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There is plenty to do, and it adds up to a real challenge to the new lodge officers who will be installed this month. Just how these officers respond to this challenge, now, at the beginning of their term, will determine whether the new season is a period of drifting and stagnation or one of action and progress.

For example, right now is the time when alert officers will give their membership figures a thorough study. They will determine what the trend has been for the past several years, decide what must be done to reverse the trend if it has been down, or, if upward, to keep it going in that direction. Above all, the intelligent officers will set a realistic goal and then organize to achieve it, and to help them plan and execute such a program they will be guided by the Membership Control Manual supplied by our Grand Secretary.

There is no better time than right now to restudy your lodge's activities. Perhaps some of them no longer have the appeal they once had. Maybe the money and energy could be better used elsewhere. This is a good time to ask questions that, if properly answered, will help to keep a lodge in good fighting trim.

Spring is an especially good time to check up on your lodge's physical plant for needed maintenance and also for appearance. We must always be sure to keep our corner of the world attractive to all who come that way.

There is more—much more—and not too much time in which to do it, and also there seldom are enough hands for all the jobs that need to be done. That's why it is so important to bring as many members as possible into active participation in a lodge's affairs. It develops hidden talent and it builds a stronger membership. So I urge all Exalted Rulers especially to make it a cardinal point this year to expand the lodge team. Give every member a chance to **BE A PLAYER—NOT A SPECTATOR.**

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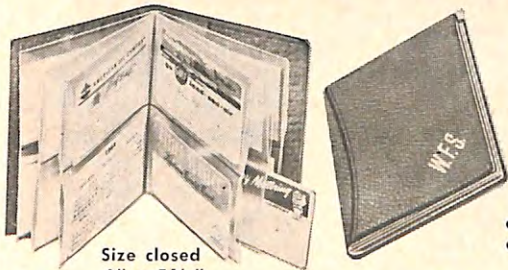
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E. H. CULE
(no address given)

An advertising card insert appeared between pages 16-19 and 42-45 in the February issue. Because of Post Office regulations, we are required to allow page numbers for such cards.

—The Editors

War, Peace, Vietnam, Peaceniks, etc.

In the last two issues of the Magazine you have included two very fine articles, "Bloody Vietnam: What's at Stake" by Jerry Greene and "What Are the Prospects for Peace?" by Bruno Shaw. The artwork confirmed the old adage, "one picture is worth a thousand words," but not one word of either article could have been omitted. . . .

JOSEPH A. MCARTHUR, Chairman
Grand Lodge
Americanism Committee
Lewiston, Idaho

The article by Jerry Greene on Vietnam in the January issue is about as comprehensive as any I have read. All members should read it and gain some information that is forthright and factual. The war in Vietnam is no longer a "conflict" or whatever the official title of the Korean catastrophe was for several years. . . .

DONALD A. HANSEN
Hermiston, Ore.

I disagree with your January article on Vietnam by Jerry Greene. Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon . . . [has referred to] "our war-making policy in Vietnam," and in my opinion he is correct.

J. E. WRIGHT
Toledo, Ore.

You have performed a real service in providing Jerry Greene's penetrating study of the Vietnam situation. This article should be required reading in high schools and colleges throughout the country.

Keep up the fine job of furnishing the tools with which your readers can become better informed citizens in times of crisis such as this.

JOSEPH P. LEO
Lawrence Harbor, N. J.

Having been stationed over four years in the Pacific and a veteran of Vietnam, may I express my appreciation and gratitude for your February [article "What Are the Prospects for Peace?" by Bruno Shaw] and many previous articles on Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

Your stand, recognizing the need for such factual reports on that area, surely merits our response—including all Americans who believe in our Government, way of life, freedom, and heritage. It makes me feel that much prouder to be an Elk, and I'm sure I'm not speaking only for myself but for all of us who were fortunate enough to make it back, and the thousands of our American combatants now serving in Vietnam. . . .

PETER E. FORGUES
Windsor, Vt.

I wish to thank you for Mr. Shaw's very fine article "What Are the Prospects for Peace?". After all the drivel—and often treasonous drivel at that—we read and hear concerning the situation, it is good to have the facts laid on the line, exposing the Peaceniks, the futility and dangers of the truces, and what actually happened in Korea. . . .

Mrs. I. M. JACKSON
Kimberly, Idaho

Useful Cover

. . . I wish to express my appreciation to [the staff and] cover artist Woodi Ishmael for his excellent work on the February issue.

I hope it pleases you to learn that it has been used by me as Chairman of the Long Beach Elks Library for a display calling attention to the books being featured during the month of February. Also . . . the cover has served another purpose. I am employed as a clerk for the City of Long Beach Public Library. Part of my duties consist of doing posters for the bookmobile. With a few minor adjustments, the February cover has been used in displaying books featuring "February birthdays." The books are about the personalities depicted on the cover. The bookmobile is a mobile library serving areas of Long Beach that are not conveniently near a branch library. It circulates an average of 7,700 books a month.

FRED L. WEST
Long Beach, Calif.

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BETTY K. LOOMIS
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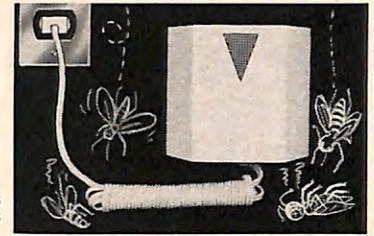
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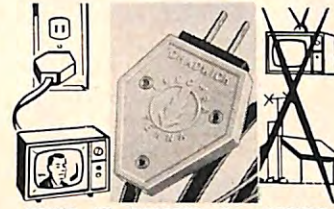
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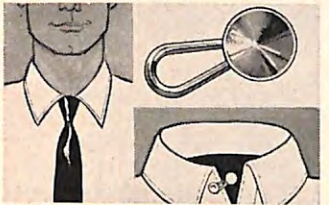
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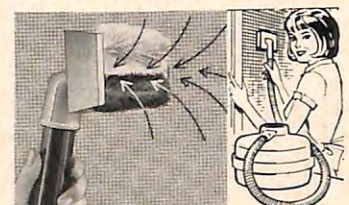
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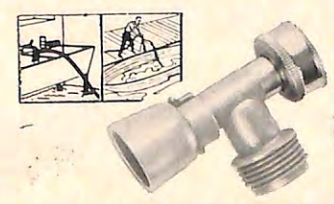
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In the March issue, this department told of several large bequests to the Elks National Foundation, featuring the story behind one of nearly \$400,000 from the estate of the late Oscar Leo "Shorty" Long of Virginia City, Mont., Lodge. Subsequently, we were advised of the pride and gratitude felt by his fellow Montana Elks through Past Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins.

At their recent convention, the Montana State Elks Association unanimous-

ly adopted a resolution honoring "one of Montana's most dedicated Elks"—Brother Long—for his exemplification of "the highest virtue of our Order, that of the principle of Charity."

In a companion resolution that was adopted also, the Montana Elks recommended that the Foundation and the Grand Lodge give suitable recognition to Brother Long's lodge "in appreciation for [its] efforts in promoting this most generous gift."

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER JOHN F. MALLEY, CHAIRMAN, 40 COURT ST., BOSTON, MASS. 02108

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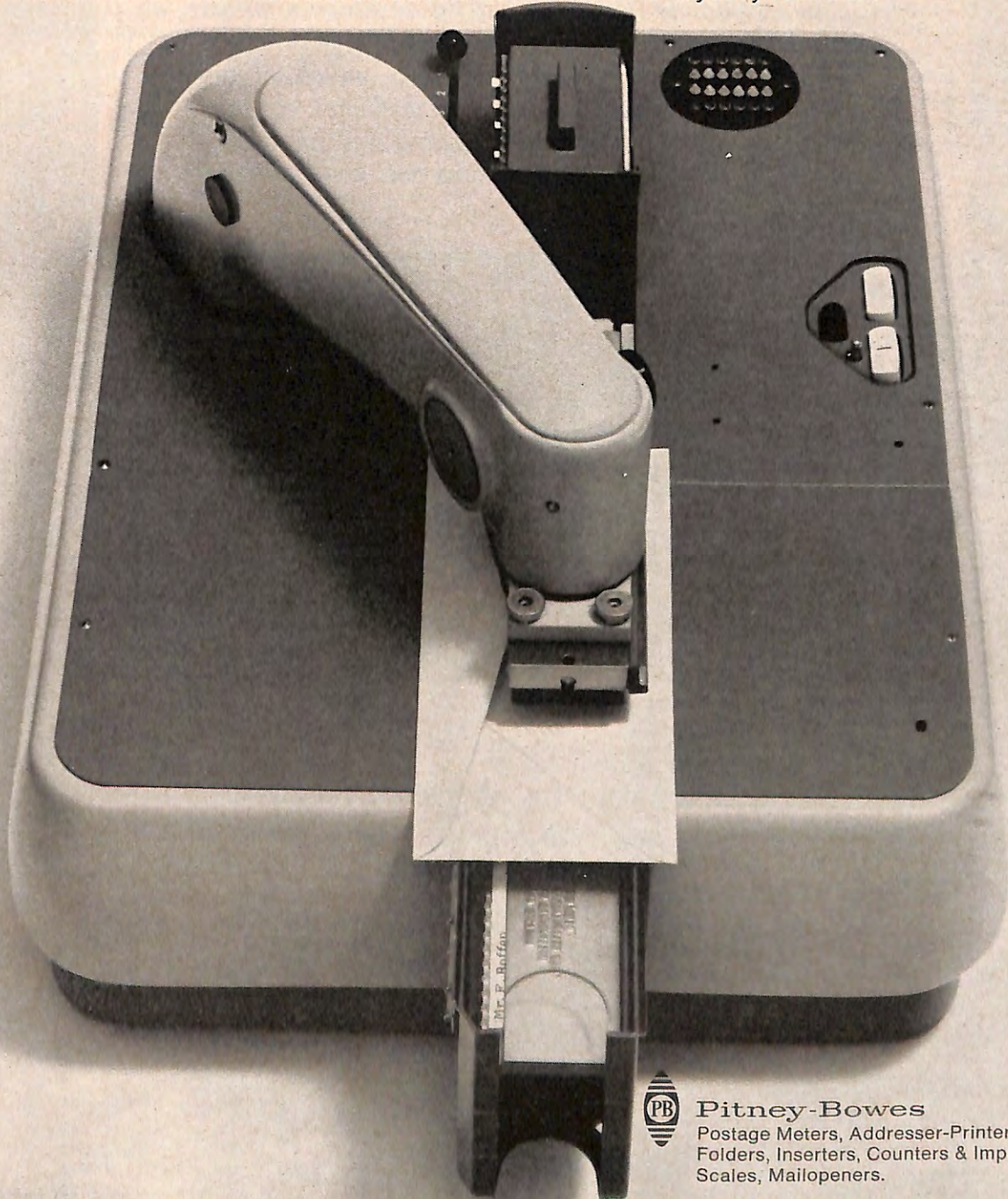
Top: Fishing in waters near home may include some after-dark ventures. (Photo by Erwin A. Bauer) *Center:* A family pack trip in a commercial forest is symbolic of

the multiple-use concept. (Photo from International Paper Co.) *Lower left:* Learning outdoor lore is good for any boy—and being the teacher can enrich a man as well. (Drawing by John Scott) *Lower right:* A sea safari—deep-sea fishing for marlin—is one of the ultimate thrills. (Photo from Florida News Bureau)

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NO TRESPASSING **ALLOWED**

By **RAY OVINGTON**

Ah, wilderness! Too often we find our dwindling unspoiled outlands being leveled by developers, or we mistakenly believe them to be posted by selfish captains of industry. Actually, however, much of our privately owned timberland has a welcome sign out to the public; the owners realize that multiple use of their land is good public relations and good business

THERE'S something about wilderness land that quickens the beat of an outdoorsman's heart—something that diminishes with each mile of paved highway, each picnic table encroaching on the landscape.

Outdoor recreation requires that the outdoors remain as nearly as possible as God made it—with clear and pure lakes, rivers, and streams; mountains and forests, swamps and lowlands, plains and deserts with few of the scars of civilization.

On the other hand, how can land remain unspoiled if it is to be used for recreation? As the multitudes seek outdoor sport, or perhaps a degree of solitude, pressures mount for more and more government ownership of wilderness, to guarantee its "preservation" for the people. The result is a steady growth in our national and state park systems—land set aside for use by the people, who in turn are believed to require a parklike atmosphere. Is there no alternative? Will any of our wilderness areas remain free of the steady march of "progress"?

The answer is *yes*. The surprise package is the tremendous acreage of outdoor land, privately owned, that is harvested for pulp (for paper) and for lumber. These parcels of land are known as tree farms and are largely unknown by the general public as available for their recreational use.

I have been fortunate in having learned many years ago that I can hunt and fish in this "wilderness." When I was a little boy, my father decided that with the rudiments of nature, woodcraft, and boy scout experience well instilled that I should experience a real wilderness canoe trip of the kind he had enjoyed when he was a boy. Little did I know that his plan included the greatest outdoor safari of my life, and, a long time after his passing, I would make the trip again several times, perhaps with my own son, to expose him to these same God-given natural beauties and outdoor wonders.

All in all, the trip of several hundred miles took us a month, and the memories of wilderness living, gliding along miles of placid pools and runs, shooting the spectacular rapids, and skirting windy timberlined lakes still lives vibrantly in my memory. I remember the sights and sounds of a long list

of animals and birds, including moose, deer, bear, bobcats, beaver, mink, hawks, owls, and eagles. The aroma of speckled trout cooked minutes after catching over a waterside fire is still savored.

With the exception of a few logging camps where we were fed generously and welcomed warmly along the route, Dad and I had all of this enchanted forest to ourselves—the Allagash River country of Maine.

Drawn again and again to this unspoiled and unposted territory over the years, I've had many successful hunting trips after grouse, woodcock, bear, and deer. Whitetails are at their very best in this country, since selective lumbering and controlled cutting continually lets in light and creates the lush new undergrowth on which wildlife thrives. Today there is more wildlife in this state than there was before the white man and his axe visited it more than a hundred years ago. The biggest deer trophies listed annually in the Biggest Bucks In Maine Club contest come from these commercial forest lands.

When the fishing fever has struck and I've felt the need to get away to the quiet of the woods, I've packed up the gear, driven to Maine, and taken off to enjoy some of the best trout fishing to be found anywhere on this continent.

I had always assumed that, despite the little mill towns and signs of some lumbering operations, the area was owned by the Government or the state; it was an area promoted heavily by the Maine publicity departments and individual resort owners who advertised in the sporting magazines. Most of the land is so remote that no one would want it anyway, I thought. This is one reason why even today it is largely unknown by the general vacationing public who are constantly trying to find true wilderness atmosphere away from the restricted, overdeveloped, and crowded state and national parks.

A few years ago, some 40 years after my first trip, I was to revisit upper Maine, but this time for a very different reason. I had been shocked to discover that the entire area of the northern part of the state has always been almost entirely owned by lumber and pulpwood companies. The association

Despite a century of commercial logging, the Allagash in Maine is still "wilderness"—to the delight of people such as these canoeists.

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A perfect example of the multiple-use concept: A trailer truck moves lumber out of a Maine forest on a company road, while a vacationing family heads into the same area—for them a recreation site—with boat, motor, and other gear.

of these owners was to be my host on this trip. To one who had been brought up with an almost religious hatred of the logger and his axe, I accepted the invitation to visit their lands with much prejudice and with a feeling of trepidation about the horrible fate I was sure had befallen "my" former haunts. I envisioned, in the name of "progress," miles of lands denuded of trees, dried-up streams, and general devastation. Therefore it seemed quite strange for me, a staunch editorial enemy of the lumberman, to be their guest.

The next surprise came when I was informed that the trip would cover the area of the Allagash River, a part of the world that had become the love of my life. Before we embarked on the trip I was told of the harvesting of timber in the region and the conception of proper use that was being employed by the industry in general. I also knew that pressure on the part of the Government to make this into a national park was in the wind. I was all for the salvation of the Allagash to keep it away from future "destruction" by the lumber interests.

