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Strategy for Aggression

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A fundamental difference in judgment exists on what is going on inside the communist camp, and, therefore, a difference over what we should do.

One group feels that, although the communist aim to conquer the world remains unchanged, conditions are being liberalized in a number of communist-run countries and that we can do business with them.

Anthony M. Solomon, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, has said that our official policy is to embargo all trade with Communist China, North Vietnam, and North Korea and prohibit all but humanitarian food and medicine exports to Castro's Cuba.

Nonetheless, he points to signs of "internal liberalization" in such countries as Yugoslavia, Poland, and most recently, Rumania, and urges a corresponding liberalization of trade policies toward them.

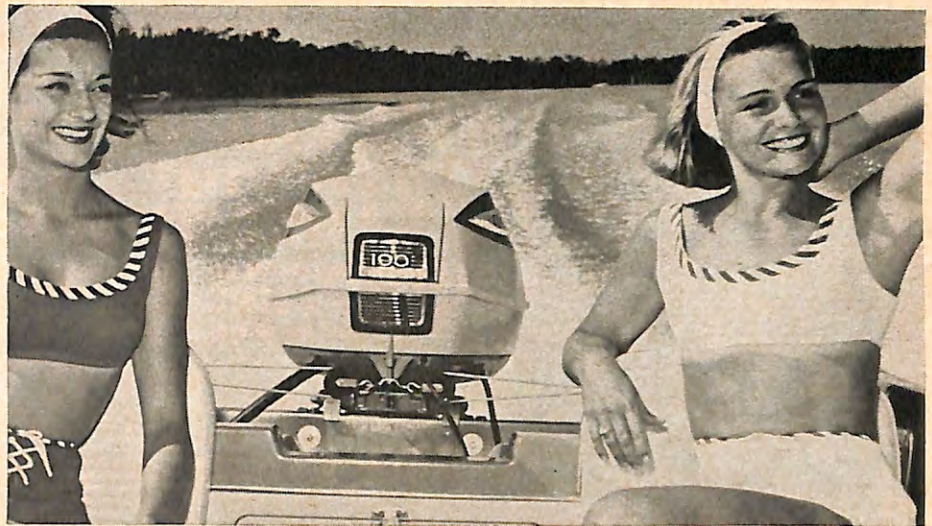
None, or almost none, of this discussion takes into account Soviet economic strategy. This is of greatest concern to those who oppose any relaxation of trade with the communist bloc and, in fact, think that trade should be restricted even more than it is now.

Going from the general to the specific, let's take the Soviet's overall economic strategy first.

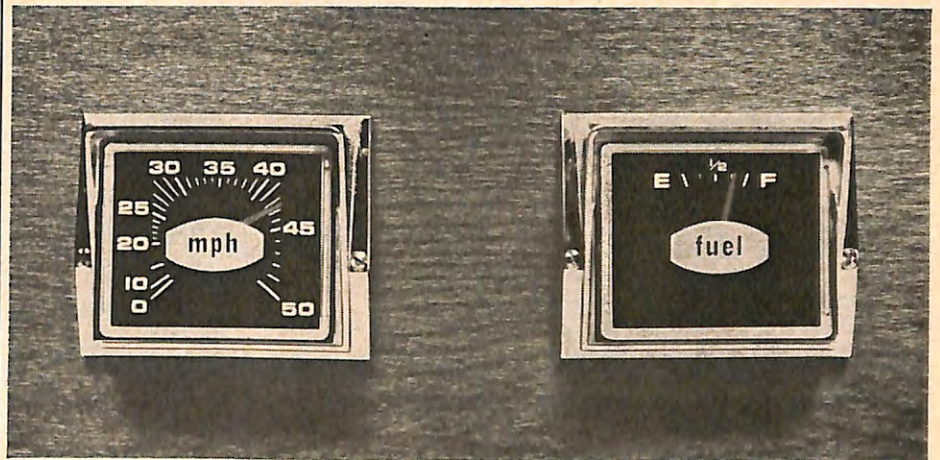
Lenin's plan for world conquest was economic and political. Marx claimed that economics underlie all human relationships, beliefs, actions, and forms of society. Grab hold of an economic nerve and you can make nations cringe and collapse.

In practice, communists learned that in some cases they did not have to seize power in developing countries in order to achieve victory in their scheme. They needed only to break these coun-

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The local Elks have prepared long and diligently to express the depth and warmth of their fraternal affection for their visiting Brothers and families.

So come to Dallas prepared to receive a cordial reception for which the Lone Star State is noted. Enjoy to the fullest the unusual attractions of Dallas and the surrounding beauty of the historical "Old West."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George I. Hall".

GEORGE I. HALL
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

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□ LETTERS □

We Hope So, Too

. . . I enjoyed the article "Running the Pennant Race" by Arthur Daley (March issue), and hope you have more of his articles in the future.

CHUCK HEJDE
Boise, Idaho

"Trespassing" Appreciated

When I finished reading "Trespassing Allowed" by Ray Ovington in your April issue, I could hardly believe its contents. Almost everything in print the last few years would lead you to believe that all lands managed for timber production are completely ruined as far as wildlife and fishery habitat is concerned.

I would like to commend you for printing an article that takes the other and seldom heard side of multiple use of our natural resources.

ARTELL AMOS
John Day, Ore.

Correcting an Error

I refer you to the "Joy of Giving," May issue, regarding the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Redondo Beach Lodge and the South Central Coast District of California. . . .

This was the official visit of R. Leonard Bush to the District. However, it was also a special National Foundation night in his honor, with all eight Southern California Districts participating, which covered 83 lodges. The \$36,351.80 contributed that night was an extra effort on the part of all 83 lodges in Southern California, not just

the South Central Coast District. . . .

ROBERT J. MCLAIN
*State (Foundation) Chairman
Arcadia, Calif.*

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Please inform me where I might obtain copies of the pamphlet "Left, Center, and Right" . . . as mentioned in your editorial in the April issue. . . . [It] sounds like a very worthwhile, informative item on a subject that is very important to our present and future generations.

MRS. NORMAN SELID
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—The Editors

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As Governor of Texas, I welcome you to the national Convention in Dallas. I am confident you will receive every hospitality during your visit, and hope you will have the opportunity to tour other parts of Texas while you are here.

Our state motto is "Friendship," and I think you will find that our people believe in living up to our motto in every way. In Texas you will enjoy beautiful and varied scenery, the finest highway system in America, and the best in recreational facilities if you decide to extend your visit. But above all, I think you will find people in all walks of life, as well as our own members of the Grand Lodge of Elks, who will do everything possible to make your stay a memorable one.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Convention.

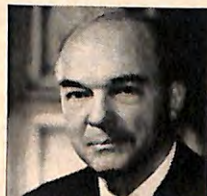


John Connally
JOHN CONNALLY
Governor of Texas

As Mayor of Dallas and on behalf of the individual citizens and the institutions of Dallas, we consider it a great privilege to extend to you a hearty welcome to Dallas on the occasion of your 102nd national Convention July 3 through 7, 1966.

Our city has the good fortune to stand third in the nation in the number of conventions for which it is the host city. We believe this is indicative of the fact that you will find Dallas a city with convenient and enjoyable facilities and programs, its citizens hospitable and friendly, and that these will help to make your 1966 Convention a most rewarding one.

With all very best wishes.



Erik Jonsson
ERIK JONSSON
Mayor of Dallas

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We're in Our New CHICAGO Offices!



As this issue of The Elks Magazine is being mailed, the staff is already settling into the new office building recently completed beside the Elks National Memorial Building. An architect's drawing of the Magazine building appears here. General Manager William H. Magrath and his Administrative, Editorial, Advertising, and Circulation departments are all located in the new building. The New York advertising staff has remained in that city. The current address for all communications with the Magazine is 425 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

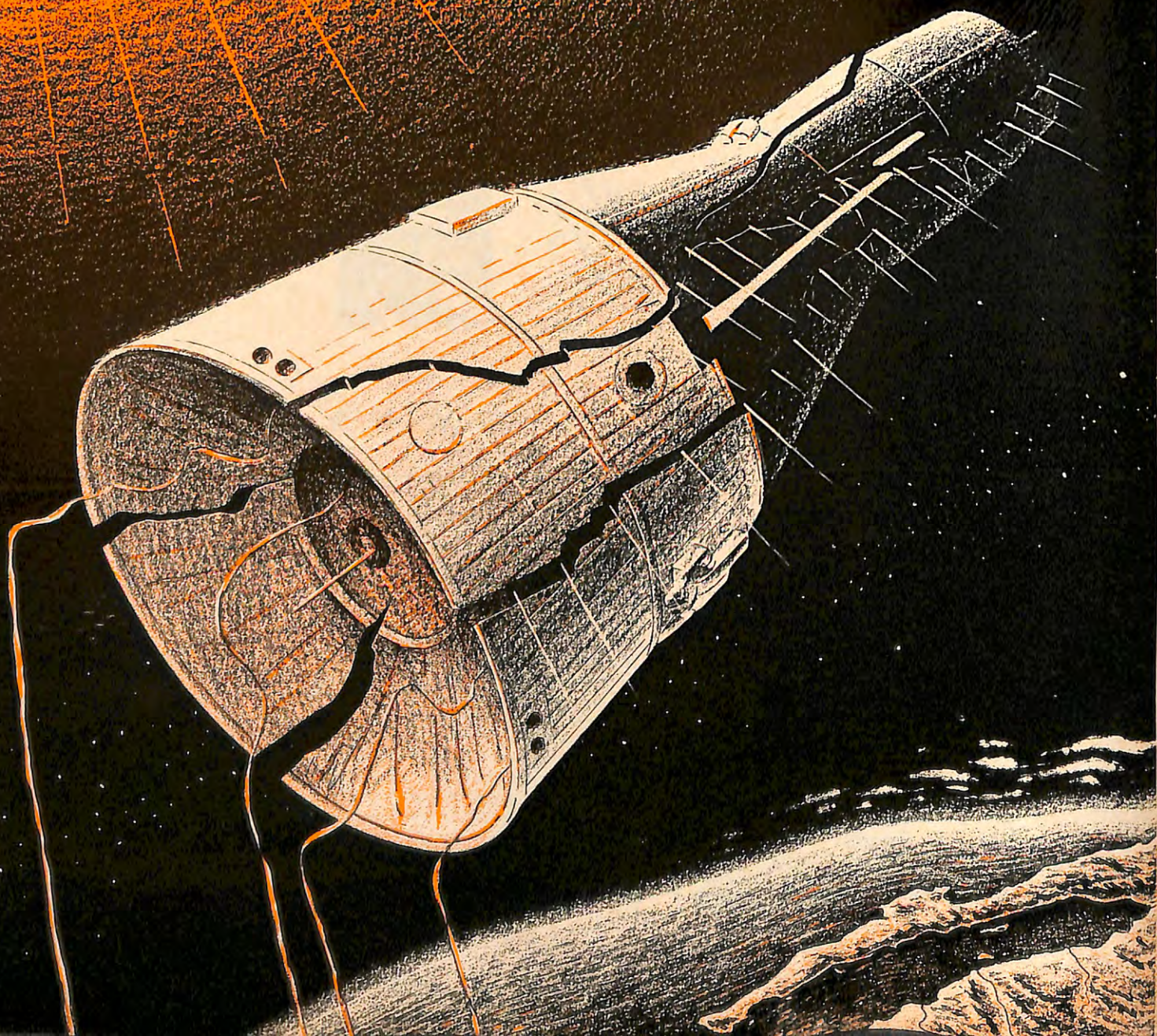
Otho DeVilbiss, Director of Public Relations for the Order, also has his office in the new Magazine building.

—Elks National Memorial and
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Space and the Military

By **JERRY GREENE**

ILLUSTRATED BY
BRUNO JUNKER



Our space program is publicly proclaimed as one of peaceful pursuits. But can we afford to ignore its military aspects? The obvious answer is no, and, quietly, something is being done about it

A BLAZING POINT of light flared in the darkness to the east, swelling swiftly into a fiery comet speeding toward the Gemini 7 spacecraft at a closing rate of 32,500 miles per hour, high over the Pacific ocean.

"Bullseye!" cried Astronaut Frank Borman, aboard Gemini 7. "We're right on it."

Borman and his copilot, Astronaut James Lovell, watched in wonder as the awesome pyrotechnic display neared, then plunged into the dark void beneath them.

Scientists at the Manned Spaceflight Center at Houston, Tex., cheered at the first successful intercept of a ballistic missile "warhead" by orbiting astronauts.

They, the spacemen and the scientists, won headlines for a brilliant achievement. Then, in the rush of even more dramatic developments of the manned flight program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the incident was overwhelmed and forgotten.

But it wasn't forgotten at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, or at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, Neb., or at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C.

The SAC Minuteman II combat missile crew at Vandenberg that launched the ICBM which the astronauts spotted as it flamed back through the atmosphere from space, and the nation's military chiefs, watched this critical experiment in a perspective different from that of the NASA experts.

The military men saw gratifying proof, observed and photographed, of what they had long since established by electronic tests—that the U.S. had the ability to intercept and destroy a hostile satellite, manned or unmanned.

Perhaps more importantly, the Russians, and the rest of the world, also

saw this spectacular achievement. The implications were clear.

American military researchers gained far greater knowledge, of higher value than photographs, from instruments aboard the spacecraft operated by the astronauts, secret data which one day might mean the difference between life or death for a city. We'll get to this, later.

Enemy satellites would not be attacked by intercontinental missiles, of course. On Kwajalein Island in the Central Pacific, a great coral atoll less than 300 miles south of the area where the Gemini-Minuteman intercept was plotted, a super-secret U.S. installation houses the nation's first ready-for-action anti-satellite missiles. These are specialized rockets far faster than the long-range ICBM built to carry a warhead with an explosive force of more than a million tons of TNT.

The great gain from the intercept, as the Air Force saw it, came from a public demonstration of precision operation.

This Minuteman warhead—a new design, incidentally, which provides a high-speed reentry into the atmosphere at a speed of 15,000 miles per hour—missed the Gemini by a little more than 100 miles, the planned margin of safety. What was important was the fact that the ICBM was fired from California while the spacecraft was over Australia—and the paths crossed half an hour later at exactly the time and place appointed.

A small shift in the ICBM guidance mechanism, plus an armed warhead with a time fuse, and Gemini would have vanished without a trace.

U.S. defenses against a sneak attack from space are in their infancy, barely beyond the research and development stage. Yet, conceivably, this nation could face a Russian threat from space that would make the attack on Pearl Harbor look like a minor border skirmish. If the threat ever became reality, it could mean annihilation.

Two dates in recent Russian history serve to point up this potential menace: On Sept. 14, 1964, former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev blurted out to a group of visitors that the Russians had perfected a "monstrous new terrible weapon" that could destroy all life on earth.

On July 4, 1965, Leonid Brezhnev,

first secretary of the Russian Communist Party, announced that the Soviets had built "orbital rockets," boasting that the stockpiles then contained enough "intercontinental and orbital rockets so that once and forever we can put an end to any aggressor or any group of aggressors."

Whether Khrushchev's "monstrous" weapon was the orbital rocket, or whether it was the development of a "gigaton" bomb—or a combination of both—the Western world does not know. (A gigaton is 1,000 megatons; a megaton is the equivalent of a million tons of TNT explosive power used in measurement of nuclear weapons. The Russians are known to have detonated a 100-megaton bomb; the gigaton is judged within capabilities.)

It may be of significance that the Russians have not rattled the saber of the "monstrous new weapon" since the Gemini-Minuteman intercept in December, 1965.

Both Russia and the U.S. subscribe to a United Nations agreement forbidding the deployment of nuclear weapons in space. However, the Soviets have been known to find pledge keeping inconvenient in affairs of far less importance to them, and since the U.S. is an obstacle to their pledged goal of world domination, a goodly number of Americans in high position believe that the possibilities, and the capabilities, cannot be safely ignored.

Nor is the risk being ignored. The U.S. had revealed to the world—but without visible proof—that it had an operational anti-satellite defense eight months before the Russians advanced the tale of their monster.

Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, the number-one space expert of the USAF, in charge of the \$2 billion Manned Orbital Laboratory project, had this explanation: "Although our national policy is clear that space should be preserved for peaceful purposes, we cannot assume that offensive space systems will never be developed; nor can we wait until such a threat becomes a reality to develop an effective counter. . . ."

Despite the U.S. commitment to peaceful exploration, despite assorted official statements of position made for diplomatic purposes, it is obvious to all close observers that the U.S. is in a race with Russia for supremacy in

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The artist's conception of a satellite intercept. Here are his comments: "The instant of a nuclear explosion manifests itself in a fireball emitting atomic particles, gamma rays, etc. The target (shown here as a Gemini spacecraft) would be completely consumed before a cloud of debris would form. The original explosion is said to occur in millionths of a second; the familiar mushroom cloud takes seconds to form, and it is until now a riddle what form it would take in space."



Demonstrate for America



The usual observance of Flag Day on June 14 might be satisfactory in normal times, but these are not normal times.

These are extraordinary times, and they demand extraordinary measures and extraordinary effort.

We are faced with a challenge by the forces of organized violence led by fanatical extremists who are striking directly at the very foundations of our society. Their purpose is not to build but to destroy, not to strengthen freedom but to abolish it.

As citizens who believe in democracy and want to use democratic methods to extend freedom and to achieve even greater justice and to improve the economic well being of all citizens, we cannot afford to remain silent in the face of growing violence directed at the destruction of orderly, democratic processes.

To remain silent is only to indicate our tacit approval and to lend encouragement that will entice more and more people to join the forces of anarchy.

Therefore, I urge every Elks lodge to make its 1966 Flag Day observance an extraordinary event in its

community. Make it such an event as will give our patriotic and responsible citizens an opportunity to demonstrate for America, for peace with honor and security, for peace with freedom.

I say that we should forget about routine programs. Let's ask all like-minded citizens to join with us Elks in demonstrating our love for America and for the principles and institutions, which, in freedom under God, have guided our nation to such marvelous achievements in 190 years of independence.

