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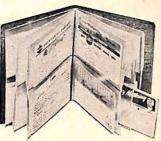
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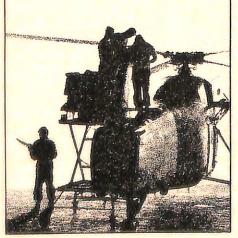
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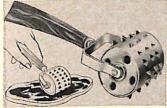
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We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the editorial entitled "Teaching About Communism" (May issue). Acknowledgment in the editorial of the efforts put forth by the American Legion and the National Education Association's Joint Committee in devising "Guidelines for Teaching about Communism" is appreciated.

You will be interested to know that a couple of weeks ago the National Americanism Commission met here in Indianapolis, and I took pride in passing my copy of The Elks Magazine around to members of the Commission so they could read this particular editorial.

I am proud to have been a member of the Order of Elks for many years, and I want to tell you that if this office can ever be of service, we will deem it our privilege.

Maurice T. Webb, Director National Americanism Commission The American Legion Indianapolis, Ind.

Verbal Clarity about Polluted Air

Needless to say, the May issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE was read with great interest and pleasure in this office. In our opinion, Mr. [Gary] Zane performed an outstanding job in condensing a great mass of material, and the article ["Danger: Dirty Air"] maintains its readability and clarity through-

For many years now, we have strongadvocated regional and national approaches to the problem of air pollution-since they offer the only ultimate solution-and the interest of national publications such as yours can do much to further this end. Progress is already discernible at the federal level, and with this kind of support we can hope for more. . . .

Once again, my congratulations upon an excellent job of reporting.

ARTHUR J. BENLINE, Commissioner Dept. of Air Pollution Control New York, N. Y.

Primer for Freeway Driving

The following letter was addressed to James T. Jenkins Jr., editor of American Road Builder magazine and freelance writer.

The other evening I was perusing the June issue of The Elks Magazine and the title of your article "Can You Drive the New Freeways?" caught my attention. After reading this article, I real-

ized that here was a primer most necessary in our present-day traffic problem. I wish to commend you on the excellence of your article and the information provided for all drivers.

As vice-chairman of the Safety Committee of the National Association of Insurance Agents, with my particular interest as chairman of the Highway Safety Committee, I have been most interested in the articles, information, tests, and results on highway safety in the United States. . . . I am calling your article to the attention of our insurance association. Thank you for the time and effort you gave in order to prepare this article.

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W. A. WATSON National Association of Insurance Agents, Inc. New York, N. Y.

Safety Device for Glass Doors

I read "Doorways to Disaster" in the June issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE and would like to suggest another safety device for glass doors.

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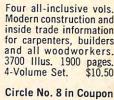
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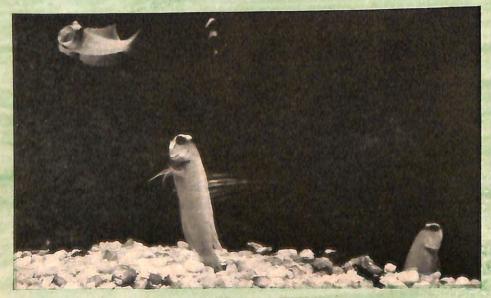
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The Westinghouse Corporation and Jacques-Yves Cousteau, the famed French diver and undersea cinematographer, teamed up to design and build this "diving saucer," an undersea exploration craft.



What's down there? One unexpected find so far was this previously unseen and unknown fish, a charming fellow that lives on the bottom and sits on his tail when he emerges.

In Quest of

By GARDNER SOULE

A NEW COURSE has been charted—to the depths of the oceans. The bottom of the sea, unreachable by men throughout all history, can now be explored. Evewitnesses can get there.

What has changed is that there are two new ways to get to Davy Jones' locker (and to get back alive from it): New diving elevators take divers deeper than ever. A whole fleet of new miniature submarines, the first now on hand, will go deeper than any earlier submarines.

What is down there in the depths of the ocean? Why should men try to go into the depths from which they have been barred throughout their time on earth?

"There is abundant wealth within the sea," says J.H. Clotworthy, vicepresident and general manager of the Westinghouse Undersea Division in Baltimore. The deepest-diving of the new submarines are designed to make it possible to obtain wealth even from the abyss, the deep, largely unknown middle of the sea. Those deepest-diving submersibles are Reynolds Aluminum's Aluminaut, built to go down three miles, and recently tested off Miami; Westinghouse's Deepstar 20,000, which will dive almost four miles and will be along in a couple of years; and the nuclear-powered, deep submergence submarine for which plans were recently announced by the White House. With nuclear propulsion, this one could prowl the ocean bottom indefinitely, as none of the others can. It could, the White House announcement said, help with 'deep depth mining.'

The background behind that statement is that in the deep oceans, two or three miles down, have been spotted (by undersea photos taken by the Navy and others) what look like enormous deposits of minerals. John Mero, a research consultant, has described the minerals that appear in some areas to blanket the Pacific floor: They are in the form of potato-shaped lumps, or nodules, from ½ inch to 10 inches in diameter, that are rich in manganese, nickel, colbalt, and copper. Manganese,



the Key to Davy Jones' Locker

which today we must import, is vital in making steel.

How the nodules have been formed, apparently over millions of years, is one of many mysteries of the sea. One belief is that they were built by small animals, one-cell creatures that set up housekeeping on such as shark's teeth, whale's earbones, or other particles on the bottom of the sea. These tiny animals consume sea water, the theory goes, and from it extract the minerals they deposit and so build up the nodules.

"One manganese 'ore province'," writes C. P. Idyll in Abyss, "off the coasts of North and South America in the Pacific Ocean, covers two million square miles and contains a conservatively estimated 26 billion tons of ore! This quantity is based on the assumption that the nodules average only one pound per square foot, whereas five to seven pounds per square foot may be a closer estimate."

Three-mile-long vacuum hoses are suggested as a possible means of raising the nodules. Professor A. M. Gaudin of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, sees sucking up the nodules as a development to be expected: "Just as open-pit mining has revolutionized the mining industry in my lifetime," he says, "so undersea mining may do it for our children."

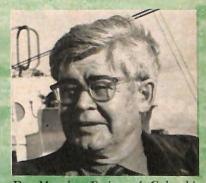
The Lockheed Missiles and Space Company and International Minerals and Chemical Corporation of Skokie, Illinois, recently got the first contract from the Government to do research on undersea mining. Besides the nodules, the companies have other wealth of the sea in mind. They will try to sample black sands, a source, they say, "of such heavy minerals as ilmenite, rutile, zircon, and rare earths. These materials are used to make a variety of products, ranging from metals for space vehicles to paint pigments."

Other wealth on the sea floor: Iron, chromite, and gold (off Alaska); titanium (off Florida and North Carolina); platinum (off the U.S. west coast); diamonds (off South Africa). The clay



Lear Siegler's Benthos V is designed not for exploration but for rescue of other subs' crews if mishaps occur in the deep.





Dr. Maurice Ewing of Columbia University, a geologist and physicist, is one of the leaders in undersea exploration. His goal is to learn more about the earth itself.

Left: Reynolds Aluminum's Aluminaut is one of the deepestdiving subs to be built so far. It can submerge to a depth of three miles, putting most of the ocean bottom within its reach.

of the sea bed is believed to contain enough aluminum for a million years at the present rate of consumption.

It should be noted, too, that mining the bottom of the sea is not the only way to obtain new mineral riches. When desalinization of seawater becomes commonplace, a byproduct will be a substantial amount of minerals in the "sludge" left over.

Altogether, the U.S. will soon have about three dozen of the miniature submarines. We built 12 Gemini spacecraft for our two-man space flights. As the Gemini capsules permit astro-

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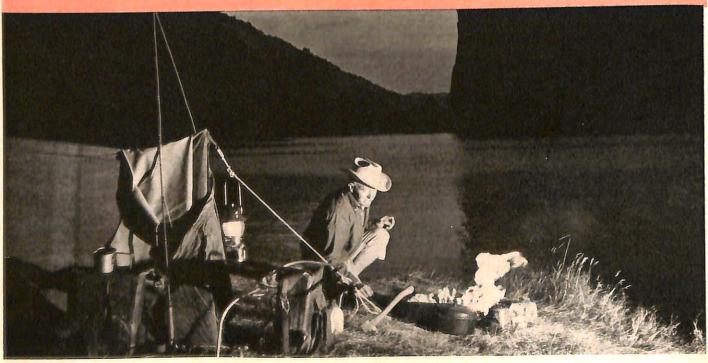


Whether your hunting headquarters will be a tent, a cabin, or a mobile camper, and whether or not you'll take any trophies, make your autumn exodus a memorable one by having:

A Happy Hunting Camp

By ERWIN BAUER

PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR



AS THE HEAT OF SUMMER turns many a man's thoughts toward cooler fall weather, and the exhilarating hunting that goes with it, planning as well as dreaming is in order.

For a large percentage of American sportsmen, the hunting camp is the most important ingredient of any fall hunting trip. It's the headquarters for good fellowship and adventure, a place to escape from all that's routine. To tell the truth, the camp can make or break any hunting trip.

If it is a happy camp, all hands will long remember the experience with warmth, even if the hunting is poor. If not a happy camp, the sooner forgotten, the better.

But exactly what makes a happy hunting camp? Its convenience for one thing, its comfort for another. It doesn't make any difference whether it's a tent, a house trailer, a log cabin, a cave, or a camper coach mounted on a pickup; it can be a happy camp if it is conveniently located and if it is a comfortable place to live during non-hunting hours.

My friend Frank Sayers, with whom I've shared many happy hunting camps, is an absolute crank about organizing a camp. "So much depends," he once observed, "on

where you drive the first tent stake."

It really does. On our annual deer hunt in the North last fall, Frank departed a day before the rest of us to pick out the best possible camp site. It was well worth the extra effort, too, because our tents were pitched in an unusually beautiful setting, deep in an air-conditioned spruce forest beside a sparkling clear brook.

The whole atmosphere of the site was unusually pleasant, but even more important, it meant we had an unlimited supply of water and we were in good hunting country the instant we walked away from the campfire. As it turned out, the deer were less abundant than in other seasons, but nobody will ever forget that happy, picture-book camp.

No matter in what part of the country, clean water is an important consideration in spotting a camp. Keep that always in mind. There may be situations in the Southwest where "dry camping" is necessary and where water must be hauled. But usually water is available, and you should locate as close to it as possible.

A camp should also be well drained and, if late in the autumn, sheltered from raw winds. That may mean going

into the timber or locating on the lee side of hills or mountains. Remember also that you should be able to retreat from your location at the end of the hunt, even if deep snows accumulate or heavy rains turn access roads to quagmires. Sometimes a little ditching or draining beforehand can save big headaches later on.

Just as important as the location is the fact that a happy hunting camp must be a very comfortable camp. It is really a refuge where hunters can eat and sleep and socialize in warmth, no matter what the weather outside. Fortunately, comfort in a hunting camp can be achieved in countless ways. One way is to provide plenty of room for everyone and for all camp activities. Crowded camps, and these are seldom necessary, are too inconvenient to be completely enjoyed.

After picking the spot for last fall's deer camp, Frank Sayers went about the details of setting it up. He should have won a medal for the way he did it. Our group plan had been to erect just one tent and then maybe to rig a canyas fly to cover an outdoor cooking area. But that

didn't satisfy Frank.

Instead, he pitched two roomy wall tents—one for sleeping and the other for cooking, dining, and living. Just outside the cook tent he built a fireplace, complete with chimney, from boulders found in the brook. This would be a place to broil meat. Next he built a kitchen table of green birch saplings and built drying racks for wet boots and socks behind the kitchen stove. When the rest of us arrived, the camp was as cozy a place as home. And there was plenty of room to move around without stumbling over other hunters.

Any sportsman can stand greater hardships, and perhaps even relish them, if he can eat and sleep well at the end of every day. It's a matter of simple psychology. A hunter can concentrate more thoroughly on hunting if he does not have to worry about spending a miserable night. The importance of good sleep and good food on any hunting trip just cannot be overemphasized. Therefore, let's see how to achieve them.

From my own experience, the single factor which ruins more hunting trips than any other is the failure to get a good night's sleep. That means being both warm and comfortable in bed, and nowadays it's (Continued on page 42)

"A simple gun rack erected in the corner of a tent is a safety device as well as a convenience. . . . Another great time-saver is a power saw—for clearing a campsite, for cutting tent poles or a supply of firewood."











FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

A look at a few

SOMEONE once suggested that I do an article on keeping cool in Mexico during summertime, so I decided to wait till it got *really* hot. This being summer, and August being about the hottest month, the present timing seems perfect.

The formula is quite simple, really: Just remain above 5,000 feet, that's all. Mexico City is well above the boiling point of such cozy-in-winter but humid-in-summer watering grounds as Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta.

The reason for avoiding the lowlands in the summer is that this is the rainy season and the tropics boil. The one exception I make to my 5,000-and-up rule is Mazatlán, a playground on Mexico's west coast with little rain and with cooling breezes that fan its row-uponrow of modern hotels. If hunting, fishing, sunbathing, and girl watching is not your cup of tequila, try elsewhere, amigo.

Once upon a time, Mazatlán was the hideway of pirates after they pulled jobs on the high seas. It's served by ferry from La Paz, the fisherman's Shangri-la across the Sea of Cortez, a new and exciting resort complex anchored to the tip of Baja California Sur.

If you once considered Acapulco or Puerto Vallarta to be *in*, just dip down to La Paz and bathe in the warm glow of discovery while the *coronuels* sigh from the sea. Some insist it offers the best game fishing in the world. Certainly it must rank near the very top.

The marlin season runs from March to October and sailfish start sailing in June. Fishing boats are up for charter at \$40 a day, which includes bait, tackle, and crew. Accommodations range from such svelte shelters as Hotel Los Oocos (\$25 American plan) to such humble haciendas as Mansion Guadalajara (\$1.60). Skin divers go off on five-day sails among 11 islands to Loreto, led by a former Los Angeles bank cashier, Richard Adcock. His converted 36-foot Navy landing craft houses six couples, at \$20 a person daily for meals and the use of diving tanks and weight belts. (His address is P.O. Box 133, La Paz.)

I've watched the sun go down in Tahiti and seen it extinguish itself in Hawaii, but nowhere have I seen sunsets to match those of La Paz. Skies blaze and the sea fades till eventually it takes on the rosy reflection of the distant horizon. It's wild and remote and breathlessly beautiful, with just the right amount of civilization to make it comfortably worthwhile. Besides all this, La Paz offers still another bonus: duty-free shopping at free-port prices. Counters spill over with woolens from Britain, beaded sweaters from Hong Kong, mantillas from Spain.

The town itself exudes a mood reminiscent of Papeete in far-off Tahiti. Spindly palms wave from the waterfront, yachts tug at their tethers, and the evening sky is set aflame for act one of that aforementioned sunset.

Visitors and their purchases are returned to Mazatlán via a deluxe new ferry. It sails at 4 p.m. and drops you back in Mazatlán by 8 o'clock the next morning. I expected something put together with chicken wire and propelled by paddle wheel. As it turned out, the Mexicans are operating what's got to be the world's spiffiest ferry, a gleaming white vessel with wall-to-wall carpets, a lounge like on the *Queen Mary*, cabins with private showers, and

meals served by Mexico's leading hotelier and restaurateur, Caesar Balsa, who's known as the Mexican Maxim. The ferry carries 372 passengers and 114 cars. Prices range from \$4 for airplane-type reclining seats to \$16 for staterooms, \$28 for cabins, and \$50 for suites.

When you leave La Paz and Mazatlán and return to the cooler, higher climes, the next logical stop is Guadalajara, a drive that should take no more than nine hours (it's only an hour by plane). Here any hombre can play the part of Don Juan for \$1.20-the tab for engaging a mariachi group to make vour sweetie swoon. It was in Guadalajara that the mariachi was born. Some mariachis play like a chorus of tom cats wailing at the moon. Others play as smoothly as a Mexican Lawrence Welk. In Guadalajara's Nuevo Mercado Libertad, Mexico's second biggest public market, the slapping of tortillas is like the clapping of a flamenco dancer. And nearly as noisy as the mariachis. On one floor alone I counted 83 small restaurants. On the lower levels, salesmen push limes guaranteed to cure 170 ills and dried coyote meat that cures nothing, not even an appetite.

In Guadalajara tourists are bedded down at the Gran, a friendly and immaculate hotel of relaxed simplicity where a vacationing couple can find shelter and three meals for \$14; the Camino Real, an elegant spread that surrounds a garden and pool (\$12), and the new Guadalajara Hilton, a glass skyscraper that dispenses Scotch at \$1.60 a thimbleful and rooms at \$16.

Outside the city we found a new paradise, a town with 4,300 people and only a single telephone. It is at







offbeat, pleasant, interesting locales south of the border

By JERRY HULSE

Lake Chapala, where two villages, Chapala and Ajijic, presently are filling up with tourists because the living's cheap, temperatures are mild, and the skies are not cloudy all day. Not only that, a haircut in Ajijic costs only three pesos (24 cents), beer sells for 15 cents the bottle, golf lessons cost 80 cents, horses rent for 40 cents an hour, and the key to a home with two or three bedrooms comes to \$40 a month, sometimes less. (One far-sighted Yank took a lease 10 years ago and as a result pays only \$10 a month!)