"We ask you to see for yourself what we have to show you; compare it with what you first saw many years ago, and make no judgment of us until after your trip."

That seemed fair enough, since I had ample store for comparison.

Once again I found myself on the

dock at Greenville—a little town, still not changed very much in 40 years—and I longed for the company of Dad and the guides who had shown me the way north when I was a mere strippling. Instead of embarking in a canoe, a company plane whisked us off the water, and we were soon flying over the rippling blanket of endless forests dotted by clear blue lakes. Ribbons of streams gleamed under the wings of the plane.

In a half hour we were past Moosehead Lake, and for a hundred miles in all directions there was nothing to see but growing forests with no signs of encroachment by man on the landscape. In another 20 minutes we had flown over the Allagash River both upstream and down. As far as the eye could see, the forest was green and unspoiled, and I was thankful that below me lay the purity of healthy wilderness.

When we touched down at various points, we were met by woodsmen guides and their canoes. Again we fished for and caught big brook trout. There, too, were the deer, the bear, and all the other forest friends. Numerous flocks of ducks were present on the lakes, and their little ones trailed behind them learning the ways of the water. Grouse and woodcock popped out of the grown-over woods trails. Doves were plentiful, along with infinite varieties of song birds. A naturalist in our party made the remark that if it were not for the cutting and

opening of the forest, few birds and animals could live in the dense darkness.

Then, in stark contrast, we visited the pulp mills to see trees being processed in the first stage of the manufacture of paper products.

After a full day of sightseeing, we touched down at one of the privately owned and operated sporting camps that cater to sportsmen in this wilderness. I cast a wet fly from the dock where the plane was tied up and promptly took four brook trout for next morning's breakfast.

What I had seen on the trip was a revelation. Here, in the land I'd known for some 40 years, it has been privately owned, cut over (in some areas, many times), and yet it seemed as good or better than it was before. Game surveys have pointed out, for instance, that there are many times more deer in this country than before the coming of the white man—proof that multiple-use practices produce both commercial products and wildlife abundance.

It is unfortunate that the memory of destruction by the lumber barons of a century ago still lingers in the folklore of the conservationist. This image still looms ominously large in many minds. But, the lumberman of today has proved the validity of right use, having recognized the need for planned tree growth and selective harvesting.

He is in business and with a dedicated profit motive. To accomplish this he controls millions of acres of timber and outdoor lands that some of the public believe should be theirs—spared from harvest and left virgin for them alone to enjoy. However, everyone wants the paper products and the lumber at prices they can afford in order to have their evening paper, their novels and textbooks, and wood paneling for the den.

But the ardent protectionist—still bound by the creed of isolation and unmindful of these facts—does not realize the very selfish motive of the tree farmer to stay in business is the best guarantee that forests will not only be thriving in the future but yielding still more trees than ever before, thanks to improved scientific developments in lumbering and conservation practices.

Unfortunately, the conservationists of that persuasion, led by their emotions and lack of knowledge of the entire picture, run to Uncle Sam, unmindful of the tragic blunders that have been made almost every time bureaucracy has touched the outdoors.

Wood products are big business, one of the biggest in our nation. On a regional basis the very economy of the State of Maine, for example, is involved in the profits made from the forests. Salaries, taxes, and fringe benefits to the local communities come from the

woods that support the economy of the state. Maine's next most important source of income is tourism, and interestingly enough, the most attractive region of the state to outdoor-minded visitors is the millions of acres of the privately owned tree farms. Every year, thousands of people visit these lands for recreation, from the local bookkeeper to the vacationing out-of-state businessman. At the same time, all use paper in earning their livelihood; their homes are made with lumber from these same forests that continue to support a proper water table and shade for the grouse covers and trout pools.

As to the future, the industry, in cooperation with the Government, has planned a program of tree production to meet the demand of future years. More trees are being grown than are being cut down.

We can be thankful that the two go hand in hand, for everyone realizes the need for more recreational areas. After all, the woodcutter likes to go hunting and fishing too!

These lands are not posted against public access even though the owners have every right to post them. In fact, public use of these lands, waters, and private roads constitutes unnecessary risk on the part of the owners, including the increased danger of fire. They have put up with not a little vandalism and much litterbugging by those who have no appreciation of the pristine gift that the outdoors offers. The owners have also allowed private operators to cater to these outdoorsmen—again contributing to the local welfare and healthy financial condition of the state.

So, this is the other wilderness—not a civilized park with its restricted and crowded parklike atmosphere. By keeping the lands as they have always been—remote and unmarked by man—the tree farms offer something quite apart from the usual recreational attractions.

It has been my pleasure to see much of the 50 million acres of forest lands owned by more than 500 timber firms and local lot owners. More than 65 of these companies have established recreational areas and scenic camp and picnic sites within their boundaries, with some 4,000 miles of trails in addition to the all-season, fast logging roads necessary for such multiple use.

More than 100 companies give prime consideration to game and fish conservation activities. All of them have worked in concert with Government and with chemical companies in order to fight the devastation of insects.

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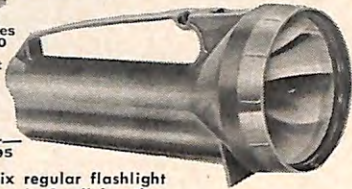
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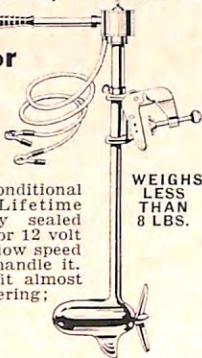
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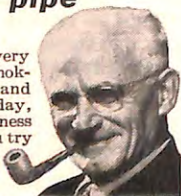
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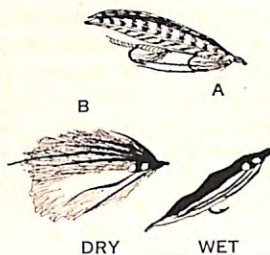
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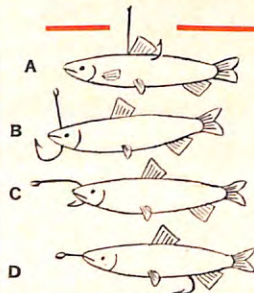


April is trout-fishing month in most of the northern states, and we salute three of your favorites—the brook, brown, and rainbow. Note the markings. When you go after 'em, be sure you know the legal minimum length and maximum number you can take, and be sure you have a valid license.

Two popular types of artificial flies for trout and salmon are the tandem hook streamer (A) used for trolling when the ice goes out on the lakes, and the maribou feather streamer (B) used for trolling as well as casting and stream fishing. Both imitate the minnows on which hungry trout feed.



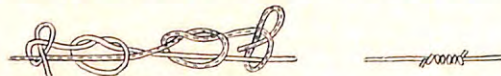
April is burning month for some farmers—burning of fields to make way for planting. Be careful not to get trapped if one of these fires should spread. Also, be extra careful with matches and cigarettes, for the dead leaves and grasses may be as dry as they were last fall.



If you prefer live minnows to artificial bait, here are four ways of hooking them for special purposes. (A) Hook through the body under the dorsal fin, for still fishing only. It would spin if cast. (B) Through the upper and lower lips ahead of the eyes and brain to keep it alive. This is for still fishing. (C) and (D) may be used for casting.

Worms for fish bait always seek the bottom of the container and have to be dug out of the dirt. Punch air holes, put a cover on the container, and turn it upside down. The worms will be on top when you want fresh bait. —L. W. BURDETTE, Greenville, S. C.

Cheap insurance, while hiking, hunting, or fishing—especially if alone—is to carry a police whistle around your neck. It can be heard a long distance in case you get lost or incapacitated by an injury. —ALBERT MOZEKJE, Corvallis, Ore.



Here's an easy knot to tie that is especially useful when you want to join leader to line with a small enough knot to slip through the rod guides. Pull the two square knots together until they "set," then secure with the outer half-hitches pulled tight against the middle. Cut off surplus.



Never Too Young

By HOWARD SIGLER

Whether you're a father, uncle, grandfather, or just family friend, you'd do well to share your own love of the outdoors and knowledge of outdoor lore with a boy. The dividends can be substantial

"HERE'S a deer track! Anyway, I think it's a deer," called the small voice.

The little boy was hunkered down over a patch of bare, moist earth, peering intently. "What makes you think so?" I asked.

"It looks like the pictures in your books at home," he replied. "Which way did he go?"

"Which direction do the toes point?" He pondered this. Then, "Which way are the toes?"

Wanting him to figure it out for himself if possible, and also reluctant

to leave the comfortable log, I countered, "Which way do you think?" We had just climbed to the ridge, and it had taken some doing to keep up with the younger legs. Then he had been off looking for more brown and yellow mottled acorns before I had even found my log.

However, this was going to need attention sooner or later, so I got up and went over to inspect his find. "Are those his toes, maybe?" he ventured, pointing to the tapered ends of what actually was a large, splay-hoofed deer

track, probably a buck since the imprints of the dew-claws were quite plain and the track was deep.

"That's right," I answered.

"Then he must have gone that way," he suggested, pointing out around a hump in the ridge and, looking up for verification, wrinkled the scattering of freckles across his nose.

I nodded. Then, by measuring with my hands, I showed him about how far away the walking deer should have left another print. He found it quickly. Next, I had him thrust a stick in the ground near the first track so he could more easily orient himself with where he had been and thus determine the animal's probable direction of travel.

We spent a good half hour with those deer tracks, but the time was certainly not wasted. This five-year-old child ended up by following the trail, track by track, over bare ground and half-rotted leaves to where it joined a dim game trail some 50 yards away. Many so-called "hunters" who go after deer each autumn cannot do nearly as well.

The scope of a child's world is small and many times he will see things which we oldsters, with our cluttered minds, will ignore. I had not known of the existence of this portion of the main trail and had previously taken for granted that it crossed over the ridge at this point. Best of all, in addition to making the track identification "from a book" (the pictures of which he had pored over on many rainy afternoons), he had learned the rudiments of thinking in terms of animal travel.

That was two years ago. Since then, I have been taking this kid-nephew, Steve, along on outdoor tramps as often as is practical. He goes fishing and to the golf course with his father and I attempt to fill in with turtle hunting, trips to the deer thickets, and the like. With half a lifetime of hunting and fishing years behind and several more hoped-for ones ahead, who am I to begrudge an eager little boy a few happy outdoor hours now and then?

Next to the thing itself, perhaps the greatest enjoyment derived from any outdoor foray comes through anticipation built up beforehand. There is a certain "something" about cleaning and oiling guns, handling the trout flies and bass bugs, honing the hunting knife, and a dozen kindred chores which make any anticipated trip to the woods or waters more satisfying.

Memories of such precious moments will often linger for years. The nostalgic odor of Hoppe's No. 9 gun solvent even today takes me back some 40-odd years to when I received my first .22 caliber rifle; to the magic of a little gun shop on dusty old Court Street where I stopped after school to look



ILLUSTRATED BY
JOHN SCOTT

you ever had. If there are several youngsters, occasionally it will work out to take them as a group, but generally it will be better to introduce them to nature individually, each according to his capabilities in relation to age.

Since there must be some basis for questions, show them enough to start them asking. Then answer every last question, with simple words so it may be easily understood. If you don't know, don't come up with some cock-and-bull story, for when they do find out for sure elsewhere later on, they'll know you didn't know either and may hesitate to take your word on such things from then on. Simply say you don't know, "but as soon as we get home we'll look it up." Then be sure to do that little thing!

While the hunting and fishing magazines play their parts in this field, far more insight into the everyday habits of the wildlings may be obtained through the National Audubon Society. Your local library will probably have a file copy of *Audubon Magazine*, which goes with each membership. Such membership not only aids both parent and child in the pursuit of nature hobbies, but helps the society advance the cause of conservation as well, to insure future generations in having the same type of outdoor recreation which we now enjoy. Any librarian worth his or her salt will also be delighted to help a youngster find appropriate books.

To repeat, a child's world is small. Therefore he concentrates to a greater extent on each thing he sees or hears than do we, who have probably been over the same road time after time.

We can take a few lessons as we go along these same roads with him, however. One can always learn; and things seen and heard through the eyes and ears of a child can sometimes take on a startling slant.

One lazy summer afternoon, Steve and I were poking along the river bank when he suddenly stopped and said, "What's that?" I heard nothing except two limbs rubbing together in the breeze, so they were located and pointed



and marvel; to a well-thumbed Winchester gun catalog which was carried in my pocket so it would always be "ready," though for what was a moot question.

In the misty, damp, early-morning smell of autumn, I can tumble back over the years to when I went hunting for the first time by myself, to my "big woods" (practically on the edge of town). The glories (?) of my first trapping incident with a skunk become bright again in the mirror of memories each time I get a whiff of the perfume even today.

There are the long thoughts of the yesterdays which every outdoor man holds precious, whether he be a big-game hunter or a bird watcher, but how will tomorrow's man inherit them if we do not furnish a basis for that future nostalgia today? With the hustle and bustle of our times, the outdoor wine may never be tasted by our children unless we offer them the first sip.

Many evenings, when we finish our day's work, do up the odd jobs around home, and finally get into the solitude of our den or wherever we hoard our treasures, we're usually in too much of a hurry to be bothered with kids. Big ones, sometimes "yes," but the wee ones seem to have a built-in mania for getting into one's hair, particularly with questions to which they should "obviously" see the answer. But then, we can't really mean obviously, can we? How could anything possibly be obvious to them? The average small mind, even after being over the ground previously, takes but little for granted

and generally wants to know *why*. Were all the various aspects of fishing tackle obvious to us when we first became interested? I wonder what the fellow thought whom each of us asked?

It is never too early to start kids on the outdoor track. When the famed bow and arrow hunter, Howard Hill, was but four his father made him a bow and some arrows, showed him the rudiments of handling them, and then told him to go shoot a rabbit—which the youngster did, probably to the amazement of the elder Hill. Quite likely that was the one thing which started him on the long road to fame as the world's greatest bowhunter.

Yet, with his long list of trophies from all over the world, Mr. Hill is still an ardent conservationist and has deep respect for the outdoors and its inhabitants. One may be a hunter and still retain the qualities and philosophies of the naturalist-conservationist.

Taking a boy to the forests does not necessarily mean that he should be concerned with *hunting* the wild creatures, although the veneer of civilization is thin and the hunting instinct does not lie deep. Scratch the surface and you will probably find a potential hunter. However, killing game is but one aspect of the outdoor picture, and that can come later—or if it never does, that will be all right too.

The big thing is to take the kids along at every opportunity, even if it means sacrificing a few days of serious hunting or fishing over the year. That question-asking kid may pan out to be the best hunting or fishing pardner

out. "They sound like they're crying," he said softly. I have heard countless limbs rub together in the winds of the years, but I had never thought of them as "crying." From now on, I probably will.

Each time we see a new bird, animal, or its track, we stop and talk about it. I suggest in which ways it may be unlike those which he already knows, and it is amazing how quickly he picks out the differences. Yet, he is just an average, normal child, now in the second grade, and probably about like yours.

Highly interested in birds of all kinds, those with large wings seem to impress him more. His eyes seemed as big as saucers when I showed him a great blue heron, standing like a little old man in a river weedbed, a few days ago. Then, one afternoon he came rushing into the house and said there was a buzzard sailing over town. When asked how he knew, he said, "Howard says crows flap a lot and sail a little, hawks flap a little and sail a lot, but buzzards said 'bout all the time. That's a buzzard!" Needless to say, it was.

Camping and picnicking are ready-made opportunities for early appreciation of nature if a little time for guidance is taken. However, such excursions should not be used as an excuse to turn the kids loose without any discipline or supervision, if for no other reason than out of respect to other people who might be camped or relaxing nearby. When one gets right down to fundamentals, children are but a reflection of the parents.