Let's make it abundantly clear in every community throughout the land that we have no intention of sitting idly by while a few misguided persons threaten destruction of those principles and institutions through the preaching and practice of violence and hatred.

Let's demonstrate for America.

BE A PLAYER... NOT A SPECTATOR

R. LEONARD BUSH, *Grand Exalted Ruler*



So You Bought a Boat

By **NORMAN PHILLIPS**

Boating—or at least boat ownership—is more popular than ever. And, there are many different ways to enjoy a small powerboat

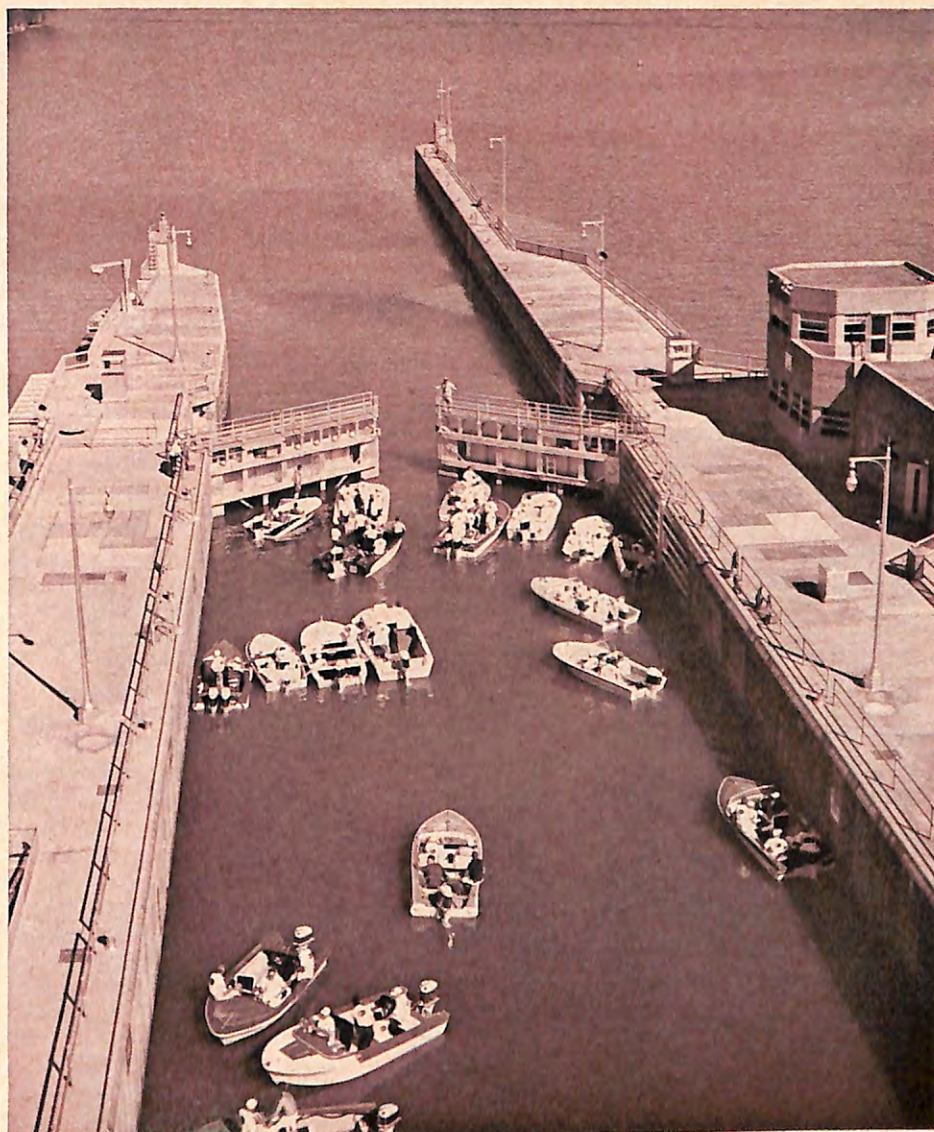
SO YOUR shiny new boat, your pride and joy, is standing on its trailer in your back yard. It is probably at least 15 or 16 feet in length and probably has an outboard of at least 40 horsepower on it; in all likelihood it is made of fiberglass.

You have used it a few times for fishing and water skiing, and the family has become pretty good on those aquatic bedslats; you've even taught some of their friends to ski. All the neighbors have admired your craft and have said privately that old Joe must be coming up in the world if he can afford a thing like that; they're secretly shopping around for something bigger and better.

Okay—so what comes next?

Well, if you have never gone beyond fishing and water skiing, you have not yet begun to scratch the potential of your boat as a source of family fun. Your next step should be to plan and execute a few family weekend cruises. Once you have tasted the pleasure of really getting away from it all in the family boat, you are on your way to real adventure. No more crowded public campgrounds for you. You are the Magellan who can drive to a launching ramp, float his flagship off with camping gear already stowed aboard, and take off for a distant shoreline where you can set up camp in a retreat all your own. Even in the most crowded areas, once you get a

Boaters often are gregarious, as shown here. The top group is "locking through" from Lake Chickamauga into the Tennessee River. At right, boat is launched on Lake Powell, a Colorado River impoundment.



mile or two away from the launching ramp you will usually find peace and solitude.

There are few areas in America that are more than a couple of hundred miles distant from a major waterway. The large number of dams and flood control projects completed in the last two decades has created a network of inland waterways. From the TVA to the St. Lawrence Inland Passage to

the vast lakes created by Colorado River impoundments, many thousands of miles of protected navigable waters are waiting for you to explore them. Probably the major reason for the boating boom of the last decade has been the water developed since World War II.

Best of all, a few weekend cruises on such waters will give you the experience necessary to make a really





Left, an aluminum car-top boat used largely for fishing but suitable for cruising as well. Right, a typical scene in many parts of the country: Families cruising waterways near home, in some cases camping out or at least doing some picnicking.

extended vacation cruise, such as up the St. Lawrence to Canada, or through the Trent-Severn in Ontario into the Great Lakes, or exploring the coastline of Mexico's Baja California. Thousands of 16 and 18 footers make such trips every year. With a little experience, next vacation time you could trailer your craft to Kino Bay on Mexico's mainland, launch and island-hop across the gulf to the peninsula of Baja, then cruise by easy stages all the way down to the tip at Cabo San Lucas.

On the West Coast of the United States, it is now possible to cruise all the way from Santa Barbara to the Mexican border and never be more than 15 or 20 miles from a harbor of refuge or more than a mile or two offshore.

Captaining a small-boat cruise has one thing in common with skippering an ocean liner—meticulous planning is the key to success. Both you and the admirals in the Pentagon must answer the same three questions: Where are you going, how are you going to get there, and what will you have to take with you?

First step is charting your course. What is the closest waterway worthy of your exploration? If you are a newcomer to boating, you may need help in making up your mind. Talk to the commander of the nearest flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, a civilian organization formed to promote boating safety. You can get his address by writing to the Director of Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C. You'll be told who and where your flotilla commander is, and when you contact him, he'll tell you what nearby waters he'd like to cruise if he had the time to get away.

You can also write to any of the major oil companies. Ever since they discovered that boats use a lot of gasoline they have been wooing weekend skippers by printing informative booklets on inland and coastal cruising, all for free.

You should also get a copy of the *U.S. Coast Pilot*. This book is published by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey office, Washington, D.C. It is printed in eight volumes, each covering a certain section of the coastal and intracoastal waters of this country. The one for your area will describe the shoreline as it appears to the cruising skipper; it will describe headlands and distinguishing buildings and landmarks on shore, warn of all navigational hazards such as shoals, reefs, or tidal bores, tell you what harbors and marine facilities are available—in short, anything and everything you need to know to make a safe cruise in a small boat. It should be available at your nearest marine supply store at about \$2.50 per volume. You might want to buy all of them—they make fascinating reading.

You might also ask around to locate a boating club in your area. If one exists, by all means join it. You'll learn a lot and you might be able to get a half dozen other vessels to join you on your outings. Group cruising can be a lot of fun when you get a congenial gang together.

With your trip pretty well outlined, the final step in plotting the course is to get up-to-the-minute local information. To do this, pick out two or three towns along your route and write a request for boating information to the local Chamber of Commerce. Practically every village in the country has its own C of C, and an address such as "Chamber of Commerce, Spodunk, Iowa" is all you need for it to be delivered. Usually they will deluge you with charts, maps, and brochures that give you a wealth of information about the country through which you will be passing.

Having determined your route and having made notes of check points, charted your daily jumps, and located available gas supplies, the next step is to assemble your cruising kit. Now, you must remember that all boats are small (even the captain's suite on the

Queen Elizabeth isn't as big as the average motel room), so every item must be scrutinized carefully before being put aboard. Keep one thought firmly in mind: "Is this thing absolutely necessary?"

You may not plan on camping out. Many of our best cruising waters have shore-side accommodations available at every stop. The Trent-Severn run we mentioned earlier has fine motels and hotels every few miles on its entire 250 mile route from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay. So does the Pacific Coast harbor-hopping cruise. The information you will have received from the local Chambers of Commerce should have filled you in on what is available.

Or, you may choose to camp out. In that case, our rule—"Is this thing really necessary?"—applies even more strongly. Equipment has a way of piling up, and, with a modern, planing boat, there is a limit to just how many pounds of burden it can lift to a plane, just as an aircraft cannot take off if it is overloaded.

If you have been an automobile-camping family and have the usual collection of tent, stove, cooking utensils, and sleeping gear, such equipment will do for a starter if you edit the list very tightly. As things wear out or are lost and need replacing, you will want to get the newer models being offered, most of them designed with boat camping in mind; tents that are made with lightweight aluminum poles and light but sturdy synthetic tent fabric (called "pop-up" tents); cots of aluminum tubing that fold up like a TV tray; Dacron sleeping bags, just as warm but weighing half of what the old-style bags weighed.

As for food, don't turn up your nose at the dehydrated soups, fruit juices, steaks, and vegetables. As they are produced today by modern methods, most of them are pretty good. They do save a great deal of weight, so perhaps you could divide your menu between these lightweight products and

regular foodstuffs. Once again, planning comes into the picture.

In most cruising areas you will be able to supplement the larder from shoreside supplies. There are few areas left in this country where you won't pass at least one water's-edge store sometime during the day. In the interest of keeping your cargo weight to a minimum, plan to take advantage of such local opportunities.

Even with the most rigid rejection system you may well find your load is more than your boat can plane easily. You still have an out: Buy a new propeller with an inch or two less pitch than the one now on your motor. This is like shifting a car to a lower gear; the smaller amount of pitch permits your engine to rev up higher and thus get back into its maximum horsepower range. Your speed will be a mile or two slower at the same cruising rpm's than it was with your old prop, but you'll get up on a plane easily and that's what counts.

Actually, every boat should have a spare prop aboard for emergencies, so you are only buying what you really need anyway. Changing props requires only a few minutes work with a pair of pliers and a screwdriver. The dealer who sells you the prop will show you how to do it.

In stowing your gear, make sure you distribute the items so that the "trim" of your ship—her fore-and-aft and sideways angle to the surface of the water—remains the same as it was unladen. She will ride somewhat lower in the water, of course, but her angle should be the same.

If, when everything is aboard, the boat sinks, that indicates your wife insisted you take too many extra things along.

And, oh yes—take your life jackets, fire extinguishers, and first-aid kit out before you start loading, then put in the gear, then put those safety items back on top of the load. If you need them at all you'll need them in a hurry, and life jackets stowed in a forward locker with tent, cots, sleeping bags, and food on top of it are of little use in an emergency.

What kind of a boat is suitable for a weekend or vacation cruise for a family? Well, that depends on the size of the family, how big the water is upon which you will do your cruising, and how much you "gotta have" in the line of equipment. A fishing skiff having little freeboard (that part of the sides of the boat that stick up out of the water) and a low stern could be used for a long cruise on protected waterways, but she'd have to head for shore fast if you were on a vast body of water and a blow came up.

If your boat is of what is called
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Why Stanley Nagrod uses a postage meter for only \$20 worth of postage a month.

From his shop and a secluded room in the basement of his home, Stanley Nagrod sells and maintains his commercial two-way FM radio systems business, Albertson Communications Inc. Down here, amongst his stock parts, tools, test equipment, catalogs and antennas, you'll find a Pitney-Bowes DM3 postage meter.

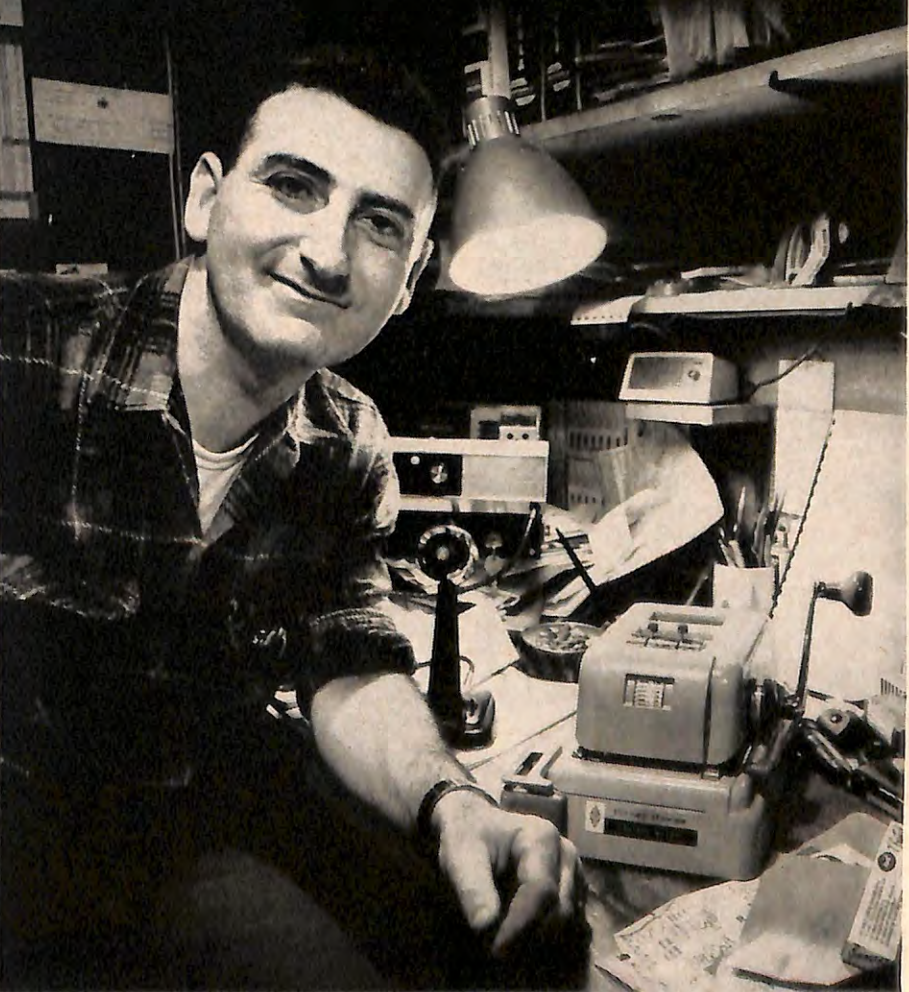
Stanley's customers are mainly taxi fleet owners, fire and police departments, and a number of businesses that need two-way communication. His mail is varied, and consists of monthly statements mailed to his regular accounts, in addition to parts needed for replacement in customers' equipment.

As he puts it: "I mail out a lot of odd-ball packages and fat letters, even though I only spend about \$20 a month in postage. I used to run around like crazy for stamps. Now my postage meter saves me a lot of time and bother. When I have to ship a small part, I have all the postage I need, just waiting for me in the machine."

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YELLOWSTONE

By **JERRY HULSE**

Out in the wide open spaces of the West is one of America's most popular tourist attractions

HAD HORACE GREELEY been a pitchman for the tourist trade, chances are he might still have advised young men (as well as all others) to go West.

It's sprawling, spectacular country, and while we've covered other Western attractions before—Sun Valley, Colorado, Arizona, California—the biggest tourist attraction, as national parks go, is Yellowstone. Whether en route to the Dallas Convention next month or just wandering around in the wide open spaces, it should be on your itinerary.

And we suggest as a natural windup for a Western tour, or as a post-Convention trip, that you continue on into Mexico. Braniff and American Airlines offer tours to Mexico City and Acapulco, or one can drive leisurely beyond the Texas borders over many fine roads to any number of delightful locales.

We called Yellowstone the biggest in a physical sense; it's the largest of Uncle Sam's parks—an immense spread of boiling geysers, hot springs, bubbling pools, and mud volcanoes. It's also the oldest and is best known for Old Faithful and bears, both of which are constantly surrounded by camera-clicking tourists.

After nearly a century the theme in Yellowstone remains bubbles 'n' bears. Established back in 1872, the park has since played host to more than 35 million visitors. By summer's end another two million will have joined that number. If you're still unimpressed, just consider this: The figure represents twice the number of Americans who'll visit Europe this year.

Three dollars will get you a litterbag, a map of Yellowstone, and a standard lecture on how not to lose a paw to the "friendly" bears. The kit, along with the lecture by park rangers, is provided at the park's five entrances—three in Montana and two in Wyoming. With waterfalls similar to those found in Norway, an African-like veldt, and clouds of steam reminiscent of the hometown gym, who needs Norway or Africa? No one, we can tell you.

Old Faithful has been popping off, faithfully, once an hour since long before the first white man came along. Not to be outdone are the park's other bubble dispensers that hiss, howl, and

spray the heavens in a scene reminiscent of a Disney spook spoof. Tourists put up at the Brandin' Iron Motel in West Yellowstone, dine on Grizzly Burgers at the Frosty Bear, toss down pitchers of suds at the Cowboy Bar, and bound off in a stagecoach like characters in a TV Western. And where else would you find a lunch-counter waitress wearing six guns and an Indian bonnet?

