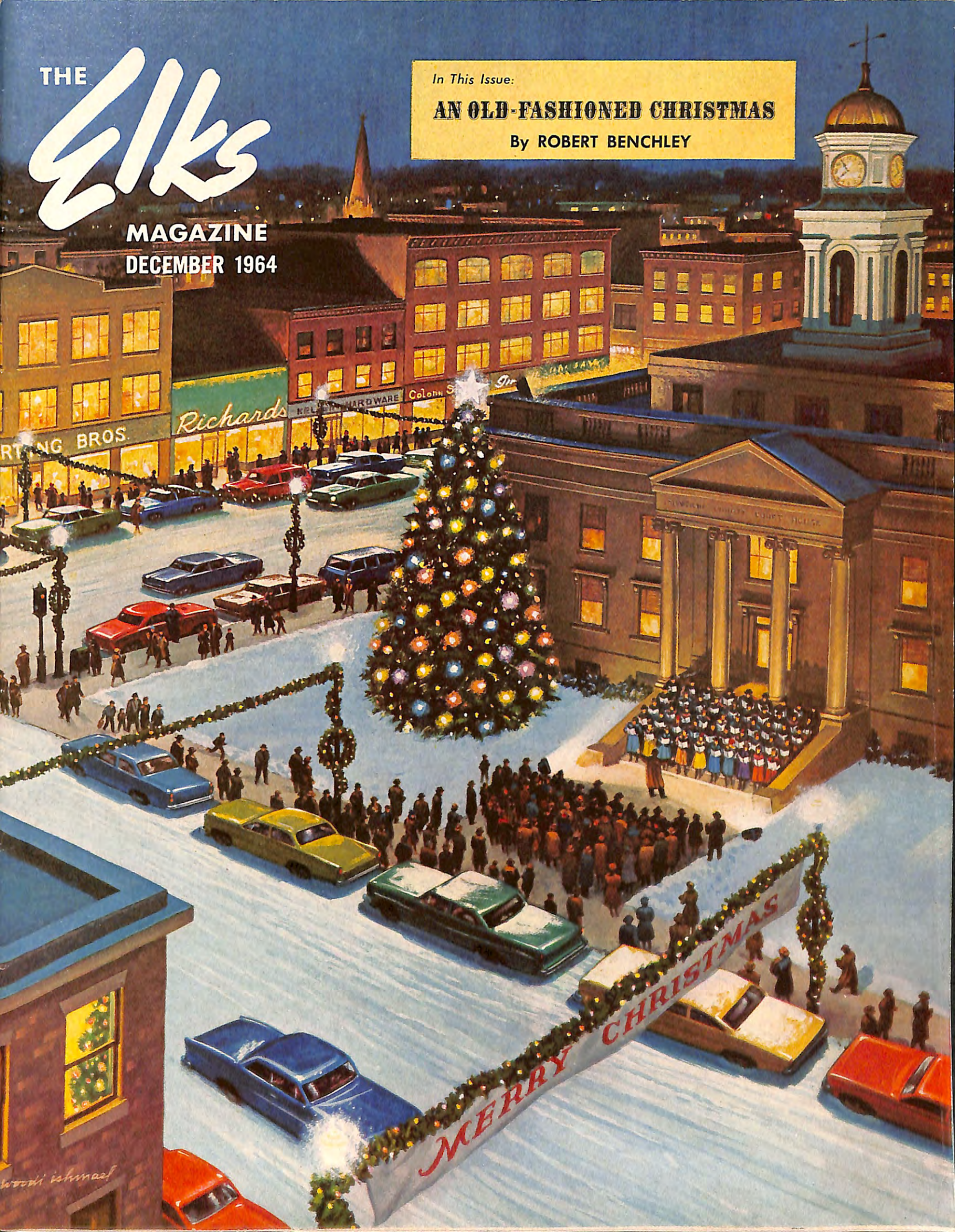


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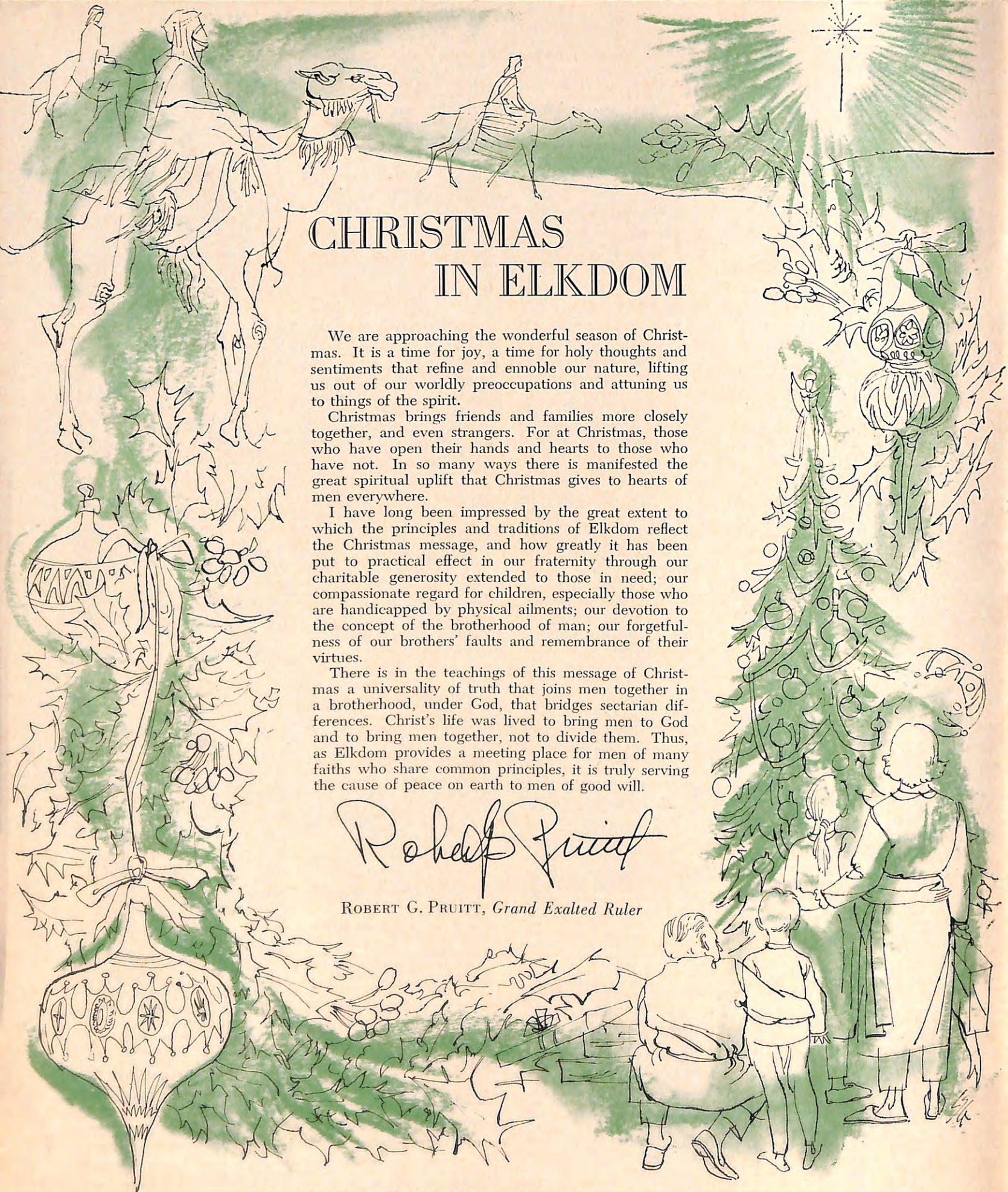
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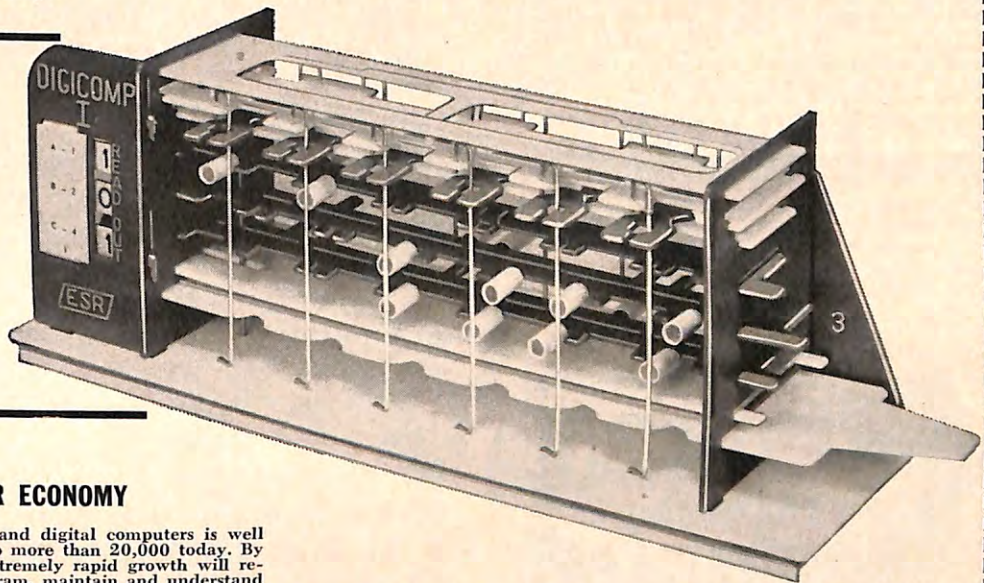
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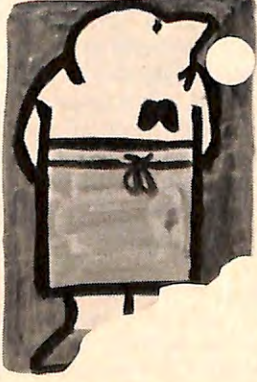
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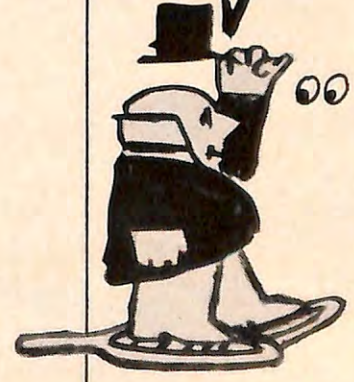
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NO TWO PEOPLES know each other better, like each other better, and do more business with each other than Americans and Canadians.

Looking back and forth across 4,000 miles of unfortified, unfenced border, Americans rarely think of their northern neighbors as "foreigners," and Canadians wince whenever they are called "foreigners" by Americans.

Canadians and Americans read the same kind of newspapers and the same magazines, watch the same television programs, play much the same sports, belong to the same unions, professional associations, service clubs, and churches.

Canadians and Americans are so closely linked with each other that Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson recently told a U.S. audience: "When your security is weakened, we have cause to worry. When freedom falters with you, ours is diminished. When Wall Street sneezes, Canada's economy may be catching a cold. When you do something wrong, we feel a sense of sorrow and guilt."

To most Canadians, the U.S.A. is a "big brother," sometimes to be envied, often to be copied, and once in a while to be criticized. But even with the criticism by some who might retain a subtle anti-Americanism, just let a Frenchman, a German, an Englishman, or a Russian verbally attack the United States and generally the Canadian leaps to the U.S.'s defense with a fervor that might dumbfound Americans.

The existing cooperation and friendship between the United States and Canada offer an example of how two free and separate nations, of great disparity in power and wealth, can work together without serious fear on the part of the smaller nation or force on the part of the larger.

No two countries are so intimately involved with each other as are Canada and the United States. It is, in fact, a much closer relationship than exists in the European Common Market, both intellectually and in practical terms. Canadians and Americans think more alike than do Italians and French, or Dutch and Germans. Also, there has been virtually free movement of labor and capital across the Canada-U.S. border, something that is only beginning in Europe. There is a joint program for defense of North America. Millions of American homes and office buildings are heated with Canadian oil and natural gas. Lights go on in thousands of U.S. communities because of Canadian power. And it works the other way around, too.



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This intimacy, however, inevitably has produced some strains, as it might in any close family relationship. Canadians worry about U.S. economic invasion of Canada and encroachment on Canadian sovereignty. They worry about Congressional actions against imports from Canada. They worry about some foreign policies on which Ottawa and Washington may disagree.

Noting these differences, Prime Minister Pearson has commented, “We worry that ‘big brother’ may get us into trouble, take action that is bound to commit us, as a friend, without our having had anything to say about it. . . . [But] I know closeness and friendship will remain, and I believe it will provide the foundation for the cooperation and support that Canada can give to the U.S.A. in the awesome burden of responsibility that the people of this country now carry.”

The increasing interdependence of the two countries and the inevitable pin-prick strains that develop have led to a myriad of private and governmental organizations set up to solve these problems. Out of these organizations have come scores of special arrangements made between the two countries showing what can be done when two friends want to solve their squabbles amicably, whether they be military, economic, or social.

A key element in these solutions to our problems is total honesty between Ottawa and Washington and a willingness to speak candidly and clearly. “The vitality of the North American partnership,” a Congressional committee has stated, “depends not only upon the determination with which Canada and the United States pursue their many common objectives, but also on (Continued on page 42)



*These huge presses in a Ford Motor Company plant at Dearborn, Mich., symbolize Canada-U.S. economic ties. Many U.S. cars are sold in Canada, and some Canadian workers cross the border to help build them.*

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# AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

*This story by one of America's foremost humorists, the late Robert Benchley, first appeared in THE ELKS MAGAZINE in December, 1936. It is reprinted this year by request and with permission of Mrs. Robert Benchley.*

By  
**ROBERT BENCHLEY**

SOONER or later at every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, some one shuts his eyes, puts his head back, and moans softly: "Ah, well, this isn't like the old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more." To which the answer from my corner of the room is: "All right! That suits me!"

Just what they have in mind when they say "old-fashioned Christmas" you never can pin them down to telling. "Lots of snow," they mutter, "and lots of food." Yet, if you work it right, you can still get plenty of snow and food today. Snow, at any rate.

Then there seems to be some idea of the old-fashioned Christmas being, of necessity, in the country. It doesn't make any difference whether you were raised on a farm or whether your ideas of a rural Christmas were gleaned from pictures in old copies of "Harper's Young People," you must give folks to understand that such were the surroundings in which you spent your childhood holidays. And that, ah me, those days will never come again! Unquestionably, the Three Wise Men spent Christmas Day of the year 5 A. D. bemoaning the passing of the good old-fashioned Christmas.

Well, supposing you get your wish some time. Supposing, let us say, your wife's folks who live up in East Russet, Vermont, write and ask you to come up and bring the children for a good old-fashioned Christmas, "while we are all still together," they add cheerily with their flair for putting everybody in good humor.

Hurray, hurray! Off to the country for Christmas! Pack up all the warm clothes in the house, for you will need them up there where the air is clean and cold. Snowshoes? Yes, put them in, or better yet, Daddy will carry them. What fun! Take along some sleighbells to jangle in case there aren't

enough on the pung. There must be jangling sleigh-bells. And whisky for frost-bite. Or is it snake-bite that whisky is for? Anyway, put it in! We're off! Good-by all! Good-by! JANGLE-JANGLE-JANGLE-Jangle-Jangle-Jangle-jangle-jangle-jangle-jangle!

In order to get to East Russet you take the Vermont Central as far as Twitchell's Falls and change there for Torpid River Junction where a spur line takes you right into Gormley. At Gormley you are met by a buckboard which takes you back to Torpid River Junction again. By this time a train or something has come in, which will wait for the local from Besus. While wait-

ing for this you will have time to send your little boy to school, so that he can finish the third grade.

At East Russet Grandpa meets you with the sleigh. The bags are piled in and Mother sits in front with Lester in her lap while Daddy takes Junior and Ga-Ga in back with him and the luggage. Giddap, Esther Girl!

Esther Girl giddaps, and two suitcases fall out. Heigh-ho! Out we get and pick them up, brushing the snow off and filling our cuffs with it as we do so. After all, there is nothing like snow for getting up one's cuffs. Good clean snow never hurt anyone. Which is lucky, because after you have gone a mile or so, you discover that Ga-Ga

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ILLUSTRATED BY  
WILLIAM VON RIEGEN



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is missing. Never mind, she is a self-reliant little girl and will doubtless find her way to the farm by herself. Probably she will be there waiting for you when you arrive.

The farm is situated on a hill about eleven hundred miles from the center of town, just before you get into Canada. If there is a breeze in winter, they get it. But what do they care for breezes, so long as they have the Little Colonel oil-heater in the front room, to make everything cozy and warm within a radius of four inches! And the big open fireplace with the draught coming down it! "Blow, blow, thou winter wind! Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude." If it's all the same to Shakespeare, however, I'll take a chance on man's ingratitude until I get back to a steam-heated house.