Late one afternoon I was spooking along the heavily shaded banks of the North Fork of Hughes River in West Virginia's North Bend State Park, looking for big carp. In front of the main campsite on the opposite bank, a man was leisurely spin-casting the quiet waters. Whether he anticipated catching anything is of small moment, for he hadn't been at it long until a small boy from a neighboring trailer came down the bank and began throwing rocks into the water near the fisherman. Mom and Pop were stretched out in camp chairs in the shade, watching their offspring. Once Mom called, "Don't throw rocks at the man, Timmy." She then lapsed into silence—and Pop never opened his trap. The fisherman finally gave up and went back to his own trailer sanctuary.

Proper outdoor discipline is a basis for better relations with others of the species in later life. There is nothing more obnoxious than a poor sport or loud-mouth in a hunting party, and he is almost certain to be left out of the plans for the following season. A bit of wise counsel and guidance early in life can keep your son from being
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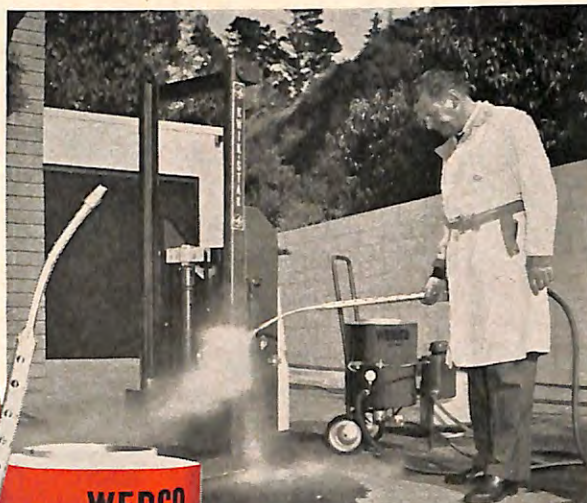
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Why Not Fish Near Home?

By ERWIN A. BAUER

Those faraway fishing paradises will always beckon to inveterate anglers, but until it's time to pack up for the trip, consider the waters near your front door

ONE GOLDEN MORNING last summer, my son Bob and I drove to a highway bridge on the edge of town and removed the canoe from our cartop rack. As a busy, noisy stream of traffic passed—for this was U.S. 40 just outside of Columbus, Ohio—we loaded fishing tackle and a tasty lunch into the light craft and then launched it downstream.

A few minutes later we were in another, more quiet world.

While I paddled from the stern seat, mostly just to take advantage of the current, Bob sat in the bow and cast his spinner into every pool where he thought a bass might be hiding. When he hooked the first one less than 30 minutes from our starting point, we changed places. After I scored, we changed again.

All day long we drifted leisurely through a portion of our state which too few citizens ever see. And although our catch of smallmouths and rock bass set no records, we had more action than most local sportsmen would consider possible so close to civilization. After all, we were fishing in water which does not often see a baited hook—even though more than a half million people live nearby. On this particular trip we saw only three other fishermen, and one of these was a raccoon.

There was far more to this journey downstream than just catching fish. There was watching Ohio's lovely rural scenery pass by, for example, without the distraction of power lines, telephone poles, and faded "Jones for Judge" posters. Sometimes the course of the streams took us beneath giant sycamores that completely canopied the water; elsewhere we passed fields of tall corn or Herefords grazing in lush meadows. The mood was of complete escape, of being miles away from pavements and parking problems.

At noon we stopped beside a grassy bank, and while I took a nap in the shade, Bob went swimming. Late in the afternoon, we reluctantly carried the canoe out of the water at another highway bridge about eight miles from our launch site. The shattering sounds of heavy traffic again helped emphasize what an idyllic day it had been.

It is a common characteristic of fishermen—of fishermen especially—to believe the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. I'm guilty, too, and nobody could possibly enjoy a fishing trip to a distant place any more than I do. But the truth is that pretty good fishing exists right near home—not only my home, but almost anybody's home. It is just a matter of finding it, and that isn't a difficult task.

Take float trips, for instance. Almost completely across America we are blessed with rivers and streams which are perfectly suited to taking trips downstream. Some of these actually pass through our city limits or at least brush close by. At least six of them are less than an hour's drive from my own backdoor. The same is true in Cleveland or Chicago, near Atlanta, St. Louis, or Washington D.C. Why not take advantage of these waterways?

In the past two decades, with huge reservoirs built and abuilding all across the country, American fishermen have

largely deserted the streams. Therefore, once you get away from the bridges or other places of easy access, the fishing pressure along rivers is light. On a typical float trip, even in heavily populated areas, you seldom meet much competition.

A float trip is easy to organize and a safe adventure to enjoy. You need some kind of watercraft, of course, usually with a shallow draft if the trip is to be made on smaller streams. Many types of craft are suitable: cartop models, rubber rafts, john-boats, rowboats, and canoes being the best of all. On larger rivers an outboard motor can be extremely helpful in getting past long pools or stretches of "dead" water. But usually oars or paddles—and not too much elbow grease if you take best advantage of the current—are enough.

Besides the adequate fishing tackle, whatever other gear you take along depends on how long you plan to float and how much you enjoy certain creature comforts. A float trip need not be limited to one day (it might last a weekend or a week), and if you have the time to stay out longer, take the necessary camping gear. One tent, a sleeping bag and foam mattress apiece, insect repellent, a flashlight, a small stove, pots and pans, a cooler, edibles and potables are the basics. If you are a pioneering type, your overturned boat will serve as shelter each night in lieu of a tent. And a bonfire from driftwood can serve as the stove.

Even on one-day trips, I like to take along a cooler of beverages and snacks. Early and late in the season, when weather is likely to be cooler, there will be a one-burner stove under my canoe seat to brew a pot of tea or coffee. And I always carry foul weather clothing, no matter how brightly the sun is shining when the trip begins.

Until you have had a little experience, some care should be taken in planning the float. Check at your county engineer's office for a map that will show all bridges and the approximate distances between them. Although it's possible to travel twice as far in a day, figure on covering seven or eight miles if you fish along the way. Figure on even less if your intention is to stop frequently and concentrate on what seem to be unusually good fishing areas. When planning, remember also that water levels are much lower in mid-summer than at any other period. A stream that was perfectly floatable in May may be troublesome in August.

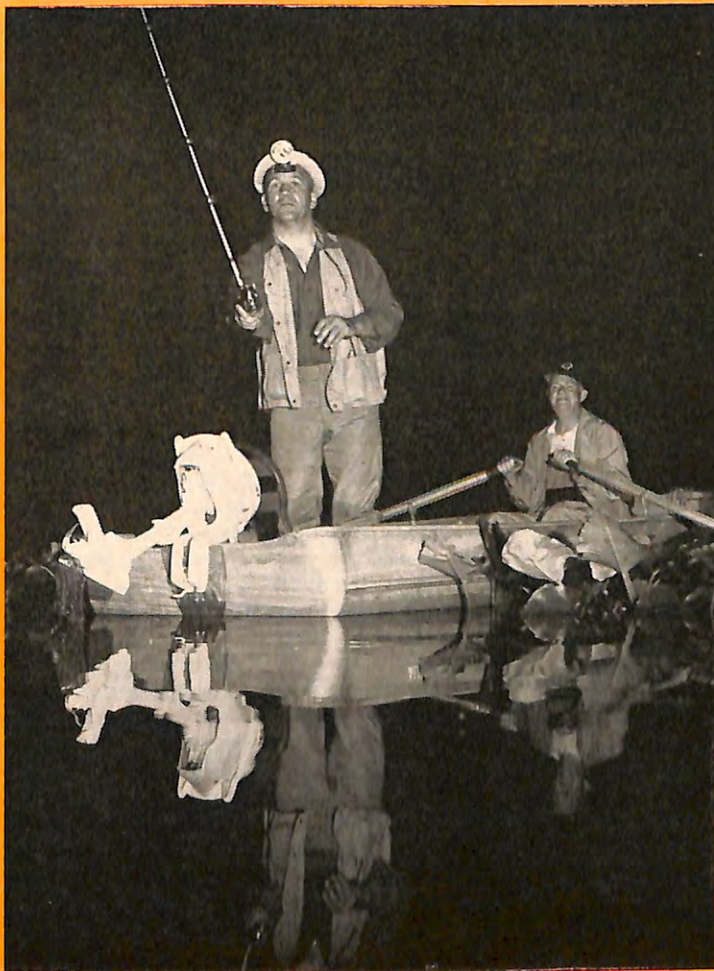
Besides cooking the fish we catch by normal angling methods, Bob and I have often relied on collecting other wild edibles. On overnight floats, we usually set banklines or short trotlines, and the catch on these ranges from breakfast catfish to snapping turtles for soup. After dark we also hunt frogs and crayfish for the pot.

The float fishing trip is just as exciting for a whole family as it is for only one or two persons. We have made many trips with two or three boats. If the trip is to be longer than one day, one boat pushes ahead with the responsibility of making camp. The other travels (Continued on page 49)

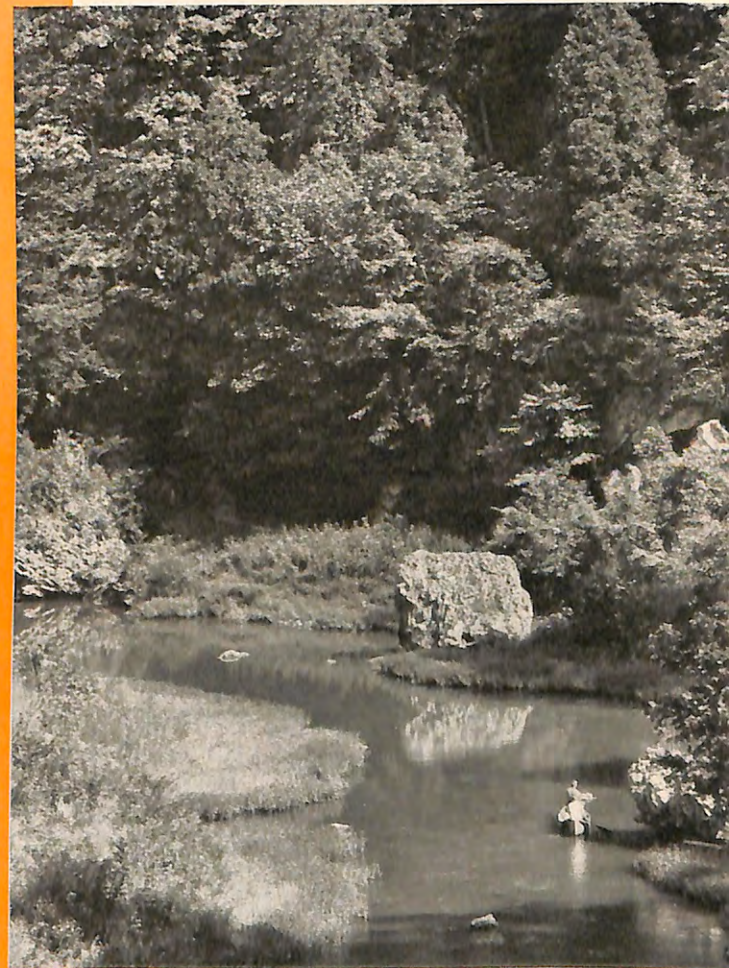


Bass such as this—and the lively action they provide—are found in innumerable farm ponds. These ponds, in turn, dot the countryside over much of rural America.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY THE AUTHOR



Dick Kotis casts for bass after dark—a technique he has found to be highly productive. In many cases, the waters are ones that would produce no fish in daytime because of powerboats and water skiers.



Streams that are good for leisurely float trips are found all over the country. This one is only a short drive from the author's home in Columbus, Ohio, and it provides not only fishing but peaceful solitude.



Marlin:

KING OF THE GAME FISH

By SAM ROBERSON

There's no fishing thrill that equals doing battle with the giant deep-sea species; the marlin—especially the black—is the greatest of all

YES, IT'S TRUE. Anybody can catch a marlin nowadays.

In years past only the millionaire sportsman with time and money to burn could afford to go after these fish. Now, with modern transportation to whisk you to the fishing grounds, a great number of establishments offering complete facilities for big-game angling at moderate prices, and increased income and leisure available to the average citizen, this type of angling has been placed within reach of almost anyone who desires to enjoy it.

Sports angling for members of the billfish family, which includes the sailfish, the swordfish, and the various marlins, is fairly new. The techniques were developed through the early '20s and '30s by such pioneer big-game anglers as Zane Grey, Kip Farrington, and other well-to-do sportsmen. It involves the use of outriggers for trolling baits along the surface to simulate their natural foods.

Billfish prey on bonito, tuna, and other surface runners, which they secure by overtaking and stunning with a swipe of the bill as they pass. They then turn and gulp the inert bait as it drifts in the water. For many years this habit was the stumbling-block in using captive baits. The outrigger, by releasing slack line when the bait is struck, allows the struck bait to drift freely for the few moments necessary for the return and pickup. Without this pause, it had been virtually impossible to get the fish to return and pick up the bait.



Top: Sam Roberson with a 260-pound black marlin, taken at the Zane Grey Reef off Pinas Bay, Panama. Above: Mrs. Roberson with a 560-pound black marlin she took at the same spot. His took 57 minutes to land, hers 59. The lighter fish put on a stubborn underwater struggle, jumping only once, while "hers was a spectacular leaper, coming out dozens of times and tail-walking all over the ocean." Furthermore, "My wife Eileen's fighting weight is about 105 pounds soaking wet, which left her slightly over matched. . . ."

Coincident with the development of fishing methods was the development of suitable equipment. Modern technology and materials have greatly improved the equipment available to the angler. Earlier tackle was clumsy, crude by today's standards. The lines, of heavy 50-thread linen, were four times as large as modern nylon of comparable strength; they had to be washed, dried, and treated after every trip to prevent rot. To hold the necessary length of this line required a massive reel, with a spool the size of a water bucket. There were no star drags to let the line off the spool against a set tension.

When the line came smoking off the reel under the sizzling rush of these sea monsters the handle turned in reverse with every revolution, cracking knuckles and breaking fingers with total impartiality. In those days a leather strip was improvised as a thumb brake to aid in slowing the fish, which blistered fingers and required great skill in manipulation.

The rods were heavy wooden staffs of lemonheart, yew, or bamboo an inch or more in diameter. The first outriggers were bamboo poles 20 to 30 feet long, clamped solidly to whatever boats were available for deep-sea use—boats that were heavy, slow, and hard to maneuver. Catching fish under these circumstances required a skill and dedication that few men possessed.

Contrast this with modern equipment: fast, maneuverable boats of 30 to 40 foot length, with twin engines, flying bridge, large, self-bailing cockpit equipped with fighting chairs to battle the fish in comfort, and carrying light, collapsible outriggers of hollow aluminum tubing. These are standard today. The lines are continuous-filament nylon, small in diameter and of a flexibility and strength impossible a few years ago. Reels are smaller and more compact, with star drags, nylon gears, two-speed retrievers, and other improvements. The modern fiberglass rod is far lighter and stronger, and has a better action than any used in the past. Shoulder harnesses and other useful paraphernalia have also been developed for the angler.

Commercial charter boats catering to sport fishing have become big business in many places. Usually they carry the best of equipment and furnish bait, tackle, and other necessities as a part of the service. They provide safe, comfortable fishing even for the greenest of amateurs. The captain and crew are experienced and familiar with local waters and weather conditions. They know where and how to raise the fish and can advise and assist the angler as required. They will usually take care of licenses and other details, food,

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Lodge Visits of R. LEONARD BUSH

Cross-Country



Grand Exalted Ruler Bush congratulates Exalted Ruler Milt Dunn at the dedication of Sedona, Ariz., Lodge's new, \$81,000 home. Also in Sedona for the big event were Past Grand Exalted Rulers George I. Hall, left, and Horace R. Wisely.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bush is shown with local, state, and national officials on his visit to Warwick, R. I., Lodge. Pictured in front row, l. to r., are Esq. William Wilder; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John Fenton; the Grand Exalted Ruler; Frank Muzerall, President of the Rhode Island Assn.; Judge John Mullen, a former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum; and Robert Cook, Tiler.

