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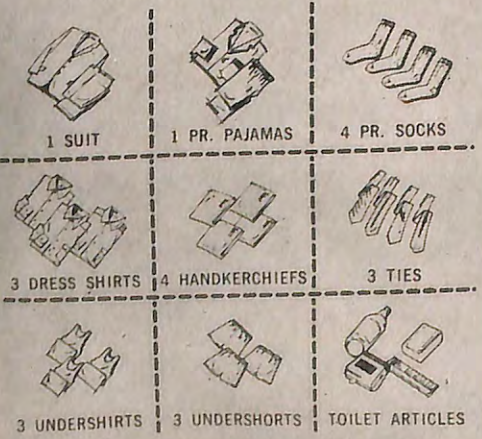
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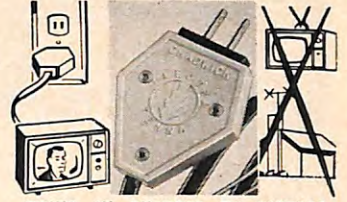
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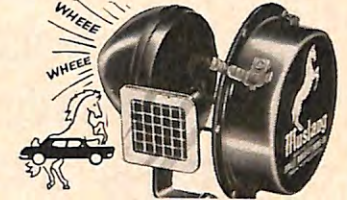
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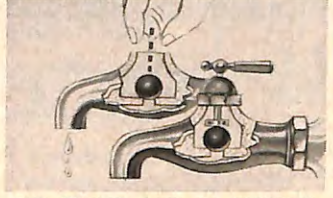
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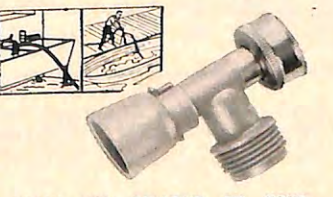
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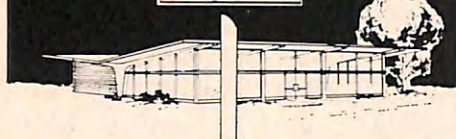
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LETTERS

Yea, Slippery Rock

I'm quite amused by all the Johnny-come-lately Slippery Rock bandwagoners (see "The Slippery Rock Story," November issue). In 1922 when I played for Catholic University of Oklahoma (now St. Gregory's) at Shawnee, Okla., we would all get in a group to hear "Aby" Murphy read the weekend scores from the *Daily Oklahoman*.

In the score column Slippery Rock followed Rutgers, which Aby called "Ruttridge," so with that pronunciation Slippery Rock was a standout.

I dare say that if you were to conduct a survey, you would find synthetic alumni among us "Okies" dating back 43 years.

Yea Slippery Rock!

C. W. FOUDRAY
Long Beach, Calif.

Being a student at Slippery Rock State College, I enjoyed ["The Slippery Rock Story"] very much. It is one of the most interesting articles I have ever read about "The Rock," and it certainly makes me proud to be able to say that I am a student at this famous little school. . . .

CECILIA DENNEY
Class of '69
Slippery Rock, Pa.

Adding to Our Smile

"Adding Years to Your Smile" (November issue) was excellent. . . . I certainly commend your editorial staff in their fine judgment in choosing this article, as the content is excellent.

There is such a tremendous need for information about dentistry to help the public understand the worthiness of good dental care, I feel you have done a very good deed for Elks to include this article in your magazine.

JACK B. PRESTON, D.D.S.
Orlando, Fla.

"Adding Years to Your Smile" was an excellent article. We dentists surely do appreciate articles such as this in the lay press. Thank you very much.

CHARLES L. MILONE, D.D.S.
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Toward Better Understanding

Many people in our area have read the article "A New Dawn for the Mentally Retarded" by James C. G. Conniff (November issue) and have commented what a fine article they felt this was. It certainly will do much to help the general public have a better understanding of the retarded. . . .

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Won't you join the players with a gift to the Elks National Foundation this year?

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R. LEONARD BUSH, *Grand Exalted Ruler*

INSIDE *Tips* FOR THE OUTDOORSMAN

By RAY OVINGTON

Rabbit and other small game are still in season in January in some states. If you go after them, dress warmly, carry a hand warmer and a compass, and beware of getting caught in a blizzard; don't go too far into the woods.



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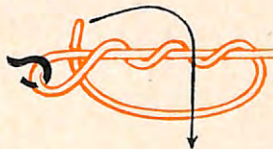
Outdoorsmen spend more time indoors these days, so it's a good time to work at old hobbies and start new ones.

Fly tying and lure making are entertaining, instructive, and useful. Here's an easy fly to tie, and it's a killer. The tinsel fly is made by tying a section of Christmas decoration to the front and back of the hook shank. It imitates a minnow nicely.

Another good off-season hobby is hand-checkering your gun stocks. See your local sporting goods or tackle store for tools and instructions.

When taking pictures outdoors, bear in mind that the light is less now than it is in summer, even though your eye may not notice it. Double your exposure (one f-stop). Better yet, use a light meter, especially for color film.

Can you tie a clinch knot? This is a good time to practice; here's how to do it. It's a good knot for attaching a hook, lure, or swivel to the leader.



These are "show" months for outdoor sportsmen. The best way to see what's new in equipment is to visit the various shows being held in major cities in this "off" season.



If skiing is one of your outdoor winter pleasures, beware of snow blindness—one of the greatest hazards. If you wear sunglasses, carry a spare pair, just in case.

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Bloody VIETNAM: *What's at Stake*

By **JERRY GREENE**

The American commitment in Vietnam represents not only an attempt to stem the tide of communist aggression in a small, distant country; vital interests of the U.S. and our allies give the conflict a crucial strategic significance



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UPI PHOTOS

Combat—facing death—is but one aspect of war in Vietnam for U.S. troops. Another is trying to minimize the brutal but unavoidable hardships and casualties inflicted on civilians. Unlike our adversaries, however, we do our best to provide help through evacuation and food, medical aid, sometimes just old-fashioned, sympathetic affection.

THE WAR in Vietnam, regarded officially by the U.S. for years as a home-grown conflict concerned with smashing a communist guerrilla "insurgency" in that distant Southeast Asian land, exploded almost overnight into a full-blown battle for security of American defenses in the Pacific—defenses that protect both our own vital interests and those of our allies.

That is why American combat troops have been pouring steadily into South Vietnam since the momentous White House decision last July when the course of the Chinese communists and their North Vietnamese stooges became clear. That is why the U.S. is committed to the conflict until the Red drive southward is ended.

Only a comparatively small part of our American striking power has been earmarked for the expanded war in Vietnam, but this land, sea, and air force is potent and could swell far beyond the total of 250,000 men and a thousand planes and 1,400 helicop-

ters and dozens of ships now in or headed for the battle zone.

For the loss of Vietnam would give the communists a cutting edge for the dagger striking southeastward from the Asian continent, surely intended in time to slash into the Philippines, and strike on through the links with Australia. From a strategic position, the Chinese communists and their puppets in Hanoi would ask no more for the present than the capture of this vital Asian elbow jutting out into the South China Sea midway between Hong Kong and Singapore.

After the end of World War II, battle-wise American generals and admirals drew a defense perimeter line that looped across the western Pacific and was aimed at maintaining the peace and protecting this nation from another enemy attack. Communist aggression was uppermost in their minds.

This perimeter stretched down from Alaska through the Aleutians, through Japan and South Korea, on to in-

clude Formosa and the Philippines, across the great island of New Guinea, and was anchored in Australia.

The line has held and has served its purpose for nearly a generation. It bent once, in 1950, when through error or misinterpretation or pure blunder, the Chinese communists got the idea that the U.S. was weary of watching these extended ramparts and no longer considered South Korea an essential picket in the protective fence. The Reds struck swiftly; the Korean war flamed. Today, the surly communists, with guns loaded, still face two divisions of American troops across barbed wire entanglements in mid-Korea after a dozen years of a shaky and uncertain armistice agreement.

Balked in Korea, the communists shifted directions and pointed their next expansion operation to the south, where developing nationalism and the breakup of French and Dutch colonialism appeared to be cracking the doors wide open.

As a lush but lazy French colony, Vietnam was little known to the rest of the world and of little interest to the military strategists. As a potential communist bastion, outflanking all Southeast Asia and forming a keystone for conquest, Vietnam caused a wholesale and rapid reshuffling of military thinking and planning.

Possession of Vietnam could pave
(Continued on page 38)



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Journeys of 1965

By **JERRY HULSE** *Despite such hardships as constantly changing time zones, cuisine of differing character and caliber almost daily, and leaving loved ones behind, our professional traveler has survived another year of plying his trade. Here's a recap*

FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

ONLY 365 days have passed—and with them has gone 1965. Still, pleasant memories remain: distant places and the adventures we chronicled in another 100,000-mile spree that took us three times across the Atlantic, deep into the Caribbean, off into Mexico, far into the South Seas, and several times across this exciting land of ours—toting up mileage and filling the notebook with word-pictures and tips for Elks who travel.

It was impossible to report about everyplace; there simply would have been too much to say. In taking inventory of the old year, though, we will jot down notes on the places we left out and, at the same time, retrace a path that led us from January into December—or the equivalent of four complete times around the world.

As the first days dawned a year ago, we set up our typewriter in the pleasant warmth of the Caribbean. In the mere passing of a night, Delta Airlines had airlifted us all the way from Los Angeles to Puerto Rico for a convenient connection with British West Indian Airways to Barbados. Winter was howling up a storm in the north, but here the trades were gentle and the skies at night flecked with stars.

In the off-season one can obtain shelter along with meals for as little as \$8 a day in Barbados, or half the ransom posted in the December-April high season. We doodled away the hours at the Miramar, listening to the sea by night and splashing in its welcome coolness by day. We learned, too, that Mr. Hilton would be along soon with another spiffy resort of the sort that makes wanderers out of stay-at-homes.

Later we jetted off to Antigua, an isle that's blessed with a beach for every single day of the year. We dropped our bag at the venerable Admiral's Inn at English Harbor and right off felt like a pirate—gazing out a window of the 18th century fortress-like pile. With Desmond Nicholson, the proprietor, we scooped up a thermos of rum and hiked off to the peaks of Shirley Heights to watch the harbor below fill with shadows as a blazing sun extinguished itself in the sea.

Roaming around the Caribbean is no longer the rich man's sport of an

earlier day. We rubbed shoulders with tourists on 13-day island-hopping holidays tagged as low as \$189 (plus air fare).

One morning while in Antigua we popped over to that volcanic sliver called Montserrat, an emerald isle that's being bannered as the "Tahiti of the West Indies." Montserrat is likewise compared with Hawaii's garden isle of Kauai. Lots were selling for \$30 down and \$30 a month; Beefeater gin was tagged at \$1.59 a jug, Scotch was \$2.40; and madame could hire a maid for only five bucks a week. Paradise? You bet!

Before jetting away from the Caribbean we had a final fling at Little Dix, Mr. Rockefeller's new roost of rooms dangling in the British Virgin Islands. With sand like white talcum and a surf like bath water, it created a problem—the problem being our reluctance to fly off again to report on travel elsewhere.

February was our month for cruising. After this we skipped off to Genoa for the maiden sailing of the *Michelangelo*, new flagship of the Italian Line. This was one of the tales we never got around to telling, so why not now?

Precisely at 11 o'clock of a fine Mediterranean morning, thunder echoed across the harbor at Genoa. The Mediterranean faced a sea of faces that looked down from the lofty decks of the \$60-million *Michelangelo*, named in memory of the prolific Renaissance painter, sculptor, and architect. The thunder rising from the ship's mighty voice signaled the start of her maiden voyage to the U.S. Other ships whistled their salute, including three U.S. destroyers and an aircraft carrier. Slowly Genoa disappeared and the Mediterranean opened its sea lanes to the new voyager.

There is something special about a maiden sailing. It can never be repeated nor can the excitement be relived. After Genoa, the *Michelangelo* stopped for salutes in Cannes, Naples, and Gibraltar. But none could compare—not even the tumultuous welcome in New York—with the salute at sea by the passing *Leonardo da Vinci*, former flagship of the Italian Line. It occurred, as I recall, on the fourth night

out, deep in the Atlantic. It was the twilight hour when the ships passed. In this brief moment the *Leonardo da Vinci* abdicated as flagship and the *Michelangelo* began its reign. Flares rose in the darkening sky, trailed by a shower of sparks. Dye was cast into the sea, reddening the wakes of the passing ships. It was a brief moment of drama and color that ended quickly, but a moment that will live long with those who were there.

March found us in Europe again, this time exploring "Portugal for Peanuts"—and we mean just that. Of all the places we visited during 1965, Portugal held the spotlight—not only for thriftiness, but beauty and an unspoiled charm as well. Imagine food and shelter for \$2.50 a day! It can't last long—not with the present tourist push to Portugal's shores (a new record was set in 1965). You may recall our telling about the retired American school-teacher living right in Lisbon on only \$4 a day. This has to be the cheapest major city in all of Western Europe.

By day we motored off to the seaside resorts of Estoril and Sesimbra, the latter an ancient fishing village caught up in the cleavage of hills that tumbled to the sea—the houses stacked like wooden blocks, their whiteness blinding in the noonday sun. By night we explored the *fado* caves of old Lisbon. ("April in Portugal" was the first *fado* to become popular in the U.S.—and it's still being sung in Lisbon.) In the old Moorish Alfama, lanterns lighted cobbled alleys and we stopped to listen to the pretty *fadista*, Celeste, whose voice drifts nightly out of Parreirinha d'Alfama.

I said that Portugal was the high point of our travels and it was; there was the Algarve, the little known stretch of lonesome beach lining the sea for 125 miles westward from the Spanish border to Cape São Vicente. Here we found the Portugal of another time, with farmers and fishermen riding donkeys and driving hooded horse carts. Two can settle in a seaside *pousada* for less than \$4 a day, along with wine, luncheon, and dinner. Even the prices are out of this century.

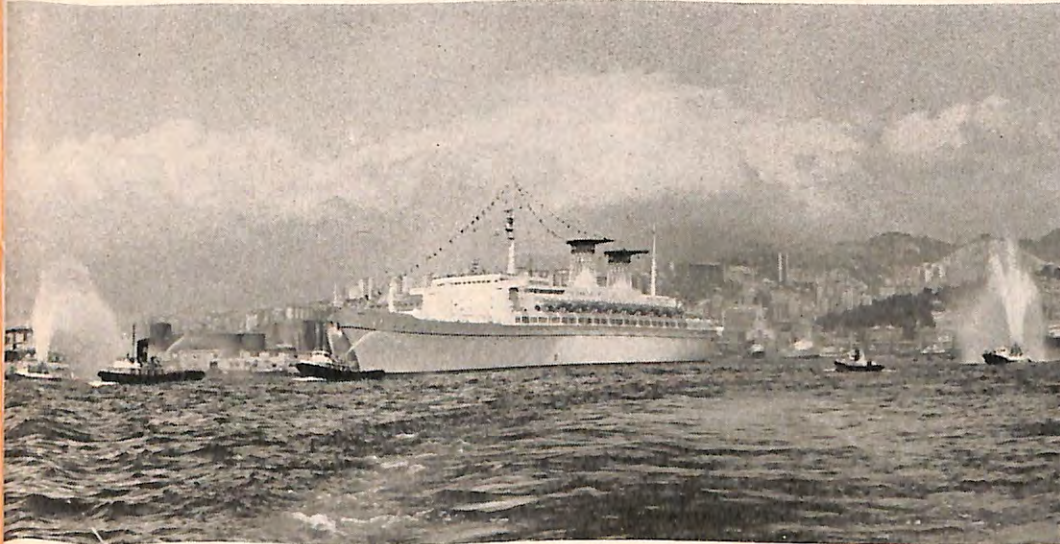
Back on U.S. soil, an enjoyable in-
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Fiji Islanders ready hot rocks for fire-walking rite. Jerry didn't participate.



Ultra-modern Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, with adjacent 18-hole golf course, overlooks Mauna Kea Beach—a Laurance Rockefeller enterprise in Hawaii.



When the Italian Lines' Michelangelo sailed from Genoa on her maiden voyage, our wanderer was aboard. Here the ship gets a fireboat send-off, rivaling its New York welcome later.



Barbados fruit vendor adroitly bears her wares on her head, adding to local color.



From an ancient Lisbon wharf, sail barges are seen slowly, placidly making their way along the Tejo River.

The Little Dix Bay resort, another Laurance Rockefeller development, is a tropical paradise in the British Virgin Islands.



HAPPENSTANCE

BY MITCHELL HILS



If things that happen turn out funny-like, like as not you've had a happenstance. At least, that's the way it was for Hap Rule—and Doc Perkins



DOC PERKINS' eyes twinkled as he worked over his squirming patient, who was prone on the examining table in the sparsely furnished office.

"Your behind sure is a mess, son!" he exclaimed. "You got *all* kinds of pebbles embedded in your hide—it's going to take me a while to get 'em out."

Extracting one with his tweezers, he scrutinized it, then placed it on the table with a growing collection of bits of bloody gravel.

