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That S-S Corporation Tax Situation

The following is one of several letters that brought to our attention an incomplete and misleading statement. Our thanks to the sharp-eyed readers who thoughtfully wrote.

Reference is made to an article in the January issue entitled "Business Organization" by Dickson Hartwell. On page 42 the statement is made:

"The S-S Corporation can accumulate profits without being financially penalized if it pays them out as capital gains, which are taxed at a maximum rate of 25 per cent."

This statement, if not untrue, is very misleading and is causing our Brothers to stumble. In the first place, one cannot accumulate and pay out at the same time, this being an impossibility.

It is true that if one of these corporations realizes a capital gain, it may distribute the profit to the shareholders, who in turn would be taxed at a capital gains rate. It is also true that the individual owners pay regular taxes on the salaries they receive from these corporations.

However, it is also true that many of these corporations have ordinary earnings in excess of salaries paid to the officers. These excess earnings are taxed to the shareholders at the regular rates, regardless of whether distributed or accumulated. The statement in the article gives the impression that these ordinary earnings are never taxed at the regular rates but are taxed to the shareholders at capital gains rates.

ROY E. BARNES
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Brother Barnes is correct. Subchapter S corporations pay no taxes; their shareholders do. All profits, whether ordinary or capital gains, are taxed on a pro rata basis each year at the applicable rate (either as income tax or capital gains tax). We repeat author Hartwell's admonition: For details, consult your accountant and/or attorney.—The Editors

Oops!

The February issue was, as usual, a superb publication. The way in which you diversify the subject matter of the articles continues to amaze me.

Your expanded "News of the Lodges" is a good idea, and I hope you will be able to include more pictures each month. All lodges benefit from what their "sister lodges" are doing. In fact, I have already gotten a couple of good ideas for Hampton [Va.] Lodge for the

coming year when I expect to be Exalted Ruler.

Two photos puzzled me, and I would like to know what happened. Page 13 shows a photo of Lodge No. 2169 of officers, captioned that the lodge is located in Warren, Mich. On page 22 a photo showing a refreshment stand of the Clawson-Troy, Mich., Elks depicts it as Lodge No. 2169. Admittedly I do not know much about the geography of Michigan but I'd like a clarification. Has someone goofed and numbered two lodges the same?

Maybe sometime you can add a "Letters to the Editor" column, which seems to be so popular in many other magazines.

GERALD E. MARPLE
Hampton, Va.

The "goof" is ours; see "Red-Faced Department," page 36. —The Editors

Appropriate Gift

I must acknowledge receiving my Life Member lapel pin in good shape. It was a birthday present from my brother-in-law, Dr. S. I. Gleason, who ordered it to be sent to me [from THE ELKS MAGAZINE—sole distributor of official Elk jewelry]. I am extremely proud of it, and all who see it admire it.

J. M. MUIR
Hale Nani Hospital
Honolulu, Hawaii

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CHARLES R. STARK
Sacramento, Calif.

Our thanks to Brother Stark for correcting an error in "Next Stop: the Moon" (January issue). The new Cape Kennedy Vertical Assembly Building, our caption said, will be at 524 feet "the tallest structure south of the Washington Monument." Ironically, the San Jacinto Monument is in the vicinity of NASA's Manned Space Flight Center.

—The Editors

A letter from Mrs. Oma Herrick, a teacher, requested reprints or extra copies of "Europe at Sixes and Sevens," an article on the Common Market in our November issue, for use in her class. We were unable to respond, since we weren't given Mrs. Herrick's address. We welcome another letter.

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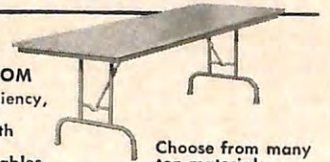
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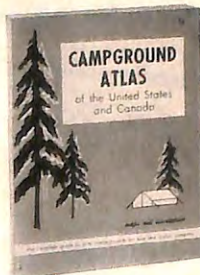
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Patriotism, freedom, our religious faith, decency—to us these are not just abstractions to which we give lip service. We try to live by them because we believe in them and we are not afraid to show it.

North and south, east and west, everywhere I have met and talked with Elks and their families I have seen manifested a deep love for our country and its magnificent traditions of freedom. At our Elk affairs, men of many faiths come together and acknowledge their common devotion to God and His divine authority over their lives.

No one should underestimate the influence that Elkdom exerts throughout our country,

because we do stand for principles and a way of life that are under strong attack from many directions. And in my judgment, our influence is the greater because we act from deep conviction in a spirit of true charity and tolerance and without a fanaticism that weakens and destroys.

As I have reflected on these ideas, moving about the country, it has occurred to me that like so many other desirable things, we may sometimes be inclined to take Elkdom for granted, because we are so close to it. It might just be that we don't fully appreciate how much the Order of Elks means to America, what a powerful force it is for strengthening our country's moral character and keeping America moving forward to a fuller realization of our best hopes for all men. With a better understanding of our role as Elks, we can do even more to achieve those hopes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald J. Dunn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

RONALD J. DUNN, Grand Exalted Ruler

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For the past several years, Waukegan, Ill., Lodge has contributed between \$750 and \$950 to the Elks National Foundation, setting a record for its District in individual subscriptions. Lodge Foundation Chairman Bill Just has a novel way of seeking out subscribers: On his birthday he holds a party and invites all those who wish to attend to

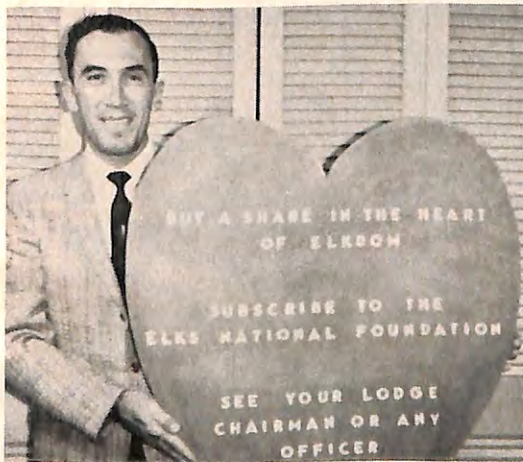
become Foundation members. This year's guests included, l. to r., Judge Thomas Moran, State Attorney Bruno Stanczak, Judge Glenn Seidenfeld, Harold Tallett, Richard Kennedy, their host, D.D. Robert J. Sabin, P.D.D. Bede Armstrong, E.R. Harry Cohn, and Judge William Carroll. It's a good way to celebrate a birthday.



After a recent meeting of Fairmont, W. Va., Lodge, 11 new subscribers to the Elks National Foundation were signed up. Depicted along with the lodge officers is State Youth Activities Chairman and State National Foundation Committeeman Carl Schimmel, rear center, who received the checks from E.R. James Pallotta, front center.



H. Randolph Johns, Fort Lauderdale Lodge, and John J. Bora, Plantation Lodge, jointly signed up 62 per cent of the Elks National Foundation certificates subscribed for in Florida in 1962-1963.



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By
BRUNO SHAW

The Peaceful Road to

Behind the now-you-see-it, now-you-don't peaceful-coexistence pose of Comrade Khrushchev lies a permanent and insidious threat to the West: legitimate communist political machinery in Western Europe that seeks to undermine Western unity and—ultimately—to seize power in behalf of the Kremlin

"THOSE who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," George Santayana, one of America's respected sages, wrote many years ago. The New Year message from the Soviet Union's Premier Khrushchev to the heads of all Western nations, calling for a treaty for the renunciation of war as a means of solving territorial disputes or questions of frontiers, emerges through the mists of the past as a latent nightmare.

Should we believe that the U.S.S.R. is at last ready to forswear war as an instrument of national policy? Should we believe that if the military threat of Soviet imperialism is somehow reduced we can consider communist expansion halted, at least momentarily? Let's first heed Santayana's warning and have a look at the past in considering these questions.

Only a few decades ago the governments of 62 nations, to the eventual sorrow of their peoples, hoodwinked themselves with a nobly conceived but wholly visionary treaty to "outlaw" war. It was the brainchild of United States Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg and was titled "Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy." It was signed in Paris by 15 nations on August 27, 1928. Forty-seven additional nations became parties to it by ratification in the following

months. Among them were the Soviet Union and the then-free countries of Europe which the Soviet has since enslaved behind the Iron Curtain: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, as well as several nations which the Soviet has since destroyed altogether—Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Japan and Germany were among the 15 original signers. And Secretary of State Kellogg was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize the following year for what was called "his most important achievement—bringing about the signing of a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war."

While the democracies disarmed themselves almost to the point of defenselessness under the euphoric delusion that world peace would be maintained under this grandiose treaty, the totalitarian nations of the time, planning to conquer the world even as the Soviet is planning to do now, increased their armaments clandestinely and otherwise to mighty proportions. And so, following the Pact of Paris of 1928 which "outlawed" war: Japan invaded and took Manchuria in 1931; Italy attacked Ethiopia in 1934; Germany and Italy on one side, Russia on the other, intervened in the Spanish Civil War in 1936 in which a million or more Spaniards were killed; Japan invaded China prop-

er in 1937; and in 1939 the most devastating war in all history began.

Now comes Comrade Khrushchev offering a repeat performance of a treaty to "renounce resort to war as a means of settling territorial disputes," with no conceivable means for its enforcement—the same lullaby with which the democratic nations of the world once before sang themselves to sleep while their enemies plotted their destruction.

You and I will simply dismiss the Khrushchev proposal as one more piece of specious Soviet propaganda. But our Government is not equally at liberty to do so without danger of providing Moscow with further ammunition for its hollow protestations in behalf of "total disarmament" and "peaceful coexistence." To ignore the Khrushchev note or to reject it out of hand would make it seem to many of the newly independent and uncommitted nations of Asia and Africa, most of whose people and leaders are without a shred of understanding of what either communism or democracy really mean, that we are "inflexibly" determined not to consider any proposal from the Soviet, no matter how well intentioned it might be.

We must also bear in mind that arms, however necessary they may be, are not a sufficient defense against Soviet expansion. An insidious effort is being made, day and night, to under-



COMMUNIST SERFDOM

mine the institutions of Western society, to emasculate the defensive machinery of the free world.

Drew Middleton, chief of the Paris Bureau of *The New York Times*, in a recent column reported that because of recent exchanges of peace messages between the United States and the Soviet Union, anti-communist members of legislatures in some countries of Europe wonder whether we know where the communist menace really lies. "Let a communist party gain power, or even share a coalition," he quotes one official as saying, "and you will be quickly reminded of the true aims of communism. All the divisions or Polaris submarines in Europe won't prevent the communists from taking that country out of NATO."

It is inevitable in the present state of world affairs that our counteraction to

Soviet propaganda has, on occasion, had the result of "damning us whether we do or whether we don't," because of the precarious balance of power that exists in the governments of our NATO allies, whose cooperation is essential for the preservation of world security. It sometimes results, too, in a fantastic distortion of our image in the eyes of many neutral nations which, unhappily, mistakenly view the East-West struggle

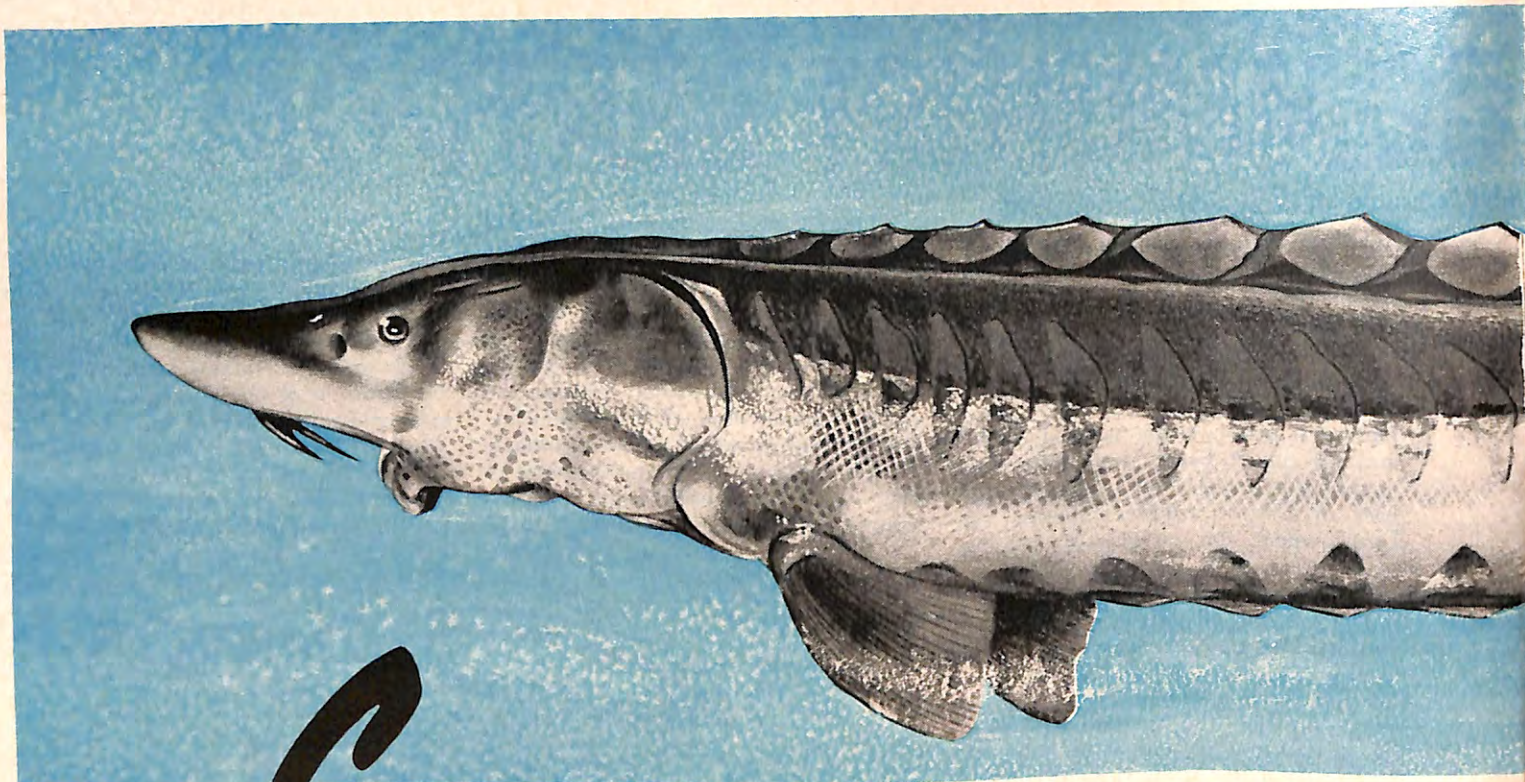
merely as a battle between two intransigent giants who would do well to sit down at a conference table and resolve their quarrels peaceably, at once.

These considerations loomed large in the decision of our Government to become a signatory to the Test Ban Treaty to prohibit nuclear explosions in the atmosphere, underwater, or in space. The same result could have

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Sturgeon:

A FANTASTIC

This boneless behemoth is likely to be the largest fish you will ever catch—if you can land him

By **BOB BURGESS**

pounds. North America is host to six, possibly seven, species, the largest of these being the white sturgeon that's found in the major coastal rivers west of the Rockies. This is the fish that tips the scales at over 1,000 pounds. A "small" species is found in the Great Lakes; another—the Atlantic or Common sturgeon—ranges down the Eastern seaboard, entering the large rivers of west Florida. It grows to 10 feet and weighs in at no more than 1,000 pounds.

Sturgeon migrate from saltwater to fresh each spring to spawn and return again in the fall—why, no one knows.

TELL AN ANGLER that the antecedents of the largest freshwater fish in North America date back 60 million years—that this fish hasn't a bone in its body but fights like tarnation, tastes like pork chops, and produces roe that's worth \$40 a pound, and he'll probably think you're some kind of a nut.