The lake is Mexico's biggest body of water—60 miles long and 14 miles wide. It lies 400 miles west of Mexico City, 33 miles outside Guadalajara. Besides the ridiculously low prices, Ajijic and the slightly bigger town of Chapala are blessed with year-round summer. The

The photos: "M"-A mariachi band, similar to those Jerry observed in Guadalajara, and about which he offers a "mixed review" . . . "E"-This bell tower is a Puerto Vallarta landmark . . . "X"-At Mazatlán, a souvenir salesman offers a tourist couple some model sailfish carved from bone . . . "I"-In Guadalajara, the cathedral is seen through the spray of a fountain . . . "C"-For those who journey on to Mexico City, a worthwhile attraction is the Ballet Folklorico . . . "O"-In this part of Mexico, charros (cowboys) conduct rodeo-type shows on the ranches where they work.

combination of cut-rate costs and favorable weather is the draw that's attracting more and more American retirees as well as the tourists.

During our stay we hung our sombrero at Posada Ajijic. (Once upon a time it was a tequila still.) Outside our door, rivers of bougainvillea spilled beneath coffee trees, banana trees, avocado, and plum trees.

Blasts of perfume rose up from rare tropical flowers. And all this time a parrot named Joe chattered at guests both in English and Spanish. When morning came, coffee was ground fresh from the trees and guests picked their own fruit if they wished.

Posada Ajijic is run by an ex-Holly-wood film and TV producer, Sherman Harris, and his wife Jane; both seem dedicated to the idea of spoiling their guests for any other life. A popular pastime involves nothing more strenuous than luxuriating in the sun beside the pool and gazing off at fishermen who spread their nets across the lake. Sometimes, when ambition overtakes someone, he buzzes off in an outboard for a picnic on Scorpion Island.

Should all this sound tempting, \$15 will get you meals as well as a roof for two each night, with private bath, comfortable beds, and a fireplace in case the night gets nippy. Singles (with meals) come to \$10 and suites are \$18.

Candles burn in Harris' cantina and a wood fire warms his guests, who sip rum drinks while trying to forget that departure time may be only another tomorrow away. They close their eyes and the room fills with the lament of three Mexican guitars, the melodies mingling with the straw of the roof overhead. In the summertime, electrical storms send white bolts flashing across the lake. And the rain, like the lightning, comes only at night so that the days are flawless; a person walking on the opposite shore is clearly visible. Sherm Harris allows how a place in New Zealand has a climate equal to Ajijic's —but why bother, he asks, when it's quicker, easier, and infinitely cheaper to visit his town?

The village is old and mysteriously quiet, and in the evening when the sun goes down and the air gets chilly, the Mexicans sit on the sidewalks because they still hold the heat. Not far off, the Pepsi-Cola king of Mexico, a Mexican himself, lives in a \$250,000 mansion with stables and a guest house and two swimming pools, one for the servants.

If someone gets a phone call in Ajijic the telephone operator must run to get him, for there is only the one telephone. The telephone office is just down the street from the beauty shop, which operates out of the back of the butcher shop. Some claim there are bandidos in the hills of Ajijic. But they never come into town if indeed they are up there. Neither, on the other hand, do the townspeople go into the hills.

Bob Week, a retired painting contractor from Pasadena, will build a house for \$3.50 a square foot on lots selling for \$3,000 each. He also raises vegetables that he trades for drinks at Harris' cantina.

In Ajijic one can live well on \$300 a month, and that includes the hiring of a maid. Ken Anderson, a retired Army captain, built a two-bedroom home for \$3,200. He claims he's found

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RETIREMENT—what's it all about? At the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., where some of the older members of the Order of Elks spend their declining years, it's not all rocking chairs, television, and reminiscing about bygone days.

At the Home, retirement means healthful, challenging, even productive activity, under the able administration of Superintendent Doral E. Irvin. Not that anyone is required to participate in activities that may not interest him; far from it. But languor is not the law at the Home; residents may participate actively or just relax and enjoy the surroundings, as they see fit.

To make this choice possible, Brother Irvin has organized a diversified and stimulating program of activities, requiring varying degrees of physical effort, that range from golf to woodworking to youth work to bridge.

A Home-sponsored golf tournament on the pitch-and-putt course is directed by Brother Charles M. Stevens of Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge. A competent golf instructor and expert in the care of greens and fairways, he formerly conducted numerous tournaments for his lodge and local country club.

The Home's youth program is headed by Hartley F. Hazard of Livingston, N. J., Lodge, a retired police captain with extensive experience in the Boy Scout movement. Nearly 100 residents assist Brother Hazard as merit badge examiners as part of the Home sponsorship of an Explorer Post. Sid Schlager of Flint, Michigan, Lodge is director of Cub Scout work. The Home also sponsors a Little League Baseball team.

Bridge is played Monday evenings, as well as several mornings, each week at the Home. In charge is Walter M. Quinn of Philadelphia, Pa. Lodge. Brother Quinn also arranges for residents of the Home to compete in Bridge tournaments in Bedford's neighboring cities. The Home's Bridge teams have established a reputation for their winning ways.

Oil painting is another activity at the Home which is attracting a large number of participants. This program is directed by Herbert L. Cruff of Attleboro, Mass., Lodge, with the assistance of the Home Superintendent's wife, Mrs. Kitty Irvin, and two of the Home's Registered Nurses.

The Home, a quiet, peaceful retreat set in the beautiful Virginia country-side, is a place where our elderly Brothers may spend their retirement years in ease. It has aptly been described, by its residents who know it best, as "The Country Club of the South." But it is something more than that. It is a place where retirement, thanks to a program which places the accent on activity, means a participating, productive, and rewarding experience.

Tournament play sparks competition among Home's golfing buffs. Seen on pitch-and-putt course are, l. to r., Brothers Rupert Wilson, Charles M. Stevens, Charles Beebe, and Ralph Shipman.



Brothers John Rector, Ben Barre, and Charles M. Stevens are seen busily engaged in the Home's hobby shop. All necessary materials and a full line of tools are furnished resident craft hobbyists, enabling them to spend many happy and productive hours working in the shop.

For complete information on life at the Elks National Home, see your lodge Secretary or write to the Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia.



Working on plans for the Little League baseball team, which the Home sponsors as part of its youth program, are Superintendent Doral E. Irvin and Brother Hartley F. Hazard, standing; and Brother Arthur Roettger and "Buddy" Gordon, Bedford Recreational Director.

Stone cutting and polishing, which here engrosses Brother John McMichael, is one of many challenging projects engaged in at the Home. Others range from oil painting to woodworking to youth work.





Pocket billiard tournament conducted recently at the Home, as part of Superintendent Irvin's diversified activities program, produced lively competition among resident devotees of the cue. Winners received personalized cues and cash prizes. Shown here in tournament play are, left to right, Brothers Herbert Cutter, L. O. Hawkins, Clifford Amlow, Walter Dunlap, and William Mitchell.





Among the popular pastimes at the Home is oil painting. Here, resident Rembrandts pose with their paintings-in-progress: l. to r., Edgar Kelly, John Huff, Clarence Van Tassel, Helmer Eriksen, and Herbert Cruff.

Scouting is another Home activity. Shown are Brothers Sid Schlager (center), and Hartley F. Hazard; the Scouts are Bill Powers, Joe Lisa, David Darden, and Mark Gillespie.



News of the Lodges

At Bakersfield, Calif., the Pageant of the Flag in the background, were, left to right, State Americanism Chairman Dan Davis, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Freedoms Foundation Western Dir. W. Jerome Haggerty, P.E.R. Jack Brackeen, E.R. Ray Dezember and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely.

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Pride in the Primer of Patriotism wins nine Freedoms Foundation Awards for one community

THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS of American patriotism are deeply rooted in every citizen of Bakersfield, California, and the interest of their community is the prime concern of every member of Bakersfield Lodge No. 266. It is probably for those reasons that the patriotic efforts of both the community and the lodge received such outstanding recognition from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

After receiving word from Kenneth D. Wells, President of the Foundation, that the Bakersfield Elks' entry in the Community Programs Category had been selected as the 1965 recipient of the coveted George Washington Honor Medal Award, and that seven junior or senior high schools of the city, as well as one of its leading citizens, W. B. Camp, Sr., were to be similarly honored, the Elks of Bakersfield decided to make the presentation ceremonies something special for the entire community.

Therefore, on May 6th, 400 representative citizens of the area enjoyed a banquet sponsored by No. 266, and saw the nine awards presented, with Exalted Ruler Rayburn Dezember serving as Master of Ceremonies, and the students of John L. Compton Junior High School presenting a thrilling Pageant of the Flag. Closely resembling Elkdom's traditional Flag Day Ritual, the pageant was written and staged by the students themselves, with a musical back-

ground by their own talented Glee Club and orchestra.

The very effective speaker on this program was Arch N. Booth, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, who flew out from Washington, D. C., expressly for this event. W. Jerome Haggerty, Western Regional Director for the Freedoms Foundation, presented the awards to the Elks, to Compton High and the other schools receiving this signal honor. All represented by their principals, they were James Curran Junior High School; Fremont School, Delano; Plantation School; Roosevelt School; Standard School, Oildale, and Wingland School, Oildale. Mr. Camp accepted his award from the Hon. Albert W. Hawkes, Trustee of the Freedoms Foundation and a retired U. S. Senator.

Sharing their pleasure and pride in these achievements were a number of distinguished guests, including Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and Horace R. Wisely and their wives, State Elks Americanism Chairman Dan Davis, and a number of local civic leaders.

Chairmanned by Past Exalted Ruler Dave Parker, the event itself underscored the very quality that won Bakersfield's Elks this outstanding honor—their realization of their responsibility to their fellow men in making the occasion a matter of pride for everyone.





to the Order when Slidell Lodge No. 2321 was instituted on May 8th, and Lafayette Lodge No. 1095 came into being the next day. Slidell's Charter Officers, led by E.R. Martin Moe, Jr., center background, are pictured above with Special Deputy Robert Cameron, Grand Lodge Committeeman Willis C. McDonald and D.D. Claude Elbourne, fourth, fifth and sixth from left foreground, respectively. The Lafayette photograph at left includes its first officers and Trustees, headed by E.R. Harold C. Cannon, left.

TWO INSTITUTIONS, 24 hours apart, seem to be the thing lately—particularly in the central section of the country.

After reporting on the Missouri duo last month, we have another pair for Louisiana to report here: Slidell Lodge No. 2321 was instituted May 8th, and Lafayette No. 1095, on the 9th.

Baton Rouge Lodge sent a ritualistic team to handle the ceremony for Slidell which welcomed a Charter-Member group of 101 initiates and more than 40 on transfer dimit. They chose Martin F. Moe, Jr., as their first Exalted Ruler, and he and his fellow officers immediately went to work on the appointment of various committees to make No. 2321 a vital arm of Elkdom.

This is as it should be. Originally only a resort town, NASA installations and related industrial activity are making Slidell the hub of a gigantic operational wheel, with expanding activity drawing more families into its circumference every day. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of its membership should make Slidell Lodge a tremendous influence in this dynamic new community which grew from 5,000 persons to 17,000 in two years, expects a 1970 population of 100,000.

Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman Willis C. McDonald, Special Deputy Robert B. Cameron and District Deputy Claude Elbourne participated in the ceremonies instituting the lodge they had done so much to promote.

Shreveport provided a fine team to handle the ceremonies for Lafayette Lodge which began life with 65 new Elks, and another 20 transfers. Two fathers became affiliates of this new lodge, both seeing a son become a Brother Elk. It seems the name Sibille appears quite a few times on the Lafayette roster; there are two brothers and a cousin who are members. A third brother is Secretary of Opelousas Lodge and was on hand to applaud the proceedings.

Harold C. Cannon was elected Exalted Ruler of No. 1095 which promises to be just as lively a group of Elks as does Slidell.

WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Lodge's Sports Night had nationally known golf pro Paul Harney as speaker and guest of honor. A large crowd was entertained by color films of Harney's 1964 TV series match with Arnold Palmer. Left to right are Est. Lect. Knight Thomas J. Rafferty, E.R. John Kerbel, Paul Harney, Lead. Knight R. W. Reynolds, Trustee Arthur Yagian and Mgr. D. F. Brosnihan. James Gilrein and Jos. P. Horgan were Co-Chairmen.



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McKEES ROCKS, Pennsylvania, Elk officials present an American Flag to Mayor David Hershman, a lodge member, during the dedication of the city's new Municipal Building. Left to right are E.R. William Lowry, Est. Lead. Knight James Green, Mayor Hershman, P.E.R. Leo Kirk, Treas. Harry Fruchthandler, Secy. James Kirk and Est. Lect. Knight Raymond Brownley.



DEVILS LAKE, North Dakota, Elks honored their veteran Secy. H. J. Monroe with the initiation of 27 candidates, one for each year of Mr. Monroe's service to his lodge. Dignitaries present included, left to right, foreground, beginning second from left, State Trustees Claire Moore and Don Thorson, Chairman; State Vice-Pres. Gordie Klug; State Pres. Cliff Reed; Mr. Monroe; D.D.'s Martin Gronvold and Byron Edwards, and E.R. Neil Thompson.



NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Lodge opened the new lodge year with the initiation of 44 as a tribute to P.E.R. C. E. Standfield. Pictured, center foreground, left to right, are P.E.R. F. J. Howell, Jr., P.E.R. Standfield and E.R. R. S. Peters, Jr.



SUFFOLK, Virginia, Elks watch with pleasure as P.E.R. B. M. Scott, State Vice-Pres., breaks ground for their \$80,000 home.





SAN BERNARDINO, California, E.R. Raymond Lord accepts a \$3,375.21 check for the State Elks Major Project C/P Fund from lodge Secy. V. L. Moslander, Chairman of the Elks Bowl Football Game sponsored by the lodge.

Lodge Notes

It is with some embarrassment that we must admit to a peculiar error which appeared in some copies of our July issue. At the top of page 24 is a photograph of ground-breaking ceremonies for Lake Hopatcong Lodge's new home. Some of our readers were led to believe that lovely area exists in the State of New York, whereas it really lies in New Jersey and is one of the reasons New Jersey is known as the Garden State.

At a regular June meeting, Paducah Ky., Lodge welcomed six candidates in honor of P.E.R. Robert E. Utterback who retired as lodge Secretary this Spring, after more than six years.

Westminster, Md., Lodge has a building plan in progress under Exalted Ruler C. L. Hardesty. The home will be erected on the nearly nine acres of property the Elks have purchased. Several weeks ago, the lodge donated the old two-story frame dwelling already on the property to six local fire companies for a training program. On hand to witness the work done by 60 firemen, and their 15 pieces of equipment, were retiring Ruler R. A. Lint, Mr. Hardesty, Esteemed Loyal Knight

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Lodge's 1965-66 officers, led by E.R. J. C. Boyarsky, are seated in the foreground with their first class of the year. It honored James H. Daughtry.

Raymond Corbin and Lecturing Knight C. D. Warner, District Deputy Ronald Miller and Westminster's Mayor Joseph Hahn.

During the Spring's terrible floods of the Mississippi, the home of Muscatine, Iowa, Lodge was one of those in constant danger. As a precaution against buckling of the floor, which was about five feet below the river's level, some 2500 sandbags were placed along them, and a 24-hour vigil kept by a number of faithful members who fought seep water for two weeks.

An American Flag and standard were presented to the Meadow School in Yorktown by the members of Ossining, N. Y., Lodge. Exalted Ruler Frank Faillace made the presentation to school principal Herman Blatte. He was assisted by fellow Elks Ralph Vaccaro and Charles DePilla, and explained to the assembled students the meaning of the Flag and its symbols.

The 25th Annual Nebraska Elks Bowling Tournament took place at the Hill Top Lanes in Kearney between March 27 and May 2. The No. 8 team from the host lodge, Larry Reger and Jack Jensen, won the doubles, and Dee Swanson of Holdrege Lodge took the singles title. The All-Events Champion was Harry Carlson of Columbus. The group's annual meeting also was held in Kearney when L. R. Wallace was elected President and the 1967 Tournament was awarded to Grand Island.

As a service to any of our readers who might have been members of the 547th Night Fighter Squadron, the group's 20-year Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in North Chicago, Ill., 2315 Green Bay Road, on August 20 and 21. This World War II Squadron participated in the Philippine invasion and occupation of Japan.

The latest on Marquette, Mich., Lodge's 12-month Traffic Safety Award program concerns winners of the 10th and 11th prizes. Both are multiple! Four recipients were honored during May-and two of them were women! This quartet had teamed up to make the city-wide bicycle inspection drive a success. They are Mrs. Lorraine Ward-the mother of 14 children! -Mrs. Elma Muelle who has four youngsters, Scout Jerry Gauthier and bike shop proprietor George Weil. The ladies headed Girl Scout groups which handled the safety check with two men. June's award went to a much larger group-an entire fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, of Northern Michigan University. These young men, according to the city police department and other law enforcement agencies, have assisted the police in many emergencies and are on call at the police station for any situation demanding their aid.

Scouting's highest honor for adult volunteer work, the Silver Beaver award, has gone to another Elk, Arthur E. Steffens, a member of Cicero-Berwyn, Ill., Lodge. Mr. Steffens has devoted 33 years of his life to Scouting, and for 18 years has given many hours to volunteer scouting activities in the West Suburban Council, representing his lodge's three units in addition to many others.

Every so often we have the pleasure of reading an outstanding newspaper editorial concerning the Order. One of these came from the Brattleboro (Vt.) Daily Reformer. Entitled "Elks Give Again", it is a piece praising the local Elks' generosity over the past 25 years, particularly in connection with what is known as the "Elks Annex," part of the lodge property which, since it is not regularly used, its members have given to various outside uses over the years. The latest offer of this facility went to the Civil Defense authorities, for the storing of some of its 200-bed hospital equipment which all Brattleboro hopes it never will have to use.