"I've been doctoring here in Kay City more years than I care to remember," he remarked. "Had to treat bullet wounds, knife slashes, the golderndest broken bones, but this beats all."

Once again the doctor bent over the figure on the table. "How in tarnation did you get in this shape?"

The young man turned his head, revealing his sunbrowned, lean face. It was a face undistinguished from many others of the men who roamed the West—except for the almost childlike candor of the blue eyes in which the doctor noted a hint of wry humor.

"Wal, Doc," he replied in a ranger-rider drawl, "my pony got his leg caught in a gopher hole and dumped me on top of a hill just east of town. Lit on my backside," he grinned ruefully, "and slid to the bottom. It was gravel all the way."

"No doubt about that," the doctor agreed. "You brought most of it into town with you." As he probed deeper and his patient smothered an "ouch," Doc Perkins continued talking. "What's your name, young fellow?"

From the clenched jaws: "Rule. Hap Rule."

Doc Perkins looked at his patient with renewed interest. "Rule, huh? Seems like I heard that name. Deputy down at Alvon named Rule captured Poke Hayes. Any kin of yours?"

"I'm him," Hap Rule said reluctantly.

The doctor's eyes lighted up. "Quite a thing you did. Poke sure was a bad one. Hey! Hold still there!" he commanded as Hap abruptly rolled on his side to look at the doctor.

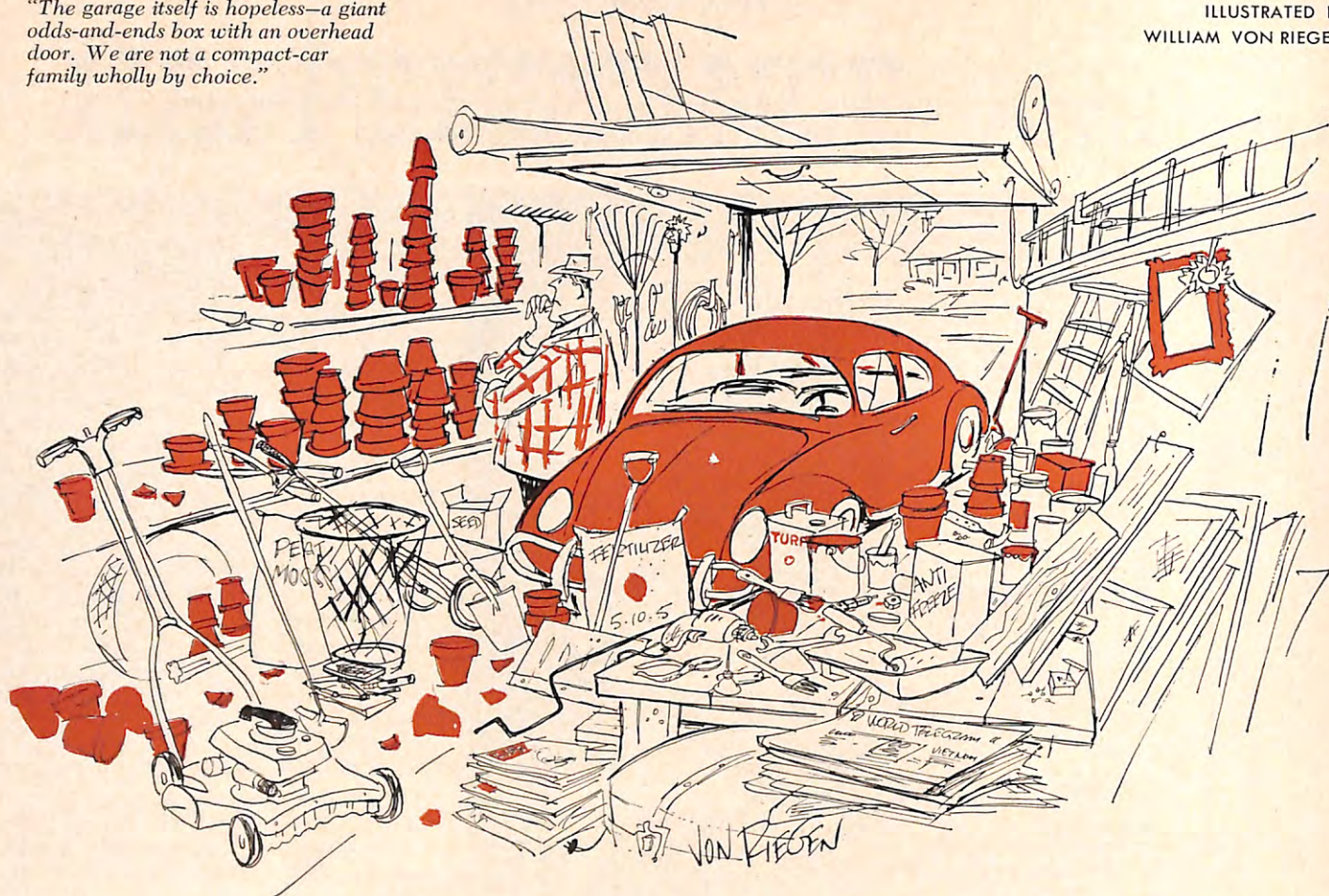
"Look, Doc, don't start treatin' me like a hero, and don't tell nobody in

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"Good looking, he thought, but stuck up. Her evident poise made Hap uncomfortable. He became even more uncomfortable when the girl smiled directly at him."

"The garage itself is hopeless—a giant odds-and-ends box with an overhead door. We are not a compact-car family wholly by choice."

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Home Is Where the Rummage Is

By CHARLES A. PETERSON

ONE IS ALWAYS running across magazine articles describing clever ways to reclaim old furniture and convert outmoded bric-a-brac into fashionable bric-a-brac, or suggesting what to do with your old diamonds, Rolls-Royces, and all those wrinkled dollar bills you've been sweeping under the cellar stairs. (You roll them up tightly on leftover fishline, shellac them, and make beaded portières. Very big in Greenwich Village just now.) Somehow, though, these helpful ideas never seem to deal with the sort of odds and ends that accumulate in our house. Like those 57 wire coathangers festooning our fruit cellar.

I don't mean 57 individual wire coathangers. Even I can figure out lots of things to do with those. I mean the 57 wire coathangers that through some strange process, as yet unknown to man, have become fused into something that closely resembles a plate of petrified spaghetti unearthed at Pompeii. What do I do with those?

Or wrong-sized boxes, another thing in oversupply at our house. One can only speculate on the number of odd-shaped objects we must have around,

judging by the wrong-sized empty boxes we're storing in an upstairs closet against the day when we'll need a box. The only things I've ever found to fit into these boxes are smaller wrong-sized boxes. The last time we sent a youngster upstairs for a box we nearly lost her in an avalanche of cardboard. As a result we've decided that it's safer to wrap gifts in brown paper.

We're also abundantly supplied with clay flower-pots, stacked in our garage like so many Babylonian ziggurats. (The garage itself is hopeless—a giant odds-and-ends box with an overhead door. We are not a compact-car family wholly by choice.) We've disposed of some pots by smashing them and putting the pieces into other pots, a procedure recommended by the how-to-do-it books for establishing proper drainage, but this is pretty much like spooning back the tides. It has been suggested that we use the pots to set ourselves up in the greenhouse business. However, since our collection is derived primarily from plants that turned up their leaves and expired while under our care, this could be risky.

We have a surprisingly extensive assortment of earmuffs, considering that ours is a family with only two ears per person. This is doubtless due to the peculiar habit earmuffs have in the off-season of burying themselves in cool drawers and closets which, in cold weather, are the last places you'd think to look for them. Since the first cold snap never brings them to light, the only thing to do is to buy more. The following summer, with the deep-rooted instinct of their kind, these new earmuffs in turn search out their fellows in those obscure recesses, and thus the grand cycle of Nature continues unabated.

If anyone can suggest a plan for utilizing excess transparent tape dispensers I'd be most happy to hear from him. We started with a single dispenser that could never be found because one of the children (but never the one at hand) always had it last. So we bought another. One for upstairs, and one for downstairs, we said, congratulating ourselves on our cleverness. This lasted until the upstairs spool ran out of tape, whereupon the downstairs dispen-

ser flew upstairs and, for all we could tell the next time we needed it, up the chimney as well. It did turn up again later, shortly after we'd bought another.

A new and foreboding note was introduced with the discovery that you could no longer buy refill rolls of tape. Instead you had to buy a "Special Offer!"—a roll with the dispenser and exclamation point thrown in. What with the modern home being held together pretty largely by transparent tape, we had no alternative but to take what was available. In no time at all we were, and still are, up to here in tape dispensers. One dispenser still has some tape left in it, I'm quite sure, but nobody has seen that one since Aunt Flora's birthday, when we sealed up the brown paper bag containing her present.

I would rather not mention my collection of painting trousers, reputed to be the largest this side of the Continental Divide. It has grown steadily over the years, due to a stubbornly held theory of mine that a homeowner needn't bother to change slacks before undertaking small painting jobs around the house. Consequently I now have painting trousers in an infinite variety of shades, speckles, and splatters, dating all the way back to a 30" waistline.

They hang rather forlornly in the basement, close to a potentially priceless hoard of two-hole switchplates and

curtain rods of every conceivable description. There is only one of each in the latter group, of course.

Then there's a box of electric plugs and sockets possessed of the mysterious, if not downright spooky, faculty of switching slowly, imperceptibly, from one to the other. That is to say, if you're looking for plugs, it's full of sockets. A few months from now, when you're seeking sockets, you'll find plugs.

Among our assorted treasures we also count a lode of artwork in various media, dating from the pre-school, kindergarten, and grade school periods. We've clung to this collection through the years, partly out of sentiment and partly because guests to whom it has been shown invariably cry, "Why, that's lots better than the junk I've seen hanging in art galleries at \$300 each!" It's a great comfort, I can tell you, to know that in our old age we'll have this quarter-million-dollar cache to fall back on. We only hope that it won't fall on us when the attic floor gives way.

The attic? Well, that's another story and one I'd just as soon not go into right now. Haven't been able to, in fact, for two years come Groundhog Day. Like I say, I'm in the market for some way—any way—to cope with all this stuff. Short of a solution involving a can of gasoline and a match, that is. That's already been suggested. • •

LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST

As in the past, the year 1965-66 will see another competition among the many outstanding bulletins published by the subordinate lodges. As usual, this contest is under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, and James A. Gunn, 437 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y., is the member in charge.

Again this year, prizes will be awarded to lodges in four categories, based on membership count—over 1,500; between 1,000 and 1,500; between 500 and 1,000, and under 500 members.

Bulletin editors interested in competing should select the three best issues published between April 1, 1965 and January 31, 1966, in accordance with Section 214 of the Grand Lodge Statutes. They should then insert these in a binder and mail them to Brother Gunn in time for them to reach him no later than February 15th.

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**Lodge Visits of
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When visiting Groton, Conn., Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Bush toured the shipyard of General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division. Shown in front of the newly completed Polaris submarine Benjamin Franklin are, l. to r.: New London P.E.R. Edward E. Baldini; Arthur J. Roy, Grand Trustees Vice-Chairman; Grand Lodge New London Lodge Committeeman Thaddeus J. Paulowski; Brother Bush; Groton E.R. Raymond Noyce Sr.; Edward Spry, Special Dep. and Past Grand Trustees Chm.; New London P.E.R. Matteo Miceli; and New London E.R. Daniel Schwartz. Later, the Grand Exalted Ruler helped break ground for Groton Lodge's new \$350,000 home.

UTICA, N.Y. Addressing a dinner meeting of more than 200 members from New York's Central District at Utica Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Bush commended the state's Elks for their program of providing mobile units to visit the homes of cerebral palsied children. He was accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn.

Brother Bush was welcomed to the lodge by Exalted Ruler Louis S. Cifarelli. He received a key to the city from Mayor Frank M. Dulan, a member of Utica Lodge. Other Elk officials welcoming him were District Deputy Joseph J. Ferlo and Norman A. Manor, Vice-President of the New York State Assn. for the Central District.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH Grand Exalted Ruler Bush was honored at a banquet at Salt Lake City Lodge, climaxing the fall meeting of the Utah State Elks Association. Pursuing a crowded schedule, the Grand Exalted Ruler had previously paid official visits to Park City Lodge, where he took time out to ride the ski lift to the top of Treasure Mountain, and Tooele Lodge. He addressed the closing session of the Association's meeting. Proclamations des-



Elks from all parts of Maine turned out to hear Grand Exalted Ruler Bush address a dinner meeting in Auburn, sponsored by the State Elks Assn. Dignitaries pictured with him (fourth from left) are, l. to r.: Special Deputy Edward Spry; Daniel E. Crowley, former Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman; P.G.E.R. John E. Fenton; State President Joseph Winner; P.D.D. Gordon W. Drew, representing Gov. John H. Reed; P.D.D. Alton E. Lessard; D.D. Charles M. Gallagher; and Grand Lodge Americanism Committeeman John P. Carey.



On an official visit to New York's South District, Brother Bush receives the key to the city from Mayor Joseph Vaccarella, a Brother Elk. Looking on, from left, are District Deputy John D. McCaffrey; E.R. Harvey Bayer of the host Mount Vernon Lodge; James A. Gunn, member of the Lodge Activities Committee of Grand Lodge; and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn.



Grand Exalted Ruler Bush addresses Utah Elks gathered in Salt Lake City for their State Association's annual fall meeting. Attentive listeners seated on the platform are, left to right, Exalted Ruler R. Dean Pedersen of Salt Lake City Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins, and Mont A. Gowers, Past Exalted Ruler and Chaplain of the host lodge.

ignating the days of Brother Bush's visits as "Elks Days" were issued by Governor Calvin L. Rampton and Salt Lake City Mayor J. Bracken Lee.

Members of the Grand Exalted Ruler's official party included Past Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins; Joseph A. McArthur, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee; Patrick H. King, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, Grand Lodge; Grand Lecturing Knight Alton J. Thompson; District Deputies Raymond A. Lee and Carl M. Fomesbeck; and Utah Assn. President J. Vurge Smith.



Grand Exalted Ruler Bush breaks bread with Exalted Ruler James R. Merrill (left) and Mayor Robert L. Mallott Jr. on his recent visit to Keene, N.H., Lodge.



Brother Bush accepts a key to the city from Utica Mayor Frank M. Dulan, an Elk, on his visit to Utica, N. Y., Lodge. Looking on, from left, are Exalted Ruler Louis S. Cifarelli and Past New York State Association Presidents Francis P. Hart and Ray Barnum.

Brother Bush (seated, second from left) is shown here with other Elk officials on a visit to Rochester, N. H., Lodge, where Elks of the Granite State honored him at a testimonial dinner. Seated with him are, l. to r.: Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Rochester E.R. William H. Willey, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton. Standing are: P.E.R. Ellsworth Hodgdon; District Deputy Samanto Quain; New Hampshire Association President Maurice L. Daniels; Edward A. Spry, Special Deputy and Past Chm. of the Board of Grand Trustees; and District Deputy James R. Dawson.



More than 300 Elks and their ladies from New York's South District were in attendance at a dinner honoring Grand Exalted Ruler Bush at Norwich Lodge. Dignitaries shown with Brother Bush (third from left) at the head table are, l. to r.: District Deputy Willard C. Masterson; State Supreme Court Justice David E. Lee Sr., who was toastmaster; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn; and Mayor and P.E.R. J. Leo Weiler, who received the "Elk of the Year" award from the Grand Exalted Ruler. Seated at far left is the First Lady of Elkdom, Nina Bush.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bush receives his credentials from State President C. Ross Cline, following his arrival in Columbus for the annual fall meeting of the Ohio Elks Association. Looking on, from left, are Past Grand Exalted Rulers Fred L. Bohn and Dr. Edward J. McCormick, District Deputy John R. Shafer, E.R. Frank L. Wilkins of Columbus Lodge, and Walter G. Penry, member of the Lodge Activities Committee of Grand Lodge.

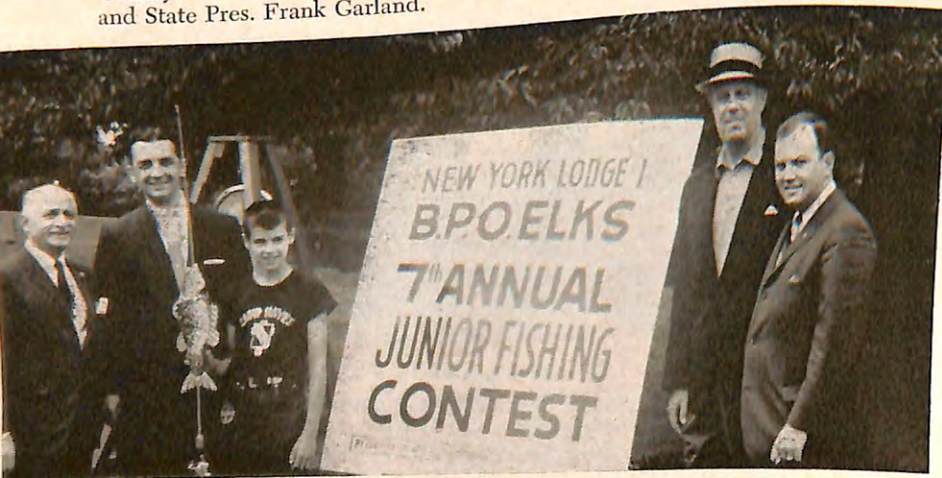




PORTLAND, Maine, Lodge's \$1,000 check for the New England Jimmy Fund is presented by Elk Dick Joyce, Kansas City pitcher, to sports announcer Curt Gowdy, second from right. Others are, left to right, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, Portland Elk Trustee John Murphy, Treas. Carmen Germaine and P.E.R. R. K. Madlocks. The presentation took place prior to the Boston Red Sox-Kansas City game attended by hundreds of Portland Elks.