But it's no fish story; any disbeliever just doesn't know about the sturgeon—a fish that possesses all of the foregoing unusual characteristics and then some.

Despite an unlikely appearance, the sturgeon is one of the finest game and sport fish in the world. Furthermore, it has probably rubbed shoulders with some of the very panfish and bass you caught last time out.

Why didn't he take your bait? Well, at one time or another, he might have. Have you ever hooked into something so big that it stripped every inch of line off your reel without even pausing? Has a fish ever straightened a heavy hook of yours, leaving it good for noth-

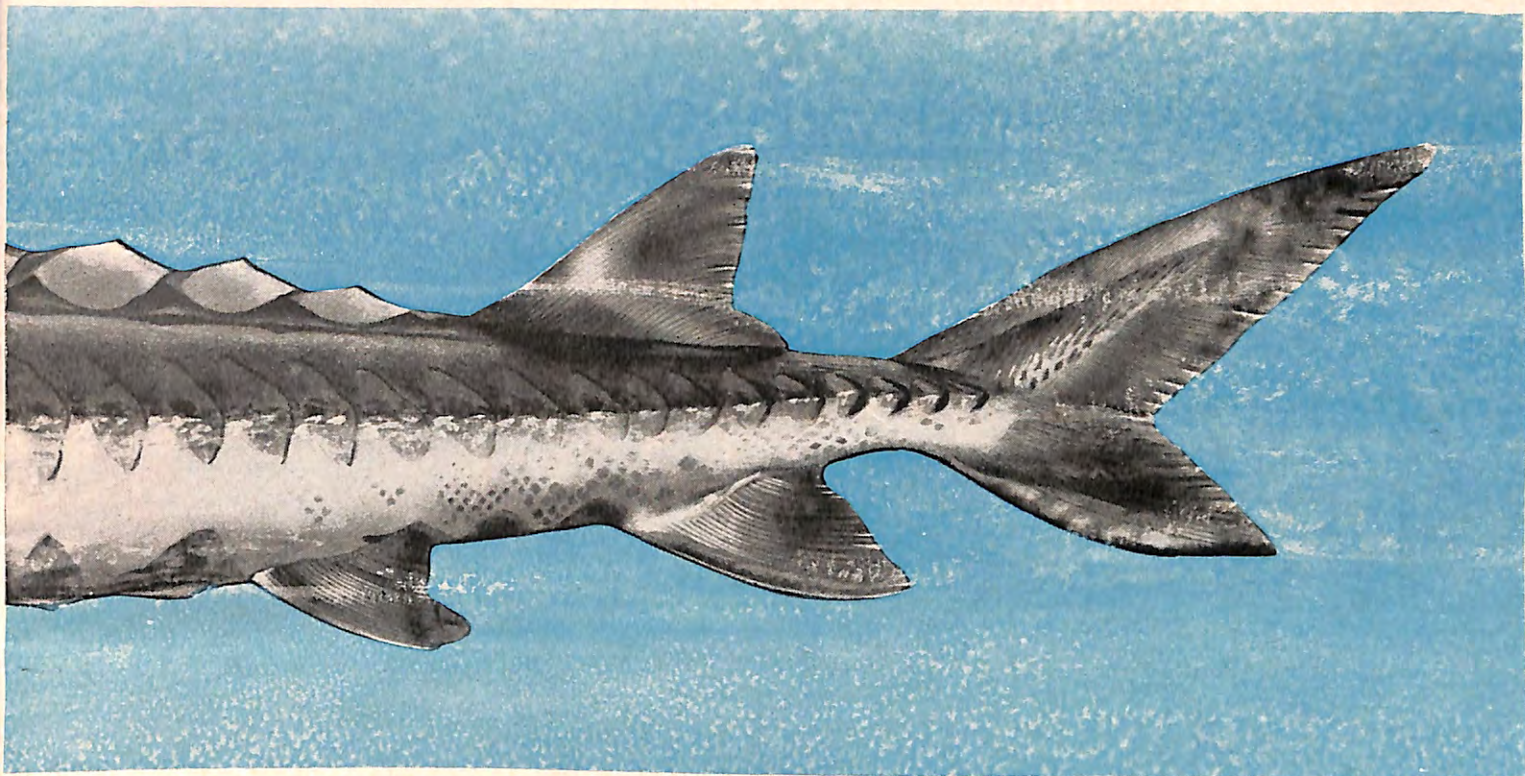
ing but spearing olives? Maybe you didn't see this leviathan that sent you home muttering under your breath about the big one that got away. Getting away—that's a sturgeon characteristic.

Over the years, facts and fancy about the sturgeon have become so interwoven that most people don't know where truth blends into illusion. But it's not surprising that the vast majority of our 20 million fishermen aren't better informed about the sturgeon. Not when you consider that most of the country's ichthyologists admit that *they* don't know much about this fish, which frequents most of our saltwater-linked rivers, attaining a length of up to 12 feet and an avoirdupois of 1,000 pounds.

It's agreed upon, however, that there are 20 species of sturgeon throughout the world—the largest being the Russian Beluga that grows to a length of up to 24 feet and can weigh in at 2,000



Author Burgess examines a 101-pound sturgeon taken in the Apalachicola River.



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FRESHWATER GAME FISH

Perhaps the sturgeon is best known as the fish that provides the world with caviar. But the meat of the fish is also considered a delicacy, and its swim bladder is the source of a gelatin that's used in the manufacture of isinglass.

Commercial fishermen have long

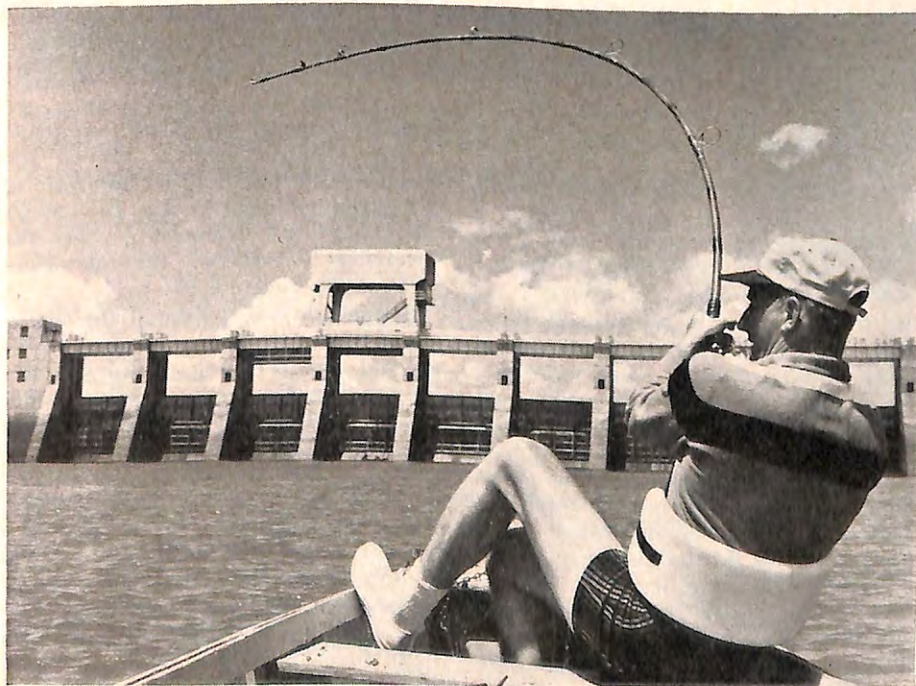
fished for sturgeon—with large nets. But until recently, no one seriously entertained the idea of trying to catch sturgeon by rod and reel. After all, what chance did a puny fisherman have against a powerful fish that might outweigh him six to one?

But shortly after WW II, anglers on Idaho's Snake River took up the challenge—and were successful. In fact, the world's all-tackle record (360 lbs., 9' 2") is held by Willard Cravens, who caught a Snake River sturgeon in 1956. Once the ice was broken, word spread and a new phase of fishing fun began. Anglers on Florida's Apalachicola River, for instance, have been doing the same thing as their counterparts in Idaho.

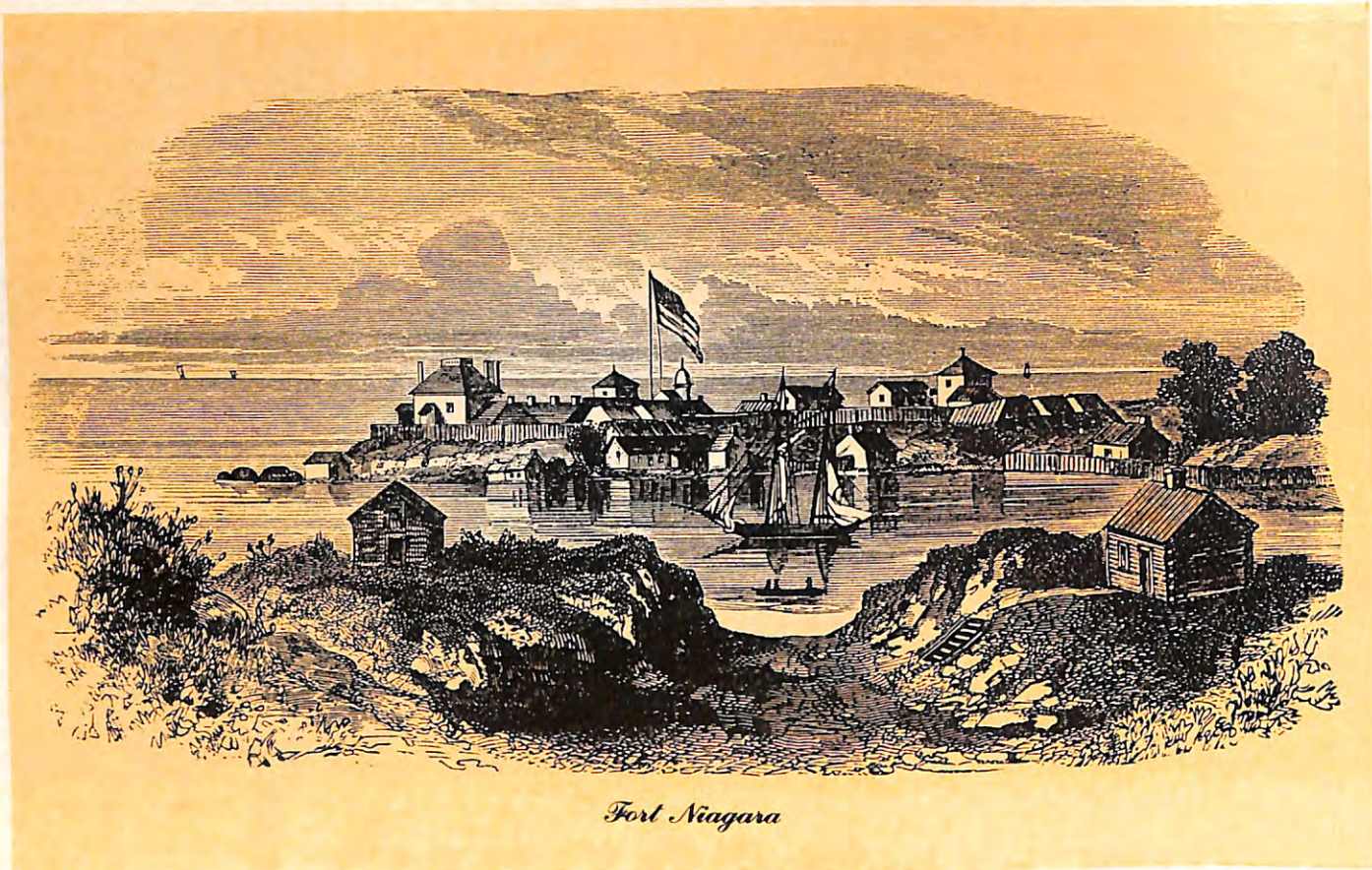
A little over 100 miles long, the Apalachicola stretches from the Government's hydroelectric Jim Woodruff Dam, near the Georgia-Florida state line, to the Gulf of Mexico. From April through June, the migrating sturgeon congregate in the tailwater below the dam's gated spillways. Although the fish are plentiful in the spring, high water and strong currents make for precarious sturgeon fishing. So most anglers wait until late summer—August through mid-September—when the river is low and the spillways are closed.

Sharp-eyed fishermen have no difficulty then spotting their quarry. For if the sturgeon is active, a careful look at the calm water tells the story. This fish is literally armored with 80-plus sharp-peaked cartilaginous but boneless "plates," ranged from head to tail, that make its body remain almost rigid. When the fish rolls, it heaves its armor-

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In the tailwater of northwest Florida's Jim Woodruff Dam, an angler hooks a sturgeon, using a 12-foot surf rod.



Fort Niagara

The Forts of Dubious Distinction

During our early years, American forts played a key role in taming the wilderness and opening up the West, but a few were fiascos

By **ROBERT JOSEPH**

"THE ROCK"—the federal prison on Alcatraz Island—is being razed, and the island may be turned into an amusement park.

This switch in functions isn't quite as unlikely as it sounds. In view of the jests and practical jokes the island once inspired as a military installation, perhaps it would have been more practical if this island in San Francisco Bay had just been utilized as a place of diversion from the outset. Back in the late 1850's, it certainly wasn't taken very seriously.

After routing a couple of seals, which were the island's only inhabitants, the Army completed Fort Alcatraz in 1858. In those days, the high spirits of the Gold Rush days hadn't completely dissipated, and San Franciscans tended to be irreverent about practically everything. They dubbed the fortification Fort Pelican, after that unlikely bird whose bill holds more than its belly.

The Army was undaunted. With a bugle flourish and a couple of extravagant speeches, the official dedication of Fort Alcatraz was topped off with a round or two of cannonfire from some Columbiads, artillery leftovers from the War of 1812. The proud claims for the fort were not to be realized, however. Those cannons were never trained on anything more menacing than San Francisco's well-known fog, which, most of the time, rendered the island rampart defensively useless.

Although Fort Alcatraz did command the Bay, it was not self-sufficient. The installation was dependent upon the mainland for its drinking water, which had to be ferried over in huge hogsheads. Legend has it that fun and games for young 'Frisco blades was to take potshots at the big barrels, while sweating soldiers fought tides and their rising tempers to get the leaking drums to the island before they were com-

pletely emptied of their contents.

Maybe this maneuver proved too much for the military. At any rate, to the accompaniment of San Francisco's laughter, Army engineers leveled the "pretentious bastions" just about as soon as the concrete was set.

Instead, a few unpretentious shacks were thrown up to house Army "drifters and loungers" and rebellious Southwest Indian chiefs, thus meekly terminating the dazzling predicted military career of Fort Alcatraz.

The failure of Fort Alcatraz, however, wasn't unique. In the main, American forts were the vital means for civilizing the wilderness. They were justifiably respected and in many cases honored in the names of the brave men who made the clearings, built them, and then manned them. In fact, Congress immortalized many of them: Ticonderoga, Pitt, Necessity, Union, Bridger, Yuma, and scores of

others that were guardians of our growing nation.

The first fort was Fort St. Augustine (Fla.), built in 1565 by the Spaniard, Captain General Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles. That was the beginning; thereafter, these fortifications safeguarded our early settlements and protected our frontiers, trails, riverways, canals, and trading posts. Without them, settlers probably would never have been able to reach the Pacific.

Nonetheless, there were a number of "footnote forts" that time has compassionately covered with a blanket of anonymity. For instance, Fort Nonsense (also called Fort Folly), Fort Misery I and II, Fort Blunder. Some forts, such as Maurepas, Finney, Towson, and Stanton, although disastrous mistakes, never gained derisive names. But how about Fort No Name? It was built by Army Rangers in the Rockies in 1820. Mosquitos forced its abandonment even before there was time to name it.

The above are a few of the "Fort Mistakes" from which American forces were routed not by any human enemy but by such unlikely opponents as "poisonous vapours," quicksand, flood, short tempers, and plain hard luck. These were the forts which never should have been, but having been, never really were.