A new addition is Bridge Boat Marina, four miles west of Lake Junction along the Great Loop Highway. Rentals range from boats you row yourself to cruisers with a guide at the helm, with fishing tackle, bait, and slickers in case of rain, all for about \$15 an hour. A fair enough price, considering that up to 15 anglers are admitted aboard.

A sign near the park's west entrance announces 9,000 accommodations starting at \$2.50 a night. Camping is free. It's a grand place to pitch a tent, provided you enjoy rubbing noses with bear, moose, elk, antelope, buffalo, and deer. With all this game it's a little like Africa with pines and steam heat added.

At Old Faithful Inn, where the tab runs around \$13.50 double a night, there are 400 rooms, and cabins are available next door in Old Faithful Lodge. A sign above the desk tells how Old Faithful gets up a head of steam every 64 minutes, coughs up 1,200 gallons of water, and fires off a stream sometimes reaching 184 feet.

At Roosevelt Lodge we climbed aboard a yellow stagecoach for a steak fry in the peaceful surroundings of Pleasant Valley. The 30-minute ride with steak, french fries, a vegetable, coffee, and dessert comes to \$5; children go for half price. It's a pleasant family experience. Barbecue smoke and the aroma of coffee hangs heavy on pine-scented air as the sun sets behind the nearby Rockies. Later the stage rattles home, fording a stream and trailing a cloud of dust that glows red in the day's dying light.

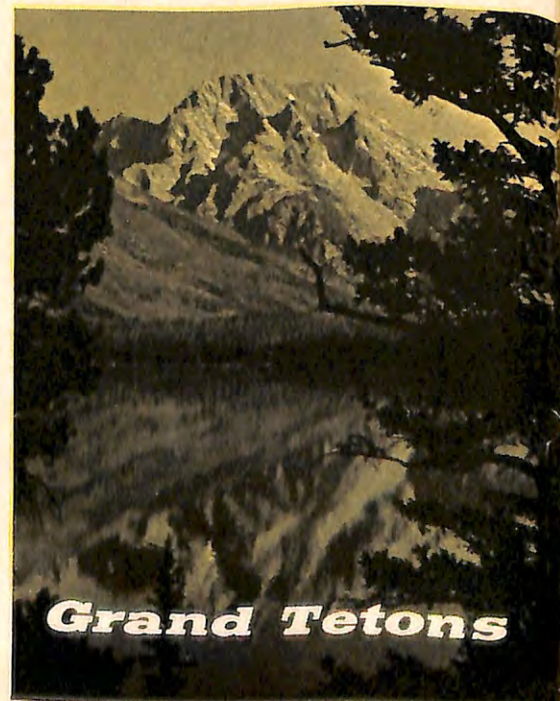
Dudes with a desire for the easy life will find a settlement of 512 units at Canyon Village. The nightly rates range from around \$11 single to \$18.50 for a family of four. Close by, a city-

like shopping center does business with a supermarket, a drugstore, a restaurant that furnishes dinner music, and a trading post operated by a gent named Hamilton, whose stores blanket Yellowstone.

The heaviest traffic at Yellowstone is through the West entrance. If you arrive late in the day it's a pleasant place to overnigh. Throughout Yellowstone there are accommodations of every imaginable kind—from snug inns to rustic cabins. Advance reservations can be made by writing to the Yellowstone Park Co., Yellowstone, Wyoming. For those who arrive without reservations, there are booths at the entrance roads. And for campers, ideal sites abound in the forests and peaceful meadows.

In the general vicinity of Yellowstone is Virginia City, and you might want to spend a night exploring this revived ghost town. During its heyday, Virginia City—not to be confused with the Virginia City in Nevada—gave up \$100 million in glittering gravel. Painted dolls kicked up their heels in saloons along Main Street, and gun-

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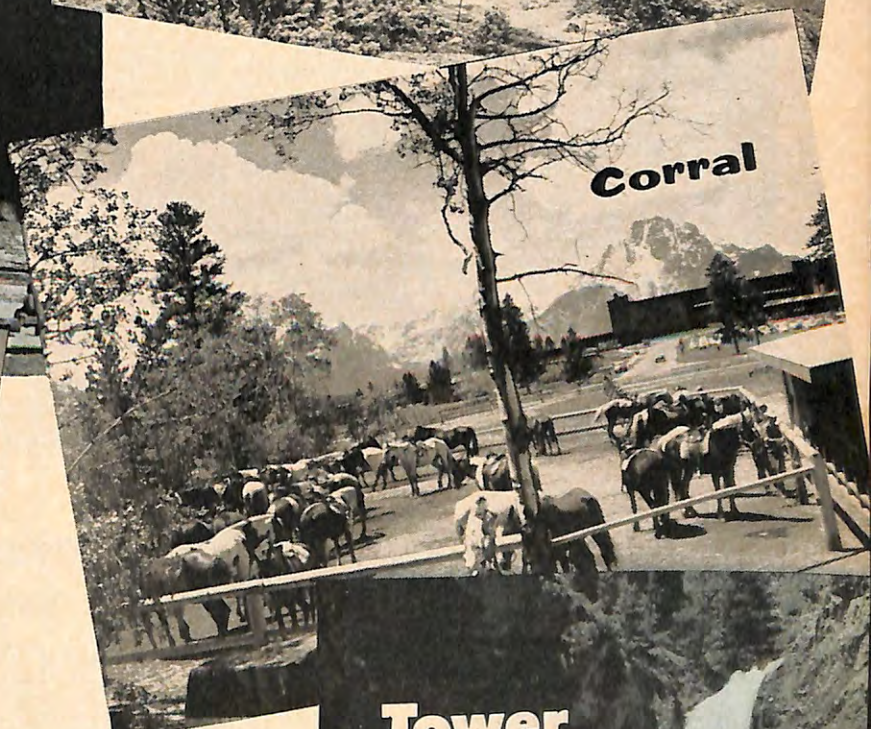
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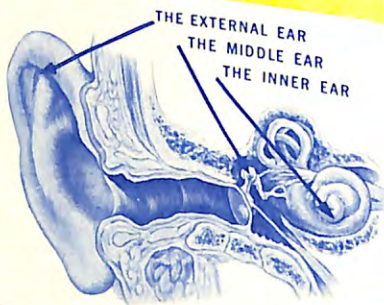
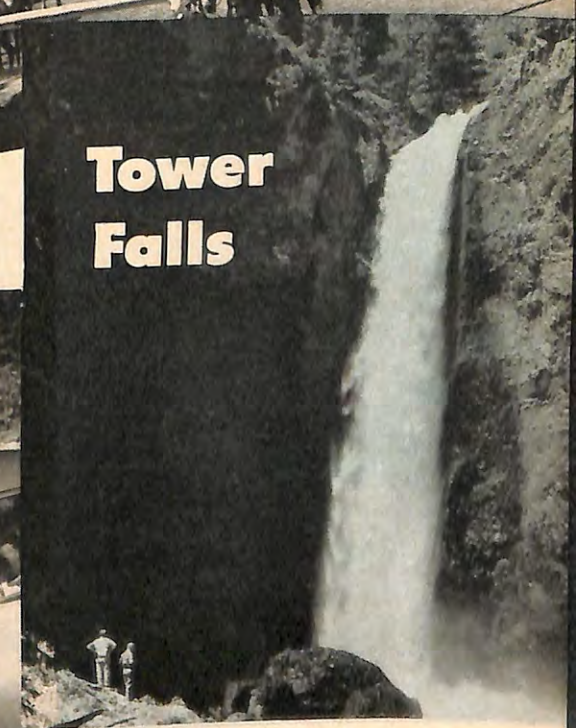
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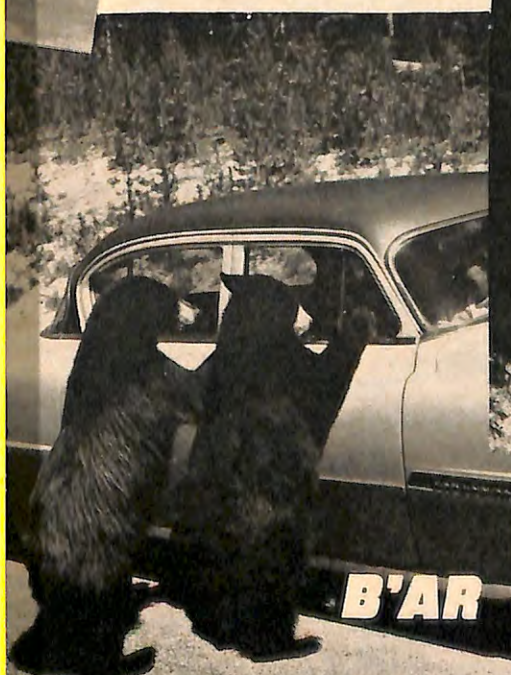
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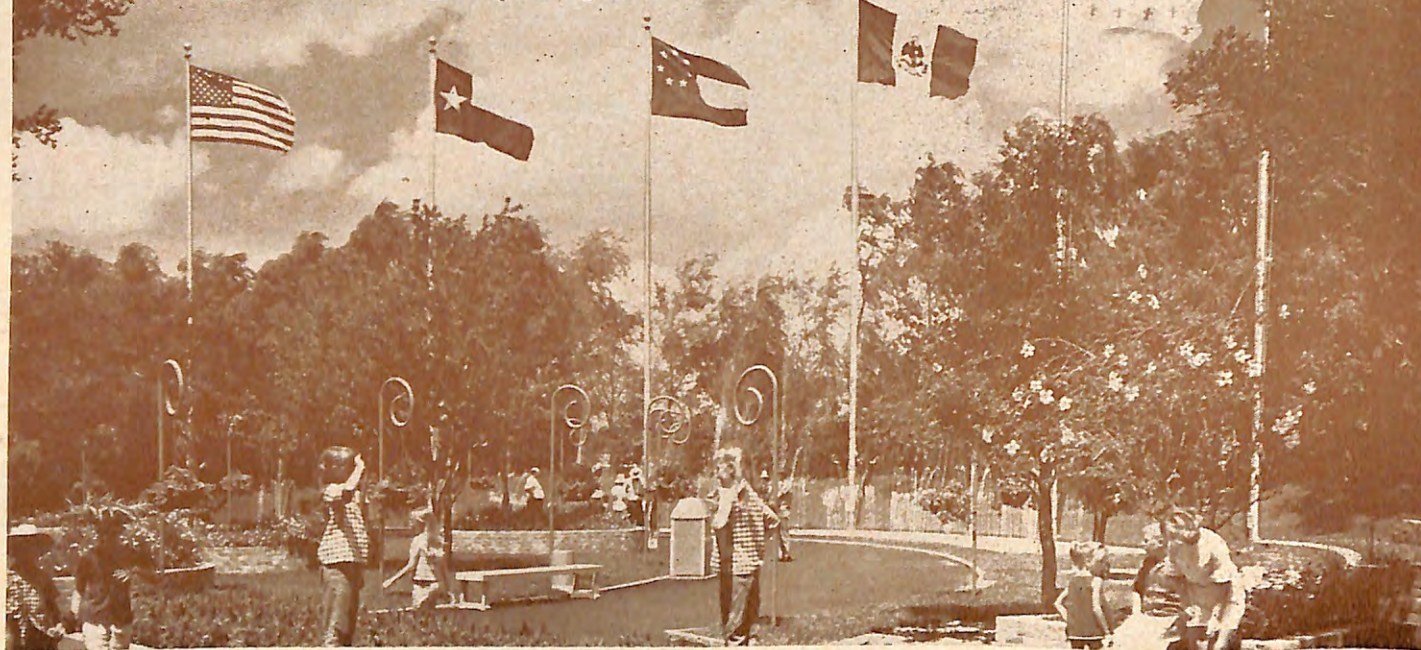
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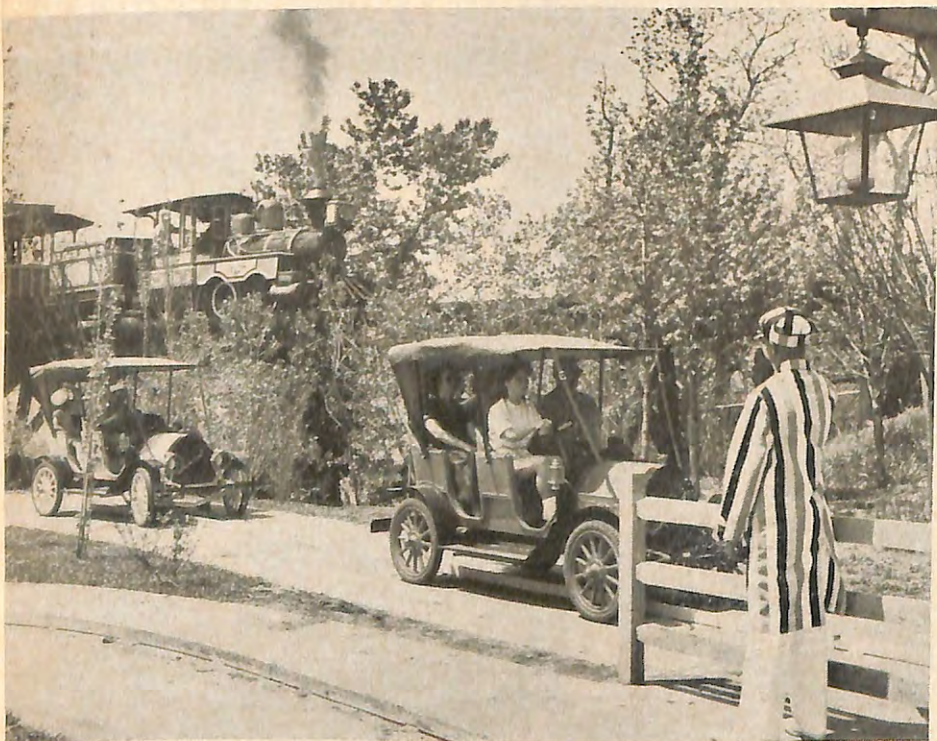


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Six Flags Over Texas



This landscaped fountain area surrounds the 60-foot flagpoles near the entrance to Six Flags Over Texas. From here, visitors fan out to the six areas representing the six periods in Texas history under the rule depicted by the flags.



A favorite among the many rides in the amusement park is the Chaparral Antique Car Ride. Shown behind it is the Texas Train, pulled by an authentic steam locomotive, circa 1879, that was restored by Six Flags' technicians. There are more than 75 rides, shows, and other attractions in the 115-acre park.

ALL THOSE JOKES about Big Texas are dubious as far as verisimilitude is concerned, but there's no doubt about one thing: Texas is big. No visitor is likely to see much of the state. However, those who attend the Elks Convention in Dallas and others who find themselves in the Dallas-Fort Worth vicinity may conveniently explore Texas-past and some of Texas-present in one fell swoop. They can visit the entertainment park called Six Flags Over Texas, the state's number-one tourist attraction, which is located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Six sections of the 115-acre amusement ranch represent the periods in Texas' history under the rule of six different nations: Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, the Confederacy, and the United States. Each area has a distinctive flavor, with a variety of rides, shows, and displays that combine a smattering of history with amusement for all age groups. Shown here are a sampling of the attractions.



In the Mexican Section, a fiesta on wheels carries passengers past lush landscape and spritely animations in sombrero-topped cars.



The Crazy Horse, otherwise an authentic frontier saloon, serves soft drinks only. It does, however, have a stage show that features collegiate talent. The boys and girls are recruited from throughout the Southwest, with hundreds of talented young people competing for roles.



El Asseradero, in the Spanish Section of Six Flags Over Texas, is the most unusual ride. It translates as "saw mill," and essentially the ride is a replica of a log flume, with passengers aboard a fiberglass log on swirling water.



Canoes crowded with passengers ply the "Caddo River" in the Oil Boom Town portion of the U.S.A. Section. Rustic bridges provide pedestrians with crossing points for meandering among the attractions.



Tourists in longboats round this bend in the "Lavaca River" and come face to face with "cannon fire" from the Spanish fort. A "near miss" is recorded here, at lower left.

The Astrolift carries sightseers from the modern U.S.A. Section to the Texas Section, or vice versa, while crossing the French and Confederate areas at an altitude of about 55 feet.





NEW YORK, New York, No. 1, Lodge's dinner commemorating Elkdom's 98th Anniversary featured, left to right, foreground, Hon. L. J. Capozzoli, Hon. Carmine G. DeSapio, former Grand Lodge Committeeman John F. Scileppi, E.R. X. C. Riccobono, Toastmaster P.E.R. F. J. Blangiardo, P.E.R. Raymond Tese, Chair-

man, Grand Lodge Committeeman James A. Gunn, and D.D. George J. Balbach. Background: P.E.R. and Secy. Eugene Hefferman, Est. Lect. Knight J. D. Fink, Rev. Anthony DeMaria, S. J., Rev. Fortunato Sicheri, Lead. Knight J. F. Reilly, Lect. Knight E. P. Morrison, and State Vice-Pres. R. F. Thoma.

News of the Lodges

No. 1 Marks the 98th

RETIRING Exalted Ruler Henry P. Merrifield recently made a most enlightening and encouraging report to Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush on the programs and progress of Manila, P. I., Lodge, No. 761.

It appears that here, too, the 1965-66 Elk leader has had his slogan taken extremely seriously by his fellow Elks, who prove their ability to become star players on his team—not spectators.

This lodge's principal charitable endeavor is its Cerebral Palsy Project, Inc., through which, last year, its clinics

treated more than 5,000 patients, with a budget of \$300,000, about \$25,000 of which was used in the training and support of two C/P workers in the United States, who have returned and are now working in one of the Manila clinics. In addition, assistance is given to the American Assn., which cares for needy American citizens; the Boy Scouts of the Philippines; the American Philippine Guardian Assn., and other similar groups. Well over 3,000 orphans also receive a great deal of attention and kindness on the part of the Elks.

