonial.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Lodge, No. 86, has another successful Swim Club season to its credit. Early in August, the Indiana Elks Swim Championships were held at the lodge's pool, and the Terre Haute team won the title and a 23-inch trophy. Ribbons went to the top six in each event, and medals were awarded to the high-scoring girl and boy in each age group. This meet was the first of its kind to be sponsored by the Elks in that State and plans are under way to make it an annual affair. Medals went to Richard Cross and Brian Lumsdon, Kenny Stanfill and Bill Lumsdon; Charlanne Callahan and Mary Lee, and Mitzi Constantine and Patty Poynter.

A banquet honored the team later on, when letters were awarded to 30 of the highest point swimmers. Exalted Ruler Robert Maehling was guest of honor and Paul Selge, Indiana State College swim coach, was guest speaker. Trophies were presented to the "Most Valuable" girl and boy, Patty Poynter and Bill Lumsdon, and to the "Most Improved" swimmers, Mitzi Constantine and Richard Cross.

Many members of the Elks' team have finished a 50-mile swim and Stay Fit program sponsored by the Red Cross and the Elks intend to continue this project, and have a 100-mile swim program. Dr. Jim Humphrey is Chairman of the Pool Committee.



FREDERICKSBURG, Virginia, Lodge's Junior Baseball Team won the local Tournament. In the foreground are E.R. J. C. Adams, left, and Mgr. Joseph Pitts, right.



NEW PORT RICHEY, Florida, Lodge's Organizational Committee holds a quiet meeting. Left to right, foreground, Secy. Franklin Cole, Special Deputy R. B. Cameron, Chairman William Weiskopf and Treas. James Vaughn; background: Norman Vernard, Verne Rowley, James Christian, P.D.D. Lester McClure and Leslie Bauer.



COLUMBIA, Missouri, E.R. Turner Russell, left, and D.D. Thomas Briggs, second from left, were photographed with the lodge's Golden Antler Class. During the Deputy's visit, all lodge officers, together with five other members, enrolled as Participating Members in the Elks National Foundation.

LODGE NOTES

The last surviving Charter Member of Alliance, Neb., passed away not long ago. A Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge, he was Percy H. Cogswell who served continuously as lodge Secretary since 1907—more than 55 years.

C. L. Shideler, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight of the Order and Secretary of the Indiana Elks Association, delivered the address at the pro-

gram dedicating the modern new home of Anderson, Ind., Lodge. Past District Deputy Robert Duncan served as Master of Ceremonies, and Exalted Ruler LeRoy Lutton introduced his fellow officers. Rev. Father Victor P. Schott offered the Invocation and the Rev. Robert Bickel closed the program with the Benediction.

An interesting story concerns Jack Huneke, Exalted Ruler of Fresno, Calif., Lodge and a Deputy Fire Chief of that community. Brother Huneke

has received letters of commendation from Santa Fe Railway officials for his efforts in fighting a fire caused when the train carrying him and other Elks to the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago crashed into a railroad weed-burner in Kansas. The crash ruptured a 900-gallon tank of propane gas, and the resulting explosion and fire engulfed a locomotive and set fire to a passenger car. Mr. Huneke, riding in the next car, entered the burning coach, hauled down curtains and directed the fire-fighting efforts of the passengers. Later, he and a crewman extinguished the last of the fire in the locomotive.

We've been hearing about several members of the Order who have written books being published recently. One is Hiram E. Casey, a Past Exalted Ruler of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge. A prominent lawyer, he has compiled an interesting volume entitled "Law, Love and Religion of Napoleon Bonaparte in His Own Words." Another is "Let's Play the Recorder" by Robert Bouchard, a member of Delano, Calif., Lodge and Director of Instrumental Music at the Cecil Avenue School in Delano. John H. Adonis has had published a collection of poetry entitled "Tenacious of Life." Of special interest is the fact that Mr. Adonis, a member of Clifton, N. J., Lodge, plans to donate five per cent of the royalties he receives from the sale of his book to his fellow Elks, for any of the Order's benevolent activities.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Lodge has been very active this year. District Deputy James E. Nichols' workshop was well attended, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. A. Wall, Special Deputy Robert Cameron, State President John Laws, Vice-Presidents Dr. R. O. Cole and Charlton Brent and Secretary Stan Proffitt joining Exalted Rulers and other officials of Southern Mississippi Lodges.

Past District Deputies Gen. Frank O'Rourke of Boston, Mass., Lodge and Col. C. G. Sullivan of Somerville had a memorable experience when they were invited to the graveside services for the late Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, and were in the company of King Gustav VI Adolf of Sweden. That evening they attended the opera with the King and his family. Another outstanding Boston Elk, Lt. Col. Rev. Lawrance Brock, said High Mass at Denmark's St. Peter's Cathedral. These events took place during their Fall Field Duty with the A. & H. A. Co. of Boston.



GLENDAL, Arizona, E.R. D. E. Hanrath, right, welcomes State Pres. W. M. McMillon on his official visit.



PORT CHESTER, New York, Lodge initiated a large class recently. On hand were, left to right, State Vice-Pres. Eugene Hogan, initiate Bruno Gioffre, School Board attorney, D.D. Frederick Crisp and E.R. J. R. McGee.



CASA GRANDE VALLEY, Arizona, Lodge is proud of Mickey Robson, a member of its Boy Scout Troop who received the Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held at the lodge home. Left to right are Scoutmaster Chuck Johnson, Mickey and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robson.



ROCK HILL, North Carolina, Lodge's Choristers wore their new outfits at a recent program. These singers, directed by Leon Craven, are extremely popular throughout the community, appearing at functions for church organizations and civic groups.



A Giant Step In the State of Washington

The young man holding himself so proudly in the picture above is eight-year-old David Dahlke; the woman he is walking toward is his mother; the man at the left is his therapist William Luke, and the miracle of this muscular-dystrophy victim's triumph over his handicap is the result of faith and the efforts of the Washington State Elks Association and its Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

Following many disheartening interviews with doctors and specialists, then surgery and months of tortuous convalescing, David was being tutored in first-grade subjects at his Spokane home when the school nurse told his family about the Elks' project. Three months after David's surgery, contact was made with William Luke, one of the nine therapists operating in the Elks' mobile units, and regular visits, with an intensive therapy program, began.

Just three months later, with the aid of only crude leg splints, David walked.

To give the added value of water therapy, the Dahlke family built a heated pool with bubble dome. Mrs. Dahlke handles the upkeep of the pool, working with, and caring for, 24 other children daily. While the pool is maintained for David's benefit, it is offered to others of Mr. Luke's patients too.

Wm. C. King, State Secretary and Director of the Therapy Program, points out that some 1,100 children have been aided in his State—442 with handicaps similar to David's, post-polio problems and cerebral palsy. Over half a million dollars has gone into this project; its present annual budget of \$92,000 will probably be increased to \$150,000 with the addition of other fields of therapy, financed entirely by the 62,000 Washington Elks.



WEST HARTFORD, Connecticut, Lodge officials welcome D.D. Leo J. Markowski. Left to right are P.D.D.'s C. L. O'Brien and L. G. Triano, Mr. Markowski, E.R. F. O. Eagan, and P.D.D.'s C. N. Carroll, Wm. J. Fortin and Dr. A. A. Rousseau.



BAYONNE, New Jersey, Lodge's Youth Program included a dinner for its Little League team, pictured with Elk and civic officials who joined E.R. Irving Schwartz and Youth Chairman H. R. Scott in praising the youngsters' efforts.



BORDENTOWN, New Jersey, Lodge officials initiated this class of 34 candidates in honor of P.D.D. Frank Garriel.



NAVAL (Port Angeles), Washington, Lodge welcomed this class of 46, the largest group initiated in nearly 20 years. In addition to marking the official visit of D.D. Paul Meyer, fourth from left foreground, with E.R. Norman Gallaway on his left, the event celebrated U.S. Coast Guard Night and 18 of the initiates were Coast Guard personnel.

BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA, Lodge held a Father-Daughter Night with a tremendous response. Pictured below are Elk fathers, and the young ladies who enjoyed a fine dinner and learned a lot about Elkdom.

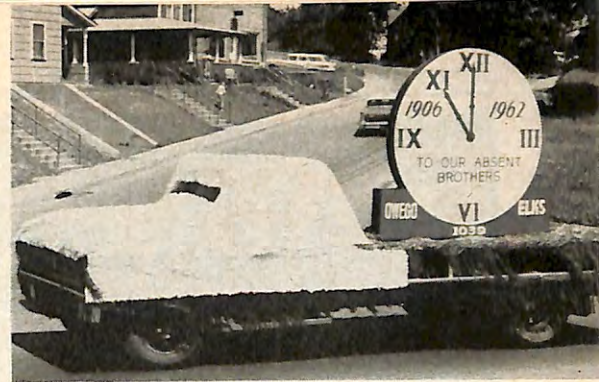




SOUTHERN PINES, North Carolina



ENDICOTT, New York



OWEGO, New York



WEST HAVEN, Connecticut

... Dickey E. Hoskins, left, receives a \$600 Elks National Foundation Award from D.D. Ralph Wallace, center. At right is sponsoring SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., Lodge's Youth Chairman, Gene Blackwelder.

... Past State Pres. Howard F. Cole installs his son, Harvey D. Cole, as Esquire of ENDICOTT, N.Y., Lodge.

... OWEGO, N. Y., Lodge won third prize with this attractive float entered in the parade celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the village and the 100th anniversary of the Owego Fire Dept. The lodge also won first place for having the most members, and the best-appearing group, in the line of march.

... At the dinner-dance celebrating the 35th anniversary of WEST HAVEN, CONN., Lodge were, standing, left to right, with their wives in the same order, Est. Lead. Knight J. L. Perrone, D.D. Harrison G. Berube, E.R. Joseph Lamoureux and Dinner Chairman Wm. E. Devine.

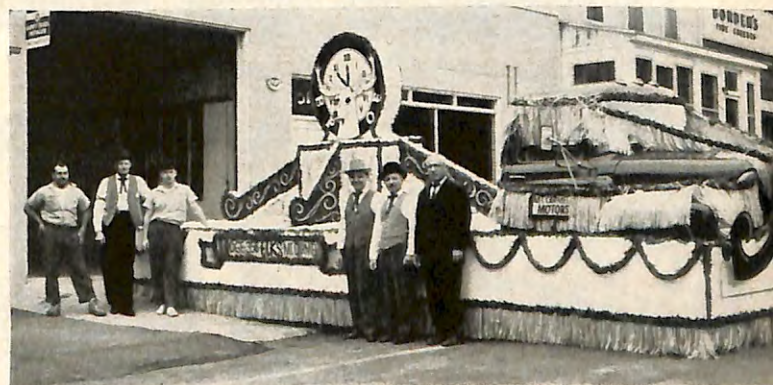
... ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX, VA., E.R. H. C. Anderson, third from left, accepts from Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Donaldson, left, the trophy emblematic of the lodge's winning the State Ritualistic title. Looking on are C. J. Cahill, second from left, lodge Secy. E. A. Marcey, Jr., fourth from left, and H. F. Lewis.

... This float was constructed by local Elks for the MT. CARMEL, PA., Centennial. Left to right are Carmen De-Francesco, Est. Lect. Knight John Miller, George McFee, the designer, Loyal Knight Joseph McDonnel, P.E.R. Michael Marenick and E.R. Glenn Menges.

... Elks National Foundation scholarships are presented to Mayor Edward A. Crane, Honorary Life Member of CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Lodge, for Freda L. Bonin, Lloyd G. Frame and Mary T. O'Brien. With the Mayor are, standing left to right, Youth Chairman Bert McCann, E.R. J. X. Shaughnessy and Secy. Wm. M. McLaughlin, P.E.R.



ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX, Virginia



MOUNT CARMEL, Pennsylvania



CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts



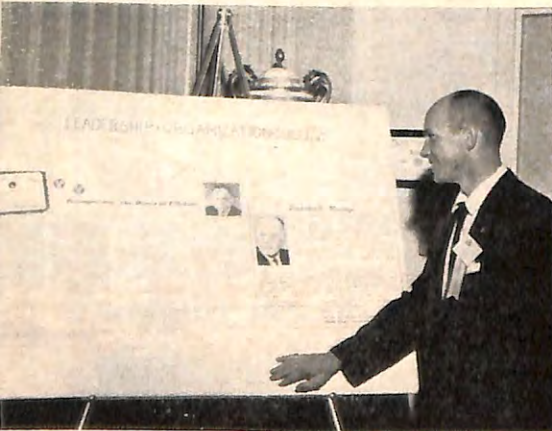
WARREN, Ohio

... State and local Elk officials look on as E.R. William Smith, left center, and State Pres. N. A. Bartram, right center, break ground for the new \$250,000 home of WARREN, OHIO, Lodge. Between them are, left to right, Judge William McLain, D.D. Jack Yerian and Milo Hettish.