No fort in our history had a more illustrious beginning than Fort Maurepas—or a more ludicrous end.

It began this way: Commissioned by Louis XIV, Sieur Pierre le Moyne d'Iberville, following a hard voyage down the Mississippi from Quebec (then capital of New France, which included all of Canada and as much of our present West as French mapmakers felt like recording), set the Grand Monarch's standard into the thick mud of Ship Island in the Bay of Biloxi on April 7, 1699. With a flourish of the fleur-de-lis, d'Iberville claimed the Mississippi Valley, the Gulf of Mexico, and all our Southwest for France, following up this grand gesture with the order to build Fort Maurepas right where he was standing. It was to be named in honor of the oldest son of the French Minister of Marine, Jerome Pontchatrain de Maurep.s. Obviously Pierre knew the power of flattery. After seeing the stockade completed, the Conqueror of New France sailed home to reap in honors and additional titles.

A year later he returned to find the garrison a shell. Worms had ravaged Fort Maurepas' nine-foot high walls and dry rot had shrunken and shriveled what was left. There was a handful of bedraggled survivors waiting to be rescued and taken home.

What had happened? A survivor explained that one night alligators, slithering into the fort, had scored a biscupid victory. Most of the men had fled and never returned.

But at least the defenders of Maurepas had been able to see their adversary. The men of Fort Davy Crockett, affectionately known as Fort de Misère among the French-Canadian bushways and Fort Misery by the mountain men (the first bastion to be given this name) could only hear the endless busybody buzzing of the armies of hungry mosquitoes that made the banks of Wyoming's Green River home.

In a War Department report, Fort Davy Crockett was called a "grievous military mistake." Army contingents moving through Wyoming were advised to avoid it like the plague. In 1846 or 1847 (the incident seems to have been too ignominious to record accurately for posterity), the "hollow square one-story log cabin with roof and floor of mud" was evacuated. A few days later, some compassionate Utes put Misery out of its misery by burning it to the ground.

That was Misery I. After the Civil War, a spirited rivalry existed among the personnel of various Southwest military outposts. Each contingent felt their particular encampment deserved

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MIAMI BEACH TRIALS

DURING SIX GRUELING days last November at the Americana Hotel in Miami Beach, sixteen pairs of America's leading bridge players vied for places on the United States' team that will be competing in the 1964 World Bridge Olympiad early this May in New York City. This will be quite an event in the world of bridge: Thirty or more countries from all over the world will send teams to represent them. In many cases, they'll also be sending women's teams to participate in a separate contest that will be held for the ladies.

Getting back to Miami Beach, all the participating pairs had qualified for the "Trials" as a result of previous outstanding performances in particular national tournaments. The Trials were structured so that each pair of participants played a 20-board match against all the other pairs—a total of 300 hands. The duos that finished first, second, and third automatically qualified for our six-man Olympiad team.

In order of finish, they were Robert Hamman and Donald Krauss, Los Angeles; Samuel M. Stayman and Victor Mitchell, New York; and Arthur Robinson and Robert Jordan, Philadelphia. Frank Westcott of North Attleboro, Mass., was selected non-playing captain by the governing board of the American Contract Bridge League.

This year's team—like last year's, which lost out in the World Championship to Italy by a narrow margin—is spiked with youth. Only Stayman can be characterized as an "old-timer." It seems that the Jacobys, the Gorens, and the Crawfords (alas!) no longer dominate the important American tournament tables.

The performance of Hamman and Krauss was a real surprise, however. I hasten to add that is not to impugn their ability but only a reaction to their extreme youth, from a tournament point of view. Hamman is 25, Krauss 26. Although definitely youngsters in the field, the LA twosome not only "made the team" but did it in the grand manner, taking the lead in the first session and holding it through the succeeding 14. A more experienced participant was heard to mutter, darkly, at one point that "the kids couldn't stand the pressure much longer," which proved to be a spectacular misvaluation of the situation. By the end of the Trials, everyone had nothing but praise for

the "kids," particularly for their steadiness under fire.

Second spot Stayman and Mitchell, one of the finest pairs in this country, have a great deal of tournament experience. Stayman has been on five previous U. S. world championship teams, Mitchell one.

Our third pair, Jordan and Robinson, is rapidly gaining recognition as one of America's most stalwart partnerships. They have represented this country twice before in international contests, and, during the past six years, have won numerous American tournaments.

Down at Miami Beach, Robinson and Jordan earned an excellent score on the following deal—an especially important victory because they were pitted against the formidable Los Angeles pair of Lewis L. Mathe and Edward O. Taylor, who by finishing fourth earned "alternate" status on our Olympiad team.

After West opened with a spade and North passed, East decided to make a

psychic diamond bid. With such powerful support for spades, East knew that that suit would probably be the final contract. He hoped to inhibit a diamond lead which, from his holding, figured to be most undesirable, if not actually damaging.

Although this tactic is popular with many experts and is often successful, it proved to be extremely unfavorable this time. This is what happened: With very little in the way of high cards, South was able to get in a heart bid at a safe level, following which he and partner were in the strategical and psychological saddle, so to speak.

West jumped to three spades over the two hearts, to show a good suit and good hand. With every reason to feel that he would have further chances to support his partner's hearts, North took the occasion to mention his ace-high club suit.

East then made a cue bid in hearts to show that control and to imply that he not only had a fit with West's suit—spades—but was interested in a slam.

South couldn't do any more bidding at this juncture; West, in turn, signed off by bidding only four spades.

Now it was time for North to exploit his fine distribution: He raised to five hearts.

Having bid strongly, East passed with the knowledge that his partner would have to take some action—either

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

No one vulnerable, West dealer.			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 Spade	Pass	2 Diamonds	2 Hearts
3 Spades	4 Clubs	4 Hearts	Pass
4 Spades	5 Hearts	Pass	6 Clubs
Double	6 Hearts	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		



NORTH



WEST



EAST



SOUTH

Both sides vulnerable, South dealer.

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 Diamond	Pass	3 Diamonds	Pass
3 Spades	Pass	4 Clubs	Pass
4 Diamonds	Pass	4 Spades	Pass
5 Clubs	Pass	6 Diamonds	Pass
Pass	Pass		

double or go in spades. South, *with the same knowledge*, made a really superb bid—six clubs! There was no danger that his side would play the hand at a club contract; hearts was the agreed suit.

This six-club bid was the coup de grace for East-West. They couldn't do anything except double the eventual bid of six hearts, defeating only one trick—100 points.

You'll see that if South hadn't bid six clubs, asking for a club lead if the enemy bought the contract, East-West might well have persisted to six spades. In that case, they'd have made that slam against any defense, except the opening of the club ace with a continuation for South to ruff. As it was, Jordan and Robinson came out with an excellent score for being minus only 100, considering that the opponents were ironclad for five spades and that at some of the other tables East-West bid and made six spades.

In another match, against different opponents, Jordan and Robinson, knowing they weren't doing well, went all out on this deal:

South (Jordan) had only 13 high-card points, but he felt that he might have precisely the "key cards," based on his partner's strong bidding. There was logic in this reasoning, but, even so, Jordan's bidding was undeniably ambitious. Its main justification was the

fact that some dramatic move was needed to pull the match out of the fire.

However, while Jordan's bidding might be frowned on by stern critics, his play of the slam contract was a bit of unquestioned genius. West's opening lead was the heart queen. East captured dummy's king and returned a heart. South ruffed, laid down the diamond ace, and led another trump. When West followed suit, declarer finessed dummy's jack.

Now, having sailed over the important hurdle of shutting out the trump queen, declarer cashed all the rest of the trumps in dummy, leaving this situation:

	NORTH		EAST
	♠ K 6		♠ 9 8 4 2
	♥ void		♥ void
	♦ 9		♦ void
	♣ A 10 7 4		♣ Q J 9
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ J 10 5		♠ A Q 7 3	
♥ J 9		♥ void	
♦ void		♦ void	
♣ 8 3		♣ K 6 5	

It's easy to see what the cashing of dummy's last trump did to East. If he let go a spade, declarer's entire spade



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suit would be good, along with the two top clubs. And if East preferred to discard a club, declarer would have more tricks than he could use, with all four of dummy's clubs and the three top spades. East surrendered!

Sam Stayman and Vic Mitchell are not only excellent players but highly imaginative ones. Witness this hand of theirs from the Trials:

After passes by West and North, East opened the bidding with a "weak" two-spade call. (This is a convention used by a great many experts to gain some degree of pre-emption against opponents, while showing a good suit in a hand lacking the high-card points for a one-bid. In this method, an opening bid of two clubs is artificial, actually announcing a powerhouse hand.)

Of course, South had nothing to say over the two-spade bid, but West had a sound rise of his partner's suit.

Having passed originally, North now seized the opportunity to enter the arena, his two-suited holding well justifying this competition. South naturally responded to the takeout double with his longest suit—clubs.

With only ace-small in support, North could not afford to leave his partner in a club contract. Therefore, North bid four diamonds. (After all, South had not volunteered to bid clubs; he was simply responding to North's takeout double.)

When this was passed around to South (Stayman), he sized up the situation beautifully and bid four hearts on his three-card suit. Imaginative, yes, but not by any means a "wild stab." From the bidding, Stayman knew that his partner had a heart suit; the evidence was overwhelming to that effect. Consider:

When North—vulnerable—put in the double at the three-level, he was asking South to name his best suit. But when

NORTH

WEST EAST

SOUTH

Both sides vulnerable, West dealer.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
3 Spades	Double	Pass	4 Clubs
Pass	4 Diamonds	Pass	4 Hearts!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South followed orders and bid clubs, North took him out to diamonds. Thus, North was clearly short in clubs as well as spades, which had to mean, of course, that he had length in both of the red suits. With just long diamonds and not much in hearts, Mitchell would not have doubled three spades. If he came in at all, he would bid the diamonds.

The Stayman-Mitchell partnership was well rewarded for this daring display of bidding. The opposition could

take only three tricks—three aces—against the game contract in hearts, and so North-South scored 620 points. The opponents could have saved a little by sacrificing at four spades (down two, 500, doubled), but such sacrifices aren't usually wise at international match-point scoring (under which the Trials are conducted, with honors not counting), and, from the East-West point of view, there was some reason to hope that the four-heart contract might be beaten. • •

to inherit the title. This was the outcome:

Fort Misery II—Camp Goodwin on the Gila River, established in 1864, was referred to as "Arizona's Black Hole of Calcutta" by Inspector General George Stoneman.

Fort Misery III—Fort Lowell, Arizona Territory, was built at the bottom of an oven-hot arroyo. Too poorly situated to be defended, attacked, or supplied, it was finally abandoned by its Union commander during the Civil War because it was "hotter than Hades." The Confederates who inherited it, in turn, rejected it. Even the Indians didn't want Fort Lowell.

Fort Misery IV—the only name ever given to a crude military shelter in Prescott, Arizona. It later became that metropolis' first house. Lucky tenants.

Fort Misery is a name that rightfully might have been given to Fort

Forts

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Saginaw. It was built in 1822 to impress the belligerent Chippewas of the Michigan Territory but abandoned within the same year. It wasn't the Indians. The place turned out to be "enveloped with poisonous vapours." According to the *Detroit Gazette*, which openly resented a new fort being built anywhere else but Detroit, "only Indians, muskrats, and bullfrogs could live in the place." Presumably, pressure from the *Gazette*—and malaria, which felled 179 of the 179 defenders—persuaded the War Department to shut down Fort Saginaw.

Of course, most forts were important way stations of our expanding frontier. A few were obstructive nuisances, however.

For example, there was Fort Towson, built in 1824 on the Kiamechi River in the Arkansas Territory, at the behest of Major General Winfield Scott, hero of the Mexican War. It was abandoned by order of the War Department because of the unfriendly attitude of the very settlers it was supposed to protect. "It's likely," said the *Arkansas Gazette*, "to need protection from citizens instead of giving them protection."

Security wasn't always the forte of the frontier fort. A Major Gorman in the Arizona Territory reported that he had refused to accept the surrender of some Apaches in 1865, because it was safer to be at war with them than try to hold them prisoner in an Army fort.

Then there was Fort Stanton, which was destined to play an important role both in the Western phase of the Civil War and in the Indian Wars. Uncharitably, it once was called "Rustlers'

Rest," because cattle dealer Pat "Big Casino" Coghlan and his business partner, Billy "Little Casino" the Kid, worked an illegal cattle operation, using the Fort for headquarters. Even John Chisum, the man who was to give his name to the Chisholm Trail, was victimized.

Billy did the leg work, rustling the steers. Pat drove them into Fort Stanton, where they were sold to the Army for chow. Of course, Pat forgot to mention to the Army that he was trafficking in stolen steers. What he couldn't sell to the Army, he rebranded and sold elsewhere. Eventually Pat was caught redhanded, and Fort Stanton regained its reputation.

Probably no frontier fort was ever held in more contempt than Fort Nonsense, or Fort Folly, as it was also called. This redoubt was built in 1832 by Captain Benjamin Louis Eulalie de Bonneville (Bonneville Dam) on the banks of the Green River in what was later known as the Wyoming Territory.

Ignoring the advice of his Army scouts and Mountain Men, Captain Bonneville built his fort at the eastern mouth of South Pass—the pass through which settlers bent for Oregon and California would stream 70 years later. But in 1832, the Fort defended nothing, and was a way station from nowhere to nowhere.

While building it, Bonneville's men muttered about his madness. Contemporary historians—Chittenden and Bancroft—derided the captain's judgment. For more than half a century, Bonneville, who had to go back to Washington for a military inquiry for his "Folly," was held in as high esteem as Aaron Burr and John Wilkes Booth.

Digging into the subject, though, one discovers that there *was* method in Bonneville's apparent madness. His multiple purposes were to discourage the Hudson Bay Company from seizing our Northwest for Canada, to play a part in finding a way west to the Pacific for wheeled vehicles, to discover the true location of the San Joaquin Valley and the source of the Humboldt Lake and River, and to serve as an outpost from which to enter into treaty negotiations with Indians who had never before seen white men. In fact, next to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, historians now rate Captain Bonneville's exploits and explorations as the most important in opening up the west. So Fort Nonsense made some sense after all. Not so Fort Blunder.

One bright morning in 1816, Colonel Totten of the United States Army marched his men along the shore of Lake Champlain in upper New York State to the point the Colonel decided was the most suitable spot for a fortification that, facing Canada, would command both the lake and the mouth

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of the Richelieu River. Authorized by Congress to buy the land from local residents for a price not to exceed \$30,000, Totten had been handed an additional \$100,000 to build Fort Montgomery. (Thirty-eight years later Fort Pelican would cost only half of this tremendous appropriation.)

So surveyors, masons, carpenters, and soldiers were busy as proverbial bees building the fort, when one of the Colonel's junior officers was horrified to discover that, somehow, Fort Montgomery was being built nearly a mile north of the Canadian border!

Although residents of Rouses Point promptly named Totten's half-finished citadel Fort Blunder, they never owned up whether they *knew* they were selling him land that belonged to King George III.

In no time, we were understandably in the midst of a hostile border dispute with Great Britain. Bitter notes were exchanged, charges and countercharges made and denied. This went on, literally, for years. Eventually the King of the Netherlands was called in to arbitrate the claims and determine ownership of the ungainly looking shell of

a structure that was still officially nameless.

When our Senate refused to accept the Dutch verdict, more years of wrangling ensued. Finally, Secretary of State Daniel Webster convinced the Senate that "it is an object of importance to repossess ourselves of that fortress." A full decade after Totten's blunder, we entered into the historic Webster-Ashburton Treaty that adjudicated all American and British boundary claims, declared eternal friendship between the two nations, and resolved that warships or cannons would never line the Canadian-American border. We got Fort Montgomery, completed it, and then dismantled it. Government's tendency to spend appropriated money, whether necessary or not, apparently isn't a recent phenomenon.