Togetherness is an important word to the Elks and their families of Eureka (Tintic), Utah. Recently the lodge hall was redecorated, and the ladies assisted in the cleaning, and then purchased new drapes. This was a threevear project for the 29 women who made up the group, and Mrs. Thelma Roberts represented them when she handed the \$568 check for the drapes to Exalted Ruler Jay Chatterton. These ladies purchased new electric stoves for the kitchen not long ago, and when the teen-agers are entertained, the members of the lodge's distaff side are always there to provide refreshments. When Eureka's Elks honored the local basketball team recently, the ladies prepared and served the banquet for them.



News of the Lodges CONTINUED

ANACORTES, Washington, Lodge held a Sea Scout Bridge of Honor when Sea Scout Douglas McDugle received a National Court of Honor Certificate of Merit for Life Saving. Left to right are Skipper Andrew Jacobs, E.R. Jim Sinclair, Douglas McDugle, Capt. Jensen, CO at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, and State Vice-Pres. Chet Hawes. Douglas, 15, swam out into Cranberry Lake Wash., brought the unconscious 13-year-old Willis Pittman to shore, and revived him through artificial respiration, in spite of the persistent interference of a hysterical woman. After Douglas and his father loaded the boy into a car to take him to a dispensary, it was necessary for the Sea Scout to restore Willis' breathing again by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.



MASSACHUSETTS Elkdom's \$1,000 gift is presented to the Don Orione Home in East Boston. Left to right, foreground, are Past Grand Exalted Rulers John E. Fenton and John F. Malley, Rev. John Casati, F.D.P., Director of the Home, Dom DiMaggio, the Home's Advisory Board Chairman, Past State Pres. Andrew A. Biggio, former Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, P.D.D. Joseph Bergin, Harold J. Field of the Grand Forum, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman Michael J. McNamara and State Elk Trustees Chairman Morris Margolis.



CAMDEN, New Jersey, Lodge's 9th Annual Crippled Children's Charity Ball netted approximately \$1,600 for this program. Pictured with Miss Wendy Woods, Charity Ball Queen, are, left to right, E.R. Thomas Saccoman, Secy. W. L. Fogg, General Chairman E. J. Griffith, Committee Treas. W. F. Huff, D.D. Charles B. Fisher and Committee Secy. C. W. Rowand.

ALLEGHENY, Pennsylvania, P.E.R. Ed Harney presents toys to the Child Health Center for the needy. With him are Public Health Nurse Mildred Barrett, Judith Luff, 1½, and Morales Bates, 4½.

SUNNYVALE, California, Lodge initiated the largest class in its history when 200 men, signed up in 90 days, became Elks in honor of P.D.D. Bob Grafe, to top the West Cent. Dist. with a net membership gain of 34.77. Left to right are Est. Lead. Knight Jim Webber, E.R. Keith LeValley, P.D.D. Grafe, Loyal Knight Roy Goodwin and Lect. Knight Lyle Defoe.



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ALLIANCE, Ohio, Lodge officials (wearing white jackets) are pictured with a class of 12 honoring P.E.R. C. N. Gilmore on his 75th birthday. He is pictured, fourth from left foreground, with E.R. J. E. Fike on his left. One of the candidates was the son of long-time Elk Ralph Forest.

McPHERSON, Kunsus, Elks break ground for a \$167,000 home. In the foreground is Grand Est. Loyal Knight Fred Kelly, addressing the spectators, and, left to right background, Trustee Lawrence Moore, P.E.R. Myron Garrelts, Bldg. Committee Chairman, Trustee Merwin Hapgood, C of C Pres. Clair Miller, Trustee Charles Frodsham, architect Carl Edwards, E.R. Howard Kittell and contractor Wesley Burk.







TEMPLE, Texas, Lodge welcomed this fine class of 34 in its new home, shortly after the Grand Lodge year began. One of the initiates was the 21-year-old son of Elk W. H. Killebrew, Sr.

GREAT BEND, Kunsus, Elks who make up the No. 1 Bowling Team of the Independent League which won the City League title, are, left to right, Jack Beck, L. L. Sexson, Ed Whaley, F. N. Klepper, Dale Shanner and Homer Livingston.

KINGSPORT, Tennessee, Lodge's State Championship Ritualistic Team initiated 15 local men and eight from Erwin. They're pictured with, foreground, Erwin E.R. Halleck Cornett, left, and Kingsport's E.R. Martin Karant.







PLANT CITY, Florida, Elks present a Flag to Judge Moody, an Elk, for his courtroom. Left to right are Est. Lead. Knight Mac Lorimer, Elk Pete Sligh, Judge Moody and E.R. Joe Lance.

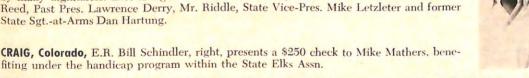
NEW ROCHELLE, New York. Obviously enjoying the pleasure of putting the flame to the lodge's three-year-old \$15,000 mortgage are, left to right, former State Vice-Pres. John J. Gardner, E.R. Wm. G. LeSeur, P.E.R. Frank H. Connelly and Past State Pres. Martin J. Traugott.



GREAT FALLS, Montana, Lodge's Bucks Club presents a \$2,500 check to the State Rehabilitation Center which provides classroom work and therapy for handicapped children, and which was the recipient of the Elks' initial \$10,000 gift, with \$1,500 to \$2,500 given annually ever since by the lodge's Bucks Club. This group gives another \$3,000 each year to the State Elks speech-and-hearing-therapy mobile units. Left to right are E.R. Bob Barnes, Bucks Club Chairman Al Paulson, rehabilitation student Terry Combs who holds the check, therapist Karen Dutt and the Center's Director, Donald Harris.



WILLARD, Ohio, Lodge paid tribute to Past State Pres. Carleton Riddle at a dinner attended by many dignitaries. Left to right are D.D. Earl Sloan, State Trustees Chairman Elwood Reed, Past Pres. Lawrence Derry, Mr. Riddle, State Vice-Pres. Mike Letzleter and former State Set, at Arme Den Hartung.





JOINING FORCES with the local Soroptimists, the Elks of Grangeville, Idaho, Lodge, No. 1825, honored some 52 seniors from seven high schools within their jurisdiction for their scholastic achievements.

With Dr. H. Wallace Steffence, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the University of Idaho, as speaker, the lodge and the Soroptimists hosted 120 students and their parents from Grangeville, Clearwater Valley, Kamiah, Riggins, Nezperce and Prairie (Cottonwood) High Schools, and Cottonwood's St. Gertrude's Academy. The seniors' cumulative grades were all averaged in the upper brackets.

The first annual Scholarship Dinner

was the suggestion of Grangeville Elk Dr. D. J. Soltman, and reflected the opinion of many parents who felt that outstanding scholars should have the same recognition as athletes. The members of No. 1825 took the opportunity offered by this get-together to present their Most Valuable Student and Youth Leadership Awards, a most satisfactory affair.

RETIRING State President Carleton Riddle of the Ohio Elks Association was honored by his home lodge, Willard No. 1370, at a dinner attended by more than 100 persons. With Past President Lawrence Derry as principal speaker, introduced by Past Exalted Ruler Jim

Langhurst, dinner guests included such State Elk officials as Trustees Chairman Elwood Reed, Secretary Sam Fitzsimmons, and Vice-Presidents Mike Letzleter, Robert Kennedy and retiring District Deputy Earl Sloan, and incoming Deputy Wilbur Russell. Willard Lodge was represented by nine Past Exalted Rulers, among them State Chairman Robert Shook of the C/P Fund-Raising Committee.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Art Socin Rotating Membership Trophy to the host lodge by former District Activities Chairman Dan Hartung. Willard showed the largest percentage membership gain for the North Central area.

TACOMA, Wushington, Lodge really went all the way in paying tribute to State Pres. Keylor Smith when E.R. J. R. Brooke and his fellow officers initiated a class so large (488 candidates!) that it took two shots to get a picture of all of them. Present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, former Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Chairman Robert W. Holder, D.D.'s Frank A. Hunt and Floyd Brink, and State Elk officials, Pres. Smith, Vice-Presidents Chester Hawes and Paul Meyers, Secy. Wm. C. King and Trustees Al Burman and Walter Wilson. Less than two months later, another 307 were initiated.







CALIFORNIA-HAWAII Elks Assn. Pres. Henry J. Budde, third from left, presents a speech therapy unit to be put into service in the Hawaiian Islands by the Elks, to Ray G. Medley, second from left, Vice-President for the Hawaii District. Witnesses are E.R. Al Wirth of Kailua Elkdom, left, and Honolulu E.R. Jack Paine, right. The unit was accepted for their lodges, as well as for Hilo.



FREEPORT, New York, Lodge donates a utility truck to the Nassau County Cerebral Palsy Unit for use at the Roosevelt, L. I., C/P Center. Left to right are Social and Community Welfare Committee Chairman Bill Tschardt, P.E.R., Mrs. R. Ames, Pres. of the C/P Auxiliary, E.R. James Fountain and P.E.R. Benjamin Reiner who headed the lodge's fund-raising Bingo Committee.

BELMAR, New Jersey, Lodge's Americanism Chairman James F. Faraher, left, presents an American Flag to Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, Bldg. Chairman for the local Girl Scout Troop. At right, E.R. S. A. Metzgar presents the Declaration of American Principles to Mrs. Nancy Hawkins. The Troop also received a standard for the Flag at this special Elk program.





Elk "brass" photographed at the New York Convention included, left to right, Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Ronald J. Dunn and George I. Hall, retiring President Raymond Barnum, and incoming President Peter T. Affatato.

EVERYTHING CAME OUT ON THE PLUS SIDE

of the ledger at the New York State Elks Convention at Kiamesha Lake May 20-23. There were more delegates on hand than ever before; there was more purpose to their direction than ever before, and greater evidence of the Order's Cardinal Principles than ever before. Proof of all this lies in the fact that New York's Elks voted a budget for their program that was four times what they'd approved in any previous vear. Other evidence of this magnified community interest lies in their expanded program. What was once concentrated in one field, scholarship, has now been tripled to include not only the intellectual betterment of our young people, but their physical improvement and emotional protection as well.

A major project similar to the one instituted some years ago by California's Elks was approved at this session. It is aimed toward making at least one mobile unit available in each of the State's 12 districts to bring therapy to the homes of youngsters suffering from cerebral palsy and kindred handicaps. David Osterer, Board Chairman of the Westchester C/P Association, was an enlightened speaker on this subject. The second new undertaking is anticipated as an effective im-

As Elkdom Grows,

plement against the greatest danger to America's future citizens—narcotics, and, of course, the Association's long-standing and vital scholarship program will continue unabated. At a special session attended by winning students and their parents, Chairman W. F. Dobberstein presented 47 awards totaling \$23,500

Sparked by former State President James A. Gunn, a Grand Lodge Committeeman, the Convention delegates voted a \$75,000 budget for this triplepurpose program. The entire project should move very quickly: two mobile units have already been pledged, one in the East District which has earmarked \$3,050 for this effort as a tribute to the new State President, and one in the East Central area. The narcotics program entails the showing of a 30-minute film, "Narcotics: The Decision," under sponsorship of the Association to bring this growing evil to the attention of responsible adults everywhere in the State.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, George I. Hall and Ronald J. Dunn played important roles in the effectiveness of this stimulating conclave, as did Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, former Grand Lodge Committeeman John F. Scileppi, and Grand Lodge Committeeman John O'Brien and Harry M. Macy.

Bath won the Ritualistic Contest over Watkins Glen and Valley Stream, and John J. Sweeney eulogized one of his fellow Past Presidents, the late J. Harold Furlong, at moving Memorial Services. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hall presided at the banquet when 3,000 diners applauded the presentation of the Membership Trophy to Endicott Elkdom, and then he installed President Peter T. Affatato, Levittown-Hicksville; Vice-Presidents N. A. Manor, Sr., Oswego, H. S. Bateman, Freeport, B. A. Miller, Kingston, Percy Thompson, Ticonderoga, R. F. Martin, Lowville, W. E. Yerick, Sr., Hudson, E. F. Ahneman, Mount Kisco, Wilson Breslin, Oneonta, R. F. Thoma, Lynbrook, H. J. Nenno, Dunkirk, R. T. Grattage, Sr., Amherst, and H. E. McQueen, Wolcott. Trustees are John McLaughlin, Potsdam, W. L. J. Conway, Scarsdale, G. R. Weigand, Elmira, E. G. Heffernan, New York, and F. M. Miller, Rochester. Remaining at their posts are Secretary W. R. L. Cook, Queens Borough, and Treasurer W. C. Petzke, Elmira.



Congratulations were in order in Ohio when 1965-66 Pres. C. Ross Cline, fourth from left, met Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt. Looking on, left to right, are retiring Pres. Carleton Riddle, Chairman E. Gene Fournace of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn.

California's "Mr. Elk," Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, seated, welcomes some of his friends to the State Convention banquet in San Diego. Left to right, they are Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt, General Convention Chairman Carmine Addesso and Mrs. Addesso, Mrs. Donald K. Quayle, Chief Justice Quayle of the Grand Forum, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely. Mrs. Pruitt is seated next to Mr. Lewis.



So Grow Its Charities

IN COLUMBUS for their 67th Annual Convention, April 29 through May 2, approximately 1,000 Ohio Elks and their ladies heard that nearly \$200,000 had been spent on charitable projects during the year, with \$107,000 on community-welfare programs alone. Tom Price reported on the cerebral-palsy work which is the Association's chief interest, revealing that about \$37,800 in grants had been distributed to various C/P centers. A new mobile unit was purchased for use in rural Southeast Ohio.

In veterans' hospital activities, a program bringing monthly programs to each of the State's six VA Hospitals, in addition to a heavy sponsorship of leather and ceramics for their therapy departments, 20-year Chairman L. E. Strong, who was to die less than a month later, made another outstanding report.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt was the speaker at a special luncheon on the 30th, and U. S. Rep. Robert Secrest spoke at the Memorial Services. Mr. Pruitt was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn.

When the State Youth Leadership Contest resulted in a tie, in the girls' division, the Elks promptly doubled the award and presented \$500 gifts to Marsha A. Denyas of Sidney and Linda L. Lyons, Shadyside. Portsmouth's Michael S. Duty received the same amount as Leader in the boys' category. Nearly 75 students were

Elk leaders confer with Gov. Edward T. Breathitt during the Kentucky Convention dinner at Hopkinsville. Left to right are incoming Pres. J. E. Davis, retiring Pres. G. F. Guilfoyle, Gov. Breathitt, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, and host E.R. Jerry Brockman.

honored, with more than \$9,000 presented. Most Valuable Student awards of \$600 each were handed to Susan J. Fershee, sponsored by Middletown Lodge; Peggy Jo Tucker, Barberton; Don D. Sharp, Jr., Lancaster; Jeanne L. Forsthoffer, Berea; Dante Badia, Barnesville; Terry Perris, Toledo, and Judith E. Auker, New Lexington.

C. Ross Cline of Chillicothe was elected President of this pioneer State group, with Vice-Presidents W. G. Springmyer, Cincinnati, M. B. Letzelter, Steubenville, and Earl Sloan, Elyria. E. P. Howard, Alliance, is a new Trustee, and Sam Fitzsimmons of Van Wert was reelected Secretary-Treasurer. Others are Chaplain Harry Yaggi, Lancaster, Sergeant-at-Arms Virgil Search, Chillicothe; Inner Guard L. L. McBee, New Lexington, and Tiler C. E. Sims, Wilmington. Holdover Trustees are Elwood Reed, Bowling Green, and George Walker, Willoughby.

Famed baseball pitcher Robert M. "Lefty" Grove was given a place in the Elks' Hall of Fame, and 54-year member Norman K. Funni of Lima was named Ohio's Elk of the Year.

WITH Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt as the guest of honor and principal speaker, following his introduction by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely, the four-day Golden Anniversary Convention of the California Elks Association opened May 19th. preceding sessions at which the affairs of Hawaii's Elkdom were combined for attention with those of the Gold Coast State. Prevented from attending the opening meeting by the illness of his lovely wife, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis did not arrive in San Diego for this conclave until the following day, in time to participate in the election of officers on Thursday, and the annual highlight of the reunion, the report on the progress of the California Elks Major Project Commission by Chairman Gerald Strohm. Following this, the corps of 36 therapists who man the mobile units was introduced. and the traditional March of the State's Exalted Rulers to present their Piggy Bank contributions took place. The Piggy Banks, supplied to every lodge and every Elk in the State, provide funds which make it possible to expand the Major Project program beyond the scope permitted by the per capita assessment, and are the brain-child of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis, who also



fathered the Project itself. The March resulted in the presentation of a total of \$332,000 at this session! Next year's budget is more than \$700,000.

Climax of this event was the introduction of a five-year-old child who ran from the wings to the stage, to electrify the audience with her acrobatics on the portable outdoor gym set given her by the Commission. Only three years ago, before therapy, this cerebral-palsied youngster had been unable to move!

The closing session was devoted to various reports, and Chairman Frank Burns' announcement of the ritualistic winners—Vallejo Lodge in first place, Grass Valley, second, and Riverside, third. On the "All State" Team were James Tante, Exalted Ruler, Los Angeles; Wm. F. Thomas, Esteemed Leading Knight, Grass Valley; Hal Lackwood, Loyal Knight, Delano, and four Riverside men, Rory O'Rourke, Lect. Knight, Norman Lilley, Esquire, George Petree, Chaplain, and Stanley Everett, Inner Guard.