But this is out of order. You are just driving up to the farmhouse in the sleigh, with the entire right leg frozen where the lap robe has slipped out. Grandma is waiting for you at the door and you bustle in, all glowing with good cheer. "Merry Christmas, Grandma!" Lester is cross and Junior is asleep and has to be dragged by the hand upstairs, bumping against each step all the way. It is so late that you decide that you all might as well go to bed, especially as you learn that breakfast is at four-thirty. It usually is at four, but Christmas being a holiday everyone sleeps late.

As you reach the top of the stairs you get into a current of cold air which has something of the quality of the temperature in a nice well-regulated crypt. This is the Bed Room Zone, and

in it the thermometer never tops the zero mark from October 15th until the middle of May. Those rooms in which no one sleeps are used to store perishable vegetables in, and someone has to keep thumbing the tomatoes and pears every so often to prevent their getting so hard that they crack.

The way to get undressed for bed in one of Grandpa's bedrooms is as follows: Starting from the foot of the stairs where it is warm, run up two at a time to keep the circulation going as long as possible. Opening the bedroom door with one hand, tear down the curtains from the windows with the other, pick up the rugs from the floor and snatch the spread from the top of the bureau. Pile all these on the bed, cover with the closet door which you have wrenched from its hinges, and leap quickly underneath. It sometimes helps to put on a pair of rubbers over your shoes.

And even when you are in bed, you have no guarantee of going to sleep. Grandpa's mattresses seem to contain the overflow from the silo, corn-husks, baked-potato skins, and long, stringy affairs which feel like pipe cleaners. On a cold night, snuggling down into these is about like snuggling down into a bed of damp pine cones out in the forest.

Then there are Things abroad in the house. Shortly after you get into bed, the stairs start snapping. Next, something runs along the roof over your head. You say to yourself: "Don't be silly. It's only Santa Claus." Then it runs along in the wall behind the head of the bed. Santa Claus wouldn't do

that. Down the long hall which leads into the ell of the house, you can hear the wind sighing softly, with an occasional reassuring bang of a door.

The unmistakable sound of someone dying in great pain rises from just below the window-sill. It is a sort of low moan, with just a touch of strangulation in it. Perhaps Santa has fallen off the roof. Perhaps that story you once heard about Grandpa's house having been a hangout for Revolutionary smugglers is true, and one of the smugglers has come back for his umbrella. The only place at a time like this is down under the bedclothes. But the children become frightened and demand to be taken home, and Grandpa has to be called to explain that it is only Blue Bell out in the barn. Blue Bell has asthma, and on a cold night they have to be very patient with her.

Christmas morning dawns cloudy and cold, with the threat of plenty more snow, and, after all, what would Christmas be without snow? You lie in bed for one hour and a quarter trying to figure out how you can get up without losing the covers from around you. A glance at the water pitcher shows that it is time for them to put the red ball up for skating. You think of the nice warm bathroom at home, and decide that you can wait until you get back there before shaving.

This breaking the ice in the pitcher seems to be a feature of the early lives of all great men which they look back on with tremendous satisfaction. "When I was a boy I used to have to break the ice in the pitcher every morning before I could wash," is said with as much pride as one might say, "When I was a boy I stood at the head of my class." Just what virtue there is in having to break ice in a pitcher is not evident, unless it lies in their taking the bother to break the ice and wash at all. Any time that I have to break ice in a pitcher as a preliminary to washing, I go unwashed, that's all. And Benjamin Franklin and U. S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes can laugh as much as they like. I'm nobody's fool about a thing like that.

Getting the children dressed is a lot of fun when you have to keep pumping their limbs up and down to keep them from freezing out stiff. The children love it and are just as bright and merry as little pixies when it is time to go downstairs and say "Good morning" to Grandpa and Grandma. The entire family enters the dining room purple and chattering and exceedingly cross.

After breakfast everyone begins getting dinner. The kitchen being the only warm place in the house may have something to do with it. But be-



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fore long there are so many potato peelings and turkey feathers and squash seeds and floating bits of piecrust in the kitchen that the womenfolk send you and the children off into the front part of the house to amuse yourselves and get out of the way.

Then what a jolly time you and the kiddies and Grandpa have together! You can either slide on the horsehair sofa, or play "The Wayside Chapel" on the piano (the piano has scrollwork on either side of the music rack with yellow silk showing through), or look out the window and see ten miles of dark gray snow. Perhaps you may even go out to the barn and look at the horses and cows, but really, as you walk down between the stalls, when you have seen one horse or one cow you have seen them all. And besides, the cold in the barn has an added flavor of damp harness leather and musty carriage upholstery which eats into your very marrow.

Of course, there are the presents to be distributed, but that takes on much the same aspect as the same ceremony in the new-fashioned Christmas, except that in the really old-fashioned Christmas the presents weren't so tricky. Children got mostly mittens and shoes, with a sled thrown in some-

times for dissipation. Where a boy today is bored by three o'clock in the afternoon with his electric grain elevator and miniature pond with real perch in it, the old-fashioned boy was lucky if he got a copy of *Naval Battles of the War of 1812* and an orange. Now this feature is often brought up in praise of the old way of doing things. "I tell you," says Uncle Gyp, "the children in my time never got such presents as you get today." And he seems proud of the fact, as if there were some virtue accruing to him for it. If the children of today can get electric grain elevators and tin automobiles for Christmas, why aren't they that much better off than their grandfathers who got only wristlets? Learning the value of money, which seems to be the only argument of the stand-patters, doesn't hold very much water as a Christmas slogan. The value of money can be learned in just about five minutes when the time comes, but Christmas is not the season.

But to return to the farm, where you and the kiddies and Gramp' are killing time. You can either bring in wood from the woodshed, or thaw out the pump, or read the books in the bookcase over the writing desk. Of the three, bringing in the wood will probably be the most fun, as you are likely

to burn yourself thawing out the pump, and the list of reading matter on hand includes *The Life and Deeds of General Grant*, *Our First Century*, *Andy's Trip to Portland*, bound volumes of the *Jersey Cattle Breeder's Gazette*, and *Diseases of the Horse*. Then there are some old copies of *Round the Lamp* for the years 1850-54 and some colored plates showing plans for the approaching World's Fair at Chicago.

Thus the time passes, in one round of gaiety after another, until you are summoned to dinner. Here all caviling must cease. The dinner lives up to the advertising. If an old-fashioned Christmas could consist entirely of dinner, without the old-fashioned bedrooms, the old-fashioned pitcher, and the old-fashioned entertainments, we professional pessimists wouldn't have a turkey leg left to stand on. But, as has been pointed out, it is possible to get a good dinner without going up to East Russet, Vt., or, if it isn't, then our civilization has been a failure.

And the dinner only makes the aftermath seem worse. According to an old custom of the human race, every one overeats. Deliberately and with considerable gusto you sit at the table and say pleasantly; "My, but I won't be able to walk after this. Just a little

more of the dark meat, please, Grandpa, and just a dab of stuffing. Oh, dear, that's too much!" You haven't the excuse of the drunkard, who becomes oblivious to his excesses after several drinks. You know what you are doing, and yet you make light of it and even laugh about it as long as you can laugh without splitting out a seam.

And then you sit and moan. If you were having a good new-fashioned Christmas you could go out to the movies or take a walk, or a ride, but to be really old-fashioned you must stick close to the house, for in the old days there were no movies and no automobiles and if you wanted to take a walk you had to have the hired man go ahead of you with a snow-shovel and make a tunnel. There are probably plenty of things to do in the country today, and just as many automobiles and electric lights as there are in the city, but you can't call Christmas with all these improvements "an old-fashioned Christmas." That's cheating.

If you are going through with the thing right, you have got to retire to the sitting room after dinner and sit.

Of course, you can go out and play in the snow if you want to, but you know as well as I do that this playing in the snow is all right when you are small but a bit trying on anyone over thirty. And anyway, it always began to snow along about three in the afternoon of an old-fashioned Christmas day, with a cheery old leaden sky overhead and a jolly old gale sweeping around the corners of the house.

No, you simply must sit indoors, in front of a fire if you insist, but nevertheless with nothing much to do. The children are sleepy and snarling. Grandpa is just sleepy. Someone tries to start the conversation, but everyone else is too gorged with food to be able to move the lower jaw sufficiently to articulate. It develops that the family is in possession of the loudest-ticking clock in the world, and along about four o'clock it begins to break its own record. A stenographic report of the proceedings would read as follows:

"Ho-hum! I'm sleepy! I shouldn't have eaten so much."

"Tick-tock-tick-tock-tick-tock-tick-tock——"

"It seems just like Sunday, doesn't it?"

"Look at Grandpa! He's asleep."

"Here, Junior! Don't plague Grandpa. Let him sleep."

"Tick-tock-tick-tock-tick-tock——"

"Junior! Let Grandpa alone! Do you want Mama to take you upstairs?"

"Ho-hum!"

"Tick-tock-tick-tock-tick-tock——"

Louder and louder the clock ticks, until something snaps in your brain and you give a sudden leap into the air with a scream, finally descending to strangle each of the family in turn, Grandpa as he sleeps. Then, as you feel your end is near, all the warm things you have ever known come back to you, in a flash. You remember the hot Sunday subway to Coney, your trip to Mexico, the bull fighters of Spain.

You dash out into the snowdrifts and plunge along until you sink exhausted. Only the fact that this article ends here keeps you from freezing to death, with an obituary the next day reading:

"DIED suddenly, at East Russet, Vt., of an old-fashioned Christmas."



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# '63 Christmas Scrapbook

Every Christmas since Elkdom began, underprivileged families, particularly the children, in Elk communities have had members of this great Order to thank for a Happy Holiday.

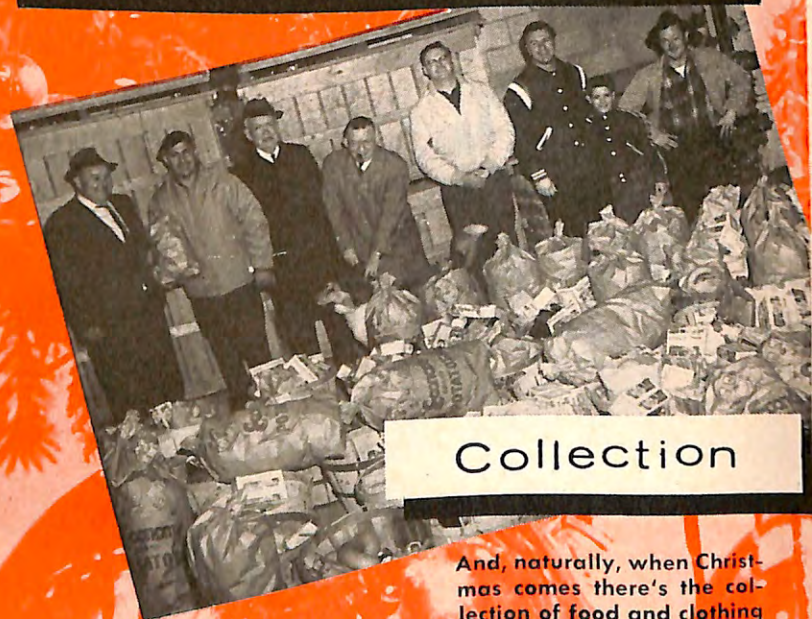
Each year, the number of gifts, the amounts of food, the programs of entertainment grow bigger and bigger with kindness, and the hearts of both donors and recipients grow larger and larger with happiness.

Last year, Charles H. Peckelis, currently Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, was the member of that Committee in charge of compiling the Christmas reports. These were collected in a large scrapbook, and it is from this book that we have taken this selection of photographs to tell the Elk story of Christmas, one that will be repeated this year, and the next, and all the years to come . . .



Ho-Ho-Ho from  
a Helicopter

The Elks Committee and some of the 225 needy children they entertained welcome Santa to Oakland, Calif., on his arrival by helicopter—hardly ever uses a sleigh anymore.



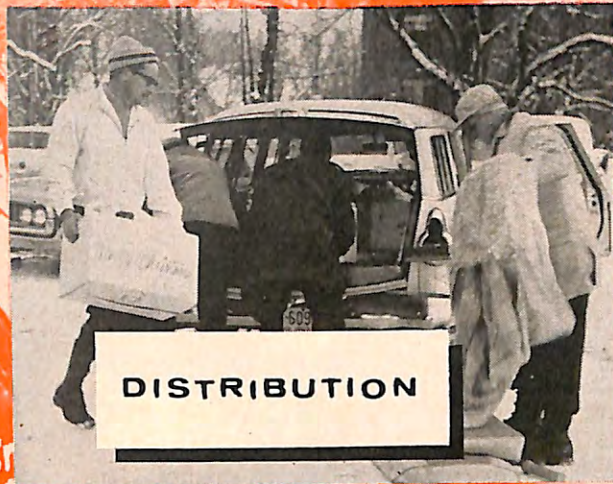
Collection

And, naturally, when Christmas comes there's the collection of food and clothing for less fortunate families, with the generous Elks such as these in Nashua, N. H., seeing to it that each basket carries an equal allotment . . .



CAROLS

Of course, there's always a great deal of entertainment—even the youngsters themselves get into the act, like this quintet of carolers at a Webster, Mass., Elk party.



## DISTRIBUTION

Then out into the cold and snow to deliver these gifts—and this scene in Harrisonburg, Va.!



## Old Folks

In Hilo, Hawaii, where it's warmer, the old folks aren't forgotten either . . .



## The Good Sisters

The Sisters who take care of so many of our less-chance children come along too, and occasionally even get to enjoy themselves, as when the Franklin Park, N. J., Elks, with the cooperation of Kendall Park Lanes, entertained youngsters from St. Michael's Home at a Christmas bowling party.



## TROPICS

And in Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, Santa takes care of the youngsters too, regardless of his uncomfortable attire.

## Santa's Lap



And sometimes, if you're real little and cute, you might get a chance to sit on Santa's lap! This bespectacled St. Nicholas is entralling a few charmers at the Toledo, Ohio, Elks' party.

## This Christmas—

be sure to make plans for some really good pictures, put your reports together, and send them to Grand Lodge Committeeman

Fred N. Reno  
410 Burlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221

Try your best to have your pictures as good as your program. There were 71 programs represented in the '63 scrapbook—only a few photos were usable.



# Who's Ahead in the Space Race?

By **WALTER B. HENDRICKSON JR.**

*An aerospace writer evaluates this most futuristic of competitions, setting straight the Russian rocket record*

THE U.S.S.R. startled the world and started the "space race" by launching its first sputnik in 1957. Later that year, Russia put a dog into orbit. In 1961 Major Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. From the beginning, the Soviet Union has been touted as the leader in space achievement—especially at home and in the parts of the world where Red propaganda is most effective.

In October, the Soviets scored another dramatic first when they successfully orbited a three-man capsule. There's no question that they hold the lead in the space race—in *manned* space flight. But the exploration and conquest of space involve much more than orbiting human beings. There's another, seldom-told side of the story.

Not only did the U.S. close the gap in space technology rapidly; Russia has had a lot of failures in her space program. Because of the customary cloak of secrecy, the facts aren't all in, but our scientists, with their sophisticated tracking instruments and interpretation of intelligence, have a pretty good idea what the record is. It's a story the Soviets would prefer not to have told.

In those early space efforts, the Russians were using large rockets, allowing them to carry out relatively simple missions with ease. In order to perform similar feats, we had to devise elaborate

ways of saving weight because of our smaller rockets. It was tedious and time-consuming, but it gave us a head start in miniaturization.

The Soviets ran into trouble as soon as the mission demands caught up with the limitations of their larger but less dependable rockets. At first, the resulting mishaps could be hidden inside the Soviet Union. Soon, however, they began to occur out in space—in full "view" of the world. All the Soviets could do then was keep quiet and hope that no one would notice their troubles.

The first spectacular Russian failure occurred when Spacecraft I, a test in preparation for manned flights, started to leave orbit and return to earth on May 19, 1960. The vehicle was pointing in the wrong direction when the retro rockets were fired, boosting it off into a higher orbit instead of braking its descent to earth. The automatic reentry system worked anyway, and the cabin separated out in space.

Another failure came at the end of the flight of Spacecraft III, the second to carry two dogs. The trouble came during reentry on December 2, 1960; Spacecraft III plummeted at too steep a trajectory and, with the canine passengers, was burned up by the intense heat of reentry.

Because of these failures, the  
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# PRICE for Safety



**TRENTON, New Jersey,** Lodge, together with the Past Officers' Assn. of the N. J. South Central Dist. joined in paying tribute to the memory of its P.E.R. William R. Thorne. At a special service, the Assn. and the lodge which is celebrating its 75th anniversary each dedicated a bronze plaque as a memorial to Mr. Thorne, a P.D.D., former State Assn. Pres., and Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman from 1959 to 1961. Mr. Thorne had also been founder and first Pres. of the Past Officers' Assn. of the Dist., instituted in 1960. He also instituted the annual scholarship awards program for his State Assn. During the ceremony, his wife and daughter received a memorial book containing pertinent documents and photographs. Pictured were, left to right, foreground: E.R. E. B. Kerekes, Miss Margaret Thorne, Mrs. Margaret Thorne, and P.E.R. W. W. Behn, Committee Chairman; background: D.D. E. H. Hanlon, Past Officers' Assn. Pres. O. T. Stetter, P.D.D.'s Charles Hotaling and A. L. Harrison, and State Vice-Pres. J. E. Dedy.