SEATTLE, Washington, Lodge's Governor's Night marked the initiation of Gov. Daniel J. Evans, and 76 other candidates at special ceremonies. Left to right are former Grand Trustees Chairman Edwin J. Alexander, D.D. Harry Botesch, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, E.R. Peter A. Bellecy, Gov. Evans, County Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll, Chief Justice of the Subordinate Forum, and State Pres. Frank Garland.



NEW YORK, New York, No. 1, Lodge's 7th Annual Junior Fishing Contest Chairman Darby Gaudia is pictured at left with E.R. Xavier C. Riccobono, second from left, Commissioner of Parks Newbold Morris, an Elk, and Youth Chairman Don Kellaher, right. With them is the young man who caught the first fish on the opening day of the two-week contest.

ALASKA Elkdom, meeting in Palmer for the 1965 Convention, had two of the young chammers they assist in their Major Project pose with an obviously pleased Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush.



News of the Lodges

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WITH A PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER, a Grand Trustee, and three State Presidents in tow, Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush and his wife arrived in Alaska for the State Convention in Palmer September 22 to 26.

In the party which first enjoyed the hospitality of Anchorage Lodge and then toured the area struck by the 1964 earthquake and seismic wave before proceeding to Palmer, were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Grand Trustee Frank Hise, and Presidents Bruce Marsh, California; William Worden, Oregon, and Frank Garland, Washington. All were accompanied by their wives.

After viewing the restoration progress on the flood-damaged home of Seward Lodge, being made possible by the Grand Lodge Disaster Fund, the Order's leader and his entourage were welcomed to Palmer at a Flag-raising ceremony in which Mayor Ted Schmidtke, Exalted Ruler M. E. Burgan, and the high school band participated. Later, they attended the business session of the Association, with retiring President Robert E. Dawson presiding.

Highlight of this conclave was the report made by the Association's Cerebral Palsy Commission, whose accomplishments were demonstrated by the Elks' physical therapists with two of the youngsters they have been training. Next on the agenda was the Exalted Rulers' presentation of their lodges' contributions to this program, an amount exceeding \$30,000 and representing a voluntary \$4.00 donation by each of Alaska's 8,000 members.

Robert O. Faulkner of Juneau was elected to head the Association, with Vice-Presidents Harold J. Dunn of Palmer, and James G. Barry of Ketchikan; Secretary-Treasurer G. H. Gissberg of Juneau, and Trustees T. Stanton Wilson of Anchorage, R. W. Freer of Juneau, and H. R. Painter of Seward.

IRVING, Texas, Lodge No. 2334, was instituted not long ago under the sponsorship of Dallas and Garland Lodges, with a Charter Member Class of 100 named in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall. Here, Charter E.R. Bernard Roberts is congratulated by District Deputy Merle Cadman, third from left. Looking on are Ed Schleiter, Grand Lodge New Lodge Committeeman Alex McKnight and Grand Esquire Victor E. Ferchill.



Several States

FRANKLIN Exalted Ruler Eddie Metts, Jr., and his fellow Elks were hosts to the Mid-Season Conference of the Louisiana Elks Assn. October 8 and 9, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. A. Wall and Grand Lodge Committeemen Willis C. McDonald and A. C. Van Horn, Jr., as honored guests.

President J. A. Fontenot and Secretary E. F. Heller, Sr., conducted the meeting for which Past Pres. Jacob Clausen was Co-Chairman. Mayor W. McKerall O'Neill, a member, welcomed the delegates who heard outstanding progress reports from the Association's many committees.

At the banquet, Mr. Wall was the keynote speaker, following the introduction of State officials, District Deputies O. E. Blanchard and R. W. Glaholt, numerous Past Presidents, and officials of participating lodges. Mr. Wall also presented 25-year-membership pins to 18 Franklin Elks.

REPRESENTING 97 lodges, 500 Ohio delegates convened in Columbus for a three-day Fall Reunion at which State President C. Ross Cline presided and Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush was the featured speaker. Grand Lodge Committeeman Charles P. Bender addressed a Ritualistic Clinic.

Following a motion made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, a memorial to the Association's 25-year Veterans Hospital Chairman L. E. Strong was set up in the form of a \$1,000 investment in the Elks National Foundation, with all lodges contributing a minimum of \$10 each. The delegates also gave unanimous approval to Ohio State University's action in prohibiting subversive speakers on campus.

It announced that an additional \$4,200 in grants from the Elks National Foundation would go to Ohio's students, and that \$5,900 in grants had been made by the Ohio Elks C/P Training Center Board.



WATSONVILLE, California, Elk Lloyd Sweet is pictured, fourth from left, as he broke ground for the construction of a new lodge room for his fellow members. This generous Elk has contributed \$50,000 to the \$56,000 project, and his gift will include the entire building structure, heating, ventilation, electrical equipment, permanent seating and complete carpeting. Looking on are, left to right, former Grand Treas. John B. Morty, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely, P.D.D. N. W. Waters, P.E.R. W. E. Bartlett, State Pres. Bruce Marsh, E.R. David Morse, Past State Pres. Jim Nielsen, and Est. Lead. Knight Jack M. Banks. An Elk since 1919, Lloyd Sweet brought 30 members into his lodge in one class in 1961. Now almost a permanent resident of Tucson, Ariz., Mr. Sweet's allegiance remains with Watsonville Elkdom, and the easier accomplishments of its duties as a community agency.



GREEN BAY, Wisconsin, Lodge has sponsored a banquet annually to pay tribute to local sports figures. At this year's event, attended by 750 persons, six former Green Bay Packers received their National Football League trophies as members of the National Football Hall of Fame whose Director, Dick McCann, and E.R. William Lucas, made the awards. Left to right are Clarke Hinkle, Mike Michalske, Cal Hubbard, E.R. Lucas, Curly Lambeau, Don Hutson and Johnny Blood McNally. Of the Packers, Lambeau and Hutson are Elks, as is their Head Coach and Gen. Mgr. Vince Lombardi. Their Pres., Domonic Olejniczak, is a P.E.R., and their Vice-Pres., Richard Bourgenon, is also a member. Many current Packers are Elks, and about 30 of the former team members who have made Green Bay their home have also affiliated with the lodge.



LITTLETON, Massachusetts, Lodge's Cub Scout Pack is pictured on its birthday. With the young men, seated at left foreground, are P.E.R. R. M. Wetherbee, and Est. Loyal Knight Stanley Antonowicz, Post Liaison Officer. The lodge also sponsors a Boy Scout Troop, the Westford Jr. Hockey Club under the leadership of Trustee Delwin Rockwood, and teenage dances supervised by Elks and their wives.

News of the Lodges CONTINUED



PHOENIX, Arizona, E.R. Al Fekete is pictured at left with Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, right, and State Pres. Lowell Marler on Mr. Marler's official visit.



SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota, E.R. Tom Sheeley, right, presents a \$200 check for the Elks National Foundation to D.D. Charles Gaekle, center. Looking on is State Secy. Wayne Shenkle.



BROOKLYN, New York, Lodge played host to 1,100 crippled children and orphans at Shea Stadium for a game between the N.Y. Mets and Chicago. Left to right are Mets fielder Ron Swoboda, P.E.R. C. J. Behan, and the Mets young and great Eddie Krane-pool who's shown greeting an enthusiastic fan.



BOONE, Iowa, Lodge's two-year State Ritual titlists; left to right, foreground, E.R. R. G. Carper, Lead. Knight John Munson, Loyal Knight R. W. Coan, Coach James Tait; background: Lect. Knight W. J. Rinehart, Chaplain R. A. Trygg, Inner Guard K. L. Furman, Candidate W. W. Newbold, Esq. E. L. Morgan.

AMES, Iowa, Est. Lect. Knight Jack Dunlap, E.R. Tom Kelly, and Esq. Ralph Speer present a toy dog to Miss June Murphy, representing the Santa Barbara, Calif., El Kadettes, led by Drill Master Don McGee, right, when the group left Ames after an exhibition. The lodge played host to the young ladies during their stay in Ames.



MOUNTAINSIDE, New Jersey, Lodge held a Sports Night and Victory Dinner for their Little League Team which won the local title, and received individual trophies. Left to right are Co-Chairman Charles Carson, Mgr. Myles Kelly, E.R. C. E. Place, Asst. Mgr. John Barry, League Vice-Pres. Frank Magno, Fred Cochrane who is former welterweight champion, League Chairman Thomas Riccardi, and Est. Lect. Knight and Chairman M. A. Maloney.



LYNBROOK, New York, Lodge's Charter Members Class was initiated in the presence of State Pres. Peter Affatato on the lodge's 40th Anniversary. Mr. Affatato is pictured, fourth from left foreground, with E.R. Salvatore Stanchi on his left. At left background is P.D.D. George Olsen, and at right, State Tiler J. D. Waddell.



ILLINOIS NORTHEAST ELKS sponsor an annual football game for the benefit of the State Elks Crippled Children's Commission. This year's contest was between the Elmhurst Travelers and the West Allis Racers of Wisconsin. Left to right are Chicago (South) E.R. F. X. Gallagher, Commission Exec. Dir. Joseph M. Cooke, Elmhurst P.E.R. Jack Benner, Game Chairman, Dist. Vice-Pres. G. J. Matiasek, Dist. Secy.-Treas. Robert Nemeec, Elmhurst Coach G. J. Kulton, Elmhurst E.R. Chester Szymczyk, and P.D.D. Robert Mabee.



WESTMINSTER, Colorado, Lodge's new home was dedicated not long ago, when these officials were pictured inspecting the plaque marking the event. Left to right are E.R. Jerry Connolly, Grand Est. Loyal Knight G. A. Franz who was the principal speaker, and Elk Al Jah, general contractor.



Lodge Notes

Three Scouts, sponsored by widely separated branches of Elksdom, received Certificates of Merit from the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America not long ago. Richard Robinson, 16-year-old Eagle Scout of the Explorer Troop sponsored by South San Francisco, Calif., Lodge, assisted by James Young, rescued 16-year-old Jeff Sessler from drowning when the young man failed in an attempt to swim 50 yards under water. Immediately on bringing the drowning boy out of the water, Richard began administering artificial respiration, reviving the swimmer.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Lodge's Life Scout Richard Zippilli, 13, did not hesitate in jumping into the water from a rock ledge he'd been standing on, when told that a ten-year-old girl was in deep water and badly in need of assistance. Young Zippilli swam to the child, and brought her to safety.

John Burnett, 11-year-old Second

Class Scout in the Troop sponsored by El Paso, Texas, Lodge saw a large dog knock down six-year-old Stephen Gianes and begin biting him about the face. While John was on roller-skates and had difficulty reaching the child, he managed to pull the dog from him and was badly bitten in the process. However, he succeeded in protecting the younger child from further harm.

The cool-headed and unhesitating reaction in these emergencies by all three boys is both reassuring and exemplary.

At the request of Mrs. Dennis Pelowski, Nebraska Chairman for Stamps for the Wounded and the wife of an Elk, we are reporting on the program in which she is interested. The Junior Women's Clubs of her State are participating in a Federated service project of collecting *used* postage stamps which are sent to Government Veterans Hospitals and Convalescent Centers throughout the country. The stamps serve a special purpose: for many with limited paralysis and forced inactivity, empty hours are filled as they sort and mount the stamps. The Elks and their wives are already doing a great deal for our hospitalized servicemen; this added assistance will do much to alleviate the

tedium of their hours in the hospital. Mrs. Pelowski requests used and unused foreign and U. S. stamps, revenue stamps, postage due, hunting and fishing stamps—practically anything but the ordinary five-cent postage stamp of which there is an abundance. These may be sent to Mrs. Dennis Pelowski, 800 North Lexington, Hastings, Neb.

Rapid City, S. D., Lodge will be host to both the National Elks Invitational Bowling Tournament and the State Bowling Contest in 1966. Originally, Omaha, Neb., Lodge had been selected as the site of this National event, but had to decline later; Rapid City, next in line for the 1967 competition, took over. More than 3,000 bowlers are expected to compete over a six-week period, between March 26 and May 9. Chuck Tinant is General Chairman for this tournament. Not long ago, this lodge paid special tribute to members of the press at its annual observance of National Newspaper Week. During the program a minute of silence was observed in memory of John Truax, former Managing Editor of *The Gate City Guide* and a member of the lodge. Mr. Truax had recently lost his life in a car accident.



LITTLE FALLS, New York, Lodge's annual banquet honoring its Little Leaguers had former N. Y. Giants pitching great Hal Schumacher, a lodge member, as its principal speaker.



HUDSON, Massachusetts, Lodge presents jackets to male senior athletes of Hudson's public and parochial schools each year. At the 1965 dinner when these presentations were made were, left to right, former Hudson Athletic Director Paul Hester, athletes Ken Giardina and Thomas Haley, E.R. Francis Deptula, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. D. Chadbourne, Pastor of St. Michael's and Christ the King Churches.



NORTH ARLINGTON, New Jersey, Lodge's new home is formally opened by, left to right, P.E.R. Thomas Ruggiero, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, E.R. William Coupe, Rt. Rev. Msgr. McWilliams of Queen of Peace Church, Mayor William McDowell, and Bldg. Chairman, Trustee Frank Dalessio.

Mayor Amelio A. Della Chiesa of Quincy, Mass., was voted an Honorary Life Membership in Quincy Elkdom recently. A devoted Elk, he is nearing the completion of his twelfth and final year as Mayor.

When Whiting, Ind., Lodge learned of the death of a 19-year-old Marine killed in action in Vietnam not long ago, the membership promptly decided to send a wreath to his funeral, and a card, expressing its sympathy, to the family, so that they might realize their loss had not gone unnoticed. This thoughtful gesture was in keeping with the Order's recently adopted program which involves the sending of individual letters to our men in Vietnam and other military outposts, letting them know the majority of Americans are with them in mind and spirit.

Alfred E. Rogers, a Past District Deputy and a member of Las Vegas, N. M., Lodge since 1933, was stricken with a fatal heart attack while attending a meeting of his lodge honoring District Deputy Jack Bollinger. A former Mayor of Las Vegas, Mr. Rogers had been a Trustee of his lodge for several terms. He was 63 years old. Surviving

him are his wife, four sons, a daughter, two sisters, a brother and eight grandchildren.

Initiated in 1901, and named Honorary Life Member 50 years later, Savannah, Ga., Lodge's oldest member, Shelby Myrick, died October 21st after a brief illness. He was 87 years old. A native of Forsyth, Ga., he had practiced law in Savannah for 68 years. His wife, son, daughter, and four grandchildren survive him.

Ralph W. Anderson, a member of Waterloo, Iowa, Lodge, has been named to the board of governors of the Iowa State University Foundation. Organized in 1958 to receive and administer large gifts and grants from alumni, friends and industry, its primary objective is to strengthen university programs in areas where funds are not available from other sources.

Racine, Wis., Lodge's immediate Past Exalted Ruler William R. Gerler, editor of the first-prize-winning bulletin in the Grand Lodge 1964-65 Contest, for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members, has a book coming out this month. Titled *Executive's Treasury of Humor*

for Every Occasion, it's said to be one of the most hilarious anthologies of humor in every form ever published, and is based on Mr. Gerler's private collection, assembled and used personally for the past 15 years.

In line with its long-standing policy of making its facilities available for worthy community efforts, St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge gave the use of its fine lodge room, dining room and kitchen to the local Kiwanians for their Annual Pancake Day. This is a fund-raising effort supporting the two parks and playgrounds provided by this organization for the community's youngsters. Over 1,200 people were served.

Busy Point Pleasant, N. J., Lodge, and its even busier Youth Chairman Foster Hatch, sponsored a series of hits. The first event was Bill Otto's Bavarian Festival, an evening of authentic Bavarian gaiety. Then the lodge was host to the Borough Panther Boosters Assn. at a buffet supper and dance, an event aiding the local high school's athletic program and scholarship fund. Later a Social Stag had a capacity crowd and brought in a goodly sum for the Youth program.

MANSFIELD, Ohio, P.E.R. Wilbur Russell, fourth from left, receives his District Deputy jewel from P.D.D. Earl Sloan, third from left. With them are E.R. W. F. Marshall, Dist. Chairman Don Emminger, and Past State Presidents Walter Penry and Carleton Riddle, principal speaker.