When Albion, N. Y., Lodge observed its 60th anniversary Grand Exalted Ruler Bush was on hand to help the Brothers celebrate the happy occasion. Here he's shown (seated, center) with Past District Deputy Gilbert Francis Sr., left, and Exalted Ruler Richard Canham; standing, l. to r., are Past State Pres. Raymond Barnum, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald Dunn, and Dist. Deputy Norman Strong.

A large and enthusiastic group of Elks and their wives turned out to hear the Grand Exalted Ruler address a meeting of California North District members in Chico. Pictured with Brother Bush (center) are, l. to r., State President Bruce Marsh, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Horace Wisely and L. A. Lewis, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George M. Scott, Grand Chaplain.

More than 500 members of Grand Forks, N. D., Lodge and their ladies heard Brother Bush deliver the principal address at a dinner in his honor at the lodge's plush new \$800,000 home. Shown with him (center), are, l. to r., District Deputy Harold Wicks, State President Gordon Klug, Exalted Ruler Dale Churchill, and Grand Trustee Raymond Dobson.

Greeting the Grand Exalted Ruler (seated, second from right) on his official visit to the California Metropolitan District at Pasadena Lodge, were front row, l. to r., Dist. Deputy Leonard Johnston, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Wisely; standing, l. to r., P.E.R. Robert McClain of Pasadena Lodge, Past Dist. Deputy Paul Haines, State President Bruce Marsh, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George M. Scott, Grand Chaplain, Pasadena E.R. Robert Winton, Past State President Vern Huck, and Past District Deputies John Cabot and Carroll Nordquist.

A lodge anniversary celebration in his home state was attended recently by Grand Exalted Ruler Bush. The occasion was the 65th birthday observance of Riverside, Calif., Lodge, in which members from the nine other Southeast District lodges joined. At the head table during the anniversary banquet are, l. to r., Past Grand Exalted Rulers Horace Wisely and L. A. Lewis, Brother Bush, and Exalted Ruler William Mays.

It was California day at Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge when the Grand Exalted Ruler and two other prominent Elks from the Golden State attended the Arizona Association's Pre-Convention Conference. Inspecting California's flag—part of the lodge's state flags collection—are, l. to r., Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Brother Bush, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Wisely, and E.R. Al Fekete of the host lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bush holds a wood-burned portrait of himself presented by the Brothers of Minot, N. D., Lodge when he visited there. Admiring the work are, l. to r., the Rev. Felix Andrews, State Association Chaplain and former Grand Chaplain; State President Gordon Klug; Allen Johnson, E.R. of the host lodge; and District Deputy Wilfred Kunz.



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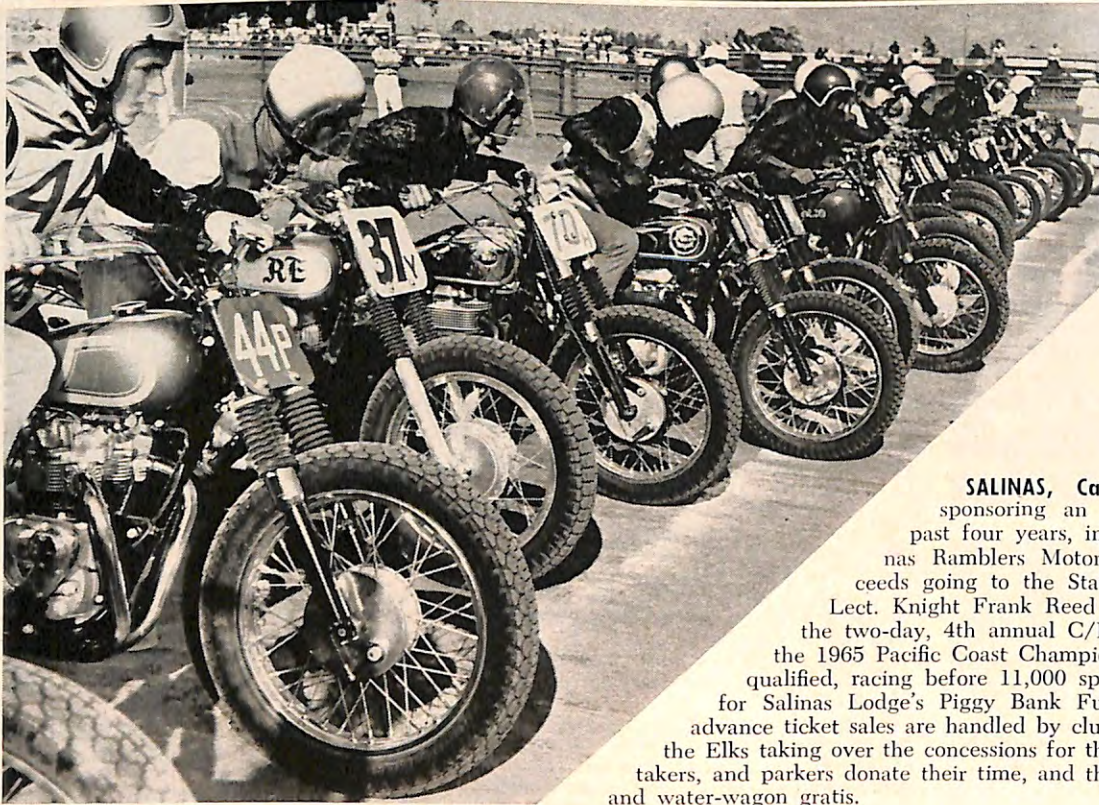
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SALINAS, California, Elks have been sponsoring an outstanding event for the past four years, in conjunction with the Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, with the proceeds going to the State Elks Major Project. Elected Knight Frank Reed was General Chairman for the two-day, 4th annual C/P Benefit TT Scrambles for the 1965 Pacific Coast Championships in which 431 riders qualified, racing before 11,000 spectators and netting \$6,800 for Salinas Lodge's Piggy Bank Fund. At this benefit event, advance ticket sales are handled by club and lodge members, with the Elks taking over the concessions for the day. Gate-keepers, ticket-takers, and parkers donate their time, and the city furnishes the ground and water-wagon gratis.

Spinning Wheels for Charity



FOND DU LAC, Wisconsin, Lodge offers this photograph in evidence of its initiation of a 25-man class in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush. In the center foreground is E.R. Joseph H. Kovacs, with D.D. Maurice Pohl on his left.



MONTEREY, California, Lodge had charge of the program sales for the 25th annual Bing Crosby Golf Tournament, realizing a nice sum for its charity programs. Pictured during this classic were, left to right, "Tennessee" Ernie Ford; pro golfer Raymond Floyd; his partner, Monterey Elk Clint Eastwood ("Rowdy" of the "Rawhide" TV series), and pro golfer Joe Campbell.



OREGON top Elks board a special Union Pacific train to travel to Baker for their January State Meeting. Top to bottom: Grand Trustee Frank Hise, State Pres. William Warden and Vice-Pres. Al Beeler.

WITH a total of 1,246 persons registered, the Oregon Elks Assn. held its winter meeting in Bend. Milwaukie's entry won the ritualistic title, and mid-year reports were applauded. The one final report was made by Chairman Worth Blacker of the Hides Committee who revealed that 9,700 hides had been turned in by Oregon's lodges. Proceeds revert to the veterans program in the State; the excess is turned over to a committee for mobile-unit equipment for crippled children—a new undertaking, supplementing the long-time Visually Handicapped Children's Project.

In his report on this work, Dr. Kenneth Swan, Professor of Ophthalmology at the Univ. of Ore. Medical School, stated that 1965 had seen a dramatic increase in the number of infants with cataracts who were admitted to the Elks' clinic and the hospital, a phenomenon directly related to the higher incidence of German measles, so detrimental when contracted early in pregnancy.

Care of the 1,080 new patients last year was made easier through generous donations from individual lodges. Last August, President William Warden presented to Chairman Homer Schnell of this Committee a \$15,890 check, a bequest from the estate of Portland Elk Leslie Parker. Both the training and research program received international recognition during the year, particularly concerning the treatment of glaucoma in infants.

IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER, 500 Elks convened in Anderson for the January meeting of the South Carolina Assn.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert G. Pruitt was an outstanding speaker, and Gov. R. G. McNair, a member, was among those who applauded the talented Rock Hill Elks choral group. The host lodge captured top ritualistic honors over Rock Hill and Charleston Lodges, in that order.

Officers to be installed at Charleston in June are President W. M. Ashley, Anderson; Vice-Presidents H. F. Garvin, Charleston, and K. D. Saylor, Anderson, and Secretary-Treasurer J. E. Parker, Rock Hill.

NORTH SHORES (PACIFIC BEACH), California, Lodge held a Civic Night program early this year that met with community-wide approval. Photographed on that occasion were, left to right, D.D. Z. Bert Sanders, Mayor Frank Curran, a Charter Member, and E.R. Everett Tate.



NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSN.'s newly adopted Major Project is launched with the acquisition of the first of a series of station wagons to be turned over to the State C/P Assn. Left to right are Major Projects Committeemen Martin J. Traugott, Past State Pres.; Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman James A. Gunn, chairman for the State Major Projects Committee; State Pres. Peter T. Affatato; Board Chairman David G. Oster of the Westchester County C/P Assn., and State United C/P Exec. Dir. Jay S. Steichkorn.



VICTORIA, Texas, Lodge had approximately 115 youngsters as guests at this year's annual "Father Stoner Spending Spree" named in memory of a long-deceased member. Each year, shortly after the New Year, a group of local school children, selected by their schools, are given \$5 each to spend on items most wanted, and under adult supervision. The local merchants always cooperate, and the youngsters usually come through with shoes and shirts and socks, and go home happy, carrying their bag of candy and other goodies, as well as their "purchases." In addition to the 1966 guests there were about 125 smaller youngsters, known as "tagalongs" who also received the bag of candy. Some are pictured here with several Elk officials in the background.



SUFFOLK, Virginia, Lodge dedicated its new home before a large crowd. In the background are, left to right, State Pres. B. M. Scott, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, principal speaker, and D.D. Robert S. Taylor; foreground: P.E.R.'s G. S. Hobbs, Jr., R. R. Chapman, Jr., Sam Stallings, M. W. Staylor, P. L. Haynes, Jr., P.D.D. Lawrence Oliver, E.R. R. Lee Carr, P.E.R. P. E. Turner, P.D.D. R. A. Richardson and Past State Pres. L. B. Maxey.





News of the Lodges

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ROCHESTER, Minnesota, Lodge honored 34 local and Pine Island Boy Scouts on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Presenting American Flags and certificates at this dinner were, left to right, center background, lodge Secy. L. R. Benson; Program Chairman Ted Fuquey, and E.R. Edward Damm. Mayor Alex Smehta and Scout Executives were among the speakers.



HAWTHORNE, California, Lodge's Boy Scouts successfully completed a six-week course on Hunter Safety. They are pictured with, background, left to right, Wendel Mather, Everett Carlson, Earl Robinson, Instructor Harry Lavender, Scoutmaster Ray Percy, Chairman Bill Bianchi, Jim Murphy, Ralph Wagner, Roy Blandin.

LOWVILLE, New York, Lodge had more than 40 entries in it first Annual Golf Tournament. Left to right are Co-Chairmen Mike Nortz and Bob MacFarlane; co-champions in the scratch division Charles Garnsey and P.E.R. Ralph Bush; E.R. Harold Hoffman, and handicap division winner Hank Weller.



HUNTINGTON PARK, California, Lodge's "Civic Officials' Night" included a dinner with more than 75 Southeast Los Angeles officials as guests, and 500 members and friends paying them tribute. Left to right are W. J. Spolar, Special Asst. to the Postmaster General; State Assemblyman Geo. A. Willson, Los Angeles County Supervisor Frank C. Bonelli, E.R. Tracy Bjorklund, Mayor Lawrence F. Walsh, City Councilman Martin I. Jackson, Program Chairman, and Co-Chairman Jack L. Freeman, Postmaster at Bell.



LINTON, Indiana, Lodge hosted local high school students at a Homecoming Dance. Left to right: E.R. Marion Rollison, Frank Rode, Dance Queen Marsha Wall, Student Council Pres. Craig Collisson, and high school Principal Paul Brackemyre.





WINSTED, Connecticut, Lodge's sole surviving Charter Member A. C. Caritey, a 63-year Elk, right, receives a citation from Grand Trustee Arthur J. Roy.



WATERVILLE, Maine, E.R. William P. Kick presents his lodge's \$1,060 check to Dr. John A. Kline, center, Pres. of the Greater Waterville Area Assn. for Mentally Retarded Children. The money represents the proceeds of the lodge's dinner-dance. Looking on is L. Jermone Audet, Est. Lead Knight and Program Chairman.



MASSAPEQUA, New York, Lodge welcomed the Grand Secretary, Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, center, on a recent visit when he was pictured with Secy. R. Allen Mowery, left, and E.R. Joe Coppola.



FITCHBURG, Massachusetts, P.E.R. Rauni V. Helin, Edward McHugh and Bernard David, the Committee for the lodge's Scandinavian Night, are pictured following the successful smorgasbord and dance attended by over 400 persons.



PALATKA, Florida, Lodge honored its touch-football team at a father-son steak dinner not long ago, when E.R. Donald Cobb praised the young men for their success in taking third-place honors during their first year of play. In the background are, left to right, Asst. Coach Ray McCall, Head Coach Dennie Floyd and Asst. Coach Harry Nilsson.



WALTHAM, Massachusetts, Elks honored Mrs. G. W. Porter on giving more than 20 years' service as head of the Red Cross Blood Program. With her are, left to right, Dr. A. E. McGrady, local Chairman, Mayor R. F. Dacey, Est. Lead Knight R. L. Harvey, and Community Welfare Secy. Frank Kleinsmith.



WEBSTER, Massachusetts, Lodge's Polish Night was a tremendous success, thanks to the work of its committee, which included Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Makulski, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kusek, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wilson, Vincent and John Spiewakowski, Chester Kruszewski, Mrs. Edward Kraczewski and Anthony Chlapowski.

MOUNT HOLLY, New Jersey, P.E.R. Roy Stevens, Crippled Children's Committee Chairman, right, and John Hatfield, Administrator of the Burlington County Memorial Hospital, inspect the plaque on the door to the examination and treatment room in the pediatrics department, donated by the Elks in memory of Elk Floyd B. Kempte, at a cost of \$3,000.



LODGE NOTES

When Governor William W. Scranton proclaimed November 14-21 as Elks C/P Week, St. Mary's Lodge went to work. Under the Chairmanship of Jack Goodman and Mike Leithner a dance was sponsored, with Eddie DeLune's orchestra providing the music. A total of \$235 was realized for the C/P Fund.

Spokane Valley, Wash., Exalted Ruler Ray Lowry and his officers initiated a 14-man class during a surprise visit from State Vice-President Bud Fishneller and Exalted Ruler Dale Reese of Omak Lodge, and a group of fellow Elks.

The essays written by the seven finalists in OPERATION ESSAY AMERICANISM, sponsored by Clearwater, Fla., Lodge, have been accepted for consideration in the National and School Awards program of the Freedoms Foundation. The nominations were made by Exalted Ruler Ray Daniels on the recommendation of

Grand Lodge Americanism Chairman Joseph A. McArthur. The authors are W. P. Levens, J. S. Heidt, Cynthia J. Brown, J. H. Carlisle, Terry Ann Wright, Patricia Mowery and M. Y. Hopkins.

The Georgia House passed a privileged resolution not long ago, saluting Savannah Lodge for staging the Elks Minstrel in the Hostess City. Authored by Rep. Lance Smith, the resolution noted the proceeds would benefit "Aidmore," the State Elks' crippled children's hospital in Atlanta.

Over a recent weekend, Cobleskill, N. Y., Lodge held a party and raised \$300 for cerebral palsy. On Sunday, Exalted Ruler R. E. Potts and Past Exalted Ruler George Mickel appeared on the C/P telethon in Albany to present the money to the C/P Fund.