**FLINT, Michigan,** Lodge's 14th annual Football Kick-off saw 40 high school coaches and staffs as guests at a buffet supper attended by a total of 600 persons, with Doug Mintline of the *Flint Journal* as MC and coaches from four Universities as speakers. Left to right are Hugh Devore of Notre Dame; Tony Hanley, Univ. of Detroit; Wally Weber, Michigan; "Biggie" Munn, Michigan State; Doug Mintline, and E.R. Gazel I. Decker.



**NEWTON, New Jersey,** Lodge sent 75 youngsters to the exhibition pro football game between the N. Y. Jets and Boston Patriots, sponsored by the N. J. Elks for the benefit of their crippled children's fund. Here, some of the young people look on in the background as E.R. David Ewing, right, presents the 75 tickets to Soren "Dutch" Resh, Youth Chairman.



**LINCOLN, Nebraska,** Lodge's E.R. V. R. Collura is the originator of a new Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony with his son the first recipient of the American Flag and certificate. The program, adopted as a State Project, reminds the Scout of his obligations to Democracy for which his Scout background has given him a fine foundation; commends him for his efforts in achieving the rank, and strengthens his faith in God and America. Here, E.R. Collura is pictured, left, with State Pres. Bill Dunn and Youth Chairman Gary Hill.



**POMPANO BEACH, Florida,** Lodge is proud of its Boy Scout Troop. Here, Scoutmaster Coleman Green, a member of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee, is photographed, second from left, as he congratulates Eagle Scout Arthur Cappelen, recipient of a Baptist God and Country Award. Looking on are Eagle Scout Pat Faherty who received a Catholic God and Country Award, and Star Scout Lewis Murphy who won a Methodist God and Country Award.

**TWO PRICE,** Utah, organizations are cooperating to make hunting safe for the State's greatest asset, its young people. A gun safety school is being conducted in the basement of the home of Price Lodge No. 1550 by Lyle Mower, certified instructor. The first class was made up of young ladies who heard a talk by Lee Robertson, safety instructor for the State Fish and Game Dept. of Salt Lake City.

A total of six certified gun instructors are giving their services to this project which includes instruction in proper gun handling in all phases of hunting, and basic information about guns and ammunition; no effort will be made to teach marksmanship.

F. A. Migliore, a Price Elk and member of the Carbon-Emery Fish and Game Assn. which is teaming with the Elks in this undertaking, spearheaded the program which met with the enthusiastic approval of the lodge whose home now boasts a firing range that will accommodate ten shooters at a time, in addition to a well-lighted classroom equipped with desks and a demonstration table.



**LONG BEACH, New York,** Lodge presents a plaque of Ole Case, on his birthday at Shea Stadium ceremonies. Left to right are P.E.R. Henry Goodhart, Casey Stengel and sculptor Arnold Magge.



**TARPON SPRINGS, Florida,** Lodge proudly displays the 1964 trophy won by its Junior Division Little Leaguers. With the boys are, background, E.R. Anthony Velong, Youth Chairman Lyle Urwiller, left and second from left, and Mgr. Gilbert Dasher and Coach James Butler, right and second from right.



**KALISPELL, Montana,** Lodge initiated 26 candidates in honor of State Pres. Phil Johnson, 36-year member of the lodge, appearing at center background.

**ROTTERDAM, New York,** Lodge's welcome to D.D. Walter T. Beckstein, left, included the initiation of 32 candidates, and a tribute to the Marone brothers whose combined membership totals 107 years of Elldom. With the Deputy are, beginning second from left and reading in the usual manner, E.R. Arthur Shartrand; Joseph Marone, a Norwich Elk; Andrew Marone of Rotterdam; John Marone of Colonie, and State Vice-Pres. J. T. Belcastro.



**MOUNT VERNON, New York,** Elks enjoying the lodge's annual clambake include, left to right, George Kummerle, P.E.R. Ero Rifelli, E.R. Peter Mirabella, Co-Chairman Tony Boggi, Ray Santore and John Branca.

**GREAT NEWS** from Redding, Calif., Lodge, No. 1073! Since it went into its magnificent \$400,000 home in 1960 its membership has grown from 900 to 2,006. The 2,000th member, who joined with 12 others, was John Prince, and he made application immediately after his 21st birthday. His father was initiated a year ago.

The lodge's facilities include a beautiful swimming pool with a separate diving area. Swimming lessons were conducted all summer for both adults and youngsters four days a week when the pool was open 12 hours a day. While many lodges are pretty quiet during the hot weather, Redding Lodge has a busy summer schedule with family picnics, a golf tournament, poolside dances, and the like, all helping to keep No. 1073 in a happy financial state.

**FREEPORT, New York,** Lodge's Old Timers Night was one of its most successful, with these members playing important roles. Left to right, they are, foreground, Charter Member Chris Diehl, Trustee and Co-Chairman Lyman Duryea, and Charter Member Edward Rice; background: E.R. Jim Fountain, Charter Member George M. Levy, P.E.R., Life Member Clarence Edwards and Chairman and Est. Loyal Knight Franklin Boate.





**News of the Lodges** CONTINUED

**SUPERIOR, Wisconsin,** Lodge initiated a class of 27 candidates in honor of retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn. A second class of 13, and a third of ten followed. The first group appears here with the lodge officers.



**LAREDO, Texas,** Elk officials receive jewels of office from Trustee Marcus Semmelmann, right. Others are, left to right, Esq. Clinton Fowler, Est. Lead. Knight John Alvey, Lect. Knight William Hunter, Loyal Knight Joe Guerra, Chaplain Joe Rembla, and E.R. Lewis Underdown.

**TOLEDO, Ohio,** Lodge's most distinguished family consists of, left to right, Robert Anderson, his father-in-law Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, another son-in-law Robert H. Brooks and Grand Est. Lead. Knight Edward J. McCormick, Jr.



**KANKAKEE, Illinois,** Lodge's newest class of candidates included six father-son combinations, plus two fathers-in-law. The candidates in the foreground are Gordon and Charles Church, Dennis Hubert, Ronald Schweigert, Jan Hall, Ronald Euchner, Norman Hanson, Jr., and Mike Harshbarger; in the background are Frank Church, father of two sons and father-in-law of Dennis Hubert; Ernie Mathis, father-in-law of Ronald Schweigert; Floyd Schweigert; lodge Secy. Dahl Hall; Orlan Euchner; Norman Hanson, and E.R. Lyle Harshbarger.



**LANSING, Michigan,** E.R. W. L. Nelson initiates his son in the presence of D.D. Harry B. McAra. Left to right are Lawrence Nelson, his father, E.R. Nelson, D.D. McAra, initiate Ronald F. Burch and his father, Elk Frank W. Burch. The class honored 51-year Elk Dr. Fred J. Drolett.

**GREEN BAY, Wisconsin,** E.R. Gerald Libman, fifth from left, congratulates State Pres. James Boex, 7th from left, in whose honor a class of 35, including five sponsored by their Elk fathers, were initiated. Pictured with their fathers in the background, they are Larry Johnson, Sr. and Jr., Ernest and Fred Rafeld, Kip Libman, son of E.R. Libman, Irvin and Tom Holschuh, and Charles and Tom Buckman.





**CLARKSBURG, West Virginia,** Lodge held its annual "Christmas in July" party for 97 deserving youngsters from the Kappa Sigma Pi and Sisters Sacred Heart Home when E.R. D. R. Shreves and State Pres. Wm. T. Perri were assisted in entertaining the youngsters by adult councilors from



**WEST HAVEN, Connecticut,** Elks who enjoyed their annual outing included, left to right Co-Chairman Joseph Celentano, Rev. F. McGuire, Est. Lead. Knight Walter Rystyk, Chairman, Mayor Gregory Morrissey and E.R. L. R. Churchill.



**NEW HYDE PARK, New York,** Lodge awarded \$2,000 to 16 organizations. Left, Social and Community Welfare Chairman P. S. Lawrence, Bingo Chairman George Mango, E.R. Joseph Waldinger and Co-Chairman J. R. Curti.



**HOMESTEAD, Florida,** E.R. Jim Winters and Betty Dawkins representing the ladies of the lodge's Anna Miller Circle, present \$200 checks each to John McLean of the So. Dade Alumni Assn. to be used for student loans.



**BELLEFONTE, Pennsylvania,** Lodge's Indoctrination Dinner was the scene of the presentation of two scholarships. At left is Most Valuable Student Mary Lou Waxmunsky; at right, Dist. award winner Ann Holt Wion. Left to right background: E.R. C. O. Benner, Past State Pres. J. S. Buchanan, Past Pres. H. B. Charnbury and D.D. R. H. McCormick.



**PANAMA CITY, Florida,** E.R. J. M. Delaney, left, initiates his father.



**FLORENCE, South Carolina,** Lodge's \$600 scholarship is awarded by Chairman John Grey, right, to Miss Ann Mathews in the presence of her parents.



**BAYONNE, New Jersey,** Youth Chairman Frank J. Kasuba, center, accepts the State award for its best year-round Youth Program for lodges in its membership group. At left is Youth Committeeman Sydney Rosenhaus; right, E.R. Wm. K. Osbahr.

**News of the Lodges** CONTINUED



**DURHAM, North Carolina,** Lodge's International League team has been undefeated for the past two seasons, under the coaching of Elks Wesley Loftis and Ernest Bell. These Elks also sponsor a team in the local Coast League, another in the Pony League. All three won their League titles, placing a total of 17 boys on the three All-Star teams. Loftis, Robert Wheeler and Lawrence Wilson were selected to coach the all-star teams. At a banquet for the boys and their parents, trophies were presented to all players and coaches.



**WILLISTON, North Dakota,** Lodge initiated this group as its annual "Hunters' Class" when a hunter's stew is enjoyed following the meeting. E.R. V. D. Rice is pictured third from left foreground.



**HAMILTON, Ohio,** Lodge's tribute to 14 members of 50 or more years' standing included a steak dinner with E.R. Paul Hostler presiding, and Ed Wolff as Chairman. Pictured are six of the 14 invited guests who were able to attend. They included P.D.D. P. P. Boli, Tom Boli and Carl Huber, Edward Ludeke, Louis Krebs, C. G. Wehr, Walter Hair, E. E. Weiss, A. A. Dattilo, Roy Fiemeyer, F. K. Vaughn, Walter Humbach, E. F. Warndorf and J. C. Worsham.



**SAYRE, Pennsylvania,** Lodge held a swimming meet this summer when these winners received Elk-donated trophies. E.R. R. A. Watkins is pictured at left background, with J. A. Fitz, Dir. of the Sayre Borough Recreation Commission, right.



**TEANECK, New Jersey,** Fresh Air Fund children enjoy some of the activities provided for them by Teaneck Elks, with, at top, Esq. Bob Kanov acting the clown. In the foreground are, left to right, Treas. Jerry Kanov, Chaplain Arty Hug, Est. Lect. Knight Frank Krist, Mrs. Dorothy Pollock, Chairman of the *Herald-Tribune* Fund, and E.R. Ralph Ruggero.



**RANDOLPH, Massachusetts,** Lodge hosted several paraplegic veterans at its annual clambake this year. They are pictured in the second row, with their hosts, including E.R. R. J. Carmichael, second row left. Visiting Elks included Grand Lodge Committeeman Wm. F. Maguire, P.D.D. John S. Nolan and Brockton P.E.R. George Reagan.



**TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan,** E.R. William Snelling, left center foreground, accepts the deed to the former Osteopathic Hospital from Director Lee Wyatt in the presence of other officers and the Lodge Building Committee. This building will be remodeled to replace the lodge home destroyed by fire a year ago.



**DOVER, Ohio,** Lodge sponsors the local High School Band, recently sent the 80 young players to Marion on a sight-seeing trip when they visited President Harding's home, museum and memorial, the Marion Shovel Works where they saw how moon-shot rocket "walkers" are made, and the Marion Cemetery where they saw the three-ton Merchant Stone revolving in contradiction to the law of inertia.



**McALLEN, Texas,** Lodge honored P.E.R. Harry Kunce on the completion of his 50th year in Elkdome when a jeweled pin and Permanent Benefactor's Certificate in the State Elks Crippled Children's Hospital were presented to him. Originally a Huntington, Ind., Elk, Mr. Kunce is a Charter Member of McAllen Lodge. Left to right are E.R. E. A. Tippitt, Mr. Kunce and Secy. Thomas Yates.



**FREMONT, Nebraska,** Lodge sponsored three Midget Ball teams involving 75 youngsters during the past season. Pictured here is Team No. 1 which won the city championship. Teams 2 and 3 also made excellent records in their league.

**EUREKA SPRINGS, Arkansas,** Lodge held an end-of-season hot dog party for its own Pony Leaguers, as well as Little Leaguers and Pee Wee Team. Among those in the background are Coach Henry Mays and E.R. Robert Weaver, left, and Youth Chairman William Berry and Coach Frank Maples, right.



**MASON CITY, Iowa,** Lodge held its annual banquet honoring its Babe Ruth Team which finished fourth in a ten-team league. E.R. R. C. James is pictured at right, with Youth Chairman Jerry Kinvig second from right background. Others with them are Coach Cletus Hepp and his assistants.





**LIVINGSTON, New Jersey,** Lodge held a shore dinner at the home of P.E.R. and Mrs. Fred Ambielli for the benefit of New Jersey Boystown, when Boystown Director Rev. Robert P. Egan as guest of honor received a \$1,000 check representing the proceeds of the affair. Left to right are P.E.R. Edward Schott, E.R. K. W. Welch, Father Egan, P.E.R. Ambielli and Est. Lead. Knight James Hurley. On behalf of lodges of the District, Grand Trustee Joseph F. Bader has pledged a total of \$50,000 to aid Boystown's drive for a cafeteria building within a three-year period. In October, a fire in the old kitchen and dining room caused uninsured damages of \$12,000 which must be added to the project's final cost.

**FORT SMITH, Arkansas,** Lodge welcomed the largest class in its history recently as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt. The candidates were pictured with the Tulsa, Okla., Degree Team, and E.R. W. D. Stanley and his fellow officers of the host lodge.



**HEMPSTEAD, New York,** Lodge's cooperation with Hofstra University is depicted here with, left to right, P.E.R. and Trustees Chairman R. G. Gregory, Hofstra Board Chairman D. L. Monroe and E.R. L. J. Fitzgerald. The photo was taken when the lodge's Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memories of departed Brothers, to aid youth, and to reward annually at least one deserving local student. The fund's initial value was \$37,500, of which \$25,000 has been granted to Hofstra by the Elks. Hofstra had to raise \$2,000,000 by last August 31 in order to earn \$1 million from Ford. The Elks are proud of the part they played in this successful drive.



**News of the Lodges** CONTINUED

# Lodge Notes

National Recreation Assn. citations for outstanding service in various communities have been awarded to five members of the Order, and to one lodge. Individual winners include James B. Grace of Canton, Miss.; John W. Jones of Farmington, N. M.; John F. Parnell, Torrington, Conn.; Earl E. Mastri, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Elmer Richter, Jr., Fresno, Calif. Caldwell, Idaho, Lodge was the branch of Elksdom honored this year for its development of better recreation for its community.

In 1963, the New York North District Past Exalted Rulers' Assn. was comprised of eight lodges—Malone, Keeseville, Saranac Lake, Plattsburg, Whitehall, Ticonderoga, Lake George and Glens Falls. That year its members decided to contribute a \$250 annual scholarship to a worthy student of the District. Since the selection of each year's District Deputy and State Vice-President is on the rotation system, it

was decided that the scholarship be awarded each year to the home lodge of the current State Vice-President who would be Chairman of the Award Committee. Last year, the prize went to a Whitehall boy with State Vice-President Fred Styles as Chairman; this year, a young lady from Keeseville won the award with State Vice-President Louis Biani as Chairman. There are 155 members in this Association who pay dues of \$2.00 a year.

The Elks of Salt Lake City, Utah, have something new and interesting going. Beginning late in September, and continuing for 52 Saturdays from 10:30 to 10:54 P.M. Mountain Time, dance music featuring Glenn Lee and his orchestra is being broadcast "live" over a total of 34 radio stations in Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Nebraska, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico. The program emanates from the lounge of the Salt Lake Elks Lodge home. Secretary





**AUSTIN, Texas,** Lodge's State Association Night saw 18 candidates initiated. Pictured on this occasion were, left to right, State Secy. James V. Sharp, Vice-Pres. J. L. Armstrong, host E.R. Floyd Gibson and State Pres. Lloyd Burwick.