OREGON State Pres. William Warden, left, turns over the Assn.'s gift of a station wagon to the Mobile Therapy Clinic of the Crippled Children's Society. The Oregon Elks budgeted \$13,500 to equip the unit, and to provide a therapist for one year. At right is Toledo Lodge's Physically Handicapped Committee Chairman Roy Moss.



LIMA, Ohio, Lodge recently initiated the tenth Roush brother, only one of whom limited to another lodge. The ten brothers are pictured here. When the Elk son of one of the brothers, the brothers, all their wives, and two of their sisters were guests of the lodge at a dinner not long ago, they made quite a crowd.



News of the Lodges CONTINUED

SAN PEDRO, California, Elk-sponsored Scouts receive certificates of recognition as Eagle Scouts from Grand Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msgr. George M. Scott. Left to right are Dist. Scout Exec. Roger Pelz, E.R. J. L. DiMassa, Msgr. Scott, Americanism Chairman Wayne Gibbons, 949X Explorer Advisor Everett Sturdy, and Explorer Pres. Tad Dougherty.



ENGLEWOOD, Colorado, Lodge's team won the local league championship in an undefeated season of 16 games, including nine shut-outs. They then won the District play-off, and took fourth-place honors in the Colorado Old Timers Baseball Association contest against 95 competing teams.



FAIRFIELD, California, Lodge's Explorer Post was instituted at the same program which saw its first Court of Honor held when twins Larry and Garry Meisner received Eagle Scout Awards. Behind them are, left to right, E.R. Jack Porter, D.D. Lou Burgelin and Troop Advisor Melvin Upton.



TULARE, California, Lodge's Est. Lect. Knight D. J. Miller, E.R. Zaven Egoian and P.E.R. Bill Simpson, Trustee, left to right, look over the architect's rendering of the lodge's proposed new home.

LAKEWOOD, Colorado, E. R. Clem Hackethal, Jr., Est. Lead. Knight Ed McMechen, and Dave Gartlett of the American Medical Center are pictured, left to right, with Delores Guzman, to whom the lodge presented a \$600 artificial leg.



SANTA CRUZ, California, Lodge's oldest living P.E.R. L. M. Linscott, center, presented 50-year membership pins to, left to right, P.D.D. R. A. Macaulay, P.E.R. Ernest Weller, George Cardiff and Henry A. Kron. Dr. Linscott initiated Brothers Macaulay, Weller, Cardiff and James Roney a half-century ago.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Lodge honored its oldest living member, Dr. J. C. Muerman, seated at right, at a special meeting recently. Born March 24, 1865, Dr. Muerman was initiated in 1909 and is a Life Member. With him are officers of the lodge and, seated at left, I. R. Welker, his escort.





FLORENCE, Colorado, Lodge had the honor of initiating Capt. John Paolino shortly after his arrival home from Vietnam for a brief stay before going on to Texas for a new Air Force assignment. Left to right are E.R. Herman Zueck, Capt. Paolino, his father, Club Mgr. John Paolino, and Est. Lead. Knight Albert DiNardo.



CHEYENNE, Wyoming, Lodge hosted D.D. Burr Robbins with dinner and an initiation of the class appearing in the foreground with the guest of honor, fourth from left. At center foreground is E.R. Robert Horst with other lodge officials in the background.



WESTCHESTER, California, E.R. Wayne Conover, left, and Est. Lead. Knight Paul Commesser chat with "Little Ronnie," a cerebral-palsy victim "adopted" by the lodge four years ago as its major community project.



TUCUMCARI, New Mexico, Lodge entertained press and radio representatives of Eastern New Mexico at a steak dinner. Left to right, foreground, are *Review* Editor Bob Nelson, M.C. King Aitken, retired *Springer Tribune* Publisher Ed Guthmann and its Gen. Mgr. Carlos Gutierrez, retired Roy, N. M., *Record* Publisher Karl Guthmann, KTNM announcer Dale Felkner, *Daily News* Circulation Mgr. Bob Crocker; standing, unidentified *Tribune* employee, *Daily News* Pressroom Supt. Ben Romero, KTNM News Dir. Norman Stratton, and *Daily News* Publisher John Hinckley, Sports Editor Bob Kettler, Exec. Editor Gil Hinshaw and Adv. Mgr. Grady Jaynes.

BOULDER, Colorado, Lodge, sponsor of the largest Explorer Post in the State, is proud of these young men who won Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor in the lodge home. Left to right are Scout Exec. Carl Timmins, Eagle Scout Alan Minkel, E.R. Marshall Wells, Eagle Scouts Lewis Green and Karl Soppeland, Post Advisor Rod Green, Eagle Scout Frank Miles and Est. Loyal Knight Ray Talcott, Inst. Rep.



HAYWARD, California, Lodge's Exalted Ruler Arthur Pretzer was pictured as he presented an American Flag to one of a group of newly naturalized citizens, a new and continuing Elk program.





BRONX, New York, Lodge played host to 3,000 costumed children with a street parade, gifts, and a theater visit with TV stars. At left foreground is E.R. Anthony F. Rizzo with contest-winner Daphne Castro, 7. At right background is Est. Lead. Knight Murray Struver, with Chaplain John Kilroy, second from right.



GULFPORT, Mississippi, Elksdom's Crippled Children's Committee had a special wheelchair constructed for this young college student, Ted Leggett. With him are Committeeman R. O. Besse, E.R. L. L. Gremillion and Est. Lead. Knight Ike Fortner, Committee Chairman.



WEYMOUTH, Massachusetts, Elks break ground for their new home. Left to right are Trustee Eugene H. Pasqualucci, D.D. John W. Flannery, E.R. D. Frank Henry, and Trustees Patrick J. Connolly, P.E.R., and Edmund H. Kelley.



ILLINOIS ELKDOM's Fall Conference at Jacksonville saw high tribute paid to Past State Pres. Denham Harney. Left to right are host E.R. Connie Hanley, Mr. Harney, State Pres. George Hickey and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lee R. Donaldson.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Lodge's Billiards Team won the Coast Championship at Medford and Ashland without a loss in the three-man team play, with Jack Josephson honored as singles champion. Left to right, the winners are, Capt. Phil Johnson, Vaughn Biggs, Jack Josephson and E.R. John Andrew. Lodges from five California cities, joined four Oregon branches of the Order and one from Washington in this tourney.

OHIO membership gains were cited during the State Assn.'s Fall Meeting at Columbus, when the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick Trophy was awarded to the S.E. Dist. for the second year. With the trophy, center foreground, are State Membership Chairman C. R. Smith, left, and Past State Pres. Carleton Riddle; background, left to right, Wm J. Watkins of New Philadelphia which showed the largest total gain, S.E. Dist. Chairman Harry Bolon, and R. C. Anthony of Willard whose lodge showed the largest net membership gain.





NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

These boys, members of the Highlander Boys Metro Group, entertained veterans with their music and military drills at a special program at the Denver, Colo., VA Hospital, under the aegis of Littleton Lodge whose officers appear in the background. With Major Jon Walkwitz, left, they are, left to right, Chaplain L. Shorey, Est. Loyal Knight R. Parks, E.R. E. Bahde, Inner Guard E. Bloch and Est. Lect. Knight R. Stover. This group, organized shortly after World War I, is composed of some 300 young men under the age of 16.



North Attleboro, Mass., Lodge presented this wheelchair-table to the VA Hospital in Brockton recently for use of Ward 3-4-C patients, as needed. Left to right are E.R. James F. Melanson, Veterans Committee Chairman Alfred Vanbever, Kay McCarthy, R.N., and P.E.R. Thomas Read.









Following a plea for material for the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., received by local Elk Thomas A. Flynn, a new program was organized under the leadership of Est. Lead. Knight Al Crane, Jr. The immediate result was the presentation of 22 cartons of finished leather to the hospital by the Wilkes-Barre Committee. Left to right are Esq. J. S. Novitski, Dr. D. Mayer, Chief Physician of Medicine and Rehabilitation, Chief Occupational Therapist J. Tarnowski, Hosp. Dir. Dr. Leon Ross, Management Analyst W. J. Boyle, Al Crane and lodge Treas. Andrew Kovalchik.



Leominster, Mass., Lodge, aided by Gardner Elks, put on its annual weenie roast for the patients at Fort Devens. At left can be seen some of the patients who enjoyed the feast out of doors; others were served in the wards. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Grace Gould, and Everett Gould at right (no relation). Wearing aprons to assist in this happy occasion were, left to right,

Francis LaFontaine and Louis Davis of Gardner; Grey Lady Helen Macri; Levi Bergeron, Emile St. Cyr, Norman Clark, Saverio Dovidio; Red Cross Field Dir. Rita Dixon; Philip Whitton, J. A. Scott of Gardner; James Butler, Past State Trustee F. B. Seliga, E.R. J. A. Conti; D.D. Walter Millward, and State Chairman for Devens E. T. Killilea, who died suddenly two days later.

<p>MORE HITS by THE SUPREMES Nothing But Heartaches Stop! In The Name of Love 10 more</p>  <p>MOTOWN</p>	<p>ROGER WILLIAMS plays THE HITS Dear Heart • Mr. Lonely People 9 more</p>  <p>KAPP</p>	<p>GEORGE & GENE JONES & PITNEY FOR THE FIRST TIME! TWO GREAT STARS</p>  <p>MUSICOR</p>	<p>MY FAIR LADY AUDREY HEPBURN REX HARRISON Original Sound Track COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>Original Soundtrack THE DAVE CLARK FIVE HAVING A WILD WEEKEND plus Catch Us if You Can - 10 more</p>  <p>EPIC</p>	<p>ANDY WILLIAMS DEAR HEART Red Roses For a Blue Lady Who Can I Turn To 9 MORE COLUMBIA</p> 
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2187. Back In My Arms, Ask Any Girl, 12 in all *
2077. Also: Willow Weep For Me, Frenesi, Try To Remember, etc.
2141. I'm A Fool To Care, One Has My Name, 10 more
1530. Greater than ever... winner of 8 Academy Awards
2157. Also: On The Move, New Kind Of Love, 12 in all *
1905. Also: I Can't Stop Loving You, Emily, 12 in all

<p>THE SUPREMES WHERE DID OUR LOVE GO Long Gone Lover Baby Love 10 MORE MOTOWN</p> 	<p>JOHNNY CASH ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL plus It Ain't Me, Babe - 10 more COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>RAY CONNIFF and the singers music from MARY POPPINS, SOUND OF MUSIC, MY FAIR LADY, etc. COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SCORE What's New Pussycat? featuring TOM JONES singing the title song COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>A SESSION WITH GARY LEWIS AND THE PLAYBOYS Save Your Heart For Me Count Me In - 10 MORE LIBERTY</p> 	<p>The Rhythm and Blues Album TRINI LOPEZ I Got A Woman Shout So Fine 9 more REPRISE</p> 	<p>God Bless America Mormon Tabernacle Choir Ormandy/Phila. Orch. COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>ROY ORBISON'S GREATEST HITS Only The Lonely Running Scared I'm Hurtin' - Uptown MONUMENT 8 MORE</p> 	<p>Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte Patti Page COLUMBIA</p> 
<p>1787. Also: Come See About Me, Your Kiss of Fire, etc. *</p>	<p>2030. Also: Danny Boy, The Wall, You Wild Colorado, etc.</p>	<p>2117. Chim Chim Cher-ee, Feed The Birds, Dear Heart, etc.</p>	<p>2151. Other artists on record: Manfred Mann, Dionne Warwick</p>	<p>2172. Also: For Your Love, Travelin' Man, Free Like Me, etc.</p>	<p>2185. Also: Wee Wee Hours, Don't Let Go, Hurtin' Inside, etc.</p>	<p>2180. America, The Beautiful; American Salute; 9 more</p>	<p>1895. Also: Crying, I'm Hurtin', Mama, Blue Angel, etc.</p>	<p>2075. Try To Remember, Jamaica Farewell, 9 more</p>
<p>PETER, PAUL & MARY A Song Will Rise WARNER BROS.</p> 	<p>Sinatra's Sinatra Young At Heart All The Way The Second Time Around 9 MORE REPRISE</p> 	<p>BY POPULAR DEMAND FERRANTE & TELCHER WHO CAN I TURN TO GOLDFINGER DEAR HEART 9 MORE COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>THE CLANCY BROTHERS AND TOMMY MAKEM IN IRELAND Wild Rover - Nightingale - 10 more COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>MARY WELLS GREATEST HITS The One Who Really Loves You Bye Bye Baby What's Easy For Two Is Hard For One My Guy • Two Lovers 7 MORE MOTOWN</p> 	<p>JACK JONES MY KIND OF TOWN KING OF THE ROAD THE RACE IS ON - 9 more KAPP</p> 	<p>ANDY WILLIAMS SINGS MOON RIVER and other great movie themes COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>JAN & DEAN Golden Hits VOL. II LIBERTY Linda • Surf City Honolulu Lulu - 9 MORE</p> 	<p>THE RETURN OF ROGER MILLER Featuring (OO-WACKA-DO) SMASH plus KING OF THE ROAD 10 more</p> 
<p>2114. When The Ship Comes In, For Lovin' Me, 10 more</p>	<p>1592. Also: How Little We Know, Witchcraft, Nancy, etc.</p>	<p>2175. Also: I Will Wait For You; My Love, Forgive Me; etc.</p>	<p>2025. Also: Butcher Boy, Racks of Bawn, Wella Wallia, etc.</p>	<p>1786. Also: Your Old Stand By, You Beat Me to The Punch, etc. *</p>	<p>2115. Also: I'm All Smiles, Time After Time, More, etc.</p>	<p>1001. Tonight, Love Is A Many Splendored Thing, 9 more</p>	<p>2171. Also: The New Girl In School, Ride The Wild Surf, etc.</p>	<p>1892. Also: In The Summertime, There I Go Dreamin', etc.</p>

<p>RICK NELSON MILLION SELLERS TRAVELIN' MAN - IT'S LATE HELLO MARY LOU IMPERIAL 9 MORE</p> 	<p>PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS HERE THEY COME! COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>GOLDFINGER Original Motion Picture Sound Track MCA</p> 	<p>RAY CONNIFF his Orchestra and Chorus FRIENDLY PERSUASION plus Oh! Sweet Love - 10 more COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>TCHAIKOVSKY SWAN LAKE Ballet Suite ORMANDY PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>JOAN BAEZ Fare Thee Well All My Trials 11 more VANGUARD</p> 	<p>MY FUNNY VALENTINE MILES DAVIS IN CONCERT COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>I WISH YOU LOVE Andre Kostelanetz Maria Elena Hello, Dolly! Fools Rush In 9 more COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>LENA HORNE feelin' good LIBERTY</p> 
<p>1188. Also: I Wanna Be Loved, You Are The Only One, etc.</p>	<p>2122. Louie, Louie; OO Poo Pah Doo; You Can't Sit Down; etc.</p>	<p>1704. Featuring the title song sung by Shirley Bassey</p>	<p>1929. Also: High Noon, April Love, So Rare, Ebb Tide, etc.</p>	<p>1102. "A treat, a delight all over again." - N. Y. Journal-Amer.</p>	<p>1536. Also: Silver Dagger, Ten Thousand Miles, etc.</p>	<p>1927. Also: All Of You, Stella By Starlight, All Blues, etc.</p>	<p>1699. Also: I Will Follow Him, Blue Velvet, etc.</p>	<p>2174. And I Love Him, Who Can I Turn To, Softly, 9 more</p>
<p>The Sensitive Sound of DIONNE WARWICK Unchained Melody Wives & Lovers 9 MORE SEPTER</p> 	<p>Romantic Piano Music of Tchaikovsky Philippe Entremont COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>THIS TIME BY BASIE Hits of the 50's and 60's! Fly Me To The Moon I Can't Stop Loving You Walk, Don't Run REPRISE</p> 	<p>MY LOVE FORGIVE ME ROBERT GULET This Is All I Ask Too Good 10 MORE COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>THE YARDBIRDS For Your Love VANGUARD</p> 	<p>MORE BIG FOLK HITS THE BROTHERS FOUR Putt (The Magic Dragon) We Shall Overcome - 10 more COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>JOHNNY CASH Sings the Ballads of THE TRUE WEST COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>ANDY WILLIAMS CALL ME IRRESPONSIBLE MORE • CHARADE • LAURA COLUMBIA 9 more</p> 	
<p>1924. Also: You Can Have Him, That's Not the Answer, etc.</p>	<p>1326. Humoresque, Nocturne, Romance, Mazurka, 9 others</p>	<p>2112. Also: One Mint Julep, Nice 'N' Easy, Moon River, etc.</p>	<p>1735. Also: What Kind of Fool Am I?, Just Say I Love Her, etc.</p>	<p>2142. A Certain Girl, Sweet Music, I Ain't Got You, 8 more</p>	<p>2028. Also: I'm Just A Country Boy, Battle of New Orleans, etc.</p>	<p>2148-2149. Two Record Set (Counts As Two Selections): Streets of Laredo, Road To Kaintuck, Johnny Reb, Sam Hall, 16 more</p>	<p>1591. Also: Be My Love, Love Letters, Gigi, etc.</p>	