WAUSAU, Wisconsin

... WAUSAU, WIS., Lodge welcomed D.D. George O. Falor with the initiation of 14 candidates, a reception, buffet supper and dancing. Mr. Falor presented the Golden Antler Award to J. P. Corvino who sponsored seven of the initiates. Left to right foreground, are Past State Pres. Jack R. Froom, Mr. Falor and E.R. E. C. Theisen.



OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION



DENISON, Texas

... Est. Loyal Knight Ansel Russell of Cincinnati Lodge inspects the photographic blow-ups of pages 20 and 21 of this Magazine's September issue carrying the Grand Exalted Ruler's Golden Antler Program. The display, exhibited at the OHIO ELKS' Fall Meeting, also included State Pres. N. A. Bartram's first message.

... For the fourth year, DENISON, TEXAS, Lodge has sponsored the winner of the annual Texomaland Golf Tournament and this year Read Omohundro won the Tourney for the second time. He appears at left as he accepted the trophy from P.E.R. G. A. Hanan.



GRINNELL, Iowa



LEBANON, Ohio

... E.R. James Webb of GRINNELL, IOWA, Lodge pins a 50-year emblem to the lapel of Floyd Eichhorn of Brooklyn, one of the lodge's original Charter Members. A Life Membership was also presented to Mr. Eichhorn during the lodge's Golden Jubilee.

... P.D.D. Charles J. Waggoner proudly presents a lapel emblem to his grandson, Robert Cropper, when the young man was initiated into LEBANON, OHIO, Lodge.



ORANGE, California

... ORANGE, CALIF.. Elks visited their fellow member, Arthur Dunnack, on his 99th birthday. Left to right, foreground, are Lynn Wallace, Mr. Dunnack and George Merriam, lodge Tiler for many years; background: E.R. Gerald Stauffer, George Barclay, Robert Pierson and Club Mgr. Milton Weber.

... Two members of LAKE TAHOE, CALIF., Lodge are pictured with their newly initiated sons. Left to right are James B. Lang and his father, Esq. C. E. Lang, and L. S. Nagy and his son, Victor. The young men have been friends for years, having gone through high school together. Their fathers are also long-time friends, and each presented membership pins to the new Elks in his family.

... Three generations of the Hobson Family are now members of ROSWELL, N. M., Lodge. Left to right are lodge Secy. H. G. Zike, D.D. George Gaylord, Albert Hobson whose deceased father had been an Elk many years ago, his son Gene Hobson and grandson John Hobson whom he sponsored, and E.R. Buddy Adams.

... When District Deputy Elbert A. Stellmon of Idaho North paid his official visit to COEUR D'ALENE, IDA., Lodge, a group of five candidates, designated as the "Golden Antler Class", was initiated. Also on hand was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins, a member of that lodge. Left to right are E.R. D. H. Batchelder, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Stellmon and the new members of the lodge Raymond R. Griner, Wallace P. Earle, Robert L. McCord, Donald G. Kline and Dr. William H. Fate.

... CONDON, ORE., E.R. Wayne Anderson, right foreground, presents an \$800 Elks National Foundation Emergency Scholarship to Martha Jane Tierney, daughter of the late Orvine Tierney, former lodge Secy. Others are P.D.D. G. B. Urlic, left foreground, and, left to right background, P.E.R.'s Ian Jamieson, William Flatt and J. O. Burns. Shortly after the lodge's institution in 1952, Mr. Tierney suggested that each member subscribe \$1.00 to the Elks National Foundation. Condon Elks have done so ever since.

... Elkdom lets the ladies, as well as fellow Elks, know their efforts are appreciated, as evidenced when Miss Cuba Campbell retired after 20 years as OLYMPIA, WASH., Lodge's official hostess. At the dinner the lodge held in her honor were, left to right, Trustees Chairman Henry Harder, Miss Campbell, P.E.R. Frank Baker who was Master of Ceremonies, and E.R. Jim Marcinko.



LAKE TAHOE, California



ROSWELL, New Mexico



COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho



CONDON, Oregon



OLYMPIA, Washington

THE MID-SEASON CONFERENCE of the Louisiana Elks Association in Plaquemine October 19th and 20th was extremely pleasant and interesting.

Concluding with a banquet and dance, the Conference had many fine speakers, among them President George J. Lupo; Past Presidents Willis C. McDonald, a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, W. P. Pearce, Jr., Trustee, H. B. Garland, Clarence La-Croix, Foundation Committee Chairman, Jacob Clausen, Trustee, H. L. Boudreaux; former Grand Tiler Sidney Freudenstein; District Deputies A. B. Culliton and N. J. Cunningham, Americanism Committee Chairman C. B. Emery, and Sheriff C. A. Griffon.

Mayor C. P. Schnebelin welcomed the delegates who had under discussion such projects as the Grand Exalted Ruler's many-faceted program and the Association's Eye Bank project.

A LARGE NUMBER of Indiana Elk officials participated in the tribute paid to Dr. J. A. Sanders by Auburn, Ind., Lodge, No. 1978, recently. The occasion marked Dr. Sanders' 50th anniversary as a member of the Order and he received a 50-year membership pin from State President Gerald Powell. Exalted Ruler Don Folk presented an Honorary Life Membership to Dr. Sanders, the first ever issued by Auburn Lodge.

Nearly 100 persons attended the testimonial dinner which followed the initiation of a class dedicated to the guest of honor. Among the dignitaries present were Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight C. L. Shideler, Special Deputy Robert L. DeHority, District Deputy A. B. Banghart, State Vice-President Roy Rogers and Past State Presidents Cecil Rappe and Roy Jorg.

Dr. Sanders originally was a member of Bloomington Lodge, later Garrett Lodge and then Auburn.

IN A RECENT ISSUE of what its editors modestly call their "modest little magazine", the Elks of Hot Springs, S. D., Lodge, No. 1751, are lauded in a warm editorial. The publication, *The Battle Mountaineer*, is issued twice a month by the VA Center in Hot Springs, and this particular issue was dedicated to the local lodge in appreciation of its sponsorship of a series of baseball tournaments held on the Center's field.

The games were played by youngsters of from six to 13 years of age, and the editorial expresses the Center's gratitude to the Elks not only for the entertainment provided to the servicemen who watched the games and for the trophies awarded the winners, but for their efforts to find and provide healthy outlets for our youth,



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LITTLE FALLS, New York, Lodge welcomed D.D. James Hanlon with the initiation of the five Steciak brothers. They are, left to right, foreground, Peter, Joseph, John, Stephen and William Steciak. Included in the background are the four Gregorka brothers, initiated with their father in 1946. Left to right are Edward and Leo Gregorka, E.R. Joseph Burch, D.D. Hanlon and Arthur and Fred Gregorka.



ARLINGTON, Massachusetts, Lodge's Little League Baseball Team won the Town Championship. The top team in the Southern League with a 13 and 5 record, they won four straight in playoffs with the other two League champions. In the background are, left to right, Mgr. Syl Ricardi, Youth Chairman Thomas Kennedy, E.R. R. B. Clifford and Coaches John Jackson and Phil O'Neill.



ELLENVILLE, New York, Lodge's Little Leaguers had a great season under Mgr. John Gould, center background.

Rod and Gun

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if a poor dope really hooks a big trout, it usually gets away before a photographer can record the event for posterity.

Then why fish? Because to a real hard-bitten enthusiast—and there are millions of us—the usual prevailing conditions don't matter. Well, let's say they don't matter very much. Sure, we'd like to have things perfect. Once in a while, if we go often and stay long, things work out to perfection. But we don't really expect that. We just like to fish.

Last January, I was fortunate enough to spend a couple of weeks in Gardiner, Montana. Maybe you'll remember that the folks out there had some right brisk weather last year. I do—the first morning I was there, when I got into my car, the plastic seat cover shattered into a thousand pieces as I sat down on it. Then, when I stepped on the starter, nothing happened. There wasn't even the suggestion of a groan.

Remembering that my gasoline camp stove was in back, I thought: I'll light the stove and set it under the motor and warm things up. A good idea, only I



Ice fishing—a chilly sport.

couldn't get the stove lighted. I had to take it into the house and warm it up before the gasoline would vaporize enough to burn. Eventually, I got it going and slid it under the car. After an hour or so, the motor was more responsive.

Now, the Yellowstone River flows right through Gardiner, which is the northern entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Below the Park boundary, this stream is open to year-around fishing—legally, that is. Most of it wasn't open physically last January because it was frozen solid below Yankee Jim

Canyon. Above the canyon, however, there was quite a bit of open water. The Gardiner River, which enters the Yellowstone at Gardiner, is warm. (The use of the word "warm" is relative, of course. It's a trout stream, and no trout stream is exactly scalding; but the hot springs flowing into it at Mammoth kept it from freezing over.) Consequently, from the mouth of the Gardiner downstream for several miles, there were places where a man could fish. There were even places where he could wade if he was willing to slide off the edge of the shore ice to do it.

Scotty Chapman, Mert Parks, John Good, and I fished the four days of the two week ends I spent in Gardiner, a scenic spot some 5,000 feet above sea level. (Unfortunately, we had to work during the week.) We used flies and, furthermore, we caught some trout.

This was an accomplishment, and it made us happy. We did it by using sinking fly lines and big nymphs that resembled the large, black stone fly larvae on which the trout were feeding at that time. We would cast across the current near the foot of a riffle, our lines sinking as they were swept around downstream. Then we would retrieve them very slowly. The trout, seeing our nymphs crawling along over the bottom, mistook them for the real thing.

I remember that on January 27, the Yellowstone near Gardiner, registered a relatively warm 34 degrees. Even so, trout don't fight well when water is this cold. But catching them wasn't a snap, because some of the other conditions were adverse. However, being on a good river with good companions was, as always, a pleasure in itself.

I guess I'll have to explain about the fun of cold weather fishing. In the first place, as all real outdoorsmen know, the weather always seems worse than it actually is, if you're on the inside looking out. Bad weather doesn't bother you if you are doing something you enjoy. That's why every northern lake is dotted with ice fishermen at this season of the year—all of them having a wonderful time—while tender stay-at-homes peek out, shudder, and turn up the thermostat another notch.

In the second place, outdoorsmen know how to dress for the cold. People accustomed to being out of doors in winter only when going to or from an overheated office usually don't have suitable clothing for sustained periods outside. Consequently, they get colder in minutes than a fisherman does in hours. While fishing the Yellowstone, I wore insulated underwear, wool pants, a wool shirt, a down jacket, and, of course, waders.

Thirdly—and this is a phenomenon of high altitude that lowlanders aren't aware of, although skiers are—the winter sun is warm. It may drop to 30 below at night, but during the day, if the sky is clear and there's no wind, you'll find yourself actually starting to shed clothes about 10 o'clock in the morning. So in most respects those days on



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the Yellowstone were really quite pleasant. Of course, a hand warmer in one pocket was welcome, and, although we frequently had to dip our rods into the water to melt the ice out of the guides, I couldn't say we were miserable. Not by a long shot.

And don't for a minute think that we were alone on the Yellowstone; there were plenty of other anglers on the river. If we had been able to be at the hundreds of other rivers in the West that are open to year-around fishing, we would have seen plenty of other fishermen, too. We would have seen them ice fishing on lakes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Not to mention New England. Along the West Coast, anglers would have been spotted on every steelhead stream from San Francisco north to Washington's Olympic Peninsula. And in the South as well.

Any angler who lays claim to the title of fisherman is an optimist; he has to be. And if you're a steelhead fisherman, you're the biggest optimist of all. In the first place, you're after a migratory, elusive quarry. There might be a thousand fish in the pool you're working, which simply won't bite. Just as likely, the pool doesn't hold a single fish. You never know. Or maybe they're just not having any part of what you're using. You can't know that, either, because trout don't feed seriously once they reach fresh water. There's really no good reason why they should bite.

So this is the pattern. You leave a pool in frustration. Then three minutes later some lucky son of a gun walks down and hooks a ten-pounder on his first cast. Why? Because fresh fish just moved in? Because he used a different fly, bait, or lure? Because he fished it differently? Because they suddenly started hitting? Or just because? If you live to be a hundred, you'll never know.