**MICHIGAN CITY, Indiana,** Lodge presents the keys for a new Chevrolet Carryall to the director of LaPorte County Therapy Center, replacing the lodge's 1960 gift. Pictured are, left to right, Co-Chairman Art Wartha; Mrs. Mildred Powers, representing the Elks Ladies; Director Logsden, seated in the car; Co-Chairman George Borane; P.E.R. Irving Loeber, and E.R. R. W. Beahan, Co-Chairman.



**LEWISTOWN, Pennsylvania,** Lodge's Student Aid Committee members are pictured with outstanding high school students of the area who were awarded a total of \$1,500 in scholarships by the lodge, an annual program.



**CLEARWATER, Florida,** Lodge's \$700 Elks National Foundation Award winner Wm. H. Arnold, center, is pictured with E.R. Wallace B. Mackey, left, and Mayor Robert L. Weatherly at a luncheon given by the Lodge in honor of the student, his mother and older brother.



**BOONVILLE, Indiana,** Lodge-sponsored Eva Stronowicz receives her \$600 Elks National Foundation scholarship from E.R. Roger Fenneman, third from left, in the presence of other officers of the lodge.

George Weir, in informing officials of all Intermountain lodges, suggested that each check his local stations for possible "spot announcements" during the dance programs concerning some lodge event each week.

Parma, Ohio, Lodge members received a very nice letter from Michael Mares whom they sponsored in the Soap Box Derby. The young man informed his benefactors that he'd won the first race in Class "A" and came in second in the second heat. This was good news to Parma's Elks; they've sponsored a boy in this Derby for the past seven years, finally backed a winner!

Marquette, Mich., Lodge's latest Driver of the Month safe-driving award was presented recently to James Kauffman, trusty-driver for Marquette State Prison. Past Exalted Ruler Joseph Fountain made the presentation in the presence of City Police Sgt. Michael F.

Dooley. Kauffman, who received the award on his 56th birthday, was highly recommended for the honor by the city police who observed him operating the prison station wagon "showing exceptional courtesy to other motorists and pedestrians." The selection of Mr. Kauffman was most gratifying to Warden R. J. Buchkoe.

Pana, Ill., Lodge's beautiful entry in the Labor Day parade won it third-place money. The prize has been donated to the Illinois Cerebral Palsy program.

New Braunfels, Texas, Lodge welcomed nine new members not long ago at ceremonies during which State Vice-President L. J. Armstrong installed two new lodge officers. They were Dixon Griffith, who took over the office of Exalted Ruler following the resignation of Ed Schlieter who moved out of town, and Esteemed Leading Knight M. J.

Fauset, elected to serve in Mr. Griffith's former post.

At the annual Illinois Elks Bowling Assn. Meeting in Jacksonville the following officers were elected: President H. E. Wallner, Carlinville, Vice-Presidents R. K. Volts, Effingham; James Noakes, Mendota; G. N. Wood, Mount Vernon; C. A. Nim, Springfield; Wm. L. Weber, Waukegan; Art Campbell, Bloomington, and Lou Bost, Chicago (South). Rex Henly of Jacksonville is Secretary, and Earl Schryver, Springfield, is Treasurer. Next year's meeting will be held in Macomb.

Brighton, Mass., Lodge's Boy Scout Troop always makes a fine showing in the patriotic parades in the community. The young men were recent guests of their sponsors at a dinner at the International Pancake House. Elk Anthony Antonellis is Scoutmaster; Lect. Knight David Vellela, Committee Chairman.

**News of the Lodges** CONTINUED



**INDIANA, Pennsylvania,** Lodge held a dinner-dance honoring P.D.D. Murray Smith and all P.E.R.'s. Pictured are honored guests, left to right, foreground, J. W. Biesinger, R. J. Walker, E. H. Koontz, J. M. Buterbaugh, James Marsden, C. H. Bath; background: P. D. Schrader, R. J. Carson, J. R. McNelis, J. L. Mauk, S. D. Good, P.D.D. Smith, A. J. Haberkorn, H. H. Heinlein, H. W. Fortner, C. K. Hawk.



**ILION, New York,** Elk officials and Youth Committeemen review the lodge's 1963-64 Youth Activities brochure which won the lodge top national honors in its category. With Chairman Dale Johnson, seated, are, left to right, brochure editor Alan Lowe, Secy. and P.E.R. T. S. Leahy, and E.R. E. W. Barnes.



**ORMOND BEACH, Florida,** Elksdom received a Certificate of Appreciation from Daytona Beach's Recreation Dept. and Central Labor Union, in recognition of its outstanding community service in co-hosting the banquet honoring the "Working Girls Beauty Contestants," the 23rd annual Miss Southland Contest. Pictured at the presentation were, left to right, City Rec. Dir. Al Garguilo, E.R. Michael Stevens, and Central Labor Union Vice-Pres. Gaither Key.



**POINT PLEASANT, New Jersey,** Lodge's Crippled Children's Committee recently received a \$10 donation representing the proceeds of a carnival conducted by Wanda Meseroll, 11, and Georgia Poulton, ten. The youngsters' fathers are Elks, and P.D.D. W. B. Meseroll is Wanda's grandfather. They've conducted this affair for the past three years. Left to right, background, E.R. William Bolger, Harold Dunbar, P.D.D. Meseroll, P.E.R. Thomas McLaughlin, and Ronald Gahr; second row: William Umstadter, Larry Grueninger, Ernest Wuethrich, Leo McCabe, Arthur Turner; foreground: Committee Chairman Edward McDonald, Georgia, Wanda, Thomas Moon.



**WARRINGTON, Florida,** Elks are pictured with some of the youngsters they sponsored in the model airplane contest at the 1964 Fiesta of Five Flags. In the background, left to right, are Est. Loyal Knight Robert Bentz, E.R. Robert Gonzalez and P.E.R. L. R. Lindenburn.



**MIDDLETOWN, Connecticut,** Lodge's Little Leaguers won the Pat Kidney League and City Championships in 1964. They're managed by Ray Hennessey, left, and coached by W. Hennessey.

**MIAMI, Florida,** Lodge's E.R. A. R. Corby is pictured, center background with the members of the lodge's four-time winning bowling league.





**PHOENIX, Arizona,** Lodge welcomed D.D. James H. Callan on his official visit when a class was initiated in the presence of 200 members. The class is pictured here with D.D. Callan, center foreground, and the lodge officers, headed by E.R. Thomas F. Pavey, in the background.



**PRICE, Utah,** Elks and the Carbon-Emery Fish and Game Association are co-sponsoring safe-shooting classes for youngsters of the area. This picture was taken at one of the classes for girls, with, left to right, background: Elk F. A. Migliore, a member of the Carbon-Emery Fish and Game Assn. who spearheaded the program, instructor Lyle Mower, and Lee Robertson, Safety Instructor for the Utah Fish and Game Dept.



**WALLACE, Idaho,** E.R. George Gieser places the crown on Queen Rita Damiano during ceremonies commemorating the lodge's 68th annual Roundup marked by a four-day celebration.



**DOUGLAS, Arizona,** P.E.R. George Jay, is pictured, left with his son Thomas whom he initiated at a special session.



**TUCUMCARI, New Mexico,** Lodge's public relations program began with a going-away party for each well-known citizen leaving the area for other communities, expanded to include receptions for all newcomers, and a steak dinner for members of 25 or more years' standing. Recently all City Councilmen, County Commissioners, C of C Directors and those of the city's Irrigation Dist. and School Board were invited to a program when the local high school wrestling team put on an exhibition. All events were well received; next month the press and radio personnel will be honored; later, the Volunteer Fire Dept. At the civic affair were, foreground, Don Calhoun, Mayor Earl Grau, C of C Pres. Henry Jones, Stephen Bowen, and "Man of Year" Cliff Moreland; background: T. G. Rose, Calvin Moore, Emmett Hart, H. W. McCelvey, Joe Barnes, Wilbur Foote, Dr. Ray McClausland and K. P. Aitken.



**News of the Lodges** CONTINUED

**CLIFTON, Arizona,** Lodge celebrated the visit of D.D. James Callan with the initiation of a class of 11, four of whom received the American Flag from their Elk fathers. Pictured are the candidates with lodge officers, led by E.R. Horace Bacon, second row, right, and Past State Pres. Filmore Stanton and D.D. Callan, second and third from left background respectively. P.D.D. Pete Pollock stands next to E.R. Bacon whose son was one of the initiates.



**RICHMOND, California,** Lodge's 18-team Bowling Mixed Foursome Summer League had a busy season of close competition. The winning team, the California Credit Council, was sponsored by P.E.R. Burns Campbell. Pictured are, left to right, E.R. George F. Chambers, Chuck Fasanaro, Mary Alves, Bowling Chairman and Elk of the Year John Jochims, Vi Power and Irving Grossman.



**BURBANK, California,** Lodge's 40th anniversary dinner-dance concluded a two-day celebration with civic and political leaders joining 300 other officials and guests, including D.D. Paul E. Haines, P.E.R. and Vice-Mayor George W. Haven. Here, E.R. Edward B. Sens, left, and P.E.R. Andy Fillbach cut the birthday cake.



**NEW MEXICO** State Vice-Pres.-at-large Ben Baker, Jr., is pictured, right, at the flag presentation ceremonies during the dedication of new buildings erected at the New Mexico Boys' School. With him are Gov. Jack M. Campbell, center, and Asst. School Supt. James Gartison.



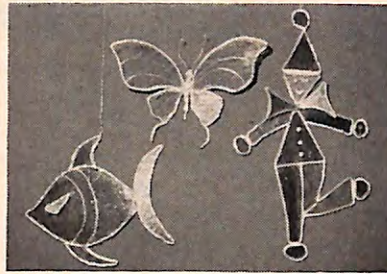
**CRAIG, Colorado,** E.R. Roy Duncan is pictured at right, with two 50-year members, John Davis and Charley Dennison, left and third from left respectively, who received half-century membership pins, and Dean Deaver, second from left, a recent initiate.



**BAKERSFIELD, California,** Lodge P.E.R. D. G. Parker, left, receives a plaque from State Membership Chairman H. W. Lawrence, marking his term for the highest gain in membership and percentage for the State. Looking on at right is current E.R. J. F. Brackeen. The presentation took place during the visit of D.D. F. J. Bardini.

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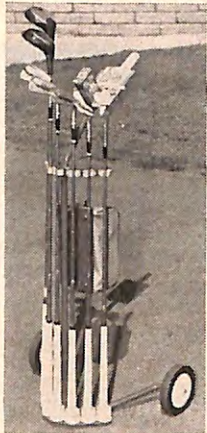
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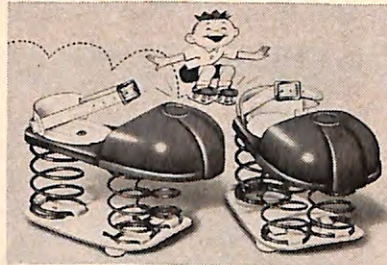
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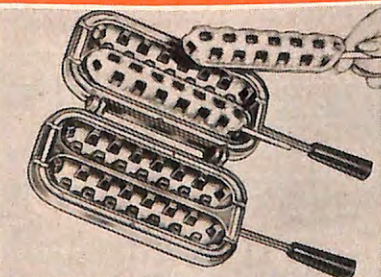
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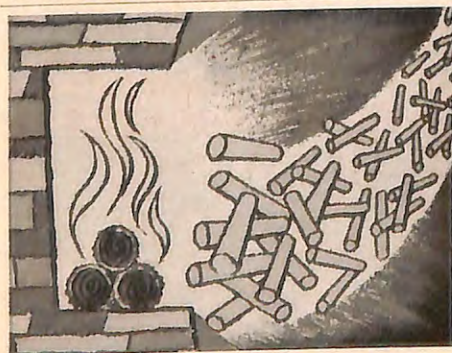


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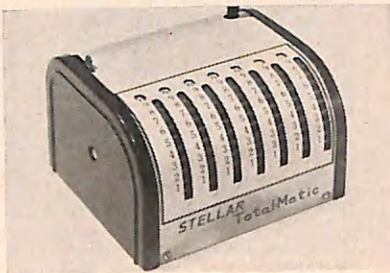
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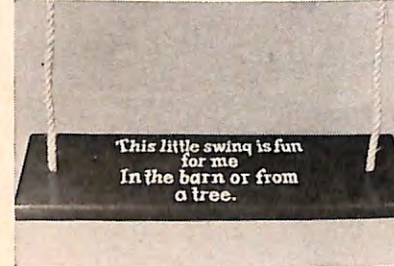
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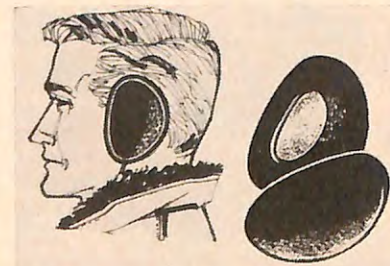
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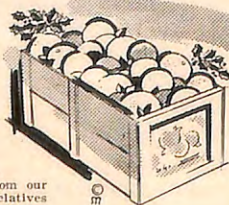


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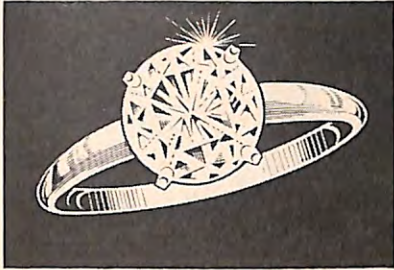
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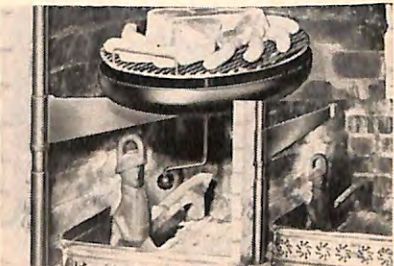
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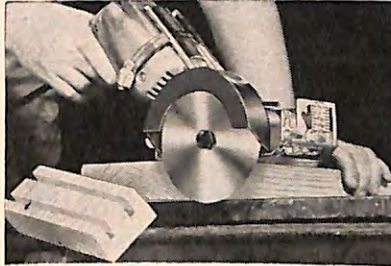
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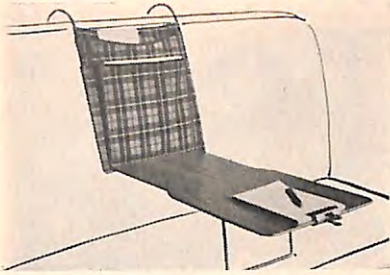
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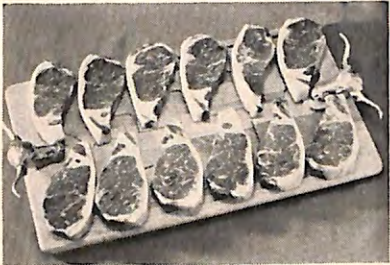
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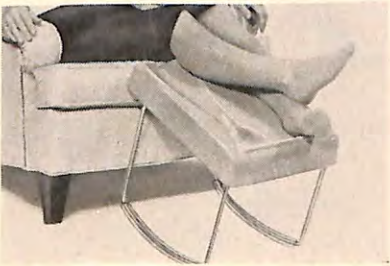
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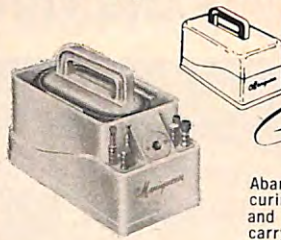


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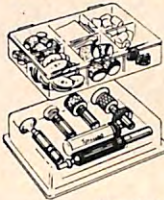
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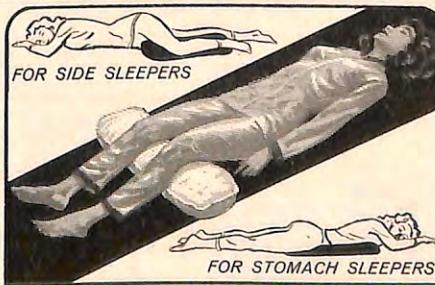


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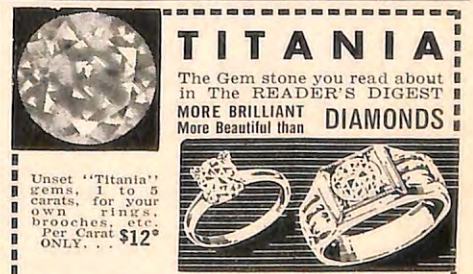
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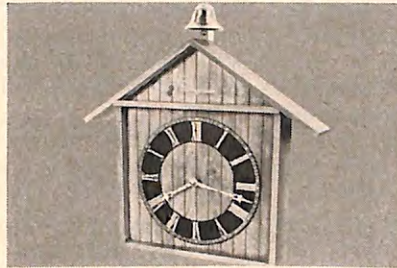
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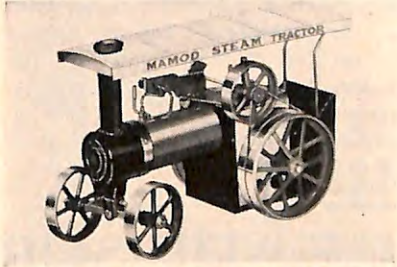
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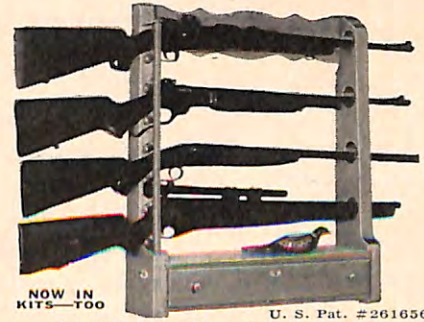
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## Who's Ahead in the Space Race?