These Manila members of the Order maintain a large area in North Cemetery consisting of 24 plots and 50 crypts, tended by their own caretaker. They have only office space at present but are confident that the end of 1966 will see the completion of their new home. With all this expense, they recently forwarded contributions of \$380, representing well over ten percent of their members, to the Elks National Foundation.

Yes, Manila Lodge definitely does not stand on the sidelines, looking on.

YORKTOWN, New York, Lodge, No. 2324, instituted just a year ago with 462 members, now has 600 names on its active list. Here, incoming E.R. John J. McKeon, left, and retiring E.R. Joseph V. Lauria point to the display of their Building Fund record. With a goal of \$100,000, the drive began in March and is expected to go over the top soon so that work on its mansion-home, enlarged tennis courts, swimming pool and parking lot may continue. In spite of its youth, Yorktown Lodge was able to report the largest participation in the Elks National Foundation for the N. Y. South Dist. when it joined area lodges for the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit at Mount Vernon.



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Lodge is keeping on top of the "Stray Elks" with an annual event honoring local Elks from outlying lodges. At least 75 of these "Strays" have taken out transfer dimits in Indianapolis Lodge as a result of the affairs held in 1965 and 1966; everything possible is done to make the newcomers feel at home. At the last program were, left to right, host E.R. Gene Milliron, D.D. John Scheidler, State Vice-Pres. Stanley Mascoe, and State Pres. Wilbur Lee.



BANNING-BEAUMONT, California, Lodge's spacious new home is dedicated. Left to right, foreground, are Treas. Hap Halligan, Tiler Hal Fleming, Inner Guard L. J. Per-rault, Esq. Ole Lauck, Est. Loyal Knight John Beck, E.R. Dave Reynolds, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, P.D.D. Emerson Pawn, D.D. Eric Isaacson and P.D.D. Francis Frye; background: P.E.R. George Tungate, P.D.D. Ken Husby, Lead. Knight Ray Elizondo, P.D.D.'s Frank Burns and Jerry Floyd, P.E.R. Bill Romo, and P.D.D. Marvin Lewis.



ROANOKE, Virginia, Lodge's 75th Anniversary Committee was photographed during the festivities. Representing the ladies are, left to right, Mrs. Harry Webber, Mrs. G. A. Wright, Mrs. Leighton L. Wall, Mrs. Harold Ross and Mrs. Fred P. Najjum; background: Committee Chairman Paul S. Johnson, Past State Pres., P.E.R. George S. Blackwell, Secy. Robert S. Cary, P.E.R. Leonard G. Muse, P.D.D. R. Calvin Nelson, Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush who was guest of honor, former Grand Inner Guard Charles D. Fox, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and E.R. Perrow E. Peters. Other members of the Committee not pictured were P.E.R. G. A. Smith, Jr., and Mrs. E. A. Stewart.



GALENA, Kansas, Elks sponsored the Columbus Baseball Team which won the Elks S.E. Dist. Tournament, and went on to become State Champions, under the management of Carl Schenherr.



QUEENS BOROUGH, New York. Over 800 Queens Elks were on hand to make the visit of State Pres. Peter Affatato, center, a memorable one. The Welcoming Committee included, left to right, S.E. Dist. Vice-Pres. Robert F. Thoma, E.R. George Sparks, Hon. John F. Scileppi, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and Hon. George J. Balbach.



EAST HARTFORD, Connecticut. The foyer of the local Elks' home is beautified with an elaborate double-tiered wishing-well donated by the Elks' ladies for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Fund. Left to right are E.R. Michele Barone, Chaplain Kaye Ryalls, P.E.R. Dwight Akerlind, and Mrs. Robert Russell, representing the donors.

HERMISTON, Oregon, Lodge makes its final payment on a \$900 pledge to Good Shepherd Hospital for the furnishing of a room in its new wing. Left to right are Social and Community Welfare Chairman Cliff Knight, Hospital Mgr. Glen Paulson, and E.R. Garth Clark.

HUNTINGTON PARK, California, E.R. Herb Cranton, left, presents a check to Sister M. Christine of St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood to aid in its charity programs. At right is P.E.R. Gus Flynn, Credit Mgr. of the Hospital.





ORLANDO, Florida, P.E.R. Jack Morgan, General Chairman of his lodge's Tangerine Bowl Commission, presents a new station wagon to Lois Ramsey for the State Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital. The car was purchased with proceeds from the lodge's annual Tangerine Bowl Football Classic.



ELKS NATIONAL HOME activities include straight pool, climaxed by an annual tournament which stirs up tremendous interest among the residents. Here, Home Supt. Doral Irvin, right, presents checks to winners in the latest event, left to right, Luther O. Hawkins of Statesville, N. C., Sam Cohen of Newport News, Va., George A. Fath of Chambersburg, Pa., and John W. Hill of Roanoke, Va.



BRONX, New York, Lodge is the major contributor to the Bronx 48th Precinct Youth Council operating in one of the city's depressed areas. Left to right are Capt. Charles Miller, Precinct C.O., Youth Council Chairman Oscar Parewski, E.R. Anthony F. Rizzo, Secy. Louis S. Dunne, and Esq. John P. Kilroy, 48th Precinct Detective. E.R. Rizzo is presenting his lodge's \$250 check.



ENFIELD, Connecticut, Lodge's Scout Charter presentation is commemorated in this photograph which includes, left to right, Scout Mark O'Connor, Chairman Wallace Shayer, D.D. Leonard Hocking, E.R. T. S. Losty, Scout Inst. Rep. Henry J. Lacroix, Scoutmaster Paul Ninno and Scout Mike Vacca.



JUNEAU, Alaska, P.E.R. Cort Wingerson, center, reminds fellow Elks of the lean years by selling popcorn on P.E.R.'s Night. Assisting is P.E.R. Ed Novak, Mayor of Haines, Alaska, left, and P.E.R. Mike Fenster.



HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, E.R. Patrick T. Sullivan, third from left, presents a check to State Elks C/P Fund Chairman Robert McCormack, left, aiding in the purchase of the sixth mobile unit for the State program. Looking on are Est. Lead, Knight Joseph Lipman and Co-ordinator Russel Mummert, right.

Lodge Notes

Well, what do you know! Clyde Edwards, Manager of Watsonville, Calif., Lodge, reports, with only a trace of proud satisfaction, that his lodge chalked up 24 years of 100 percent paid-up membership on March 29, 1966! He gives great credit to the work of Lapsation Chairman Paul Unrah, and a number of assistants, among them Fred Wite.

Apologies to Laramie, Wyo., Lodge and the famous tree-in-the-rock—a picture of which appeared in our March issue. The tree is actually 20.4 miles from Laramie, but those gremlins got into the type again and lifted the decimal point, making it appear that the two were much more widely separated. Chuck Hejde spotted the missing dot flying over Boise, Ida.!

Death came to Clyde Jennings on March 23rd. A Past Exalted Ruler of Lynchburg, Va., Lodge, Mr. Jennings was active in all areas of Elkdom, including the Grand Lodge. He served as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees from 1925 to 1930, acting as Chairman in 1929-30. He was 78 at the time of his death, and is survived by his daughter and son.

Robert Glenn, Principal of Clearwater High School whose students have been receiving so much valuable attention from the Clearwater, Fla., Elks, received a special tribute from the lodge when he accepted its Certificate of Achievement for his long service to his school and community.

Among the 1,000 teen-age Camp Fire Girls who will travel to the Caribbean next month as members of the Horizon Club, the senior program level of the 56-year-old youth organization, are about 58 daughters of members of the Order from most of the 50 states.

Many Elks lodges are actively interested in teaching young people the safe use of firearms. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc., 1075 Post Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878, is also interested, and offers, free of charge, copies of several booklets—"What Every Parent Should Know When a Boy or Girl Wants a Gun," and a reprint of

an interview with J. Edgar Hoover, "The Real Causes of Juvenile Delinquency." For ten cents, sportsmen may learn of places to shoot in "Where to Shoot Muzzle Loaders," a new directory.

Harold Wendling, who helped build Dover, Ohio, High School while still a student there, has not allowed adversities to handicap him. In 1948, at the age of 28, he was paralyzed on the right side by a stroke. After six months, he forced himself to leave his bed and took a desk job at Union Hospital. At day's end, he toured the halls and rooms, closed and locked windows and doors, helping to exercise his lame right side. He now lives alone in a three-room apartment, doing his own cleaning and cooking. He serves as Tiler of Dover Lodge and is a member of its Sickness and Distress Committee. He holds a responsible position at the County Road and Bridge Department Building. An active parishioner of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Harold Wendling believes "everything that happens to a person is his own making." No whiner, he.

Minot, North Dakota, Lodge recently paid tribute to former Grand Chaplain Rev. Felix J. Andrews. Taking recognition of his services as Past Exalted Ruler, and his ten years as State Elks Chaplain, Grand Trustee Raymond C. Dobson presented to Father Andrews a gold Life Membership Card.

North Dakota's Elks have purchased approximately 80 acres of land to make possible the enlargement of their Youth Camp near Dawson. State Trustees Chairman L. D. Thorson reported that the acreage, purchased at \$14,000, abuts the 5½ acres on which the camp buildings are located, and fronts on Lake Isabel. Operated by the North Dakota Easter Seal Society, the camp served 101 crippled or handicapped youngsters last summer, and expects to handle even more this year.

Greenfield, Ohio, Lodge mourns the death of one of its most prominent members, Robert U. Pearce. An affiliate of the lodge for 34 years, Mr. Pearce had served as Exalted Ruler for

two terms, and later as lodge Trustee. He is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Trading his boots and saddle for an apron, Wyoming Jack O'Brien gave his services to ladle up one of his famous wild-game dinners to a large crowd of Carlinville, Ill., Elks. A member of Powell, Wyo., Lodge, Jack O'Brien is a native of Carlinville and returns to dispense an annual chuck-wagon meal.

President Vernon Crossmann of the 57th Field Hospital Assn. invites all Elks who served in that contingent in World War II to a reunion in Sheboygan, Wis., July 2, 3 and 4. For further information, contact Oakley W. Burns, 2006 Grace Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Marquette, Mich., Lodge made the Air Force "brass" very happy when it awarded its most recent Courtesy-Safe Driver Campaign honor to John Sotos, Airman 3/C at Sawyer Air Force Base. Elks Secy. Jere Stafford made the presentation in the presence of Mayor Edward L. Downey, Jr. Airman Sotos was cited for his assistance to police at the scenes of traffic accidents on several occasions.

Past District Deputy Norman C. Banfield did the honors when Ray H. Stevens of Juneau, Alaska, Lodge was awarded a 50-year membership pin. Formerly a Livingston, Mont., Elk, Mr. Stevens transferred his membership to Juneau Lodge in 1919.

Up in Worcester, Mass., the Past Exalted Rulers took over the Chairs one evening not long ago, and initiated a class of 20 candidates. Ed Cohen was honored that night, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton was on hand to participate in the tribute.

Life Member Bob Kneedler of Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge has an amusing little book available for any golf "nuts" to read. He calls it "Golfitis" and it's just full of hand-lettered original poems on that sport—nicely illustrated, too, and all the work of Mr. Kneedler who resides at 6 Dolphin Avenue in Ormand Beach, Fla.

Rockville, Md., Lodge presented a special award to Achilles M. Tuchan, Chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Trustee Mitchell Quick presented the gold plaque to Mr. Tuchan at the Governor's House in Bethesda "in appreciation of his many contributions to Rockville, and his willing response to every request."



RICHLAND, Washington, Lodge, No. 2339, became a branch of Elksdom, with District Deputy Matthew Lyons conducting the ceremony. Exalted Ruler Robert Greenlee and other officers of Pasco Lodge initiated 882 Charter Members, which, added to transfer dimitts, gave it a total membership of 1,158. A month later, another 70 came in.

Following the installation of Exalted Ruler Don Mace and his fellow officers [see photo above], by New Lodge Committee Chairman F. George Warren and a corps of past and present State Association officers, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson delivered the principal address.



FRACKVILLE, Pennsylvania, Lodge's Little League Champions of 1965, with Coach Connie Jansson, left foreground, Coach George Leiby, left background, and Mgr. Peter L. Becker, right, were honored at a dinner, when each received a purple and gold jacket, and E.R. Frank Zokaitis accepted the League trophy.



News of the Lodges CONTINUED

SEBRING, Florida, Lodge's Building Committeemen are pictured with their nearly completed home. Left to right are, foreground, Doyle Sweeney, P.E.R. Earl Majors, C. L. Van Inwagen, Johnny Sweet, Hi Grees, Carl Lavoratta, Ray May, Al Hjertquist, and Walter McGrath. Background: P.E.R. Allen Altvater, William Dunn, P.E.R. Dick Robinson, George Crist and Frank Avery.



FREEPORT, New York, Lodge has the top Bantam Bowler in the country in its Youth Bowling group—Michele O'Donnell, whose one-game score is 246. With Michele at the banquet held by the lodge in honor of its Girls' Bantam Gold League are, left to right, Chairman Al Nespeca, Secy. Vaughn Granbery of the American Junior Bowling Congress, Youth Chairman James Johnson, E.R. J. J. Provenzano, Mrs. George B. Smith who is Secy. and Coach of the League, and Richard Davis, Mgr. of the Freeport Bowl where the program is held.



PEARL RIVER, New York, Lodge burns the mortgage on its home. Left to right are Trustee Joseph Levere, State Pres. Peter Affatato, D.D. Clark Van Fleet, and E.R. George Foden.

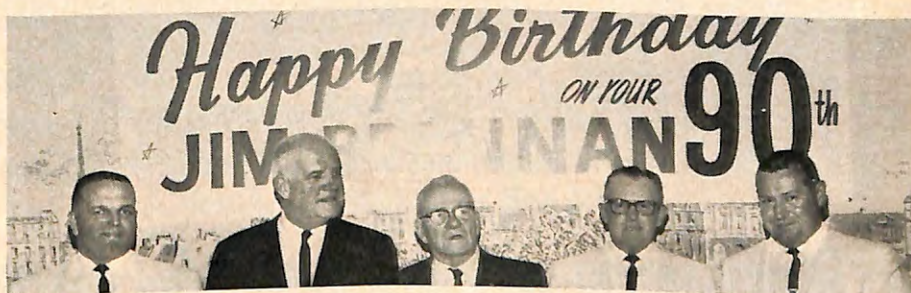


WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night took the familiar form when former leaders of the lodge handled the ritual for the initiation of a class of 20. Special guests included Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, Grand Lodge Committeeman John Harty and State Vice-Pres. Henry Flaherty.



CORAOPOLIS, Pennsylvania, E.R. Sam Dugan, fourth from left background, presents his lodge's annual gift to Supt. Lucille Cochran of the D. T. Watson Home for Crippled Children in the presence of Committeemen Richard Pitts, Chairman, George Hanis, Calvin Sweigart, Victor Mastro, Dallas Stewart, Est. Lead. Knight Ludwig Adams and Chaplain Albert Parton; Watson residents Carolyn Brown, Chrystal Grimes, Alan Peterson and Judy Pluechel, and Mrs. William Middleby, R.N.

STREATOR, Illinois, Elks pay tribute to 50-year member James Brennan on his 90th birthday. Left to right are Est. Loyal Knight Robert Wargo, Lawrence Brennan, his father, James Brennan, E.R. Francis Hopper and Lead. Knight James Stevens.



LEOMINSTER, Massachusetts, Lodge's Irish Night program was graced by the presence of three hostesses from Irish International Airlines. Left to right are Geraldine O'Connor, Est. Lead. Knight and Mrs. Joseph M. Dolan, King and Queen of Tara, Miss Eileen Murtaugh, Airlines Rep. John Maguire, and Catherine White.



RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Lodge honored fellow Elk Nick Cutro, Coach of the Jersey City Jets, winners of the Atlantic Coast Football League's Southern Division. Left to right are Est. Lect. Knight and Youth Chairman Joseph Cuzzo, E.R. Louis Gattuso, Co-Chairmen William Tobin, P.E.R., and Joseph Sperone, Nick Cutro, and Co-Chairman Joseph LaMagna, Trustee.



EVANSTON, Illinois, Elkdom's Crippled Children's Chairman Dr. O. E. Andres, left, and E.R. Charles Bowser, right, were witnesses when the Evanston Elks' ladies, represented by Mrs. Donald Hill, second from right, and Mrs. Bowser, presented \$785 to Joseph M. Cooke, Exec. Dir. of the State Elks Crippled Children's Commission.





BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, Lodge held a dinner when its Scholarship winners and Youth Leaders were honored. Left to right are LEADERSHIP Chairman Ron Stewart, Mayor Rodney Hughes, P.E.R. and Scholarship Chairman, Youth Leader Judy Patterson, Scholarship winner Susan Huber, and Steve Buchenroth, who won both Scholarship and Youth Leadership awards.



MARQUETTE, Michigan, Lodge honors three of its most active members. Left to right are J. Kenneth Moyle, retiring Trustees Chairman; Gene Longtine, honored for his work in promoting the lodge's outstanding programs; E.R. James DeMarinis, who made the presentations, and P.D.D. George Hawke, retiring as Treasurer with over 30-years' service to the lodge.



FARGO, North Dakota, Lodge has sponsored a Midget Hockey Team for the past three years, and is proud of the fact that the boys won the State Amateur Hockey Assn. Championship in 1965.



GALENA, Illinois, Lodge welcomes the five Muchow brothers into the Order. Left to right, they are Kenneth, Ralph, Lawrence, Walter and Charles Muchow.



JOPLIN, Missouri, Elksdom welcomes State Pres. Howard A. Bopp on his official visit. Left to right are Past State Pres. H. C. Oltman, E.R. Robert Keisner, Mr. Bopp, and Past Pres. Guy D. Moore.



DOWAGIAC, Michigan, Lodge's Old Timers Night paid special honor to its 27-year Treas. Carl Barton. Among the veteran Elks who received special tribute were, foreground, 97-year-old George Chapman, the lodge's only surviving Charter Member and an Elk 63 years, left, and 82-year-old Ross Buckels, right, a 60-year member. In the background are 56-year Elk Vern Redner, 52-year member Harold Essig, 50-year Elk Aubrey Lorzeler, and 54-year member Harry Skeeps.