The saga of Fort Blunder is perhaps topped by the story of another fort, *inside* the USA, that we waited 13 years for the British to surrender. This one was Fort Peace, so named, ironically, by a particularly bellicose French Governor General of New France in 1726. Overlooking Niagara Falls, it controlled access to the Great Lakes

and the Ohio Valley. "It will not have the appearance of a fort," Governor Joncaire suavely wrote to the Minister of War in Paris, "but it will answer the purpose just as well."

But in 1759 the British defeated the French and seized most of France's North American empire, including Fort Peace. With dispatch, it was renamed Fort Niagara. Then in 1783, the Peace of Paris, which concluded the American Revolution, defined the southern shores of the Great Lakes as the American-Canadian border. But the British garrison at Fort Niagara didn't budge. The Union Jack simply continued to flap in the breeze over its parapets, there on the southern shore of Lake Ontario.

Seven years later, a Major Ellicott, operating under a directive from Secretary of War General Knox, Secretary of State Jefferson, and President Washington blithely marched up to the gates of Fort Niagara and claimed it in the name of the American people. In effect, he was told to get lost by the British commander.

Ellicott decided on a different tack. His eviction party include some men who had never seen the great Falls. Ellicott politely inquired if they could come inside in order to view the Falls from the fort's better vantage point.

The British commander's stern reply was, "Too many people have seen the Falls already!"

No, the British aren't still there. We got the fort peaceably six years later. ••

Sturgeon

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plated frame out of the water like a log surfacing after a plunge down a logging chute. It's a sight guaranteed to warm the cockles of the most jaded sport fisherman's heart. And once the frolicking behemoths are spotted, the rush is on.

There are two prerequisites you need in large quantities to be a successful sturgeon fisherman: patience and stamina. You fish a lead line straight down on the bottom. A sturgeon may strike either delicately or hard enough to jerk your rod tip into the water. When you set your hook, it feels like you've jerked it into a stump, except that the "stump" moves off, and heaven help you if you can't move with it!

To give them the required mobility, Apalachicola sturgeon fishermen use boats or any other suitable object that can be towed by a sturgeon, including floats made from inflated heavy-duty truck innertubes around No. 3 wash-tubs. Unlike most fish, once a sturgeon realizes it's hooked, it starts running and doesn't stop until nearly dead. So unless the angler can go with him, the

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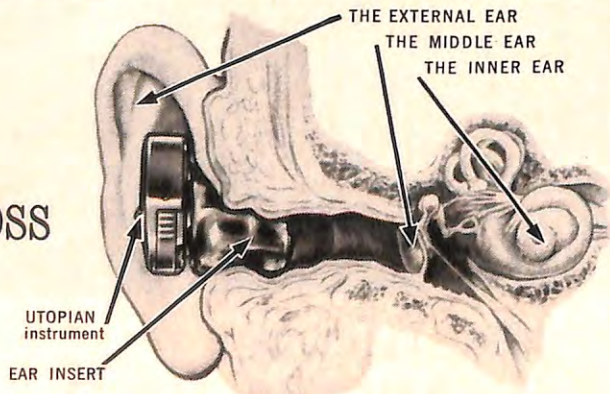
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fish won't let up until it's either broken the line or taken it all.

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If he executes his surfacing properly, the heaviest test line acting against his pentagonally shaped body will snap like a button thread. If you're lucky enough to escape a broken line, then the fish will crash dive back to the bottom and charge through, under, or around any obstacle in a frantic quest for freedom. Meanwhile, back in the boat, you're hanging onto the rod and sweating while that fish tows you and your boat up and down the river.

Surprisingly, sturgeon fishing tackle isn't as heavy as you would think. Most anglers use saltwater boat rods or the nine-foot fiber-glass surf rods. Reels are equally lightweight, but the important thing is that they have an adjustable drag mechanism. Lines range from 30 to 90 pound test, either squidding nylon or monofilament if saltwater spinning reels are used. A three-ounce bell sinker, a 6/0 hook leadered to a three-way swivel completes the terminal rig.

Bait is a matter of inclination and where you're fishing. The fish feeds on both vegetable and animal matter, so the chances of catching him on worms are about as good as with such popular baits as clumps of green algae plucked from river rocks, chunks of watermelon, homemade dough balls, even heads of lettuce. At one time or another, these have been successful.

As noted, it's only been recently that fishermen have learned how to angle for sturgeon in Florida. All the action takes place on the Apalachicola River, near the town of Chattahoochee, 45 miles west of Tallahassee. Although the main fish concentration is in the tailwater of the Jim Woodruff Dam, they're also found near Blountstown, about 30 river miles south. In both areas, you can rent a boat for a day for a buck, but no motors are available.

Unlike other states where sturgeon are found, Florida imposes no size or catch limitations. Most Apalachicola sturgeon average six feet and weigh about 100 pounds. Last year more than 250 were pulled in out of the river's headwaters. The largest netted to date was a bruiser of 420 pounds. This year is as good as any for breaking that record.

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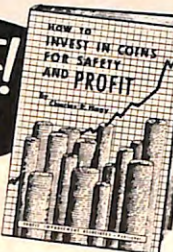
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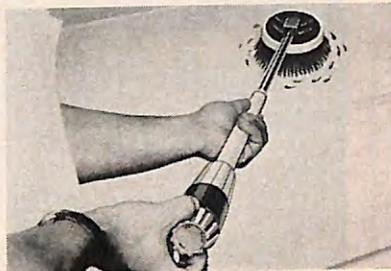
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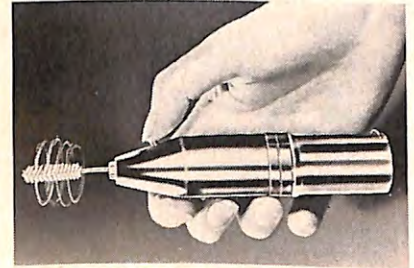
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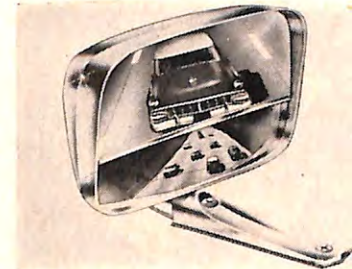
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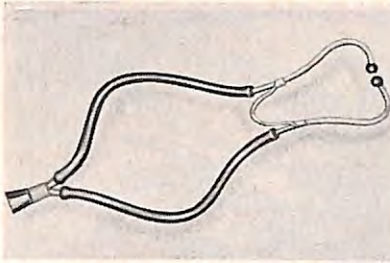
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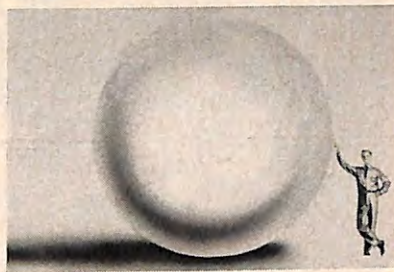
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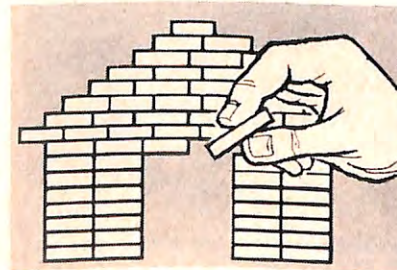
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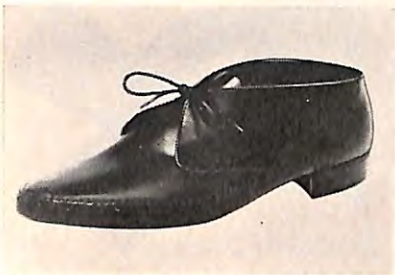
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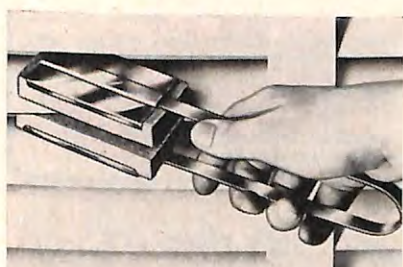
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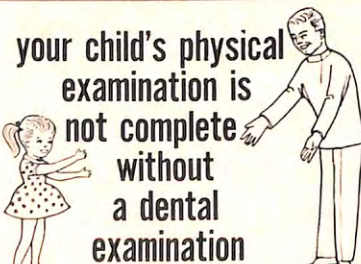


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Commission Chairman James T. Hallinan, left, discusses the card program with Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald Dunn.

Elks National Service Commission

Don't throw away those old decks of playing cards! Donate them to the Elks' Cards for the Handicapped Campaign which got under way last month.

This is the second card collection drive staged by the Elks National Service Commission. The first, two years ago, produced nearly 500,000 decks of used cards. Most of them went to veterans' hospitals, where card-playing is a popular pastime and decks are always in short supply. Some were Brailled for the blind and others went to rehabilitation centers where cards are used to help cerebral-palsied children regain manual dexterity.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, informed all lodges that the need for more cards is again acute. In addition, two new requests for cards have been made to the Commission.

Judge Hallinan said that recreation centers for elderly citizens have a great need for used playing cards, and some collected from the current campaign will go to meet this request. The second request for cards

came from the U. S. Information Agency for use in Peace Corps recreation centers in underdeveloped countries. Playing cards, according to the Peace Corps, help break language barriers and promote good will.

Lodges have been requested to set up distinctive pick-up stations, to be established at convenient locations where the used decks may be deposited. Those who wish to do so may bring, or mail, cards to their lodge headquarters.

He emphasized that only complete, unbroken decks could be used, and pointed out that they should be wrapped or otherwise protected, if not in their original boxes.

First call on cards collected will be the hospital in the local area, if any, and then other local institutions in need of cards. Surplus cards above local needs will go into a national pool for distribution as needed.

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**News
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Something to Celebrate

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, was celebrated over a five-day period with luncheons, banquets, dances and the initiation of the Diamond Jubilee Class of 227 candidates for the host lodge and three others initiated for other Utah branches of Elksdom.

Past Exalted Ruler C. Frank Gilbert served as General Chairman and also as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet which climaxed the celebration. Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis of California, who happens to be celebrating his own 75th birthday this year, was guest of honor for the entire week, and delivered an inspiring address which was very well received. Governor and Mrs. George D. Clyde, and Secretary Gus P. Backman of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and

his wife were guests at the banquet when a 240-pound cake, baked by the lodge's own chef, was served to some 400 guests. Among the prominent Utah Elks on hand were D. E. Lambourne, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and District Deputy Howard Berry. Mr. Berry addressed the candidates who heard the history of Salt Lake City Elksdom recounted by Past Exalted Ruler Darrell Lane. Over 1,200 Elks and their ladies were on hand for the closing program which featured buffet suppers and dancing on all three levels of the lodge home.

A second initiation, the Salt Lake Elks' 75th Birthday Class of 250 candidates, less than a month after the Jubilee brought a total of 477 new Elks into the lodge which had another class of 200 initiated in February in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn.

A CROWD OF 950 enthusiastic Elks and guests turned out for the two-day Fall Conference of the Virginia State Elks Association when the magnificent \$250,000 home of Arlington-Fairfax Lodge No. 2188 was dedicated. Past Exalted Ruler Herman C. Anderson and his committee did an outstanding job in handling the overflow crowd which jammed the traffic lanes, required extra police. Among the honored guests welcomed by the lodge was Grand Trustee R. Leonard Bush of Inglewood, Calif.

As part of the dedication celebration a class of 93 candidates was initiated in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker by the host officials, the leading candidate being State Senator Charles A. Fenwick.

On the next day, the Association's meeting took place with President Alex Harman, Jr., presiding. This was fol-

lowed by the formal dedication of the new home of the host Elks with District Deputy Joe McDaniels in charge of the ceremony, and State Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., a member of Winchester Elksdom for the past 22 years, as the principal speaker.

Senator Byrd was warm in his praise of Arlington-Fairfax Lodge in making its home a reality in the brief three years of its existence, an accomplishment made possible only through the wholehearted cooperation of all its members and their wives, all of whom gave willingly of their time and energies to make this building one of Elksdom's most beautiful and complete. Another dignitary who spoke enthusiastically of the unselfish devotion of Building Chairman Ross Haworth and the other Arlington-Fairfax Elks to the task they'd performed so well, was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walker.

On opening day, the home was decorated with flags and banners valued at \$15,000, including one for each State in the Union, and the 13 colonies, with one for the National Conference on Citizenship, added to those of a number of other organizations, all of whom sent representatives to participate in the ceremonies. Also taking part in the festivities were the "Know Your America" Queens of Northern Virginia, and the KYA Committee headed by Talmage Wilcher.

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge is composed of some 600 members, all employed in and around our Nation's Capital, so that almost every State is represented. One of the most impressive segments of the two-day program came as visitors and their families moved through the displayed flags to find their own State banners, pointing them out to their children.



LONGVIEW, Texas, Lodge paid tribute to Past State Pres. H. S. Rubenstein who served 16 years as State Secy., is now Honorary Secy., when a large class was initiated. Left to right are E.R. Bob Fuller, State Pres. C. T. Wood, Mr. Rubenstein and Past Pres. Victor Churchill presenting a plaque to the guest of honor.



SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, E.R. Harvey C. Peirce, left, is joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis in slicing the cake at the dinner celebrating the lodge's 75th anniversary.

ORLANDO, Florida, Lodge's 6th annual Elks Tangerine Bowl Invitational Basketball Tourney did much to publicize the annual Tangerine Bowl Football Classic held for the benefit of the Elks' Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home. Pictured is the winning Maynard Evans High School basketball team, with Bowl Co-Queens Bobbie Sias and Elyse Gilman presenting the plaque to Chuck Ferrell. Fourth from left is E.R. Jim Gaines and, to the right of the Queens, Coach Fred Pennington.



LARAMIE, Wyoming, Lodge found a clever way to publicize the 1964 State Convention to which it will be host, with the distribution of 62,000 packs of matches, on the inside of which is a listing of the number of miles between Laramie and every other lodge in the State. The cover carries a full-color photographic reproduction of the famous bronze head of Lincoln which rests atop a 30-foot granite base at the summit of U.S. Highway 30 ten miles southeast of the Convention City, the highest point on the highway from coast to coast. Here, at the foot of the monument, are, left to right, Est. Lect. Knight Emery Miller, E.R. Robert R. Bachman, Norman E. Roberts, Manager of Laramie's Chamber of Commerce, and State Assn. Pres. Jim Meyers.



HOPKINS, Minnesota, Lodge's E.R. Leonard Johnson and his officers are pictured with the candidates they initiated in memory of President John F. Kennedy.



WILLISTON, North Dakota, Lodge officers are pictured, foreground, with sponsors, P.E.R.'s, and a class of 13 initiated in honor of D.D. George G. Harvey who, with Special Deputy Everett Palmer, flanks E.R. Chris Lundby.



POTTSTOWN, Pennsylvania, Lodge's outstanding Drill Team stands by as E.R. Charles E. Houck; Chaplain S. B. Lessig, P.E.R. and a member of the team; Robert McDevitt, and Earl Mock, foreground, dedicate a flagpole to the memory of the late Earl Strange who had been Captain of the Team for 25 years, until his death last summer.

THE ELKS of Ogden, Utah, Lodge, No. 719, came through promptly with necessary financial assistance when a detective on the Ogden Police Force was shot to death while trying to arrest an escapee from a Utah Boys Industrial School, a State reformatory.

He was Marshal White, and he is survived by his wife and five children, as well as a sister in Tennessee to whose support he had contributed for many years.

The Elks of Ogden spearheaded a campaign for the family of this fine man, a Negro, who gave his life in the service of his community, and placed \$719 in a trust fund of a local bank for his widow. Since then, other contributions to the fund have been made by various individuals and organizations, raising it to \$6,000.