Before adjourning until the Midterm Conference in Fresno October 23, and the 1966 reunion in Monterey on May 18 through the 21st, the more than 6,000 persons registered for this session met the following new State officials: President Bruce H. Marsh, Inglewood, and Vice-Presidents D. L. Ferrari, Oakland, Morris Kahl, Merced, Karl Kafer, Ridgecrest, W. C. Cole, Pasadena, Stanley Clewett, Paradise, Paul Lenox, Tracy, E. C. Nielsen, Petaluma, E. W. Bloxsom, Anaheim, Donald Welte, Banning-Beaumont, J. M. Foremaster, Compton, John Sundberg, Santa Monica, A. L. Birch, Sr., San Diego, A. F. Schafer, Fontana, Jack Sloan, Salinas, and Hawaii's first elected representative, W. W. Flagg of Kailua. Edgar W. Dale of Richmond began his 26th term as Secretary, J. P. Martin of San Pedro is Treasurer and Trustees are F. J. Luttig, Sacramento, John Cabot, Pasadena, and Floyd Tumbleson, Huntington Park. Others are Chaplain Rt. Rev. George M. Scott, San Pedro; Sergeant-at-Arms Dick Rypkema, Paradise; Tiler Joe Houser, Los Angeles; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Larry Stevens, Downey, and Asst. Tiler D. E. Price, Modesto. Chief Justice Donald K. Quayle of the Grand Forum paid tribute to retiring President Henry J. Budde at the close of this Convention for which Past District Deputy Carmine Addesso was General Chairman.

WADE H. KEPNER, Past Grand Exalted Ruler from West Virginia, was guest of honor at the May 20-22 Meeting of the Kentucky Elks in Hopkinsville. The delegates also welcomed Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, a member of the host lodge and principal speaker at the Convention banquet.

Deciding to hold a mid-term meeting at Madisonville, with the 1966 Session in Covington, Conventioneers elected these officials: President James E. Davis, Henderson; Vice-Presidents C. H. Murray, Covington, C. G. Hatfield, Louisville, and D. A. Grant, Newport; Secretary-Treasurer Edward J. Meier, Newport; Trustees Wm. T. Patterson, Madisonville, S. J. Hicks, Cynthiana, and E. J. DeSoto, Louisville.

FIVE HUNDRED ELKS and their ladies attended the awards banquet which concluded the 56th annual three-day Convention of the Wyoming Elks Association in Riverton May 22. Guest speaker was Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge who commended the State's newest lodges-Lander and Powell-the latter receiving the trophy signifying its having the greatest participation by new members in the Elks National Foundation. Harold Meier of Lander, Past Exalted Ruler of the host lodge, emceed the program which included addresses by Chairman Campbell F. Rice of the Grand Lodge New Lodge Committee, retiring President Paul Child, and incoming President Floyd Livingston of Jackson. Casper Elkdom won the Ritualistic Trophy in a contest in which the Rawlins team took second place. Membership Awards went to Thermopolis for the North District and Jackson for the South.

Earlier, Most Valuable Students Ralph Archuletta, Rock Springs, and Bonnie Turner, Sheridan, received their \$600 awards, with \$400 scholarships presented to Kent Bruce, Sheridan, and Betty Wilhelm, Torrington. Carl Sandburg, Cheyenne, and DeFoe Tonkovich, Worland, won \$300 prizes. Youth Leaders Bonnie A. Birleiffi and J. B. Reed of Cheyenne were also honored.

This Association's long-time favorite charity, the Wyoming Society for Crippled Children and Adults, was the recipient of another Ford station wagon during this session.

Serving with President Livingston are Vice-Presidents Francis Smith, Cody, C. V. Redman, Torrington, A. J. Kelly, Greybull; Chaplain Paul Cody, Casper; Inner Guard Paul Wonnacott, Rock Springs; Sergeant-at-Arms F. R. Anderson, Rawlins; Tiler O. J. Foust, Thermopolis, and, continuing his longtime service as Secretary-Treasurer, L. G. Mehse, Laramie.

GRAND EXALTED RULER Robert G. Pruitt and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. A. Wall were guests of honor when the Florida Elks Association, Inc., convened for its 59th Annual Convention in St. Augustine May 27th. The three-day conclave's opening session had Mr. Wall as the principal speaker, and the Order's 1964-65 leader spoke at the final meeting.

Convention Chairman Wm. J. Mc-Grath introduced Mayor Joe Schelley who welcomed the 900 delegates and guests, and Managing Director George Carver of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital and Mobile Home Therapy Program reported on that project, revealing that \$382,999.21 had been expended on this operation during the past Grand Lodge Year.

State Youth Leaders Connie L. Gonzales and Robert M. Kluchin, both sponsored by Hollywood Lodge, were introduced by Youth Chairman C. J. Strohm and Americanism Chairman Roy Strickland presented his fine report, and introduced Tom Snavely, whose entry, sponsored by Stuart-Jensen Elkdom, won top honors in the Committee's Essay Contest.

Delegates to this meeting decided on Clearwater as the site of their 1966 Convention, and Mr. Wall installed the following officers: President W. S. Compton, Fort Myers; Vice-Presidents Reece Brown, Live Oak, George Reeves, Gainesville, Charles McConnell, Titusville, Frank Holmes, Sanford, Robert Pride, Clearwater, Robert Allen, Arcadia, Karl H. Klaeger, West Palm Beach, and Howard Sullivan, North Miami. William Lieberman of Leesburg retains the office of Secretary, and Frank J. Holt, Miami, is Treasurer, with L. M. Strickland, Sr., Tallahassee, Historian; Mack Jones, Fort Myers, Tiler; Ray Daniels, Clearwater, Sergeant-at-Arms; Everett Ware, New Smyrna Beach, Organist, and C. E. Legg, Sarasota, Chaplain. Past President Chelsie J. Senerchia is a sevenyear Trustee, and Past President I. Pierce Smith is a five-year Director. Other Directors are Harry Beamer, Fort Walton Beach, Ralph Clements, Lake City, C. O. Garriques, MelbourneAt the St. Augustine Airport prior to the Florida Meeting Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. A. Wall, left, welcomes Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt, as Grand Esq. Chelsie J. Senerchia and incoming Pres. W. S. Compton, right, wait their turns.

During their recent meeting, Wyoming Elk officials, led by retiring Pres. Paul Child, second from left, presented this station wagon to the State Easter Seal Society.

Nebraska's new official family includes, left to right, Vice-Pres. C. A. Thomas, Treas. Elmer Bradley, Vice-Pres. John Brainard, Sgt.-at-Arms Vince Collura, Vice-Pres. M. C. Stanley, Pres. G. B. Klein, Secy. C. O. Marshall, Chaplain Joe Cashen, Tiler Tom Lynch, Trustee Dale Borg and Trustees Chairman Bernard Dougherty.

Installed at the Maine Meeting in Bangor were, left to right, Pres. Joseph Winner, Vice-Presidents Wm. A. Tippens, P. H. Oliver and R. J. Hughes, and Secy.-Treas. Edward R. Twomey.

Maurice L. Daniels, receives the gavel as President of the New Hampshire Elks Assn. from John Delaney, as retiring Pres. Norman W. Murtaugh looks on at right.











Eau Gallie, J. A. Morris, Winter Park, Michael Karahalis, Holiday Isles, R. E. Royal, Sarasota, Herbert Payne, Pompano Beach, and J. F. Gordon, Coral Gables.

Special Deputy John H. Bennett of Sheboygan, Wis., was a special guest and conducted a clinic at the Exalted Rulers' and Secretaries' Luncheon. The Memorial Address was delivered by Charles H. Peckelis, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, with Past President Victor O. Wehle eulogizing the late State Chaplain G. Pat LeMoyne.

AN IMPRESSIVE LIST of distinguished guests joined more than 600 Elks and their ladies at the 50th Annual Convention of the Arizona State Elks Association at Tucson, May 12-15, when they were welcomed by Mayor Lew Davis and Exalted Ruler Don Leach.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt led these luminaries who included no less than three of his predecessors, and the 1965 candidate for that office, R. Leonard Bush. They were L. A. Lewis, George I. Hall and Horace R. Wisely. Other outstanding Elks on hand were Grand Treasurer John B. Morey, Grand Lodge Credentials Committee Chairman Marvin Lewis, California's retiring State President Henry J. Budde, Jack Peters, President of the Nevada Elks, and New Mexico's President C. W. Burkett.

Mr. Pruitt conducted an impressive ceremony rededicating the Arizona Elks Association's major project, the fine hospital in Tucson which has recently been completely remodeled and enlarged to include 52 beds at a cost of more than \$200,000.

Safford Lodge took first place in the Ritualistic Contest, followed by Bisbee and Phoenix Lodges in that order.

Elected to office at this session were President Lowell A. Marler, Mesa; Vice-Presidents Harold Nimtz, Winslow, Santry Fuller, Tucson, and L. Wayne Adams, Jr., Phoenix; Secretary Wm. J. Laasch, Mesa, and Treasurer E. F. Erb, Miami.

EVERY ONE of the many events held in connection with the 38th Annual Meeting of the Vermont Elks Association May 21, 22 and 23 took place at the home of Hartford, the host lodge, with the exception of the President's Luncheon at the Hotel Coolidge.

Featured speaker at the annual banquet was Thaddeus J. Pawlowski, a member of the New Lodge Committee of the Grand Lodge, who shared the dais with Lt.-Governor John J. Daley, a member of Rutland Lodge.

Newport's Ritualistic Team won the State Title, the Membership Contest Award and the Bowling Tournament, while the Golf title went to Rutland, and Windsor's Elks took the Cribbage championship.

Delegates to this Convention were gratified to learn that \$40,000 had been raised for their Major Project-Silver Towers Camp for Retarded Childrenand selected Barre as the site of their 1966 Session before electing the following officials, installed by Grand Lodge Ritualistic Chairman Raymond J. Quesnel: President Armand J. Beltrami, Barre; Vice-Presidents Leo F. Keefe, Rutland, John L. Barber, Bellows Falls, and J. Paul Bushnell, Brattleboro. Secretary Roger J. Sheridan, Montpelier, and Treasurer R. Newton Owens, Rutland, were reelected to office, and Ben Rubel, Barre, is Tiler. Appointed to office were Chaplain Carroll Fenwick, Barre, and Sergeant-at-Arms W. C. Knutson, Barre. Threeyear Trustees are Gerald Kelley, St. Johnsbury, H. L. Ahrens, Brattleboro, W. J. Fisher, Barre, and J. A. Burke, Windsor.

FRANKLIN J. FITZPATRICK, Grand Secretary, addressed the Secretaries' Luncheon at Decatur on May 15th, the second day of the three-day 1965 Convention of the Illinois Elks Association. Another honored guest whose address was enthusiastically received by the nearly 1,000 Elks and guests in attendance was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. A. Wall, principal speaker at the banquet that evening. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson addressed the business session on the 15th, and installed the following officers: President George T. Hickey, Chicago (North); Vice-Presidents-at-Large J. C. Meckels, Litchfield, and I. H. Stipp, Springfield; Secretary J. F. Sullivan, Joliet, and Treasurer J. R. Wilson, Centralia.

A capacity crowd of 400 attended the President's Banquet, with 13 of the 14 Student Award Contest winners and their parents, and State Youth Leaders Carl L. Simpson, Fairfield, and Virginia Fred, DeKalb, as special guests.

Chicago (South) Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest, with Sycamore in second place, and Arlington Heights in third, and Joliet Elkdom's "Elks Call" was adjudged the finest bulletin in Illinois, with second honors going to Lawrenceville's "The 1208 Bugle." The moving Memorial Service honored the late Past State President R. G. Borman.

Chairman George Ross reported that his State had reached an all-time high in cooperating with the Elks National

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Foundation; \$80,513.70 was donated by the State's membership. Beardstown Lodge was cited for having over 50 percent of its membership enrolled as Participating Members.

THERE WERE 36 of the State's 39 lodges represented by the several hundred persons attending the May 26-28 Convention of the North Carolina Elks Association in Salisbury. The Order's 1964-65 leader, Robert G. Pruitt, was guest of honor along with Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, addressing the Past Presidents' Meeting and the guests attending the banquet held in his honor.

Various committee reports showed this State to be right on top in its work with veterans, as well as in its Elks National Foundation program. Of course, its chief interest, the outstanding Boys Camp at Hendersonville, received great cooperation with about 500 youngsters enjoying its facilities during the summer.

Asheville Lodge took ritualistic honors, and handling matters for the organization this coming year are President J. D. Woodell, Greensboro; Vice-President-at-Large A. J. Crane, Kinston; Vice-Presidents E. B. Pough, New Bern, P. R. Hampton, High Point, and Ronald Hawkins, Shelby. Treasurer G. C. Killian, Gastonia, and Secretary A. A. Ruffin, Wilson, will continue their fine service.

ROCHESTER ELK Maurice L. Daniels was elected President of the New Hampshire State Elks Association at its 37th Annual Convention in Franklin May 21, 22 and 23, succeeding N. W. Murtaugh. Serving with him are Vice-Presidents Ronald Simpson, Portsmouth, C. A. Coffin, Concord, John Delaney, Littleton, R. E. Smith, Nashua, and L. E. Thibault, Laconia. Harry Parr of Exeter-Hampton Lodge is Secretary and Dana Emery, Littleton, is Treasurer. Other officials of this organization are Trustees Edward Buczynski, Franklin, and W. P. Mills, Eastern Slopes; Chaplain Henry O'Day, Lebanon; Tiler H. R. Batchelder, Plymouth; Organist W. E. Tenney, Concord, and Sergeant-at-Arms C. R. Hoitt, Derry-Salem.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton was guest speaker at the State Officers' and Exalted Rulers' Luncheon on the 22nd, and that evening more than 200 persons attended the banquet and ball at the home of the host lodge, with Exalted Ruler Bertram Pickess introducing Judge Fenton, the speaker.

During this session Youth Leadership awards were presented to Mary L. Sullivan of Nashua and Albion A. Bergstrom of Dorchester. Most Valuable Students Barbara T. Stack, Dover, and Donald J. Duprey, Laconia, were also honored. MEETING IN NORTH PLATTE May 14-15-16 delegates to the 53rd Annual Nebraska Elks Association Convention represented all 25 lodges of the State, with a total of 950 persons registered, although 1,150 turned out for the outdoor barbecue, and 1,300 attended the State Banquet.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge's outstanding service to Scouting was recognized when Cody Scout Commissioner Lloyd Bacon made him Honorary Colonel in that group.

The Blackledge Trophy for ritualistic excellence was won by Kearney, his own lodge, for the fourth year, with Marlowe Rogers, taking his sixth All-State plaque, as Exalted Ruler. Lincoln made second place; Scottsbluff, third; Cozard, fourth, and McCook, fifth. Kearney, Falls City and Chadron received Elks National Foundation State President's Plaques for their increased participation, and Ainsworth and Lincoln Lodges were recognized for their fine youth activities. A \$1,250 Elks National Foundation award went to Lynn Johnson of Norfolk, and Lincoln's Gretchen Owens won a \$600 State Scholarship, a duplicate of which was awarded to Bruce Raymer of Lincoln. Roger Stark of Lincoln won a \$250 State Youth Leadership prize.

Kearney Lodge will be host to the May 13-15 Convention in 1966, with an intervening Fall Conference at Mc-Cook September 11 and 12. Serving as officials of this organization are president George Klein, Lincoln; Vice-Presidents John Brainard, Broken Bow, C. A. Thomas, Scottsbluff, and M. C. Stanley, Omaha; Secretary Chester O. Marshall, Kearney; Treasurer Elmer Bradley, Columbus; Sergeant-at-Arms Vincent Collura, Lincoln; Chaplain Joe Cashen, Omaha, and Tiler Tom Lynch, Holdrege. Trustees are Bernard Dougherty, Scottsbluff, three years; Harry Vondrak, Nebraska City, Russell Mc-Cord, Superior, and Dale Borg, Alliance, all serving one year. Bernard Delay, Norfolk, is continuing Trustee.

MAINE's Convention delegates converged on Bangor for the 37th annual session May 21, 22 and 23, and found Saturday to be the busiest with the Past Exalted Rulers' Annual Meeting, the State session, election and installation of officers, and the annual Convention banquet. The traditional Memorial Services were held on Sunday.

Next May this group will meet in Brunswick, with the following men holding office until that time: President Joseph Winner, Lewiston; Vice-Presidents Wm. A. Tippens, Millinocket, P. H. Oliver, Bath, Richard Hughes, Bangor, and Robert Greene, Auburn. Edward R. Twomey of Portland, the Association's only Secretary-Treasurer, began his 38th term in that office.

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palsy therapy at Newark State College, Union, N. J. Her applications for the grants were endorsed by Westwood Lodge. In the year ended March 31, the Foundation awarded grants for special training in treatment of cerebral palsy totaling \$50,561.38.

CORRECTION In the July issue's Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, it was erroneously reported that total contributions to the Elks National Foundation for the year were \$793,160, due to a typographical error. The correct figure is \$793,170.