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MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Lodge welcomed 131 candidates in the P.E.R.'s Class, some of whom are pictured here with P.E.R. and lodge Secy. Joseph J. Haertl, fifth from left foreground, who conducted the ceremony.



WILMINGTON, Ohio, Lodge honored three-time E.R. Corwin C. Nichols on his 58 years of service to the Order, with a dinner, initiation and the placing of his photograph in the lodge room. With P.D.D. Nichols, center, were, left to right, foreground, State Vice-Pres. Walter Springmeyer, Est. Lead. Knight Virgil Botts, E.R. Ben Briggs, and State Pres. C. Ross Cline. Also honored at this program were half-century Elks N. S. Ireland, Roy Smith, Howard Hudson and Scott Molyneux.



GREAT BEND, Kansas, should be quite sure of the loyalty and patriotism of these youngsters when they become teen-agers. Ranging in age from three to six, these young stalwarts marched proudly as "Future Elks" in a recent patriotic parade in Great Bend.



FARIBAULT, Minnesota, Lodge's roster lists three members of the Simpson family, initiated not long ago in the lodge's newly remodeled home. Left to right are Donald Simpson, his son, Wallace, and son-in-law Wayne Bauernfiend.



LAFAYETTE, Louisiana, Elks officers are holding the certificates issued to them by Governor John J. McKeithen who appointed them as Colonel and Aides-de-Camp on his staff recently.





MONTPELIER, Vermont, Lodge's tribute to its P.E.R.'s included the initiation of 48 candidates. Pictured on that occasion were, left to right, foreground, beginning fourth from left, Tiler Richard McCormick, Inner Guard George Hatch, Treas. George Chase, Secy. Steve Mancini, Est. Loyal Knight Robert Milne, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee Chairman Raymond J. Quesnel, E.R. Henry Augustoni, State Pres. Armand Beltrami, Lead. Knight Wallace Glander, Lect. Knight Carl Quesnel, Chaplain Jack Brewster, and Esq. Percy Birchard.

News of the Lodges

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HEMPSTEAD, New York, Lodge's Old Timers Night saw P.E.R. John Wichman as Master of Ceremonies, and P.E.R. Bill McMahon deliver the Eleven O'clock Toast. Among the veteran members pictured with the lodge officers are P.E.R. McMahon, Nick Williams, William Semke, Ignatius Wahl, Clarence Cohen, Walter Frame, Ed Molyneaux, John Riley, Bill Behrendt, John Tiedemann, P. Ellenbogen, Nick Blessi, Louis de Pineros, P.E.R. John Puls, Herbert Mirschel and Harry Bodsch.



TEWKSBURY-WILMINGTON, Massachusetts, Lodge welcomed these 37 candidates at a recent meeting.



GETTYSBURG, Pennsylvania. The Baltimore Orioles Caravan made a hit with more than 200 Gettysburg Elks who hosted them at a roast beef dinner, proceeds of which go to the State Elks Cerebral Palsy Fund. In the foreground are, left to right, Asst. Public Relations Dir. Phil Itzoe; Ticket Mgr. Bill Roberts; Exec. Vice-Pres. Frank Cashen; Vice-Pres. for Bus. Affairs Jack Dunn; Asst. Ticket Mgr. Joe Codd; background: pitcher John Miller, player personnel Director Harry Dalton, sportscaster and M.C. "Chuck" Thompson, E.R. William Shoemaker, outfielder Paul Blair, local Elks C/P Chairman Glenn Weishaar, P.D.D. William Kuhn, and third-base coach Billy Hunter.



CLEARWATER, Florida. Parents of nominees for the Freedoms Foundation National Americanism vs Communism Essay Contest accepted Clearwater Lodge's Certificates of Achievement for their college student offspring. Left to right, foreground, are Mrs. Richard Mowery, Mrs. Ed Heidt, Jr., Mrs. R. J. Levens, and Mrs. D. W. Carlisle; standing: E.R. Ray Daniels, Mrs. Alan Y. Hopkins and son Michael, a winner; Mrs. E. W. Brown, wife of the local high school coach, parents of Cynthia Brown, one of the Foundation's Honor Certificate Award winners, and P.D.D. Richard H. Burkhart. Another Foundation Certificate winner was Miss Terry Ann Wright.

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland, Lodge's 10th Annual Sports Night for 300 youngsters, their parents and coaches, had Bob Wittenberg, Capt. of the Naval Academy's football team, and Tom Matte of Baltimore Colts gridiron fame as principal speakers. More than 125 trophies were awarded to members of the teams which played baseball and football under the Elks' banner. Left to right are Est. Loyal Knight Roy Fuddell, Youth Chairman Joe Atwell, Tom Matte, Ted Poleski who won the lodge's Youth Participation Award, Bob Wittenberg, P.E.R. Jackson Grapes who was M.C., and E.R. Charles G. Quinn.



RED HOOK-RHINEBECK, New York, Lodge's retiring E.R. Howard Laib poses with his officers and the members of the "Under-the-Wire" Class they initiated just before the turn of the term.



NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey, Elkdom was increased by 20 candidates when P.D.D. James A. Bates, fifth from left, foreground, and Trustee Edward M. Gay, 15-year Chairman of the lodge's Crippled Children's Committee, fourth from left, were honored. Others pictured include, left to right, foreground, P.E.R.'s J. E. Donovan, Paul Moore, R. J. Stafford, J. S. Burke, and V. R. Loftus; background: Joseph Knolmeyer, T. M. Brenner, J. J. Bates, Morris Roth, J. R. Varley, Sol Seid and R. H. Paulus.



PENNS GROVE, New Jersey, Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night saw these members honored with the initiation of a class of ten. They include, left to right, C. H. Margerum, Jr., J. J. Noone, John Nicholas, Frank Hood, P. L. Ulissi, E.R. Silvio Martell, Russell Ochipinti, Rocco Martell, Francis Coneeny, R. J. Alcorn, Nicholas Buncich and C. R. Quackenbush.



MANSFIELD, Ohio, Lodge's interest in youth is emphasized in this photograph taken when a quartet of top local scholars received tributes from E.R. W. F. Marshall, right, and Dist. Youth Chairman M. A. Mihalick, second from right. The young people, are, left to right, Linda Johnson, winner of a local Elks' and, county scholarship, Youth Leader Linda Ulm, Susan Jackson, another scholarship winner, and Youth Leader Vets Krebs.



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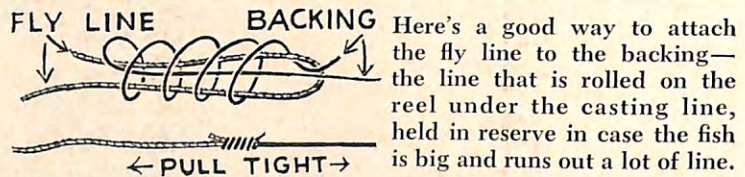
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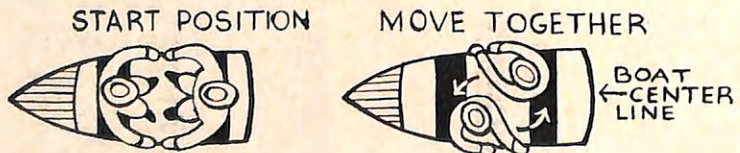


June is panfish month over much of the country, now that spring is firmly settled in and summer on the way. Shown here, left to right, are three favorites—the yellow perch, the horned pout or catfish, and the bluegill sunfish. All are found in lakes and will take basic bait such as worms. Catfish seldom are caught on flies and lures, but the others are.

Backwoods boat liveries sometimes have dubious boats and motors for rent. It's better to have your own and learn how to use it and care for it. Cartop boats are not too expensive and require a light motor. Nowadays most accessible lakes have boat-launching ramps for trailer rigs. Be sure you have a complete tool kit, including spare plugs, prop, and shear pins as well as U.S. Coast Guard approved safety gear.



An anchor line should be at least five times the depth of the water for effective and bounce-free holding. If it's too short, the boat will tend to lift the anchor in rough water.



If you and your fishing partner have to both move in the boat, do it this way: Place alternate hands on gunwales, move together side-by-side in center of boat.

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Connecticut	Willimantic	June 3-4
South Dakota	Watertown	June 3-4-5
Kentucky	Covington	June 9-10-11
Utah	Logan	June 9-10-11
Minnesota	Duluth	June 9-10-11-12
New Jersey	Atlantic City	June 9-10-11-12
North Dakota	Mandan	June 12-13-14
Indiana	Fort Wayne	June 16-17-18-19
Washington	Bellingham	June 16-17-18-19
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Massachusetts	Chicopee	June 17-18-19
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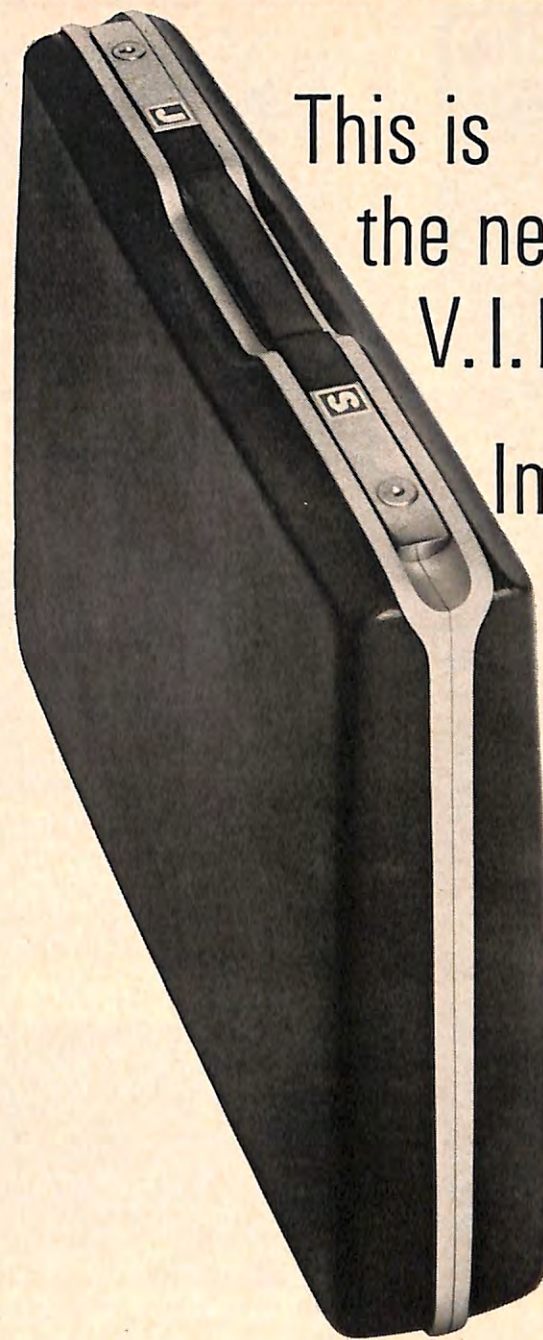
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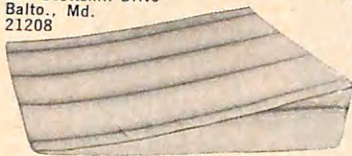
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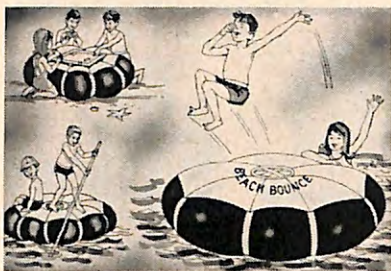
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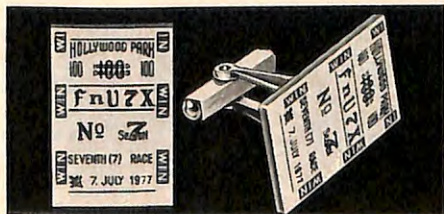
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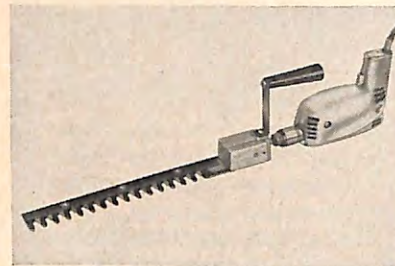
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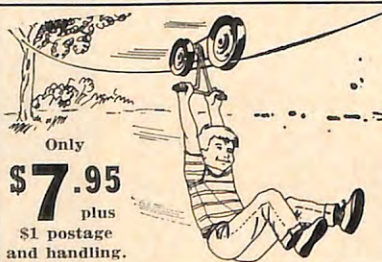
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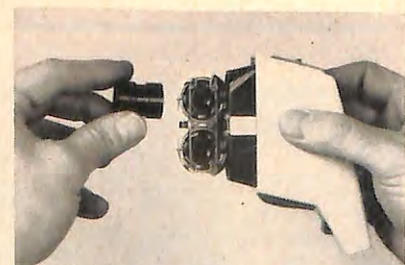
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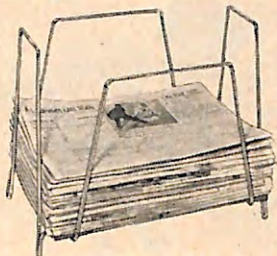
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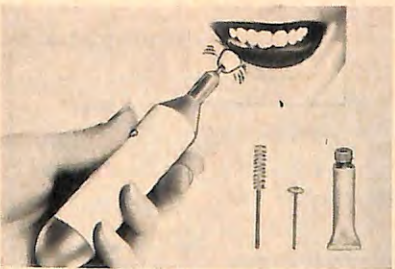
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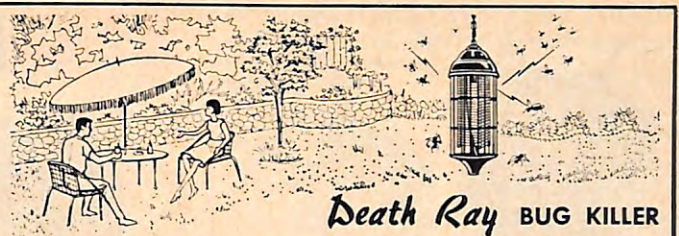
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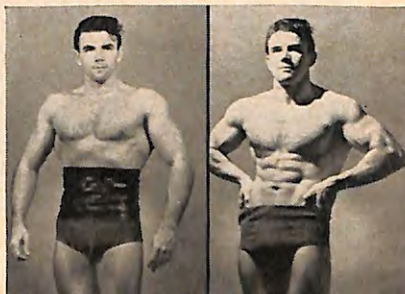
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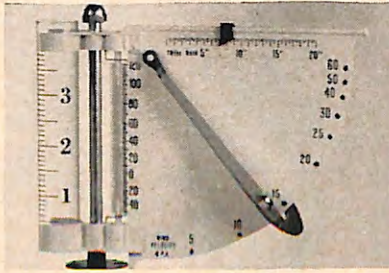
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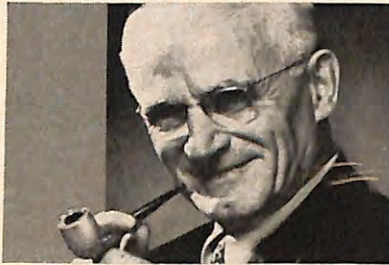
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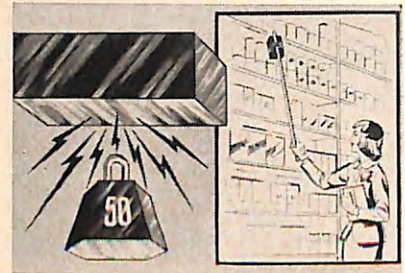
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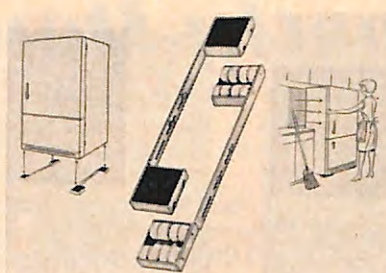
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Grand Exalted Ruler Bush addresses Mississippi Elks at a dinner in his honor hosted by Gulfport Lodge. At the head table, l. to r., are A. W. Lang, Jr., Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge and master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Lang; Mrs. Bush; and Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall.



Seen outside Coalinga, Calif., Lodge's new home, dedicated earlier this year, are, l. to r., Past Exalted Rulers L. W. Payne, Jr. and Percy E. Carter; then Exalted Ruler Robert D. Vert and Mrs. Vert; Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Bush; Mrs. M. Laney, a cousin of Brother Bush; and Past District Deputy John Havey.

Lodge Visits of **R. LEONARD BUSH**

Mostly Down South

ROANOKE, VA. "Your splendid accomplishments should inspire each of you to do greater things for Elksdom and this lodge in the years to come. I am confident you will," Grand Exalted Ruler Bush told his audience at the 75th Anniversary banquet of Roanoke Lodge.

Brother Bush and his wife, who stopped over here for the observance on their return from a tour of southern Elksdom in April, were met at the airport earlier by Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. John L. Walker.

The Grand Exalted Ruler, following his introduction by Brother Walker, declared that he was proud of Elksdom's accomplishments, citing specifically the Order's effective Americanism program, its varied youth activities, aid to disabled veterans, and the Elks National Home.

"I am gratified that this year for the first time our contributions to the Elks National Foundation not only equalled, but substantially exceeded a million dollars," he said. "For practical purposes the \$1,331,937 taken in by the Foundation this year was the attainment of my goal of one dollar for every

Elk on roll at the beginning of the year."

Brother Bush told his listeners that he had had a successful administration because they and the other members of the Order "accepted my challenge: 'Be a Player—Not a Spectator.'"

BILOXI, MISS. Addressing a dinner meeting given in his honor by Mississippi's Elks, Grand Exalted Ruler Bush commended the state's membership for adopting as its major project a mobile cerebral palsy therapy program. The affair, also attended by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall, was held at the Broadwater Beach Hotel, with Gulfport No. 978 as the host lodge.