But even so, this uncertainty doesn't prevent thousands upon thousands of anglers from spending every possible winter moment fishing for steelhead. Once I was on the Russian River, about 60 miles north of San Francisco, on a winter day when a fellow near me hooked a steelhead. It was apparent that he was so excited he was almost paralyzed, so I helped him land it. Once it was safely on the beach, he knelt and gazed at it intently, almost reverently, for a full five minutes. Then, jumping up, he grabbed his rod and fish and started away, almost at a trot.

Since there were about 75 other anglers in sight up and down the river, several of whom were playing fish, I said: "Hey, you'd better make a few more casts. They're starting to hit."

He paused in his retreat only long enough to say: "I've been fishing for steelhead ten years. This is the first one I ever caught. I'm gonna take it home and show mamma!"



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So the fishing is tough, but the reward is great. I'm sure that I've suffered more while fishing for steelhead in the winter than I ever have doing anything else. For instance, along the northern West Coast, where the natives think they're having a drought any time they can go outdoors without a slicker, when I fish I've come to expect numbness and little to show for my efforts.

Actually, it doesn't get very cold there. Although it snows occasionally, a fall ordinarily melts in a few days. When you're fishing in January, the temperature usually is about 40 degrees. However, it's almost always damp, and you can expect a raw wind. And the water in the stream you're fishing, which is within inches of your boot tops most of the time, averages about a chilly 40 degrees.

All of these adverse conditions might not really be so bad if you could fish a few minutes—or perhaps a few hours—and quit. But steelhead anglers aren't made that way. They're the most obstinate of the diehards. As a matter of course, one fishes all day, either because he's caught a fish or because he hasn't. So that by the time the light begins to fail in the evening, the individual who emerges from the stream is a figure of numbness.

Understand, I'm not complaining, just stating facts. I've experienced it before, and I'll do it again, just like every other fisherman who remembers hooking into one of the great, silvery, slab-sided brutes, fresh up from the sea.

When such an incident comes along, the angler participates in a minor miracle. The numbness suddenly disappears. The raw wind stops blowing, and the penetrating, cold rain stops falling. He is warm, excited, cheerful, and buoyed up by the sure knowledge that he'll soon hook another. Although this "soon" may stretch into days or weeks, it keeps him going. Yes, the fishing is tough, but the reward is great.

Actually, the rewards of catching any fish are great, and it seems that they in-

crease proportionately to the number of difficulties one has surmounted. I remember the tag end of a cold, bright winter day on a pickerel pond in New York state. Harry Erickson, his dad, and I had chopped holes through the ice and set our tipups quite early that morning. Although it was pretty frosty for awhile, before noon the sun had taken the edge off so that it was pleasant when we ate our lunch. We even shed our coats as we stood around and broiled hamburgers over a bed of glowing charcoal in a sort of little sled-stove contraption my companions had built.

As the sun began to fall behind the bare-branched trees, however, the wind came up. It started gently, but before long it was curling little plumes of snow across the ice. There was no defense against it. To make matters worse, we hadn't had a nibble all day; not a single flag had gone up. Doggedly, we had rebaited with fresh minnows as the old ones became lifeless, and had shifted our tipups occasionally looking for apparently unattainable "better spots."

Should we quit and go home? We debated the question. We agreed that it was the sensible thing to do, but fishermen aren't sensible, by and large. We stayed on. Hunching our backs against the wind and tucking our fingers under our arms in a futile effort to keep them warm, we continued to watch our tip-

ups. Meanwhile, the temperature kept dropping as the sun sank.

Then, just as the sun was disappearing and the wind was growing rougher, a flag went up! It was one of Harry's. He ran to it. Before he got there, one of mine snapped erect. Before I reached it, I saw still a third spring high as a fish took the minnow and started peeling line off the spool.

A wild half hour ensued.

A school of big, fat yellow perch had moved in. We ran from tipup to tipup, pulling out fish and rebaiting when we had a chance. But generally we only had time to throw a flapping perch on the ice and then hurry to another tipup. We were no longer cold at all, even though our fingers wouldn't do what we wanted them to. We knew they were just being uncooperative.

By the grace of those last few minutes, the day was transformed into a great one. When we finally stowed the last of our gear into the trunk of the car and started home, with the luxurious warmth from the heater beginning at last to soak in, we knew something that stay-at-homes will never know. We knew that the best time to go fishing is *now*, i.e., any time; that any fish is a good fish, and that, irrespective of size, the more difficult it is to catch, the more valued it is to the angler who's caught it.

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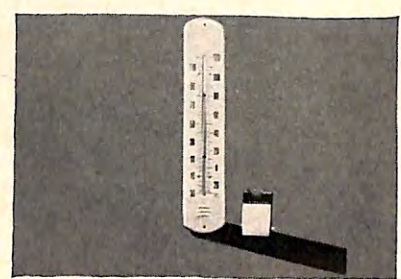
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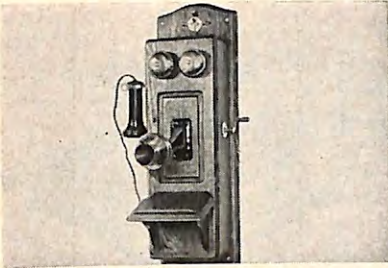


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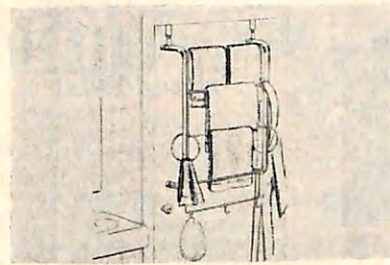
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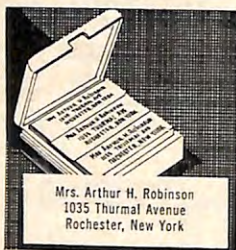
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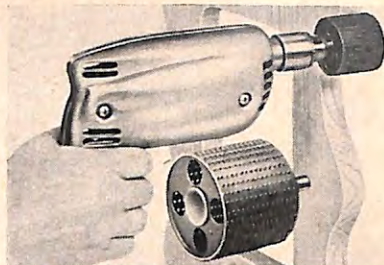
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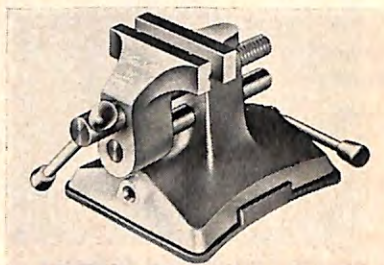
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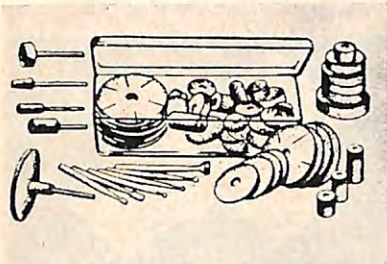


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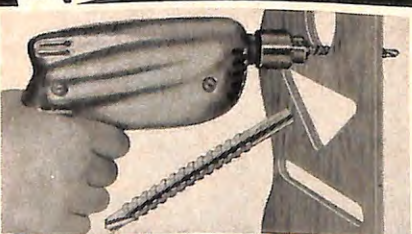


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Wrangler's Reward

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through molding them, God stamped an enduring grin on their faces.

But Jack Spalt was from a different mold. A down-mouthed, mean-bridle-handed man, with the look of a moonlight cowboy rather than an honest one. And there was something else about him, something that always rubbed Dave wrong—notches on the butt of Spalt's Colt. Five of them. They seemed to represent an unspoken boast that Death was merely a game to this lightning-handed man who carried a visible reminder of his score on his hip.

Spalt made a great show of his talent, forever potting at fist-sized stones or old sun-colored bottles as the trio rode along. But he was good, you had to say that.

"How are you with that iron on your hip?" he asked Dave one day.

Dave didn't miss Spalt's patronizing undertone. He said lightly, "Good enough to keep sidewinders from striking me or my mare's shanks. Is that what those notches on your gun represent? Rattlers?" He was going to add: "Or tin cans and bottles?" He decided against it.

But Torry was proud of his partner's ability, and he cut in before Spalt could take affront. "Hell, Dave, those notches Jack has are gunfighters' he's downed. He's good, I tell you."

Spalt smiled a thin, one-cornered smile and cast Dave a look that might have meant: "So let that be a warning to you, cowboy."

And Dave, who didn't believe in pushing trouble, merely nodded and let it go. And that was the way they had traveled: Dave on friendly terms with one but in a state of armed truce with the other.

On their last evening together they had set up camp in the stand of scrub oaks. Their joint supplies were low and the coffee completely out, so Spalt offered to ride back to the cattleman's town they had skirted that afternoon. Each man dug into his jeans and threw what change he had left in the center of a blanket. It didn't amount to much.

"Guess it's time we started earning our beans again," Dave said.

Spalt gathered up the money with a grunt, then said, "And that's all you'll earn, too—beans. Unless you go into the cattle 'business' on your own." Then he mounted up and rode away.

Dave expected Spalt to revert to his favorite topic of conversation—rustling—that evening as they sat around the fire with their coffee and makings. But Spalt had something else on his mind.

"There's a stage road below us here," he abruptly announced at one point. "Fella in town tells me the Wells Fargo

is coming along there nigh sunup."

Torry leaned back against his saddle, lazily. "So what, Jack?"

Spalt was off-hand about it. He poked at the fire with a stick.

"Oh, just thinking. You know those stages usually carry gold, maybe money in the strong box. And this here one's hauling passengers, too. Those passengers are usually well-heeled." His voice trailed off.

Torry straightened up. "You suggesting something, Jack?"

"If he is," Dave said suddenly, "then he might as well add that they hang roadagents in the West."

Spalt looked at him across the fire. "If they catch 'em."

"Why wouldn't they?" Dave was willing to go along with the talk to a point. "How would you work it?"

"Well—" Spalt said easily, "if I had two men, I'd hit that stage three ways: one man covers the driver, one covers the shotgun, and the third covers the passengers. Then, after I had the strong box and the passengers' money, I'd tie 'em all up. By the time they worked themselves loose and rode into town for help, I'd be long gone."

"Long gone toward a noose," Dave said. "Maybe you've never seen just how quick cattlemen can raise a posse. Maybe you've never seen one of those posses in action. They don't just play at it."

Spalt tossed the stick into the fire and reached for the tobacco.

"Why worry about it?" he said. "We were only supposing."

Torry's eyes were glassy bright as he stared at the fire. "It would be something, though, wouldn't it?" he said eagerly. "Just like Jesse James. Masks and pistols. 'Halt! Your money or your life!'"

"Yeah," Dave said sourly. "But I guess I'll stick to a wrangler's beans. They're easier on the gullet than a rope's end."

Spalt said nothing. He smoked his cigarette and stared at the fire.

Now it was sunup and those two fools had tried it. That big fool Torry had let that mean fool Spalt talk him into it. *Spalt must have worked on that damn kid's imagination after I turned in last night*, Dave thought. *Must have built it up in Torry's mind until they looked like a couple of hell-for-leather Frank and Jesses.*

He reined in, the mare braking with all four on the downgrade, and held her there, undecidedly. He could see the stage road below him, and that was all. But those shots . . . that meant Spalt's plan had gone wrong. Dave remembered the down-mouthed man's

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cold, gimlet eyes now, and the notches on the gunbutt. Had Spalt killed someone? Had . . .

He didn't know what to do. It seemed to be too late to do anything—except run. *But I haven't done anything*, he argued. *If I start to run, I'll be a part of it, or always feel that I am.*

But the decision wasn't left up to him. Suddenly he heard the pounding of hoofs, and then Torry and Spalt slammed wildly around the bouldered turn-off of the road and onto the up-grade trail.

Spalt, his face savage, was in the lead. "Run for it," he yelled as they split, going around Dave right and left, their horses' hoofs hammering, cutting, clacking the stones. Torry didn't even seem to see him. The boy was riding in a haphazard tilt, folding himself over his left arm. Dave caught a crimson glint on Torry's hand where it clutched his right side.

Then a man on foot appeared far down on the road. He dropped to his knee and raised a rifle. Dave started to shout "Wait!" But it was too late. The rifle puffed a blossom of smoke and something whocked Dave's saddle. Next he heard the shot. He looked down and saw that a piece of his saddle horn had been sheared off. If the rifleman was any better with his second shot . . .

Dave swung the mare's head around and booted home.

He reined in as he came to the head of the trail and checked the tracks. Evidently Torry and Spalt were striking a course back to the scrub oak. So, Dave turned off to the east and started down a narrow chasm, dropping into a twisted vent with walls of yellow stone. As far as he was concerned, the two stagecoach robbers were on their own. He was sorry for young Torry, but, after all, he had his own neck to consider.

Neck . . . he grimaced and suddenly the bib-like bandana around his throat felt very tight.