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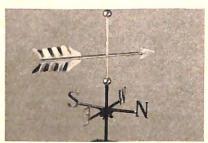
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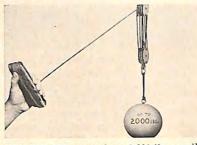
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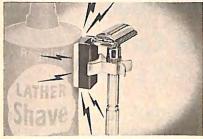
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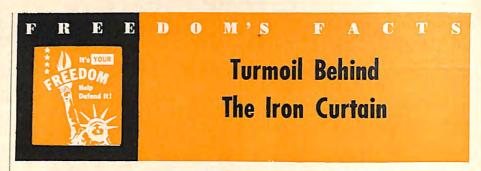


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COMPLAINTS are beginning to pop into the open in a variety of communist-run countries.

A physicist in Moscow said Soviet scientists are less productive than their American counterparts because of communist limitations on freedom of research.

A popular new show in a cabaret in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, is titled: "Alice in Progressive Wonderland." A tag line which brings down the house reads: "If the people have no cakes, give them theories."

Another Yugoslav, Mihajle Mihajlev, at a trial on the charge that he had offended the Soviet Union by attacking Stalinism, told the court: "Stalinism is no better than fascism." He added that "totalitarianism is always the same no matter under what sign it appears or what social system it tends to achieve." Mihajlev was convicted.

In Bulgaria, once thought to be Moscow's most secure satellite, a sizeable segment of the Army and some ex-Army people joined in a coup attempt against Party Leader Tader Zhivkov. They wanted to loosen Bulgaria's close ties with Russia and take a more independent path. They failed, but they tried. That's new.

Still another development has come along. After some 40 years of failure to get Soviet agriculture moving ahead, the Soviet bosses are now encouraging peasants to own their own cows. This is an effort to increase milk production and overcome a serious shortage.

But—private ownership of cows has led to a peasant demand for more milk separators. This demand is stimulating greater production of milk separators, which brings another problem. Where will the planners get the needed extra workers for the milk separator production lines?

Farther West, in Hungary, Istvan Szirmai, a leading Hungarian communist, has criticized the Marxist teachings in Hungarian schools as being out of touch with reality. He said: "Our youth expect an answer to the problems of today and if they are not given the answers in Marxist education, they might easily come to the conclusion that Marxism, which they are obliged to learn, is past history."

Adding up these items leads to the conclusion that a revolution is going on inside the communist bloc. Time has dulled Russian memories of the ineptness and the tyranny of the Tsar. The problems are new: how to produce more goods more efficiently; how to increase the efficiency of scientists; how to satisfy the need of youth for straight answers to today's problems. (Many of which have been created by the communist leadership itself.)

Each criticism and each demand represents a gain, however small, in individual freedom. Most demands are specifically for more freedom.

The communist response has been two-fold. One part is more discussion about the merits of Stalinism among top level communists; the other part is a switch toward private ownership and individual incentive to solve problems in economic production.

Historically, the movement toward freedom, once it has begun, can be set back but cannot be either halted or reversed without extensive bloodshed.

Watch for waves of freedom demands followed by waves of repression, followed, in turn, by further waves of demands for more freedom of expression, of movement, of judgment, of political action in the communist bloc.

Don't expect complete freedom too soon. It has taken people under communist rule nearly 50 years to come this far. It may take another 50 or more years of world tensions, war crises, and revolution before all those under communist rule gain freedom.

Meantime, communists will be seeking even more desperately to seize power in the nations of Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

In an effort to keep members of the Order aware of developments in the global struggle between the forces of freedom and communism, The Elks Magazine frequently publishes excerpts from Freedom's Facts, the monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Membership of the conference includes July 40 national organizations, including the B.P.O.E. Readers who wish to subscribe to Freedom's Facts may do so by writing to All-American Conference, 1028 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The subscription price is \$3 per year for 12 issues.

INSIDE TIPS FOR THE



By RAY OVINGTON



You could lose your expensive outboard if the boat transom breaks off or the motor jumps when you hit a sunken object at high speed. To prevent this, use a strong chain bolted, not screwed, to the boat keel knee or to side planking.

Night fly fishing for trout is in order in August. Wade the stream in daylight first; never explore strange water after dark. Wade quietly; make few casts, dead-drifting the flies (big ones, wet or dry) in the current. Don't use a light-it scares the fish.

To get your bait down deep without sport-killing weights, attach a sinker to a separate line joined by an Alka Seltzer tablet. Drop the rig overboard to desired depth, and bait will be where you want it when the tablet melts. When the fish strikes, you'll have your battle-weight-free.



Don't get lost in the woods. Get a geodetic map of the area you hunt, hike, or fish. Carry the portion you'll need, marking landmarks that will keep you oriented. The maps are available in most map stores.

After finishing a roll of film, remove it from camera in shade as soon as possible, wrapping it tightly in original wrapping or foil. Have it processed quickly; time, heat, and humidity may affect the colors.



On the road, don't try to juggle the wheel and a map at the same time. Print route numbers and directional instructions in big letters on a small piece of paper; clip or tape to dash or sun visor.

To learn the shot pattern of your shotgun at, say, 25, 30, 35, 40 yards, hang an old bedsheet as a target and shoot from paced-off distances. It's a good way to check the difference in choke patterns, from full choke to open bore.

Guns will sweat in warm, humid weather. Give them a summer airing and cleaning, reoiling lightly. Store in a dry place, but not in airtight bags or containers.



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"IF YOU'VE got work to do, I'll shove off," I said to Charley Cox. We were sitting on his lawn; he and Portia are our neighbors and were the first people we met when we moved out here from the city.

"Sit down." He picked up the glasses and went inside. Then he came back with the drinks and a bowl of nuts. "When I was a boy, we always had a bowl of nuts on the sideboard-walnuts, hickory nuts . . ." He cracked a couple of pecans and handed them to me.

"We did too," I said, "and several nutcrackers. We even had a set of nutpicks in a velvet case. A kid today wouldn't even know what they were.

"A kid today wouldn't even know what a hickory nut was." He cracked a couple of almonds and picked up his cigar. "To tell you the truth, they're not much.'

"Look, Charley," I said, "if you want to mow your lawn this afternoon, don't let me stop you."

"There are a lot of things I want to do," he replied, "and mowing the lawn is pretty far down on the list."

"Still, you've got to do it sometime."

"As my father used to tell me, if you look out for today, tomorrow will look out for itself."

"I don't think Portia is going to like it much."

"That was another thing my father always said. Go your own way and don't let anybody else tell you what to do. That was his philosophy. And he didn't just say it; he lived it."

'He sounds like a wise man."

"He was. My mother too."

"She was a wise woman?"

"A wise woman and a good manager. She could make a relief check stretch farther than anyone else on the block."

"Those were the days," I said.

The women came out of the house and got into the car. Portia rolled down her window. "You'll remember about the lawn?" she called to Charley. He smiled and waved his hand.

"You too," Ethel said to me. "It's supposed to rain." I nodded and waved until they were out of sight.

"Sometimes women baffle me," Charley said. "One minute they're after

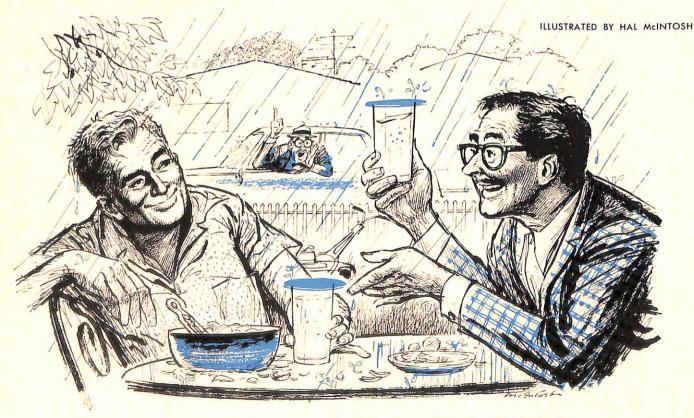
you to look after your health, and then they want you to go out in a driving rainstorm and cut the grass." He took a piece of nutshell from his mouth and regarded it critically. "Not to mention what it does to the grass, skidding around and cutting ruts in it and all of that. I've known lawns to become permanently damaged that way."

"When you think of all the money tied up in those power mowers," I mused. "A lot of them cost \$200 or more and you have to buy a new one about every other year. It seems like it would be cheaper to hire some kid to cut the grass.'

"Ha!" Charley said. "I tried that a couple of years ago. Half the kids wouldn't even listen to me. The others wanted to know how I stood on pension plans and portal-to-portal pay. No, if you want to hire a kid today, you've got to talk to his lawyer first-draw up a contract."

"It's a darn shame," I said. "How is a kid ever going to learn the value of money?"

"Right now," Charley said, "I'd pay



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five dollars to have somebody cut the grass.'

"I'd go seven fifty."

Charley stopped cracking nuts and looked at me thoughtfully. twelve dollars and a half. And a hustling kid could do both lawns in an afternoon. That would run twenty-five dollars a dav."

"If he wanted to work six days, he could knock down a hundred and fifty a week.'

Charley puffed on his cigar a couple of times. "What other country can you think of where some school kid from a poor family could bring home six hundred bucks a month?" He stood up. "Here, let me fill your glass."

"Bring out a paper and pencil when

you come.'

I did a little figuring while Charley watched. "Let's say he only works the three summer months starting when he's a freshman. By the time he's ready for college, he's got seventy-two hundred, not counting interest."

"Interest?" He puts the money in some good stock that pays seven or

eight percent.'

"All right. And he'll make some money in the winter, too, shoveling snow and so forth. But then he'll have some school expenses to cancel part of that-paper, pencils, erasers. Why don't we call it eight thousand when he starts college?"

"Seems to me that would come awfully close to it," Charlie said. "And you want to remember he'll still have all his lawns while he's in college. He can mow them during vacations. Besides that, he can probably get some kind of a job at school-taking tickets at tennis games, peddling beer and sandwiches at the frat house, washing blackboards. By graduation, he ought to have a pretty good stake built up."

"I was thinking he'd probably have enough to go on to law school."
"Med school," said Charley. "That

is, if you care anything about money.

"Med school takes too long." I pulled the bowl of nuts over to my side of the table. "Then he spends more time as an intern and a resident. He's 27 or 28 by the time he can start a practice and make any money.'

"Listen—we've taken this kid right out of the slums and gotten him the best medical education money can buy. Now if the ungrateful so-and-so can't make it from here I don't even want to hear about it. Drink up.'

Charley went after more drinks. Then we just sat there awhile, talking about this and that. "Another thing—" he interrupted. I expected some astute observation about a certain red-haired neighbor down the street, who happened somehow to have entered into our con-

"You take the average office call," he

said. "Probably runs five to ten minutes. Call it ten. That's six an hour at five dollars each. Thirty dollars an hour.'

"Two hundred and forty a day."

"Forty dollars ought to cover expenses. So he's got two hundred a day clear. A thousand dollars a week."

I whistled. "And to think he started out mowing lawns."

Charley leaned back in his chair. "Looks like Ethel was right. It's starting to rain.

'Uh huh," I agreed, taking a drink. "It's been raining about five minutes.

You want to go inside?"

"Not especially. Wait a minute." He went into the house and came out with a couple of coasters. "Here-put it on top of your glass. Protect your drink."

I did and it worked fine. I raised my glass in salute. "I got to give you credit, Charley, you're thinking 'way

ahead of everybody else."

"Fact is, most people don't do any thinking at all. Follow the crowd. Year after year they put coasters under their glasses-never on top. Is that going to keep any rain out? I ask you."

A car stopped across the street. The driver lowered his window and called something. "Some fellow yelling at you,

Charley," I said.

He turned his head. "Looks like Otis Thacker. Wonder what the devil he wants." He put his hand behind his ear and shouted, "Can't hear you."

The man called out something again and pointed up at the sky. Then he rolled up his window and drove on. "I believe he was trying to tell you it's raining," I said.

'Now if that doesn't take the cake!' Charley said. "Here we are entering the space age-all kinds of exciting developments in science and the arts, and Otis Thacker can't think of anything better to do than ride around and tell people it's raining."

WE SAT back again and talked some more, and then our wives came home. At first Ethel didn't have much to say. I started to help bring things in from the car. "Don't bother," she said. "Get into some dry clothes." After awhile she asked what Charley and I were talking about.

"We were trying to work out the best way of investing fifty thousand dollars a year."

"That's interesting," she said. "I saw the paper boy in town. He said he'd stopped by here to collect, but neither of you had enough to pay him." I didn't answer. "One thing I'm curious about," she went on, "is how does a person go about making this fifty thousand?"

There was something snide about her tone of voice, but I played it straight; I told her the truth. "You get your start mowing lawns," I said. . .

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In Quest of the Key to Davy Jones' Locker

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nauts to step outside and work in space, so eventually will the little subs let men out into the sea. Men will not be squashed, science now believes, by the great pressure of the ocean. The human body is turning out to be about as compressible as that of a fish.

Medium-depth submarines will include the Westinghouse and Jacques-Yves Cousteau's *Deepstar 4000* (to 4,000 feet), undergoing tests right now; the Navy's *Alvin II*, built by Litton Industries and recently tested at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and at Miami; and Lear Siegler's *Benthos V*, which eventually will be able to locate a sunken submarine, attach herself to the escape hatch, and so rescue the crew.

Men in such subs as these, peering out through plexiglass windows and flooding the sea bottom with an eerie bluish-green light (the kind that best illuminates the deep sea) have the best opportunity yet for witnessing some of the most startling sights on earth. They may observe, at 1,500 feet down or lower, one of the most titanic fights known to occur between monsters on this planet. This would be a battle between the 60-foot-long sperm whale and the giant squid, whose longest tentacles may extend as much as 50 feet.

No man has ever seen such a fight. No live giant squid, in fact, has ever been taken. We know the fights occur because many sperm whales have been caught with scars from the squids' tentacles on their skins and with remains of the giant squids inside their stomachs.

Such submarines may encounter, on the continental slopes off Japan, the giant crab—a crab caught by Japanese fishermen that is often six feet across. There are reports that tell of giant crabs 10 and 12 feet across.

Subs submerging to 4,000 feet or less might well locate and drill wells in oil and gas fields heretofore unknown. They could explore the tops or upper slopes of most undersea mountain ranges.

A number of midget submarines dive down 1,000 feet or less. They include a diving saucer Westinghouse has been using off California; Star I and Star II, built by Electric Boat for the Navy; and others. Lockheed Missiles and Space Company has a flying-saucer-shaped sub-called the Turtle on the drawing-board. Among their goals are: (1) To help obtain phosphorite for fertilizer from off both the east and west U.S. coasts; it's there, and in a world that needs more fertilizer every day, it's valuable. (2) To dive down and survey the routes for ocean cables—something

never possible before. (3) To help salvage ships. (4) To pick up samples, such as rocks or bottom life. Some of the midget subs have mechanical arms and claws to do the job, and baskets in which to put what they collect.

Competing with these subs, at depths now approaching 1,000 feet, are divers who descend in spherical or cylindrical elevators, step out, and go to work on the sea floor. They include Jon Lindbergh, son of Charles A. Lindbergh. With Bob Stenuit, Lindbergh in 1964 spent 49 hours on the bottom, 432 feet down, near Nassau, in the Bahamasthe longest deep dive at this writing. These divers aim to drill and maintain undersea oil and gas wells in deeper water than ever, to salvage ships, to lay cables, and to inspect, maintain, and repair sewer lines. (Seawater is one of the most effective germ-killers we know of. It destroys 80 percent of the nonmarine bacteria in sewage within half an hour-a reason sewage lines run out to sea.)

Still shallower-diving submarines, from 115 to 600 feet, include a whole fleet of Perry Cubmarines (two to six men each), plus a number of others. You yourself can now buy a submarine and explore the shallow sea: Two German fiberglass submarines for up to 150 feet down (the one-man Porpoise by Graf Hagenburg, \$3,995, and the two-man Tigershark by Silverstar Gmbh, \$10,800) are available in the U.S. A 10-foot-long submarine (a \$3,975 model by Trident Marine) stopped crowds at the 1965 New York City motorboat show. On any of these, you may take your first ride beneath the sea. They and others will soon be carrying tourists -which may have little to do with science, but why not mix business with pleasure?

These shallowest-diving of all submarines, or even a good scuba diving outfit, can lead you to some of the great treasure of the sea: The gold, silver, jewelry, or other treasure taken to Davy Jones' locker by sunken ships. A million ships, it is estimated, have sunk since the beginning of history, taking down with them no less than one-eighth of all the world's created wealth.

There are robot submarines, too. Corning Glass has a fiberglass one that will carry instruments many miles into the depths. There are robot divers. Shell Oil has one (built by the Hughes Aircraft Company) that repairs and regulates undersea oil wells, with a TV camera for its eyes.

Bathyscaphes, the deepest-diving vehicles of all, have carried men down into the deepest known trenches of the Pacific (the Challenger Deep, almost 7

miles down, 1960) and of the Atlantic (off Puerto Rico, almost 6 miles down, 1964). In both cases, the men in the bathyscaphes were able to look out into the depths and see what was there.

In the Challenger Deep, further below sea level than the summit of Mount Everest is above it, Jacques Piccard and Lieutenant Donald Walsh of the U.S. Navy took only moments to answer a question men had always wondered about. Said Piccard: "Could life exist in the greatest depths of the sea? It could!" The men, upon reaching the bottom, at once saw a flat fish, about a foot long and with eyes on one side of its head—much like a sole. There was another unknown animal: "I saw a beautiful red shrimp," said Piccard. "It was one inch long."

By solving the mystery of whether there is life at the deepest bottom of the sea, Piccard and Walsh also solved another one: Are there currents in the deepest water? It would take currents to bring in the oxygen that fish need to live.