Brother Bush told his listeners that they would be instilled with pride when they saw the results of their major project. Referring to the mobile cerebral palsy program operated by the Elks of his home state, he told the Mississippians, "You, too, will have the same thrills we have."

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$1,000 check from Gulfport Lodge to the Elks National Foundation. Brother Bush received the

check from Murray G. Hurd, Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, and Foundation Chairman for the State Association.

COALINGA, CALIF. A dream long held by the officers and members of the lodge in this oilfields and agricultural metropolis became a reality earlier this year with the dedication of their new, \$75,000 home on a two-acre site at the city's western approach. Present for the ceremony was the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Bush. Other honored guests included Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Horace Wisely, and Bruce Marsh, President of the California Elks Association.

The dedicatory ceremony was conducted by a team of Past District Deputies headed by James O. Reavis, who was District Deputy when Coalinga Lodge's charter was granted in 1938.

During the two-day celebration the lodge was also host to the East Central District Conference and the District Past Exalted Rulers Association's annual Jamboree, which was followed by a dinner-dance attended by 500 members and their guests.



On his official visit to Louisiana Grand Exalted Ruler Bush was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by Past Presidents of the State Association and New Orleans city officials at Antoine's. Gathered round the table for the festive affair are, l. to r., Past Assn. Pres. and Mrs. Jake Clausen; Mrs. Willis C. McDonald; then Association Pres. J. Arthur Fontenot and Mrs. Fontenot; Judge Paul Chazez, Past Pres.; Mrs. William A. Wall; the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Bush; Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall; Mrs. Paul Chazez; City Councilman Joseph DiRosa and Mrs. DiRosa; D.D. Oliver Blanchard; and then E.R. of New Orleans Lodge, Anthony Miranti. Standing l. to r., are Dick Thomas of the New Orleans Tourist Bureau and Mrs. Thomas; Past Pres. and Mrs. George Lupo; Past Pres. and Mrs. Harry Garland; Willis C. McDonald, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman; Clarence La Croix and Charles B. Emery, Past Presidents; and Past Pres. and Mrs. B. L. Champagne.



On a recent visit to the Sunshine State the Grand Exalted Ruler received a key to the City of Tampa. Making the presentation is P.E.R. Peter J. Hovey of Tampa Bay Lodge. Others in the photo are, l. to r., W. S. Compton, then President of the Florida State Assn.; P.E.R. George M. Adams of Tampa Lodge; Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall; and District Deputy Henry Poage.



The Grand Exalted Ruler is seen with local and State officials during his visit to Holiday Isles, Fla., Lodge. Seated with Brother Bush (third from right) are, l. to r., Special Deputy Robert Cameron, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall, Past Exalted Ruler Douglas Anderson, then State President W. S. Compton, and District Deputy Henry Poage.



Grand Exalted Ruler Bush (front row, center) and prominent Virginia Elks at the 75th Anniversary observance of Roanoke Lodge. With him are, front row, l. to r., State Tiler Robert L. Panell; Elks National Home Supt. Doral E. Irvin; P.G.E.R. John L. Walker; State Pres. B. M. Scott; Judge Alex M. Harman Jr., P.D.D.; and State Scholarship Committee Chm. Robert C. Atkinson. Rear, l. to r., Past State Pres. Paul S. Johnson, Anniversary Chm.; D.D. Everette W. Mays; State Vice-Pres. Cecil G. May; P.D.D. Martin J. Brennan; P.D.D. R. Calvin Nelson; P.D.D. K. V. Brugh; and Past Grand Inner Guard Charles D. Fox Jr.



Long months of planning and hard work by the officers and members of Weymouth, Mass., Lodge culminated earlier this year in the dedication of their handsome new home. Delivering the principal address on the auspicious occasion was Grand Exalted Ruler Bush. Shown here, l. to r., are P.E.R. Patrick J. Connolly, general co-chairman; D.D. John W. Flannery; Special Deputy Edward Spry; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John Fenton; Brother Bush; then Exalted Ruler D. Frank Henry; the Rev. Laurence J. Brock, S.J., Honorary Chaplain of the Mass. State Association; and P.E.R. Alfred L. Kemp, general co-chairman.



When Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lodge earlier this year broke ground for the construction of an addition to its home, Grand Exalted Ruler Bush was on the scene. Here he's shown turning the first spade of earth. With Brother Bush are, l. to r., Exalted Ruler Leroy Ludwick; architect Raymond Rood; Mayor Edward Bury of Fort Lauderdale; Florida Assn. President W. S. Compton; Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall; District Deputy Robert Grafton; Assn. Vice-Pres. Karl Klaeger; and Frank Adler, Chm. of the Broward County Commission.



During a Florida visit Brother Bush took time out to get in some fishing off Key West. Obviously well pleased with the day's catch are, l. to r., Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall; Grand Treasurer Chelsie Senerchia; Captain John West of the charter boat Mae West; the Grand Exalted Ruler; Past State President W. S. Compton; and Past District Deputy Peter J. Ross.

WHEN *Lightning* STRIKES ...

By G. R. VON KRONENBERGER

Nature's white flash of death destroys millions worth of property and takes more lives each year than any other natural disaster. What is lightning? What can you do to safeguard your family and your home?

ONE DAY three men in North Carolina were enjoying a round of golf—a round they never finished.

A sudden storm interrupted their play, and the trio retreated to a rain shelter on the course. Moments later the man in the center was dead and the man on his left was burned, with long blisters on both legs, his trousers ripped to shreds, and one shoe torn off. Lightning had paid a lethal visit.

Miraculously, the third man was untouched, and, as often happens, the dead man had no mark on his body.

Among all of nature's violent acts, lightning is by far the most destructive to life, limb, and property. Each year it destroys property worth hundreds of millions and kills more people in the United States than any other natural disaster.

If this year proves true to form, a tragic number of Americans will be casualties of direct lightning strikes, and many more will die or be injured by lightning sideflashes or fires caused by this devastating natural phenomenon. Many of these lives could be saved if individuals would just practice common sense safety rules.

The searing power of one lightning bolt can smash a building to bits, set a forest ablaze, or kill a score of people. But another, even more powerful stroke may hit a neighbor's house, skip across the street, over the yard, and enter your home to knock you out of your shoes while leaving you otherwise unharmed.

In one instance, a bolt hit the roof of a country home near Pittsfield, Mass., crashed through the wood wall, and bounced to the ground. There was no metal, no plumbing



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"And though the safest spot is generally the center of the room, see that this location does not place you between a conductor leading down from the roof and another opposite leading to the ground. Your seat might turn out to be an 'electric chair' if it stood between a fireplace and metallic heating or plumbing fixtures on the other side."

or wiring for the bolt to follow, and the ground itself at that point resisted the passage of electricity. Whereupon the lightning showed its unpredictable nature and ripped open a trench 155 feet long, two to three feet wide, and a foot or two deep, and sped on through the sod to the house of a neighbor who had modern improvements. There it punched a hole the size of a dinner plate through the concrete foundation to leap across the basement and finally latch onto a well pipe leading deep into the earth.

In another more tragic case, lightning hit a tree alongside a suburban home, ran down the trunk to an attached wire clothesline, followed the line to a bolt that fastened it to the house, entered the dwelling, and reached a television set that touched the wall on that side. The young mother attempting to unplug the set was instantly killed; her five-year-old daughter, sitting close by on a couch, was temporarily paralyzed.

When caught outdoors in a sudden thunder squall, do you run for the nearest tree that will give you shelter from rain? When indoors, with lightning flashing and thunder crashing overhead, do you unplug electric appliances? Both are common reactions during electrical storms. And both are typical violations of safety rules that can make you literally "dead wrong."

It is important to understand that lightning is an electrical charge seeking the earth. In so doing it follows the line of least resistance. Anything in its path, such as a tree or a house, is an impediment through which it endeavors to pass as quickly as possible, and that urge is realized by the lightning's seeking the best conductors.

When lightning is striking near your home and you choose that moment to unplug appliances, you are exposing yourself to the same danger that you are seeking to protect your appliances from—a surge of lightning current through the house wiring.

When storm clouds gather, there is a wild turbulence inside them. Humid air condenses to raindrops, water turns to ice crystals inside violent air currents, and there is a resulting separation of electrical charges. The brilliant flash

we know as lightning is the surge of electrical charges rushing to meet their opposites.

Usually, negative charges accumulate in the lower part of the cloud, while positive charges build up in the earth and in the upper part of the cloud. Lightning occurs when the attraction between these opposite charges become strong enough to leap across the gap of non-conducting air separating them.

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"Despite the temptation to talk to others, it is a good idea to leave the telephone alone during an electrical storm."

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ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

A National VAVS Tribute to Elkdom



Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, left, offers personal thanks to the Order's National Service Commission, represented by Bryan J. McKeogh, its Executive Director . . . and, below, a reproduction of the award.

"No nation is known so well for its voluntary services as the United States of America, and the word which best characterizes the entire American history is the word 'volunteer'."

This was Vice-President Hubert Humphrey speaking before more than 2,000 delegates and officials attending the Washington, D. C., meeting which marked the 20th anniversary of the VAVS.

As one of the most prominent members of the VAVS, the Order of Elks was on the receiving end of the program, with Bryan J. McKeogh, Executive Director of the Elks National Service Commission, representing its Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, in accepting the award. These citations [below left] were presented to the participating organizations by William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

Acknowledging Elkdom's two decades of service, the handsome plaque reads in part:

"As a member of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, your organization has played a major role in helping us to plan and develop our nationwide program of volunteer participation in the medical care and treatment of patients.

"Your organization's contributions—along with those of the other members of our national volunteer advisory committee—to the recovery and rehabilitation of veteran-patients have brought a new dimension to citizen volunteer participation.

"In addition, your organization's work with us has given a new meaning and significance to the working together of government and our country's great private voluntary organizations in a common cause—our endeavoring to assure the best in care and treatment for our country's sick and disabled veterans."

A highlight of the three-day session was a luncheon honoring those organizations, and their representatives who attended the first planning meeting on April 8, 1946, which led to the birth of the official VAVS plan. Guest speaker on that occasion was Brig. Gen. F. R. Kerr (Ret.) who served as the National Committee's first Chairman.



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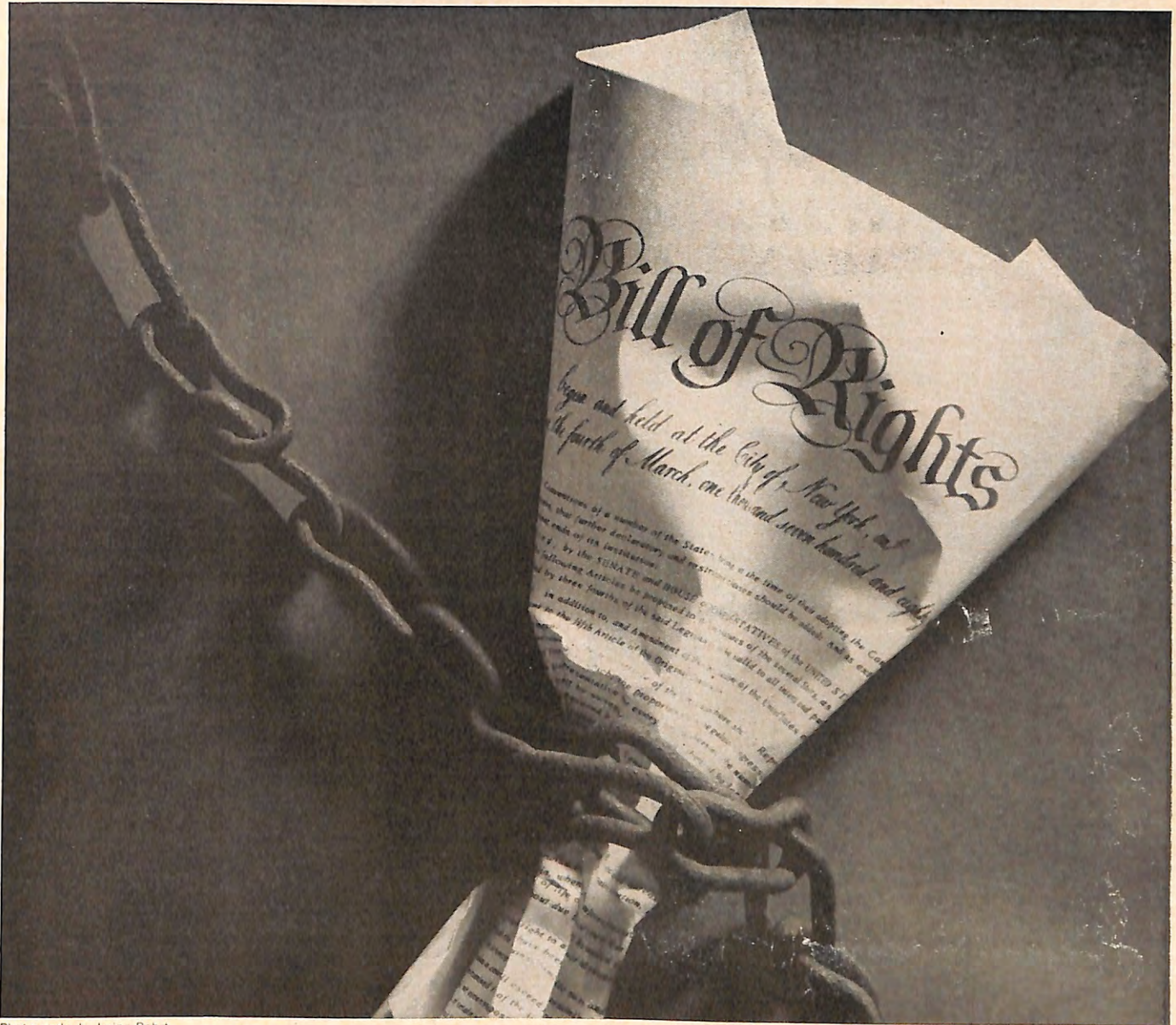
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Sad to say, it doesn't work that way.

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When Lightning Strikes . . .

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A sudden storm that catches you unaware is created by the same violent air turbulence that causes lightning. A tree or other object in the path of the storm may serve as an electrical conductor or "ladder," on which ground charges climb to strain toward their opposites in the cloud. If you take shelter under the largest tree in a group, or one that stands alone, you're choosing the likeliest lightning target in the area.

Most lightning deaths and injuries are from sideflashes off the main bolt, or from contact with the ground or an object heavily charged by lightning. The reason is that during storms people are generally in or near objects that are better lightning targets than themselves. There are more lightning casualties in homes than in any other type of location, mainly because that is where the most people are during storms.

There's no moving away from lightning, either—at least not within the limits of the United States. All states have electrical storms, some more often, some more severe than others. The average number for any given area is about 40 storms yearly. Residents of New England are in the unenviable position of experiencing particularly long and severe storms.

More specifically, there are from 40 to 80 lightning strikes per year within the average square mile in this country. You can compute the number of strikes you may expect in your particular square mile by estimating one or two strokes per thunderstorm in the area. If your area, for instance, has 50 storms yearly, expect from 50 to 100 bolts to hit within a half mile of your house this year!

A classic example of the regularity with which lightning can strike a particular area is the tragic case of John Stark, an Illinois farmer. First, Stark's barn and livestock were destroyed. Within ten days, his hayshed was struck and burned. A short time later, a bolt hit a fence, injuring Stark. Seven years after the first event, lightning ended its terrible pursuit, killing Stark in a neighbor's barn.

Statistics on deaths and injuries from a recent study completed by the Lightning Protection Institute show that almost one-fourth of the casualties studied occurred in the home. These were the result of lightning strokes going inside the house via the chimney, plumbing, wiring, TV antenna, or directly through the roof.

It is common sense, then, to pay some attention to the elements of your home which may serve as conductors, and your relationship to them. The average individual who backs away from a window thinks nothing of standing in a doorway or in front of a fireplace, for instance, where the hazard is greatly increased.

The chimney with its attached TV antenna is an obvious target for lightning, being the highest point on the house, and a charge striking it will go directly earthward down the chimney or antenna lead-in wire unless it finds a better conductor on the way, such as the metal fixtures around the fireplace or a metal heat or vent pipe. If this new conductor isn't grounded, the charge leaps out to the next nearest conductor, and anyone happening to be in its path gets the full charge.

It is wise, therefore, to stay away from the walls, the fireplace, plumbing lines, the TV set, telephone, and particularly the kitchen sink during a storm that is striking close. And though the safest spot is generally the center of the room, see that this location does not place you between a conductor leading down from the roof and another opposite leading to the ground. Your seat might turn out to be an "electric chair" if it stood between a fireplace and metallic heating or plumbing fixtures on the other side.

This is the principle behind the occasional telephone

accident in conjunction with thunderstorms. Where the telephone wires are strung overhead on poles, they often are struck. Sometimes the charge follows a lead-in to a house, and when this happens it is possible for you to be severely injured. Despite the temptation to talk to others, it is a good idea to leave the telephone alone during an electrical storm.

Lightning moves about 30,000 times as fast as a bullet, and if a big stroke were to hit you, you'd never know it. But if you are like most persons and have a slight touch of astraphobia (fear of lightning) you may get consolation from the physicist's maxim: "If you see the flash, you know it missed you"; it's all over but the thunder, which is simply the sound effect of the explosion and occurs simultaneously with the flash.

The time difference between seeing lightning and hearing thunder is due to the difference in the speeds of light and sound. Light is practically instantaneous while sound travels about 1,100 feet per second. Hence, if you count the seconds between the lightning flash and the first sound of thunder and multiply the results by 1,100, you will have the distance in feet between you and the explosion.

Lightning is a tremendously powerful force and may contain 100 million volts and 200,000 amperes—thousands of times as much power as in your electric house current. A lightning bolt leaps across a mile or more of non-conducting air. Your house voltage of 220 volts or less would have to be increased a thousand times to make your house current jump even one foot!