The sun said ten-o'clock, thereabout, when he came off the last slope and entered a stand of willows. Miss Roady was acting up, so he let her find her own way to the water, taking it easy now, going at a walk. A small clearing of green velvet grass swung around them, and down one side a spring gurgled as it washed the stones in its runaway bed.

Dave and Miss Roady drank together. Then he had a look at that saddle. The tear looked so obviously what it was—a bullet scar—that something had to be done about it. He knocked it with his knife to change the contour of the gouge, then scrubbed the leather wound with dirt to give it, he hoped, a look of age.

"Hello there."

Everything in him lurched, and he spun about as if he meant to take off on foot. He was facing a young woman. She was about twenty feet off and seemed to be looking at him, and yet not quite looking at him. She was smiling, and she had a quietness about her that had nothing to do with shyness or timidity. Tranquility was the word that might express it.

"I—I was just—" He started fumbling, unnerved by being taken unawares. Then he calmed down and really looked at her, and saw what he should have seen in her eyes from the first. She was blind.

"Is this your spring, miss?" he asked. "I'm just watering my horse."

"Yes," she said, coming nearer, seeming to know her way well or feeling it with her feet. "I hear him." She paused by a flat, squatty rock and put her back to it. He felt that she knew it was there and that she planned on sitting down. So he started toward her with his hand out to help. But, she

didn't need him. She sat down easily, fixing her skirt around her ankles.

"Yes," she repeated, "this is my father's spring. Our house is just beyond the meadow. My name is Donna Reike."

For a moment he thought of changing his. But then he thought, *No, not to her*. "Mine's Dave Gant. I'm a cow-hand but drifting right now. Can I sit here, Miss Reike?"

"Yes, please," she said, just as if she knew where *here* was.

He was relaxed now, almost as if he'd met her somewhere before.

He removed his hat and threw it on the moss and sat down by the rock. "It's nice here," he said, meaning it, because, next to his horse, a wrangler loves a spring best. "You come here often I reckon."

"Every day. It's beautiful. I remember it from when I was a child."

Then she wasn't born this way, he thought. *An accident or sickness*. Suddenly, he didn't really know why, he wanted to take her hand. But he didn't. He looked at it in her lap, small and pale, and said:

"We had a spring on our place when I was a boy. It emptied into a real big lake. You've never see— It was really beautiful. There were shade poplars going on around and kingfishers shrieking along the shore, and out in the center there were always ducks, and sometimes blue herons. I used to daydream there," he confessed.

She looked at him, still smiling, and in any other girl her words would have been a manifestation of feminine coyness.

"Mr. Gant, you speak as prettily as a book. You make me see it."

He felt the burn in his cheeks and pulled his eyes away quickly, before he remembered that he didn't have to.

"Thank you, miss," he murmured. He didn't know what else to say.

"Are you looking for work around here?"

"Well, no," he said honestly. "Just passing through."

"Oh."

What had he detected in her voice then? Anything? He looked at her. In a way, he supposed—through hearing, through memory she was watching the water run in the sun. Then she turned to him and held out her hand.

"Mr. Gant—may I, please?"

"What?" Then he understood and said, "Oh. Yes." He took her hand and brought it to his face. Her fingers were cool, tender. He was sorry when they finished their exploration.

"It makes talking easier if I can see who I'm talking to," she said.

He nodded, and then caught himself and said "Yes," wondering what he "looked" like to her.

Suddenly she and Miss Roady lifted

their heads. Then Dave heard it: horses coming. He stood up, keeping his hand carefully away from his gun, picked up his hat and gave it a dust against his thigh. A hard little ball of apprehension began rolling in his chest.

The riders came through the willows on the far bank and halfway into the spring. They didn't need the older man with the leathery face and the sheriff's badge on his vest to tell Dave they were a posse. It was in their faces.

"Donna, who's this fella?" the sheriff asked. He studied Dave.

"His name's Dave Gant, Sheriff Jim. He's a cowhand."

"That's what he says, huh?"

"Something wrong, Sheriff?" Dave asked.

"Maybe," the hard old man said. "If you call trying to hold up a stage and wounding the shotgun wrong."

There was a burly man, who had needed a shave a week ago, on the sheriff's off side. He grinned savagely at Dave and lifted the lariat from his saddle. "There were three of 'em. And we're takin' ten neckties just to be sure we get a proper fit."

A quiet-eyed deputy—a third rider—spoke to the burly man without taking his eyes from Dave. "Be quiet, Sam. Donna's here, remember."

So they're looking for three, Dave thought. *That puts me in, but only halfway.* He knew they were giving his presence some serious thought, so he decided to beat them to the punch. There was only one safe place for an outsider to be when a posse was on a search, and that was in the posse.

"If you need help," he said, "I'll be glad to lend a hand."

The sun-cured old sheriff stared at him levelly, then said, "What's wrong, son? You afraid this is a case of all cats look gray at night?"

Dave ignored the implication. "You were going to ask me anyhow, weren't you?"

"No, mister," the burly man said. "We were going to tell you."

Donna was standing by Dave's side now, panning her face toward the sound of the horses in the water.

"He's a good man," she said suddenly, simply. "A very good man."

Dave started. It was a downright embarrassing thing to hear, though the posse, he noticed, didn't seem to think anything of it. But then, they had a lynching on their minds. The mild-mannered deputy spoke:

"Fetch your horse, Mr. Gant. Donna, you better get up to the house."

The girl turned to Dave and held out her hand. "I hope you can come again, Mr. Gant," she said.

Dave took her hand, not wanting to let it go. "Thank you, miss. I hope

so." *I sure hope they'll let me, he thought.*

They were in the purple sage now; three men looking for three men—except that one of them was looking for himself. The burly Sam was riding with Dave, and time and again Dave's eyes glanced down at the man's lariat. The other deputy had the lead.

The posse had split into three groups shortly after Dave joined them. The plan was to make a broad sweep toward the south, to a river they called the Moon. The sheriff had said:

"That stage driver thinks he winged one of 'em. So it's possible they might have to hole up. So you boys check everything. I'm sending Joe straight through the sage uplands. Harry'll take one bunch east, and I'll take the other west. If we draw a blank by the time we reach the Moon, then we'll all fall back on Joe and lay some new plans." Then he turned to the deputy.

"You'll take the short bunch, Joe. So pick your two men."

"I'll go with Joe," Sam had said. "There's cottonwoods along them uplands, and they make for a nice hanging tree."

The deputy had looked at Dave. "I'll take the stranger with me. Maybe he can balance off Sam's hunger for a lynching."

The sheriff's voice was stern. "This ain't a lynch mob, Joe. It's a deputized posse." Then he turned to Dave and said, "Raise your right hand," and recited an oath to which Dave replied, "I do."

The sage swept away from them in a purple haze. It was breast-high on the horses, and it exuded a warm, sweet fragrance. Looming on their left, sloping upwards gradually, then sheerly, was a castle-like outcropping of rock, the beginning of the uplands.

They came down into a shallow, broad gulch. There were tracks in the yellow sand.

Sam left his horse and walked ahead with his back bent like an Indian on the scent. "I'll bet anything but my lariat it's them!" he called back. "But there's only two sets of tracks."

"Maybe they lost a horse and two of 'em are riding tandem," Joe said.

"No," Sam was on his knees now. "The prints ain't deep enough."

"Maybe the driver was wrong," Dave offered. "Maybe there's only two of them."

"No," Joe said. "He says he saw three. He almost got the third."

Sam came back grinning. "We're getting warm. I can feel it."

So could Dave. The bandana around his throat felt tight again.

Many little draws and box canyons showed their open doorways in the rugged face of the rock castle. And abruptly the tracks they were trailing



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took a left turn and stepped out of the gulch and slogged off toward one of the canyons. The three riders came to a halt, looking.

"Well, for—" Sam marveled. "The damn fools have gone to earth!"

Right then, on his last word, his head snapped around and his left hand leaped into the air, and he tipped out of the saddle going over backwards. The *plam* of the shot rushed down to the gulch.

Dave grabbed for the stock of his Winchester and rolled clear of Miss Roady. Crouching behind her, he scanned the hillside. Joe ran by him leading his horse.

"Get Sam's bay and follow me up to the next draw!" he ordered.

They secured the three horses in a small box canyon, and then Dave said, "What about Sam?" But Joe shook his head.

"Didn't you see his face?" he asked. "Talk about a lucky shot."

"No," Dave said without thinking, "it wasn't luck. He—" Then he caught himself and shut up. They went back along the gulch in a running crouch, leaning over their rifles, and hunkering down against the side of the trench, facing the rocky hill.

They could see many crevices and fissures above them, and one of the openings looked large enough to contain a fair-sized cave.

"It's like the sheriff figured," Joe said. "One of them's hit and can't travel. So they've holed up."

Yes, one of them was wounded all right, Dave thought. Torry. But it still didn't make sense. He knew Spalt well enough to know that he would run out on his partner without giving it a thought. *Something must have happened to their horses*, he thought. *Spalt needs a mount.*

Suddenly Joe's hat leaped from his head and spun across the gulch. He ducked and looked at Dave with wide, appreciative eyes, as the crash of the shot reached them. "Say," he muttered. "He is good."

Dave nodded absently. He was wondering what they were going to do next. *If they're taken alive*, he thought, *I'll hang with them.* He looked at Joe. "What do you want to do?"

"Well, we could keep 'em penned up until the sheriff and the others show, but—" he glanced at the afternoon sun, "they might not make it until nightfall."

"If we wait till dark, he'll slip away," Dave said.

"He?"

"Well," Dave countered, "one of them's probably wounded, and we don't really know if there's three of them up there. So—"

Joe took another peek over the gulch rim. "All right," he said. "Let's sep-

arate and try to work up on them from two sides. You go left. But take it easy, Dave. They might be anywhere in those rocks."

Dave started crawling away. *What am I going to do? Kill Spalt to shut him up? But if I do, then I've got to kill Torry too. I'll have to go into that cave and shoot him while he's lying there already shot. No—good Lord, I—well, if I can't do that, then what am I doing crawling up this blasted hill? What am I going to do when I reach the top? Maybe it doesn't matter. Maybe Spalt will kill me, and then to hell with the whole mess.*

He heard a harsh, short cry and a shot, and whirled around. Back along the gulch, Joe was rolling in the sand. The deputy had dropped his rifle, and there seemed to be something wrong with his right arm. He came part way up on his left and looked over a shallow drop-off in the edge of the trench. A bullet whocked into the sand by his left boot. Half lunging, half crawling, Joe got himself under cover, got his back against the wall of the gulch.

Dave started for him, but stopped when Joe shouted, "Stay there! He'll dust you if you try to cross this opening. I thought I could make it, but that man can drive nails with that rifle."

"Are you all right?" Dave called. "Is it bad?"

"No. High in the right shoulder. Puts me out of the fight, though." He paused and wet his lips, and looked at Sam's prone body. He looked at Dave again. "Dave—you don't have to go up there. Maybe we can hold 'em till the others show. No use sticking your neck out."

Sticking my neck out, Dave thought. *Brother!*

"I'll scout around," he said noncommittally. But he knew what he was going to do, had to do. He was going up there—somehow—and have a talk with Spalt and Torry. There was nothing else he could do.

He crawled along the gulch and turned into a narrow ravine that rose in long-stepping sandy stages. A catbird started a song and then cut it short. He heard the bird's wings going away. It would be so much safer if he could just stand up and call Spalt, then walk up the hill with immunity. But he had to make it look good because of Joe. He had to risk reaching Spalt before Spalt's rifle reached him.

Then he was in the rocks and still crawling, pausing to look and listen. Below him was the slope, and then the junipers and the long runaway gash of the gulch, and beyond that the far-spreading sage. Up above were more and more heavily piled rocks. He started up again.

"Just freeze right there, fella." The

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All loyal Americans agree that communism is our greatest menace. Our individual liberty is at stake; our collective security and way of life are being challenged. We cannot meet that challenge effectively without first being informed about the adversary's motives and methods. Toward that purpose, THE ELKS MAGAZINE presents excerpts from Freedom's Facts, monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN are losing a crucial economic war which they ought to be winning against the communists.

Like all wars, this one has an ultimate political objective—the isolation and defeat of the United States.

The immediate aim of this communist economic offensive is to freeze the U.S. and Western Europe out of their overseas markets by means of:

1. Agitating for the nationalization of all foreign investments in underdeveloped countries.

2. Working to break all close political as well as economic ties between these countries and the West.

3. Establishing close trade, aid, and political relationships between the underdeveloped countries and the communist bloc.