V. King Pifer, Chaplain Emeritus of Hampton, Va., Lodge died several months ago after a long illness. He was 89 years old. A member of Hampton Lodge since 1944, he became a Life Member in 1961. He had served through the Chairs and was a Past

Exalted Ruler. Although he was blind, he was active in the Order until about one year before his death. He is survived by his daughter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Green Bay, Wis., Lodge has lost its last surviving Charter Member. Carl A. Straubel, a member for 70 years and three days, held a Life Membership in that lodge for 52 years. He was 96 years old at the time of his death.

William J. Culver, a member of the Order for 49 years, passed away several months ago after a brief illness. Active in civic, fraternal and charitable affairs of his community, Mr. Culver had served Jersey City, N. J., Lodge as its Secretary for over 41 years.

Watsonville, Calif., Lodge surprised Exalted Ruler Dave Morse on its annual Portuguese Night by decorating his podium and chair of office with colorful paintings and flowers. About 250 Elks enjoyed a Portuguese dinner prepared and served under the Co-Chairmanship of Ed Marshall and Manny Sousa. Elk Pat Carroll and his Portuguese Grape Stompers provided the music.



News of the Lodges

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WAUSAU, Wisconsin, Lodge has remodeled its bowling alleys and installed new automatic pinspotters and lanes. Enjoying the new facilities are, standing left to right, Life Members Len C. Johnson, P.E.R., and W. F. Rowe,

and P.E.R. C. E. Parker. Seated are P.E.R. and Trustee Verne Rounds, E.R. F. J. Fassino, Club Mgr. Walter Brunsch and, in the foreground, back to camera, P.E.R. and Trustee Ben C. Schuck.

CLEVELAND, Ohio. On behalf of the ladies of Cleveland Lodge, Mrs. Rita Palmer presents a \$100 check on a \$1,000 Founders Certificate in the Elks National Foundation to State Chairman James A. Ryan. Others pictured include, left to right, P.D.D. Alvin Seufert, Mrs. Helen Moeller and Dist. Chairman Edward Clark.

EAST HARTFORD, Connecticut, Lodge honored its Building Chairmen with a dinner and a Life Membership, following the dedication of its new \$125,000 home. Left to right are Dinner Chairman Andrew H. Quirk, Bldg. Chairman R. J. Alexander, E.R. Dwight S. Akerlind and Dinner Co-Chairman William Manion.





RAPID CITY, South Dakota, E.R. Edward Belmore accepts a check on a \$1,000 pledge to the Elks National Foundation from Mrs. Nina Deiock, left, and Mrs. Mary Grass, representing the Elks' ladies.



SAN JOSE, California, Lodge sponsored a Youth Leadership Conference as part of the State Assn. program. Left to right: Lydia Hernandez of Woodrow Wilson High, San Jose Unified School Dist. Supt. Dr. E. P. Crandall, State Sen. Clark Bradley, E.R. M. C. E. Prior, State Youth Chairman Richard H. Bartells, Armando Elemen, Student Pres. of Roosevelt High, and Student Pres. John Shannon of San Jose High.

PRICE, Utah, Lodge welcomed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins and Grand Est. Lect. Knight Alton J. Thompson when the award-winning Price High School Band, uniformed by the Elks at a cost of \$10,000, put on a concert in their honor. Left to right, foreground, are Band Director D. L. Siggard, E.R. Grant Babcock, Band Director G. A. Fifield and State Pres. J. Vurge Smith; background: Secy. Elmo A. Turcasse, a State Vice-Pres.; P.E.R. and Welfare Co-Chairman O. A. Troseth, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Thompson, and Welfare Chairman A. W. Nikas.

CHARLESTON, West Virginia, Elk bowlers who showed their prowess in this sport at the State Tournament in Huntington include, left to right, Charles Myers, Michael Hessom, Herman Pressman, Robert Zeitz and Bernard Webb, displaying the trophies won by their teams. Not pictured is Allen Wells, who took the All Events title with 1,801 for nine games.



SAN PEDRO, California, Elks' Americanism Chairman Wayne Gibbons and Youth Chairman Richard C. Stetler jointly promoted a new flag and flagpole for the local Boy Scout Center. The State Flag from the Sacramento Capitol was presented by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, an Elk; the American Flag, which has been around the world, was presented by E.R. John Dimassa. Left to right are Dist. Americanism Chairman Wendell Wisner, Scout Exec. John Dudley, Dist. Vice-Pres. J. M. Foremaster, E.R. Dimassa, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Gibbons, and Explorer Scouts Page Dougherty, Richard Backlund, Mike Konstan and Bob Hurley.



MILWAUKIE, Oregon, Lodge added a family to its growing membership when Cecil Eisele, his five sons and three sons-in-law were initiated. Pictured are, left to right, E.R. Frank Bisaccio, Donald McEwen, Berkeley Eisele, Julius Bobillot, Donald Eisele, and P.E.R. Ed Bolander; background: James Vannoy, and Robert, Cecil, Marion and Clayton Eisele.



CENTRALIA, Washington, Lodge's 15-year member Ernie Kuper was honored with the initiation of 31 candidates, one of whom was Victor Turner, the 136th member the guest of honor has recruited for his lodge.





GREEN BAY, Wisconsin, Lodge initiated 43 candidates as a tribute to State Pres. John Robinson, sixth from left foreground, in a ceremony conducted by E.R. William Lucas and his officers. Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Chairman Melville Junion appears fifth from left foreground.



WEST COVINA, California, Elksdom sponsored this car in the Youth Economy Run from Los Angeles to Yosemite and return, and it won first place in its class. It is pictured with co-driver Bill Browne, driver Charles Brown and E.R. Thomas Curtis, right.



ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX, Virginia, E.R. Neil J. Cahill, left, and U.S. Congressman Joel T. Broyhill, principal speaker at the lodge's Know Your America Week Program and an Elk, present a trophy to Kathy Holter, "Miss Virginia of 1965-66" and "Miss Elks KYA Week," in recognition of her promotion of the observance.

News of the Lodges CONTINUED

GRAND FORKS, North Dakota, Lodge went up to 3,100 members when this 52-man group became affiliated with the lodge at ceremonies preceded by a dinner at which E.R. Dale Churchill presided.



MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Lodge initiated this class in honor of Association State President J. H. Robinson, when 59 of 73 candidates were pictured with State and local Elk officials.



LEBANON, Pennsylvania, Lodge's colorful "Jolly Corks" dining room and cocktail lounge was dedicated recently by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Donaldson during the lodge's 65th anniversary program. Mr. Donaldson is pictured, fourth from left foreground, with State Pres. Earl W. Kunsman and E.R. Harry A. Diehl, fifth and sixth from left. With them are the lodge's other officers and Trustees.



WEST VIRGINIA Youth Leaders Donna L. Gabriel and William K. McCullough, center foreground, were both sponsored by Fairmont Lodge, bringing to 12 the number sponsored by that lodge in the ten years of State competition. With them, foreground, is Youth Chairman C. A. Schimmel. In the background are E.R. L. R. Williams and P.E.R.'s of the lodge.



FREMONT, Ohio, Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night saw Harry P. Grotton, who was E.R. 50 years ago, present 50-year pins to J. H. Bremerkamp and P. W. Kridler. Other recipients, unable to attend, were T. W. O'Farrell, C. H. Stokes and Stanley Wolfe. Left to right are P.E.R.'s Assn. Pres. C. W. Auxter, Mr. Grotton, Mr. Bremerkamp and Mr. Kridler, and E.R. Jerry R. Zeitz.



COLONIA, New Jersey, Lodge's team won the Minor League Championship of the Little Fellows League of Colonia. They are pictured with, background, Mgr. C. S. Famula, left, and Coach P. Bongard, right.



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Illinois, Lodge's Est. Lead. Knight N. J. West, E.R. William Wuestenfeld, Loyal Knight John Slezek and Committeeman Tony Tomaso, left to right, examine the merchandise offered for sale at the Elk-sponsored charity auction which realized \$1,200 for the Illinois Elks Assn. Crippled Children's Commission.



Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge Presents

Franklin J. Fitzpatrick for Grand Secretary



At a regular meeting of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515, held December 23, 1965, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the officers and members of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge are cognizant of the accomplishments of Brother Franklin J. Fitzpatrick and point with great pride to the outstanding service he has rendered to Lynbrook Lodge, the New York State Elks Association, and the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and

WHEREAS, Brother Fitzpatrick has ably served his home lodge as officer, Exalted Ruler, and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Brother Fitzpatrick has faithfully served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District of New York; and

WHEREAS, Brother Fitzpatrick rendered distinguished service on State committee assignments and as President of the New York State Elks Association; and

WHEREAS, Brother Fitzpatrick exhibited outstanding organizational ability with conspicuous results while serving as Convention Director for the Grand Lodge National Convention Committee; and

WHEREAS, Brother Fitzpatrick has forcefully demonstrated his devotion and regard for the conduct of the office of Grand Secretary since his election to that office in

July of 1962 and has, by his integrity, dependability, executive and administrative talents, extensive and intimate knowledge of our Order, and steadfast adherence to its principles confirmed our sincere belief that he is highly qualified to continue with the arduous and exacting duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lynbrook Lodge No. 1515 is greatly honored and proud to present to the 1966 Grand Lodge Convention in Dallas, Texas, the name of Franklin J. Fitzpatrick for reelection to the office of Grand Secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

SALVATORE STANCHI, *Exalted Ruler*
GEORGE B. METZ, *Secretary*

Miami, Fla., Lodge Presents

Chelsie J. Senerchia for Grand Treasurer



On January 26, 1966, Miami, Fla., Lodge unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Brother Chelsie J. Senerchia has served Miami Lodge unselfishly for the past 41 years, having served in every chair office and as Exalted Ruler; and

WHEREAS, Brother Senerchia has also served as District Deputy Grand Exalted

Ruler of the Florida South District; and

WHEREAS, Brother Senerchia has faithfully served the Florida State Elks Association as its President in 1938-39 and is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Brother Senerchia has also served the Grand Lodge as a member of the Lodge Activities Committee, as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, as Grand Esquire on three occasions, and is currently

serving his first term as Grand Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Miami Lodge No. 948 is proud to present to the Grand Lodge Convention in Dallas, Texas, July, 1966, the name of Chelsie J. Senerchia for reelection as Grand Treasurer of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

JOHN W. TRABOLD, *Exalted Ruler*
MARK RICHARDSON, *Secretary*

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leges, universities, and other educational institutions to develop scientific formulas for better tree growth, water conservation, pollution control, fire prevention, and insect and disease control. Much of what is being learned is learned at a very high cost, and this segment of private enterprise is prepared to foot the bill for the benefit of all—in terms of products that can be marketed at a lower price and for the maintenance of equally important wildlife values.

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The way to find it is to look at the map. Most of it is in the typical forest areas where you will also find state forests and state and national parks. If you want to visit a specific area, say the State of Maine which we singled out as a typical example, you do not need to ask anyone's permission. It would be to your benefit, however, to

contact some of the tree farm companies for maps and information about their lands. Their roads, remember, are not shown on regular maps because they are private roads, not owned, serviced, or patrolled by the state. You'll find few if any facilities except in the towns along the way, or, as mentioned, those provided by the off-trail caterers and camping lodges that exist on a limited basis within the property lines.

It might be a good idea, if you are planning to learn more about this vast hunk of untapped vacationland, to write to the American Forest Products Industries Association, 1816 N. St., N.W., Washington, D. C., for more information. Plan also to witness the actual logging operations and see the mills while you are in the lumberlands, for this is an unpromoted element of American heritage that has a basic and historic appeal.

Finally, if you want the wilds, rough and ready, visit the tree farms and see a part of your America that is not behind closed doors, nor does it require your support by costly entrance fees or high taxes.

I think you'll experience the spirit of America here—the conquering of the wilderness for man's good, yet its preservation—all within the framework of a priceless free-enterprise system that permits the serving of both private and public interests.

As I reflect on the area mentioned in this article, that of upper Maine, I look forward to the day when my young son will be old enough to make the Allagash trip with me. If this land is not gobbled up by the Government, but left in the hands of its capable owners, it will not be "national parkish" or destroyed by the march of progress.

He and I will take off in a canoe from Greenville and head north. We'll catch big brook trout in the clear cold streams and cook them beside the water. He'll hear the call of the owl, see the footprints of bears and the timid deer, and hear the songs of birds. It will be a revelation to him.

Perhaps he'll write about it to the men of his day and tell of the past struggles of a democracy and free-enterprise system; of a natural philosophical and political ecology that demonstrates that interdependence between all the elements is a cosmic law that works when man lets it work. • •

Editor's note: *Since this article was readied for print, Maine passed a bill making the Allagash a state-controlled waterway. This may become the precedent for a working formula for future conservation and multiple use of wilderness waterway areas: state management but with guaranteed federal funds to help acquire adjoining lands. This seems to be an equitable compromise between exclusive private ownership and exclusive government domination.*

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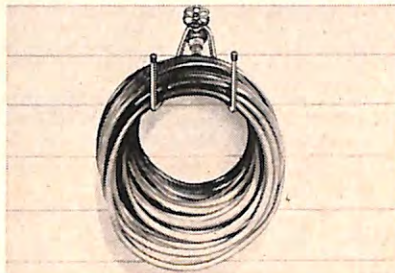
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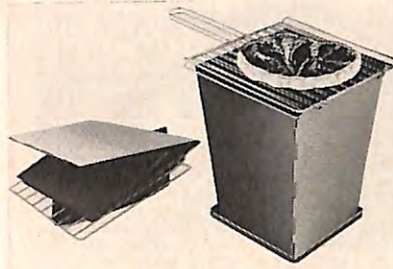
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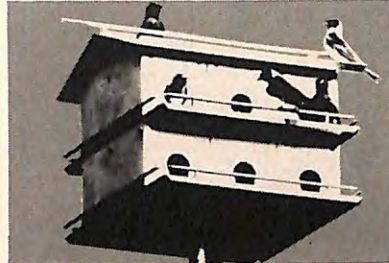
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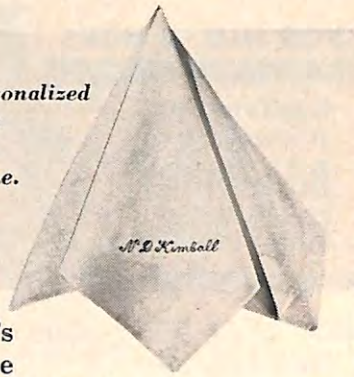
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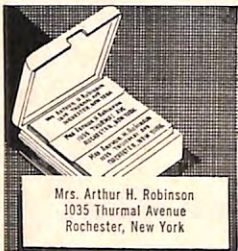
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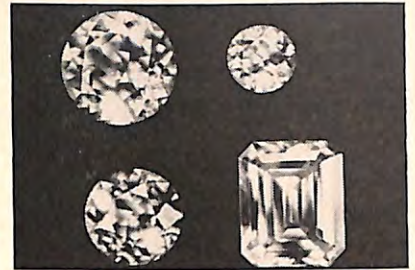
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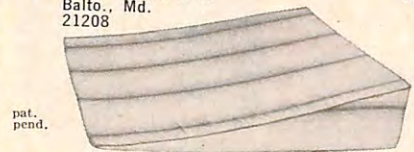
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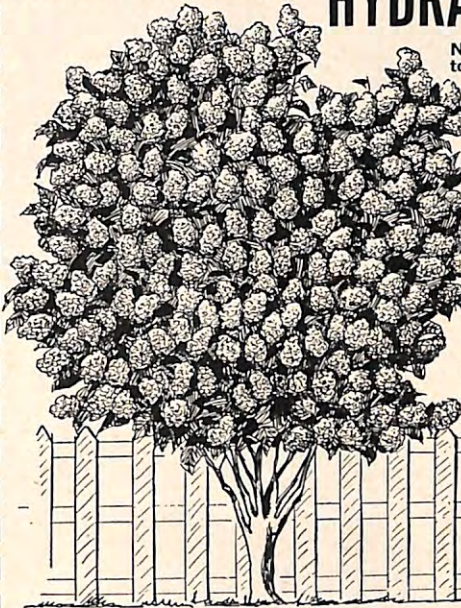


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Leominster, Mass., Elks joined members of Gardner Lodge in distributing gifts to Army Hospital patients at Fort Devens. With the veterans were, left to right, Tiler L. J. Bergeron, Est. Lead. Knight W. J. Thibodeau, E.R. J. A. Conti, State Chairman for Fort Devens Felix Seliga, Treas. J. H. Butler and Francis LaFountain of Gardner. Assisting were Rita Dixon, Red Cross Hosp. Field Dir., Nurse Mary Smart, and Grey Lady Mae Hagen.