(Continued from page 14)

U.S.S.R. needed two more unmanned test flights—five in all—before they were ready to launch Major Gagarin.

Our Project Mercury required only three tries at orbit to prepare for manned flights. Two were successful; the first veered off course and was destroyed by the Range Safety Officer. Even that one was partially successful, however, because the capsule was saved for another launch when the escape rocket functioned properly.

Absolute secrecy has been impossible, of course, even for the Russians, and failures were to be expected in anything so new and complex. So they told the world about the troubles with Spacecraft I and III—but they didn't tell their own people. Later, as the list of failures grew, they attempted to clamp a lid of secrecy over their mistakes.

Trouble became chronic with their interplanetary program. In fact, they haven't yet launched a probe to the planets that has been able to complete its mission. Twelve or thirteen such probes in a row have failed. (U.S. experts who tracked them aren't sure if the last one was aimed at Venus or just into interplanetary space where it wound up.)

We ran a string of failures almost as long with our Discoverer satellite program; eleven recovery capsules were lost before one was finally retrieved on August 10, 1960. But it was a space first: No one had successfully returned a capsule from orbit before.

We had only a little better luck with the Ranger moon program. It took

seven tries to complete the mission. But Ranger VII was such an unqualified success in photographing the moon that it made up for all the failures.

The United States' interplanetary program has done well so far. The second Mariner shot at Venus was so successful that NASA cancelled a third.

Like the U.S., the Russians launch their lunar and interplanetary probes into a low parking orbit first. Then, when properly lined up, a signal fires them toward the target. But the Soviets haven't mastered the technique as well as our space scientists have.

The first two tries, in 1960, failed to get into orbit. The Russians kept quiet about them and waited for the next Venus window (the period when Venus and Earth are properly lined up for an interplanetary flight), which came in February, 1961.

This time they did a little better. They got a spacecraft into its parking orbit—and no farther. The Soviets named the shot Sputnik VII and said its purpose was to develop techniques for placing heavy space vehicles into exact orbits.

About a week later a successful launch was made, and the Russians proudly announced that their "Venusnik" was on its way. After 15 days, however, its radio failed, and the probe continued silently toward its date with Venus. As predicted, the spaceship passed within 62,500 miles of the planet, but it could not radio back any information or photographs. It was a partial success that the Russians had little to say about.

During the next Venus window, three more shots were attempted (August 25, September 1, and September 12, 1962). None got beyond the parking orbit.

In October and November of 1962, the Soviet Union tried its luck with Mars. The first shot reached parking orbit but exploded when it was launched toward the target. The second was less spectacular; it simply refused to leave the parking orbit. The third fared better, and the Russians named it Mars I.

Mars I, launched November 4, 1962, sped accurately toward the planet until March 21, 1963, when its guidance system failed and its radio lost contact with Earth. In mid-June, it slipped past Mars, defying all attempts to line it up with Earth again.

Of the next three Venus shots, the first two got stuck in parking orbits. The third, Zond I, got on its way, but apparently it ran into the same difficulties as Mars I. There was never a report of its reaching Venus, nor even a Russian admission that Venus was the destination. Experts believe, however, that a spaceship leaving its parking orbit during a Venus window has only one probable destination: Venus.

The Soviet Union made three successful moon shots direct from Earth. But when they started using a parking orbit—which should increase the chances of success—they began to have trouble. The first got stuck in parking orbit (January, 1963); the second fell into the Pacific near Midway Island (February, 1963); the third was successful—except that it wouldn't obey commands and missed the moon by 5,300 miles.

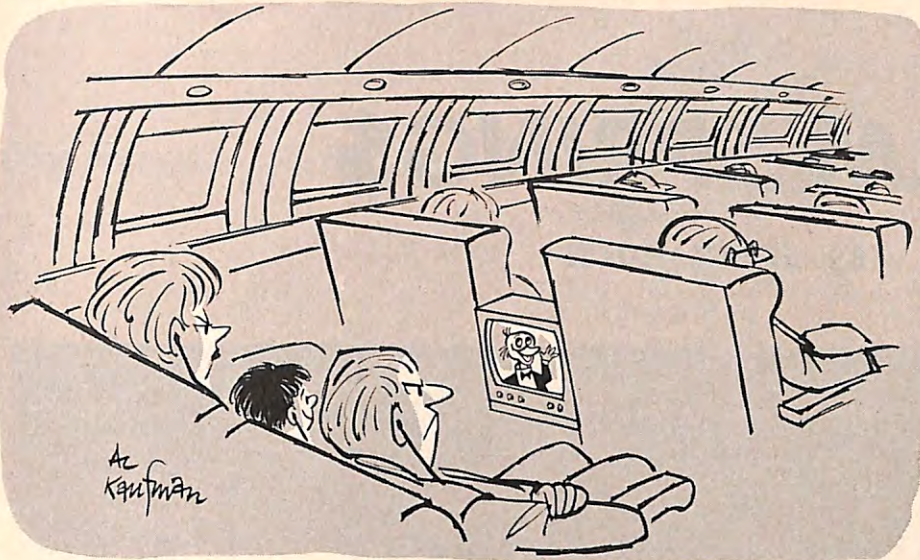
That one was Lunik IV, which accomplished nothing more than getting a few fuzzy photographs. Since Lunik

## THE GRAND LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Taking advantage of a rare opportunity, the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee (comprised of all living Past Grand Exalted Rulers) met for this photo at the last Convention. All were present except James R. Nicholson, who was ill. Clockwise, the members are: John S. McClelland (in wheelchair), Lee A. Donaldson,

William A. Wall, John E. Fenton, William S. Hawkins, Edward J. McCormick, James T. Hallinan, John F. Malley, John L. Walker, Wade H. Kepner, L. A. Lewis, George I. Hall, Emmett T. Anderson, Sam Stern, Earl E. James, William J. Jernick, Fred L. Bohn, H. L. Blackledge, Horace R. Wisely, and Ronald J. Dunn.



"Yuk, yuk, hiya kids . . . here's your old pal, Crazy Duck!"

III had already provided better pictures, it seems probable that Lunik IV had a more elaborate mission.

One of Russia's big problems has been getting spacecraft out of their parking orbits—a problem that hasn't plagued U.S. efforts since the first two test shots of the Ranger program. Another seems to be trouble with their rockets. The last stages of launching boosters must have failed to fire properly in the three shots that didn't reach orbit. The U.S. hasn't had this difficulty since early in the space era.

It's no secret that Soviet technology is generally of a high caliber, so where the trouble lies is uncertain. We do know that at the height of the interplanetary failures there was a shakeup in the Soviet space high command.

It appears that the satellite Polyot I, launched November 1, 1963, was designed to help correct the problems. Polyot I could maneuver in all directions in space. But the Soviet Union is way behind the U.S. in this vital area of space flight. We have successfully launched one Venus probe, six moon shots, and 38 satellites that could maneuver like Polyot I.

Moreover, the United States has orbited weather and communications satellites that serve all mankind. If the Russians have attempted anything comparable, they haven't told the world—although we've been told that, like the United States, they're using satellite snoopers for intelligence purposes.

Our Tyros satellites (eight launched, three still operating, five more planned) are providing scientific weather data for all who wish it. Our Telstar, Relay, and Syncom satellites have relayed communications from continent to continent, with the televising of the Tokyo Olympic games via Syncom the most drama-

tic achievement yet. They truly are space-age marvels, but perhaps we have a tendency to take them for granted already.

In an interview with The New York Times recently, NASA Administrator James E. Webb was asked: "Does the Voskhod [three-man] flight mean that the Soviet Union has extended its lead

over the U.S. in manned space flight?"

He replied: "This is hard to answer categorically, but if I had to give a quick answer, I would say 'Yes.'"

Yet the fact remains that manned space flight is but one of many aspects of space exploration. (Some scientists don't even think putting men into space is as important as perfecting the instruments which they think will prove to be superior to man.) The one thing we are certain about regarding Russian supremacy is that they can boost a heavier payload into orbit than can the U.S. And that sole advantage is going to disappear soon when our Saturn rocket becomes fully operational—unless the Russians soon unveil a more powerful booster.

In terms of world opinion, the Soviet Union no doubt holds the lead in the space race. In terms of total achievement in space science, the U.S. probably has the edge. The future is uncertain, especially because of Soviet secrecy. Hopefully, we'll have less of a race and more exchanging of information under the new Kremlin regime.

In any case, the United States certainly isn't second-best now, and our own space program will go forward in a thoroughgoing, scientific, often undramatic manner as we continue to reach one objective after another. The Russians may or may not do as well. • •

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# PALM \$PRINGS

*An opulent sand*

By **JERRY HULSE**



*This swimming pool at the Riviera, a Palm Springs hostelry, is only one of hundreds that dot this desert vacationland. The mountain backdrop (San Jacinto Range) is a bonus.*

*Palm Canyon Drive is a main street unlike any other. Where else would you find the principal thoroughfare lined with hundreds upon hundreds of spotlighted palms?*



AMERICA'S most opulent sand pile—Palm Springs—lies just outside Los Angeles' back door. It's the home of millionaires, an ex-President, and movie stars, as well as a host of others with bank accounts big enough to live the life of an Eastern potentate in this toasty spa. Give it back to the Indians? Heaven forbid, in Palm Springs even the impoverished American Indian is affluent—each one present is worth nearly a half million in real estate. That's not really sand, it's gold dust!

Ever since a silent-screen idol pointed his Pierce Arrow toward the desert for a relaxing weekend, Palm Springs has been a byword among the Hollywood crowd, not to mention Californians as a whole. But it took a golfing

President to put the place on the map. While President, General Eisenhower stopped off and has been returning ever since. Now he and Mamie spend their winters in a luxurious \$175,000 home, spotted on the 11th fairway of the Eldorado Country Club. Ike can start swinging as soon as he steps out of his door.

Frank Sinatra owns a \$200,000 bungalow on the Tamarisk Country Club's 17th hole. Other showbiz celebrities who have staked claims on the greens include Desi Arnaz, Phil Harris, Hoagy Carmichael, Mary Pickford, Danny Thomas . . . this name-dropping can get exhausting.

Palm Springs lays claim to more millionaires per square mile and more

*pile is what our traveler calls this California community. But you needn't be a millionaire to visit*

swimming pools per capita than any community in America. It calls itself the Swimming Pool Capital of America, and who can dispute the claim? With something like 3,000 pools, that works out to one for every five residents.

Like Phoenix and Las Vegas, Palm Springs is universally air-conditioned. Residents would expire in summer without it, for the temperature soars past the 100° mark. Palm Springers live in air-conditioned homes, drive air-conditioned cars, work in air-conditioned offices, and shop in air-conditioned stores.

Winter is another matter. During the "high season" (mid-December to just after Easter), the temperature ranges from a nighttime low of around 45° to a high in the 80's. Sometimes it will even get up into the 90's. In other words, while the East is freezing, Palm Springs is toasty. No bulky overcoats here; bikinis and swim trunks are the order of the day.

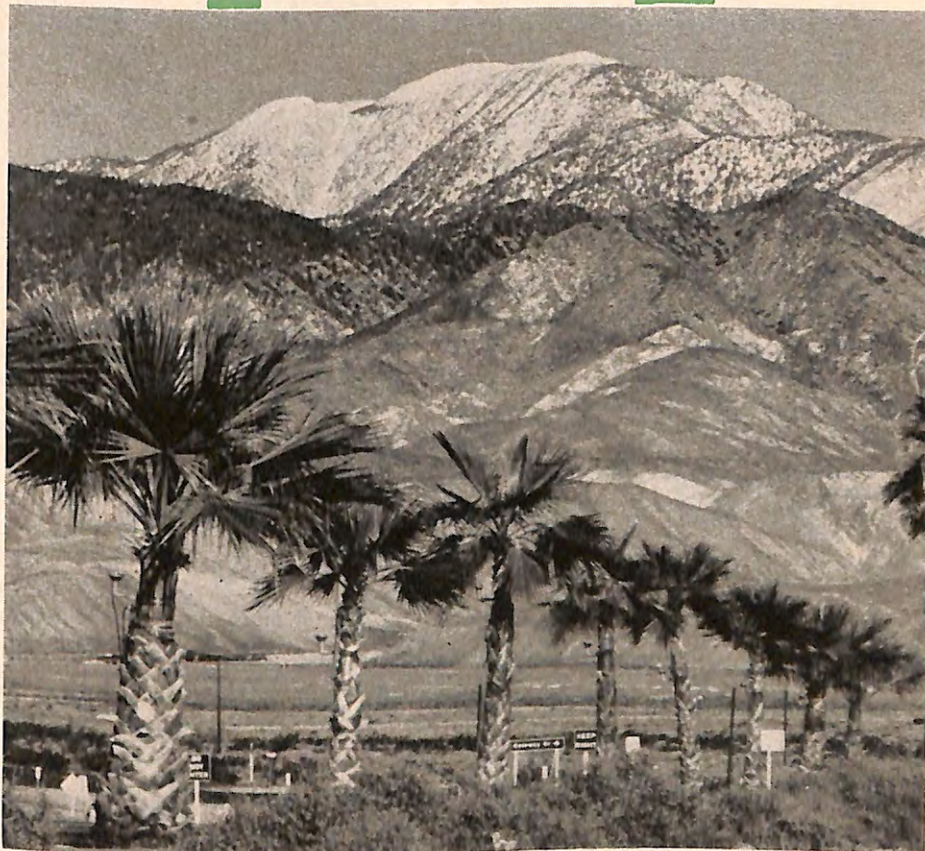
Refugees from the frost belt descend to bed down in places like Gene Autry's Ocotillo Lodge (\$40 and up), the Palm Springs Biltmore, Oasis, William Ryan's El Mirado, the Riviera, Howard Manor, and Palm Springs Spa. The last-named hotel really is a spa, built on the site of mineral springs that were known to the Indians 600 years ago.

At the Spa, Minneapolis matrons and Baltimore bankers boil away unwanted pounds in three oversize pools and 38 tubs. The deluxe treatment, which costs \$8.50, includes a massage, mineral bath, a steamroom session, and breathing exercises in an inhalation room. Other attractions are a salt glow, hot pack, salt pack, and Scotch mist (sorry, that's not whiskey). So who cares if it doesn't cure your ills? You'll be too deliciously relaxed to quibble.

Besides the luxury inns, there are other establishments like the Tropics. Here the key to the door of a double goes for \$15 a night.

This brings to mind a Palm Springs phenomenon: there are no motels there. Even the places that look like motels aren't called that—they're referred to as lodges or inns or apartments. The city fathers feel the word "motel" has the

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*By daylight, the desolate countryside surrounding Palm Springs is evident—but then the mountains beckon to the visiting tourist . . .*



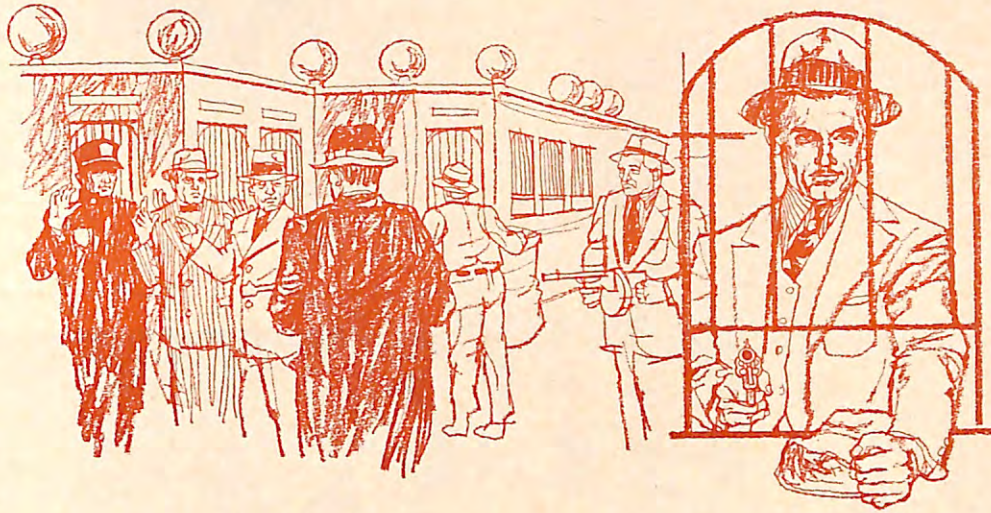
*. . . and they're accessible. This aerial cable-tramway will whisk you to the top in minutes, offering a brief but spectacular vista. When you disembark, it's 40 degrees cooler, and, if you're dressed warmly enough, you can enjoy the view in a leisurely manner.*





# A New Breed of Bank Robbers

By RICHARD HARDWICK



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*Dillinger and his cohorts had a flair for robbing banks . . .*

*Crime is on the increase, but in some categories, at least, it just isn't what it used to be. For instance, today's bank robbers are plentiful but lack that old-fashioned aplomb of professionalism*

ONE MARCH MORNING IN 1934 a long black touring car pulled to the curb at the First National Bank of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Six men, armed with submachine guns, pistols, and shotguns, piled out and proceeded to pull off a classic bank robbery.