Lightning bolts are classed as either "hot" or "cold." A hot strike lasts up to a tenth of a second, has a high amperage, and sets fire to flammable materials in its path. A cold strike is much faster, has a higher voltage in relation to amperage, and has an explosive rather than inflammable effect. A large bolt of cold lightning has enough power to lift the 44,893-ton ocean liner S.S. *United States* six feet into the air.

The intense heat generated when lightning strikes directly often causes all the sap in a tree to boil instantaneously and evaporate; in a chimney, the violent expansion of the moisture in bricks may produce an explosion which blows the bricks into millions of pieces.

Scientists have been unable to measure lightning precisely, but its approximate dimensions are known. The core of pure electrical energy in an average bolt is about one-half inch to three-fourths of an inch thick. It is surrounded by a four-inch-thick channel of super-heated air. The length of the stroke may be from 2,000 to 15,000 feet or more, with an average stroke about 4,000 feet. All lightning strokes are actually multiple, and there may be up to 40 strokes in quick succession, spaced up to half a second apart.

All this is interesting enough when lightning strikes harmlessly in open country, but when it becomes exploratory it takes on a different complexion. In a home near Boston, a bolt crashed like a bomb down the chimney, blew off the furnace door, and went through the basement recreation room like a mob of rioters. Furniture, including a heavy billiard table, was smashed and tossed around in confusion, one chair being driven against a cinder block wall with such force that the legs stuck in the blocks and held there. But no other part of the home was damaged and, fortunately, the recreation room contained no occupants.

Some persons still smirk at any reference to the lightning rod because of the many homeowners who were defrauded by slick lightning rod swindlers during the early part of this century. But this doesn't alter the truth that the properly designed and installed system rarely, if ever, has failed to carry through its protective function and offers an ideal safeguard.

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Complete protection systems are neither expensive nor difficult to obtain. But you should trust only a competent, reliable, experienced installer to do the work. It is *not* a do-it-yourself project.

This brings up the television hazard, which is greatly misunderstood. In a country forested by tens of millions of TV antennas, larger than ever because of more exacting demands of color television, the relationship of aerials to lightning should be clarified: Such an antenna is a lightning target—*not lightning protection!*

The average antenna, even though grounded and equipped with a lightning arrester, does not offer lightning protection to the house. It is neither grounded with a sufficient-sized conductor nor does it provide enough paths for the lightning to enter the earth. Although many television antennas are being trusted to keep a house safe, it is a dangerous practice and offers only false security. Even with the television antenna equipped to act as a functional lightning rod, because of local area buildups in metallic bodies and other parts of the house, coupled with the fact that many times lightning strikes from the ground up rather than from the cloud down, it cannot be expected to act as lightning protection for the entire house.

Contrary to the old saying, lightning may strike the same object numerous times if there is anything left to hit. The Empire State Building, for example, has been hit as often as 48 times

in a year. On one occasion five immense bolts struck the Washington Monument during a single storm.

One of the authentic adages about lightning is the warning against seeking shelter in or under an isolated object. If the only rain shelter available is a tree, pick a small one in the middle of a grove. If caught in the open with no shelter at all, stay away from knolls, utility poles, and golf tees. Yet it is just about as hazardous to be well out in a clearing yourself, thus constituting the highest point in the area. The theoretical compromise would be to stand near an object, making it the highest point, but not going directly under it.

By the same token, it is prudent to give wide berth to wire fences during a storm, for their posts offer an attraction to the charge and their wires are excellent conductors.

The safest places to be during electrical storms are in buildings with proper and complete lightning protection systems, or buildings with continuous steel frame construction with the framing grounded; in closed automobiles; or in a cave, ravine, or ditch.

Coming back to the outdoors again, campers might remember that rocky ground in the open seems to have a strong affinity for lightning, and such localities can well be avoided for campsites. Likewise, groups of people in the open have more attraction than individuals and should scatter during a severe thunderstorm.

PRECAUTIONS can be carried to the nth degree when the storm strikes so close that the flash and the report are practically simultaneous and the air is loaded with the pungent and unmistakable odor of ozone. If you are in such a storm and notice a sensation that feels like your hair is beginning to stand on end, you may be getting set up to be a lightning target. In such a circumstance toss dignity to the winds and lie flat.

After all, it's better to be muddied than another victim of nature's white flash of death. • •

Freedom's Facts

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tries away from economic and political ties with the West. This is the policy of neutralization and anti neo-colonialism.

Communists employ the see-saw theory of world power. At the same time they weaken the West, they try to strengthen themselves, if possible, at the West's expense.

So it was that a world trade conference was held in Moscow in 1952, to increase communist trade with the

West. Many Western businessmen laughed at the Soviets' pretension. *Freedom's Facts* reported that this was the start of a major communist economic offensive. It was.

One phase of the still continuing offensive is the sale of communist products at cut rates to drive Western firms out of key markets. An example is the sale of communist-controlled oil to East European satellites, and to Italy, France, and Norway as well.

A second phase is the division of labor among the East-Central European satellites through the Moscow-run Council for Economic Mutual Security (CEMA). For several years the satellites have been on a course of expanding trade with the West—selling consumer items in exchange for manufacturing facilities and advanced technological equipment.

During recent months various CEMA committees have been holding more frequent meetings to coordinate sales and purchases in order to multiply the economic strength of the communist bloc. Obviously the sale of a consumable item does little to strengthen the economy of the West and may, in fact, weaken it if the item undercuts business firms in the West. Purchase of manufacturing facilities and advanced technological equipment, however, strengthens the communist economy, whether it be a textile factory, computers, or lathes.

Which analysis is more nearly correct? Which should be applied to the question of East-West trade? Should we be concerned only with exports with a military potential when the Soviet struggle against us is primarily economic and political, or should we consider trade in respect to how it strengthens or weakens the relative positions of the communist world economy, and the free world economy, non-military as well as military?

The answer will do as much in the long run to determine the victory or defeat of freedom as the outcome of the war in Vietnam, and possibly more. • •

For Elks Who Travel

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slingers menaced the meek. Life in general was just a bowl of nuggets.

The gold strike of '63 brought 35,000 souls streaming into Alder Gulch. They came with quick-rich dreams, and when it was all gone, they vanished too. After this Virginia City dozed till the arrival of Charlie Bovey—wheat farmer, state senator, and the Player Piano King of Montana.

Bovey banished the ghosts and ran up the tourist banner, forming the Virginia City Trading Co. He also flooded the town with player pianos, and now rinky-tink piano roll blues pound away day and night in the old Bale o' Hay Saloon. Melodramas are performed in a weather-beaten livery stable and an information booth operates out of a tumbledown, one-room schoolhouse. And instead of digging for gold, the townsfolk now are mining the tourists. Visitors put up at the Fairweather Inn on Main Street, the Bonanza Inn behind the Wells Fargo Coffee Shop, or

down at the Nevada City Hotel & Cabins.

Charlie Bovey also got involved in another ghost town, Nevada City, a mile down the road, where a sign reads: "A ghost town now but once one of the hell roarin' mining towns that lined Alder Gulch when men were men and women were scarce." One building is stuffed with player pianos, another booms with a steam caliope from France, and there's a player band organ—from Brooklyn, of all places. Even the local service station, The Town Pump, has a player piano.

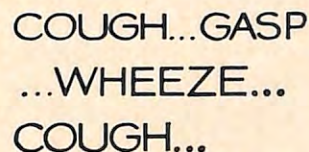
Back up the road in Virginia City, wagon-wheel chandeliers light the Wells Fargo Coffee Shop and customers warm themselves around a potbellied stove. It was 100 years ago that six weary prospectors camping below the Tobacco Root Mountains struck gold. Soon hordes moved in and lawlessness reigned as gunmen followed on the heels of the gold seekers. By day Sheriff Henry Plummer played the part of lawman. But by night he became a notorious bandit gang leader in a Jekyll and Hyde drama that eventually cost him his life. His gang terrorized mining camps. Gold was stolen; men were murdered. The miners, fed up, finally formed a vigilante group. In a single six-week period they rounded up, and hanged, 21 men—in-

cluding the crooked sheriff. Up on Boot Hill the graves are marked by whitewashed slabs. It's a place to see if you have Yellowstone on your list.

On leaving Yellowstone I suggest that you motor out the south entrance so that you can also visit Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park. Here, rent-as-you-go camping is the newest wrinkle in the far west of Wyoming. The plan is designed for city boys, like myself. Those of us who wouldn't know a tent stake from a grubstake can rent everything that's needed. Five dollars will get you a tent all set up and ready for occupancy. Another 50 cents pays the tab on a sleeping bag. Ice coolers rent for 25 cents a day, and there are even utensils for cooking. In case you don't care to camp, there are log cabins with a nightly ransom of \$7.

Trailer space rents for \$1.50 a night, and another 40 cents gets you a bar of soap, a towel, and shower. There's a launderette nearby, as well as a gift shop, cafeteria, fountain grill, corral, tackle shop, boats for rent, a swimming beach, and a tap room that dispenses 50 kinds of beer from all over the world.

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well. The late John D. Rockefeller Jr. handed over 52 square miles of Jackson Hole Monument to Grand Teton National Park in 1950, and currently it's been a pet project of Laurance S. Rockefeller.

Other facilities operated by the Rockefeller family's Grand Teton Lodge Co. include the 350-room Jackson Lake Lodge, where the late President Kennedy stayed, and Jenny Lake Lodge, where the latch key to a bungalow with meals for two is yours for about \$40 a day.

Up the road in the upholstered lobby of the multi-million dollar Jackson Lake Lodge, matrons with silver in their hair and honeymooners with stars in their eyes are enthralled by the picture-windowed vista of the snow-capped Grand Tetons. Marvelous meals are served in a dining room seating 500. Rooms in the lodge itself start at around \$13 single and \$15 double a day.

Entertainment ranges from cowboy songs in the Stockade Bar to longhair concerts by the Jackson Hole Symphony Orchestra on Saturday night. A gift shop for well-heeled tourists features such old-time favorites as a slightly used beaded Indian vest tailored by the Sioux in 1890, \$250; polished turquoise necklaces, \$750; a handmade angora sweater from Sweden, \$135.

For those who tire of the Tetons there's a 30-mile raft trip down the Snake River with a luncheon stop at Deadman's bar, a sandspit beside the river. The river trip and lunch come to \$10. It costs another \$10 for a bus-boat combination into the wild life refuge and the Chapel of the Transfiguration.

Woven into the park are 170 miles of hiking trails, or, if you're really enthusiastic about exercise, enrollments are open in a mountain climbing school not far off. Graduation exercises consist of a two-day trek to the top of Grand Teton.

After this, and with a little yodeling training, you're ready to take off for the Alps. • •

Space and the Military

(Continued from page 7)

space. This is to be supremacy of scientific achievement for prestige and national pride of accomplishment. It is also supremacy in terms of such tools and weapons as may be necessary to protect American operations in space, and on those portions of the earth below which fly the American flag.

Russia's entire space program has been under military direction from the beginning. The Soviets, like the U.S., found their way into space through

rocket boosters developed for intercontinental missiles.

The U.S., intent on science and peaceful utilization, sought quickly to take the prime responsibility for the American program out of military hands. That philosophy dominated Congress during the writing and passage of the act creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. There is, of course, the probability that sponsors of the Space Act—who knew that the U.S. must get up there fast—suspected rightly that Congress would eagerly provide billions for the exciting new prospects of a national program conceived in the name of an ever-elusive peace, but might balk at the thought of pouring out endless funds for something which might develop into a frightening arms race if left to military jurisdiction. Hence, under a carefully drawn law, the American emphasis has been given to so-called peaceful pursuits, under control of civilians.

This approach has alarmed some military experts, who have felt the first requirement in space must be national security.

The fact is that far more has been done toward security in space than is generally known, partly because much of the activity is highly classified but principally because most publicity has focused on NASA's manned flight programs with the one-man Mercury and the twin-pilot Gemini flights, and with the Presidentially proclaimed goal of a manned landing on the moon in this decade, through Project Apollo.

Dr. Edward C. Welsh, executive secretary of the National Space Council, has insisted for years that it is virtually impossible to split the U.S. space program into separate military and civilian segments; what serves one serves the other. A calculation by Gen. Schriever supports this thesis. Gen. Schriever has estimated that in the military version of NASA's Gemini spacecraft, the vehicle which will form the "cockpit" of the Air Force Orbital Laboratory, the Air Force would use 75 percent of the design and engineering developed by NASA and 85 percent of the flight and operations experience. The Air Force has been in charge of all NASA manned flight launches to date, utilizing the USAF Atlantic Missile Range and working out of Cape Kennedy.

The blend of military and civilian operations has been fully recognized and publicly accepted at the Pentagon.

In his testimony before House and Senate Committees this year in support of the budget, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara said: "The defense space program is an integral part of the much larger National Space Program, expenditures for which now total \$7 billion a year. The Defense portion of

this national program is designed (1) to explore the space environment for military purposes, (2) to complement the work of NASA and other Government agencies in those fields in which the Defense Department has already achieved a high degree of technical competence, and (3) to explore the usefulness of manned space systems for military purposes."

The Defense Department's budget for space was put at \$1,621,000,000 for fiscal 1967, divided about equally for work on manned and unmanned systems.

Purely for the purposes of national security, the progress with unmanned space systems has far outstripped developments in manned flight, although the latter is the more dramatic and ultimately, doubtless, the more important of the two. Seemingly, the Air Force has lagged in manned flight, a touchy point among men accustomed to piloting supersonic aircraft and who wish to go higher and farther, faster.

Yet, had the Air Force been in charge of the entire program, it is doubtful that the drive for supremacy in space could have been pushed much faster. The things done with unmanned vehicles could be done far more quickly, and needed doing. We'll examine those in a moment. But for manned flight, almost every step taken by NASA would have had to be taken by the Air Force to train the astronauts and to design, build, and test the spacecraft. The tracking network and the communications system are continuing essentials.

But first man had to fly in space, and learn to maneuver his craft and return to earth safely. Then he had to move outside the vehicle and prove his ability to move himself, and use his hands. He had to learn to rendezvous with another spacecraft, and link the two together in the docking maneuver.

With these things accomplished in the Mercury and Gemini missions, the Defense Department was ready to approve the Manned Orbital Laboratory, known as "MOL," which is to be just that, a flying workroom to help determine just what man can really accomplish in space when given time and adequate room.

Not in the foreseeable future will man be able to take off, ride out into space, and drive about freely as in a conventional aircraft within the atmosphere. Until new and more powerful engines are developed, perhaps in some form of nuclear system, space flight will be restricted to orbital paths. (The size of the orbit can be altered, the plane can be changed, and relatively small out-of-plane maneuvers can be performed, as we know.)

For military purposes, the Air Force is focusing its attention on manned

operations in "near space," that area lying between the altitudes of 50 and 500 miles, where some particles of atmosphere are still to be found.

The Air Force was given the mission of space station development in December, 1963. Preliminary designs were studied, and on August 25, 1965, President Johnson ordered the Department of Defense to proceed with the development.

An allocation of \$1.5 billion was pledged for the MOL. First flights are scheduled in 1968, with the program continuing through five more flights with two-man crews.

The official proclamation listed the "primary objectives" of the MOL program: "Learn more about what man is able to do in space and how that ability can be used for military purposes.

"Develop technology and equipment which will help advance manned and unmanned space flight.

"Experiment with this technology and equipment."

Already the Air Force has selected the first eight of twenty research pilots who will be assigned to the MOL operation. The MOL will consist of a Gemini spacecraft mounted atop a 41-foot canister, 10 feet in diameter. The Gemini has a height of 13 feet.

The canister is the laboratory, the place the astronauts will call home for

the planned 30-day missions. A connecting door is being cut through the heat shield at the base of the Gemini, giving the astronauts direct entry into the laboratory. At the conclusion of the mission the pilots will reenter the Gemini, cut loose from the canister, and return to earth in what has become the workaday manner.

The MOL would be left in orbit. If all goes well, it is possible that eventually a shuttle service could be instituted, with fresh crews coming up at more frequent intervals; and if this should work as expected, a permanent space station would replace MOL.

But such things are far in the future, subject to the testing and checking and redesigning of vehicles—subject in turn to the information MOL will obtain.

While the Air Force is experimenting with the MOL and the ungainly Gemini spacecraft, tests are under way for new vehicle designs providing a controlled, flying-type reentry that would permit the astronaut to bring his craft down on any runway desired. Success in this development could end the dangerous parachute landings in the oceans, each a suspenseful chiller.

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largely a matter of speculation, but from their demonstrated abilities, from an occasional announcement and boasts, and from electronic surveillance, the U.S. authorities believe they have maintained our pace in some categories.

The Air Force is willing to speak publicly—but not much—about such unmanned space programs as ballistic missile warning, the anti-satellite defense already discussed, detection of nuclear detonations, communications.

The missile warning system goes beyond the existing "SPADATS," the Space Detection and Tracking System operated for NORAD (North American Air Defense Command). SPADATS is a network managed by the Air Force and Navy which locates, follows, and identifies every satellite orbited from the earth. Each is numbered and checked out carefully and continuously through its lifetime. This is a going and reliable concern; the operating costs for a year total \$39 million.

What the Air Force is trying to do now is develop satellites that can detect ballistic missiles at launch or during the powered flight stage, which would give the U.S. priceless additional minutes of warning of a nuclear attack. Many of the experiments made in the NASA manned flights are designed to assist this program.

More impressive strides have been made in a program called "Vela," which once bore the code name "Vela Hotel." This is a screen of satellites sent aloft to detect nuclear detonations in space should the Russians attempt to sneak in a test in violation of their pledge—or worse. Vela is a surveillance system, purely and simply, and the world knows about it.

The first two nuclear test detection spacecraft were fired into a nearly circular orbit at an altitude of 55,000 miles in October, 1963. Another launch was made in July, 1964, putting two more satellites into a similar orbit, and the fifth and sixth detective satellites were sent up in July, 1965. All six satellites are still in operation, performing as scheduled.