<p>JOHNNY RIVERS Meanwhile Back at the Whisky a GO GO Seventh Son Stop in the Name of Love 10 MORE IMPERIAL</p> 	<p>MARY MARTIN in THE SOUND OF MUSIC ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>This Diamond Ring GARY LEWIS and The Playboys Love Potion Number Nine Needles and Pins 10 MORE LIBERTY</p> 	<p>Henry The Genius of Jankowski! A WALK IN THE BLACK FOREST Clair De Lune Simpel Gimpel - 9 more COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>GLENN GOULD BEETHOVEN Piano Sonatas Nos. 5, 6, 7 COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>JIMMY DEAN The First Thing Ev'ry Morning Under The Sun Too Many Times 9 MORE COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>THE KING FAMILY SHOW! Pass Me By • Stardust Climb Ev'ry Mountain 13 MORE WARNER BROS.</p> 	<p>Peter, Paul and Mary WARNER BROS.</p> 	<p>Chad and Jeremy Before and After COLUMBIA</p> 
<p>2137. Also: Stagger Lee, Greenback Dollar, Susie Q, etc.</p>	<p>1033. A show that's "perfectly wonderful!" - Ed Sullivan 4 MORE</p>	<p>1800. Also: Go To Him, Sweet Little Rock and Roller, etc.</p>	<p>2181. Also: Nola, Donkey Serenade, Sing-Song, etc.</p>	<p>2080. Plus Opus 10, Gould's "extraordinary." - Chic. Trib.</p>	<p>2160. Also: Anytime All By Myself, 'Til Tomorrow, etc.</p>	<p>2136. Also: Love At Home, Pass Me By, Amen, Remember, etc.</p>	<p>1006. Lemon Tree, If I Had A Hammer, This Train, 12 in all</p>	<p>2121. Why Should I Care, Tell Me Baby, For Lovin' Me, etc.</p>
<p>SMOTHERS BROTHERS Four de Farce American History and Other Unrelated Subjects Henry COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET Angel Eyes Let's Get Away From It All Violets For Your Furs 4 MORE COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>MORE AMOR Eydie Gorme • The Trio Los Panchos COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>TERESA BREWER GOLDFINGER, DEAR HEART other great movie songs COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>BROADWAY BOUQUET The Magnificent Strings of Percy Faith COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>Boots Randolph's YAKETY SAX Walk Right In Cotton Fields Charlie Brown 9 MORE MONUMENT</p> 	<p>A Brilliant New Recording of Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA JOHN RAITT FLORENCE HENDERSON COLUMBIA</p> 	<p>HELLO, DOLLY! Louis Armstrong KAPP</p> 	<p>REVERIE Clair De Lune • Parano Greenleaves • Nocturne • Other Favorites COLUMBIA</p> 
<p>1766. Fourteen wonderfully wacky bits of mirth and melody</p>	<p>2159. Also: The Night We Called It A Day, etc.</p>	<p>2182. Cuatro Vidas, Mas Amor, Luna Lunera, 9 more</p>	<p>1916. Also: A Hard Day's Night, Moon River, 12 in all</p>	<p>2161. Long Ago, Make Someone Happy, Who Can I Turn To, etc.</p>	<p>1898. Also: Lonely Street, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, etc.</p>	<p>2145. The whole wonderful score: Out of My Dreams, etc.</p>	<p>2179. I Still Get Jealous, Blueberry Hill, 10 more</p>	<p>1909. Also excerpts from "Swan Lake" and "Peer Gynt" Suite</p>

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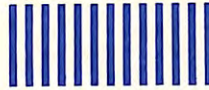
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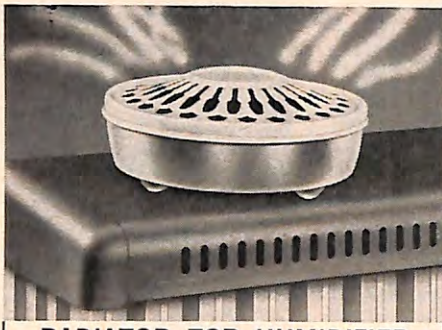
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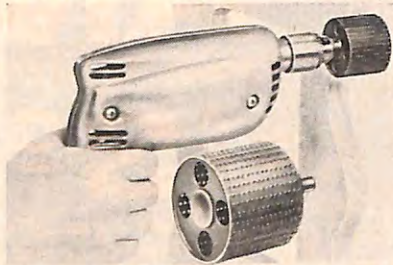
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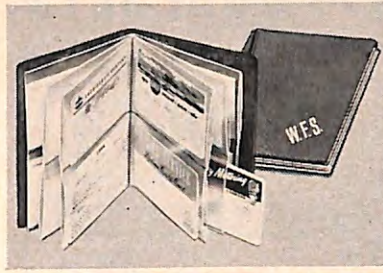
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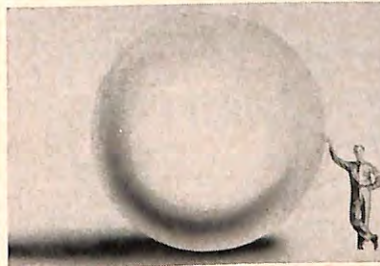
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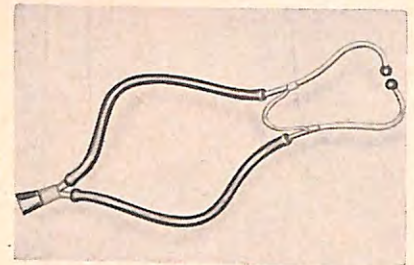
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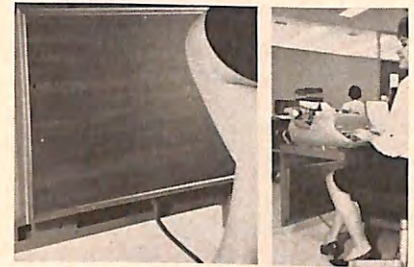
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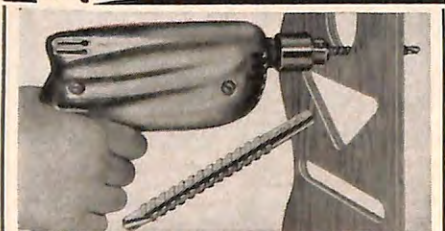
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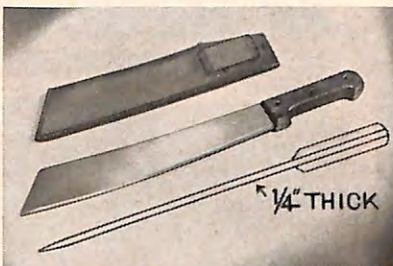
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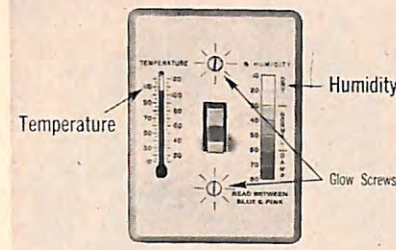
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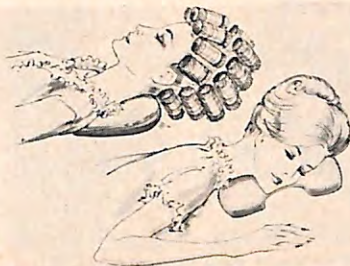
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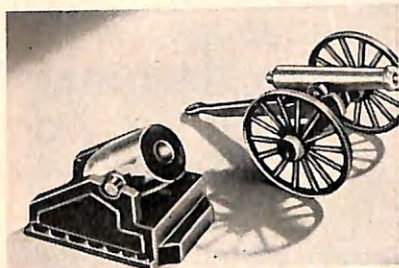
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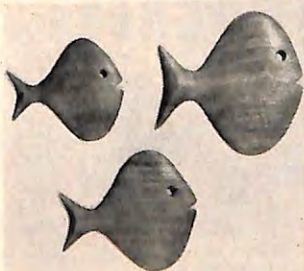
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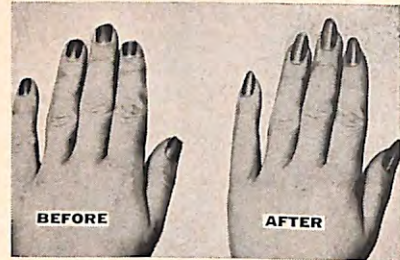
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Bloody Vietnam

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the way for communist domination of more than 300 million people who now are free and could prove a major step toward the isolation and eventual absorption of India.

Already, under an odd and queasy coalition government, the communists under direction of North Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh control large areas of Laos; the remainder would go by default should all Vietnam go Red. Cambodia has made no secret of communist leanings and indeed has been serving as sanctuary for Vietcong and North Vietnamese forces under heavy pressure from South Vietnamese and Americans across the border.

Communist China has broadcast the warning that Thailand is the next target for conquest by infiltration, insurgency, and conquest; the capital, Bangkok, is the strategic air center for all Southeast Asia and the hub of all commercial air operations in that vast territory today.

Britain and the newly independent Malaysian government needed 12 years to wipe out the communist guerrilla forces in that jungle land, rich with rubber and tin and other critical materials—and not all of the Red forces were extinguished when the shooting faded away without truce, without formal surrender, without public notice. It is scarcely a secret that hundreds of the Malaysian communist fighters slipped across into the heavily forested tail of Thailand that stretches down the Malaysian peninsula, where they are in hiding today, biding their time, confident that victory in Vietnam will furnish the impetus for attack again, in due time.

Control of Malaya would give the communists domination of the Strait of Malacca, one of the half dozen strategic, vital sea lanes among all the world's shipping routes, without which commerce in the Orient can scarcely exist. Singapore lies at the eastern end of Malacca, and more than 12,000 ships call there annually. Closing Malacca would be an unbearable blow for all of the Far East—India, the Philippines, Japan, and the rest.

Burma could be considered practically defenseless against a determined assault; and the Free World can find little solace in the outlook for anti-communist bulwarks in Indonesia. Creation of the Republic of Indonesia from 3,000 islands of what was called the Dutch East Indies until 1950 posed still another problem for the military defense planners, for this peculiar, left-leaning nation lies squarely across the direct communication lines between Australia and the Philippines. Indone-

sia has a strong communist party which was beaten down in a daring and bloody bid for control last fall, but the danger remains. Loss of Vietnam to the Reds could easily swing the balance.

Should this pattern evolve—and make no mistake, it is the openly proclaimed, brazen objective of the communists—Australia's trade with the Orient would be shut off, and the Philippines, to which the U.S. is bound by ancient ties of friendship, and blood, would be surrounded on three sides by a Red Curtain. A commercial accommodation of some sort with China might be the price of survival, and with the communists an accommodation is a prelude to disaster.

Because of its highly industrialized economy, the position of Japan would be even more critical than that of the Philippines. Japan depends upon imports and exports for existence. All oil must be imported, along with raw materials such as the metals necessary for production of the machinery, the radios, the cameras, the motorcycles, the automobiles, the ships, and the thousand other things that are shipped out and sold in all the world's markets. Close up the shipping lanes, shut the Strait of Malacca, control the ports of the Orient, and Japan is finished—unless the nation turns to a deal with Red China.

Korea's plight would be even worse.

The Australians know these things. So do the Filipinos, the Chinese Nationalists, and the Japanese and the Koreans. That's why the Australians have been helping the South Vietnamese for years, including slowly growing numbers of troops from their slender resources in the year just past. The Aussies have made a name for themselves in the South Vietnamese jungles, a tough, competent name. And the Koreans are there, too, with a full division of troops; the Philippines are trying to complete arrangements for shipping in soldiers of their own.

The expansion of forces is difficult in this undeclared war because there are no hard "front lines" protecting a relatively secure area where troops can be assembled and deployed and because there have been few facilities which could be used as operating bases. A year ago South Vietnam had only three airfields which could handle jets. Port facilities of the kind and size needed by a major military force were practically nonexistent outside Saigon.

When the decision was made to commit U.S. combat units in volume—"whatever is necessary," the President said—American engineers went ashore to build the ports and the airfields that were needed. A great port and a jet airfield were built at Cam Ranh Bay, midway up the coast from Saigon. Nha

Trang and Qui Nhon were expanded greatly, and the flow of troops poured steadily along as quickly as places for them were made ready.

The U.S. strategy was simple and clear. "Enclaves," secure base areas, were established along the coast and expanded in continuous, steady patrolling and clearing operations. Then the Americans took as an objective the opening and maintenance of the lines of communication, the highways and the one railroad which runs the length of the coast from Saigon in the south to Hue, near the 17th parallel marking the northern boundary. It would not be, they knew, an easy or a fast job.

All the while, through use of air power, through constant searching and clearing, the Americans sought to keep pressure on the Vietcong guerrillas and the North Vietnamese regular troops shipped down in increasing numbers.

How did this all come about? From a strictly technical standpoint, according to the veneer of delicate international relationships, the U.S. is not at war with North Vietnam or with communist China. Nor is there a formal declaration of war between South Vietnam and North Vietnam.

The U.S. is keeping faith, keeping its pledge to assist the government of South Vietnam in suppressing a communist guerrilla insurgency which is led and directed by Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi and wholly supported by the North Vietnamese with Chinese and Soviet assistance.

What the U.S. seeks is an opportunity for the South Vietnamese to work out their own destiny as free men, not as subjects of a communist regime imposed from outside the country. The U.S. promised support of this objective when Vietnam was divided at the 17th parallel in a Geneva accord in 1954, after the French were defeated and gave up efforts to retain the country as a colony. At that time, Ho Chi Minh, who had led a nationwide war against the French, shed his nationalist cloak and emerged as a hardened, Moscow-trained communist, who wrapped Red tenacles around the North and set up a government at Hanoi. The United States helped a million of his one-time followers in the North escape to freedom under the independent government of the South.

Ho Chi Minh left a Red underground in South Vietnam, which went to work ruthlessly, organizing, recruiting, killing off the loyal, intelligent leadership—teachers, administrators, and village chiefs. Eventually, the communists created a clandestine "National Liberation Front" which today contends it is the true government and even has a few ambassadors scattered around communist bloc countries.

While this was in progress, the

North Vietnamese pushed an open break by local communist forces in Laos, grabbing much of the countryside, particularly that area adjacent to both Vietnams. The communists still hold that territory under the coalition "peace" government established in 1962, and it is through this region that supplies were poured into South Vietnam along a network of roads and trails long ago christened the "Ho Chi Minh Trail."

For years the U.S. sought to help create and train an army for the South Vietnamese nation through the services of a small number of military advisers. It was an uphill job, and not infrequently the training exercises turned into hot combat with guerrilla forces. Troops sometimes had to fight their way to the rifle ranges. The communists, using terror as a potent weapon, grew in power, strength, and amount of real estate controlled.

In 1962, the U.S. decided upon a massive increase in the number of military advisers serving as instructors and supposedly nonfighting assistants in combat, air and ground. The total jumped to 6,000.

North Vietnam kept shoveling down the supplies and trained guerrilla leaders; the communist forces swelled to company and battalion strength. The Reds, scornful of American aid, started

infiltrating combat units of their own regular army.

The Americans had long felt that if the North Vietnamese would halt the flow of supplies, arms, and munitions to the South, the loyal Viets could handle the internal problems. But attacks on the American bases and the sudden big increase of infiltration made it clear the communists were preparing to strike for the kill.

The decision was made in Washington to move in with whatever force was required to drive the invaders out and stamp out the internal war. Thus the U.S., as in Korea, again found itself deep in a violent, vicious war without actually being "at war" in formal terms.

Despite the growing ranks of Americans engaging in the surging battle—warfare of a type much more similar to Indian fighting in this country's pioneer days than to the big open campaigns of more recent times—this is, at bottom, a Vietnamese war. The Saigon government has nearly 600,000 men under arms, nearly 300,000 of them regulars and many of these in crack battalions. The Viet Air Force is a mighty little mite, trained and equipped by the Americans, and an important factor.

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and wounded, reach thousands. The South Vietnamese are fighting hard for the liberty we are trying to help them preserve.

Among military strategists it has long been recognized that a superiority of ten or twelve to one, sometimes more, is usually required to kill off a guerrilla war. With the South Vietnamese forces tied up in village and province defense, and protection of major cities and installations, the manpower simply wasn't available in sufficient numbers—particularly when Ho Chi Minh began shipping down battalions, regiments, and even divisions of his regulars.

Estimates put the North Vietnamese regular army strength at about 350,000 men, skilled warriors, well-trained and equipped. They had enough good equipment to resupply the guerrillas in the South during the past year with a whole new "family" of infantry weapons, using a new Chinese-made cartridge for an assortment of rifles and automatic weapons. The munitions were flowing southward by hundreds of tons. How many men Ho Chi Minh would be willing to commit remained an open question.

The immediate task ahead is to stop the movement of men and arms to South Vietnam from China, Russia, and North Vietnam, which is the supplying agent for her Red bosses. Even if this is done, cleaning out South Vietnam alone could be a long, slow, and bloody process. Ho Chi Minh long ago proclaimed his readiness to fight for 20 years, firmly convinced the American patience could never match his. General Harold Johnson, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, saw no reason as this was written to modify his estimate that the war would rage for 10 years.