The medium-range objective is to limit and eventually end U.S. and West European sales and purchases in overseas markets. By this means, communists seek to force surpluses and unemployment to pile up in the U.S. and in Western Europe and thus to break the back of the economies of the leading countries of the Free World.

The ultimate political aim is to exploit the collapse of free world economies in order to seize political power, end individual political and economic freedom, and establish a world communist rule.

A fantastic scheme? Not to top-level communist strategists.

Vadim Zagladin, writing in *World Marxist Review*, May 1962, reports that "The economic competition [between communists and the West] has entered a new and decisive stage. . . . The victory of the U.S.S.R. is a foregone conclusion." Furthermore, Soviet progress has been so rapid that Zagladin predicts that by 1980 real income per capita in the U.S.S.R. "will exceed the present U.S. level by roughly 75 per cent."

To understand how this dire fate can

be avoided, it is first necessary to see how we have been manipulated into this "new and decisive" stage of economic warfare.

Zagladin points out that Soviet economic warfare against the U.S. and the Free World, which began in 1917, has followed three stages so far:

First: The effort to build up Soviet heavy machine tool and manufacturing industry by the five-year plans. Ironically, Soviet industry destroyed during WW II was largely replaced and modernized by U.S. Lend Lease shipments.

Second: The simultaneous integration of the East-Central European satellite economies with that of the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet venture into world trade.

During the five years following WW II, Soviet communists took over East-Central Europe with no effective opposition from the U.S. The labor productivity, the industries, and the trade of the 100 million people in this area were rapidly integrated into the Soviet-communist trade orbit.

The economic impact of these Soviet gains is now, undeniably, being felt more and more here.

Right now the Soviet-communist economic campaign is entering its "third and decisive stage." This consists of stepping up communist "liberation" of underdeveloped countries from effective economic and political ties with the West, and increased efforts to further undermine and destroy U.S. and West European overseas markets.

A central communist objective in this stage is to prevent the formation and operation of the European Common Market—the only Western economic development now on the horizon with any promise of providing an adequate market area for the Free World.

This situation is a paradox in that the U.S. and Western Europe now have the economic wealth, the manpower, the technological and managerial know-how to defeat the Soviet-communist economic offensive. The future of free enterprise rests on how we decide to use these resources.

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voice dropped on him like a sledge hammer. "Now you be a good little lawman and tell me where you got them horses hid, and I might let you live."

Dave raised his head and faced Spalt. The down-mouthed man was squatting in a boulder nest twenty feet above, covering him with his rifle.

"My God!" Spalt said. "What in hell are you doing here?"

"I was deputized into the posse," Dave said simply. He took the Winchester by the barrel and shouldered it, and climbed up to the cave.

Spalt followed him inside, saying, "So it was either join up or look guilty, huh? Ain't that a kick in the pants! But listen—I hit both those boys down there, didn't I?"

"Yeah. But the second one is still alive and can use his pistol."

"Hell," Spalt scoffed. "That's no threat."

"How's Torry?"

"The kid? He's doing all right. He's tough. Listen, Gant—"

But Torry wasn't doing all right. He was in the rear of the high-domed, flute-ribbed cave, flat on his back on a blanket. Even in the poor light Dave could see the unnatural pallor of the boy's face.

Torry's eyes opened when Dave touched him. "Dave? That you, Dave? Help . . . me. It hurts . . . Dave. Never knew it hurt like this . . . like hot coffee spilled . . ." His voice went away.

Dave straightened up and wet his lips. He looked at Spalt.

"He's got to have a doctor. He's not going to make it like this."

"Oh, sure," Spalt sneered. "I'll run to town and get one. Stop talking like a damn fool. What about those horses? Mine went lame in the nigh hind, and that spavined, wind-broke nag of Torry's is through."

Dave shook his head. "You won't get past that wounded deputy."

"Are you crazy?" Spalt wanted to know. "He thinks you're on his side, don't he? So we'll go down there like I was your prisoner—and then I'll nail him for good."

Dave stared at him for a moment, blankly.

"Do you really think I'd do that?" he asked finally.

"I'll tell you what I think." Spalt's eyes were flat and hard and steely, like nailheads. "I think you're forgetting which side you're really on. You're with us whether you like it or not. They're looking for three men, and here we are. If we get it—you get it."

That's it, Dave thought. *I've got to make up my mind which side I'm really on. That's been my trouble: I've tried to play the game two ways and it hasn't worked out. I've finally caught up with myself.*

Then he knew what he had to do—try to do, perhaps because of the oath he'd taken—*swear to uphold and defend the Law against*. Perhaps because of Torry, or perhaps because you can't run with the hounds and hold the hare's hand at the same time. Or perhaps simply because of the Colt with the five notches, and now a sixth notch for Sam.

"What if you had the horses?" Dave asked, stalling, moving away in a casual crabwise direction, trying to get space between them. "Torry couldn't use one."

"That's his tough luck," Spalt said quietly. He watched Dave. Then—without taking his eyes from him—he leaned his rifle against the rock wall. His right hand curled. "I think that's far enough, Gant."

Seven notches, Dave thought. He turned and faced Spalt.

"I'm going to get a doctor for Torry." His voice sounded as dry as his mouth felt.

"No," Spalt said. "We're leaving Torry. And we're going to finish off that deputy and clear out with the horses. Or—"

"Or—" And then Dave swung the Winchester up, bringing his left hand over to meet it, and snapped his shot from the hip. But he wasn't any good at that sort of thing. Simultaneously, Spalt's hand leaped and exploded in a spurt of orange flame.

Dave felt the numbing slam of the slug in his right leg and felt the leg jerk out from under him. He banged down on his left knee as Spalt's second shot roared, causing it to miss. Then he had the Winchester to his shoulder and they fired almost simultaneously.

Through the swirling, almost frantic smoke he saw Spalt lunge back against the wall. The man hit and upset his leaning rifle, and it went down with a clatter. Then Spalt went down too, all at once, and started jerking.

Dave sank to his hip, staring, saying nothing when Torry's weakly halting voice came from the shadows. "Dave . . . you downed him, Dave. Didn't think you could."

Dave got both trembling hands on his leg and hauled it around where he could see it. The slug was in the thigh, and it wasn't too bad, he thought, but he didn't really know because he'd never been shot before. He took off his bandana and drew his pistol to make a tourniquet. There wasn't anything else he could think to do. He would just have to wait for the posse to come and find three gunshot men in the cave.

The sheriff's group reached them as the sage was fading to a colorless gray. The sheriff had two of his men haul Joe up to the cave, and the third man was sent to town to fetch a doctor and

a wagon. When the sheriff looked at Dave, his hard old face crinkled.

"You're all right, son. You did a fine job."

Dave said nothing. He watched the old man turn away and walk over to Torry. The boy opened his eyes and looked at the sheriff. Then he rolled his head and slowly raised a hand to point at Dave.

"You got a good man there—sheriff," he murmured. "Saved my life. That Spalt was gonna leave me to die."

"Sheriff," Dave called. "That boy was hoodwinked into the robbery by Spalt. He's just a kid, sheriff. He—"

"Take it easy, son," the old man said. "The judge'll figure all that out when the boy's on his feet. 'Course you can appear on his defense if you want. But what I want to know is—where's that third man?"

Joe was propped against the wall by Dave, and suddenly Dave felt the deputy's fingers grip his arm. "He got away, Jim," Joe said. "We couldn't stop him. I wouldn't worry about it, though. We got the big one."

Dave looked at the deputy. "You knew?" he asked in an undertone.

Joe shook his head. "Not at first. Then a few little slips you made started me thinking about it." He chuckled quietly. "More I thought about it, the more I got to thinking you had the sick look of a man who was hunting himself. Then when I saw you come up here with your rifle over your shoulder, I figured I was right."

Dave nodded. "I was with them the night before," he admitted. "But not in the robbery. I had an idea I'd try to stop them, but I didn't act quick enough. Then I started running and I couldn't seem to stop."

"Figured it might be something like that," Joe said.

"Yes, but you didn't know. So why should you take a chance on me?"

Joe shrugged. "Oh, I don't know. Because of Donna, I suppose. You see, she's my daughter, and she said you were a good man." He looked at Dave. "Did she feel your face, Dave?"

"Yes." And again he felt the fingers, cool and fragile on his face.

Joe nodded. "She's good at that. Never known her to miss yet."

Dave leaned his head back against the wall and closed his eyes. In his mind he re-created the image of the spring in the willow glen, and the quiet girl sitting on the flat rock, listening to the water run.

"Tell you what, Dave," he heard Joe say. "Old Jim is retiring from office come fall. I'm taking his job. I'd admire to have a good man like you for my deputy, if you're interested."

I hope you can come again, Mr. Gant, she had said. Funny, he thought, the way things work out. ● ●

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COAST TO COAST



Signs of welcome don't come much larger than this one Minot, N. D., Lodge put up when Mr. Donaldson visited.

MINOT, N. D. The Grand Exalted Ruler was guest of honor at a dinner program on Sept. 24 at Minot Lodge, at which 500 attended, including officers and members of Fargo, Dickinson, Mandan, Bismarck, and Williston Lodges. Before addressing the group, Mr. Donaldson was introduced by District Deputy C. E. Reed. State Association President Frank V. Archibald also spoke briefly. The program was presided over by host Exalted Ruler Don Switzer, and Esteemed Leading Knight Kermit S. Peterson acted as master of ceremonies. The invocation and benediction were delivered by State and Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Felix J. Andrews. The Grand Exalted Ruler was presented with a wood-burned portrait of himself at the close of the program by Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Ray Dobson, a member of Minot Lodge.



Above is the speaker's table at the Alaska State Assn. Convention banquet, held in Juneau in early October. Left to right: newly installed President Osky Weeda, Mrs. L. A. Donaldson, the Grand Exalted Ruler, and retiring President and Mrs. Robert Haag.



A grand tour of new \$1.5 million lodge facilities was a highlight of Mr. Donaldson's Oct. 8 visit to Everett, Wash. Left to right are Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard J. Connelly, E.R. Robert Graff, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Mr. Donaldson, District Deputy Robert A. Yothers, and State Vice-Pres. Chet Hawes.



The Grand Exalted Ruler's tour of South Dakota included a luncheon stop at Sioux Falls on Sept. 26. Greeting him at the airport, left to right, are Exalted Ruler E. B. Morrison, Trustee Lawrence Adley, Est. Lect. Knight Thomas Sheeley, Esq. Cliff Manderscheid Jr., Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson, Secy. Wayne Shenkle, Past Grand Trustees Chairman Ford Zietlow, and Past Exalted Ruler E. B. Peterson.

BIDDLEFORD-SACO, MAINE Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, plus national and State Elks leaders, were guests of honor at a reception and Down East shore dinner at Biddleford-Saco Lodge, Saco, Oct. 12. Those attending included Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Edward A. Spry, Grand Lodge Committeeman Arthur D. Kochakian, District Deputy J. Robert Lothridge, Elks National Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady, and State President Frank A. Ruby.

BATH, MAINE The Donaldsons and their official party journeyed on in Maine to Bath Lodge Oct. 13, where they were greeted by Past Grand Lodge Committeemen Donald Edwards and Wm. B. Mennealy, Past State President Harold V. Fielding, and Exalted Ruler Philip Oliver. Also on hand to extend their welcome were Congressman Stanley R. Tupper and Rodney E. Ross Jr., official representative of Governor John H. Reed. Escorted to Berry's Marina on the Kennebec River, the party was greeted by more than 100 Brothers, wives, and guests from throughout the State. City Council Chairman Charles F. MacDonald presented Mr. Donaldson with the Bath Distinguished Visitor Award. Then the party boarded the



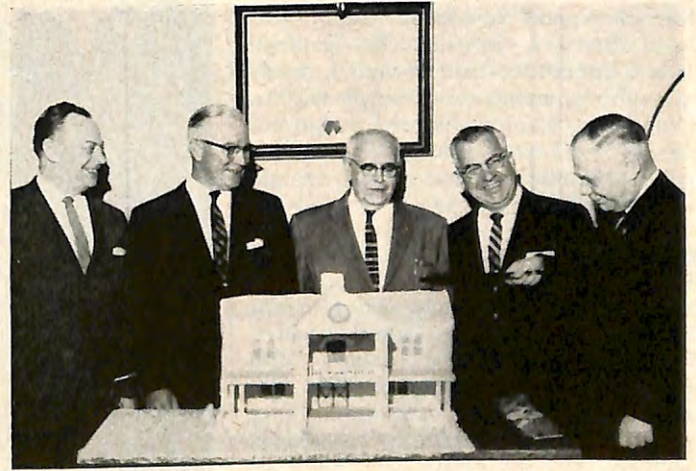
Representatives from 13 South Dakota lodges convened in Madison Sept. 26 to welcome the Grand Exalted Ruler. Shown, left to right, are Melburn Halseth, Tom Draper, Joe Prill, Dist. Dep. John E. Hayes, State Pres. Martin Osterhaus, Mr. Donaldson, Madison E.R. LeRoy F. Ericsson, Robert Martin, Francis Sly, and Loren Zingmark.