Other recent charitable endeavors of this branch of Elkdom include a wheel chair donated to the handicapped section of the Gramercy School, and a \$500 mechanical wheelchair for young Merrill Nelson, a patient at the Chronic Disease Hospital in Roy. The chair was presented to him by Joe Sundstrom of the lodge's Social and Community



JOPLIN, Missouri, Lodge's Old Timers Night found this group of 25-year members on hand to represent a total of 871 years in Elkdom. The group includes E.R. R. D. Heater and P.D.D.'s Jesse Treadway and George Klingman, P.E.R.'s Bill Markwardt and R. D. Wade.



NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Lodge is richer by 33 candidates who were initiated as a tribute to Secy. Harry L. Dahlman, eighth from left foreground, with E.R. Mort D. Howard on his right.

Welfare Committee of which Esteemed Leading Knight William R. Kobel is Chairman.

YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT on the Elks to lend a helping hand when needed, and when it's a fellow Elk who is in trouble the assistance is given even more eagerly. Such was the case when a faulty butane stove connection caused an explosion and fire which destroyed the home of Jay Hammons and his family. Jay is a member of Chickasha, Okla., Lodge, No. 2125, and to help him, his wife and three children face the loss of the \$17,000 property, his fellow lodge members held an "emergency party" for them when residents of the area, particularly Elks, were invited in for cake and coffee, and asked to bring along any household items they could spare for the Hammons.

The response of the membership was heart-warming: more than a truckload of home furnishings, together with several hundred dollars in cash, was contributed. A trailer home was towed to the burned-out home site, and within 48 hours, the Hammons were again living on their own farm.



DURHAM, North Carolina, Lodge is deep in young baseball activities and doing well. This Midget team of 9- to 12-year-old boys won the International League Championship with 14 wins, no losses. In the background are Coaches Wesley Loftis, left, and Ernest Bell, right. The Elks' other Midget team took home the Coast League title, and the Pony League of 13- and 14-year-olds won the City title in '62, finished second last year.



BILOXI, Mississippi, Elkdom entertained this Biloxi High School Football Team, champions of the Big 8, at a gala dinner. At left is E.R. Bernard Hazlitt with Youth Co-Chairman Harry Burnham at right. Other guests were the members of the Ocean Springs team, the Big 8 champions of 1962.



OLYMPIA, Washington, Lodge may have an all-time record for the initiation of Elk sons when 15 fathers placed the Elks' emblem on their sons' jackets during the Christmas Holidays. The class consisted of 46 candidates, among them a father and son. The initiates and their fathers are pictured here with E.R. Gib Ridder, fourth from left foreground. They include initiates David Haggett and his father Robert, and, with the fathers' names first, the following father-son combinations: Russell and Richard Sanders, Theodore and Walter Klueh, Mark and Marcus Adams, J. H. and D. E. Dickison, Alvin and Rolland Thompson, Henry and Rick Harder, Donald and Gerald Paine, Wallace and Thomas Davis, P.E.R. Carl and Joe Reder, Clyde and Terry Aukerman, Albert and Gary Harder, Homer and Richard Fulton, Robert and Parker Smith, and David and Donald Fortune.



LEWISBURG, West Virginia, Lodge's "Bloodmobile Task Force" leaders who played important parts in the success of the recent history-making county blood program included, left to right, foreground, Paul Prillaman, Jr., Sam Mann, and E.R. Earl Darnell, County Red Cross Chairman; background: Carl Smith, Newt Vaughan, Secy. Edgar Smith, Robert Phalen and Social and Community Welfare Chairman Earl Koontz.



CLEARWATER, Florida, E.R. Robert H. Pride presents a copy of the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to 16-year-old Robert Grenier, local high school student. Looking on are his mother, Mrs. Jacques Grenier and Ainslie D. Ross, who also received sets as newly naturalized citizens. Presentation of facsimile documents by the lodge to all new citizens is part of its Operation Freedoms Charter.

THE COUNTY WAS WARNED: either as much blood as its needs demanded had to be supplied or it would be dropped from the Red Cross Blood Program. The County Chairman, who happens to be Exalted Ruler Earl Darnell, appealed to Lewisburg, W. Va., Lodge, No. 1758, and set the quota at 500 pints. In the true spirit of Elkdom, the lodge responded immediately with a unanimous vote to sponsor the next visit of the Bloodmobile.

Members visited industries, talked with management; others went to garden clubs, women's groups, service organizations and made radio appeals, wrote newspaper articles, distributed handbills. Committees were formed to take care of transportation, telephoning and baby-sitting. The result found the doors to the Armory where the donations were to be made closed a half-hour ahead of schedule, with many donors turned away. When the weary Bloodmobile staff packed up for their return to the Roanoke Regional Center, 527 bottles had been filled, and the County's blood supply was assured.

This 527-pint collection was the largest single collection ever made in the four-State region, a pretty terrific record, especially for a lodge of only 399 members.





MOUNT CARMEL, Pennsylvania, Elks paid tribute to Life Member General James M. Gavin, former U. S. Ambassador to France, when a life-sized oil portrait of the General leading the Victory Parade down New York's Fifth Avenue after World War II, was dedicated. Photographed with the Peter Ellenshaw painting in the lodge's dining room, were, left to right, Est. Loyal Knight John Miller, E.R. G. V. Hornberger, General and Mrs. Gavin, Lead. Knight Joseph McDonnell, Lect. Knight Edwin Witkoski and Esq. John Klinger.



FORT WORTH, Texas, Lodge's E.R. Bill Turner looks on at right as the Hon. R. Wright Armstrong, left, congratulated United States Congressman Jim Wright immediately after his initiation into that branch of the Order.



WAUKEGAN, Illinois, Lodge welcomed a class of 56 recently which included North Chicago's Mayor and Police Chief, the Judge of the Probate Court and the Corporation Counsel of Waukegan, the County Auditor and 14 other lawyers. Pictured are, left to right foreground, P.D.D. Charles E. Mason who proposed 24 of the initiates including 15 lawyers, and candidates Rev. Ralph Smith, a Methodist Minister, and Rabbi Joel Klein. In the background are P.E.R. Francis LeMieux, E.R. H. E. Cohn and Rev. Fr. Cull, another initiate.



PLYMOUTH, Michigan, Lodge's P.E.R. Harvey Shaw, Chairman of the lodge's Major Project Committee, is pictured at left with State Project Chairman Hugh L. Hartley, Grand Lodge Committeeman, center, and eight-year-old Gail Rogin and her mother when the lodge presented a \$1,300 check to Mr. Hartley for the Major Project. Gail is one of the Project's 1,164 cases.



CANTON, Illinois, Lodge honored D.D. Irwin Stipp with the initiation of 36 candidates including Don, Glenn and Howard Gordon. Among those appearing here with the initiates and Mr. Stipp are P.D.D.'s A. B. Shacklette and Raymond J. Schanle, Past State Pres. H. Foster Sears, State Vice-Pres. E. S. McKee, and E.R. James Van Sickie.

LODGE NOTES



HARTFORD CITY, Indiana, Lodge presents a 50-year pin to James Moffitt. Left to right: E.R. Charles Lord, Mr. Moffitt, Trustee Richard Duey, P.E.R. Robert Secrest, Secy. Joseph Stump, Treas. Richard Dando, Est. Lect. Knight William McGriff, Inner Guard Walter Wallace, Roy Tritle, Chaplain James Lysinger, Trustee Howard Parkinson, and Lead. Knight Preston Dudelston.



STILLWATER, Minnesota, Elkdom welcomed D.D. Ross Olmsted with a special initiation of 14 candidates who are pictured in the foreground, with their officers in the background. E.R. Charles Alcorn and D.D. Olmsted are third and fourth from left, respectively.



STREATOR, Illinois, Lodge officials are pictured in the background with the 16 candidates they initiated in honor of D.D. Milton S. Shapiro.



LANCASTER, Ohio, Lodge's star Pony Leaguers pose with their trophies. Managed by Robert Phillips, left background, and Don Dunkle, right, the boys won the loop and League tourneys for their 24th straight win in 1963, their 53rd over the past two years. Scoring 307 runs against 37, the team chalked up three no-hitters.

When the Pioneer Junior High School in Walla Walla, Wash., scheduled a special assembly at which our Nation's Flag would be honored, the local Elks went all-out to help make the program a success. Not only did they lend the school their flag set, but the wife of Past Exalted Ruler Delbert Hansen prepared the script giving the history of each banner which was read as members of the Student Council presented them.

Webster, Mass., Lodge should take great pride in its interest in the Webster-Dudley Boys' Club to which it has donated \$4,200 since its inception five years ago. Through the generosity of the Elks, the Club's outside basketball area was paved and backboards erected. Elk donations also helped renovate the Club's interior.

Saratoga, N. Y., Lodge mourns the death of Richard Pearson who was its Tiler for 43 years. Serving in this office consecutively under 39 Exalted Rulers, Mr. Pearson performed his duties faithfully until a few years ago, seldom missing a meeting of his lodge.

It was at the new home of Montpelier, Vt., Lodge that Maine won the New England Past Exalted Rulers' Ritualistic Championship after many years of trying, and also won five top spots on the All-New England Team. The State titlists are Houlton's Robert Goodwin, Exalted Ruler, and D. L. Edwards, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Augusta's R. C. Bachand, Leading Knight, and L. E. Lurette, Inner Guard; F. A. Ruby of Bangor, Chaplain; E. G. Hancox, Bath, Lecturing Knight, and Joseph Winner, Lewiston, Esquire. Maine's All-New Englanders include Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Winner, Mr. Lurette, and J. R. Lothridge of Augusta who served as the candidate. Other All-New England officers are John Vaughn of Springfield, Vt., Leading Knight; Stanley Nelson, Montpelier, Vt., Lecturing Knight, and John Barry, Medford, Mass., Chaplain.

Along with the old coins he's been collecting for years, Mark Deller, Sr., of Oregon City, Ore., Lodge has amassed a nice display of old Elk emblems and medals. He'd be interested in hearing from any of you who have old fraternal pieces of this kind, and may be reached at 210 West Jersey St., Gladstone, Ore.



MANISTIQUE, Michigan



CHILLICOTHE, Ohio



ARLINGTON, Texas

... MANISTIQUE, MICH., E.R. Ted Hentschell congratulates his 40-year-Elk father R. G. Hentschell on Life Membership Night when 20 members of more than 30 years' affiliation were honored. With a roster of only 300, this lodge has a 55-year member in F. Guinan and half-century Elks W. Dehut, B. Gero, G. Johnson, P. Stamness and R. Prine.

... State Trustees Chairman C. Ross Cline, P.E.R. of CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, Lodge, presents the membership pin given to him by his wife on his own initiation, to his son C. Richard Cline on his initiation.

... P.D.D. Clarke A. Perkins, right, presents the Golden Antler Award to Wm. M. Bucy, Boy Scout Chairman for ARLINGTON, TEXAS, Lodge, in recognition of his outstanding devotion to his lodge which he also serves as Scoutmaster and Chaplain. Mr. Bucy recently received a National BSA Council Award for his 40-year membership in the Scout organization, and is his Lodge's "Elk of the Year"

... CLAREMORE, OKLA., Lodge now boasts eight father-son membership combinations since Past State Pres. Ernie Smart, Jr., left, and O. H. Mullen, right, welcomed their sons, Ernie III and Orlin, into Elkdom. The late Ernie Smart, Sr., was a Charter Member of the lodge and its first Trustees Chairman.

... SALEM, OHIO, P.E.R. James S. Gregg, left, presents a 65-year-membership pin to Paul Lowry. Other pictured are D.D. Harold E. Parker, third from left, and E.R. Joseph Pasco, right.

... P.E.R. J. Franklin Callaway, P.D.D., initiated his son into JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., Lodge when all stations were filled by former D.D.'s. Pictured are, left to right, E.R. R. W. Phillips, James F. Callaway, Jr., his father, and State Pres. Arnold Fitzgerald. Also present was State Vice-Pres. J. F. Beldon.

... CROOKSTON, MINN., Lodge initiated 44 candidates as a tribute to D.D. George Palumbo who appears at center with Floyd Spence, left, who, with P.D.D. Harold Swain and Chet Nelson presented a new ritualistic flag to the lodge. At right is E.R. Ken Erie.



CLAREMORE, Oklahoma



SALEM, Ohio



JEFFERSONVILLE, Indiana



CROOKSTON, Minnesota



POINT PLEASANT, New Jersey, Elks and Rotarians who arranged a transfer of title on Rotary Club property to the Elks for use in connection with their Youth Activities include, left to right foreground, E.R. Foster Hatch and P.E.R. Frank E. Shroeder, Trustees Chairman; Rotarians Pres. Tom Applegate, Vice-Pres. Dave Teller, Secy. and Bldg. Chairman Ken Germain. In the background are Robert Doherty and Rotary Treas. Ray Burd.



GROTON, Connecticut, Lodge held a rousing homecoming to D.D. Carl P. Sawyer when a class of 24 was welcomed. Among the initiates were three members of the Ilvento family who joined two other brothers already Elks, and two Eames brothers whose third brother is also an Elk. Pictured are, left to right foreground, E.R. John Renda, Charter Member David Ilvento, initiates Andrew, Jr., and Frederick Ilvento, and D.D. Sawyer; background: initiates Nickolas Ilvento, Herbert and Clifford Eames, and Charter Member John Ilvento.



MIDDLETOWN, New York, Lodge's home looked like this for hours one evening recently when it launched one of its most successful programs. Assisted by Elks Dr. Edward Calabrese and Dr. Harold Mamelok, and technicians of Horton Memorial Hospital, 175 members turned out to make blood donations, with 101 accepted. The gifts replenished the Blood Banks of Horton Memorial, Goshen and St. Anthony's Hospitals.



ROCHESTER, New York, Lodge's E.R. Earl J. Webber and members of its Home Building Assn. are pictured at ceremonies when the cornerstone of the lodge's magnificent new \$500,000 home was laid.

RED-FACED DEPARTMENT

You go along for a while with no problems, then up comes an issue in which the editorial gremlins work overtime getting into your brains, hair and type, to cause embarrassing errors no one can really explain. February was one of those issues, and we've found no less than five (count 'em) captions which were sabotaged by the gremlins. We're publishing correct, we hope, copy this time; if you'd like to see what was wrong the first time around, you're invited to check back through your February issue.



LYNDHURST, New Jersey, Lodge honored Supt. Thomas F. Brady of the Elks National Home at a dinner during which a \$1,000 check for the Home was presented to Joseph F. Bader, Home Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, by certain groups of Elks' ladies of New York and New Jersey, represented by Mrs. J. Graziano. Left to right, are Mrs. Graziano, Mr. Bader, Mrs. Brady and Supt. Brady.



SCHENECTADY, New York, Elk officials are pictured with State Pres. John J. O'Brien on his visit there. Left to right foreground are Est. Loyal Knight Isadore Cohen, E.R. J. J. Rowbo, Lead. Knight E. M. Zabielski and Past State Pres. J. H. Furlong, lodge Secy. Background: P.D.D. Wm. R. Eger, Mr. O'Brien, Past Pres. J. J. Sweeney and Lect. Knight D. F. Sykes.



FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, Lodge was honored in having Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall as its annual Newspaper Night Dinner speaker when Edward Magill, City Editor of the Fort Lauderdale News, received the Elks' 1963 award. Left to right are Mr. Hall, News Mng. Editor Milton Kelly, E.R. Roger Norton, Mr. Magill and P.E.R. Emerson Allsworth.

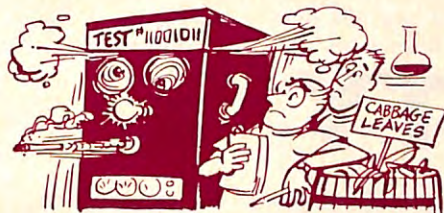
Not only that, but we gave the new WARREN, MICH., Lodge, No. 2292, the number held by Clawson-Troy Lodge, host for the institution ceremony, and in another caption we credited Norwich, N. Y., Lodge with the State Ritualistic title which this year belongs to WATKINS GLEN Elkdom, although Norwich has won it in the past. See what we mean?