What else do the depths of the sea contain for men? What is sought is knowledge-knowledge that can clear up a thousand mysteries of the sea. For Maurice Ewing, the geologist and physicist who heads the Lamont Geological Observatory of Columbia University, the sea holds answers to such questions as, "How was the earth made? How did it develop?" Dr. Ewing takes samples of rocks and sediment from the sea floor and analyzes them to learn earth history. He asks, "Is the earth warming up?" He finds that it is, that the Arctic ocean may one day be an unfrozen sea, but that another ice age may follow.

Anton Bruun, a Danish oceanographer who died just three years ago, posed the question, "Are sea serpents real?" As a young man he hauled up, in a deep-sea trawl, the larva (young) of a giant, unknown eel. The larva was six feet long. Standard length for known eel larvae is around six inches. The big one might grow into an eel 90 to 180 feet long—a real sea serpent. Dr. Bruun searched unsuccessfully for the adult eel for 30 years. "I am a man," he said, "who rather believes in sea serpents."

For ten fishermen who went to sea in July, 1964, aboard the University of Miami's research vessel John Elliott Pillsbury, the problem was not to find a big ocean monster but to capture some of the smallest species. The little ones were the ones they did not want to get away.

These fishermen hauled in the smallest baby sailfish ever caught—a perfectly formed specimen, with sail, bill, and all—1½ inches long. Six months after leaving the egg, a sailfish is five feet long.

They succeeded in taking many of the smallest larval marlin ever caught. One—the all-time "record"—was a %-inch-long marlin larva, William Stephens reports. Here's what those marlin larva grow into: Record marlin, blue—13 feet 8 inches, 814 pounds, by John Battles, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, July 26, 1964. Record marlin, white—8 feet 8 inches, 161 pounds, off Miami Beach by L.F. Hooper, March 20, 1938.

The larvae showed where marlin spawning grounds are located. As a result, Dr. Donald P. de Sylva, chief scientist of the expedition, recommends that anglers seeking large marlin try areas northeast of Little Bahama Bank near Abaco, northwest of Grand Bahama island, and southwest of Bermuda.

The Miami expedition, which fished

in the seaweed-covered Sargasso sea, added a new mystery to those of the sea. It caught a completely unknown fish, an inch long, a black creature that towed behind itself, by means of a long filament, a kind of lure. The lure consists of many leafy appendages, each with an orange luminescent spot. The little fish was from the middle depths of the ocean, 1,000 feet to a mile down, which is one of the least-known layers of the sea.

It was a weird creature. It was, in fact, not only a new species but a new genus, a new family of fishes—an unknown and unsuspected animal captured in 1964 for the first time. "How many other strange fishes unknown to science," asks Bill Stephens, "are swimming about in the never-never regions of the sea?"

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Many scientists are chiefly concerned about how to predict the behavior of the sea—and, in the process, how to predict the weather better. Texas A. & M. University is only one of a number of institutions working on unmanned weather buoys that, anchored at sea, broadcast winds, waves, temperature, and so on; an A. & M. buoy already has predicted a hurricane.

With sea predictions, ships might more easily avoid storms or rough weather. Furthermore, because the sea affects the land's weather, long-range weather predictions for land areas would be more accurate if we had predictions of the sea's activities.

The mission of the U.S. Navy poses another question about the depths: How can the sea best be used in national defense? The nuclear, missilecarrying submarines may be the best answer to date. They may be the naval weapon most important at the moment in keeping the peace. The nuclear subs can move in near to any coast fast, hide in water some hundreds of feet deep, and can be undetected when they park in certain pockets of water whose characteristics cause sonar to be unable to locate them. (One of the Navy's problems is to find those hiding places in the sea.) Then, having fired missiles that can fly 2,500 miles inland and hit any, or almost any, target in the world, the nuclear submarines can scoot away fast.

For the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Government's oldest technical body and the one that coordinates the oceanography of all the others, the question is, "How can men best *use* the sea?"

One of its ships, the *Pioneer*, made a 27,000-mile round trip from Oakland, California, into the Indian Ocean last year, the longest exploring voyage a USCGS ship ever made. She helped ships of other nations search the little-known Indian Ocean for fish. Two new fishing grounds were found—one near Africa, one near India—that could mean protein for the one-fourth of the world's people who live in the vicinity of the Indian Ocean.

Mapping the sea floor, a process that helps our Navy submarine skippers, the *Pioneer* found two startling mountain ranges running from Burma to Indonesia far beneath the surface of the Indian Ocean, and between them a gash or canyon 25 miles wide, or far wider than the Grand Canyon, and stretching 1,700 miles—a distance equivalent to that from Denver, Colorado, to Washington, D.C. The valley is covered with half a mile of muck and ooze. "It is doubtful," the Coast & Geodetic Survey says, "if man will ever tread this valley regardless of the equipment he wears."

The Pioneer found evidence of gi-

gantic mudslides, occurring near shore and carving out a network of undersea channels. The mudslides originate where rivers pile up silt from India, and then hurl down the continental slope. Dr. Robert Dietz, an oceanographer of the Department of Commerce, who was aboard the *Pioneer*, thinks that no submarine could survive one of these mud storms.

One day the surface of the Indian ocean turned into alternate bands of calm and rough water. Instruments revealed to Dr. Harris B. Stewart, another oceanographer aboard the *Pioneer*, the reason: waves beneath the sea—repeated waves as high as 270 feet—that if they occurred on the surface could blot out a ship. A wave like that might have struck the *Thresher*, some USCGS scientists thought. The *Thresher*, a brand-new nuclear submarine, was lost on Easter, 1963 in the North Atlantic with all hands. No one has ever been able to explain why.

In the Caribbean sea, the Coast & Geodetic Survey in 1960 found an unmapped mountain that comes to within 90 feet of the surface. Before being charted, it might easily have wrecked a submarine failing to "see" it with sonar. Off Alaska last year, the Survey found that the Good Friday, 1964 earthquake was so powerful that it lifted up the ocean floor as much as 50 feet, the all-time record. The greatest uplift in history previously known had been 47% feet, also in an Alaska quake, in 1899.

Its new discoveries have caused the Survey to revise its own views of the sea.

"Man has long dreamed," wrote Raymond Wilcove of the Survey, "of the time when huge submersibles could carry the world's ocean-going commerce below the surface of the seas, moving swiftly through the still waters of the deep.

"The greatest obstacle, presumably, was the development of vessels that would be more economical than surface ships. But now, studies by the Coast & Geodetic Survey indicate that strange and perilous phenomena lurking beneath the surface present serious prob-

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lems that must be taken into account in any undersea operation.

"The fact is, our oceans are not simply smooth basins filled with water and fish. They are honey-combed with towering mountain peaks and ranges, lofty plateaus and deep valleys, and cuts in the ocean floor far deeper than the spectacular Grand Canyon in Colorado. And that's not all. Take the recent discovery of massive underwater waves, a little-understood disturbance of the seas.

"These perils, not to mention others that may not vet have been discovered. make clear the necessity for extensive,

detailed studies of the ocean."

Whatever the dangers that may lurk in the depths, oceanographers from a dozen U.S. ports, divers in diving bells, men in midget submarines, fishermen, and scientists aboard research vessels are making extensive, detailed studies of the ocean. They have most of the world to study: The oceans cover 70.8 percent of the earth.

The age now beginning, the age of oceanography, as well as of the first steps into space, promises to be the greatest era of exploration and adventure since Columbus's day.

For Elks Who Travel

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his contentment in Ajijic. And now restaurateur Caesar Balsa has appeared to open a posh new place he calls Montecarlo. When it's completed it'll have 80 rooms and 15 Roman baths in addition to the restaurant.

Ah, but if you like margaritas, señor, you'll love Tequila, another town we discovered about an hour out of Guadalajara. It is here they grow the plant that makes the liquor that produces the margarita that propagates the hangovers suffered from Mexico to Maine. After the plant reaches maturity the good people of Tequila boil it, crush it, ferment it, and distill it so that tequila lovers everywhere can in turn get boiled themselves.

If ever prohibition comes to Tequila, the whole town will be out of work. Tequila's 6,000 residents look to the world to keep up its thirst so they can keep their jobs. Hills surrounding the quiet-hot town (it's lower than Guadalajara) are green with the tequila cactus; it grows in neat rows like the pineapple patches of Hawaii. Field workers with huge knives harvest the plants. Each weighs 300 to 500 pounds and is eight to fifteen years in the growing. After this they are delivered to nearly a dozen distillers in town. (This does not count a scattering of illegal stills hidden in the hills ringing this valley.)

We stopped off for a visit at the Sauza factory, biggest tequila producer in the world, with 300 plantations that unfold among the many hills and vallevs. Workmen in white T-shirts feed the vats where the cactus bubbles and steams for 10 hours before becoming sugar. A few hours later it turns into alcohol. After visiting here the tourists drive off with tequila in miniature barrels or in containers fashioned after the Atlas missile. It is that explosive!

In connection with the town of Tequila, there is even a Cinderella story of sorts. It involves the Sauza family and another tequila team, the Cuervos. Once they were Mexico's answer to the

Martins and the McCoys. Why they began feuding no one seems to recall. But they cut each other down in the street. They fought in the bars. And there are many bars in Tequila. Alas, though, cupid fired an arrow into the hearts of Francisco Javier Sauza, now the head of Sauza, and pretty Maria Elena, a descendent of the Cuervos. It ended the feuding. The story was told to us by Maria Elena's sister, Margarita, who insists it was she for whom the famous drink of Mexico was named.

We strolled through the town and found, behind the plaza, an ancient church, so old that weeds were sprouting from the cupola that held its twisted cross. Nearby, the walls of adobe buildings revealed cracks, and their grilled balconies sagged. And men in straw

hats and white shirts gathered in little groups, while the women of Tequila would pass by, wearing black as if in mourning.

The little plaza of Tequila is surrounded by concrete benches, oleanders, and spindly palms. We asked a fat woman who was shopping, "Do you drink tequila, Señorita?" And she looked astonished and replied "Sí, of course," as if it were a foolish question. Each one we spoke to said the same. Later, driving out of Tequila, we spotted the town's biggest sign, a massive rooftop splash of color and tin. In letters 10 feet high it spelled out: "Drink Pepsi-Cola!"

Leaving the contented folk of Guadalajara, Chapala, and Tequila behind, one should stop at Guanajuato, a former mining town that clings to valley walls in the Sierra Nevadas. Its pastel buildings reminded me of Andalusia in far-off Spain, and it boasts comfortable pensions marked down to \$4 and \$5 with meals.

Next there is San Miguel Allende, closer still to Mexico City (145 miles), where would-be artists and dabblers in the arts attend the Institute Allende, taking classes in oils and watercolors, ceramics, sculpture, weaving, carving.

San Miguel Allende is every gringo's stereotyped picture of the "typical" Mexican village: old men asleep in doorways, burrows padding down a cobbled street. It's almost like seeing the Hollywood version; you have to blink to be certain that it's the real thing.





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HONEYBEES AREN'T BUZZING round in several sections of the country and the situation has fruit and vegetable growers worried. The bees are needed for pollination, and in California growers report a 50 percent decline in the beehive population. Research is now going on to solve the mystery of the vanishing bees before it becomes a national disaster, according to Agriculture Department experts.

NEEDY CITIZENS in the District are now using food stamps to obtain surplus food from grocery stores here. Under the program a family of four with an income of \$100 to \$110 a month, purchasing \$44 worth of food stamps, receives a bonus of \$34 in stamps underwritten by the Federal Government. It is estimated that the annual cost to the District will be \$250,000.

A CRUMBLING CAPITOL is the result of oyster shells having been used in the construction of the West Front in 1828. Capitol architect J. George Stewart told a House committee that at the time no lime deposits were available for building so ground oyster shells were used in the mortar mix, which has now lost all its cohesion. Mr. Stewart revealed that a \$34 million repair job is needed.



SILVER DOLLAR HOARDING is on the increase following the Government's move reducing the silver content in coins. You don't see many silver cartwheels in circulation in the east, but they're still used in the west. In the gaming casinos of Nevada, for instance, a black jack game with dollar bills would be considered slow motion. Coin collectors (and aren't we all?) are keep-

Tom Wrigley

WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



ing a sharp lookout for silver dollars of 1921 or earlier vintage with the letters "cc", the mark of the historic Carson City, Nev., mint.

AN INFLUENTIAL GROUP of gals in the Capitol are the Congressional secretaries. Often, if you know the right one in an office, you can get quick action. The 30-year-old Congressional Secretaries Club at a recent celebration issued a 100-page magazine program containing 71 pages of high priced advertising. What's more, the group, which formerly had to borrow rooms for its social gatherings, has secured free space in the Cannon House Office Building, now undergoing a \$10.7 million renovation.

A BLACK EYE for boxing was delivered by Representative Burt Talcott after the Liston-Clay fight. Said the Congressman from California, in the shortest speech of this session: "Mr. Speaker, professional boxing smells."



A NATIONAL BOUQUET? For years Congress has been trying to choose a national flower. Suggestions have included the rose, cornflower, daisy, poppy and the sunflower, among others. One constituent of Rep. John C. Kunkel, Pa., has recommended a bouquet, combining dogwood, a poppy, a stalk of wheat, a daisy, a bit of cedar and pansies. By adopting the idea, and making the bouquet big enough, the solons could satisfy just about everybody.

HELPFUL HINTS for homemakers are provided by the Department of Agriculture in two pamphlets, titled "Make Your Own Bedspreads" and "A Guide To Budgeting For the Young Couple." And for those who may already be thinking about Thanksgiving, the department has issued another booklet: "Turkey On The Table."



THE "HONEY FITZ" is now being used by President Johnson for cruising on the Potomac. Originally the "Lenoir," a 94-foot patrol craft, the boat was converted to a day cruiser by President Eisenhower who renamed it the "Barbara Ann." It was renamed the "Honey Fitz" by President Kennedy. When LBJ took office he said he wouldn't be doing any boating and the yacht was laid up. The President has since changed his mind and the boat may be renamed yet another time.

CRANK MAIL is all part of the day's work for the men who represent us in the nation's capital. Senator Young, Ohio, reports that a constituent wrote that he watches the obituary columns daily, hoping to see the Senator's name. Wishing to spare his constituent undue eye strain, the Senator replied: "Spare yourself the effort of looking through the paper. The good news you hope for should be on page one."

FOUR NEW KIOSKS have been erected to provide information for Capital visitors. Handsomely decorated and staffed by comely misses from the Park Service, they're located at the Washington Monument and the Ellipse near the White House, at L'Enfant Plaza in the S.W., and at the Lincoln Memorial. Maps and circulars are available at the kiosks and the one at the Lincoln Memorial also serves refreshments.

AUGUST ADDITIVES . . . Reproductions of an original pre-Civil War kerosene lamp are selling for \$3.99, plus tax; but an elaborate, scented quart bottle of kerosene oil will cost you \$1.50. . . . A new 809-foot high TV tower will be the tallest structure in Washington. . . . Ban on the death penalty in first degree murder convictions has been opposed by D.C. Commissioners as "not desirable at this time."

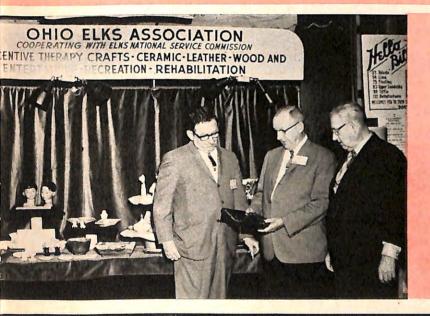


Eugene G. Greenfield, center, District Deputy representing the New York Southeast District, unveils a plaque at the Brooklyn Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Hamilton, dedicating the installation of new lighting fixtures for the Interfaith Chapel there, which were the gift of the district's 12 lodges, representatives of which attended the ceremony. At left is Hospital Director Dr. Philip Casesa, and at right is Frank J. Fitzgerald, State VA Counselor and a representative of the Elks.

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Participating in the presentation of 65 pounds of leather hides to the Veterans Hospital in that city are officials of New Orleans, La., Lodge and Hospital representatives. Left to right are E.R. Anthony P. Miranti, Hospital Dir. Dr. George W. Hobson, a patient, Percy L. Gros, P.D.D. James H. Aitken, Chairman of the Elks Veterans Hospital Committee, and Dr. Claude W. Garrett, Chief of Physical Medicine and rehabilitation.





Don Joshua of Girard, Robert Antram of Alliance and State Chairman L. E. Strong, left to right, look over the ceramics fashioned by the State's VA Hospital patients under the Ohio Elks' Veterans Program. The display was featured during the 67th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association in Columbus. Mr. Strong, a dedicated Chairman of the Ohio Veterans program, died suddenly just two months later. His obituary appears below.

L. E. Strong

L. E. Strong, Honorary Life Member of Canton, Ohio, Lodge, No. 68, since 1953, and one of the best known Elks of his State, died June 16. He was 70 years old.

Les Strong had been initiated into Massillon Lodge in 1922, and dimitted to Can-

ton in 1933 where he served as Exalted Ruler eight years later. From 1943 to 1954 he was a lodge Trustee, and from 1948 till 1959 he was Secretary of the Ohio Elks Association.

He was the first and only man ever to serve as Chairman of Ohio Elkdom's great Veterans Service Committee, and he devoted himself unstintingly to that effort over the past 20 years. Forced to curtail some of his activities several years ago, Les Strong had resigned as State Association Secretary, but did not relinquish the Chairmanship of the veterans' program; rather he increased his interest in that work.