Communications are the lifeblood of military operations. Distances in the Vietnam war have demonstrated more than ever before the need for improvements in this area. After a lag, while available funds were used for other purposes, and while Pentagon officials had an opportunity to observe the non-military communications satellites at work, the Air Force pitched headlong into this field last year. Action is coming swiftly.

Three Titan III-C rocket boosters carrying eight satellites each will be launched by the Air Force this year, with the "talking moons" being placed in equatorial orbits at random spacing at an altitude of 21,000 miles. This

group will be called the Initial Defense Communication Satellite System, which will be checked out thoroughly until mid-1967 when, if it functions as well as expected, it will be thrown into full operation. Signals relayed through the satellites should bring a vast improvement in military communications to all points on the globe.

The initial system, Secretary McNamara said, is only a beginning, for before the end of the decade it should be replaced with an "advanced" network.

"Now that both satellite and booster technology has reached the stage where we can plan on relatively complex and heavy satellites being placed in high orbit and operating reliably for extended periods," McNamara said, "we have begun to study the application of such satellites to the communication problems of the field army, naval forces, and aircraft."

Almost forgotten by the general public is the Navy's navigational satellite system, a series of established and dependable little space stations that are used for precision position fixes never before available. This was one of the early and highly successful space programs of vital interest to such mariners as the commander of a Polaris nuclear submarine. An indication of its importance can be seen in a 1967 budget request for \$21 million, "including the purchase of launch vehicles required to replace inoperative or dying satellites."

A proud achievement of the Air Force has been perfection—almost—of the Titan III-C rocket booster they call a "launch vehicle." The Air Force was given responsibility for propulsion developments and, working from the old Titan ICBM, has turned out a vehicle in the III-C model which is considered the workhorse of the space age. Extra rockets are strapped onto the sides of the improved and modified Titan. First flight was in June, 1965, when two 120-inch-diameter solid fuel motors were added, giving about 2.2 million pounds of thrust at liftoff.

The Titan III-C can orbit a variety of payloads, ranging from 5,000 to 40,000 pounds and carrying the U.S. a long way toward catching Russia in the vital area of weight lifting capability. The III-C will be used for the MOL.

This is scarcely a spectacular development, except at the time of firing, but it cost nearly a billion dollars.

The Air Force is hard at other newer and more exotic space engine projects. One is the supersonic combustion ramjet, or "SCRAMJET," which Gen. Schriever said "shows the exciting possibility of bridging the gap between the upper atmosphere and space. . . . It is a technology program today; it may be an engine if we push it hard enough."

The "SCRAMJET," the general said, "would operate within the sensible at-

mosphere to the edge of space and could provide either the base to thrust tremendous payloads into space—or else an engine that could propel hypersonic aircraft.”

Apart from the manned flights in space, the most exciting projects, experimental and operational, unfortunately are shrouded in military secrecy. Yet a good deal is known. Half a dozen years ago, in the infancy of space, widespread publicity attended the birth of two Pentagon satellite programs called “Midas” and “Samos.”

“Midas” would carry infrared sensors and other electronic equipment to detect the launching of an enemy ballistic missile by registering the heat of its exhaust. “Samos” was to be packed with cameras to do a reconnaissance job that would make the work of the U-2 sky spy look like the production of an amateur.

Suddenly, not only the projects but the names themselves were classified secret. Then, because the press persisted in references to the names, even these were dropped and banned from mention in the military. The satellite projects were given code numbers.

About the same time, the Air Force scored dramatic successes with the Pioneer program where a satellite, brought back from orbit, kicked out a parachuted packet that was caught in mid-air by planes off the coast of Hawaii.

There were hints that the packets could be film from a Samos satellite.

Suddenly all military satellite launchings went under a news blackout, where they remain today. The Pentagon is careful to announce that a launch has taken place at the Vandenberg AFB pads, but that is all.

It is quite obvious to all observers

that both of the reconnaissance programs have been highly successful. The Air Force catches of the parachuted packages had become almost routine before they vanished behind the censor's curtain.

The brilliant earth photographs obtained by orbiting astronauts with ordinary commercial-type cameras are proof enough of the possibilities; special military models can show missiles on launch pads and aircraft on runways.

It must be noted that Khrushchev bragged of the sky spy photos of the U.S. taken by his camera satellites; no one at the Pentagon was inclined to doubt that he had them.

The infrared developments are even more fantastic. This equipment has been tested for the Pentagon on almost every NASA manned flight—and they have sensors now that actually measure the heat from the stars.

The next breakthrough, and it may be close, is expected in the realm of the laser, the amplified light beam that can serve as a transmitter for communications. Already the Gemini astronauts have conducted the first crude tests of the laser in communications. Experiments for other purposes have top priority. The Defense Department today has 176 separate laser projects in the works, involving missiles and satellites, ranging systems—and destructive systems.

At latest count, the U.S. had 166 payloads in orbit and the Russians 41. (A payload is the term used for a working satellite performing an assigned job.) Dozens of those little American “moons” bear a Pentagon tag, and hour by hour they are doing their unseen, unheard bit toward building security for free men in space.

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CONGRESS recently considered a proposal for a new wing at the Soldiers Home here—to accommodate 170 retired WACS. There are already 26 retired service ladies at the home, surrounded by 2,600 retired servicemen. The ladies share only the dining room facilities with their male counterparts. Their average age is 62.



LYNDON JOHNSON'S first picture, at age one, was appropriately taken by a federal employee-to-be. The man behind the camera was Herbert Benner, who lived on a farm next to the Johnsons and is a former professional photographer. Mr. Benner is now a retired letter carrier residing in Luling, Texas.

THE PRESIDENT, on his frequent forays into the crowds to shake hands and chat with the citizenry, apparently feels that his Secret Service protection is adequate. Evidently he does not want the two armor-protected cars recommended by the Warren Commission to safeguard the President, since the Secret Service budget for the next fiscal year starting July 1 contains no appropriation for them.

LOAN SHARKING, the underworld's practice of collecting usurious interest on loans, "is one of the most vicious crimes facing our society today," says FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in the

Bureau's *Law Enforcement Bulletin*. Interest rates usually run around 20 percent per week, and the penalty for non-payment may be bodily injury and sometimes death. Local, state, and federal authorities are working to put an end to the vicious racket, he said.

WATCH OUT for counterfeit \$20 bills, warns the Secret Service. Because of the larger return, counterfeiters usually prefer to turn out the twenties. While some of the bogus bills are skillfully made, most of this funny money is easily detected.

SELECTIVE SERVICE Director, General Lewis B. Hershey, has a copy of Haile Selassie's mobilization order, issued in Ethiopia in 1935, hanging on a wall in his office. The text, definitely not light reading for draft dodgers, reads in part: "Everyone will now be mobilized. . . . The blind, those who cannot walk or cannot carry a spear are exempted. Anyone found home after receipt of this order will be hanged."



ASTROFEMS, Astrohens, Astromolls. Those are some of the names suggested for the female Astronauts soon to be chosen. Other suggestions: Astronettes, Astrobiddies, Astrodames, and Astroskirts.

IF YOU QUIT working at 65, according to the latest Public Health Service figures, you can expect to enjoy from 12 to 16 retirement years—if you can afford them, that is. The anticipated average retirement span for all is 14.6 years. Life expectancy for all Americans is now 70.2 years, slightly longer than the Biblical three score and ten.

ROBERT EMMET'S STATUE has found a final resting place here at last. After having been stored in the Smithsonian Institution, the statue of the Irish revolutionist, executed by the British about a century and a half ago, has been placed in a small park at Massachusetts Avenue and 24th Street. It's seven blocks from the British Embassy, two from the Irish Embassy.



SHADES OF SPEAKEASY days. Bath-tub gin has come back to the Capital. But the stuff (100 proof) is now strictly legitimate. It's put up in quart Mason jars, as in prohibition days, but produced by a distiller down South.

U.S. FOOD SURPLUSES are being sharply reduced, and new records in farm exports are expected this year. Shipments to India's hungry millions will heavily deplete our surplus stocks. Uncle Sam is already the world's largest food producer, and experts say that before long we'll again be producing on some of the 160 million acres now diverted from crops. Rice and soybean growers probably will increase output.

SUMMER SHORTS . . . Interior Secretary Udall will establish national system of scenic trails, starting with the Appalachian Trail. . . . Most modest biography in new Congressional Record is under Maine—Senators—"Margaret Chase Smith, Rep." . . . Some 4,000 drugs will be tested by new Food and Drug Commissioner Goddard to determine their effectiveness. . . . Ah, well, item: The Government is spending \$91,000 to discover the dangers in skiing and another \$13,000 to study the learning process of the octopus.

PROGRAM

102nd Session, Grand Lodge B. P. O. Elks

DALLAS, TEXAS — July 3-7, 1966

(All activities are scheduled on Central Standard Time)

REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 9:00 A.M. and continuing daily during the Convention. Representatives, Grand Lodge members, visiting Elks, and ladies—Upper Lobby, Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

All to be held in the Dallas Memorial Auditorium, as follows:

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 8:30 P.M. Official Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. Addresses of welcome by state and city officials and Honorary Chairman Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, who will preside. Principal address by Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 9:00 A.M. Opening Grand Lodge Business Session. Election of Grand Lodge Officers for 1966-67.

2:30 P.M. Dallas Fourth of July Parade followed by special ceremonies in Dallas Memorial Auditorium.

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 9:00 A.M. Grand Lodge Business Session.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 11:00 A.M. Open Session of Grand Lodge. Reports and awards by Elks National Foundation, Elks National Service Commission, Youth Activities Committee, and Americanism Committee.

11:00 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 9:00 A.M. Final Grand Lodge Business Session. Installation of newly elected Grand Lodge Officers.

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

SATURDAY, JULY 3, SUNDAY, JULY 4, MONDAY, JULY 5: Preliminary Contests, Dallas Memorial Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Finals. Schedule in official program available upon registration.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1:00 P.M. Luncheon, District Deputies-Designate and State Association Presidents, followed by conference with Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect. Hotel Sheraton Dallas.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1:00 P.M. Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect's luncheon for all Exalted Rulers followed by clinic with Grand Secretary and Judiciary Committee participating. Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

9:00 P.M. Grand Ball honoring Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. R. Leonard Bush—Grand Ballroom—Sheraton Dallas Hotel. All Elks and ladies invited.

EXHIBITS

Display of Elk activities by Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees, State Associations, and others. Registration area, upper lobby—Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ELKS AND LADIES

Visitors will be welcome throughout the Convention period to all Elk Lodges in the district. There will be special convention discounts on outstanding sightseeing attractions and entertainment.

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MONDAY, JULY 4, 9:00 A.M. Complimentary sightseeing tour of Dallas and vicinity with stopover at a local lodge for refreshments. SPECIAL INVITATIONS and time schedule available at special booth in Registration area. *This program is restricted to ladies only.*

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2:00 P.M.: FASHION SHOW featuring the famed Neiman Marcus fashions. Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

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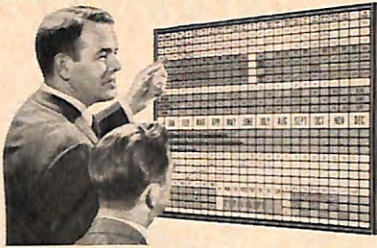
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Above: **Donald T. Stauffer of Middleville, Mich.**, who recently completed a course of study in cerebral palsy therapy at Western Michigan University under a \$700 grant, administers to two handicapped children. In a letter to Chairman **John F. Malley** describing his work, Mr. Stauffer said: "... It certainly has been worth all the effort to finish school when you get in the actual classroom and see how much you are needed. I'm so glad and thankful that the Elks National Foundation is doing such great work in the cerebral palsy field."

JOHN F. MALLEY. On May 16, some time after this issue had started printing, Chairman **John F. Malley** of the Elks National Foundation Trustees passed away. A full obituary on this outstanding Elk and great humanitarian will appear in the July issue.

1966 YOUTH LEADERSHIP WINNERS



Emerson Bell



Paula Dudnick

Paula Rose Dudnick, 17, of Pleasantville, N. J., and Emerson L. Bell Jr., 18, of Valdosta, Ga., have been named winners of the 17th annual Elks National Youth Leadership Contest.

Miss Dudnick was sponsored by Atlantic City Lodge, young Bell by his hometown lodge. Each will receive a \$1,200 U.S. Savings Bond.

The winners in the nationwide competition among high school students were chosen for their exemplary leadership records in school and community service activities, Americanism and citizenship appreciation, perseverance, stability, resourcefulness, and sense of honor.

Winners of second place in the Contest and \$1,000 bonds were Mary Patricia Daley, 18, of Rutland, Vt., sponsored by her hometown lodge, and Wilfred D. Bennett, 17, of Sunnyside, Wash., sponsored by the Lower Yakima Valley Lodge.

Third place honors and \$800 Bonds went to Mary Lynn Hummel, 17, of Augusta, Ga., and Stanley F. Wilson, 18, of Phoenix, Ariz., both of whom were sponsored by their hometown lodges.

National winners were chosen by a panel of three United States Senators under the chairmanship of Senator

Thomas H. Kuchel of California. The other judges were Senators Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin and Lee Metcalf of Montana.

In a joint statement to Edward C. Alexander, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman in charge of the competition, the three senators said that the contestants' records provided "inspiration as to the future of America under leadership of these young citizens." Dr. Melville J. Junion is Committee Chairman.

Miss Dudnick, who seeks a career in medicine, ranks first scholastically in her 705-member class. The first girl to be elected president of the Atlantic City High School's senior class, she is also president of her local chapter of United Synagogue Youth, and has won numerous science awards and an honorable mention in a poetry contest.

An honor-roll student during every year of his high school career, Bell in his senior year is president of the student council, the Beta Club of Georgia (a national high school honor society), and of the Presbyterian Church youth group. He is also a letterman in football, basketball, track, and golf.

Funds for the Leadership awards are provided by the Elks National Foundation.



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VIGILANT PATRIOT RECOGNITION

Elks everywhere will be proud that of the 31 Vigilant Patriot Awards given by the All-American Conference To Combat Communism in April, three of them were in recognition of activities involving this fraternity.

One of the Awards went to the Grand Lodge for its 1965-66 youth activities program.

A second Vigilant Patriot Award was won by Arlington-Fairfax, Va., Lodge No. 2188 for the 1965 Know Your America Week program it sponsored under the chairmanship of Brother H. C. Anderson.

Still a third was presented to Mrs. Alan W. Seibert of La Mesa, Calif., author of the memorable letter published in the October, 1965, issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE protesting the failure of Americans to show proper respect for the flag. Mrs. Seibert's husband is a member of El Cajon, Calif., Lodge No. 1812. The editorial page of the same issue was devoted to a discussion of the questions raised and points made by Mrs. Seibert.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a patriotic fraternity, but we have never been content to confine our patriotism to mere "flag waving" as that term is used to refer to empty, time-serving gestures. The Vigilant Patriot Awards are in recognition of that fact.

Our youth program, with its strong emphasis upon constructive Americanism as evidenced by Elks National Youth Week and our Elks National

Youth Leadership Contest, to mention but two of its salient features, has real substance and it is getting better every year. We are convinced that it is one very good reason why such destructive influences as communism and beatnickism have had such limited success among our young people. To put it another way, without this program, without our reaching out to our young people, year after year, guiding them, working with them, exposing them to the values, the ideas, and concepts that make ours a great nation, our country would indeed be in a dangerous pass today.

We should be grateful to all who have contributed, in however small a part, to the success of our youth program, and we ought to be ready to expand it to whatever degree is needed to reach the maximum number of our boys and girls in the most effective manner possible.

We offer our congratulations to Arlington-Fairfax Lodge and every member who contributed to the observance that helped to bring home to the people of that community last November the worth of America and its institutions. Mrs. Seibert deserves the thanks of every sensitive American for speaking out so forcefully and courageously against sloth of the spirit that weakens and eventually destroys those who become infected with it.

Let us apply ourselves even more diligently to making the spirit of American patriotism impregnable against all subversion.

The Monster of Loch Ness

We have always believed in the existence of the Loch Ness Monster and have never been able to understand why most people seemed to find it easy to dismiss it as just a myth. That such an improbable creature could really exist never seemed to us to be too great a strain on one's credulity, and there is mounting evidence—pleasingly scientific—that another old wives' tale is about to be established as the sober truth and not the figment of Scotch-inspired imagination as hinted by the scoffers.

Press reports tell of scientific examination of a motion picture film disclosing a huge "animate" object moving through the waters of the lake. On the basis of these findings, several expeditions have been organized to make a definitive search of the lake's depths this summer in an effort to settle once and for all the question of myth or reality that has begged for an answer ever since the monster's first re-

corded sighting some 1,400 years ago.

Since we first read of the Loch Monster some 50 years ago, we have secretly hoped that the day would come when the writers of humorous editorials, the tongue-in-cheek authors of feature stories, the blasé realists, and other scoffers would be confounded and confronted with the stark fact that *there is a monster in Loch Ness*. Their ready assumption that nobody in his right mind would believe the story for one moment was mildly infuriating. There was occasional encouragement from some accounts that took a more sober-sided view and conceded that there was a remote possibility that there was *something* there. But a something 90 or more feet long? Ha ha and ho hum! Now it begins to look as though the hard-headed realists may have to reconsider.

Nevertheless, if a monster of satisfactory dimensions is captured or its

existence otherwise definitely established by the scientific searchers, it will still leave many questions unanswered. Is this the original monster, now nearly 15 centuries old, or its descendant? If the former, then here will be a stunning phenomenon unrivaled in the annals of science. If the latter, then it would be reasonable to assume that there must be more than one monster, and the search must go on.

One theory that should be thoroughly tested suggests that the monster, if one there be, has access to the Loch from the sea through an underground channel, and that it transits the channel from time to time, thus explaining in part the intervals between sightings.

On the other hand, if the efforts of the expeditions prove fruitless, that will not put an end to the Loch Ness Monster. Future generations of feature writers will point out that the failure to find the monster may not be taken by reasonable men as proof that it does not exist, but only that it was not found.

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