But whatever the course of the conflict, whatever the diplomatic niceties, the maneuvers and the negotiations, the American leaders know that they are in this war not only to keep a pledge to South Vietnam but to shore up the defensive screen of the United States against this new thrust of the communists.

General Creighton W. Abrams, the U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff, gave the answer to the question "why" in these words: "It is now clear that the Chinese communist objective is not the seizure of all Asia alone, but the ultimate destruction of the United States and the Free World at large."

South Vietnam, Gen. Abrams explained, "is only a small part of the problem."

The "problem," the urgent requirement for action to strengthen the Pacific defense perimeter, was spelled out clearly in a startling document published in September by the Chinese communists. It was a brazen blue-

print for conquest, which Secretary of State Dean Rusk described as a "Chinese *Mein Kampf*."

The document, written seven months after the U.S. initiated air strikes against North Vietnam and six months after the first American troops were committed to combat, boldly proclaimed that the communists would destroy the U.S. by nibbling away the rest of the world through small wars and subversion, leaving this nation to wither in isolation.

The author was Lin Piao, vice chairman of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee, and also vice premier and minister of defense. He used 18,000 words to detail his plans.

"The struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression and for national salvation," Lin Piao wrote, "is now the focus of the struggle of the people of the world against U.S. aggression. The determination of the Chinese people to support and aid the Vietnamese people . . . is unshakable. No matter what U.S. imperialism may do to expand its war adventure, the Chinese people will do everything in their power to support the Vietnamese people until every single one of the U.S. aggressors is driven out of Vietnam."

He scoffed at the U.S. nuclear power; he challenged the "imperialists" to move against China, boasting that "the vast ocean of several hundred million Chinese people in arms will be more than enough to submerge your few million aggressor troops."

Lin Piao warned his audience that reverses in communist fortunes can be expected, and accepted, but these can never turn the course of the Red drive toward domination. He recalled that the Chinese communists needed 22 years to "win" their own revolution, and that their now-massive Red armies were at one point reduced to no more

than 40,000 hungry troops.

"In the final analysis," Lin Piao wrote, "the whole cause of world revolution hinges on the revolutionary struggles of the Asian, African, and Latin American peoples who make up the overwhelming majority of the world's population. . . ."

He had an eye dead set on Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaya, and the rest. Latin America would not be far behind.

The American strategists, carefully studying the details of Lin Piao's amazing publication, were mindful also of the tough communist manifesto of late 1960, which in turn was written into the formal party program of the Russians and approved by the Communist Congress in Moscow the following fall. These were the papers which called for, and pledged backing for, small "wars of liberation"—like Vietnam.

Not once, anywhere, have the Russians in their pursuit of "peaceful co-existence" with the West repudiated their unshaken intent to bury us, eventually. The Russians and the Chinese quarrel only over methods and timing of attack, and from the Lin Piao paper perhaps not nearly so much in this area as would appear. It was the Russians, not the Chinese, who ringed Hanoi with the anti-aircraft missiles which have shot down more than half a dozen American planes. And the Russians have never forsaken a "duty" to "strengthen the relations of fraternal friendship and close cooperation with the countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America which are fighting to attain or consolidate national independence. . . ."

This bloody business in Vietnam is but a piece of the whole, and the whole in this case is a fight for security and survival, first of our allies and finally, of our own beloved U.S.A. • •

For Elks Who Travel

(Continued from page 9)

terlude included a peek again at the New York World's Fair and later, homebound, we stopped off at Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg. We saw the Liberty Bell, visited Valley Forge, stopped by the White House (and even shook hands with the chap who lives there!), watched a shoot-'em-up demonstration at J. Edgar Hoover's digs, swept through the Capitol Building and the Pentagon, and after this looked in on the moneymakers, those employees of the Bureau of Engraving. Driving off to Colonial Williamsburg was like slipping into the Twilight Zone: Gone was the turmoil of 20th century living and in its place came the echo of horses'

hooves and the merry ring of the blacksmith's hammer.

In May we looked in on Sun Valley just after the ski season was over. Already the wild flowers were carpeting the meadows and perfuming the crisp air. Trout fishermen were arriving and the air smelled of spring, as the valley was preparing for another crop of visitors, the summer tourists.

After this we previewed Florida for Elks who'd be conventioning in Miami Beach the following month. We investigated places like Everglades National Park, Fort Lauderdale with its beaches, Palm Beach with its millionaires, Cape Kennedy with its missiles, marvelous Key West.

Someone wondered how to avoid the heat while traveling in Mexico during summer, so in August we found out. The formula is really quite simple: Just keep above the 5,000-foot level, avoiding such pleasant-in-winter but sticky-in-summer spas as Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta. Our tour took us to Guadalajara and Lake Chapala (where haircuts are 24 cents, beer is 15 cents, and three-bedroom homes rent for as little as \$40 a month).

September saw us back in Europe again, this time for a delightful holiday along Italy's spectacular Amalfi Drive, skirting places like Sorrento where bougainvillea climbs the trunks of trees and geraniums hang scarlet from ancient hills. High on a hill, looking down at the rainbow-colored sea, stood a fat, red-faced Italian with his mandolin. I stood beside a Madonna and listened to the wind carry the heartbeat of the sea up to blend with the music. I'll repeat what I said then: There may be more dramatic views in this world—and possibly more romantic views—but if there are I've not seen them.

October, you will recall, brought an end to the \$100 wholesale allowance by tourist spenders. The new duty-free law caused a great deal of confusion. But simply and succinctly, here is what happened: Instead of a duty-free allowance amounting to \$100 wholesale, it was lowered to \$100 retail. The wholesale figure allowed you about \$68 worth of extra duty-free goods. This has absolutely nothing to do with prices on items overseas, though. Those prices remain the same. You just can't bring home more than \$100 retail without paying duty on everything above that figure.

At the same time they established new restrictions on your liquor allowance. This was slashed from a full gallon to a mere quart. Before, even the kids could bring home a gallon (I've never been able to figure that one out). Now the children will have to stick to lemonade and root beer; they've been crossed off the list altogether. The only exceptions to the new rules are the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. The duty-free limit in these ports is not \$100 but \$200, and from there you can still haul home a full gallon of firewater.

Other points in the new ruling: (1) The \$10 wholesale limit on gifts to be mailed home has been reduced to \$10 retail; and (2) the new law eliminates "to follow" privileges, which means tourists must carry home their purchases if they are to be included in their exemption.

It was last February that President Johnson told Congress he intended to stem American spending abroad. He urged Congress to adopt a top limit of

\$50 rather than \$100. There was a great deal of opposition. Sen. Jacob Javits declared that tourists curtailed in their buying would simply spend the extra dollars on nightclubbing or extensions of their overseas holidays.

It is doubtful that there'll be any further discouragement of overseas travel, although you can look for a stepped-up Johnson campaign to See America. Meanwhile, look for new low fares to Europe and energetic promotion campaigns by tourist-conscious countries around the world. One thing you can count on: The airlines will continue the squabble over airborne entertainment. Our guess is that you'll be seeing more movies, TV, and, possibly, even *live* entertainment.

Anyway, the boom continues. 1965 was the travelingest year in history, and barring an unforeseen crisis, 1966 will top it. We'll be wearing our wings again—rushing around the world to keep you abreast of the newest goings-on in travel.

Meanwhile, I nearly forgot the wind-up to my 1965 travels. You will recall how in November and December we made a wide sweep of the Pacific, stopping off at places like Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Tahiti, Mooréa, Bora Bora and Raiatá. This was so recent we'll not bother to recapitulate. En route, however, we were the personal guests

of Laurance Rockefeller at the opening of his magnificent new resort, Mauna Kea, off on the big island of Hawaii.

Let me tell you about it: Mr. Rockefeller's new dream house stands three stories tall, contains 154 rooms and \$90,000 worth of art objects, and cost \$15 million to put together. Once upon a time the plot where the hotel stands was the battleground of King Kamehameha the Great. What was a battleground has become a playground. Guests swat golf balls or go off snorkeling, sailing, water skiing, spin fishing, horseback riding, and hunting—priced at \$43 double, \$33 single, breakfasts and lunch included.

Guest rooms look off toward a beach as white as a new moon. Mr. Rockefeller transformed a once-arid patch of the island's "dry side" into an oasis of tropical flowers and spindly palms, hauling in 500,000 plants and nearly 1,400 trees. This alone cost nearly \$1 million.

Mauna Kea is a \$17.80 ride from Honolulu by Hawaiian Air Lines. It is named after the mountain Mauna Kea, which guests may climb if the mood moves them. It didn't move me.

So that was 1965 for me. Except for one thing: I did have time for a vacation of my own. What do I do when I have time off? Stay home; what else? •••

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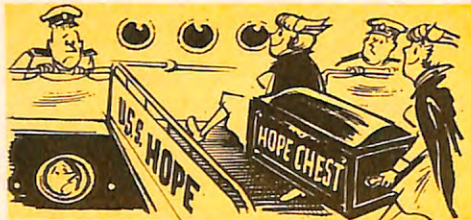
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WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

WEEDS ARE WEEPING on the White House grounds. Or so it's said by National Park experts, who recently sprayed the lawns with chemicals. The treatment, they say, will make the grass around the mansion the most beautiful in history, come next spring.



MERCY SHIP *HOPE* seems to be sailing the matrimonial seas these days. On the last cruise there were five marriages among the ship's company, mainly involving nurses, technicians, doctors, and medical assistants.

HIGH-SPEED CHOPPERS are on order for the Army and are expected to be in operation by next year. Armed with heavy machine guns, rockets, and anti-tank missiles, they'll fly at more than 230 m.p.h.—double the speed of helicopters now operating in Vietnam.

SOMETHING TO SOOTHE taxpayers' nerves: An easier federal income tax return may come out of the second session of the 89th Congress. Senator Russell B. Long, La., who succeeds the retired Harry Byrd of Va. as Finance Committee chairman, wants to reform the tax system.

A SATELLITE SLEUTH which will "hover" 22,300 miles above the equator is planned by the Air Force. Weighing one ton, the satellite will locate missile launching areas, spot secret nuclear tests, give weather reports, and serve as a navigational aid.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S GRAVE-SITE, in Arlington National Cemetery, to be completed this summer, will be a

simple but beautiful plaza on the hillside, with ample space for the thousands who come daily to pay their respects. Concrete walkways have been built and nearby there will be a spacious parking area for motorists. The little white fence around the burial plot will remain.

IT MAKES SENSE: The Treasury is being urged to authorize two- and four-cent coins to make the payment of sales taxes more convenient. Taxpayers in many cities and states which levy sales taxes are being loaded down with pennies and they're protesting. More two dollar bills are also being advocated to make life easier for race track devotees.

ARTHRITIS PREVENTATIVE, a virus-like organism discovered by George Washington Hospital researchers, is under study by the Public Health Service. The new antibodies could make possible immunization to the crippling disease.

TRAFFIC COUNT by the D.C. Bureau of Traffic Engineering at 56 boundary points reveals that more than a million cars enter or leave Washington on an average day. That's an increase of 50,000 over last year's total.



A MUST for Capital social climbers is *The Social List of Washington*, known as the "Green Suede Book," edited by Carolyn Hagner and selling at \$17.50 per copy. It's a "Who's Who" of the town's social, governmental, and diplomatic families and also tells you who outranks whom. When you have a copy, you know not only whom to invite but whom *not* to invite if they outrank your guest of honor.

DRAFT CARD BURNING may result in the issuance of fireproof cards if the practice continues. "Indestructible" ID cards have been used in the past, both in private industry and by Government agencies. As a gag, one newsman tried to burn his pass in front of the Capitol, but it wouldn't ignite. He put it back in his pocket and threw away his cigarette lighter.



POPULAR HANGOUT for pipe-smoking reporters on Capitol Hill is the office of Representative Arch A. Moore, W. Va., who stocks a goodly quantity of tobacco, supplied as samples by companies in his home state.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and if you plan a visit to Washington this year resolve to go through the White House, see the Senate and House chambers, and include the U. S. Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the Tomb of the Unknowns on your itinerary. . . . The Supreme Court, conspicuous by its accidental absence last year, is again listed in the telephone book. . . . Eight percent of all U.S.-born babies are premature, Public Health Service reports. . . . Pilots and crew members must abstain from all alcoholic beverages for at least eight hours before flight time—that's a strictly enforced Federal Aviation Agency rule. . . . Group insurance is being contemplated by liquor stores here to cover losses from robberies and holdups. . . . A judge presiding over a Naturalization Court asked a young applicant for citizenship: "What flies over every courthouse in the U.S.A.?" After a moment's serious concentration, the young man replied: "Pigeons."

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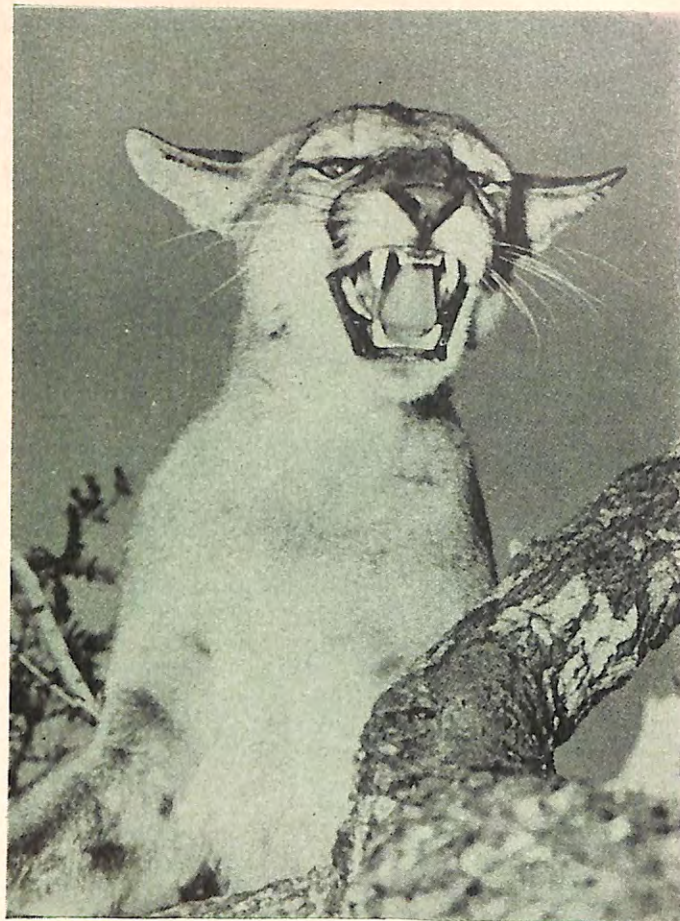
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The author's son posed with a javelina boar he bagged. Except to the offbeat gourmets who know how to cook this animal, it's generally considered inedible.



The mountain lion is hunted as a predator as well as for sport. Unknown to most who kill it is the fact that its liver can be made into a tasty delicacy.

GAMY Game Can Be Good Grub

By DEV KLAPP

For offbeat gourmandizing, try armadillo, alligator tail, or any of several other unusual outdoor delicacies

AT ONE TIME I had the idea that a gourmet was a fussy sort of fellow who ate nothing but caviar and *pâté de foie gras*, washed down with vintage wine and served at a table decorated with a crisp white cloth, filigreed silverware, and gold-plated toothpicks.

It wasn't until I met Clark Otis that I learned a man could be just as highfalutin' a gourmet sitting by a campfire, eating a meal from a tin plate with his fingers—provided he has a big curiosity about unusual eatables.

Clark Otis doesn't look like what you'd think a gourmet should be. He's a leathery, sun-browned old Texas cat hunter who doesn't even know there is such a dish as *pâté de foie gras*. But he sure recognizes good grub when he tastes it—and he's mighty choosy about his victuals.

Of course, the old man is fond of all sorts of wild meat such as venison, duck, quail, and pheasant, but he gets his biggest kick out of fooling around with offbeat stuff that most city sportsmen would wrinkle their noses at.

Clark will try anything once. If he doesn't like it he'll spit it out with a loud whoof, but if the taste is right he'll roll his eyes around in pure delight. I have a suspicion an ancestor of the old man was one of the old-timers who first gulped down an oyster, or bit into a tomato, or maybe fried up a mess of grasshoppers for supper. Clark must have come down from such a character to think of eating a— Well, I guess I'd better tell you the whole story.

I first met Clark one winter day in the late '50s, when I hired him to take

my son, Bill, and me on a cat hunt down in Southwest Texas. He was a good guide, so it wasn't long before his dogs had run a mountain lion up an overgrown mesquite tree. Bill was about to bring the critter down with a .32 slug, when Clark bellowed out loud enough to carry over the ear-cracking racket the hounds were making, "Hit him in the head, boy! Don't bust that liver!"

I wondered at the time what Clark meant, and I could see that Bill was equally puzzled, though he didn't say anything. He just raised his carbine and chunked a hunk of lead into the cat's brain.

The next few minutes were so filled with action that I d'nd't get a chance to figure out why Clark was so worried about the cat's liver, for when the dogs

saw the lion fall, they really threw conniptions.