Mr. Donaldson presents a plaque to Tacoma Tiger footballer Jerry Thacker at Renton, Wash., Lodge, following the State Assn. "Kiddie Bowl" (see story).



At Windsor, Vt., Lodge Oct. 16 are, left to right: Elks National Home Supt. Thomas Brady, Grand Lodge Committeeman Ray Quesnel, E.R. Sumner Hoisington, the Grand Exalted Ruler, State Pres. Clarence Honney, and P.G.E.R. John E. Fenton. Mr. Donaldson praised Windsor Lodge's annual retarded children program.



The Grand Exalted Ruler, right, cuts a cake that is a replica of Rome, N. Y., Lodge's home during a 50th Anniversary celebration held Oct. 1. Watching, from the left, are E.R. Milton S. Houser, Grand Forum Justice Ronald J. Dunn, Secretary Lyle J. Howland, and Past State Vice-President Joseph J. Ferlo.



Above: Visiting Bath, Maine, Lodge, Mr. Donaldson receives a Distinguished Visitor plaque from the city. From the left are Grand Est. Leading Knight Edward A. Spry, host E.R. Philip H. Oliver, the Grand Exalted Ruler, City Council Chairman Charles F. MacDonald, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton.

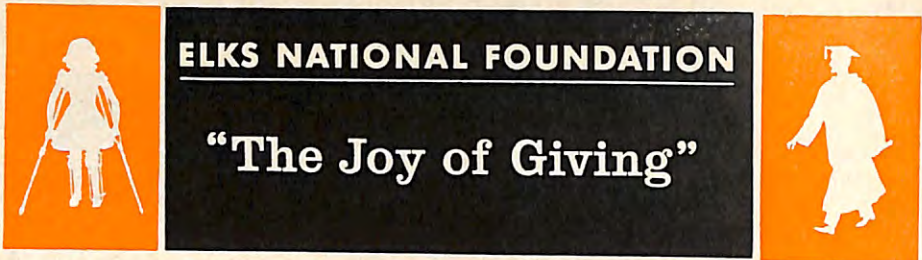
Left: On Oct. 23, the Grand Exalted Ruler lent an official touch to Pekin, Ill., Lodge's 50th Anniversary banquet, where four charter members of the lodge received Life Memberships. Shown detrainning in Peoria, Mr. Donaldson shakes hands with Exalted Ruler Fred Eyrse. At right is Grand Trustee George T. Hickey.

steamer *Argo* and proceeded on a three-hour cruise down the Kennebec to Boothbay Harbor, during which lobstermen were seen emptying their traps and marking their catches. The steamer was piloted by Captain Eliot Winslow, formerly a commander in the U.S. Navy. Luncheon was served aboard. A tour of Hyde Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, conducted by Past District Deputy Edward J. McMann, director of the hospital since its founding in 1947, concluded the Bath visit.

WINDSOR, VT. State President Clarence Honney and Exalted Ruler Sumner J. Hoisington greeted the Grand Exalted Ruler Oct. 15 when he arrived to attend a banquet in his honor. Accompanying him to the Green Mountain State were the following Grand Lodge officials: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, State Association Committee Chairman William F. Maguire, Youth Activities Committeeman Arthur D. Kochakian, and New Lodge Committeeman Henry J. Salvail. Elks National Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady was also a member of the party. Mr. Donaldson commended the lodge for its Silver Tower Camp program, in which \$30,000 is raised annually to aid retarded children.

ROME, N. Y. Accompanied by Grand Forum Justice Ronald J. Dunn and Elks National Service Commission Director Bryan McKeogh, the Grand Exalted Ruler attended Rome Lodge's 50th Anniversary celebration. He was officially welcomed by Exalted Ruler Milton S. Houser and Mayor Charles T. Lanigan, and the toastmaster was Past State Vice-President Joseph J. Ferlo. Mr. Donaldson cut the first slice of a huge cake which formed a replica of the lodge home. While in the city, the Grand Exalted Ruler also visited Rome Cemetery, where he placed a wreath on the grave of Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and visited the grave of Oscar Burkard, an Elk who won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

RENTON, WASH. On Oct. 7, the Grand Exalted Ruler was across the continent in Washington, where he attended a professional football game that was a benefit for the State Association's cerebral palsy program. The teams in the annual "Kiddie Bowl" were the Tacoma Tigers and Seattle Ramblers. At a banquet at Renton Lodge, Mr. Donaldson presented an "Inspirational Award" to Jerry Thacker of the Tigers. Present also were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander, District Deputy Robert A. Yothers, Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard Connelly, and dignitaries from Alaska and Washington.



Fighting Cerebral Palsy



The Elks National Foundation is doing a great deal all across the country in the fight against cerebral palsy, as all Elks know. As one might expect, some of the effort is being expended right at home in Boston, where Foundation headquarters are located.

Of special interest, then, to those who are close to Foundation headquarters is the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Hospital, which is doing an outstanding job in the struggle against cerebral palsy. The hospital is named after the President's brother, who was killed in World War II, and was established by Joseph P. Kennedy in memory of his son.

The Kennedy Memorial Hospital has had the residency of a number of doctors financed by the Elks National

Foundation, and it is supported extensively by the Massachusetts State Elks Association. The photograph shows a recent presentation of checks by the Association to the hospital. Left to right are Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, a Trustee of the Foundation; Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston; The Provincial, Rev. Mother Jarlath; William P. Burke, President of the State Association; Rev. Mother Mary Jane, hospital administrator; Edward A. Spry, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; and William F. Maguire, Grand Lodge State Associations Committee Chairman.

In the foreground are four hospital patients, and in the background is an oil painting portraying the late Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.

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cabarets, a soda fountain, a nursery for kiddies, as well as miniature cabins for the pets of Elks who travel.

The festive berthing of the French liner in Manhattan made me yearn to see France again, so I arranged to fly to Paris. En route I was delighted by the intimate little restaurant that operates 35,000 feet over the Atlantic. Mine was TWA, and the exhaustive bill of fare ran the gastronomic gamut from filet mignon to franks. My delicious meal was followed by a first-run movie, so that it seemed no time at all from take-off until the light of dawn began to seep into the cabin. Through a rent in the clouds, I caught a glimpse of the Seine twisting its way through the heart of Paris, my favorite city.

In my article on Paris (February, 1962), I outlined how inexpensive this city can be, despite what your neighbors who've just come back say.

From Paris I drove to the Riviera for a look at Cannes, site of an annual International Film Festival, a beach abounding in beautiful girls (historians note: the bikini was born here), and a casino with a sliding roof that lets you get burned by the Mediterranean sun while getting burned at the gaming tables. Cannes' list of night clubs includes such colorful names as La Jungle, Maxim's, Le Symphonie, and Whiskey à Gogo. Although it loses something in the translation, the latter roughly means, "booze galore." If your cup of champagne is classical music, be sure to quench your thirst at the Opera House in Nice—another resort only a beach pebble's throw away. From Nice I hiked up into the hills for a look at the town of Grasse, where annually 25,000 Frenchmen harvest more than 12 million pounds of flowers. From this harvest emerges the various essences that give fragrance to France's world-famous perfumes. If you've ever forked out the dough for a bottle of Chanel No. 5 for your sweetie, you know that the bottled bait doesn't come cheaply, but then you're also aware of the gratifications such a gift can bring.

BEFORE leaving the Cote d'Azur I took a look at still another resort—St. Tropez, which before the invasion of jazz musicians and Mademoiselle Bardot, was just another Provençal fishing village, bordering one of the finest gulfs in this part of the Mediterranean. One of the town's white-haired natives summed up this place for me quite nicely as she sat sipping an apéritif and gazed out toward the blue, blue sea: "St. Tropez has the unique advantage to unite the charms of Provence, beautiful scenery, pleasures of the sea, and the wonderful Mediterranean climate." I agree; *c'est magnifique!*

There's a sidewalk cafe in St. Tropez called the Senequier, and the view from

For Elks Who Travel

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it reminds me of the one that unfolds from Papeete, on the island of Tahiti. The finest hotel in town is La Residence de la Pinede, where de luxe accommodations run \$34 a night. If your travel budget won't stand that kind of tariff, there are comfortable *pensions* that will put you up for a more modest \$6 a day.

I left France for a tour of Italy, during which I stopped for a relaxing few days at Positano, a seaside resort near Naples on the Amalfi coast, where the houses cling to the cliff, one on top of the other, with the seeming precariousness of a structure built of children's blocks. Tourists can live there like royalty in hotelized villas for about \$11 a day, meals included.

Winter was still heavy upon the Midwest, U.S.A., when I landed in Chicago to preview that city for Elks who would convene there in July. Then, with the first blush of spring, I was in Washington for still another preview—this time of the Seattle World's Fair. While there, I ferried to Vancouver and Victoria in order to be able to spell out the attractions of those places for Fair visitors intent on extra sight-seeing.

Soon I was back in Europe, specifically Switzerland, where I stopped in towns like Lausanne on Lake Geneva, Berne with its famous Clock Tower, and Zurich, economic hub of this scenically fairytale nation.

By August I'd made the rounds of those two actual lands of make-believe, California's Disneyland and New York's Freedomland. Autumn found me in Las Vegas, where I confess to having fed some of those insatiable slot machines, and with the change I had left saw a performance of *Bye, Bye, Birdie* for considerably less than Broadway prices. Then shortly before Thanksgiving, I sailed from San Francisco to Hawaii on the Matson Line's *Lurline*, soaking up sunshine and inhaling sea air for the nearly five days that it takes to get to Honolulu.

My next stop was Europe again for a look at Holland. Other junkets took me to Mexico City and Acapulco, to Phoenix and Wickenburg in Arizona, to Monterey and Mission Bay in California, to Israel, and to India. In the fascinating land of India, I sailed down the Ganges, marveled at the Taj Mahal (by moonlight, of course), strolled the byways of Calcutta and the boulevards of New Delhi, and watched the harbor lights of Bombay twinkling at night.

While I was busy seeing all these places, several significant developments were taking place in the field of tourism. Perhaps the most important was the establishment of the group-fare rate, which affords cut-rate air transportation

on regularly scheduled flights across the Atlantic as well as into the Pacific.

Also during 1962, the ten per cent federal travel tax was slashed by half in some cases and completely in others, depending upon the carrier involved. Another inducement to would-be travelers was the agreement among the airlines to increase the return-flight time limit on off-season excursion flights to Europe from 17 days to a full three weeks. While the volume of air traffic increased during the year, the steamship companies, economically, continued to encounter rough seas. The result has been that the latter are coming to rely more and more on cruise business to bolster their economic position. Ship line advertising presently banners everything from 12-day package Caribbean cruises to extended world trips.

ALTHOUGH the Cuban crisis put a temporary damper on travel into the West Indies during the latter part of the year, over-all, the travel business was on the upsurge. Even with the stock market dip, 1962 was the biggest travel year in history. More significantly, travel today is the largest single factor in commerce among nations.

Furthermore, the European Common Market is expected to stimulate even more travel in the future. With European personal income rising (possibly by 50 per cent in the next decade) the United States, undoubtedly, will see more foreign visitors coming here.

Tourism today, unlike yesteryear, is a buyer's market in which the traveler is being enticed by previously unheard of low-cost transportation, as well as new thrift package plans. Reflecting the anticipated boom, new hotels are being erected throughout the world to accommodate future visitors, even in up-to-now remote areas. The present trend seems to indicate that Elks who travel will in the future be able to get more for their travel dollar as well as being able to find civilized comforts in a greater variety of places.

But travel is more than just big business. Not very long ago President Kennedy said, "Travel has become one of the great forces for peace and understanding in our time. As people move throughout the world and begin to know each other, to understand one another's customs and to appreciate qualities of the individuals of each nation, we are building a level of international understanding which can sharply improve the atmosphere for world peace."

As for 1963, in particular, it promises to see even more people on the go than in '62. And as for me, I'll be girdling the globe again, bringing you what's-new reports and at the same time profiling places the world over not covered in this column before. ● ●

REVIEWING THE *Unusual* NO-TRUMP



IN MY LAST ARTICLE I discussed at some length a convention used by most of this country's expert contract bridge players—the Unusual No-trump.

In a nutshell, the Unusual No-trump, when it is bid over the opponent's major suit, is a take-out bid that asks partner to show his best minor suit.