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At Cochran Memorial Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., several Elks of Clayton and St. Louis Lodges were pictured with two of the patients, and some of the gifts the Elks presented to them. These gifts included a television set, radio, luggage and many other items bought with the proceeds of a special party. A similar presentation was held at Jefferson Barracks. Left to right are Secy. Leo Meyer and Chuck Mathias of Clayton Lodge, two of the hospitalized servicemen, and St. Louis Elks Jack Gold, M.C., and Dewey Dahlberg.



P.E.R. George Kapushy, House Committee Chairman of Keyport, N. J., Lodge presents a TV set to Dan McGrath of the recreation staff of the East Orange Veterans Hospital. Looking on are E.R. Earl Lewis and Est. Lead. Knight Ernest Brautigam.



Long Branch, N. J., Elks pictured with the television set the lodge gave the East Orange Veterans Hospital include, left to right, Est. Loyal Knight C. M. Rockhill, Lect. Knight E. L. Maher, E.R. O. L. Cohen and Committee Chairman Ernest Buck, Jr.

Sergeant and Mrs. Nelson West and their 15-month-old son Kevin receive plane tickets from Esq. William Britton of Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge whose members made it possible for the serviceman and his family to visit his parents for Christmas, via TWA. The sergeant was one of a group of 20 servicemen who got this opportunity through the lodge's "Operation Reindeer."



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A leader in its category for these Services for many years, Corvallis, Ore., Lodge again earned plaudits with its very moving program, made the more effective by its setting, an adaptation of an 1875 print on the theme, Faith, Hope and Charity, indirectly lighted, as a background for the altar. With the local high school's 90-voice a cappella choir furnishing appropriate music, the well-attended event included the calling of the names of 26 deceased members. Well over 100 widows of former members attended the program as honored guests of the lodge.



The program produced by Iliion, N. Y. Elks won kudos in the 500-to-1,000 membership group. This Service was preceded by a luncheon honoring the guest speaker, James B. Hanlon, pictured, second from left foreground, with E.R. Richard Daily on his left. The talents of the Elks' fine orchestra and choral group added much to this occasion.



The Allen Park, Mich., program was covered in one of the most elaborate and ambitious presentations ever submitted in any contest, a fitting vehicle for this prize-winning ceremony at which the mayors of nine communities joined a large audience. One of this lodge's prides is its handsome bronze memorial tablet. Here, the Esquire removes the black "drape" from the plate carrying the name, and dates of birth and death, of one of the members lost since 1963. This lodge's services, the presentation, and the designing of the tablet are all the work of Walter McNally.

"To Our Absent Brothers"

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With fitting ceremony, lodges across the Nation joined in paying tribute to their deceased Brothers on December 5th, the day set aside for this purpose by Grand Lodge Statute. Following a more recent tradition, most of these lodges submitted brochures covering their Memorial Services to Walter G. Penry of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, to be considered for Grand Lodge Award. A member of Delaware, Ohio, Lodge, Brother Penry solicited the assistance of three other Ohio Elks in the judging of these presentations. They were Past State President Carlton Riddle, a teacher in Willard's school system; John Brown, a former Post Commander of the American Legion in Delaware, and Ralph Burns, also of Delaware, National Secretary of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Their job was difficult—there was double the number of entries made last year, and one rivaled another, both in the care and precision of presentation, and in the planning and execution of the program proper. Their selections were:

Lodges with less than 500 members

First Place: Allen Park, Mich.; Second Place: Fulton, N. Y. Honorable Mention: Clifton Forge, Va.; Paris, Tenn.; Passiac, N. J.; Statesville, N. C.; Teaneck, N. J.

Lodges with 500 to 1,000 members

First Place: Iliion, N. Y.; Second Place: Beloit, Kans. Honorable Mention: East Chicago, Ind.; New Hyde Park, N. Y.; Oswego, N. Y.; Salisbury, N. C., and Savannah, Ga.

Lodges with 1,000 to 1,500 members

First Place: State College, Pa.; Second Place: San Pedro, Calif. Honorable Mention: Binghamton, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; Jamestown, N. D., and Ottumwa, Ia.

Lodges with more than 1,500 members

First Place: Corvallis, Ore.; Second Place: Phoenix, Ariz. Honorable Mention: Boise, Idaho; Elkhart, Ind.; Fargo, N. D.; Kearney, Neb., and Lewiston, Ida.

As usual, we are publishing here a photograph to represent each of the four winning programs. Unfortunately, most of the pictures included in the brochures were color photos which do not offer the best quality for reproduction in black and white.



An old hand at producing prize-winning Memorial Services, State College, Pa., Lodge again took top honors in its category, with an extremely tasteful program. As in every other lodge, a speaker of distinction was selected, in this instance, a State College Elk, State Sen. Eugene Fulmer. And, as in all other cases, the program closed with a pleasing buffet, when the Elks' wives served as hostesses at well appointed tables.

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West

Berlin



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SEALED OFF from the free world stands one of the world's most curious tourist cities: Berlin. On the one hand it is a place of gaiety and excitement; on the other, a place of sadness and depression.

This is one of the fundamental differences between East and West Berlin. It is as obvious as day and night, life and death. If you are planning a trip to Germany you should go to Berlin—if only to learn of the preciousness of freedom. Nowhere else on earth are the contrasts between the free and the communist worlds more visibly and poignantly displayed.

Before World War II Adolph Hitler's storm troopers marched confidently down Unter den Linden, while Nazi sympathizers waved their flaming torches in a cheering frenzy. In the end, Berlin died in its own flames, a city pulverized, rendered senseless by incessant allied bombings and artillery blasts. Then slowly, from those very ashes, it was reincarnated, rising again to become the most important European

city today between Paris and Moscow.

When I say Berlin came alive again I am speaking primarily of West Berlin. For the eastern sector of Berlin is still a cripple in so many places, and possibly it will remain that way long years to come.

Of a Sunday morning in West Berlin church bells peal, ringing out in defiance of the atheism preached to the east. In a park not far from the center of town a fire burns continuously for "freedom, justice, and peace." A West Berliner told me, "It was lit by us to burn until Germany is unified." He shook his head sadly. "It may burn for a long time."

On my first trip to Berlin several years ago I was impressed with the way the lights go out where East Berlin begins. Now I find it is not much changed: At night it is still quite dark over there. One looks out from the roof garden of the Berlin Hilton at a city ablaze—and then, suddenly, the lights go out.

West Berliners sit at sidewalk cafes

along the Kurfürstendamm, sipping beer and talking noisily. They shop in modern department stores.

In its reincarnation, Berlin has risen again to become Germany's greatest industrial center. During those same postwar years more than 250,000 new dwellings have also risen, for at war's end Berlin lay crushed and gasping. Foremost among the new structures is the Europa Center, Berlin's answer to Rockefeller Center, a complex boasting 10 international restaurants, a skating rink, theaters, and a department store. Europa Center rises only a short distance from the new Emperor Friedrich Memorial Church, a tall, modernish octagonal glass-sheathed structure, startling in contrast with the bombed-out spire of the old church that stands nearby.

Possibly the most curiously designed post-war building is the Congress Hall, a gift of the Benjamin Franklin Foundation. Berliners call it the "pregnant oyster," which it resembles if you can imagine an oyster looking that way.

East

By JERRY HULSE



Tall, new glass buildings crowd the Kurfürstendamm by day. By night they come ablaze with neon. With all this new life that has sprung up, it is difficult to realize that of four million Berliners before the war, less than three million survived. It is only when you cross over into East Berlin that the chilling past comes into frightful focus.

This means that you must face The Wall, that ugly monument to communist failures. That is precisely why it was built—to stem the flow of refugees from East Germany into the freedom of West Berlin. In July of 1961, before The Wall went up, more than 30,000 East Germans had fled across the border. Since the war's end the total has passed the 250,000 mark. Today The Wall has become Berlin's major tourist attraction. Visitors go there as if to prove to themselves that nightmares can somehow go away. They come away convinced otherwise and grateful that they live on the free side of the world.

To pass through The Wall is relatively simple, as long as you are not a citizen of West Berlin and have a passport. Foreign nationals may enter the Soviet sector from Checkpoint Charlie, at the corner of Friedrich Strasse and Zimmer Strasse in the American sector, which

Bustling, brightly lit West Berlin contrasts sharply with the city—until 1945 part of the same metropolis—across The Wall. Left, the Kurfürstendamm; center, a West Berlin guard compares notes with a Russian counterpart at The Wall; right, East Berlin.

is open 24 hours daily. Delays of from 10 to 45 minutes may be encountered on the Soviet side, however, and you're not permitted to carry East German marks into East Berlin. Also, it's required that all currency be declared upon entering the eastern zone and that all expenditures made while there be reported on departure. Otherwise there are no hitches. You can also reach east Berlin by hopping a subway from Zoo to Koch Strasse, changing at Halleisches Tor to Friedrich Strasse. At least that's the case at this writing. With the cold war flaming intermittently, all this could change at a whim.

The Wall began with a barbed wire fence erected by East German soldiers and police at 3 A.M. on August 13, 1961. A decree issued that same day informed East Germans they would need special permits to enter West Berlin, and two days later East German workers began building a concrete wall.

Sadly, the wall has served its purpose. Since its construction the line of refugees has been reduced to a trickle. Still, a few lucky East Berliners make it to the west. Many fail, though. As 1966 began, another new wreath was placed beside the wall to mark the spot where the 132nd person, a mere boy, died trying to escape, machine-gun fire rattling out his requiem.

Out in the open country, beyond the city, The Wall slithers across fields of grain, cuts through woods and glades, farms and pastoral lands. Looming up out of this peacefulness, huge yellow signs declare starkly: "Achtung Zone Grenze." Back in the city The Wall moves across streets and bridges, parks, intersections, and yes, even cemeteries.

From all over the world people come to see this shameful monument which contains sufficient concrete blocks for 16,000 new apartments. Observation platforms have been built in West Berlin so that tourists can look over at the Vopos guarding the other side. One platform looks directly into Potsdamer Platz, once the busiest traffic circle in Berlin, but now empty and gray. The view is of barbed wire, tank barriers, of deserted homes, and eroding war ruins.

You can pass over on foot, drive through by car, hire a driver, or take a sightseeing bus, a \$2.50 tour that can be arranged by your hotel concierge. You may bring a camera into East Berlin, although I am reluctant to encourage too much picture taking in a Soviet area. Tour buses are boarded by East German guards who ask to see your passport.

Crossing into East Berlin is like switching from a Technicolor to a black and white film in which the characters move soberly through their drab gray world. With few exceptions, the lineup of new buildings along Karl Marx Allee remains the only noteworthy sign of reconstruction in East Berlin. The latest showcase, especially for repeat visitors of another year, is the 13-story Hotel Berolina with 384 rooms and a facade that smacks of hiltonism. Beside it are a new cafe, a woman's fashion shop, a coffee house, and clusters of high-rise apartments.

Traveling deeper into the Soviet sector, one passes bullet-pocked buildings and the refurbished Communist Party headquarters. Rising in the distance is the haughty Russian war memorial at Treptow Park. Although 7,000 Russian troops who died in the Battle of Berlin are buried here, one questions inscriptions telling of Soviet efforts on behalf of freedom. Among the visitors as I stood in the park were several hundred Russian soldiers on leave. Many looked no more than 15 years old. I photographed them and they

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returned the favor. Their only emotion was one of curiosity.

I had gone into Berlin alone. Returning, I stopped near the Alexanderplatz to ask directions of a young German writer. He invited me for coffee at a cafe. It was crowded with East Berliners and a handful of Russian soldiers. He told of wishing he were free and I was surprised that he would speak out so boldly.

"We want to be free," he said. "We wish to go where we wish, to buy what we wish, and to travel where we wish." He gestured with his arms. "Here we can only travel as a group. No one can go alone. East Germans are not free." This was no revelation. But it was a sobering testimonial, coming as it did from someone apparently so genuinely affected by the communist system.

Returning alone to The Wall, I passed a deserted and decaying palace and a former German shopping center that lay in ruins. I paused momentarily before a lonely grave in a deserted field, a grave marked only by the rubble from a deep underground bunker. This is where Adolph Hitler is said to have committed suicide. The tour buses pass here, too, but hurriedly.

It was dusk as I reentered West Berlin with its bright lights. It was like leaving a musty place, long dead, and finding life again. Along the Kurfürstendamm I took a table at a sidewalk cafe and ordered a beer. The feeling of freedom was delicious.

For those planning a trip to Berlin, there are direct flights from New York, London, and Paris, plus 100 other daily flights from major West German cities.

The air fare from Hamburg, for example, is \$20; a first-class train ticket costs about \$19.50, and the bus fare is \$11.

Persons preferring to drive may obtain transit permits at two checkpoints: Helmstedt on the autobahn from Hannover to Berlin, and Juchhohn near Hof on the autobahn from Munich. Motorists must stick to the route cleared by border officials and must enter and leave at the customs posts stated on their visa. Be sure to bring along the vehicle registration papers, a green international insurance card, and vehicle identity plaque. Above all else, be certain you have sufficient fuel for the trip through East Germany to Berlin.

As for the city, it isn't particularly expensive. The tab for a really first-class hotel runs around \$10 a night; a meal in a good restaurant comes to about \$3.50. The Funkturm Restaurant, clinging to Berlin's 455-foot radio tower, will provide an excellent view while dining.

You'll want to see the world-famous Dahlem galleries, Charlottenburg Palace with its collection of 18th and 19th century paintings, the new Congress Hall, Philharmonic Hall, Berlin Zoo, the superb Aquarium and Botanic Garden, Deutsche Oper Berlin (the opera), the Reichstag, Bellevue Palace, Schoenberg City Hall, and the new John F. Kennedy memorial, where the late President stood in 1963 and told a huge crowd of cheering Germans, "Ich bin ein Berliner."

One of the quickest ways of getting a cursory look at Berlin is on a general sightseeing tour (\$2 for about three hours). Beginning in the spring there

are also combined steamer-bus tours for \$3.75.

For additional details write to the German Government Tourist Office, 500 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10036. There is a new, free folder, "Hints for Your Berlin Trip," that lists outstanding sights within the city.

No one will have to remind you, I'm certain, to include The Wall. • •

Fish Near Home

(Continued from page 19)

more slowly and concentrates on the fishing.

But floating local rivers isn't the only quality fishing which is available near almost anybody's home. Consider the farm ponds for another example.

In the years since World War II, farm and ranch ponds have been built at such a rapid rate all across the land that nowadays scarcely a farm is without one. The best estimate of the Department of Agriculture places the number at around 10 million. These are small impoundments ranging from one-half to three or four acres each, built to store water for irrigation, for livestock, and for fire protection. But because fish for stocking have long been available free from many government sources, nearly all of these ponds also contain fish. In some of them fish populations are extremely high and the fishing is amazingly good.

Lew Baker and I discovered such a bonanza several years ago by accident. We had spent a day fishing a large lake in southern Ohio without much success and were driving home in late afternoon. While taking a short cut across back country roads, Lew happened to notice a shimmering patch of blue water almost hidden by a farm wood lot in the distance.

"We have a couple of hours until dark," Lew said, "so let's ask that farmer if we can fish his pond."

"Go ahead," the man told us, "but you might be wasting your time. It hasn't been fished much since I built it."