Tom Wrigley



JUST FOLKS: President and Mrs. Johnson like to relax in the White House's upstairs kitchen, which is the domain of their family cook—Zephyr Wright. It's got red and white curtains and a TV set. The First Lady is also partial to the upstairs family dining room: "To me, you just can't feel cozy downstairs."

AN IMPORT CURB is being sought by the watch, jewelry, and woolen industries, which have complained to the Johnson Administration that goods "processed" in Puerto Rico are imported into the U.S. duty free. These interests allege that the processing is a sham, although to qualify for duty-free treatment, it should add 50 per cent or more to the value of the goods.



TOBACCO-LESS CIGARETTES? Maybe. Chemists are experimenting with all kinds of tobacco substitutes. So far, cabbage, sugar beet, and catalpa leaves seem to be most favored. Health, Education, and Welfare Dept. is keeping tabs on experiments whereby smoking machines at Roswell Park Institute (Buffalo, N.Y.)—a foremost cancer research center—are puffing away on no-tobacco smokes.

THE KENNEDY GRAVE in Arlington National Cemetery is decorated daily with many, many tributes from citizens, who stand reverently outside the white wooden fence. Flowers range from wreaths to single blossoms. Any cards attached to the gifts are being sent to Mrs. Kennedy's office for acknowledgment.

CIVIL DEFENSE HANDBOOK for the food industry has been published by the Agriculture Department. It details what preparations have to be made in order for the industry to survive a nuclear attack. Copies are available to state and local civil defense directors.



STOCKHOLDERS, WHERE ARE YOU? The District Court has \$80,000 that it's trying to distribute to stockholders of the now razed Washington Auditorium, who don't seem particularly anxious to claim their money. Each share is worth nearly 10 bucks. During the past three years, the Court has distributed \$950,000 to investors in the building, which was taken over and rented by the Government for a quarter of a century. Then it bought the building for \$1.3 million and used it to house the Federal Emergency Relief Administration before tearing it down.



A RARE WHITE TIGER kitten has been attracting visitors to the National Zoo for nearly two months now. It's the first white tiger born in the Western Hemisphere. Mohini—its mama—is an Indian white tiger; the other two offspring in the litter were born with ordinary tiger color and markings.

THE HALF-HOUR lunch break is preferred by Government employees. It had been proposed to extend the lunch period by 15 minutes and tack a quarter hour onto the workday, but the suggestion was rejected—but good. However, State Department workers take 45 minutes for lunch and will continue to.

MORE TRAFFIC SIGNS are needed in D. C., and drivers hope that the

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situation will be alleviated by spring. During rush hours, it's not unusual for tourists to get in a line of traffic headed downtown and have to drive out into Virginia or well on the way to Baltimore before being able to make a right- or left-hand turn.

POLITE PARAKEETS are now being sold that are trained to sit on your finger. And they won't fly away because their wings have been clipped, but, of course, if they have a mind to they can still hop.



MRS. ESTHER PETERSON, America's first Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs—a post created by President Johnson—shops with a slide rule. That way she can tell at a glance if a 12½-oz. supermarket sale item, for instance, is really a bargain on the basis of the per-pound price. Her other concerns: tricky packaging, deceptive labeling, and misleading terms affecting money borrowers and installment buyers.

MARCH MELLOWS . . . It's hard to believe, but the first motion picture copyright was filed in the Library of Congress 70 years ago. . . . Now that we're rather Parisian with our sidewalk cafes, don't be surprised if hansom cabs make the scene here in the Capital by summer. . . . Thailand has presented D. C. with a big bell that's on exhibition in the District Building. . . . Stadium parking rates will be the same this baseball season. . . . The Labor Department reports that about 170 work contracts will expire during '64; however, one of the most important—the teamsters—has already been renegotiated. . . . It's Leap Year, chaps, so look out; there are 100 women for every 96.6 American men. . . . A new cigarette case now being marketed has its own time lock, which can be set to open the case anywhere from every ten minutes to two hours.



Visitors to Mexico City take in the town by evening amidst a panoply of lights reminiscent of Manhattan's.

MEXICO CITY

By **JERRY HULSE**

The "New World" is actually pretty old down Mexico way. But it has a shiny new face in the capital city of our good neighbor to the south

THERE WAS A TIME—not so long ago, really—when the tourist returning from Mexico City exclaimed that this Latin capital, because of its rather ponderous grandeur, looked like a New World Paris. That was before Mexico City began twisting to the rivet gun's rhythm. Now tourists say that the town is daily growing to look more and more like Manhattan.

Skyscrapers are rising all over town—futuristic glass receptacles that house thousands of office workers and hike them to dizzying heights in high-speed elevators. Mexicans refer to the Torre Latino-Americana—a 44-story concrete-and-glass job—as the Empire State Building of Mexico City. (It's the tallest structure in Latin America.) For five pesos, you can be whisked up to an observatory on top. Or to an elegant restaurant one floor below, which

affords a spectacular view of this ever-growing metropolis, especially spectacular when the lights at night glisten like Tiffany baubles.

Within sight from here is Mexico City's newest hotel—the lofty Maria Isabel, which has more than 600 rooms, acres of thick red carpeting, a giant reflecting pool, and, at every turn, fountains that splash merrily.

Instrumental in molding Mexico City's new skyscraper image is the Maria Isabel's owner—a slight, serious Spaniard from Barcelona by the name of Caesar Balsa, who is known as the Conrad Hilton of Mexico. (Conversely, Balsa & Co. employees loyally refer to Mr. Hilton as the "gringo Caesar Balsa.")

Besides the Maria Isabel, Balsa operates the lavish El Presidente, Hotel Del Prado, and Prado Alffer. In Acapulco,

he has the Hotel El Presidente, Hotel Prado Americas, and Hotel Tampa. For diversion, he operates the fashionable Focolare restaurants and Jacaranda nightclubs in both cities. Thus, archeologists of another day may stumble across Balsa ruins—just as others have discovered Aztec and Mayan ruins of earlier Mexican civilizations—and wonder: Who built these tall temples with elevators inside? Just a little research will reveal that Caesar Balsa was the man who helped create another New York City south of the border.

Mexico City is filled with magnificent museums, exquisite restaurants, fashionable *boites*, and marts that sell a wonderful variety of well-made and colorful handicrafts. Great leafy trees shade the city's boulevards; church bells peal; and, at dawn, roosters, kept by city dwellers, crow in an unbelievable

chorus. In this town, you can have your shoes shined for a single peso and take a taxi for the same price—and no tipping the driver.

With a population of five million, Mexico City ranks as the second largest city in the Western Hemisphere. As for likening it to Paris, however, I never was aware of the resemblance—save for the Paseo de la Reforma. It's not accidental; this broad, tree-lined boulevard was planned about a century ago by Empress Carlotta, after the Champs Elysées. Today it's alive with drivers who operate exactly like the mad motorists of Paris.

Driving in Mexico City is more a game of "chicken" than simple transportation. Basics to play are a cool head and a heavy foot on the accelerator to stay out in front. Let me tell you about Yermo; he's a driver I hired, who must be the hottest player in the entire city.

"Are the tires okay?" I asked, holding my hat tightly as the speedometer hit 70 mph.

"Sí, both are fine."

"Both?"

"Sí, both front ones."

"And the back ones?"

Yermo executed a Latin shrug. "There is still a leetle rubber left."

Just then a pig ran in front of the car. Yermo effected a magnificent turn. Unbelievable but magnificent. I survived; he survived—even the pig did.

Yermo turned around and looked at me triumphantly. "Señor, I have never even keeled a cheeken!"

If you're up to this type of adven-

ture, cars rent for \$7.20 to \$11.00 a day, plus five to eight cents a kilometer, plus \$1 a day for insurance. Besides the one-peso-fare cabs that breeze along the Reforma, there are taxis you can hire at \$2 an hour, as well as private cars with English-speaking drivers—like Yermo—you can hire for \$16 to \$28 a day.

From New York City, tourists can fly non-stop to Mexico City with Eastern Airlines, Air France, or Aeronaves; American and Mexicana fly from Chicago; Western Air Lines, Mexican, and Aeronaves jet down from Los Angeles; and Pan American flies in from Miami and New Orleans.

You have your choice of two seasons—wet or dry. The rainy season extends from the end of May until about October, when the dry starts. Whatever time you visit, bring along warm clothing; nights are chilly.

Tourist permit cards that previously cost \$3 are now issued free by the Mexican Government Tourist offices and consulates. No passport is required, but a smallpox vaccination certificate is for re-entry into the U.S. (I'd also secure inoculation against typhoid, just for safety's sake.) Eat and drink sparingly the first two or three days. Because of the altitude—7,800 feet—the digestive juices slow down. Switch from tap to bottled mineral water, soft drinks, or beer. (I don't trust the water.)

When checking into my room, I was followed by a waiter as well as a bell-boy. Toting a portable bar, the waiter asked, "Tequila? The hotel wishes for

you to have a complimentary drink." It's the Mexican way of saying "Welcome!"

Just as in Paris, Manhattan, and San Francisco, Mexico City sets an international table, with restaurants that offer every type of cuisine from Hungarian to Hawaiian.

Unquestionably, two of the city's finest dining-out places are Ambassadeurs and Delmonico's; the menu is continental, and the bill expensive at both. At Delmonico's, I was delighted to discover that the vermouth was sprayed from an atomizer when my dry martini was being made.

Personally, however, I favor a Swiss restaurant—the Chalet Suizo. The food's on a par with the best—only the bill's different—cheaper, that is. If you get homesick for a hamburger and milkshake, try one of the Sanborn restaurants; they cater to the food whims of *yanquis*.

One of the best entertainments in Mexico—the Ballet Folklórico—gives performances on Wednesdays and Sundays at the Palace of Fine Arts; it's a colorful blend of authentic Mexican dance and pure show biz. Bullfights are held Sunday afternoons, and you can catch the jai-alai matches any night at Fronton Mexico.

In an effort to lure even more Americans south of the border—and to prepare for the 1968 Olympics—Mexican tourist officials have launched a campaign to offer better accommodations and new attractions. Last year, more than 100 additional hotels, inns, and



Mexico City's extreme altitude makes this 44-story modern structure the "highest" reaching building in North America.



Construction was started in 1553 on this magnificent baroque cathedral, standing on the site of a former great Aztec temple and forming the northern boundary of the Zócalo—Mexico City's main square from which its broad avenues radiate.

apartment-hotels were opened throughout the country.

And barely outside of Mexico City, the Government has been busy unearthing ruins in the archeological zone of San Juan Teotihuacan, site of the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. Soon, the one-hour drive will take only 20 minutes by freeway, and a newly uncovered section of Teotihuacan—the Street of the Dead—will be ready for viewing by September.

The Lost City of San Juan Teotihuacan is believed to dwarf the magnitude of ancient Athens and Rome. At present, a crew of 500 diggers is busy spading it up; while sipping drinks, tourists watch the progress from a new pub-in-the sky—Las Piramides. That's right, Balsa again.

The technicians supervising the digs traveled to Pompeii and Rome for background on the art of exhuming lost cities. They returned, convinced that Teotihuacan was built around the year 300 A.D. If you're so inclined, you can climb the pyramids. When you reach the top, you'll discover that you've got company. Waiting patiently will be a group of cheerful souvenir vendors, their arms laden with "genuine pre-Columbian" artifacts that, in point of fact, were made yesterday or later.

Authentic pre-Columbian treasures can be seen in Mexico City at the Mu-

seum of Anthropology. I think you'd also enjoy exploring the University of Mexico, which is host to 80,000 students and is the oldest institution of higher learning in the New World. Architects have acclaimed it as the most lavish and modern educational plant in the entire world.

You also should see Chapultepec Palace and Park, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, which incidentally, no longer float, and then that wonderfully spacious main square of Mexico City—the Zócalo—around which the streets of the old town crisscross in a rough grid pattern and from which great avenues span out to the far sections of the city. While there, I visited the cathedral, which was begun in 1553 and stands on the site of a former great Aztec temple. Following this, I inspected the Presidential Palace, where Montezuma's palace once stood.

My last stop that day was one of Mexico City's lesser known but star tourist attractions—the National Pawnshop. This enterprise will take anything of value, including the gold from your teeth—and I'm not being facetious. It's the world's biggest pawnshop. Mexicans queue up there to pawn everything from diamond rings to refrigerators.

While I browsed and watched, two exuberant caballeros cha-cha'd in lug-

ging a TV set. One dusted it off meticulously with a white handkerchief before they approached one of the appraisers' windows, which resemble tellers' cages. The appraiser examined the set, plugged it in, and turned it on to be sure it played, before making an offer that was accepted. This transaction was followed by another involving a woman and her two Spanish guitars. So it goes here.

The National Pawnshop was founded by the first Count of Regala—Don Pedro Romero De Terreros—in 1775. Ever since, it's been *selling* like hot tamales. Yes, selling. You see the Pawnshop sells as well as lends. Here's how it works: Suppose you pawn your watch and subsequently fail to claim it. The watch is then consigned to auction. If it isn't sold this way, then it goes to the Pawnshop's retail jewelry store. The National Pawnshop is housed in a building as big as a museum that consists of furniture shops, clothing stores, appliance shops, etc., each of which is piled to the rafters with unclaimed goods. I mention this elaborate hockshop only in case you should run short of pesos, Pedro.

But in Mexico City, if you have a pocketful of pesos, you can acquire a host of brand new items such as Taxco silver, Guadalajara vases, Cuernavaca pottery, Huejotzingo serapes, and Guajuato ceramics.

Just before having to leave this wonderful city for home, Yermo drove me out to Toluca Valley to see Hacienda Atenca—a crumbling rancho where the raising of bulls in this country originated. Rain was falling lightly, but the thunder was booming across the sky above the old adobe, and the earth was shaking violently. Suddenly the rain turned torrential, and it became dark as dusk.

After unbolting and opening the hacienda's huge wooden door, I found myself transported back in time five centuries as I crossed the threshold. Once the ranch had employed a thousand workers; now there were only a few, none of whom lived in the hacienda itself.

I gazed out at the plaza; weeds filled its middle. As I stood there, I imagined I heard voices. Or was it just the wind? In the kitchen dust sifted down from the ceiling. And on a wall, a copy of the *Last Supper* hung lopsidedly. Dust filled the air as I brushed the reproduction's surface, revealing the familiar faces of Leonardo's figures.

Then noticing that the rain had slackened, I went back to the car. Brilliant lightning zigzagged above the peaks of the Sierra Madres. Even as Yermo gunned to 70, it seemed to me that I heard voices again, coming from Hacienda Atenca. ● ●

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Buckhead (Atlanta), Georgia, Lodge Presents ROBERT G. PRUITT for Grand Exalted Ruler



BUCKHEAD (ATLANTA), GEORGIA, LODGE NO. 1635 by resolution adopted in regular session October 21, 1963, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Robert G. Pruitt for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, and respectfully presents his name to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

BROTHER PRUITT joined the Order in 1944 and promptly became interested in its fraternal activities. He was elected Esteemed Loyal Knight in 1946 and in 1948 was elected Exalted Ruler, in which position he served with great distinction. His fine leadership improved our lodge and increased its prestige in the community.

IN 1949 Brother Pruitt was appointed District Deputy by Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson. He was elected President of the Georgia Past Exalted Rulers Association in 1952 and President of the Georgia Elks Association in 1953.

IN MAY 1954, due to the unexpected death of Grand Treasurer Edward A. Dutton of Savannah, Ga., Lodge, Brother Pruitt was appointed to complete the term by Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James. He was elected Grand Treasurer for a full term in July 1954. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities in 1955 and again in 1956. He was elected Grand Treasurer again in 1957 and for the third time in 1958. In 1959 he was appointed to the Grand Forum for a five-year term and is now serving his final year as Chief Justice of the Forum.