There was nothing surreptitious about it. Notorious Baby-Face Nelson stayed outside, holding two guards prisoner and firing an occasional burst from his tommygun over the awestruck crowd that assembled on the street. The even more notorious John Dillinger, meanwhile, had marched into the bank with four henchmen and systematically looted the place. Then, amid a smattering of applause from the thousand-odd onlookers, and with four young female hostages to insure a safe getaway, the gang roared out of town, giving Sioux Falls a morning it would not soon forget.

Almost 30 years later, in January, 1963, a young man named Roy Lane stepped nervously into a small bank in suburban Atlanta, Georgia. Armed with a pistol, he herded the dozen cus-

tomers and employees into a corner of the lobby, then turned to teller John McGeady and said in a shaky voice: "Put the money in the sack!"

Unfortunately for the bold bank robber, however, he had forgotten to bring along a sack. McGeady obligingly set about locating one. But before the takeout order could be executed, Lane suddenly wavered on his feet, his eyes rolled ceilingward, the gun dropped from his hand, and he slumped to the floor in a dead faint. The police arrived to find their man neatly bound and waiting.

Clearly, times have changed.

Not all present-day bank robbers faint on the job, of course, but as a group they are a far different breed from those of the past. Only rarely nowadays are organized gangs of professional criminals involved in bank holdups. The field has become almost exclusively the province of the amateur.

What has happened to make banks so appealing to beginners? In testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee last year, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that the trend toward modern decor in the design of banks had given encouragement to lone bandits contemplating robbery. "The trend . . . has resulted in the removal of the protection previously afforded the bank employees by high cages and protective bars. Easy access to the bank working area is an open invitation to those considering a bank robbery."

This "invitation" is being accepted

by more and more people. Over the past decade a new high in violations of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute has been reached each succeeding year—a total of 1,624 for the FBI fiscal year 1964.

Of course, there are more people in the country each year, as well as more banks. And the decentralization of banking has given bank robbery more participant appeal. In suburban America, banks are as commonplace as drug stores or supermarkets, and generally about as well guarded.

The men whose responsibility it is to track down the new breed of bank robbers have no say-so in the designing or locating of banks, and so they must simply work with whatever tools are available. Well aware that this particular crime was reaching epidemic proportions, the FBI, early in 1963, made a highly detailed survey of all the bank robberies that occurred in this country during the final two months of 1962, with an eye toward getting a thorough analysis of the problem and hoping to provide some beneficial data for themselves and other law enforcement agencies.

There were 152 bank robberies during the test period. Twenty-two states  
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*. . . that is totally lacking in the new breed of bank robbers. Nowadays, little old ladies brandish notes saying: "Put the money in the sack."*

# Elks National Service Commission



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson looks on approvingly at right as Frank C. Wheeler, Pres. of the Oregon Elks Assn., center, presents a \$2,500 State Assn. check to John Cushing, left, 1963-64 Pres. of the Alaska State Elks Assn. The gift was made to assist Alaska Elkdom in its Hides for Veterans program.



A supply of slip (clay) and glaze for one of the six VA hospitals benefiting through the Ohio Elks' ceramics program is ready for presentation to the Occupational Therapy Departments. Pictured are, left to right, Alliance P.E.R.'s Dr. Paul Hobe and Ray Clarke, State Chairman Les Strong, E.R. Jess Brady, P.D.D. Cullen Shetler and Donald Schuh.



Roy M. Rickus, Chief of Staff at the VA Hospital in Denver, Colo., accepts a gift of 12 new Norelco Razors for use by the patients there. Presenting the gift are Boulder, Colo., Committee Chairman Harold Hitchcock, left, and E.R. John J. Tisone, right.



Every year, the Veterans Committee of Leominster, Mass., Lodge, with other interested members, puts on a wiener roast for patients at Fort Devens Hospital. This year saw 20 pounds of franks taken care of, along with mounds of other food. Pictured with some of their guests are, left to right background, P.D.D. G. H. Mackie, N. A. Clark, former State Trustee Felix Seliga, G. L. Cressey, L. J. Bergeron, E. J. P. St. Cyr, J. A. Scott of Gardner, Co-Chairman R. L. Foster, Francis LaFontaine of Gardner, Red Cross Field Director Rita Dixon, State Elks Chairman for Fort Devens E. T. Killelea, R. L. L'Etoile, E. R. Trudel, Grey Lady Mrs. Nancy Thompson, and an unidentified sergeant. Leominster Elks visit Fort Devens every month.

# Clear Across the Map

**QUEENS BOROUGH, N. Y.** Representatives from the other 11 Southeast District lodges were part of the rapt audience that heard Grand Exalted Ruler Pruitt reinforce the whys of Elkdom at a recent Queens Borough dinner meeting. Included among the notables present were Elks National Service Commission Chairman James T. Hallinan, Elks National Service Commission Executive Director Bryan J. McKeogh, District Deputy Eugene G. Granfield, and State Vice-President Vincent Cataldo.



*Up in Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn's home territory, Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt is shown being presented with a rifle by Ilion, N. Y., Lodge E.R. E. W. Barnes. Interested observers: Mr. Dunn and Ilion Secy. Thomas S. Leahy, right.*

**KODIAK, ALASKA.** During a five-day tour of Alaskan Elkdom, Kodiak Lodge was host to Grand Exalted Ruler Pruitt at a (Alaska King Crab) luncheon meeting. Grand Lodge members and other Elk dignitaries traveling with Mr. Pruitt were Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Grand Trustee Frank Hise, Youth Activities Committeeman Edwin C. Alexander, and Washington and Oregon State Elks Presidents Keylor Smith and Frank Wheeler, respectively. Local Elks ladies feted the wives of the official G.E.R. party at a separate luncheon while Mr. Pruitt addressed Kodiak Lodge. Later, the Grand Exalted Ruler toured the Naval Station; USN Captain Roy P. Gee was host. Several Chief Petty Officers—members of Kodiak Lodge—provided Mr. Pruitt with a cocktail hour at the station's CPO Club prior to the official party's enplaning. The Grand Exalted Ruler's Alaskan tour—studded with lodge visits: Homer, Anchorage, Juneau, Petersburg, and Wrangell—culminated with Mr. Pruitt's attending the Alaska State Elks Association Convention in Ketchikan.



*On a visit to Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Pruitt was photographed with (seated, l. to r.) the Lodge's oldest living member George Frenz, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, and Exalted Ruler John T. Redmond. Standing: a bevy of Queens Borough officials, including Past State Pres. and Queens County (N. Y.) D. A. Frank D. O'Connor, State Senator Thomas J. Mackell, and P.D.D. Walton S. Gagel.*



*Lodge-hopping in Alaska, the Grand Exalted Ruler is shown at Kodiak Lodge with members of his official Alaska-tour party. Left to right: Grand Trustee Frank Hise, P.G.E.R. Emmett T. Anderson, Mr. Pruitt, Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Ore. State Pres. Frank Wheeler, and Wash. State Pres. Keylor Smith.*



*Lodge Secy. L. E. Hatch extends a warm welcoming hand to Mr. Pruitt during an Austin, Minn., Lodge visit, while P.G.E.R. Sam Stern, second left, and Austin E.R. Donald D. Ritland look on.*

## Stronger Ties: Canada and the United States

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the candor with which they discuss and seek to resolve their limited differences of attitude and outlook."

Because of this candor, it probably is fair to say that never before have Canadian-American relations been better than they are today. What the future holds, no one can say, but if the past is any indication, the honesty with which Canadians and Americans have tackled their differences and problems suggests the two countries will continue to have ever-closer relationships.

There was a time a few years ago when the United States was at least privately highly displeased with Canada's liberal trading policy with Cuba, but that Canadian trade has now dwindled. What many in Washington considered as excessive Canadian nationalism in the economic field also has diminished as a worry for the U.S., partly because of better understanding by Washington and partly by new policies in Canada.

Problems still remain, however, including Canadian automobile parts exports to the United States, the "brain drain" from Canada to the U.S., some differences on world policy, with Canada taking a slightly more flexible approach to the Cold War than the United States, and continued Canadian worry about U.S. trade policy. But these constitute a continuing debate within the North American family, and even in the best of families, brothers disagree on some things. Furthermore, the things on which Canada and the United States agree and are working together are vastly greater than the disagreements.

How far and fast the two countries have grown together can be seen by the fact that Canada's major North American defense plan up until the 1930s was how to defend the country against attack from the United States! Such a thought now is considered preposterous.

WITH the beginning of World War II, Canada and the United States started a special joint military program that has lasted until the present and continues to grow more intimate.

There is a special arrangement for joint air defense of North America and arrangements about defense against sea attack. These are through the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) which has an American commander and a Canadian deputy commander. In fact, because the commander travels so much to inspect his facilities, the Canadian deputy commander generally has been in charge more than half of the time.

Beyond this cooperation, there is an extensive joint military buying program. Canadian factories making military equipment are treated almost like U.S. plants when it comes to bidding on Pentagon orders, while plants in other countries face much heavier restrictions, making it nearly impossible for them to get much Pentagon business. At the same time, American factories have much the same opportunity to sell in the Canadian market. A major effort is made by the two governments to try to equalize the amount of money spent in each other's country in defense buying. This has been running at about \$250 million a year for each.

One example of how this program works in the field is the fact that the backbone of the air transport command in Vietnam is the Canadian-built "Caribou" short-take-off-and-land transport, flown by Americans, bought by Americans, and ferrying South Vietnamese troops and equipment to battle zones.



Another example of Canada-U.S. defense cooperation is the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line, a radar line stretching across the top of Canada which would warn Canada and the United States of impending air attack.

On the offensive side of defense, many of the estimated 40,000 nuclear bombs and warheads that the United States has in storage were made from uranium mined in Canada. Between 1947 and 1962, Canada sold about \$1.37 billion worth of uranium to the U.S.

In trade, as in defense, special arrangements abound between the United States and Canada. Canada is the best customer that Uncle Sam has, buying more than \$3 billion a year in U.S.-made goods. And the U.S. is Canada's best customer, too, with Canadians selling to the U.S. just under \$3 billion U.S.

This leaves Canada with a substantial trade deficit with the U.S., but this is made up by U.S. capital investment in Canada and Canadian borrowing in the United States. Canada is borrowing

around \$500 million a year in the United States and such borrowing has gone as high as \$737 million, as in 1963. This money not only helps balance Canada's trade deficit with the U.S. but puts American money to work developing Canadian resources.

Just how safe and profitable Americans consider Canada as a place to invest can be seen by the fact that the United States has well over \$21.5 billion in direct investments north of the border and in foreign dollar bonds, stocks, etc. In the past year alone, Americans poured \$1.5 billion into Canada in total.

This is by far the biggest amount of investment the United States has in any country of the world and, in fact, the \$21.5 billion total represents almost one third of all the money the United States has invested outside the country.

But it's a two-way street. Canadians also invest heavily in the United States. Proportionately, in fact, Canadians put more money into the U.S. than Americans do in Canada. Canada has \$7.7 billion invested in the United States. Broken down on a population basis, this means each American has more than \$100 invested in Canada, while each Canadian has more than \$425 invested in the United States.

Despite the necessity for heavy U.S. investments in Canada and despite their obvious contribution to the high Canadian standard of living, many Canadians are increasingly worried about this U.S. investment. They fear it means that Americans are "taking over" Canada. They say Canada is being "sold out" to the Americans, and they urge governmental action to stop this "sell out." It has been estimated that based on present trends, by 1980 Americans will own between 80 and 90 percent of all Canadian business assets. The U.S. now owns 59 percent of all Canadian manufacturing and 90 percent of all Canadian factories employing more than 5,000 workers.

Because of the increasing U.S. ownership of Canadian industry, the cry has gone up in recent years in Canada to keep out the Americans. This cry has captured newspaper headlines in both countries, worried Presidents and Prime Ministers, been shouted about in Parliament and Congress, debated in university ivory towers, and discussed by service clubs.

But while all the nationalistic hullabaloo has been going on, the facts are that the United States and Canada are growing together militarily, economically, and socially far more rapidly today than ever before. Senior businessmen in both countries are talking seri-

ously about some kind of economic union between the two nations, and even some Canadian and American politicians are dancing gingerly about such a possibility.

While Americans generally are the less intrigued—and less aware—of the idea, no less an authority than Under Secretary of State George Ball has said publicly: "From the point of view of economic principles, there is no doubt that Canada and the U.S. could employ the resources of North America most efficiently by developing the continent as a single great market. . . . Both have drawn back for political reasons from the ultimate logic of the single market."

Individual businessmen have taken up this "one market" cry. Chrysler Corporation President Lynn A. Townsend said recently, "We are going to be forced by elementary business logic to act in line with what we all recognize—that our two countries form a natural market of magnificent size and potential, a market that should not be broken in two by artificial political barriers."

The Chrysler President envisaged a day when Canada would concern itself with making parts of cars, including possibly whole engines, while the assembly of cars would occur in America.

Similar "one market" thinking is occurring with other industrial leaders in the two countries, in relation to one country making part of a commodity and the other nation putting it together or making other parts.

In Canada, an American, Ted Emmert, President of Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation and Hawker Siddeley Canada, Ltd., said: "Canadian industry could survive free trade with the U.S. if it were brought about over a period of 20 years or so through a series of commodity agreements."

This "one market" thinking has wide ramifications and can lead to policies which would affect everybody in Canada and the United States. The tendency toward specialization will intensify so that small as well as large businesses in Texas, Oregon, or New York would find themselves handling much more Canadian-made merchandise than ever before. The effect, of course, would be far greater on those businessmen in the states near the Canadian border, simply because of easier shipping arrangements and easier access to such nearby markets.

If, as Chrysler President Townsend believes, Canada will specialize in making a large number of auto parts for the North American market, this means auto-supply businesses in the United States will be stocking large quantities of Canadian-made parts within a few years. Similarly if, as has been suggested by senior Canadian Government authorities, Canada specializes in tail-

assembly work for airplanes for the North American market, this would mean a great many, if not most, of the planes made in the United States would have Canadian-made tails. The same pattern would cover a host of big and small businesses in the United States.

The small businessman in the United States already is directly affected by Canada-U.S. trade policies. Because of the links between the two countries, he finds it easier to get Canadian-made goods for his store or business than it is to get goods from other nations. This procurement is being made progressively easier as time goes by, and if the "one market" concept ever becomes a reality, he will find getting Canadian-made articles just as easy as getting Texas-made or Pennsylvania-made goods.

THESE "one market" sentiments are sometimes met with noisy, nationalistic protests both in Canada and the United States. But despite this, most Canadians apparently think economic union with the United States would be a good idea. A recent reliable and nationwide survey showed 65 percent of Canadians surveyed favor economic union with the United States. Perhaps more astounding, the survey showed 29 percent of the Canadians checked wanted Canada to join the U.S. to be-

come a political part of the United States.

Many Canadians who think this way don't want to wait for such a union and already have pulled up stakes in Canada and gone to work in the U.S. What is called the Canadian "brain drain" continues unabated because Canadians are attracted by higher salaries in the United States, and also by the prospect of more opportunity in professional fields. A highly skilled group of Canadian aeronautical engineers, for instance, left Canada several years ago and are now working as key men in the American space program. One of them, James Chamberlain, has been in charge of the program to put a man on the moon.

Other Canadians coming to the United States include psychologists, cab drivers, nurses, and secretaries. In recent years between 12,000 and 18,000 Canadians have been entering the United States annually. This is as much as one percent of the Canadian population per year.

Salary differences are important, especially among the non-professionals. Clerical employees, for instance, average \$80 a week in the United States according to the National Office Management Association, but only \$64 in Canada. A Canadian typist-clerk receives \$52 a week, while the same job

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Most of these Canadians going to the United States to work believe in the inevitability of some manner of union between Canada and the United States. This represents a significant change for Canadians over the past half century.