That happened to be a statement I would hear over and over again when I visited farmers. And nearly always it was followed by an evening of really splendid fishing.

We drove back to that hidden pond, rigged our tackle, and knotted surface plugs to our lines. The fact that I hooked the first bass is only explained by my making the first cast. An instant later two fat largemouths were jumping and we were having a hard time keeping them from crossing our lines. By dusk we had six bass on the stringer and had released that many more for a date in the future.

Since that occasion Lew and I have

spent considerable time and have driven many miles just prospecting for new ponds around central Ohio. And it surely has been worthwhile. A few we found proved fishless, and in others the fishing was less than exciting. But we discovered enough really good ones to provide the kind of fishing that is associated with lonely wilderness waters.

Most of the time the ticket to fish was only a courteous request of the landowner. Of course some refused or were reluctant to give permission, but the average farmer was friendly and hospitable. We tried to repay landowners in several ways. One way was to leave some of our more successful lures for any children in the family to use. In a couple of instances we even taught the landowner to cast and thereby helped him to enjoy his own pond in the future. One farmer could hardly believe the fishing he "found" in his own barn lot.

It was surprising how many ponds had been stocked with fish by their owners and then promptly forgotten. And finding such places as these is a special thrill because the bass are completely unsophisticated. Catching enough for dinner is never a problem.

Although the largemouth bass is the gamefish species selected for stocking in nearly all farm and ranch ponds, it isn't the only fish of interest to fisher-

men. Most ponds also contain bluegills. These are plump, saucer-size sunfish which have been called poor man's trout and which are fascinating to catch on very light tackle.

I will not even hint at the location of one favorite pond, except to say that it is only a short drive from my typewriter. But it is a promised land for anyone with a weakness for bluegill fishing—which I have. I mention it only because the technique I use there, whenever I have an hour or so to spare on a warm springtime evening, will work equally well elsewhere.

My tools are a seven-foot flyrod, a light single-action reel full of line to match the rod, and a small supply of floating rubber spiders (with rubber-band legs) and tiny panfish-size popping bugs. Both of these are fished by walking slowly and carefully around the perimeter of the pond while casting parallel to the shore. Once cast, the bugs are either twitched or retrieved very slowly to imitate an injured insect that has fallen onto the water. As often as not the result is a sharp strike, followed by a hard fight which doesn't seem possible for a fish weighing less than a pound.

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able advantage in this is having a handy fishing hole whenever you can get away no matter how briefly. It may even be possible to spend a pleasant hour casting before going to work in the morning, or after dinner in the evening. A farm pond is a great place to escape after a trying day on any job. It may also be the city dweller's very best bet to enjoy quality fishing without the expense of a long fishing trip.

The city dweller on one of our coasts may have some good fishing even closer to his apartment door. A type of angling that at times offers good sport, in addition to simple relaxation while wetting a line, is pier, jetty, or breakwater fishing. It's free to anyone at numerous centers of population along the coasts. Much of it may be reached by subway, bus, or other public transportation as well as by car—and the ease of access often makes it a gregarious brand of fishing.

Along the Great Lakes, the yellow perch is the fish usually caught. New Yorkers might catch flounder, porgies, or whiting. Florida piers produce Spanish mackerel, jacks, and snappers, plus occasional bigger fish. Along the Pacific coast, surfperch and sea bass comprise the bulk of the catch.

Still other good fishing waters often exist near other homes. Strange as it may seem, these are the heavily used reservoirs (often the city water supply or flood-control lakes) which are thronged with pleasure boaters, water-skiers, and picnickers from early spring through Labor Day. But year in and year out such unlikely waters produce remarkable catches for the bare handful of anglers who know how to fish them.

One such angler is my friend Dick Kotis, whose hobby is fishing the so-called "fished-out" or "speedway" lakes, as he calls them. Kotis sells fishing tackle for a living, and therefore getting sportsmen to try these busy waters becomes almost a crusade with him. But crusade or not, he is immensely successful, and his techniques are worth passing along to all city-bound fishermen.

To begin, Kotis seldom goes out until most other fishermen are coming back to the docks. That means he waits until dusk, or even later, when the waterskiers and other powerboaters are drying off on shore and the lake's surface has had time to become calm again. Then, when he has the lake to himself, he slips out and begins casting the shorelines, the weed beds, the points of land, and even around the pilings of old boat docks.

Because he's mostly after black bass, Kotis's after-dark fishing is nearly always with topwater plugs. This adds the thrill of the surface strike to the uncertainty of casting into the black.

It takes a bit of discipline to fish leisurely and to retrieve the lure very, very slowly, but according to Kotis, it's the best way to fill a stringer. To prove his point last year, he caught a 4-pounder and a 7½-pounder on the same night of casting an Akron water supply reservoir that most other fishermen had forsaken long ago. A week later he boated a five-pounder in the same lake.

Kotis has still another tip to night fishermen which produces plenty of wild and sudden action in any summer's time. While drifting along and casting into likely bass hideouts, he baits another line with a live shad or panfish and then tosses it overboard behind his boat. This bait fish is allowed to swim naturally while trying to escape into deeper water. Then, often enough to keep him constantly alert, a large catfish will grab the swimming bait, and Kotis has a dividend for his night's fishing.

Night fishing is just as effective on streams as on reservoirs, and the rewards may be even greater. Such stream species as walleyes, brown trout, and channel catfish remain inactive during daylight, but move out into shallows to feed when darkness descends. On more than one nighttime occasion, we have caught them on the spinner meant for smallmouth bass. That's always a great thrill.

Kotis has still another secret—and secret weapon—which pays off handsomely when angling after dark. The weapon is a small outboard motor, which saves time traveling and gives him more time to actually fish. But he also uses the motor for trolling—for slowly towing a bait or lure behind his boat until he finds where the fish are located.

"A good outboard," Dick believes, "is better than a faithful Indian guide."

There is no denying the high adventure of a faraway fishing trip. But it's still sound advice not to neglect the

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fishing which also exists near home. Check out the float trips, the farm ponds, and the after-hours fishing—in fact, just look for water and try your luck. It may surprise you. • •

Never Too Young

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one of these. It will simply come natural not to be one.

Prior to any outdoor tramps, however small, it is well to teach the little ones something of nature's dangers. Besides being made aware of poison ivy, the three-leaved occupant of many woody campsites, they should know what a snake is and be taught never to go close to one, poisonous or otherwise.

Another tangent to early outdoor training is of utmost importance in these days of rising ratios of juvenile delinquency. Along with many others, this writer has noted that young folks who show an interest in nature and pick up the "outdoor ball" early in life are not as likely to get into trouble during their growing-up years.

There are probably no authoritative statistics available in any court to prove whether those youths who come at odds with the law have or have not an appreciation for nature to any degree. However, Judge George H. Whaley of the Intermediate Court of Wood County, Parkersburg, W. Va., is closely associated with this age group and has this to say:

"I would think that any child who has been exposed to and taught concerning the wonders that nature has provided for us, and has developed some appreciation and knowledge of these matters, would generally be prone to be less at odds with society, as is the case where any child has been exposed to and taught to appreciate any of the better aspects of human life and human relationships."

Long years ago, the Boy Scouts of America found that boys given a healthy, practical outlook on the outdoors and outdoor activity would carry its lessons with them and be better citizens through the association.

With the encroachment of civilization on the woods and fields, the wild creatures are not necessarily vanishing into the more remote areas as one would believe. Many are learning to live with us without our realizing it. In suburban areas, a snowy morning may prove that a fox has paid a visit during the night; there are probably rabbits right in your backyard. The little stream nearby may prove a treasure trove for the kids if they are introduced to it on a basis other than as something to throw rocks into.

None of the foregoing should be

construed to mean that a youngster will become a problem unless he is given outdoor training, or that he is necessarily missing out on something if he is not exposed to the outdoors. However, if the opportunity is present, it will be wise to make the most of it and share your phase of the outdoors with him.

As the conservationist of tomorrow, the woods, fields, and waters are his priceless heritage if he is gradually taught to realize it, and you are the one to take his hand and lead the way. They are never too young! • •

Marlin

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refreshments, and even will skin and ship the trophies if the sportsman desires. Needless to say, this is by far the most convenient way to fish.

The sportsman can fly in from any point, have his boat ready and waiting, and start fishing almost immediately, with no problems of transporting boats or tackle. Nor is he handicapped by any lack of local knowledge.

"Why marlin?" you may ask. "What's so great about this kind of fishing? There are plenty of fish right around home. Why should I spend all this time and money gallivanting all over just to catch a marlin?"


Well, for one thing, the billfish family possess in abundance all those qualities that make a game fish great. They are beautiful, fast, and aggressive. What's more, they put up a terrific battle, often killing themselves in their efforts to throw the hook. Surface fighters, they leap and pinwheel in a wild, surging, explosive struggle that may last for hours. And they are big; thousand-pound marlin are not unusual.

The marlin is acknowledged to be the greatest game fish of them all. Perhaps you caught a trophy bass on your last fishing trip; it was maybe eighteen inches long, measured possibly four inches across the widest point, and put up a terrific struggle.

That bass would not even be big enough to be bait for marlin. Imagine that same bass, now fifteen feet long and four feet thick, his speed increased five-fold, and with the endurance and nasty disposition to fight a violent and sustained battle for hour after hour. He swallows a 20-pound bait fish two to three feet long, then makes one 30-foot leap after another until the reel is hot enough to smoke. You sit braced in a swivel chair, your rod anchored at the butt, your shoulder harness fastened to the reel to help you withstand the bone-shaking lunges that feel as though you were hitched to a runaway locomotive plunging end over end down a mountainside.

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Fortunately, billfish are well distributed throughout the warm waters of the world. They are blue-water inhabitants, following the great ocean currents of our warmer seas to feed on schools of bonito, tuna, and other food fishes. Although sometimes present in numbers, they are solitary by nature, with little tendency to congregate in schools as do so many deep-sea fishes. Little is known of their life cycle or habits, and new concentrations are constantly being discovered. Even though they're very tasty, little market fishing is done for them, and only the broadbill swordfish is of any commercial importance.

Along the east coast, marlin and swordfish may follow the Gulf Stream as far north as Nova Scotia, while sailfish are seldom found beyond the Florida coast. On the west, sailfish appear as far north as San Francisco; marlin occasionally reach the vicinity of Oregon.

The greatest concentrations, however, are south of the border. Baja California and the coastal shelf south to Peru have wonderful sailfish and marlin fishing. Hawaii has developed marlin fishing out of Kona and other ports into a popular tourist attraction. All across the Caribbean and as far down as Argentina marlin are available. New grounds are being developed in Southeast Asia and along the African coast, and Australia has magnificent marlin fishing.

In recent years many facilities have been constructed in these areas and a concerted effort is being made to entice the sportsman to patronize them. La Paz, Mazatlán, and other Mexican ports have become world-famous. Peru and Panama are beginning to attract attention as places to go for record fish. Many charter boats operate out of our own seaports. San Diego and other Southern California towns have a number of marlin boats for hire. Along the eastern seaboard, and especially in Florida, fishing for marlin has become a booming business with more and more boats becoming available.

Although marlin are found in all of these areas, the fishing potential will differ. There are at least five recognized species of marlin. All are wonderful game fish, but they vary greatly in size and habits.

The white marlin, which follows the Gulf Stream up and down the east coast, is the smallest. They seldom grow larger than 150 pounds, but tend to congregate more thickly than the other varieties and may be exceedingly numerous at times. They never remain long in one place, and may provide wonderful fishing one day and none the next. The Atlantic sailfish, too, is much smaller than his Pacific cousin. A sail of 60 to 80 pounds is a good trophy off

the Florida coast, while the western species may reach 150 pounds or more.

Larger than the white is the striped marlin, common off the California coast, which occasionally reaches 400 pounds or better. They also show a tendency to congregate and may provide a few days of magnificent fishing when an area is "hot." I was in San Diego a couple years ago when more than a hundred marlin were brought in one Sunday afternoon. A day or two later, not a single fish was landed.

A newly recognized variety, not readily distinguished from the striped, is the silver marlin. They may reach 600 pounds and are not usually encountered in numbers. A few are taken off Panama and Peru while fishing for other varieties. The blue marlin is also a "loner." Blues may reach a thousand pounds or more, are widely distributed throughout the warmer seas, and provide many thrills for the marlin fisherman.

King of the clan is the black marlin. Largest, most stubborn and aggressive of them all, he's a fierce, solitary, and enduring fighter. Found in tropical waters all over the world, he is the most avidly sought of the game fish. The world's record black marlin, caught off the coast of Peru recently, weighed over 1,700 pounds. Larger ones have been hooked but are simply too much for the tackle and methods used. Some of these have been estimated to weigh as much as 2,500 pounds. Seven to eight hundred pounders are fairly common. A battle with any one of these monsters may last as long as 12 to 18 hours.

Broadbill swordfish are the giants of the billfish family and may reach a weight of three to four thousand pounds. They are even more fierce and belligerent than the black marlin and seldom are caught on sport tackle. Often swordfish will charge the boat repeatedly when hooked, and have been known to rip off the planking and sink one occasionally. Commercial fishermen take a few swordfish with the harpoon, and the steaks find a ready market. Marlin is sometimes substituted for swordfish, since both are equally palatable.

While many a fisherman might quail at the thought of battling even a hundred-pound white marlin to a finish, most of them would welcome the opportunity to cross hooks with a real old sockdolager. They are conditioned, however, to the myth that this type of angling is reserved for the millionaire sportsman. This is not true. Wonderful black marlin fishing can be enjoyed for the price of a sojourn at one of the more popular vacation spots. Discounting transportation, which is becoming less expensive every year, two fishermen can spend a week on the marlin

Elks National Youth Week

Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush has designated the week of May 1 as Elks National Youth Week, when lodges and State Associations throughout Elksdom are expected to sponsor special programs to pay fitting tribute to young America.

In recognizing our youth at this time, plans should be made to impress upon them the value of our American, democratic way of life. Such efforts are more important now than ever before, in view of the existing chaotic conditions throughout the world.

This program will be conducted as a contest, with awards to be made to those lodges offering evidence, in attractive brochure form, of the most rewarding and constructive Youth Week events. Awards will be made in three groups: lodges of more than 1,000 members; lodges of from 500 to 1,000 members, and lodges of less than 500 members.

State Associations are asked to promote the observance of Youth Week on a state-wide basis, seeking the cooperation of news media on all levels, and also to present brochures for competition.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee is in charge of this competition, and Chairman Melville J. Junion requests that both lodges and State Associations submit their brochures to

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grounds for a hundred dollars a day each, or less. This would include boat, tackle, bait, room, board, and other requirements.

While other people may prefer to go elsewhere, my own choice for a spot to tie into a potential record-breaker would be in Panama. More record fish have come out of Pinas Bay, Panama, than any other place in the world. There is also an incredible number of smaller species which congregate there. The Zane Grey Reef, just outside the bay, was made famous by the late novelist, who preferred it over any other spot and used it as the setting for many of his angling stories.

Nor do you need to be a hardened, travel-wise fisherman to enjoy this safari. Back in the shelter of the bay, set amid lush, tropical scenery, is a modern fishing establishment. Built and operated by Ray Smith, of Dallas, the Club de Pesca de Panama provides the only convenient facilities for the fisherman who would try his luck on the reef.

The Club will meet its clients at the

airport in Panama City, fly them to Pinas Bay in its own amphibian aircraft, and provide everything needed for fishing from its own supplies. The place has an atmosphere uniquely its own, with tame parrots, angling trophies, a beautiful palm-fringed beach, and Panamanian beachboys speaking purest Texanese. The tab is not disastrous. Boat rental is \$135 a day, but may be split between two or more anglers to reduce expense. Cost of accommodations, including meals, is \$25; tackle rents for ten. The 300-mile round trip from Panama City is around a hundred dollars.