Preceded in death by his wife a little more than two months ago, he is survived by his three sisters.

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A Happy Hunting Camp

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an easy matter. For every hunter there should be a deep foam mattress and a good down or Dacron sleeping bag. With this combination, sleeping at camp is at least as luxurious as sleeping on the best bed at home.

My advice is to forget about camp cots (which are only bulky to transport, anyway) and air mattresses (which have cold built in and which always deflate at the wrong time) and obtain one of the new foam mattresses about 3" or 3½" thick to spread right on a ground cloth or on the floor.

A good sleeping bag is almost as important as the mattress. It's best to avoid the very cheap ones when buying a bag. Rather, be sure that it is roomy enough and that it is genuinely guaranteed to be warm in the temperatures you are likely to encounter. It's important to note, however, that because of the insulation, a lighter bag can be used with a foam mattress than with an air mattress.

A common mistake in too many hunting camps, both those operated by outfitters and those where the hunters cook for themselves, is the monotonous reliance on fried foods and on starchy baked goods. Often it's too abrupt a change of diet from what the hunter is accustomed to at home. Too often digestive disorders occur, and a trip is ruined.

It's an excellent idea to try roasting, stewing, and broiling instead of frying. There are so many good, economical stoves, grills, and ovens available nowadays that it's a shame not to take advantage of them. Many of these are collapsible and take up little room during transit. Although a wood campfire has its advantages and is more picturesque, it is a less efficient cooking device than a modern gasoline camp stove.

There is no reason why all the hunters in camp shouldn't enjoy daily adventures in good eating along with the hunting adventures. As soon as somebody's deer (or any game) is down, why not broil (instead of the usual frying) strips of the liver and either roast or smoke a slab of venison ribs while basting them with barbecue sauce? If there is fishing water nearby, set out banklines or a trotline and prepare fish chowder for a change of pace.

On a hunting trip near the Georgia coast, members of our party waded off-shore during a low tide and gathered enough oysters for several tasty meals. And on numerous northern trips we have gathered blueberries for hotcakes or desserts, and nuts for cocktail snacks or baking delicious nutbreads.

One happy hunting camp I'll always

remember was used on a midwinter expedition for grouse in Ohio, where I live. First we rented a vacant summer cottage to serve as camp. Then some-body planned a menu for the hunt and made out a grub list, assigning each hunter the responsibility for one whole day's meals. It worked out remarkably well.

Somebody brought a half-gallon jar of wild honey, and somebody else contributed a large pot of savory baked beans. One hunter's wife sent several pumpkin pies; another hunter (who prided himself on his baking powder biscuits and home-made pork sausage) was the hero of the first day's breakfast. With each hunter participating, and in a sense competing in the food department, we enjoyed one of the happiest hunting camps in history. At least we were the best fed hunters.

No matter what the location of the camp—whether it's a pup tent beside a singing river or an entire cluster of tents in an alpine meadow of the West—it can be made more livable, and happier, by a touch of comfort here and there. And the longer the party uses the camp, the more important these embellishments become.

For instance, it's far more natural for human beings to sit on seats than on the ground, so why not build seats or benches out of whatever materials are available. Better still, when possible, carry along enough folding chairs or stools for everyone—and perhaps a collapsible bridge table. Much of today's aluminum patio furniture is perfect for hunting camp use.

A simple gun rack erected in the corner of a tent is a safety device as well as a convenience. A boot jack can be very useful. A comfortable toilet, protected from the elements, is also worth the extra time or effort spent in constructing it. So is a semi-permanent washstand; and in warm-weather camps, erection of a portable shower is well worthwhile.

We also make it a habit to carry extra lanterns (these have a nasty habit of breaking), mantles, flashlights, and fresh batteries. Nowadays small, smokeless, non-asphyxiating tent or camp heaters are available, and these can be worth their weight in gold for a quick source of warmth on bitter mornings.

Although refrigeration is not a problem during most hunting seasons across America, a cooler or portable propane refrigerator may be just the touch which makes comfort complete. Another great time-saver is a power saw —for clearing a campsite, for cutting tent poles or a supply of firewood. A small power plant might also be worth considering; miniatures no larger than six-packs of beer are now available.

Unless every member of a party is entirely willing to divide up the camp chores, or unless one member particularly prefers to do the cooking and chores, it's a wise move to hire some-body for the purpose. Most of the time in hunting country, it's no problem to employ a cook or chore boy to take care of camp details while all the hunters concentrate on hunting. And with the cost split several ways, a camp cook will not be too expensive.

It's a rare hunting trip when at least some bad weather does not keep everyone indoors. In some states hunting isn't permitted on Sundays, and that also means confinement to camp. At times like these it's very important to have a deck of cards and plenty of reading material in camp. Fishing tackle may also come in handy, as may a hand trap and a supply of clay pigeons to sharpen up marksmanship.

Obviously, planning plays a vital part in creating a happy hunting camp. Long before the hunt begins, a complete list of gear and supplies should be made at a meeting of all hunters. Next, definite responsibility must be assigned for bringing or furnishing each item. This avoids duplication. Often too much unnecessary gear is carried into a camp—but that isn't nearly as serious as not having the essential items along.

It's too late to check a tent for rips or leaks once a heavy rain begins to fall. Therefore, it pays to check all camping equipment before beginning the trip. Check over the axe handles and all of the cooking and lighting equipment. Generators in lanterns have a habit of deteriorating with nonuse. So do such rubber items as boots and foul weather gear. Carry along plenty of extra rope and baling wire, because these things have 1,001 uses in any camp.

In all the great outdoors, few experiences can match living in a happy hunting camp on an autumn holiday. Many hunters remember these camps much longer than the trophies they collect.



Digest of Annual Reports

Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Miami Beach, July, 1965

This Digest consists of excerpts and summaries of the Annual Reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Elks National Service Commission, the Elks National Foundation, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Board of Grand Trustees, and the Grand Secretary



GRAND EXALTED RULER

ROBERT G. PRUITT

"We have made progress, mainly because of the untiring efforts of the thousands of good Elks who serve in the subordinate lodges and State Associations," Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt stated in reporting on his year as head of our Order.

He also credited the "excellent condition" of the Order to the great contributions of the Grand Lodge team: the District and Special Deputies, Grand Lodge officers and committeemen, and the Past Grand Exalted Rulers who comprise the Advisory Committee. "All have functioned in an outstanding manner. I am proud of them. They have my eternal gratitude," he declared.

Brother Pruitt singled out for special commendation his District Deputies: "They worked tirelessly to improve Elkdom in their districts, and their efforts were productive. The record speaks for them—highest contributions in the history of the National Foundation, increased membership, new lodges, much added value in new lodge homes and improved old ones, and finally, an uplift in the quality of Elkdom as practiced in many lodges throughout the nation."

He praised highly the services of his Grand Lodge officers and committeemen who contributed to his successful year and whose work in supervising Elkdom's programs was a major factor in bringing to the Order the respect and affection of America.

Citing the service of Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick during the year, Grand Exalted Ruler Pruitt noted, "Frank Fitzpatrick never failed to respond with all I needed and a little more. . . . His service is continuous and his knowledge and experience are invaluable to the rest of us." He also extended his appreciation to Brothers Frank Vossel, George Nichols and Paul Zimmer, members of the Grand Secretary's staff.

Others to whom Brother Pruitt expressed his gratitude for their coopera-

tion and assistance during the past year were the Board of Grand Trustees, the Chairmen and members of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Elks National Service Commission, General Manager William H. Magrath and the staff of The Elks Magazine, and Otho DeVilbiss, Director of Grand Lodge Public Relations. He also commended his secretary, William Whaley, and his staff members, Mrs. Carolyn Whaley and Miss Nancy Dillard, for their assistance.

Brother Pruitt reported that payments from the Elks Disaster Fund were made to the lodges at Kokiak, Anchorage, and Seward, which were damaged in the Alaska earthquake and tidal wave. He noted that the generosity of Elks throughout the Order in making contributions to the Fund was in keeping with the highest traditions of Elkdom and was "one of its finest hours."

Grand Exalted Ruler Pruitt's recommendations are as follows:

"Change the time of the District Deputy Conference to a date other than at the conclusion of the Grand Lodge Session, when all are weary and anxious to return home. Area meetings, as in the past, made possible closer and more personal contact.

"Continue the 'Elk of the Year' pro-

gram. It is increasingly popular and provides an excellent way to reward outstanding Elks who are not otherwise honored by election or appointment to office.

"Place responsibility upon the Auditing and Accounting Committee to inform sponsoring Past Grand Exalted Rulers and District Deputies of bad situations in particular lodges, as revealed by annual audits.

"Consolidate all Grand Lodge Committee letters and messages into a single mailing, to be sent out monthly by the Grand Secretary.

"Assemble in advance all predictable requests for visitations by the Grand Exalted Ruler, so each new Grand Exalted Ruler may plan his visits in a more orderly fashion and avoid, as much as possible, doubling back into the same section of the country."

In concluding his report the Grand Exalted Ruler paid special tribute to his Brother Elks whom he had seen performing the good works of Elkdom on his visits to lodges in all parts of the country. "Everywhere I went this past year I saw the Elks working, planning, striving to improve their services to mankind and to our great nation," he reported. "... This caused my pride in our great Order to soar higher than ever."

earned the esteem and appreciation of our Order.

Entertainment and personal hospital visits have a tremendous morale building value. But they are not enough. Also needed to hasten the patient's recovery are occupational therapy programs which provide many hours of enjoyable and productive activity. Most VA hospitals have excellent occupational therapy departments, but there is a constant demand for materials and equipment, and this is particularly true of leather supplies.

That's where the Elks come in. Through the California State Association Veterans Committee, donated hides are collected in several surrounding states, processed, and shipped to our chairmen across the country for delivery to the VA hospitals. Last year choice leather valued at more than \$36,000 was distributed through this program.

Hide gathering programs are also conducted by the Elks of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. And in Massachusetts large amounts of leather and plastics are gathered from manufacturing plants for the VA hospitals in New England.

(Information on other programs, including the Ohio ceramics project and cigarettes for servicemen in Korea and in Vietnam, the latter an expansion of this program that was begun in July of this year, are contained in the printed report.)

We reiterate that the high aims of our programs would be meaningless without the devotion and hard work of Elks and their ladies in every part of our country who, by their regular visits to VA hospitals, are unfailing in their mission to bring encouragement and cheer to the bedside of sick and disabled veterans. Theirs is a service of the highest order. They are, through their noble endeavors, continuing to carry out our Order's sacred pledge to our hospitalized veterans. To this we pay a special tribute to the subordinate lodges and State Associations which so generously add to the funds received from our Commission, resulting in a service to these disabled veterans which excels that rendered by all other organizations.

(Appreciation is expressed by the Commission in its report to all others whose contributions have made possible the fulfillment of the Order's pledge to America's disabled defenders: the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge officers and committeemen, and District Deputies.)

Members of the Elks National Service Commission are Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan (Chairman), George I. Hall, William J. Jernick, John L. Walker, Emmett T. Anderson, Fred L. Bohn, and William A. Wall.



ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

JAMES T. HALLINAN, Chairman

At the close of World War II our Order made a pledge to the men who defended this nation: "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

That pledge has been faithfully kept in the years since. Today Elks programs of entertainment and rehabilitation for hospitalized veterans are being carried on in 171 Veterans Administration Hospitals over the nation. Elk-sponsored programs also serve patients in 21 service and state hospitals under VA administration.

Our pledge is being fulfilled in many ways: by visits to bedsides, entertainment, bringing cheer and comfort to hospital wards, the staging of variety shows, bingo games and holiday parties, arranging for a patient to make a phone call home, and countless other ways to bring friendship, hope, and encouragement to our hospitalized veterans.

Bringing these programs to disabled and handicapped veterans, to remind them that we have not forgotten them, to help speed their recovery and return to home and family are dedicated Elks. their wives, daughters, and sweethearts. The hospitals' professional staffs consider the Elks part of the hospital team, working with them in the administration of companionship therapy. Our programs provide the touch of home and friendship so necessary to help the patient get well. To be sick and forgotten is to be defeated, and the Elks do not want to see a defeated American veteran!

None of this would be possible and our pledge would be but an empty promise without the selfless sacrifices and service of these hard working Elks and their ladies in VA hospitals throughout our country. Most of them have devoted between 15 and 20 years to this work. They have most richly



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

JOHN F. MALLEY, Chairman

The past year has been the most successful in the 37-year history of the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation reports that for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1965 total contributions of \$793,169.71 were received. This amount, together with the income from the sale of securities, brought the total book value of the principal fund to \$10,134,370.81. The conservative investment policy of the Foundation continues to produce satisfactory results, as shown in the current appraisal of our portfolio at \$15,343,105.81.

In carrying on its work as the Order's principal benevolent trust, the Foundation uses only the income from its investments and no part of those funds is expended for administrative costs, which are paid by the Grand Lodge. During the past fiscal year total distributions were in excess of \$420,000, plus vocational training grants of \$5,100.75 from the T. L. Bear Fund and grants of \$4,500 from the Nathan O. Noah Scholarship Trust Fund, both of which the Foundation Trustees administer. A summary of Foundation distributions follows:

State Association Projects—\$87,300. Foundation funds assist State Associations with established major projects and those in the process of organizing such projects. The wisdom of this policy is reflected in the number of successful major projects now in operation in the majority of states.

Scholarships allocated to States—\$116,279. This amount was allocated to the State Associations for distribution by them and is in addition to scholarships administered directly by the Foundation.

"Most Valuable Student" awards— \$88,700. This program provides scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$1,500 as awards for superior students in a nationwide competition.

Grants for special training in treatment of cerebral palsy—\$50,561.38. Qualified applicants receive grants to assist them in acquiring training in the vital work of treating the cerebral palsied. To date nearly 1,500 persons have received specialized training through these grants.

Youth Awards—\$11,250. The Foundation made this sum available to the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee for its annual program of awards

to the youth of the nation who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

Emergency Educational Fund— \$60,000. This fund makes assistance available to the children of Elks who lose their lives or are incapacitated, while in good standing, and where there is financial need. Applications are handled by the Foundation which disburses and replenishes the fund.

Alaska Earthquake Disaster Fund-

\$10,000. This amount was made available by the Foundation to lodges damaged by the Alaska earthquake.

The Foundation's printed Annual Report includes detailed tables which make it possible for every member of the Order to ascertain the source of all contributions and to see how distributions have been made.

Grateful appreciation for their assistance in carrying on the work of the Great Heart of Elkdom is expressed by the Foundation Trustees to the Grand Exalted Ruler, District Deputies, State Association officials, to THE ELKS MAGAZINE, and to the "innumerable Foundation-conscious members who work every year to build up the principal fund."

Trustees of the Elks National Foundation are Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley (Chairman), L. A. Lewis, Edward J. McCormick, Sam Stern, H. L. Blackledge, John E. Fenton, and John L. Walker.

ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL and PUBLICATION COMMISSION

More than 67,000 people visited the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago, Ill., during the past year. This brings to 2,597,696 the number of visitors to the Building since its erection.

The Building, which has been acclaimed as one of the most beautiful and inspiring memorials extant, was originally dedicated in July, 1926, as a memorial to those Elks who served in World War I and particularly to those who gave their lives in that conflict. Twenty years later it was rededicated to include those members of the Order who served in World War II.

The majestic architectural design of the Building, its beautiful interior, its masterpieces of art, have earned for it a foremost place among the world's notable memorials. The total annual cost of maintaining the Building, which is paid for from the earnings of The Elks Magazine, now exceeds \$80,000.

Approximately 50,000 Memorial books have been printed, and of these some 6,300 copies are still available at \$2.25 per copy. The latest edition is titled *The Story of Elkdom*, and in addition to describing the Order's accomplishments over the years, it contains full-color pictures of many of the Memorial Building's works of art.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE

Publishing this Magazine is the

JOHN S. McCLELLAND,
Chairman

principal function of the Commission, and during the past fiscal year a total of 16,749,382 copies were printed. The Magazine's earnings for the year totaled \$325,602.97. Advertising sales produced \$476,723.73 of the gross revenue. In a constant endeavor to serve our advertisers by providing them with market characteristics on our membership, the Magazine frequently solicits the cooperation of subordinate lodge officers and members to obtain such information. This cooperation, which makes this service to our advertisers possible, is greatly appreciated.

The Commission, through the pages of The Elks Magazine, offers Elk jewelry, the designs for which have been officially approved by the Grand Lodge. That these lapel pins have been accepted by individual Elks and by the lodges, for presentation to members as gifts, is indicated by total net sales during the year exceeding \$15,000.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE, during its 43 years of publishing, has earned a total surplus of \$9,290,939.01. The Commission this year voted to turn over to the Grand Lodge from the Magazine's

surplus earnings \$100,000. This brings the total such contributions to date to \$8,298,761.85. These contributions have helped make possible maintenance of a low per capita tax. They have also aided the Elks National Home, been used to decorate and maintain the Memorial Building, have gone into the Grand Lodge Elks Disaster Fund, and have helped to establish a Grand Lodge Reserve Fund and to defray general Grand Lodge expenses.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Commission also administers the public relations program of the Grand Lodge. The principal objective of the Public Relations Department is to assist the Grand Lodge Committees, State Associations, and subordinate lodges in publicizing their endeavors as widely and effectively as possible. The Department also assists the Grand Exalted Ruler and all other officials of the Grand Lodge in promoting, on the national and local levels, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. All of these efforts are directed toward increasing the public's awareness of the Order's extensive and diversified benevolent and patriotic programs.