BROTHER PRUITT has had long experience in all phases of Elkdom. He is an outstanding ritual specialist, being a Certified Ritualistic Judge. He has judged in the National Ritualistic Contest in many state contests throughout the eastern half of the country, and has conducted ritual clinics and coached teams in Georgia and other states.

HE HAS SERVED on many regular and special committees of the Georgia Elks Association, to rehabilitate lodges and for other purposes, and has been called in as consultant to help lodges in other states.

BROTHER PRUITT has been active in works of Elk charity. He was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of Elks Aidmore Hospital for Crippled Children in October, 1948, and still serves in that capacity. He is a member of the Georgia Association of Hospital Governing Boards. Under his able leadership, our hospital has expanded and improved its services and is financially solvent, with sound management.

BROTHER PRUITT was born in Atlanta December 14, 1905, and educated in the public schools. He graduated from Atlanta Law School in 1926 with a law degree and was admitted to the bar that year. He graduated from the School of Commerce of the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1930, with a degree in commercial science. He is a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity and Delta Sigma Pi, an honorary fraternity in commerce.

HE IS TAX COMMISSIONER of Southern Railway System, supervising its state and local tax affairs in 13 states. He has been honored by tax organizations all over the nation. He served two years as Chairman of the Southeastern Railroad Tax Conference, one year as Chairman of its Executive Committee, and is still a member of the Committee. He was one of the organizers of the National Association of Railway Tax Commissioners and served as its first Vice-President from the South. He currently represents that organization as an accredited delegate to the National Committee of Railway and Utility Tax Representatives.

HE IS A MEMBER of the National Tax Association, the Louisiana Association of Tax Representatives, and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He has served as chairman or member of many state tax committees representing the railroad industry, including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama.

BROTHER PRUITT is a member of the Methodist Church. He was married in 1929 to Ruby Crockett, and they have two children. Their son, Robert G. Jr., is an attorney residing in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the father of four children who are the pride and joy of our candidate and his wife. Robert Jr. is a member of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge No. 85. Their daughter, Jeanne Ruth, resides in Atlanta and is a department head in the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services.

BROTHER PRUITT is eminently qualified for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler by ability and experience. We present him secure in the knowledge that he will meet the responsibilities and perform the duties with the vigor, dignity, and distinction that are a part of the man and have characterized all his activities.

WE ARE PROUD to announce that Brother Pruitt's candidacy is unanimously endorsed by his lodge and also by the Georgia Past Exalted Rulers Association and the Georgia Elks Association.

RICHARD A. SALESE, *Exalted Ruler*

JESSE A. PADGETT, *Secretary*

Equal Time

By LILA LENNON

Discontent dogs our daily lives in this tense age, but equal time for kindness can give others a lift while yielding a return, both spiritual and material, for ourselves

ILLUSTRATED BY GEORGE WILSON

IT'S JUST HUMAN nature to gripe. We're all quick to sound off—loud and clear—about poor services rendered, unsatisfactory business dealings, or unpleasant encounters with other people in everyday life. Unquestionably, many gripes are more than justified. But how many of us ever spend the same amount of time or energy in offering plaudits for services that *pleased* us? How many of us ever stop to think that a few kind words can be vastly important to someone else?

Too often, we stifle our impulse to praise or compliment. For one thing, we may feel a bit silly saying such things in a face-to-face encounter; we're too easily embarrassed. Then, too, we're convinced that business organiza-

tions couldn't care less about getting a "nice" letter. They're too busy.

It isn't true!

Many businesses not only are anxious to know their customers' reactions but prompt them. For example, the Pick Hotels Corporation keeps a supply of cards in all their motels. These cards request customers to evaluate the accommodations and service. Pre-stamped and pre-addressed to President Albert Pick Jr., the cards have a space for the guest's name and address. It takes less than three minutes to rate the service, food, staff, and facilities by checking the appropriate box: "excellent," "average," or "poor," and to fill in the few blank lines with personal comments or suggestions.

These responses are considered extremely valuable. Every card is personally read by the vice-president for operations, who brings many of them to the attention of Mr. Pick himself. Copies are made and sent to the appropriate area managers, and ultimately the card comments reach the manager of the motel in which the customer has stayed.

The corporation's executive offices in Chicago recently received a card from a woman who had stopped at one of its motels in the West. This lady rated all the services excellent, food and dining room above average, and commented that she had appreciated the extra touch of flowered sheets on her bed. Also, she suggested that the motel's limited drug and cosmetic resources be expanded to include hair spray for forgetful females, such as herself.

This card was acknowledged by the operations vice-president, whose letter expressed appreciation for the time taken to fill it out and further stated that while they tried to maintain high standards to insure the comfort and convenience of their guests, it was encouraging to receive comments that assured them that they were on the right track.

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plaintains about the food and dining room service at this particular motel. Although considerable effort had been made to remedy the situation, this card was the first indication that the tide of dining displeasure was turning.

Although customer complaints are extremely important to Mr. Pick, he's equally as interested in the morale boost that expressions of satisfaction from guests give employees. Motel managers are notified of especially favorable comments by personal letter—either from Mr. Pick or his operations vice-president. In turn, the manager shares the kudos with his staff. Thus, one comment of appreciation brightens the lives of several people.

The Pick Corporation isn't unique in this respect. Although the public may not be aware of it, most service-oriented businesses pay considerable attention to customer complaints, deeming them an invaluable guide toward correcting service or personnel deficiencies. However, they also relish the bouquets that are tossed their way. In today's increasingly mechanized society, a letter of commendation helps to keep alive the belief that efficiency, good service, and personal courtesy still are appreciated by the public and pay off in repeat business.

In our personal lives and day-to-day encounters with associates, "accenting the positive" is even more important. By stressing the best in those we deal with, we reap a double dividend: they are more inclined to give their best and to look for it in us.

Yet how many times do we think of saying a simple "thank you" to a waitress for a favor, to the stranger who holds a door open, or the cab driver who gets us to our destination on time despite impossible traffic? Indeed, how many of us make a point of voicing our appreciation to members of our own family and friends for acts of kindness and consideration.

It's all too easy to acquire the habit of making negative remarks. But whether in business or casual or close relationships, the psychological impact of an appreciative comment is unbeatable for creating an aura of mutual good will.

A case in point: one busy executive who leaves many personal matters to his secretary (he often has to ask her what his bank balance is) makes a habit of telling her that he couldn't manage without her. It's not a line; he couldn't. He also makes a point of praising her to his business associates, whether she's within hearing distance or not, so that the entire office regards her with genuine respect and kindness.

As a result, when the work load occasionally keeps her at her desk until 6 P.M. or later, she stays, willingly and cheerfully. She wouldn't trade her job

for twice the salary. Of course, she admits that she can't eat appreciation or put it on her back, but she feels that more take-home pay might not provide the nourishment and shelter of human kindness she now receives.

The difference between thinking someone is "special" and saying so is merely a matter of giving voice to the thought. But by remaining mum, we miss many an opportunity to add a bit of gladness to someone's day.

Consider the steno who eats lunch every day at the same counter in the crowded coffee shop in her office building. She often marveled to herself at the waitress' quiet efficiency. On impulse one day she said, "You're such a good waitress; you never miss on who wants coffee immediately and who wants it later. You must memorize your customer's likes and dislikes."

To her astonishment, the girl's eyes filled with tears. "You know," she replied, "in five years at this job, you're the first person who's ever said anything like that."

At some time or other, we all experience the need to be reassured that our talents and efforts are worthwhile and that others appreciate us—as individuals. This is more true, perhaps, in the day-to-day intimacy of marriage than in any other personal relationship.

As a young bride and groom, one couple hit upon a simple but effective formula for keeping the marital ship on an even keel. Whenever his wife was tired or depressed, the husband made a particular point of praising or complimenting her. In return, if he was downhearted or discouraged about business or finances, his wife reminded him of a past success, voicing her faith in his ability to handle the future.

As a result, they had a minimum of the petty arguments that often spring from feelings of personal inadequacy. At their 35th wedding anniversary celebration, one guest remarked, wistfully, "You can tell they still *really* love each other. I wonder what their secret is." The answer was simply the sound of mutual appreciation.

The genuinely sincere compliment or appreciative comment is a spirit-lifter to anyone, often reviving a person's self-confidence or faith in the basic goodness of the human race.

True, there's plenty in life to gripe about, but why not "equal time" for passing out bouquets. It takes no more energy to commend than condemn, and it's considerably less wearing on the nervous system.

Kind words brighten the day for anyone—bank president, casual acquaintance, loved me. We discover added color and beauty in our lives, too. And sometimes, a small bouquet means the difference between despair and hope.

Northeast and Midwest Ceremonies



Ronald J. Dunn was welcomed to Norwich, N. Y., Lodge by E.R. Phillip G. Penfold and P.E.R. Frank Nazitto for a dinner attended by 300, at which Mr. Dunn met personally with the 80 members of the newly initiated Ronald J. Dunn Class and also presented Judge David Lee Norwich's "Elk of the Year" award.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL. Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson were special guests of Murphysboro Lodge last fall when State President L. Bruce Richmond was feted by lodges of Illinois' south district at a banquet. Among the other dignitaries present were Grand Lodge Committeeman H. Foster Sears, Past Grand

Trustee George T. Hickey, former Grand Tiler Omer C. Macy, District Deputy Gerald C. Henson, and State Secretary Jack F. Sullivan. A highlight of the evening was the initiation of 140 candidates including Mr. Richmond's son, Randy. Also in attendance were Mr. Richmond's father, a member of Marion, Illinois, Lodge, and two broth-

ers: Harold of Mount Vernon, Illinois, Lodge, and John, one of the initiates of Mount Vernon Lodge. Past Exalted Ruler William Wolff and Brothers Homer Roberts and Joe Baer, all of whom are members of Murphysboro Lodge were presented 50-year pins by the Grand Exalted Ruler during this memorable celebration.



When Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn paid a dinner visit to Bordentown, N. J., Lodge, he posed for this picture with the following officials, l. to r., front: D.D. Edmund A. Hanlon, Est. Loyal Knight Russell Southard, State Pres. Harry W. Wolf, E.R. John J. Toth,

P.G.E.R. William J. Jernick, Est. Leading Knight James Butler, P.E.R. Carl Hanson (Trenton, N. J., Lodge), and Est. Lecturing Knight D. Ebert Cicenía. Behind them is the class of more than 35 candidates initiated into the Order the same evening.

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Oneida, N. Y., Rotary Club Pres. John Forass presented an engraved tray to Mrs. Ronald J. Dunn when the Club awarded a "Rose to the Living" to Mr. Dunn for outstanding service over the years to his home city. The Oneida Junior Chamber of Commerce has previously named Mr. Dunn its "Man of the Year."

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been achieved (since the Test Ban Treaty is as unenforceable as was the Pact of Paris) merely by a verbal agreement among the three principal nuclear powers—the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom. Signing of the treaty by a hundred or so non-nuclear-power nations (more than 50 of which are agglomerations of primitive African and Asian tribes) was quite meaningless, except for propaganda purposes, in this highly sophisticated field.

Nevertheless, on the theory that it could do no harm and might be a first step toward securing more meaningful commitments from the Soviet that could lead to a less explosive tinderbox world, the United States took the lead, joined by Mr. Khrushchev, in beating the drums in behalf of the Test Ban Treaty.

Among those who are skeptical of the usefulness of the treaty, and who are not certain that it will do no harm, is former Secretary of State Dean Acheson. He points out that twice before the Soviet has used the tactic of alternating a peace offensive with hot or cold war: once through the "Stockholm peace petition" and again by means of the "spirit of Camp David." Neither, declares Mr. Acheson, demonstrated the slightest bit of change in Soviet aims.

Now, the former State Department head says, we are undergoing a third application of the same treatment, with the Test Ban Treaty being cited as a "first step" to broader agreement with the Russians. Disagreeing with this notion, Mr. Acheson points out that it is wholly unsupported by any evidence whatever, and that it is quite certain

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick, a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation, has moved his offices to a new location. His address is now 316 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio, 43624.

the Russians will gain a great deal by getting others to believe that they can now let down their guard because the hoped for *détente*—the relaxation of tensions—is already here.

What Mr. Khrushchev is engaged in is a softening up process, with alternate applications of carrot and stick, in western Europe. In recent months it has been mostly carrot. But it is easy for the Soviet to change to the stick overnight. Lenin's dictum that communism can be achieved only by violence and war has been tempered by today's more

YOUTH LEADERSHIP JUDGES



Senator Hickenlooper



Senator Hruska



Senator Anderson

Dr. M. J. Junion of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee has announced the names of this year's judges for the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest. The three judges are all United States Senators: Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa, (chairman), P.E.R. of Cedar Rapids Lodge; Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, member of Omaha Lodge; and Clinton P. Anderson of

New Mexico, member of Albuquerque Lodge. The judges will select winners from among high school boys and girls who have won first at the local and then State Association level. The Youth Activities Committee, of which E. Gene Fournace is Chairman, will present the winners with U.S. Savings Bonds provided by Elks National Foundation funds.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

All lodges are requested to participate in the Community Service Contest which is being held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities.

Awards in this competition will be made in each of four categories: Lodges with less than 500 members; lodges with between 500 and 1,000 members; lodges with between 1,000 and 1,500 members, and lodges with more than 1,500 members.

Entries should be in the form of brochures, carrying complete information as to the type of community service rendered, including photographs and newspaper clippings, etc. These should be mailed to Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman **Robert G. Steeb, 512 Berkley, Ann Arbor, Mich., 48103, postmarked not later than April 1st.**

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cautious Soviet leaders because of the terrible destructiveness of thermonuclear weapons. This, however, means no *détente*. It means only a change in tactics without change in the Soviet's ultimate aims or basic strategy. It means greater reliance upon political warfare than shot and shell, for the time being.

If all Mr. Khrushchev really wants is a pledge from the United States to renounce war for the solution of territorial disputes, then what he is asking for is completely superfluous. He already has this in the Charter of the United Nations to which all member states, including the United States and the Soviet Union, are pledged, because Paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the Charter says: "All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations."

But the Soviet premier isn't really interested in a pledge from us not to commit armed aggression. He knows as well as we do that we will not do so. His real objective is a non-aggression treaty between NATO and the east European Soviet satellite countries of the Warsaw Pact. Why? Such an agreement would validate communist control of the nations behind the Iron Curtain and guarantee Soviet domination of them for the future. Such a guarantee would help the Soviet to

continue its program of internal subversion and revolution wherever opportunity offers anywhere in the world. The Soviet attitude toward the West was succinctly described by President Kennedy as: "What's mine is my own, and what's yours is negotiable."

In the Soviet view, all non-communists fall into two categories. They are either "progressive," meaning that they follow or endorse the Soviet point of view, or else they are "reactionary." There is nothing in between.

It is sometimes puzzling to Americans unacquainted with communist dialectic when they read of "national bourgeoisie" in one country being branded in the Soviet press as "reactionary," and precisely the same kind of people elsewhere praised as "progressive." The explanation is quite simple. The domestic attitude of a business, social, or political group is of no consequence to the Soviet. It can be humane or savage, liberal or reactionary, honest or crooked. All that matters is that it should be "progressive." If it refuses to follow Soviet policies and purposes it is "reactionary." When it joins the "anti-imperialist" front it becomes "progressive."


Never since the end of World War II has there been so precarious a balance in the affairs of Europe as exists today. Conservative leaders in many

European countries fear that any relaxation of suspicion of Soviet actions and intent will encourage collaboration between liberal and left wing non-communist groups with the communists. And once the Communist Party acquires a balance of power position in a coalition government, even though it may be only a small minority, they warn, that country is in mortal danger.