At the time Canada became a nation, there was talk of economic union or free trade with the United States. This was scotched, however, by the nationalistic, Canada-building approach of Sir John A. MacDonald, a Conservative Prime Minister and, if anyone is, "Father of the Country." But at the turn of the century, the pendulum swung back again and the Liberals, led by Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier, began thinking seriously once more of free trade or reciprocity with the United States. In 1911 they proposed what might have become a Common Market. This proposal, however, kicked off a nationalistic, sentimental row in Canada. The Liberals were thrown out of office, and the dominant cry became "No truck or trade with the Yankees."

World War II began to swing Canada back to more intimate Canada-U.S. economic and military relations. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King made a special Canada-U.S. deal on buying military equipment from each other which still is very much in evidence today.

IN RECENT YEARS, other special Canada-U.S. economic relationships have sprung up. Canadian oil and natural gas and power are pouring across the border to heat U.S. homes and factories. While other countries face restrictions on oil shipments to the U.S., a special arrangement lets Canadian oil enter the U.S. without hindrance. There is joint development of the St. Lawrence Seaway, and there is planned, actual, and discussed joint development of power schemes such as the Columbia River in the West, the Passamaquoddy Bay in the East, the Yukon River in the far north, and a massive scheme of New York's Consolidated Edison to get power from Labrador. There is a special arrangement on consulting about wheat sales and special arrangements concerning anti-trust cases and on a host of other matters and commodities.

These joint schemes and arrangements probably are only forerunners of many others that will link the two nations ever more closely. While most of the continent's industrial machinery lies in the United States, there is no ques-

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tion this American industrial giant would shrink and wither without the raw materials that Canada provides: iron ore, pulp and paper, lumber, lead, zinc, copper, aluminum, and other minerals. Because of the growing U.S. need for these materials, there may well be other special arrangements between the two countries covering these materials.

By the year 2000, the U.S. demand for Canadian raw materials will increase enormously. According to a massive study by "Resources for the Future, Inc.," within 36 years the U.S. will need nearly three times as much lumber as is now used, nearly six times as much plywood, more than twice as much newsprint, three times as much printing paper, three times as much oil, almost three times as much natural gas, nearly five times as much natural gas liquids, almost three times as much iron ore, just under five times as much nickel, just under ten times as much aluminum, over four times as much copper, twice as much lead, four times as much zinc, and over four times as much cobalt.

The only place where much of these additional demands by the U.S. industrial giant can be met is Canada. Thus, Americans will become increasingly dependent upon Canada to keep industry going.

The U.S. need for Canadian raw materials is one example of the whole trend of Canada-U.S. economic relations getting ever closer. It seems almost inevitable that there will be some form of free trade arrangement between the two countries in 10 or 20 years, if not actual economic union. Whether this would be a major step toward Canada and the United States becoming one country remains to be seen, but the trend of recent years would indicate that, if continued, the odds seem favorable for this at some point a few generations from now. ● ●

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Letters from and to an Elk Daughter

THE FOLLOWING is a letter written to Jack Kane, editor of the San Mateo, Calif., Lodge Bulletin and Brother Kane's reply (both from the San Mateo Eleven Twelve):

Each month when my dad receives the Eleven Twelve, I am the first one to grab it and read the many interesting articles. The ones that interest me the most are those concerning cerebral palsy, our 1112 charity. . . .

I thought you would appreciate a new approach in order to familiarize the San Mateo Elks with their charity. (I feel all the Elks do not know about the cause they are asked to contribute to.)

May I suggest that you ask the Elks and their families to read the book Karen by Marie Killilea. The book was written by the mother of a C.P. girl. It is a story of faith and courage. Perhaps you could arrange a way for the book to be distributed. It is published in paperback form and costs 50¢. I know that once the Elks read this book, their hearts will go out to the people with this affliction.

Sincerely, PAM VALENTINE

Dear Pam Valentine:

Rather than answer your tender letter personally, we print it here to carry its message to thousands of Elks and their families. And, right here, we do recommend that all Elks read Karen.

As you know, Pamela, Elk fathers and mothers love their children with all their hearts—with an extra special love for the afflicted. This is proven by the open-heartedness of Elkdom from April 1, 1963, through March 31, 1964, during which time the Order expended \$642,690.20 for cerebral palsy; \$843,139.29 for crippled children; \$352,517.99 for medical aid and hospitals; and \$1,058,140.44 for care of needy families. . . .

JACK KANE Editor, the Eleven Twelve

An editor of THE ELKS MAGAZINE has read Karen and wholeheartedly concurs with the opinion of Pam Valentine and Jack Kane. It is a heartwarming and inspirational book. But it is more than that.



Karen, as a young girl.

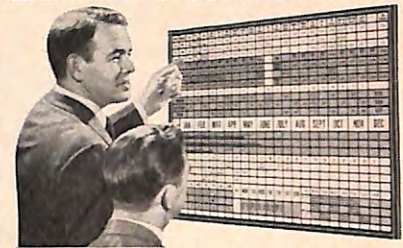
When Karen was born, very little was known about cerebral palsy, and very few cared. Today, the situation is a great deal different. Thanks to a few pioneers, including Maria Killilea, and thanks to the voluntary efforts of many organizations, cerebral palsy no longer carries the stigma it once did, and today its victims have a real chance to receive therapy toward living useful and happy lives. The battle is far from won, however. Reading the book Karen will give some idea of the nature of the struggle and of what must be done.

The Elks National Foundation is a leading organization in the fight against cerebral palsy. Through grants to students, helping to make possible their specialized courses of study, the Foundation contributes to research and therapy for the afflicted. Through appropriations to State Associations with cerebral palsy major projects, further aid is tendered.

Many, many Elks are deeply involved in the fight against cerebral palsy. Photographs in this column frequently depict aspects of that fight; visits to C.P. clinics are even more revealing. But no one who isn't directly involved is likely to understand the arduous nature of the struggle until they read a book such as Karen. It should make any Elk proud of his Elks National Foundation. It should make him want to contribute to its principal fund so that the work can expand.

(A sequel, With Love From Karen, is available in paperback [Dell, 60¢].)

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## WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

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THE NEW CONGRESS is expected to effect a cut in WWII-imposed excise taxes by April 1 that will save consumers some \$3-4 billion annually on luxury purchases.

NEVER underestimate our determined Marines. Despite governmental efforts



to standardize the Armed Forces' belt buckles, the leathernecks are fiercely resisting the proposed change. At stake: the only military buckle that will open a bottle of beer anywhere from the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli.

T'ANKS, WARDEN. Retiring Federal Bureau of Prisons Director James V. Bennett claims the most unusual incident of his 45-year career took place in Atlanta, Ga. An inmate of the Federal Penitentiary there, about to be deprived of free room and board in the future, said wistfully: "Goodbye, Mr. Bennett. I knew this was too good to last!"

HAVE YOU HEARD about the A-sub that stays submerged for four years? It only surfaces then so the crew can re-enlist! That joke is currently running Navy rounds, prompted by underwater records being racked up by our atomic subs.

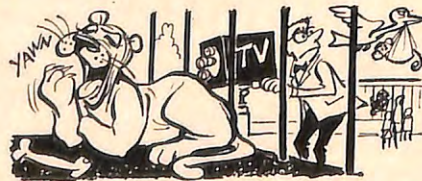
THEN THERE was the Aussie who tried to outbrag a Texan. Seems we sent the Texan Down Under to report

on Australia's beef output. Although the Texan refrained from mentioning how small he found the ranches there, when a big kangaroo jumped out of the bush and the Australian referred to it as a native grasshopper, the Texan simply couldn't let that one go by: "Cute little one, isn't it," he drawled.

WHEN YOU visit the White House, you'll be presented with a new, free guidebook that's been prepared on the basis of stepped-up public interest, probably attributable to Jacqueline Kennedy's refurbishing and classifying efforts, in the Executive Mansion. The book fully describes the White House's 132 rooms, including the two-story apartment occupied by the President and his family.

EXPECT CONGRESS to start snooping into federal agencies' non-security snooping activities, which could involve a host of refined privacy-killers now available: tiny tape and wire recorders with lamp, wristwatch, tie clasp, or pen microphones. New phone-tapping devices will be scrutinized, too.

FALSE ALARM. After the National Zoo went to all the trouble of installing hidden cameras to record a blessed—and possibly albino—event, Mohini—the



Zoo's famous white tiger—decided she wasn't pregnant after all. Her false-pregnancy symptoms have disappeared, and the cameras will have to do their peeping elsewhere.

"NO PARKING in the Front of the Cuban Embassy." That traffic sign is the only vestige of the building's former role here up to the time we

severed diplomatic relations with the Castro regime. Since then, the Embassy has been unoccupied and boarded up. Its grounds need a good weeding.

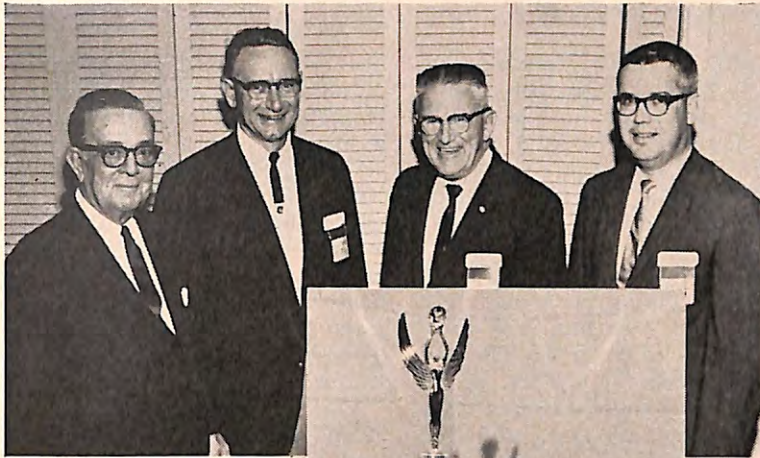
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CAPITAL CAPSULES . . . Business reports report that more and more Americans are brushing their teeth electrically. . . . For the 30th consecutive month, the District crime rate is up a few pegs. Lock your car here: Car theft tops the list of major offenses. . . . Thanks to the idea of Texas Congressman J. J. Pickle, a box to stand on has been placed in the room at the top of the Washington Monument so that the wee ones can enjoy the view too. . . . A District motorist may face a fine—if he's involved in an accident and found not to have been using a seat belt. . . . The Interior Department will spruce up Capital parks next spring with refreshment stands, sidewalk cafes, and more benches. . . . The National Zoo has a huge new "birdhouse" big enough for the birds to fly around freely in. Wear your wash'n'wears and you can birdwatch and safely walk beneath the house's trees. . . . Sometimes described as the "nation's attic," the Smithsonian Institution now houses the world's largest diamond. World-famous jeweler Harry Winston apparently didn't know what else to do with the 253.7 carat sparkler. Such problems!





The Southeast Ohio District won the coveted Rotating Trophy (foreground) for showing the largest percentage gain in membership during the year. Featuring a sterling Paul Revere Bowl mounted on a mahogany base, topped by a winged victory figure holding the Elks' emblem, it is the gift of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick, pictured at left with, left to right, P.D.D. Robert Kennedy, Past State Pres. Lawrence Derry and State Membership Chairman C. R. Smith. The smaller trophy stays with each winning district.

## South and Central

**ROBERT G. PRUITT**, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, was guest of honor at the two-day Convention of the Tennessee Elks Assn. in Chattanooga early this Fall. Over 400 persons attended the sessions during which the current officers were reelected for another six months, in accordance with the Association's newly-adopted policy of holding its future annual meetings in April rather than September.

Committee reports gave indisputable evidence that all State projects are being ably administered. Sixteen nursing scholarships are now in effect on a continuing basis, and great interest is shown, and progress made, in educational projects and other youth programs.

The Order's leader's address to the delegates as well as his talk at the banquet attended by over 500 Elks and their ladies were an inspiration to both audiences. Vice-Chairman Edward W. McCabe of the Board of Grand Trustees introduced Mr. Pruitt at the banquet. Mrs. Pruitt accompanied her husband, as did Past President Jack Andrews of the Georgia Elks Assn. and Past Exalted Ruler Phil Bailey of Dalton Lodge.

Memorial Services eulogized the Tennessee Elks' first President, Joe W. Anderson.

**TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT**, we are listing here the officers of the Georgia Elks Association for 1964-65. Those given in the September issue were sent to us in error.

President Henry H. Ansaldo, Gainesville; Executive Vice-President A. Wright Knight, Brunswick; Vice-Presidents Herbert McDonald, Decatur, W. H. Bramblett, Jr., Vidalia, Tolbert P. Sexton, Atlanta, and W. H. Maddox, Thomasville; Secretary-Treasurer Roderrick M. McDuffie, Atlanta; Chaplain T. M. Brisendine, Atlanta; Sergeant-at-Arms Lyle Jones, Lafayette, and Tiler Thomas W. Hodge, Gainesville.



Dignitaries on hand when the Grand Exalted Ruler became an honorary citizen of Chattanooga during the Tennessee Meeting there were, left to right, host E.R. O. J. Bailey and Est. Lect. Knight Sam Millsaps, Convention Chairman; Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt; P.E.R. Dean Petersen, Vice-Mayor of Chattanooga; State Pres. Sam Aaron, and Vice-Chairman Edward W. McCabe of the Board of Grand Trustees.



Officials pictured at the Indiana Univ. Medical Center where they participated in a luncheon program during the Assn.'s Fall Meeting at Indianapolis include, left to right, A. D. Lautzenheiser, Asst. Dean, School of Medicine; State Secy. C. L. Shideler, Grand Lodge State Assns. Committeemen; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn; State Elks Permanent Activities Chairman Thomas E. Burke; State Pres. Floyd Beldon; Dr. Doris Merritt, Asst. Dean, Medical Research; Bryan McKeogh, Exec. Dir., Elks National Service Commission and Convention Committee; G. L. Miller, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman; Dr. J. I. Numburger, Acting Dean, School of Medicine, and Dr. J. A. Campbell, Chairman and Professor of Radiology, School of Medicine.

## For Elks Who Travel

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wrong connotation. There are other niceties: no disfiguring billboards, utilities are underground.

Other well-known figures who figure in the business life of Palm Springs include Bing Crosby (trailer park), Bob Hope (real estate), Desi Arnaz, and Charles Boyer (hostelers). In addition to being the town's honorary mayor, Bob Hope is the chief supporter of the annual \$100,000 Bob Hope Golf Classic (scheduled next for February 3-7).

Palm Springs' actual mayor functions *sans* salary. Who needs money? Having indicated how wealthy Palm Springs is, I trust I'm not scaring you off. Remember, accommodations are obtainable for \$15 a night, and there are marvelous, little modestly priced restaurants.

All in all, Palm Springs is a 16-mile checkerboard of hotels, apartment houses, elegant homes, fashionable shops, and golf courses. Surprisingly, there's only one nightclub: the Chi Chi. When I last dropped by, Louis Armstrong was shakin' up the desert sands.

Palm Canyon Drive, the town's main drag, is appropriately named; it has 1,500 palm trees lining its three miles. The trees are trimmed in such a fashion as to resemble a woman's "slim fitting skirt," according to the PS publicity pundit, Cliff Brown. At night the trees are spotlighted—a sight that impresses even the most blasé visitor.

Besides its hotels and mansions, Palm Springs boasts condominiums (something like cooperative apartment houses) and trailer parks. Prexy of one of the latter—Blue Skies Village—is Bing Crosby; Claudette Colbert is a stockholder.

One Blue Skies Villager lives in a \$25,000 trailer and provides his maid with a \$10,000 one. That will give you an idea of how snooty this trailer camp is. Owners "spruce up" their mobile

homes with elaborate cabanas and ramadas, or patio pergolas. The cabanas come with picture-windows and wall-to-wall carpeting. You've a choice: Italian, Oriental, Egyptian, Western, or New Orleans style. The old swimming hole was never like this.

It's not unusual for as many as 80,000 tourists to descend on Palm Springs for a weekend during the winter. The attractions: sun, swimming, and golf—17 courses and more in the planning stage. The greens of one lap up 44 million gallons of water a month. Now there are complaints that, with golf courses taking such a soaking, the humidity is rising in this resort, famed for its dry, dry air.

One country club even employs skin-divers—to retrieve wayward golf balls from its six artificial lakes.

The San Jacinto Range rises behind Palm Springs—the steepest mountain escarpment in the West. This natural awning shades the town every afternoon. The new \$8 million Aerial Tramway hauls desert visitors from sunwashed sea level to snowcapped mountain top in precisely 12 minutes. Nesting in the sky is a snug inn with three fireplaces, a gift shop, and restaurant, the windows of which were edged with frost when I was there seated before a roaring blaze. Branches of tall pine trees hung heavy with snow, and sunlight flashed brilliantly off patches of ice clinging to the ground. While I watched, the sky grayed and snowflakes began to fall. It was like a Christmas card.