If the opponents have already bid two suits, the Unusual No-trump asks partner to show which of the two unbid suits he prefers.

For those of you who missed my last article on this convention, and as a review for other readers, here are a couple of examples of this bid:

- A.** NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass 1 Spade Pass 2 Spades
2 NT
- B.** NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass 1 Club Pass 1 Spade
1 NT

A. North's bid of two no-trump is the Unusual No-trump. It is recognizable by the fact that North, having passed originally, cannot possibly be strong enough to wish to play at two no-trump. So his two no-trump bid is like a take-out double, except that he asks his partner to show which of the minor suits he prefers.

North's hand might be:



B. North's bid of one no-trump is another instance of the Unusual No-trump. North has passed originally, so obviously he cannot have the 16 points that a no-trump overcall normally shows. Once again, this bid is for a take-out; however, in this case the op-

ponents have bid two suits, so the unusual no-trumper is showing a distributional hand in the other two suits. He wants his partner to bid either diamonds or hearts.

North's hand might be:



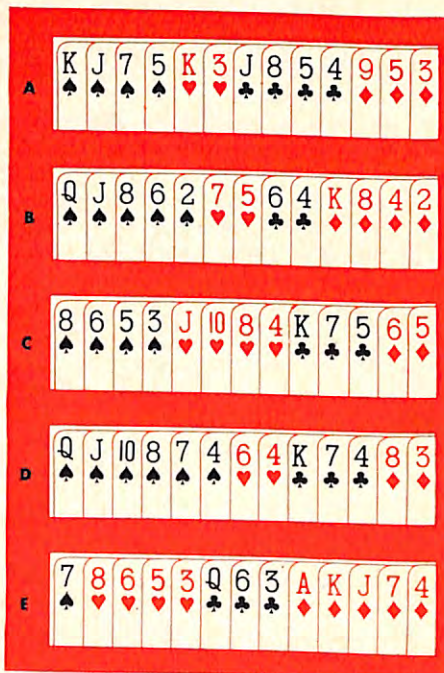
From these two examples and from those in my last article, I hope readers have noticed that the Unusual No-trump is used to indicate to partner a great distribution but not much in the way of high cards. A good rule of thumb to keep in mind is that the Unusual No-trump bidder nearly always has at least ten cards in the minor suits (or, if the opponents have bid two suits, at least ten cards in the unbid suits).

Use this rule not only when you are considering whether your hand qualifies for the Unusual No-trump but also when your partner has bid the Unusual No-trump and you must respect his request to be taken out.

The success of the Unusual No-trump, very much like the successful handling of the take-out double, depends for effectiveness largely upon the receipt of the proper response from partner. It is the responsibility of partner to show one of the suits the no-trump bidder is asking for and to jump the bidding, if he knows that he has a good fit.

Here are several types of hands that you, as South, might hold when your partner, North, has suddenly come into the bidding with what you know is the Unusual No-trump. The bidding is:

- NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass 1 Heart Pass 2 Hearts
2 NT Pass ?



A. Three clubs. Even though your spades are a good suit and you can show them at a low level by bidding two spades, you know your partner is interested in hearing about your minor suits. You accomplish this by bidding three clubs. Remember, although he has at least four clubs, very likely five, or even six, he may have only one or two spades. You do not pass two no-trump, although you have the king of hearts. Just remember that your partner has ten minor suit cards. If he had doubled, instead of bidding two no-trump, then you would have bid spades.

B. Three diamonds. Even with a fairly good five-card major suit, the important thing is to show that you fit one of your partner's minor suits. Here again, if your partner had doubled, you would have bid spades.

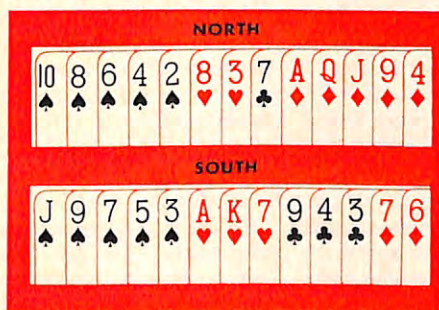
C. Three clubs. It would be wrong to pass two no-trump out of sheer fright. Under the circumstances, your nervousness is natural, but you must trust your partner by showing your best minor suit. Even as weak as your

hand is, and, in spite of the fact that you have only a three-card club suit, if you have to play a contract of three clubs you won't be hurt too badly.

D. Two spades. In this case you have a suit that can play opposite a singleton or doubleton spade in dummy, so you ignore your partner's request for a minor suit. Your partner should respect your two-spade bid, not get panicky and take it out into one of his minors. He knows that you know he probably cannot support spades.

E. Four diamonds. Here's an example where you have a strong hand and your side may easily have a game. Your partner has at most one heart, possibly none, since both opponents have bid hearts and you have four of them. Your diamond suit is surely solid, and you stand to lose no more than one club and one spade. It is very important to make a jump bid on this kind of hand; in effect, to say, "Partner, I am not just bidding because you force me to. I am bidding with what I consider a fine helping hand for you." If you bid only three diamonds on this hand, how would your partner know you don't have a poor hand like *B*? In fact on this hand, some experts might even jump to five diamonds. A jump response to partner's take-out bid, to show a good hand, is one of the most important and valuable bids in bridge.

Here is a hand I played not long ago, with Tobias Stone of New York City as my partner. I was North.



Both sides were vulnerable and the bidding was:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1 Club	Pass	1 Heart
1 NT	2 Hearts	3 Spades	4 Hearts
4 Spades	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In spite of being vulnerable, I bid the Unusual No-trump on the North hand. My partner, who had not over-called at the one-level, now jumped the bidding to show that he had what he considered a good hand. He had only a point-count of 9 (8 points in high cards and one distributional point for the fifth spade). Not much of a hand facing a partner who had passed originally. But "Stoney" knew I had at least ten cards in spades and diamonds. With a little luck we might make a game, or at least have a good save

against the opponents' vulnerable game.

As it turned out, the diamond finesse was right: We lost only one club and two trump tricks.

Don't you agree that the Unusual No-trump is a pretty good convention, when you make a game with only 15 high-card points in the combined hands?

Of course, I have to admit that the hands fitted very well, and we were lucky to have the diamond finesse work. However, even if the diamond finesse had lost, we would have gone down only one. And for all we knew, they could make four hearts.

This leads me into one of the most valuable applications of the Unusual No-trump: Setting up a save against the opponents' game or slam contract. Here is an example:

North-South are not vulnerable, East-West are. The bidding begins like this:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1 Spade	Pass	3 Spades
3 NT	4 Spades	?	



South should bid five clubs. Although it's certain he won't make it, he won't go down more than two or possibly three tricks—at most 500 points. This bid is governed by the fact that the opponents are sure to be laydown for four spades, which would cost North-South even more.

Remember that North's three no-trump bid, after passing, says, "Partner, I haven't much in high cards, but I have a big distributional hand in case you want to take a save against the game that I know they'll bid."

This hand fulfills both of the prime requisites for sacrifice bidding:

1. That there is very, *very* little chance of defeating the opponents' contract.

2. That the penalty for going down will be less than the value of the contract the opponents would make.

Here is another startling example from a recent tournament. With both sides vulnerable, this was the bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2 Spades	Pass	3 Hearts	3 NT
6 Hearts	?		

North's hand was:

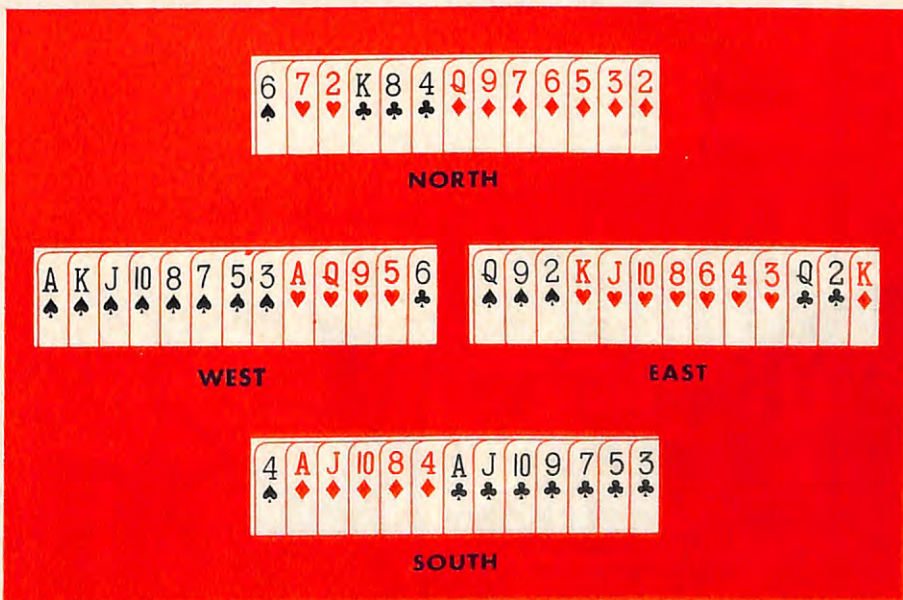


Bid seven diamonds.

It seems impossible to bid seven when you are vulnerable and one opponent has opened with a two-bid and the other opponent has made a positive response. Yet that is just what a great many of the North players did.

The results were fantastic. No one went down more than one at seven diamonds, a tremendous saving against a laydown vulnerable slam, and two North-South pairs made seven diamonds!

Here are all four hands:



It was all a matter of the opening lead. East-West could make only six spades if a club was opened but could make seven spades if any other suit was opened. North-South would go down one at seven diamonds if a spade was opened, but against any other opening lead the trumps could be drawn and North's losing spade could be discarded on South's clubs, seven being made.

In the Dog House

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quently passes across my desk is the one that asks which breed is tops—in anything from intelligence to the ability to do tricks. Sometimes, I suspect the settling of a bet prompts my correspondents, but, more often, the queries obviously spring from downright curiosity. I welcome the latter type of requests, and I think the time has come to devote an entire column to this subject, in which I intend to cover the attributes for which certain breeds are noted and to answer some of the general questions I'm frequently asked.

Probably the most often asked question is: Which breed is the most popular? The only authoritative basis I have for answering this question are the figures issued by the American Kennel Club, official registering body for purebred dogs. As you know, the AKC issues registrations, or pedigrees, for purebred pooches upon verification of the data supplied to it by the dog's owner. AKC figures show that the poodle—with 99,256 registrations—currently leads the canine popularity poll. This figure further discloses that the poodle is nearly twice as popular these days as its nearest competitor, the beagle, which has to date chalked up 53,069 votes. Next in order are the dachshund, the Chihuahua, and the German shepherd. Incidentally, these are 1961 figures—the latest available at this writing—and for that year there was a grand total of 103 breeds regis-

tered with the Club, which indicates that any would-be dog owner has plenty of variety to choose from.

But getting back to America's current favorite dog, the poodle, in recent years, has experienced one of the most amazingly rapid ascents to the popularity heights ever enjoyed by a particular breed. Perhaps too quick for its own good; I believe that the rise has cost the poodle something. Overpopularity of any breed results in the strain being bred by some who are not overly conscientious, wanting to cash in on a good thing, who consequently tend to overlook such matters as mating dogs that are physically normal and of equally good stock. Thus, it's only a matter of time before the market becomes glutted with inferior specimens, which can be difficult to the owner. There's a humorous book on the market entitled *How to Live with a Neurotic Dog*, and for neurotic you can substitute the word over-bred. Several breeds, such as the cocker spaniel, have experienced the popularity thrust. Fortunately, a breed is generally able to survive over-breeding, and, as its popularity wanes, good, healthy, and conformable specimens once again become the rule.

The second question I'm most often asked is: Which breed is the smartest? Actually, some dogs do seem to use their noggins to better advantage than others, and among these I'd put the

poodle, the fox terrier (in fact, all the terriers rate high on this score), the German shepherd, the Doberman pinscher, the collie and his cousin the Shetland sheepdog, and some of the toy dogs.

The smaller dogs tend to be quicker at grasping commands, but don't assume that this generalization rules out the big dogs in the brains department. You'll find star pupils in any of the big breeds, of course, just as you'll find a few dunces among the little pups. In this respect, dogs are just like people; you can't gauge intelligence by physical size or appearance. While we're on the subject, I'd like to state, categorically, that purebred dogs are smarter, more obedient, quicker to learn, and all the rest. Now before I get a rash of protest letters, I'll qualify that statement. Of course, there's many a pooch around whose poppa is unknown that can outsmart a blueblood. But the fact remains that the odds in this matter favor the pedigreed pups, for the simple reason that good breeders, whose kennels produce the bluebloods, are by and large scrupulous on this score. After all, no breeder wants to get the reputation for producing backward or inferior dogs.