Finally things quieted down and we turned to the chores that had to be done. Clark strung up the lion to a tree limb by its neck for casing and skinning, while Bill and I unsaddled and watered the mounts.

Before cutting up the big cat for future use as dog food, Clark removed the liver and carefully wrapped it in a king-size bandana neckerchief, then stashed it away in a tree crotch out of reach of the dogs. That, I thought, explained everything; the old man was saving the liver to feed to a favorite hound.

By the time we had finished our work we were all so hungry our stomachs were flapping against our backbones like store awnings in a high wind. So I pulled a fry pan and coffee pot from a saddle bag, and, as Clark was to do the cooking, I unwrapped the bacon and other stuff while Bill built a fire.

Gamy Game Recipes

ROAST ARMADILLO

Wipe the meat dry, then rub the inside cavity with butter and drop in an onion. Chop about an eighth of a pound of salt pork, two teaspoons of parsley, another onion, and add salt and pepper. Stuff inside and sew up the opening. Plunk on a rack in an open pan, brush with melted butter, and cook in an oven at about 450° for about 15 minutes; then lower heat to 325° and bake an additional 25 minutes per pound, basting now and then with boiling salted water.

EDITH'S JAVELINA RECIPE

Clean and cut the meat into desired slices, then wipe well with vinegar. Take what you intend to cook and put two potatoes, two onions, two carrots, and two stalks of celery in the bottom of the pan. Lay the meat on the vegetables and place in an oven at 300°. Cook for a short time, then sprinkle with salt, pepper, and garlic powder and mixed pickling spices. Put several slices of bacon across the meat, cover the pan, and cook at 250° for most of the day.

After the meat has cooked for about half the time necessary, remove the vegetables and put the meat back in the pan. Cover with barbecue sauce and finish cooking. Keep additional sauce to put on the meat when serving.

EDITH'S BARBECUE SAUCE

1½ cups minced onions, one cup tomato puree, ¾ cup of water, two tablespoons lemon juice, three tablespoons vinegar, two tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, one teaspoon salt, two tablespoons brown sugar, one teaspoon pepper, dash of ground olives. Combine and boil slowly until well mixed.

When Clark saw what we had done, he grinned and took some provisions from his own bags. "Boys," he said, "put up the bacon. We're gonna have a real feed this morning."

Shucking his coat, Clark hunkered down and teased the coals until they were medium hot. Then he got the liver from the tree crotch, peeled off the "fell," or thin paper-like skin, and cut the liver into slices ¼ to ½ inch thick, being careful to trim out all the gristle and stringy cords. That's when I first realized what the old man had in mind.

Bill and I didn't argue with him. Both of us were used to eating deer liver, but this was different. We intended to wait and see. We watched the old man dip slices in flour and roll on a thin layer. By that time the skillet had warmed up enough to melt the butter and he was ready for the cooking job.

He turned the slices several times, but didn't fry it more than 10 minutes, all told. When the liver was done, Clark made a real production of serving it. Rising slowly from his hunkered position, with the fry pan clutched in his left hand, he walked over to the table-top rock where Bill and I had set out the eating hardware, and forked out three even helpings, while we poured the coffee.

Like coyotes sniffing at a baited trap, Bill and I smelled Clark's offering suspiciously, then tasted it. The lion hunter watched us closely and whooped when he saw our expressions of pleasure. "I knowed you'd like it!" he cried.

Bill and I have been eating mountain lion liver ever since—that is, when we can get it, which I admit isn't often, due to the elusiveness of this beast. But its very scarcity makes the eating more enjoyable when we do latch onto a hunk of it.

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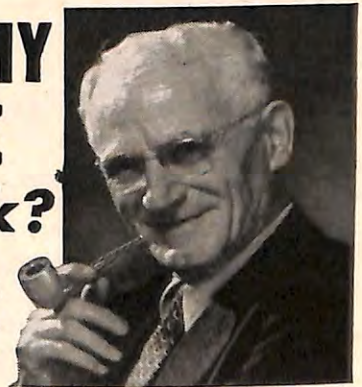
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That lion hunt was the real beginning of my family's transformation into offbeat gourmets. It changed our eating habits. Critters we never even considered fit for the pot were now viewed with hungry and speculative eyes. We cooked up all sorts of crazy things and found many of them surprisingly good.

By the time we met another one like Otis, we were old pros ourselves. This time Bill and I were hunting blue quail (nice little tidbits, blue quail) down on the Mexican border, west of Laredo, Texas, on the Dolores Ranch; and, as we usually do when hunting in strange country, we hired a guide. The guide was a young Latin-American, with the unlikely name of Pedro Pablo.

The kid was a happy sort of guy, and he found us plenty of quail. Only trouble was, he was an archery nut and had brought along his bow and arrows. This kept us sashaying around—when we weren't shooting birds—looking for and retrieving his blasted ammunition.

The kid didn't hit much with his Robin Hood artillery, except a jack or two and one light-blinded hoot owl sitting on a fence post. However, on our way back to the car, one of those funny little near-sighted critters that are built like an army tank shuffled across the dusty ranch road, and Pedro did plop a shaft through its horny shell.

Running over to his kill, he exulted, "Ah, Señor! The armadillo is like a little pig to eat. My sister, Carla, she fix real good."

Carla did "fix" that armadillo "real good." She roasted it just about as my wife would cook a suckling pig. First, though, she cut the meat out of the shell, which she saved to later make a basket.

About five minutes before putting the roasted meat on the table, she smeared it a final time with butter, then served it with a big bowl of barbecue sauce. Man, oh man, what a fine treat for hungry hunters!

When Texans talk about armadillos and blue quail, they naturally think of another animal found abundantly in the same habitat—the javelina, or pecary. This bristly, bad-tempered, and plucky individual is often hunted for sport, but less often is used as food because of its bad odor.

Bill and I had once made an effort to eat one but were unsuccessful in preparing a palatable dish, so we never tried again. There was a good reason why we had failed, which goes to show that a real oddball gourmet shouldn't be too quickly discouraged.

My friend, Ralph Fisher Sr., of Payson, Arizona, showed me why we had got such a bad impression of javelina meat when my family visited

his in Phoenix, where they once lived.

Ralph is a top-notch guide and javelina hunter, so what could be more natural than his proposal, the day after our arrival, that we hunt "pigs" in the Superstition Mountains?

I've shot many javelinas in Texas, but I found the Arizona breed more challenging. In comparison, the Texas hunting seemed like blasting jaybirds out of an oak with a 10-gauge shotgun.

But these smart little pigs didn't skunk us, even though we were new to the Superstitions. By the end of the day we had bagged two nice specimens, and Ralph was happy as a possum in a persimmon tree.

The idea of a javelina barbecue wasn't very appealing to Bill and me. We told Ralph that the meat we cooked hadn't tasted good.

"Did you remove the musk gland?"

When we admitted that we hadn't, he nodded knowingly. "Well, no wonder! You must do that quickly after

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Representing the Elks who have always given generously to this program, Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick enjoyed a visit with five-year-old Lori Wagner, the 1966 National March of Dimes Child. Symbolizing the more than 250,000 American youngsters born annually with serious birth defects, Lori began life with an open spine, had surgical treatment when she was nine days old. Now she can walk, with the aid of full leg braces and crutches.

killing." Then he showed us the little sac that lies alongside the backbone, just forward of the hip.

We helped Ralph remove the glands and case the pigs, then toted the carcasses to the jeep for the trip back to his home, where he and his wife, Edith, got busy at an open grate in the yard.

That supper tasted great. My wife enjoyed the treat almost as much as Bill and I did—so much, in fact, that she wangled the recipe from Edith.

While Clark Otis, Pedro Pablo, and my friend Ralph were my first three contacts with actual offbeat gourmets, there was one other character I can dredge up from my youth who fits the label perfectly, even though the caviar and *pâté de foie gras* boys might not rate him as worthy of a place on their membership rolls. To my way of thinking, his specialty is tasty enough to suit any palate, so I rank him as a first-rate gourmet.

This connoisseur from my younger years was Eddie James, a highly regarded stableman who tended the horses and mules on my grandfather's Lake St. John, Louisiana, plantation.

My brother and I usually spent our summers with Grandpa. When we arrived each year he would turn us over to the care of Eddie for the duration of our visit. And what fun we had fishing the big lake, hunting birds' eggs along its shores, prowling the swamps and sloughs that surrounded the plantation, with Eddie there to tell us all about the things we discovered. We dug out alligator nests to get the eggs, or baby 'gators—and sometimes even shot the huge reptiles that swarmed in the lake itself.

If we happened to shoot an alligator small enough—under five feet—Eddie would cut off the tail and take it home to his wife to cook, or smoke. Eddie loved the flavor of the meat and, sometimes, my brother and I would be invited to eat with them when 'gator tail was served.

As most kids are, I was interested in everything that went on around me, so I'd go back to the kitchen and watch Eddie's wife prepare the tail for cooking. She would skin and wash the meat in strong vinegar water—sometimes letting it soak for several hours. Then she cut the tail into 1-inch-thick steaks, just as you do catfish, and roll the slices in salted corn meal. Once this was done, she would plop the steaks into a big iron skillet to fry in melted lard. She cooked these slices over a slow fire for a long while (or so it seemed to hungry me), turning them now and then until ready to serve with either lemon juice or tomato catsup.

On occasion, as a special treat, Eddie's wife would cook up 'gator tail croquettes from the smoked meat she kept stored in a little smokehouse

out in back of their cabin.

These croquettes looked like, and even tasted much like, codfish patties. To make them she mixed mashed potatoes with flaked smoked meat and an egg. She salted the mixture and seasoned it with pepper and grated onion, shaped and rolled the cakes in corn meal, then dropped them in deep fat to fry until golden brown. I've never tasted anything since that was quite the same.

Alligator tail fried in slices resemble a cross between chicken and catfish, while smoked cakes have more of a codfish flavor and texture. Both are delicious.

Not too long ago a gourmet could enjoy 'gator tail dishes any season of the year, for the alligator was then considered a pest and a predator. Today, however, the reptile is rigidly protected by law in most of its native localities. None may be killed in Louisiana under five feet in length, and even those only between April 15th and June 15th—and only in the southern parishes (counties). So, anyone aiming to visit the Pelican State with his mouth set for 'gator meat had better time his trip to fit within these dates.

The four offbeat eatables I've been raving about should be sampled by every sportsman in the U.S. who likes good things to eat. Sad to say, some hunters aren't fortunate enough to find time for a trip south. This misfortune needn't prevent them from becoming offbeat gourmets in their own bailiwicks, however, for there are literally hundreds of eatable critters running around loose in every section of the country, just waiting to jump into the pot and be enjoyed. For instance, there are such things as crows and possums all over everywhere; there are seals and bears in Alaska; beavers and big fat chucks overrun most of the northern states; and so on.

So, no matter where you live, get out in the woods and fields. Carry a gun and some bullets, or a half-dozen traps, a rugged constitution, and a good appetite. Combine these with a lot of original thinking and a yen for experimentation and you'll live an exciting, adventurous life, filled with stomach-tickling victuals, no matter where you blaze your trail—north, east, south, or west.

Happenstance

(Continued from page 11)

town I was the one that got Poke Hayes," he pleaded. "I put him in jail, but I don't deserve no credit for it. It was a wal, a sort of happenstance."

Doc Perkins grunted, "So it was a 'happenstance.' Get back flat on your stomach again so I can pick out the

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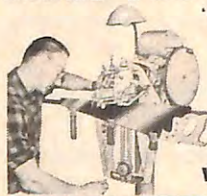
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rest of those pebbles." When his patient had complied, the doctor went on, "Happenstance. Is that where your name comes from?"

"My maw used to use that word a lot. Guess I kinda picked up the habit," Hap admitted. "It's hard to explain, Doc, but I got a jinx or something. Things happen to me, and most of the time they turn out funny-like."

Hap winced as the doctor extracted another bit of gravel.

"What do you mean, funny-like?" Doc Perkins asked absently, peering for more bits of stone.

"Wal, like what happened at Alvon. I'd been deputy just two weeks. Poke came into town, held up the Gilded Nugget, and knifed the bartender. I tell you, Doc," Hap said earnestly, "I didn't know there was trouble at the saloon. I just was going in for a beer when Poke backed out—knife in one hand and gun in the other."

"You got him, though," the doctor reminded him.

"Wal, yes. But it was just a happenstance! I mean, when I pushed open the saloon door, it caught Poke in the back of the head and knocked him cold. All I did was take his weapons and drag him down to jail."

"Then," he said in a disgusted tone, "everybody started sayin' I was brave and a hero. That's why I rode out of there. Had enough of bein' looked up to because of a blamed accident."

Smiling, Doc Perkins repeated, "Seems like the main thing is you got Poke Hayes."

Hap continued as if he hadn't heard. "Then there was the time down near Sonora. I was standing at the bar, drinkin' beer. All of a sudden this big, black-bearded fellow comes in, all likkered up and lookin' for trouble. Everybody else sort of melted away, and I was plenty scared when I realized I was standin' there alone with that geezer comin' toward me, a big, evil grin on his face. Yowee! Doc, that hurts!"

"I know," Doc Perkins said, kindly. "I'm swabbing on some iodine. Keep talking. Maybe you won't notice it so much."

Hap swallowed and continued with effort. "Wal, I was nervous being there all alone with that big fellow comin' toward me, so I decided to light a cee-gar. He came up to me and stuck his ugly, black-bearded face up close to mine. My hands weren't too steady, and I guess I jerked the one holdin' the match. First thing you know, I smelled something burnin'; that geezer's big, black beard was on fire. He yelled, and I did the first thing that came to mind. Grabbed up my mug and threw the beer in his face to put out the fire."

"What happened then?"

"Some other fellows jumped on the

big guy," Hap replied. "Took him to the pokey. Seems he was a holy terror in those parts. Even the local law was scared of him."

Doc Perkins chuckled. "So you got a reputation down in Sonora, too? Well, son I wouldn't worry about being lucky if I were you."

Hap shook his head hopelessly. "I'm not worried about being lucky. It's just these things that happen make folks think I'm better'n I am. They say I'm a quick thinker, that I'm brave . . . it's sort of like living under false pretenses."

He went on hurriedly. "Those two happenstances aren't the only ones. In a card game in El Paso, I was fool enough to accuse a man of cheatin'. He had that little gun out from up his sleeve in nothin' flat. Had the draw on me good."

Hap took a breath. "I'd been leanin' back in my chair, kinda off-balance, but I went for my gun. The danged chair tipped over backwards with me in it. I was so nervous I must have pulled the trigger before the gun was clear out of the holster. Anyway," he shrugged, "a bullet went clean through the holster and killed that cardsharp. So, natcherly, they began callin' me 'the fastest gun in El Paso,'" he finished morosely.

Getting up from the table cautiously, he winced. "Honest, Doc, I'm a lousy shot."

"Wait a minute," Doc Perkins said, "I'll go see if I can find you a pair of pants. Those you wore in here have a mighty open look about the seat."

He disappeared into another room, returning with a worn pair. "Here, wear these 'til you get to the store."

As Hap dressed, the doctor took in the young man's slight build, narrow shoulders, and awkward movements. He sure doesn't look like a hero, he thought. "You'll be in shape for ridin' in a couple of weeks. For awhile you're not going to be able to sit down, and you'll find sleeping on your belly the most comfortable."

"Thanks, Doc," Hap said. "I'll bring these back."

Paying the fee, Hap grinned when Doc Perkins remarked that he should pay Hap for telling him his stories.

"I guess they sound made up, Doc, but I've been tellin' you the gospel truth. And there's more happenstances I could tell you about that made me look better'n I was," Hap said, pausing in the doorway. "But maybe that's all over now. So long, Doc."

Kay City's few sources of amusement were quickly exhausted, and Hap deliberately shied away from the company of people—partly because of his inability to sit down and unwillingness to explain why, partly because he hoped by avoiding other people he would also avoid any more happen-

stances. The worst part was that he couldn't ride his horse. His only recourse was walking, which Hap detested.

So it was that one afternoon after walking for several hours, he entered the lobby of the hotel. He was struck that the usually empty lobby was filled with townsmen. Then he remembered that the stage was due any minute. Still, the large crowd puzzled him.

Minutes later the stage arrived. There were street shouts and the usual unloading clatter.

Hap paid very little attention. Actually, he was trying to decide whether to try to sit down in the lobby's only unoccupied chair. So far, sitting had been impossible, but the afternoon's walking had tired him out. Also he was sick and tired of having to eat his meals from a tray in his room, standing up. Hap reasoned that if he could sit down here without too much discomfort, perhaps the time had come when he could manage a meal in the dining room.

Gingerly, he lowered his sensitive posterior to the chair—then gasped in pain and straightened up like a shot. Hap looked around self-consciously, but no one had noticed. He lowered himself again, this time into a slouch.

Hap joined the others in watching the stage's passengers enter the lobby. His eyes immediately locked with those of a very attractive young woman. Good looking, he thought, but stuck up. Her evident poise made Hap uncomfortable. He became even more uncomfortable when the girl smiled directly at him. He shifted his eyes.