In carrying out its operations during the year, the Department, working in cooperation with the various Grand Lodge Committees, prepared and distributed to the lodges news stories and other publicity materials for the lodges' use in publicizing the Order's major programs. The Department was in charge of press coverage for the New York Convention. A few of the other highlights of its operation during the year included distribution of background material on Flag Day, for use of the lodges in publicizing in the press and broadcast media the history of the Flag and of Flag Day, including the Order's part in promoting that observance; release to the wire services of a story on the Grand Exalted Ruler's Christmas distribution of relief funds to Alaska lodges damaged by the earthquake and tidal wave; and cooperation in the preparation of a story on the Order, distributed by North American Newspaper Alliance.

Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission are Past Grand Exalted Rulers John S. Mc-Clelland (Chairman), Emmett T. Anderson, Wade H. Kepner, James T. Hallinan, and Earl E. James.

nate lodges requesting approval to purchase, sell, or erect new buildings, make alterations or additions to existing buildings, purchase furnishings, and mortgage their property. Authorization on all of these applications, in the total amount of \$17,270,890.70, was granted by the Board.

THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME

(In addition to their other duties, the Board is responsible for administering the Elks National Home. Their report includes a description of the Home): The rolling hills surrounding the Home's 180 acres, on which stand nine attractive commodious cottages of classic design with accommodations for 400 guests, are a restful setting for life's twilight years. . . . Everything is provided for the residents' convenience and comfort: reading rooms and lounges, a spacious recreation room, hobby craft room, a 300-seat air-conditioned theater, a golf course. . . . A spotless dining room is operated by a capable staff, including an expert chef and dietitian. . . . The best of medical attention is provided residents in a modern 35-bed hospital. . . . Other Home features include a laundry, clothing store, barber shop, and cigar, cigarette and candy store. . . . The Home is truly a place for peace, contentment and relaxation for the more than 250 retired Brothers residing there. (Elsewhere in this issue appears a photo feature on the Home's program of activities.)

The Board of Trustees paid tribute to the late Thomas J. Brady, who had served as Superintendent of the Home for 11 years and under whose "capable leadership, coupled with the support of his understanding wife Rita, many substantial improvements, alterations, and additions, were accomplished at the Home." The Board reported that Brother Brady's successor, Superintendent Doral E. Irvin, is capably continuing this work and is inaugurating new programs for the Home's betterment.



BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

R. LEONARD BUSH, Chairman

At the close of the Grand Lodge Convention and installation of officers in New York, the Board of Grand Trustees met, organized, and elected R. Leonard Bush as Chairman; Edward W. McCabe, Vice-Chairman; Arthur J. Roy, Home Member; Nelson E. W. Stuart, Secretary; Robert E. Boney, Approving Member; Raymond C. Dobson, Pensions Member; and Joseph F. Bader and Frank Hise, Building Applications Members.

The Board, at the direction of the Grand Lodge, procured and presented testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn and to the retiring Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Edwin J. Alexander.

Additional meetings of the Board were held during the year at Bedford, Va., in October and Denver, Colo., in May. The 1964-65 Board completed its year of service by meeting at Miami Beach, Fla., starting July 8, and adjourning at the conclusion of the Grand Lodge session.

214 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

For the period from May 12, 1964 to May 6, 1965, the Board received a total of 214 applications from subordi-

GRAND SECRETARY



FRANKLIN J. FITZPATRICK

In the year ended March 31, 1965, our Subordinate Lodges added to their membership 107,128 by initiation, 17,902 by dimit, and 10,544 by reinstatement. During the same period 59,901 were dropped for non-payment of

dues, 87 were expelled, 27,256 were granted dimits and 21,167 were lost by death. As of March 31, 1965 the Order's total membership was 1,361,455, indicating a net increase of 27,973. On the same date the total

number of Lodges was 2,049.

Membership tables appended to this report cover the period from April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965. The statements on Grand Lodge finances are for the period from June 1, 1964 to May 31, 1965.

Membership figures and the number of existing Lodges again advanced to all-time highs. Although these gains in numerical strength are most gratifying, it is at least equally satisfying to note that there were corresponding increases in our charitable and community activities at the Grand Lodge, State and local levels. But lest we become complacent with the past year's membership gains, it is well to remind ourselves that they might have been considerably higher with a little more effort in the matter of lapsation.

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Government and other securities in the following amounts, at cost:

 General Fund
 \$349,679.26

 Reserve Fund
 738,968.33

 Home Fund
 246,887.36

The Grand Lodge's current assets are \$2,858,309.39. Fixed assets are \$1,315,260.83, making the total assets of Grand Lodge \$4,173,570.22.

At the Grand Lodge session in New York the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge, from surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine, the sum of \$100,000. This amount was credited to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge and was of material assistance to the Board of Grand Trustees in making up the final budget.

DISPENSATIONS

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn:
DISPENSATION NAME AND

DISPENSA		INSTITUTED
3- 6-64	Middlesex, N. J., No. 2301	5- 3-64
4- 8-64	Powell, Wyo., No. 2303	5-23-64
4-22-64	Cherry Hill, N. J., No. 2305	5-17-64
5-11-64	Jefferson, Iowa, No. 2306	6-11-64
6- 1-64	Deer Trail, Colo., No. 2307	6-28-64
6- 4-64	Wethersfield-Rocky Hill,	0-20-04
0 101	Conn., No. 2308	6-28-64
6- 8-64	Bowie, Md., No. 2309	6-26-64
6-16-64	Chelmsford, Mass., No. 2310	7-26-64
7-10-64	Harrison, Ark., No. 2311	9-19-64
Granted	by Grand Exalted Ruler Rob	ert G. Pruitt:
8-20-64	Plymouth, N. H., No. 2312	9-13-64
10-28-64	Norwin, Pa., No. 2313	12-13-64
11- 5-64	Yucca Valley, Cal., No. 2314	1-23-65
11-16-64	Clarion, Pa., No. 2315	1-17-65
12- 1-64	Florissant, Mo., No. 2316	3-13-65
1- 5-65	Lander, Wyo., No. 2317	2-10-65
2-23-65	Jackson, Miss., No. 2318	4-25-65
3- 3-65	Sikeston, Mo., No. 2319	3-14-65
3-12-65	LaFayette, La., No. 1095	5- 9-65
3-15-65	Pryor, Okla., No. 2320	4-24-65
3-18-65	Slidell, La., No. 2321	
3-26-65	Clear Lake (Kemah), Texas, No. 2	322
3-29-65	Catonsville, Md., No. 2323	
3-30-65	Yorktown, N. Y., No. 2324	
4- 7-65	Hollywood, Cal., No. 2325	
4-13-65	Harrison-East Newark, N. J., No.	2326
4-15-65	Clark, N. J., No. 2327	
4-19-65	Spokane Valley, Wash., No. 2328	
4-27-65	Munster-Highland, Ind., No. 2329	7

5-17-65 Arcadia Valley (Arcadia), Mo., No. 2330 5-25-65 Hackettstown, N. J., No. 2331 6- 2-65 Belvidere, Ill., No. 1580

BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the Lodge year from April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965.

ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents,	
Burials, etc\$	645,671.37
Summer Outings, Camps and Health Resorts	334,351.12
Cerebral Palsy	787,668.42
Crippled Children	916,731.00
Medical Aid and Hospitals	398,002.62
Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving	
and Christmas Baskets	1,088,396.40
Elks National Foundation	308,535.60
Youth Work (except for scholarships, free	
textbooks, etc.)	
Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc.	508,740.29
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	237,116.79
Veterans' Relief	197,032.25
Miscellaneous	797,327.59
Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of	
July, etc.	260,492.82
Total\$	7,706,968.65

ACTIVITIES BY STATES

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work

by each State and Special Jurisdiction, during the period from April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965:

STATE	AMOUNT	STATE	AMOUNT
Alabama\$	77,489.11	New Jersey	493,421.64
Alaska	54,842.11	New Mexico	86,221.89
Arizona	144,887.91	New York	444,175.30
Arkansas	33,074.96	North	
California	1,225,566.47	Carolina	94,446.10
Canal Zone	8,618.06	North Dakota	64,998,16
Colorado	269,717.30	Ohio	168,335.30
Connecticut	140,441.48	Oklahoma	69,100.11
Florida	261,421.87	Oregon	262,771.97
Georgia	218,562.88	Pennsylvania	346,232.23
Guam	1,925.00	Philippine	
Hawaii	6,388.26	Islands	27,287.42
Idaho	120,653.64	Puerto Rico	505.00
Illinois	278,581.81	Rhode Island	40,210.83
Indiana	186,358.07	South	
lowa	60,636.44	Carolina	89,651.10
Kansas	112,287.92	South Dakota	69,434.12
Kentucky	33,251.00	Tennessee	99,376.35
Louisiana	27,900.73	Texas	184,937.84
Maine	26,349.46	Utah	92,339.73
Md., Del., D.C.	104,106.63	Vermont	61,029.76
Massachusetts	329,529.85	Virginia	72,627.62
Michigan	199,578.96	Washington	350,339.74
Minnesota	75,995.97	West	
Mississippi	22,034.50	Virgina	83,292.44
Missouri	62,184.00	Wisconsin	100,304.40
Montana	100,167.97	Wyoming	38,495.86
Nebraska	110,276.17		
Nevada	42,688.29		
New			
Hampshire	31,916.92	Total	7,706,968.65
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Membership by States — 1965

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State	Membership	State Men	bership
Alabama	7,954	New Hampshire	7,214
Alaska	8,132	New Jersey	42,906
Arizona	20,911	New Mexico	11,029
Arkansas	4,147	New York	76,991
California	158,695	North Carolina	13,568
Canal Zone	1,380	North Dakota	19,026
Colorado	33,880	Ohio	56,120
Connecticut	23,917	Oklahoma	11,686
Florida	38,180	Oregon	59,732
Georgia	20,429	Pennsylvania	89,642
Guam	278	Philippine	
Hawaii	1,611	Islands	327
Idaho	22,608	Puerto Rico	401
Illinois	68,037	Rhode Island	7,130
Indiana	51,104	South Carolina	10,404
lowa	31,829	South Dakota	12,275
Kansas	27,512	Tennessee	13,580
Kentucky	7,159	Texas	24,698
Louisiana	3,286	Utah	8,423
Maine	5,461	Vermont	6,966
Maryland, Del	a-	Virginia	13,473
ware, Dist.		Washington	81,298
of Columbia	12,717	West Virginia	20,714
Massachusetts	43,344	Wisconsin	24,747
Michigan	53,426	Wyoming	13,097
Minnesota			
Mississippi			
Missouri			
Montana	24,593		
Nebraska	25,138		

7,287

Membership Gains and Losses by States

	Year End	ed March 31, 1965	
State Ga		State Gain	Loss
Alabama	7	New Hampshire 131	
	90	New Jersey 982	
	83	New Mexico 496	
	76	New York	552
California 2,7	38	North	
	81	Carolina 190	
	81	North Dakota 1,002	
	98	Ohio 496	
	99	Oklahoma 456	
	85	Oregon 1,691	
Guam	6	Pennsylvania 2,422	
Hawaii	202	Philippine	
	55	Islands	9
	46	Puerto Rico	167
	17	Rhode Island 76	
lowa	130	South	
	32	Carolina 528	
Kentucky	77	South Dakota 72	
	03	Tennessee 483	
Maine	8	Texas 617	
Maryland, Del-		Utah 687	
aware, Dist.		Vermont 115	
	03	Virginia 477	
	50	Washington 5,364	
Michigan 1,2	29	West Virginia	154
	67	Wisconsin	200
	42	Wyoming 420	
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	92	Gain29,470	1 407
Nebraska 1,6	69	Loss	1,497
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The foregoing Digest of Annual Reports was prepared by the staff of The Elks Magazine from prepared texts of the official reports involved. Each of the complete reports was published in its entirety. In addition, the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, and the several Chairmen presented supplementary remarks at the Grand Lodge Session held in Miami Beach, July 11-15. These remarks appear in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session.

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A YEAR OF EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS

It must be embarrassing for those social critics who from time to time have forecast the demise of this and other fraternal orders, to note that instead of withering away and vanishing from the scene, the Order of Elks is showing robustly healthy growth.

Consider, for example, the fact that membership in the B.P.O. Elks has shown an increase for the 26th consecutive year. Then add the fact that the gain of 27,973 for this past year was the largest in five years.

Another sign of the disgustingly good health of Elkdom is the happy fact that contributions last year to the Elks National Foundation rose to \$793,170, to set another high in the 37-year history of our splendid nationwide benevolent trust fund.

To these may be added the further evidence of our Order's vitality in the form of 20 new lodges instituted during the past year.

Now, these excellent results did not just happen but resulted from much planning and a tremendous amount of hard work. They reflect the forwardlooking, enthusiasm-generating leadership of the kind that Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt gave this fraternity during his term of office that closed at Miami Beach last month. In his acceptance speech, Brother Pruitt remarked that, "The future seems even better than the past," in referring to Elkdom's accomplishments. He then went out and proved the soundness of his observation. Through hard work and ebullient enthusiasm he set an inspiring example for his District Deputies, committeemen, and officers of our subordinate lodges that will be felt for years.

In so many ways, Brother Pruitt has succeeded in giving us a new appreciation of our Elk membership. He increased our awareness of the personal value of Elk fellowship and the rewarding associations that grow out of it. He reminded us that Elkdom was from the beginning and should always remain a happy Order if it is to achieve its goals of benevolence and patriotic service to the fullest extent.

Brother Pruitt has been good for Elkdom, and we congratulate him and his associates for the splendid record of achievement during his administration. But most of all, we express our appreciation for deepening and strengthening our feeling that it is, indeed, great to be an Elk.

Public Opinion and Pornography

There is reassurance in the growing consensus condemning the flood of filth with which the vulgarians have inundated the country in recent years. The "squares" have long raised their voices against those who, for commercial gain, were polluting the country's morals with even more damage to our nation's health than that resulting from pollution of our air and water. Now, in growing numbers, the "squares" are being joined by those to whom this denigrating epithet could never be applied, even by the most determined avant-garde absolutist. Perhaps the tide is turning.

For example, when novelist Lillian Smith, whose best-known book is A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, accepted an award for bettering human understanding, she had this comment on the sick products of our writers:

"And what effect does this have on the young? All we need do is look around us, at the beats and the smokers of pot and the kids in high school who are now drug addicts and the young homosexuals flaunting their deviations. They are the characters in the plays now come to life; they are now acting out in real homes and real streets the splintered fantasies the novelists wrote about. Our writers, our poets, and dramatists have forgotten what every real artist knows: Men imitate art, art does not imitate men."

Dealing with another medium, Bosley Crowther, film critic for the *New York Times*, confessed that he was fed up with movies that were "given to exposition of sordid and sex-conscious themes . . . repeated evidences of calculated candor and bad taste."

Mr. Crowther proposed that we discourage these excesses by staying away from them, on the ground that, "It's entirely up to the public." It is also up to publishers to employ critics who will discriminate between degeneracy and art, despite the insistence by the vulgarians upon conformity to their non-standards of non-art and non-morals.

Of course, it is in large measure a responsibility of parents. But it becomes a discouraging task for even the most dedicated parent when children are bombarded from newspapers, magazines, billboards, book stores, newsstands, movies, the stage, and television with debasing appeals calculated to undercut and destroy everything good that they have learned at home, school, and church. Parents need help, and there are signs that they are getting it in increasing measure.

A few months ago citizens from all over the country met in Washington, D. C. at a Conference to Combat Obscenity. They represented many faiths

and numerous organizations, but they had no trouble agreeing upon a number of resolutions requesting the cooperation of government, the courts, religious organizations, and the entertainment industry to end the current wave of pornography. More to the point, the resolutions urged citizen action, including appeals to newsstand proprietors to refuse pornographic materials, and to support stronger laws—local, state, and national—against obscenity.

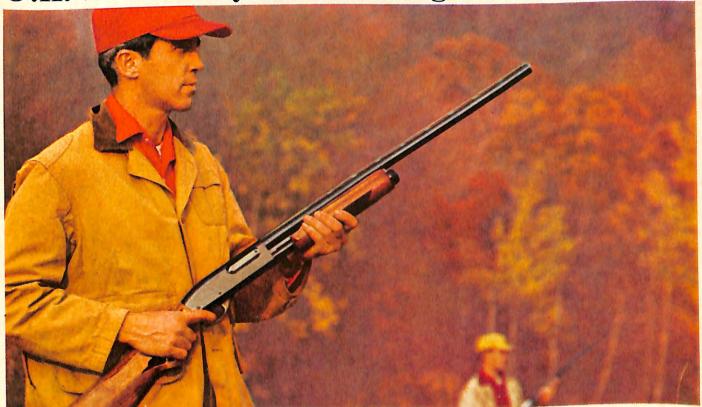
Most Americans shy away from censorship. There is a division of legal opinion as to whether any censorship is permissible under present Constitutional guarantees, and there are wide-ranging differences on what constitutes pruriency, obscenity, pornography, and similar terms, and their application to specific books, films, and so forth. Pending Supreme Court decisions may clarify the legal aspects of censorship.

But the best laws will be of no avail if responsible citizens remain silent while the vulgarians get bolder and bolder, leading more and more impressionable young people to believe that our society has put its stamp of approval on lowered moral standards if not their complete abandonment. As Jenkins Lloyd Jones said in his memorable speech entitled "Who's Tampering with the Soul of America?": "Let's put a cover on the cesspool and plant some flowers over it."



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