The official Obedience Tests, an integral part of most dog shows, really put a dog's ability to obey on trial. In these tests, dogs are scored on their proficiency to perform, as commanded, a variety of tasks. You'll find almost every breed represented in these tests—and this tends to contradict the above—except the smallest dogs. The German shepherd, the poodle, the Doberman pinscher, and the collie are usually out there being tested. Perhaps the explanation of this paradox is that there may be a difference between innate intelligence of a canine and his ability to be trained to obey.

Another frequently asked question is: Which breed is best to have around children? That's a sincere question, and the answer to it depends, to a large extent, upon the child or children involved. My advice is don't give a dog, especially a puppy, to a very young child. By very young I mean under eight years of age. A child under eight, mostly because of not knowing better, will make life miserable for a dog, especially a pup, which after all is only a baby itself. Which breed then adapts best to children? The answer is one of the more placid and good-natured varieties, such as the English bulldog, the basset, the St. Bernard (provided you've got the living space), the Newfoundland, or the pug. As a rule, the individual members



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of these breeds are patient and not overly rambunctious.

What's the largest dog? The smallest?

These questions, which are frequently asked of me, are answered easily: The largest member of dogdom is the Irish wolfhound; the smallest is the Chihuahua. The average Irish wolfhound measures 32 to 34 inches at the shoulder, which means that when a dog of this size rears up on its hind legs, it stands taller than a six-foot man. The heaviest dog, however, is the St. Bernard, which usually tips the scales at about 175 pounds.

Several times I've been asked: Which is the fiercest dog? Among the well-known breeds, none of them are dangerous to man unless they've been trained to attack. Travelers, however, have reported that the Tibetan mastiff, which is seldom encountered outside of Tibet, is probably the most savage member of the canine family. These dogs are reputed able to be handled only by their trainers.

This subject leads to a related question that I'm often asked: Which dog is best for guard duty? Guardianship, as distinct from watchdogging, is one of the most important services that a dog can render a master. Almost any alert dog, of any size, can be trained to perform well as a watchdog. But to act as a guardian, a dog has, necessarily, to be big and aggressive enough to ward off or ground a would-be intruder. In this domain, the giants of the dog world automatically rate highest. The German shepherd and the Doberman pinscher are most often relied upon for this purpose. Both the shepherd and the pinscher are intelligent dogs, easily trained, aggressive, and big enough to intimidate most humans, under certain circumstances.

More specifically, both of these breeds scored splendid war records for their work as sentries, particularly on lonely beaches and the like, and as guardians of vital supplies. It's not surprising that the Doberman is the official dog of the U. S. Marines. In addition, both breeds are being used in increasing numbers by police departments and other law enforcement agencies the world over. Human na-

ture is such that a man, even an armed one, tends to be more leery of an animal like this than another man, even if he's armed. Business and industry have also discovered that guard dogs are invaluable for protecting stores and manufacturing plants. The world's largest department store, R. H. Macy of New York City, uses Doberman pinschers as secondary night watchmen to protect the store against illegal entry and robbery. In this respect, these dogs have proved so valuable that the store maintains its own breeding kennels on the premises.

As I've indicated before, any alert dog, regardless of size, can prove to be a good watchdog. All that is required of a pup is that he detect an intruder and sound an alarm. On this score, even the tiny Chihuahua measures up nicely, since he's usually capable of making enough racket to scare off the most intrepid wrong-doer. Most small dogs are generally lively and a bit more alert than their larger cousins, so that the potential purchasers of a watchdog need not limit their choice of a dog to one of the larger breeds.

Of course, no dog of any size is a match for an armed intruder or a poisoner, but these days burglars are sophisticated and even armed ones generally only carry guns for threat purposes, realizing that a shot will attract attention. As for poison, a well-trained guard or watchdog won't eat anything that hasn't been given to it by its owner or trainer.

Other common questions that I'm asked are which are the bravest, the healthiest, the swiftest, and the gamest dogs. Let's take these questions one at a time. Once again, regardless of size, any dog of any breed can qualify as the "bravest." And as for general health, no breed is tops in that department. Some breeds are harder than others, but this depends upon the dog's resistance to sickness, which, in turn, reflects the care it is given as well as its heritage.

In the speed department, I can be specific. The swiftest dog is the greyhound, which has been clocked at speeds better than 40 miles an hour, with racing strides averaging 15 feet. The spunkiest dogs are generally those that were originally bred for fighting: the bulldog, the Bedlington, the bull terrier and, in fact, nearly all the terriers. However, you'll find rough-and-readys in all of the breeds—from the smallest to the largest. Here I have to mention the poodle again, and I'd also include the deceptive-looking English sheepdog.

As for the best dog, and you'd be surprised how often I'm seriously asked this question. There's only one answer to that, of course. *Your* pooch. ● ●



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FREEDOM WEEK

As another move in its program to strengthen the spirit of American patriotism by stressing the positive, the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee has called for the celebration of Freedom Week throughout the Order from January 14 to 19 as a salute to freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

For years, Elks lodges have been observing National Newspaper Week in support of freedom of the press. Freedom Week will broaden the observance to include broadcasting, magazines, and books as well as our newspapers, thus focusing on the constructive role that these major media of communication play in our democratic society by virtue of the Constitutional guarantees of free speech and press.

Freedom Week will serve to make us more conscious of the vital importance of these freedoms to the happiness and welfare of each one of us, to the material progress and cultural advancement of our nation, and to the successful conduct of self-government.

We enjoy the end products that freedom to speak and publish have given us, but are we aware that we could not have achieved them without those freedoms? Do we realize that it is those freedoms that we are fighting for when we stand up against communism and every other form of totalitarian tyranny? Do we appreciate those freedoms sufficiently that as individual citizens we are prepared to oppose every attempt to limit them, knowing that every limitation leads to another and yet another until there is no freedom at all?

Attempts to circumscribe free speech and freedom of the press are always promoted in the interests of the people. In fact, many of those who from time to time advocate censorship or other curbs of free speech and the press are actuated by laudable motives and have no intent to diminish freedom. They do so because they are aroused by editorial comment with which they strongly disagree, or utterances that they believe inimical to established values, or by books that they regard as obscene and destructive of morality. Yet, imposing curbs for desirable reasons would be just as destructive of freedom as censorship imposed for the deliberate purpose of inflicting tyranny on the people. Even censorship for national security reasons must be watched constantly.

Without doubt, the men and women who founded our republic knew that freedom to speak and to publish would be abused. They also knew that their liberty would not be safe unless they had the right to talk and write as they chose, and that is why they demanded that there be added to the new Constitution a Bill of Rights that spelled out these freedoms in black and white.

They were right, and the Order of Elks is right and is performing a constructive patriotic service in celebrating Freedom Week. Let every lodge adopt the Americanism Committee's program and strengthen freedom in its community with a ringing salute to free speech and freedom of the press.

THE CUBAN CRISIS

Our action in forcing the removal of Soviet missiles and bombers from Cuba ended a grave menace to the Western Hemisphere. It put the brakes to communist military and political penetration in the hemisphere. It disrupted the communist timetable for conquest, and it has seriously damaged the Kremlin's position in the eyes of the world. These are tremendous gains for the Free World, but we must remember that we have won only a skirmish. The war is not over and won't be until communist aggression is no longer a threat to the entire world.

The fact remains that in Cuba the Soviets have a satellite base in the Caribbean from which they will continue to organize and direct violence and subversion against people who want to follow the democratic path of freedom and progress. They will have the assistance of Cheddi Jagan's communist government of British Guiana and the disciplined communist parties in the U. S. and other American countries that act and speak only at the command

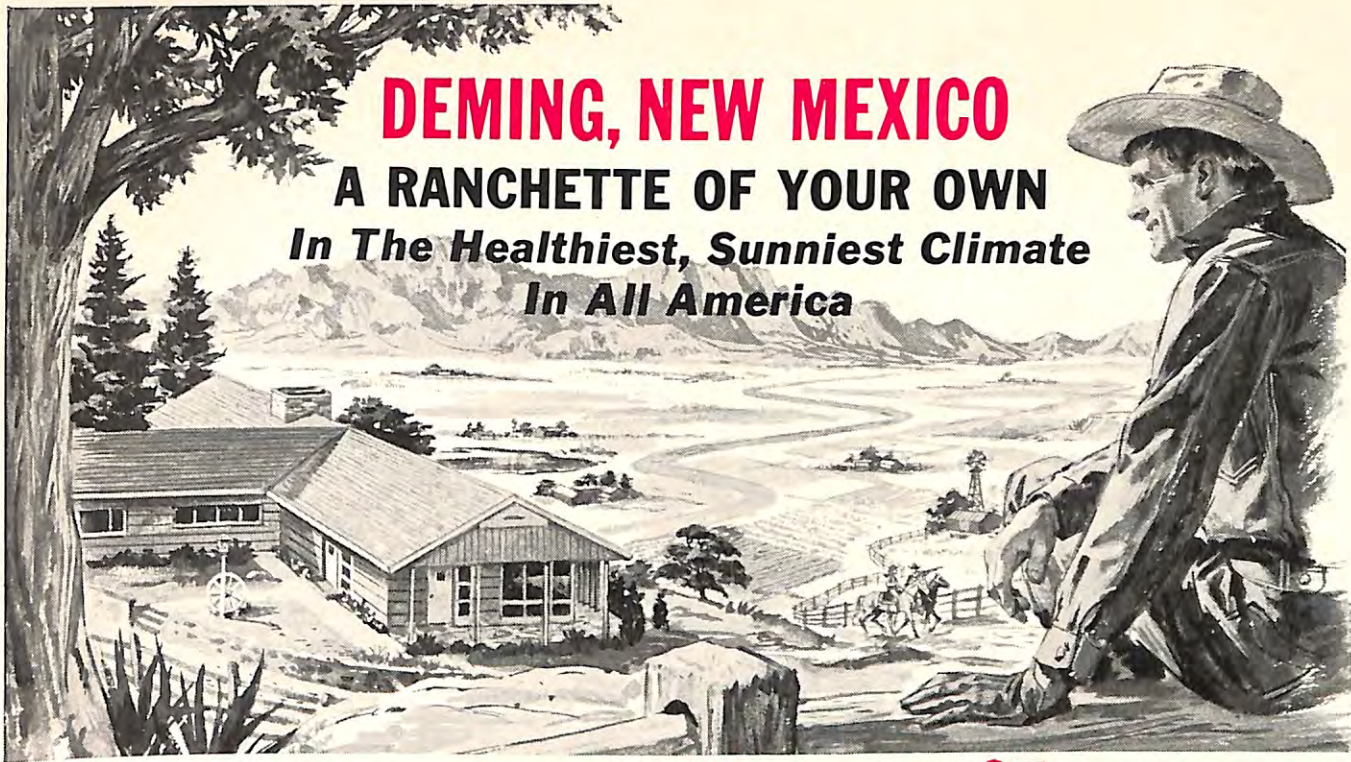
of the Kremlin. Our Government and, now more than ever before, the other governments of this hemisphere are aware that freedom is not safe so long as there is a communist dictatorship in Cuba. President Kennedy, in his remarks addressed to the Cuban people, made it clear that we stand with them and that our desire is their eventual liberation.

Khrushchev's retreat in Cuba was in accord with classic communist strategy. That strategy is to expand wherever possible, to press and probe constantly for weak spots, to employ the threat of force for the "peaceful" achievement of communist goals, but to avoid war—now. Khrushchev knows the importance of Cuba to the success of the communist conspiracy. It was because he wanted to keep that advance base in existence that he capitulated so quickly to President Kennedy's warning that if the offensive weapons were not removed, we would remove them. The Kremlin understood that that would mean the end of Castro and its

Caribbean satellite, with other far-reaching consequences adverse to communist designs.

Installation of offensive bases in Cuba was a calculated gamble, which, had it succeeded, would have meant a giant step forward for communism and a fatal weakening of the West's position. In meeting the Soviet challenge head on, in the only way that the communists fully understand, President Kennedy undoubtedly went far beyond anything that the Kremlin strategists had anticipated. This was indicated by their confused and contradictory reactions after the President's ultimatum.

There will be more Soviet probes, more gambles, more testing of the will and purpose of the Free World. It will call for steady nerves, courage, determination, and unity on our part. The reaction of the people of this country, and the solidarity of our Western Hemisphere neighbors as well as of our European allies, in support of our action in Cuba, should have convinced the Kremlin of the danger of its course.



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