Liberal and left wing non-communist groups, on the other hand, charge that most governments of Europe have a long history of favoring the fortunes of a wealthy, tight-knit oligarchy at the top of the heap at the expense of the vast majority of the population below; that reforms promised in their constitutions have been disregarded by a succession of governments which have made promises but have not kept them; and that their only hope of obtaining some measure of tax, regional home rule, and economic reform is to try the experiment, no matter how risky, of cooperating with the Communist Party of their own country in order to create a sufficiently powerful parliamentary bloc to compel their governments to comply to a reasonable extent with their demands.

It would be wrong not to consider this reasonable if all that was involved were the dialogue and power plays of internal politics. But the security of

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the West is also involved. A look at the political alignments in some of our key NATO allies reveals how dangerously thin is the margin of European security at this time.

Norway and Sweden would jump at a chance to reduce their NATO budgets and commitments. Both would be happy to use the Test Ban Treaty or the exchanges of peace messages between the United States and the Soviet Union as proof that the need for defense in hot or cold war has diminished to a point where their military budgets should be reduced drastically.

France's commitment to NATO comprises a division and a half in Germany, plus two squadrons of fighter interceptors. But the French fleet has already pulled out from the NATO Mediterranean command, and there is talk by France of a reduction in NATO land and air forces, even though France's present commitments are smaller than they should be and are only a tiny fraction of the cost to the French people that ours are to us.

A further threat to NATO is the avowed intention of President de Gaulle to develop a French nuclear capacity. This could very well throw NATO into total disarray, for it would give France the ability to start a nuclear war, but not enough power to finish it.

The rank and file of French workers who are communists (40 per cent of the labor force of the Renault automobile plant, for example, are communist)

do not think of themselves in terms of their party taking orders from Moscow. They see their party simply as a spokesman in their behalf. Actually, 75 per cent of all French communists are of the Catholic faith, yet because of the Communist Party's tolerance of religious belief in France as a political tactic in that country, and the French communists' own tolerant view of the Party program, they find no incompatibility in this circumstance.

The peril here lies in the fact that the hard-core *leadership* of the French Communist Party is loyal to Moscow, and that in the event of an irreconcilable clash between government and workers, the French masses might be persuaded into an irreversible surrender to communist leadership.

The French Communist Party, in obedience to Moscow's directives, had fought bitterly against accepting Marshall Plan aid and denounced it as an attempt by the United States to subjugate Europe. Later, they demanded that France repudiate NATO, calling it a preparation for war by encirclement of the Soviet Union.

French government spokesmen warn that the coalition between the anti-communist French Socialist Party and the Communist Party in the 1962 elections, which delivered the communists 67 out of 485 seats in parliament instead of only the seven they would have had on their own, is a grave peril. Aggravating it, they say, are the recent



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Kennedy Memorial Committee

Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn has appointed a Committee to investigate the possibility of erecting an Elk memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy.

His action was in response to numerous suggestions that the Order provide a memorial to Brother Kennedy. One proposal was that a memorial be erected on Boston Common. Mr. Kennedy was a member of Boston Lodge No. 10.

The Committee is composed of Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley (Chairman), James R. Nicholson, James T. Hallinan, John E. Fenton, and William J. Jernick.

Test Ban Treaty (which France did not sign) and the seeming desire of the United States to enter into more treaties with the Soviet Union. The French communists are using these activities to prove to the French people that a *détente* is already in existence, that communism is respectable and patriotic. And, buttressed by the apparent relaxation in the Cold War, they are making a strong and successful drive to regain the large membership the Communist Party had until the election of President de Gaulle in 1958.

In Italy the shaky government of Premier Aldo Moro is a coalition of the Democratic Socialist Party, the Communist Party, and the left wing of the Christian Democratic Party. Defection from the coalition on the part of any one of the three groups in parliamentary vote on a major issue, such as increasing the national defense budget, opposed by all the left wing parties, could overthrow the government.

The Italian Communist Party vote is 25 per cent of the total voting population of 8,000,000, and it has been increasing in every election. Here the communists are about 90 per cent Catholic. In Italy, as in France, the nominally Catholic communist sees nothing inconsistent in his position, as he, too, looks upon the Communist Party not as an arm of Moscow but only as an agency that battles ceaselessly for economic reforms promised by other parties and governments but never delivered. In Italy, moreover, the Communist Party under the leadership of Palmiro Togliatti operates a Titoist sort of communism, and on occasion it has expressed views contrary to the Moscow party line.

In Greece, the Communist Party as such was outlawed, but in 1951 its members organized the United Democratic Party (EDA), the same old communist wolf in sheep's clothing. Communist strength in Greece, as in many other west European countries, owes its strength in large measure to the unrequited needs and demands of its people, for whom the communists are

the most active, articulate spokesmen.

There have been hopeful signs of decreasing communist influence in Greece in recent years, brought about by the broadened economic and social horizons of the extremely reactionary Greek leadership that has been in power since the end of World War II, and by the Communist Party's own actions, such as its leadership in the civil war in Cyprus, which have brought discredit upon it.

In nations such as these, communism seems to have more than one hue. A Party member may have aims no more insidious than to improve the lot of his family and co-workers. But Moscow is waiting in the wings, if it is not already dictating Party policy, ready to seize any opportunity to use puppet Party leaders to disrupt Western unity. The ultimate goal remains world domination by the Soviet.

In Britain the problem is somewhat different. There is an active, noisy Communist Party, but except for its ability to make bad situations worse in time of trouble, it is politically insignificant. The danger to the cause of Allied defense in the United Kingdom stems from the Socialist Party's program, which is basically neutralist. Britain long since did away with the draft as a means of recruiting her armed forces. The commitment of Britain to NATO is so small now, as a result, that if she were called upon to defend her interests in Malaysia or elsewhere, she could do so only by withdrawing some of her presently too-small forces in NATO.

Harold Wilson, brilliant and keen-witted leader of the British Labor Party, will become Britain's Socialist Prime Minister, the first in 14 years, if his party wins the national elections, which must be held before the end of 1964. He has publicly avowed that he will "denegotiate"—that is, repudiate—the Nassau Agreement in which the British government agreed to the placement of an American Polaris missile base in Britain.

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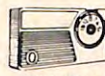
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Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has proposed to Secretary of State Dean Rusk that further peace steps be taken based on the Test Ban Treaty. He suggested these as a starter: reduction of armed forces leading to total disarmament, setting up observation posts on each other's territory to guard against surprise attack, signing of a non-aggression treaty between NATO and the members of the Warsaw Pact, and marking out a denuclearized zone in central Europe.

Mr. Rusk replied that the United States was prepared to study the Russian suggestions. But he pointed out to Mr. Gromyko that one of the immediate causes of tension in Europe that required cleaning up was the Soviet Union's attitude on Berlin and Germany. When Mr. Gromyko responded that Berlin and Germany were separate items and that they could not be included in any discussion on relaxation of tensions, Mr. Rusk promptly informed him that, without prior solution of the Berlin-Germany problem, it would be impossible to get at the root of any other problems.

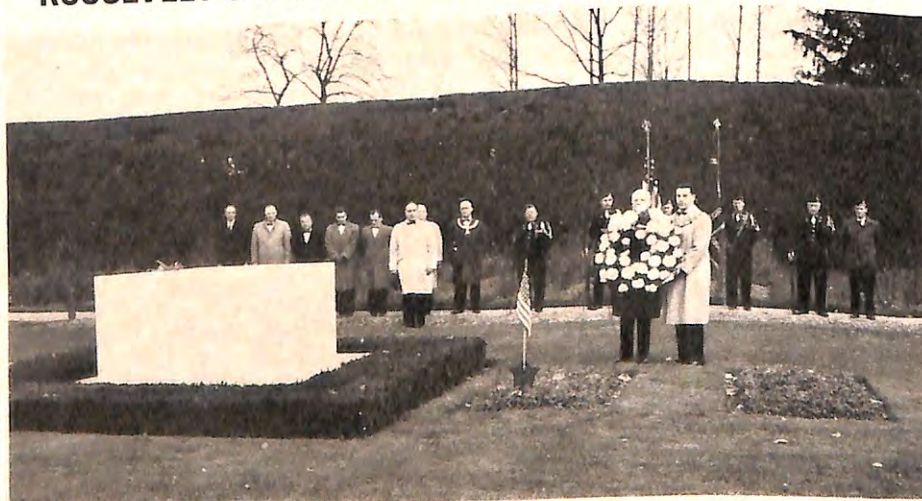
Despite Mr. Rusk's forthright attitude in this instance, many leading European statesmen continue to be disturbed by the effect on their people of

American-Soviet exchanges of peaceful intent. They believe that these may be construed either as weakness on the part of the West or, even worse, as a sign that the peoples of the free world need have no hesitation in throwing caution to the winds. They warn that the Soviet is interested in negotiating only two kinds of treaties. The first: those which will recognize and validate the status quo of all Soviet territorial conquests to date. The second: those which have no practical method of implementation, such as outlawing war, abstention from launching atomic weapons in outer space, and so on.

State Department officials concerned with Soviet affairs are of the opinion that the absence, for the moment, of calumny and vituperation from Soviet declarations about the United States does not mean that we can afford to persuade ourselves that there is a genuine thaw in the Cold War or that peaceful coexistence is just around the corner.

Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, whose knowledge of Soviet treachery was acquired through sad personal experience, makes no bones about Soviet activities in Europe. Mr. Khrushchev has been brutally frank, he says, in telling us that Soviet troops are in Europe for a political purpose, and that the Soviet is determined that all Europe, West as well as East, will "enjoy the blessings" of communism. The future safety of the free world depends upon the willingness of the West to remain steadfast in defense of its freedom.

ROOSEVELT'S GRAVE VISITED BY POUGHKEEPSIE ELKS



Exalted Ruler Anthony Roberts, Jr., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lodge, right foreground, assisted by Esquire John Hogan, places a memorial wreath at the grave of President Franklin D. Roosevelt who was a member of Poughkeepsie Lodge for many years. In the background are other officers of the lodge and the Arlington Legion Color Guard.



CONVENTION PROCLAMATION

To All Subordinate Lodges and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

GREETINGS:

The Grand Exalted Ruler, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, acting upon authority given him under Section 6, Article 3, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership and representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in New York City, New York, July 12, 1964, with the opening and public meeting to be held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Park Avenue & 50th Street, New York, N. Y., on Sunday July 12, at eight-thirty o'clock in the evening.

The opening business session will convene in the Waldorf-Astoria at 9:00 Monday morning, July 13, 1964, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter each morning at 9:00 on July 14, 15, and 16 until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

The Commodore Hotel, Lexington Avenue & 42nd Street, has been selected as Registration Headquarters for the 100th Session of the Grand Lodge. Space has been set aside in the Commodore for the REGISTRATION of all Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen, District Deputies-designate, Subordinate Lodge Representatives, Grand Lodge Members, visiting Elks, and ladies.

Room reservations for Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers, and Committeemen will be made by Bryan J. McKeogh, Convention Director, 161 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. He will mail reservation forms and a letter outlining the procedure.

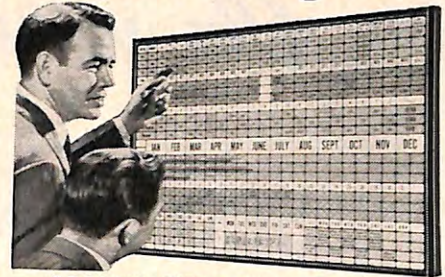
Room reservations for District Deputies-designate, Subordinate Lodge Representatives, Grand Lodge Members, all Elks, and their families—with the exception of the Grand Lodge Party as outlined in the preceding paragraph—will be made through the State Associations. The National Convention Committee, following the practice of previous years, will allot rooms to each State Association, and those planning to attend the Convention are urged to make the fact known to their State Association Housing Chairman immediately. Neither the National Convention Committee nor the New York hotels will accept reservations direct from lodges or individual Elks.

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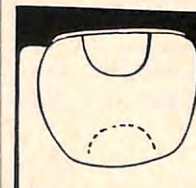
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The growth of the Scout movement, its great success over more than a half-century of tremendous change, is a tribute to the soundness of the idea and the ideals with which Scouting began in 1910. For, while Scouting has changed much, adapting to changed needs and new challenges, the same principles and ideals guide the organization today.

These principles and ideals establish standards of moral conduct to which every boy is expected to measure up and measure himself against. They also call for the mental and physical development of the boy to the level of his capacity.

To the everlasting credit of Scouting, let it be pointed out that it does these things without attempting to press any lad in a mould of conformity. On the contrary, Scouting accomplishes its good work by stimulating and stressing individual thinking, individual development, initiative, self-reliance, and self-discipline within a framework of moral standards and values, the proven worth of which is mankind's great heritage.

However sound a program, it would accomplish nothing without devoted people to make it effective. Behind today's 4,000,000 Boy Scouts, or, more properly, leading them, are nearly a million and a

half men and women. These are the Den Mothers, the Scoutmasters, the Councilmen, and all of the other busy people who somehow find the time and the energy to devote themselves to the rewarding task of turning American boys into American men of good character with strong bodies and a high sense of civic responsibility.

There is yet another important ingredient in Scouting's success. It is the fact that Scouting is deeply rooted in the community through the sponsorship by local groups of every Scout Pack, Troop, and Post. These local charter sponsors total some 90,000, and they include fraternal organizations, churches, service clubs, veterans' posts, volunteer fire departments, and many others.

Ranking high among them is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, whose lodges are the sponsors of nearly 1,000 Boy Scout units, a ratio of nearly 50 per cent in relation to the number of lodges. This is more than triple the number of Scout units sponsored by Elks lodges 15 years ago.

The Order of Elks has given such strong support to Scouting because Elkdom believes in Scouting's standards and values and because Scouting has demonstrated its ability to inculcate them in young minds and hearts to the great good of community, state, and nation. We hope that that support not only will be continued but will vastly increase as more and more of our lodges grasp the opportunity to help develop American youth through the sponsorship of Boy Scout units.

On Understanding Russia

Since they seized power in Russia 46 years ago, the communists have demonstrated on many occasions that they will do anything to promote world peace—including the secret installation of ballistic nuclear missiles in Cuba, ordering the North Korean invasion of South Korea, organizing civil war in Greece, Africa, and elsewhere. Meanwhile, they call ardently for disarmament.

If anyone suspects that there is an inconsistency here, then he isn't as knowledgeable about communism and communists as he should be. How Russia's peace and disarmament offensive fits into its planned pattern of conquest is made abundantly clear in the lead article in this issue, "The Peaceful Road to Communist Serfdom" by Bruno Shaw. We urge our members to read this article thoughtfully and bring it to the attention of others who might not have the opportunity to see it. It gives

a sound perspective to the subject of peace and disarmament.

Voting in Elkdom

March is election time in Elkdom, when our more than 2,000 subordinate lodges choose their officers.

For this purpose, the laws of the Order lay down a most democratic procedure to be followed. They provide that any member in good standing is eligible to hold lodge office. They provide for open nomination by any member in good standing, and prohibit nominating committees. Our statutes protect the democratic process by requiring a secret ballot, printed or written, or the use of voting machines.

If these procedures did not exist, if our lodge officers were appointed or otherwise chosen, the probability is that there would be widespread demand for reform. Yet in many cases members ignore their franchise and fail to attend those lodge meetings at which nomina-

tions are made and officers are elected. When the affairs of a lodge may not be going along as well as they should or could, such abstention from a member's right and duty is a disservice to his lodge. It is at such times that his voice should be heard in the councils of the lodge and his influence exerted toward the selection of leadership that will serve the best interests of all members.

When leadership is good, abstention by members from exercise of their franchise is a disservice to the lodge. Good leadership should be rewarded and encouraged by a large turnout of the membership as an expression of their confidence and support.

Voting in the annual election is one important way that every Elk may contribute to the advancement of his lodge. It is a right that should be exercised and a duty that should be discharged; lodges ought to make every effort to encourage members to use their Elk franchise this month.

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