Operating over the 12-minute span between Valley Station and the Mountain Station (elevation: 8,516 feet) are two 80-passenger cars. This tramway is billed as providing "the world's most spectacular ride," the longest single-stage aerial cable hookup in the world. Having ridden similar alpine buggies in Europe and Japan, I agree that this

one is actually the most impressive.

Nothing compares with this ride for breathtaking scenery. In about the time it takes to smoke a single cigarette, you're whisked from the desert dunes with their purple wild flowers to pine-scented forests. There's a 40° drop in temperature, too. Because of the variation in vegetation and the change in temperature, one naturalist has compared the ride to traveling all the way from Sonora, Mexico, to Alaska in less than a quarter of an hour.

The tram fare is \$3.95 for adults, \$2.75 for children. Passengers have been known to wait up to three hours to board the tram. But while waiting, you can get high in a German beer garden until it's time to get high in the sky. In addition to its snack bar, the Valley Station operates a gift shop that offers imported German beer steins, compasses (I suppose in case you get lost on the mountain), Tramway sweat-shirts, Tramway charms, and Tramscapes—\$15 scenes in oil. I almost neglected to mention the Tramburger, which tastes suspiciously like an ordinary hamburger.

After being deposited on the mountaintop, visitors hike off to nearby Long Valley for a friendly snowball squabble. Some stay the night, providing they've the proper clothing, a tent, and want to brave the evening cold. Next the Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority is planning ski and toboggan areas, plus an outdoor ice-skating rink that would operate year 'round.

The primary attraction, though, is sunset: watching the Shadow Mountains turn red across Coachella Valley, or picking out towns far below, down on the desert floor—Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palms, Palm Desert, Indio, Coachella. And, directly below, that opulent sand pile known as Palm Springs. • •

## A New Breed of Bank Robbers

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had none; California led with 47, and New York placed with 15, a statistical fact which added substance to the suburban bank theory, since those two states are heavily suburbanized.

Boiled down, the survey revealed that the "average" bank robber was a male between 17 and 50 years of age, generally working alone. He preferred Monday and Friday over other days of the week, and more often than not put in his appearance at the bank—undisguised—between 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon (while on his lunch hour?). His average take was \$6,098.80, for

which he ran the risk of an average sentence of seven years.

The chance of being caught, however, was not the only hazard. Some of the things that have happened to bank robbers in recent years would surely have prompted a chuckle from Dillinger and his pals. For example, one modern robber went completely against the tried and proven methods of Mr. D. Instead of brandishing guns and shouting threats, he sidled up to a teller window and slipped a politely worded note across the counter. *Please put the money in the bag, it read, and*

*no one will get hurt. Thank you.*

"Just a moment, please," the teller replied, equally polite, and motioned for the guard across the lobby. The note was given to the guard, who scanned it and then bent a malevolent gaze on the robber. "Get outta here, you bum," he growled, "before I blow your brains out!"

The startled bandit turned tail and ran, doubtless to give some reconsideration to the etiquette of robbery.

Another unforeseeable occupational hazard befell a pair of bank robbers in Elizabeth, New Jersey, as they were

scooping up money at the Bayway branch of a bank. While one of them stuffed money into a valise, a customer, 24-year-old Robert Dischler, leaped on him and grabbed the bandit's pistol. A former air policeman, Dischler got off a shot which struck the bandit in the stomach. Both robbers fled, leaving a trail of money across the bank and out into the street. Dischler gave chase and a running gun battle ensued, during which the bandits got away empty handed and a bank guard was wounded. The two crooks were apprehended several days later by federal agents.

In the 152 robberies surveyed by the FBI, the loot varied from zero—in 18 of the cases—to one robbery which involved more than a hundred thousand dollars.

**I**N November of 1963, a group of bungling bandits who chose a bank in Cornelia, Georgia, as their target should have gotten themselves drummed out of the profession in disgrace. Working by night, they chopped a hole in the roof of the bank and climbed in, only to find themselves inside a locked closet. Undaunted, they pounded through the wall and into the accounting department.

The following morning when the bank was opened for business, the various holes were discovered, as well as numerous tracks throughout the building. Also found was a nearly empty bottle of moonshine whiskey and a roll of \$92 in currency. The vault had not been disturbed, and none of the bank's money was missing. The only conclusion to be drawn was that the hapless criminals had dropped their own money while scrambling back through the hole in the roof.

As one approach to the bank robbery problem, the FBI has gone into the business of educating bank employees and local police. In classes held all over the country, federal agents explain their recommended procedures that can be carried out to prevent robberies. Such things as adequate guards, alarm systems, and being identification-conscious.

The amount of loot taken in a robbery can generally be reduced by keeping a minimum of cash in the teller cages. Most robbers, the FBI points out, are in a great hurry and seldom are willing to take time to get money that isn't readily available. Another recommendation is the placing of "bait" money in the teller cages to be used in case of a robbery. This is currency with serial numbers that have been recorded.

If a note is used in the robbery, the teller should try to keep it for handwriting identification or fingerprints. Various teargas devices are suggested, as well as cameras located in such a

manner as to cover the likely areas where the robbery might take place. The overall emphasis of the FBI classes is to discourage the bank employee from trying any heroics during the robbery and to do everything possible to aid in identifying the criminal.

Some banks, by their very nature, must depend entirely on this after-the-robbery action. The Farmers and Merchants Bank of Greenville, Tennessee, is one of these. Located in a town of 400 souls, with no police force and a total employment in the bank itself of three women, this establishment proved so irresistible to robbers that it was knocked over three times in an eight-month period beginning in December, 1962.

The final robbery of the series, however, found the three lady bankers swinging into an almost routine action when it was over. A fast phone call to the state police, giving detailed descriptions of the bandits; the make, model, and licence tag number of their car; and the direction of flight netted the criminals in less than an hour, with the \$7,200 loot still very much in their possession.

At what a wag termed her "tri-monthly press conference on bank robberies," Farmers and Merchants president Mrs. Nora Elam conceded: "Maybe we'll put in a camera device, or some teargas."

The hidden camera has come to be one of the law's best weapons in fighting bank robbers. A notice to the effect that the camera is on duty presumably deters some would-be robbers, but where the warning is not seen, or not heeded, the resulting pictures greatly reduce the problem of establishing identification.

**T**AKE, for instance, the robbery of the Citizens and Southern Bank in Decatur, Georgia. Eighteen-year-old Steven Patrick Wilkie had carefully planned the job for several days, and on August 26, 1963, he entered the bank carrying a paper sack and a sawed-off shotgun. The bag was duly filled while Wilkie held customers and employees at gunpoint. The manager of the bank, meanwhile, at the first indication that a robbery was in progress, hit a secret switch that started the film rolling. When Wilkie left the bank a few minutes later with \$19,475 in the bag, he unknowingly left behind a

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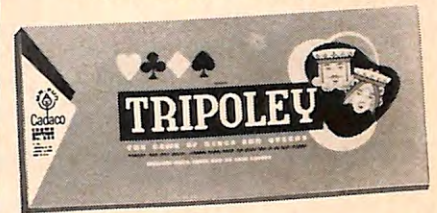
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As the youthful bandit happily made his way across the nation toward California, spreading the Citizens and Southern Bank's money like a drunken sailor's drunken sailor, FBI agents quickly circulated the photos that had been taken during the holdup. The press and television stations exhibited them, with the immediate result of a flood of calls to the local FBI office, including one from the bandit's recent landlady.

**P**OSITIVE identification of Wilkie was established, and when the fugitive himself discovered this less than a month after the robbery, he surrendered to federal agents in San Francisco. The \$12,000 that remained of the loot was recovered.

Although a great many things were learned from the FBI survey, such a creature as the "typical" bank robber could not be pinned down. Bank jobs have been pulled by preachers, soldiers, businessmen, students, policemen—in short, practically anyone.

The United States, locale of the emancipation of women, has its share of female bank robbers. On the west coast a nice little old gray-haired lady knocked over a total of 12 banks before the law caught up with her. In Texas a woman placed a bottle and a note on the teller's window. The note said the bottle was filled with nitroglycerin and suggested a transfer of funds to prevent its detonation. The teller expressed doubt as to the contents of the bottle, and the bandit, her bluff called, turned and ran.

Meanwhile, back in California a young matron took her two children with her to a branch office of the Bank of America in Hermosa Beach. She gave them each a lollipop and told them to wait outside the bank. She then went inside, and at toy-gunpoint, robbed the bank of \$4,000. FBI agents found her and the kids a few minutes later waiting patiently in another department of the same bank for a taxi which an obliging bank official had called.

Some bank robbers have no long-range plans at all. In San Francisco an 18-year-old girl stuck up a Wells Fargo Bank and made off with \$465. She flew to Hawaii for a week's vacation, then returned to the mainland and went straight to the police to confess and surrender. "It was worth it," she told the cops. "I had a real ball!"

At times even the motivation of the robber is unfathomable. Federal agents, interviewing one bank robber in his new home at the penitentiary, asked him why he robbed the particular bank he did. He told them he passed the bank on his way from the

airport one day and thought it was so attractive that he made up his mind on the spot to return the next day and rob it.

The solving of most robberies generally results from much patient labor on the part of law officers. But there are times when luck enters the picture. One bandit, busily scooping up money at a teller's window, found himself suddenly and literally in the clutches of two FBI agents who just happened to be in the bank on other business. They had been watching his suspicious actions from the time he first walked through the revolving door.

A young New York robber was caught in the revolving door as he tried to get out of the bank. Another dagger-wielding bandit took \$2,000 from a teller and fled on foot. A fleeter-footed assistant vice-president nailed him with a beautiful flying tackle half a block away.

Then there was the unfortunate pair who were attacked by an irate dog as they raced for their getaway car with the loot. More than half the money was spilled before they could escape from the animal.

Others who have gotten away with the money have run into bad luck soon afterward. A bank robber picked up several days after the job reported sadly to the police that he himself was robbed shortly after leaving the bank. Still another crook headed for the dice tables with his loot and parted with more than half the bundle by the time the law closed in on him.

Some sort of weapon is usually displayed by the would-be bank robber, a pistol in most cases. Toy guns rate highly, as do shotguns. But the list doesn't end there. Knives, straight razors, daggers, bottles allegedly filled with acid or explosive mixtures—all have been used. In Los Angeles an unsuccessful bank robber made two attempts by threatening bank personnel with a baseball bat.

The standard getaway involves a car stolen previously for that purpose. But here again the peculiar character of today's bank bandit defies classification. They have fled in trucks, on foot, by bus, and at least one athletic robber was last seen leaping on a bicycle and pedaling furiously away from the scene of the crime.

Understandably, none of this slapstick is particularly amusing to police or bankers. Surprisingly, though, others of a completely different calling are equally unamused. One old pro, a veteran of the days when ordinary criminals looked up to the bank robber as the prince of thieves, spoke sadly from his Leavenworth cell: "I've never been able to take this postwar crop of bank robbers seriously. They've got no pride in their work!"



## Mao's Global Plan: Lenin's Brainchild

MAO TSE-TUNG, the Red Chinese overlord, seized power on the mainland of China by a strategy of encircling the cities from the countryside.

Under the deceptive cover of rural reform, Chinese peasants were organized, promised land of their own, and led into anti-government acts which cut off the cities where Chiang Kai-shek had his power.

The strategy worked in capturing mainland China. It worked in seizing power in Cuba as well. Now Mao is using this strategy for the conquest of the world.

In his formula for victory, the underdeveloped countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America are the surrounding countryside. The U.S. and Western Europe are the cities.

Increasing numbers of Red Chinese have been turning up in this world countryside in the past year. More in Cuba, more in the Congo, more in North Vietnam. Several were caught promoting communist revolution in Brazil.

On the other hand, Red China's capital—Peiping—has become a Grand Central Station for visiting officials, teachers, students, and businessmen from Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

### Encirclement Not New

The strategy of encirclement, of course, is not new. Lenin said over 40 years ago that communists would win control of the world by "liberating" the countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America from Western control, and by tying them to communist leadership.

By cutting the advanced countries off from their colonial backyard, Lenin figured, he would separate the Western powers from their sources of raw materials and cheap labor and from their colonial markets. This would so weaken the West that he expected the U.S. and other Western countries would surrender to communist rule without a major fight.

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Now this standard Lenin tactic is being used by Peiping independently from Moscow control. The Russian Reds are miffed for two reasons. One is that the Red Chinese are going it alone. The other is that the basic Red Russian technique of revolution is not to encircle the cities from the countryside, but to seize power in the cities and then link the cities with the surrounding rural area.

Obviously, this so-called split between communists in Moscow and Peiping is no cause for rejoicing in the Free World. Nor is it basic for claiming, as some do, that the international communist movement is losing its momentum.

### Two Enemies—Not One

The fact is that Red Russians and Red Chinese are competing with each other to prove which can overcome the U.S. first and, thus, show which deserves to run the communist world which both expect to come.

We face not one adversary or one hostile power center but two. What's more, the two brands of communist conquest—that is: encircle the cities from the countryside and first win the cities, then subdue the surrounding rural areas—often cooperate in the field.

Before the military coup ended communists' hopes for a time in Brazil, Red Chinese were working in the countryside, Russian-oriented communists were working in the cities. Mutual cooperation existed.

The most serious trap facing the U.S. right now is that we are falling into the arms of Moscow in the false belief that we are either further splitting the two Red giants, or that Russian communists are being forced to become truly friendly and cooperative with us out of fear of Red China.

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This is by way of leading up to the case of the Visiting Elk, and his good wife and perhaps a child or two, and the reception they receive when they pause for a visit at an Elks lodge they see as they motor along on their vacation trip. After checking his card to make sure that he has the current one and that he has signed it, the Visiting Elk rings the bell in anticipation of a friendly, hospitable welcome reminiscent of the warm atmosphere of good fellowship that prevails back home. And most of the time he gets it. It's those other times that hurt.

Everybody gets hurt when a Visiting Elk is given an indifferent, or even downright unfriendly, recep-

tion. It is a shock and disappointment to the visitor that takes away just a little of his pride in Elkdom. The lodge that allows such treatment loses an opportunity to enhance its reputation for hospitality in the Order and to add to the sum total of human happiness through good fellowship. The whole Order suffers, especially when a wife is exposed to such an example of salesmanship in reverse.

Several such instances of unfraternal conduct along these lines have come to our attention in recent months. While it is true that they are conspicuous by their infrequency, nevertheless they always are disquieting. Good human relations must be worked at constantly. Even the best of lodges must have leadership that keeps a close check on all operations, including, not incidentally but especially, the way that visitors are met at the front door.

At Christmas and other festive times it is easy to extend a hearty welcome to the Visiting Elk under the spell of the season. At other times during the year, we have to work a little harder at it. It's worth it. The Elk standard of hospitality is a high one. Let us keep it that way.

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Ten of these amendments were approved and became effective on December 15, 1791. They constitute what has come to be known as the Bill of Rights, the most widely known section of our fundamental charter, and in many respects the most important.

There was strong and widespread opposition to the Constitution as submitted to the states for ratification. Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, leaders in the fight for ratification, would have had a much easier task had the draft contained the proposals later covered by the Bill of Rights.

Under the circumstances, it was a tribute to the good sense of the people that they ratified the Constitution on the understanding that amendments would be proposed immediately to meet their objections, and it was an extremely fortunate thing for us. Had

the Constitution failed of ratification, it is almost certain that the country would have fallen into political and economic chaos, with disastrous results. We do indeed owe a great debt to our founding fathers.

### Something New

We wish, with due modesty, to call our readers' attention to some developments in the past year and a half that we think contribute to making this Magazine more interesting as well as more valuable to the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Among these developments has been the introduction of many new writers to the pages of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, writing on a wide variety of subjects. Since January 1 of this year alone, more than two dozen new writers have been published in this Magazine.

Their articles have ranged from hunting and fishing to peacetime uses of the atom, from skydiving to the causes of earthquakes, from developments in automobile engines to exploration of the moon.

On the average, more articles and stories have been carried in each issue

than in recent years. This has been made possible by using shorter pieces, a requirement that does not seem to have affected adversely the quality of the contents and may have produced an improvement.

Then, with our July, 1963 issue, THE ELKS MAGAZINE for the first time used photographs (San Francisco scenes) as the art work for the front cover. In the past, all covers had been paintings. Six other covers—those for October, 1963, and January, May, July, September, and October of this year, also were produced from photographs. Use of photos allows a creative latitude that results in greater variety. For example, the January cover (a snowscape) and the May cover (World's Fair Unisphere) were created from photos with the use of a process called posterizing, which produces its own distinctive, artistic effects.

No doubt many of our observant readers have noticed these changes in the makeup and content of the Magazine, but they come so slowly that they may have escaped the attention of most. Their only purpose is to provide our readers with a better Magazine, and we hope that they have contributed to that end.

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