For this outlay you are ensconced in complete comfort. A large central building houses the bar, dining room, and offices. Bungalow type accommodations scattered about the grounds are air-conditioned and luxuriously appointed. The service and cuisine compare with the best, and an attentive staff caters to your every whim. Outside, the giant fish lie waiting.

The most inexperienced of anglers can fish here with complete aplomb. Fast, well-maintained boats, equipped with the latest electronic devices, put you over the reef in minutes. These boats are manned by well-trained native crews who will hook the fish for you if you desire, then seat you in the chair and lend a hand in bringing the fish to gaff. They are highly skilled in maneuvering the boat to take the strain off the tackle, a welcome relief to the angler trying to keep one of these oversized denizens from feeding him to the sharks swarming around the scene. Once the fish is landed, the Club will skin and prepare your trophy, ship it to the taxidermist, and present you with an official photograph of the catch.

And the fish are there. One couple caught and released 47 marlin in a week of fishing. Another week saw 468 sailfish raised by the seven boats participating in an impromptu contest to see who could catch and release the greatest number. My wife, on her very first try, landed a giant black marlin of 560 pounds in a little under an hour, and then went on to catch a sailfish of 116 pounds the same afternoon.

If you should tire of marlin, there are hordes of lesser fish. You can catch bonito until you are exhausted. School tuna, dolphin, roosterfish, snappers, the omnipresent sharks in a dozen varieties, and many more are constantly harassing each other around the reef. The weather is consistently good, and there are enough additional attractions in Panama to make your vacation memorable, even without the fishing.

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WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



LADY BIRD'S BEAUTY PROGRAM is coming into full bloom this spring. All 26 approaches to Washington are being beautified with "Welcome to Your Nation's Capital" signs, against a background of dogwood, cherry, and crabapple trees. More than \$300,000 has been contributed in support of the project. Among the contributions: one from Nevada City, Calif., school children in the amount of \$1.21.

SPARKLE PLENTY. World's largest star ruby, a 138.7-carat stone worth more than \$150,000, can now be seen at the Smithsonian Institution. Made available to the Institution by Rosser Reeves, board chairman of the Ted Bates Advertising Agency, New York, the ruby vies in dazzling splendor with the Hope Diamond and Great Star of Asia sapphire in the Hall of Gems.

TEAMWORK between the two major political parties, a phenomenon of no mean proportions, has been achieved by Republican National Committee Chairman Ray Bliss and his opposite number in the Democratic camp, Chairman John Bailey. The objective: publication of a "Who's Who" in politics, scheduled for this summer.

MRS. FDR's portrait has recently been added to the White House's permanent art collection of First Ladies. Painted by the late Douglas Chandor, it's the only life portrait of Mrs. Roosevelt extant and was purchased from the artist's widow by the White House Historical Society.

MORE AMERICAN WINES are being served at Government social functions than ever before, and the use of domestic vintages is also being encouraged at our diplomatic missions abroad. Included are 90 top-quality wines, produced mainly by California and New York growers.

DRIVERS in our bustling Capital can still be courteous—too courteous, sometimes. Witness the lady motorist who stopped at an intersection "yield" sign recently. When she continued to wait,

with cars strung out behind her, one impatient driver finally got out of his car. Noting a Confederate flag on the radio antenna of her car, he said: "Lady, the sign says 'yield,' not 'surrender.' I'm from the South myself. Get going."

SUNLIGHT AT NIGHT is being discussed for the future by National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists. Huge lightweight mirrors about a mile square could be orbited around the earth to reflect the sun's rays on a large section of the U. S. at night, they believe. The light provided would be ten times stronger than moonlight.

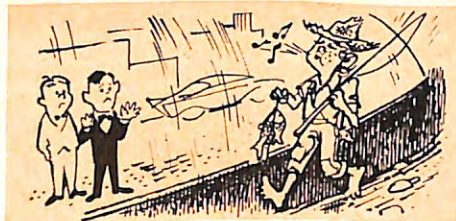


POKER PLAYERS' opinions notwithstanding, the ace of spades is considered unlucky by North Vietnamese soldiers. They also believe that three owl hoots are a precursor of death. So, Rep. Hosmer of California, addressing the House, suggested a new psywar strategy: dropping the playing cards instead of bombs and simulating owl hoots.



JUNKYARDS AND BILLBOARDS blighting roadsides are now being investigated in seven states under the new "Beauty Law" passed by the last Congress. Standards controlling such eyesores along our highways will be set, and before the end of May hearings will be in progress in all 50 states, the Commerce Department says.

FORD THEATER restoration, costing \$2 million, is expected to be completed next April, in time for the 102nd anniversary of President Lincoln's assassination. The theater will be exactly as it was the day Lincoln was shot there and will be used occasionally for the performance of historical plays.



SEALED CITIES, enclosed by astrodomes, are envisioned by Dr. Eugene Konecci, National Aeronautics and Space Council scientist. Pollution of air and water and other substances might necessitate this at some future date, says Dr. Konecci. The sealed cities would have self-contained, recirculating water and air supplies, food would be largely synthetic, and sewage would be converted into useful products.

WHITE HOUSE NEWSMEN are happy to greet Robert H. Fleming, formerly a top political reporter, as Deputy Press Secretary. When Fleming took the job his instructions from the President were brief and to the point. "All you have to know is all that I know and all that I think," said LBJ.

APRIL SHOWERS . . . Visitors are coming to the Capital in record numbers—parking lots are jammed, even at 50 cents for the first hour. . . . Taxi rates in downtown sub-zones have been raised from 40 to 50 cents. . . . Russia is expected to put a manned spacecraft in orbit around the moon, without landing on it, late this year. . . . The book listing our record \$112.8 billion federal budget weighs five pounds, has 1,300 pages. . . . \$8 million Rayburn House Office Building, opened last year, has leaky floors in its three-level garage. . . . Cherry Blossom Festival will be April 12-17—that's when the blooms appeared last year.

Let the Truth Be Known



THE U.S. currently is the victim of a clever one-two propaganda campaign being managed by Moscow. Part one is to unify socialists and communists in generating anti-Americanism around the world; part two is to convince the world that Moscow and the communist bloc want to cooperate with the U.S., and only U.S. militarism and anti-communism prevent world peace.

Moscow's propagandists have stopped talking about building communism and appear to have ordered all Red regimes to limit themselves to talk about building socialism.

Casting themselves as the world's most powerful "socialist" country, the Soviet Union has first call on the attention of many of these leaders. Pictured as champion of rich-man-first policies, the U.S. thus becomes an easy target for such national leaders as Chilean President Eduardo Frei.

The real failure has been our inability to match the communists' vast propaganda apparatus in penetration of audiences in countries around the world.

In effect, the U.S. has all but abdicated the propaganda battlefield to Moscow, Peking, and their satellites, both inside and outside the communist-bloc countries. This has permitted them to launch a really incredible campaign—part two of the one-two program. Here's a sample of how it goes, from a Radio Moscow broadcast to the U.S.:

"The main obstacle to the normalization of Soviet-American relations is the policy of U.S. leaders. The U.S. Government is waging an aggressive war against socialist North Vietnam, a country friendly to us. The U.S. Government is seeking by force to stifle national liberation movements in other countries. Finally, the U.S. is doing everything possible to encourage the revanchist [revenge seeking] aspira-

tions of West Germany, which is making territorial claims on the Soviet Union and other socialist countries."

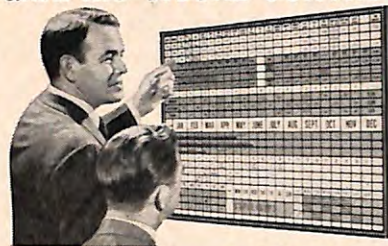
Are there any persuasive answers? Most emphatically, yes. (1) Communists have repeatedly stated that they expect to rule the world—by peaceful or violent means. (2) They have created a worldwide apparatus which operates within non-communist countries to gain power by any means. (3) Aggression in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, is backed by communists who want to overthrow non-communist regimes and impose their rule. (4) The U.S. role in world affairs is to defend peoples against communist conquest when they request such help, to aid peoples increase farm and factory output, and to encourage democratic processes. (5) We are committed to assure that all people have at least enough to eat. (6) U.S. policy holds that if people want to be communist, then let them go ahead; but those who don't want communism deserve our protection. (7) The U.S. opposes "liberation" movements on the grounds that these are covers for communist conquest, and not genuine people's movements. (8) Our support of Western Germany and of Western Europe is founded upon common commitment to defend against communist aims to destroy economic and social gains made in Europe following World War II.

Let's make Moscow, Peking, and Havana face the facts. Communist ideology has failed everywhere except in the classroom. Wherever communists rule, agriculture lags, industry falters, freedom of speech and the press are destroyed, the people are regimented, and progress can be found only in the propaganda reports, not in reality.

Why don't we tell the people of the world the real truth, not just the day-to-day happenings around the world?

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 include 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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LESS EXTREMISM—MORE MODERATION

"Left, Center, and Right," is the title of a little pamphlet published recently by the All-American Conference To Combat Communism, an association of some 40 national organizations including this fraternity. As the title suggests, the pamphlet is concerned with extremism and its dangers, and its laudable goal is to give light where there is much heat, and to encourage an attitude of moderation in the consideration of public questions.

The pamphlet undertakes to analyze the ideological attitudes and positions of the two extremes as represented by the terms "left" and "right" and to put them in correct perspective in relation not only to each other but also with the moderate middle, or center, which is analyzed in the same manner.

Unquestionably, as the pamphlet points out, such terms as "left wing" and "right wing," terms that are used with increasing frequency today in conversation and in print, are vague in meaning, and therefore their use as labels, while convenient, can be and frequently is grossly misleading and confusing. To meet this problem, the pamphlet attempts to state those attitudes and techniques of action characteristic of the radical left on the one hand, and of the radical right on the other. Similar treatment is accorded the moderate middle.

Interestingly enough, by placing these definitions in parallel columns, the pamphlet establishes a startling similarity between the left and the right

extremists at several points. For example, the pamphlet contends that the use of smear tactics and guilt by association are characteristic of both the radical left and the radical right, and both employ intimidation and infiltration of other organizations to promote their own ends. It contends, also, that secrecy of operation, membership, and action are characteristic of both extremes.

On the other hand, moderate persons and their organizations shun such techniques, the pamphlet asserts. They insist upon discussion of issues on their merits, giving their ardent support to democratic processes at all times and their strong opposition to all forms of totalitarianism. The moderate person also is characterized by a healthy skepticism toward those who claim to know and to be the end all of human happiness.

There is a vast difference between firmly held convictions based on reason and the rigid ideological dogmas that inspire unreasoning and destructive fanaticism. The world would be a far better place with a great deal more of the former and a great deal less of the latter. Those who are in a position to oppose and discourage extremism and to encourage moderation ought to do so.

While there will not be universal agreement with the definitions and conclusions reached by those who prepared this pamphlet, it does serve a very useful purpose and deserves wide distribution.

A Change for the Better

The Grand Lodge took a long overdue action, at Miami Beach last summer, when it eliminated the reference to aged and indigent Elks from the Statute governing residence at the Elks National Home. Technically, the Statute limited residence at the Home to those members of the Order who were aged and indigent, but as a matter of fact the limitation had been without effect for many years, and its repeal recognizes the wisdom of that de facto policy.

What the change does is reflect social and economic changes that have taken place in this country in recent decades, as well as the lengthened life span that results from our nation's improved living conditions.

While 65 years is the customary retirement age in this country at present, one who has attained that age today is seldom regarded as being "aged," in contrast to attitudes that prevailed a few decades ago.

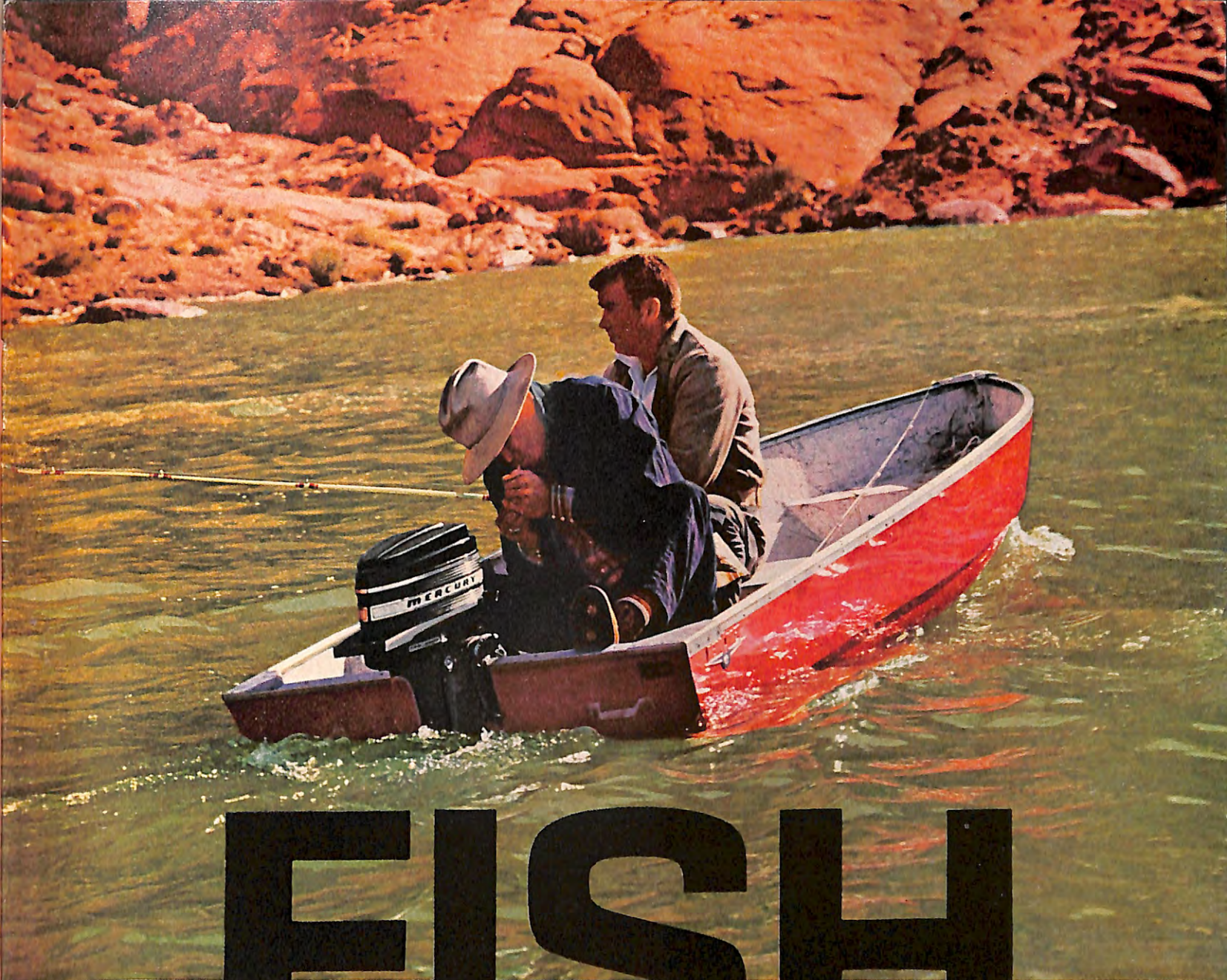
Times have changed. Today there are more men who are active and vigorous at 65 and 70 years of age, and they resent, very properly, being described as aged. In fact, the term aged was vague at any time, with only relative meaning.

Most of the residents at the Home are financially able to pay their own expenses, and do so. Today most of our citizens when they retire have financial resources such as social security, private pensions, and, to a large

extent, their own savings and investments. The change in the Statutes merely recognizes this fact of life, and makes it possible for Elks who have reached the age of retirement to take up residence at the magnificent Home in Bedford, Va., on a dignified basis and without any qualms.

At the same time, of course, any member of the Order who needs financial assistance to maintain himself at the Home will always find it available without any question.

The Board of Grand Trustees is to be congratulated for having sought and obtained the elimination of these antiquated limitations from the Statute governing admission to the Elks National Home.



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