Hap's eyes shifted back to the girl as she went to the desk. Obviously, Hap concluded, she was a person of consequence. Banker Lewis was holding her arm lightly, and the desk clerk's manner was deferential. Hap saw her glance toward him and ask a question of the clerk, who said something in return. She nodded, turned, and smiled again, unmistakably, at Hap, before ascending the stairs.

That night, abed on his stomach, Hap mulled over the gossip he had gleaned from Doc Perkins about the hotel's new guest. Her name was Katherine Cummings, daughter and sole heir of a wealthy, recently deceased Kay City landowner. She lived back East and had come here to settle the estate. Doc had also added that the local men had been looking forward to Miss Katherine's arrival, hoping that she would settle in Kay City and add to the town's pitifully small list of marriageable females.

"Their hopes have been shattered," Doc had said. "Miss Katherine told Banker Lewis that she plans to sell her father's holdings and return East."

Hap sighed a sigh of relief. The way

Miss Katherine had smiled at him made him nervous. It was a comfort to know she wasn't husband-hunting.

Hap's train of thought was interrupted by a firm rap on the door. Painfully he rose and opened it. Miss Katherine Cummings was framed in the doorway.

He stared, open-mouthed, as she entered the room, uninvited, and seated herself in the only chair. "You're Mr. Rule," she announced. Hap nodded. This girl's manner made him feel awkward and ill-at-ease. He had to admit she was beautiful, but her self-confidence riled him.

"I will get to the point quickly," she said. "Mr. Rule, I do not like the West or its inhabitants. I do not feel safe here. Since it's necessary for me to be here to settle my father's estate, I would like to have someone accompany me for protection when I have to go out of the hotel."

Hap stared at the girl. He wanted to say that as far as he could see Kay City was safer than most Western towns, especially for women, who were scarce. Instead, he covered his tongue-tiedness by shaking his head.

Misconstruing his gesture, she continued, "Look, Mr. Rule, please do not refuse to act as my bodyguard until I explain. I selected you for three distinct reasons: First, you were the only man in the lobby who instinctively stood up when I entered; secondly, your . . . er . . . trousers were clean; and thirdly, the desk clerk told me you walk quite a bit. I understand that's unusual here in the West, where people get on a horse to go around the corner."

She gazed at him, somewhat imploringly, "Please don't refuse me, Mr. Rule. I'll pay you well."

Hap swallowed hard. How could he explain to this stuck-up girl that he had stood up when she entered the lobby only because it was too painful to sit down, that his pants were clean because they were new, that he walked because at present he couldn't straddle a horse? Obviously, he couldn't. It was easier to take the job than explain his disqualifications.

"I'll . . . be happy to be of service, Miss Cummings. But I don't want no pay."

The expression in Katherine Cummings' eyes was one of a person used to getting what she wants. "I will need you about ten in the morning to accompany me to the bank." Rising, she smiled, "I won't use too much of your time, Mr. Rule."

Hap muttered a few inaudible words that he hoped sounded polite. After he closed the door, he wiped his brow. "Wowee! If that ain't the goldmerdest happenstance! If only I hadn't slid down that hillside."

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One afternoon Miss Cummings decided she wanted to go for a walk to the outskirts of town, and they came to the site of Hap's regrettable accident. Miss Cummings happened to mention that this particular land had been owned by her father.

The girl wanted to explore the area, so to pass the time Hap unholstered his guns and began taking potshots at some large boulders. He was concentrating on correcting a right drift when, out of the corner of his eye, he saw Katherine Cummings move dangerously within range of his somewhat erratic fire. He was already squeezing the trigger for his next shot: His warning cry and the sound of the shot seemed simultaneous.

He closed his eyes, afraid to look at the crumpled, lifeless body he felt sure was on the spot where the girl had been standing. Then he heard someone running toward him. Uncomprehendingly, he opened his eyes and heard the words, "You were wonderful. You saved my life!"

He was stunned as Katherine Cummings took his hand and pulled him back to the spot where she had been standing. Pointing down, she said, "It was a perfect shot. You took its head right off."

Hap looked down at the sinister form of an uncoiled, headless rattlesnake. He saw prints of where she had been standing: within striking distance of the deadly reptile.

Hap pushed his hat back on his head in disbelief. He had killed a rattlesnake, but he hadn't meant to. He hadn't even known the snake was there. "Ma'am," he said meekly, "I'm sure glad I did it, but it was just a happenstance."

The girl said, earnestly, "You saved my life. I admire modesty, Mr. Rule, but no one can tell me what happened. I was right here."

Hap shrugged. No use arguing with a woman, especially Katherine Cummings.

Later, he was doubly uncomfortable sitting in the hotel dining room as the girl related her rescue to Banker Lewis and Doc Perkins. Hap looked at Doc, pleadingly, who grinned back and shook his head.

It didn't take long for the townspeople to get wind of Hap's "exploit." He caught their undertones and saw a new admiration in their eyes. Once again he was a dead shot, a heroic figure, who, this time, had saved a woman's life with fancy shooting. Golden happenstance!

As before, the adulation made Hap want to light out, but riding still would

be painful, so he decided to stay the day or two remaining for Katherine to finish her business. Right after she was safely aboard an eastbound stage, he'd be traveling himself.

When he met her in the lobby on her departure day, both Banker Lewis and Doc Perkins were with her.

"I do not have much time before the stage arrives, Mr. Rule," she said in her direct way. "But I want you to know I shall always be grateful for your protection while I was here."

"Twasn't nothin'," Hap muttered, twisting his hat in his hands. He prayed desperately for the stage to come and take this girl away so that he could shake the dust of this town from his feet.

"It was enough for me," Miss Cummings retorted. "But what I want to tell you is this: Since you refused payment for protecting me and a reward for your bravery, I've conferred with Mr. Lewis and Dr. Perkins." She nodded toward Doc who had a benignly innocent expression on his face.

"Dr. Perkins suggested," she continued, "that I give you some land from my holdings. He recommended the section where you killed the snake." Miss Cummings' smile was brilliant. "Here is the deed, properly executed."

Hap's protests were unheeded as the stage arrived and departed in a flurry of activity and dust. After Miss Cummings was gone, Banker Lewis bade Doc and Hap good day.

Then Hap looked at Doc. "What in tarnation did you talk that girl into giving me that land for? What do I want with land? I don't want to settle down—especially here, after that happenstance."

"Wait a minute," Doc Perkins said. "What you've got is more than just land, boy. That deed covers the place where you slid on your . . . where you fell down."

Hap snorted, "You think I need that land as a souvenir? Anytime I want to remember that fall, all I have to do is look over my shoulder into a full-length mirror."


Doc Perkins chortled with glee. "You had another happenstance, Hap! But I'll wait to tell you about it when you aren't so riled up." Hap went out of the hotel, shaking his head and muttering.

Sometime after midnight that night, Doc Perkins was awakened by a pounding on his door. He also heard people running toward the lower end of Main Street. Sleepily, he opened the door on a white-faced, frantic Hap.

"Doc, you got to help me. I got to get out of here," Hap stammered. "My mount's lame, and I got to ride out tonight."

Doc Perkins ushered Hap into his office and lighted the lamp. "Now start

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at the beginning, Hap, and tell me what happened. If you're really in trouble, I'll help you, but I have to know what happened."

Hap sank onto the doctor's stool. "I couldn't sleep, Doc, thinkin' about all those things . . . all those happenstances . . . how I didn't have a right to the opinion that people have of me."

Doc Perkins nodded kindly, "I know, Hap."

Hap continued, "So I decided to take a walk. It was pretty late, nobody on Main Street. I wanted to try to think it all out." Hap paused and swallowed audibly.

"As I went past the bank, I kind of noticed that the lock on the door looked like it was broke. I looked closer and sure enough it was. Honest."

"I believe you, Hap. Go on."

"Wal, I didn't think the bank door ought to have a busted lock. Then I saw an old iron bar layin' near the door and put it through the hasp. I guess that was silly, because anybody could have taken it out to open the door. But it made sense at the time.

"Then," he continued solemnly, "I

heard somebody inside the bank try to open the door. People inside started cussin' and poundin' the door. I guess I realized then that the lock had been broke by bank robbers."

"And you had them trapped inside," said Doc, chuckling.

"Yeah, that's how it was. And before I could get away, the sheriff and some deputies came and a lot of other people. They kept sayin' how I had saved the bank from bein' robbed with my quick thinking. Banker Lewis came over in his nightshirt to thank me," Hap concluded.

Doc Perkins looked at Hap quizzically. "And you want to get away before they crown you a hero, because your actions were not heroic but just a happenstance?"

Hap nodded eagerly in agreement. "Look, Doc, I know you don't understand much more'n anybody else. But if I'd ever done anything smart or brave, I'd be just as proud as the next fellow."

He tilted his chin, stubbornly. "But I never done anything—it's just that things have happened to make it look like I've been smart, brave, strong, a good shot, and I don't know what. I don't want to take anything I haven't earned—not even a reputation."

Doc Perkins nodded gravely. "I think I do understand, Hap. I think you're more honest with yourself than most of our heroes who have got their laurels through happenstances. That's my horse outside, and you could have him, but I don't think—"

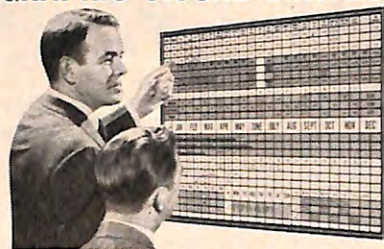
Hap grinned. "I knew you'd help me, Doc. Thanks for the mount. And here," he rummaged in his shirt pocket, "here's that deed Miss Cummings gave me. I was plannin' to give it to you before I left anyway, so it's all signed over to you, proper-like."

He smothered Doc Perkins' protests and moved to the door. "I'll take your saddle and you can get mine from the livery stable. Thanks, Doc."

The doctor stood speechless for a moment, the deed in his hand. Then he rushed out the door and yelled at Hap to wait. But it was too late; the cowboy was in the saddle, spurring the horse. And then he was gone forever.

Doc Perkins stayed on in Kay City, but he soon retired. He built an expensive new home, and placed prominently on the mantle were the bits of gravel he had once removed from young Hap Rule. They not only reminded him of one of the most unusual men he'd ever met; they were the ones he'd sent over to the assay office that showed his land contained gold. Doc chuckled every time he thought of how Hap's sudden departure had provided him with his one and only happenstance.

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2. Promote the issuance of proclamations of Freedom Week by civic officials.
3. Have your lodge subscribe to Freedom's Facts, published monthly by the All American Conference to Combat Communism, 1028 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036, and promote its subscription by individual members.
4. Alert local colleges and universities to the new All American Conference program: "Education about Communism through Refugees," through which refugees from Communism are available to address student groups. (Brochures on this may also be secured through the Conference.)
5. Join local news media in sponsoring open house for public inspection, especially by junior and senior high school students.
6. Arrange for pro-freedom programs at local service club meetings.
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Freedom of Expression: Self — or Otherwise?

A PRIMARY CONCERN of many students on campuses today is personal freedom. Nothing is more normal. The young man or woman away from home for the first time understandably wants to try to reach the ultimate limits of self-expression.

Great latitude is permitted in American colleges and universities. The underlying concept is that students may study and learn what they wish and come to whatever conclusions their conscience allows. In their rebellion against their own environment, a few even conclude that a communist system might be better.

The communist system, of course, does not allow any such freedom of learning or of decision. Alexey Romyantsev, writing in a recent issue of *Pravda*, says that under the communist system the Party puts forth the tasks to be done and the people are expected to do them. The extent to which they obey, in fact, is related directly to the "socialist consciousness" of the citizens.

Socialist "Right" Thinking

In other words, if you think "socialist," you might be a good and willing subject in a communist-run state. But if you think individualist, or capitalist, or cosmopolitan, or independent, you are in deep trouble.

Romyantsev says that to live in a socialist society you have constantly to study the spectrum of different social forces, to sort out friends and allies from foes, and to struggle for the causes of communism. Individual neutrality or withdrawal into personal affairs is not permitted.

The intellectuals bear this responsibility even more than the common people because they help to mold the minds of others. In Romyantsev's view, "The writer is not an illustrator of events but a fighter. . . . The more passionately a

writer intends to fight for the communist reformation of society, the more party-spirited he must be."

Of special interest to those who seek more freedom and hope to find it under a communist system is this view of Romyantsev: "Party guidance protects the artist's freedom in choosing the subject, style, and manner of execution; it directs the artistic process as a whole into the channel of communist construction. . . . Party guidance has been and shall be the indispensable condition for the successful development of Soviet art."

Question for Freedom Seekers

Is it freedom to follow the orders of a "political" party? Can freedom for intellectuals really exist when that "political" party holds a 100 percent monopoly of power and from whose decisions there is no appeal?

Of course not. A question freedom seekers in the United States must face is this: Does freedom of speech and academic freedom extend so far that it permits some the freedom to destroy the liberty of all? Anyone who seeks freedom sincerely must defend freedom not for a few but for everyone. This is the American credo, and one to which communists do not subscribe in countries they rule.

Strategy for Freedom

In order to gain peace in a divided world it is essential to weaken the opponent so that he has neither the force nor the will to challenge the peace. The means to use against the communist world is to excite in the subjected peoples a thirst for freedom so great the communist rulers cannot repress it. Then free men will triumph by non-violent means without any appreciable risk of world war.

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 some 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.

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The USO is still at it—in Vietnam, Japan, Europe, Turkey, Korea, Guam, Africa, Okinawa, the Philippines, Greenland, and elsewhere—and for that every American should be grateful. Last year, for example, some 700 entertainers presented 4,000 performances that were enjoyed by 2½ million of our Armed Forces personnel from the Arctic to the rice paddies of Vietnam.

While we are paying a richly deserved tribute to

the United Service Organizations, let us be generous in our praise of the men and women who have contributed their talent and their time to make the whole program possible. They include such stars as Bob Hope, Danny Kaye, Perry Como, George Jessel, Red Barber, Johnny Cash, and Roy Acuff, but they also include thousands of others of lesser fame, among them drama and music groups from our colleges and universities in addition to professional performers. All of them have rendered great service to their country.

Ours is still largely a citizen Army, Navy, and Air Force, as distinct from professional forces. It is for this reason that it is of the utmost importance that we here at home make our presence and support felt by those who have temporarily left their civilian status to defend our safety and freedom on fronts far from home. That is the reason for the USO. That is the reason for the “Letters from Home” campaign that the Order of Elks launched in November.

Just as our “Letters from Home” is a voluntary effort, so too is the USO. No Government funds are provided to pay the cost of taking drama groups, musicians, celebrities, and other entertainers to our Armed Forces overseas, nor are Government funds used to finance the USO clubs and lounges. This is a private, voluntary program supported by contributions from public spirited citizens. This is the American way, one of the things our men are fighting for. It is worthy of every patriotic American's support.

Cuba's Dark Prospects

This month Fidel Castro began his eighth year as dictator of Cuba, a bleak outlook for the unhappy people of the Pearl of the Antilles as they slip further and further into the mire of poverty into which they have been dragged by their socialist “liberators.” The depressed and deteriorating state of the Cuban economy is in marked contrast to the conditions that existed when the communists took over in 1959.

One of the myths that the communists and their allies have sought to establish and perpetuate is that when the communists came to power Cuba was a backward, underdeveloped country and the people impoverished, starving, and uneducated. Nothing could be further from the truth.

While Cuba was far from measuring up to the standards of this country or other advanced nations, and Batista's dictatorship was brutal and repressive, the fact remains that when Castro came to power in January, 1959, Cuba was a prosperous country relative to

other Latin American states. For example, only Venezuela, Argentina, and Chile had a higher per capita income than Cuba's, which was nearly as high as Italy's and far higher than Japan's. The ratio of automobile ownership was one for every 39 persons, twice that of Argentina's, three times Mexico's, and four times Brazil's. Cuba's rate of electric consumption was fifth highest in Latin America; she ranked fifth in manufacturing among her neighbors and second in radio ownership.

In contrast, Cuba's economy today is disorganized and appears to be headed for collapse. There are persistent and widespread shortages of foods where, prior to Castro, there was an abundance. Stores lack the ordinary commodities which were in plentiful supply before the socialist revolution descended upon the island.

The communists and their apologists in this country condemned the United States for having kept Cuba a “one-crop” country, and promised to end all of that. Seven years later, sugar is still Cuba's principal crop. The dif-

ference is that production has fallen so greatly under socialist tyranny that Castro has had to buy sugar on the world market to keep his commitments to his Soviet bloc allies.

Instead of the redistribution of farm lands under the “agrarian reform” program that brought the peasants flocking to Castro's standard, the communist dictatorship simply confiscated the land and made the farmers serfs on the collective state farms.

Every free institution—universities, the press, labor unions—has been destroyed.

The continuing exodus of the best educated and most talented of the Cuban population to this country is testimony to the unhappy conditions that exist there. It foreshadows even worse to come unless Castro abandons his fanatic ideology and begins to employ Cuba's resources for the betterment of the Cuban people instead of as a base from which to drag other Latin American countries down to Cuba's present miserable level through Red terror and revolution.

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