

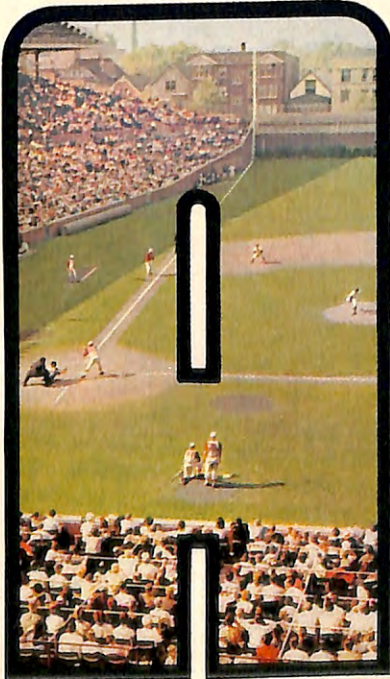
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Were I a cameraman, I suppose I might be saying that my memory is stored with innumerable pictures, every one an enlargement, many of them candid and many taken with a wide-angle lens.

On a continental scale I have glimpsed "a swarming and busy race settling and organizing everywhere."

On the fraternal front I have found that the Elks are organizing and expanding, too. What I have seen is proof upon proof of the vitality of the Order. The benevolent work of the Elks is being carried on with real enthusiasm. Our lodges are showing a remarkable capacity to respond to challenge, and to move resiliently with the changing times. The extent, the magnitude of the B.P.O.E. and its activities and causes, filling a need of Americans in countless commu-

nities, is something one has to see to appreciate fully.

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I am convinced of one thing, and this out of personal experience also: that when the demand is made upon us to stretch our energies and efforts to the utmost, our capacity for fulfilling obligations increases to meet the demand. Our capacity for enjoyment of fraternal and personal relationships likewise is enhanced, and so is our appreciation of all that is being done by others. The greatest resource we have, I am persuaded, is unselfish people willing to extend themselves.

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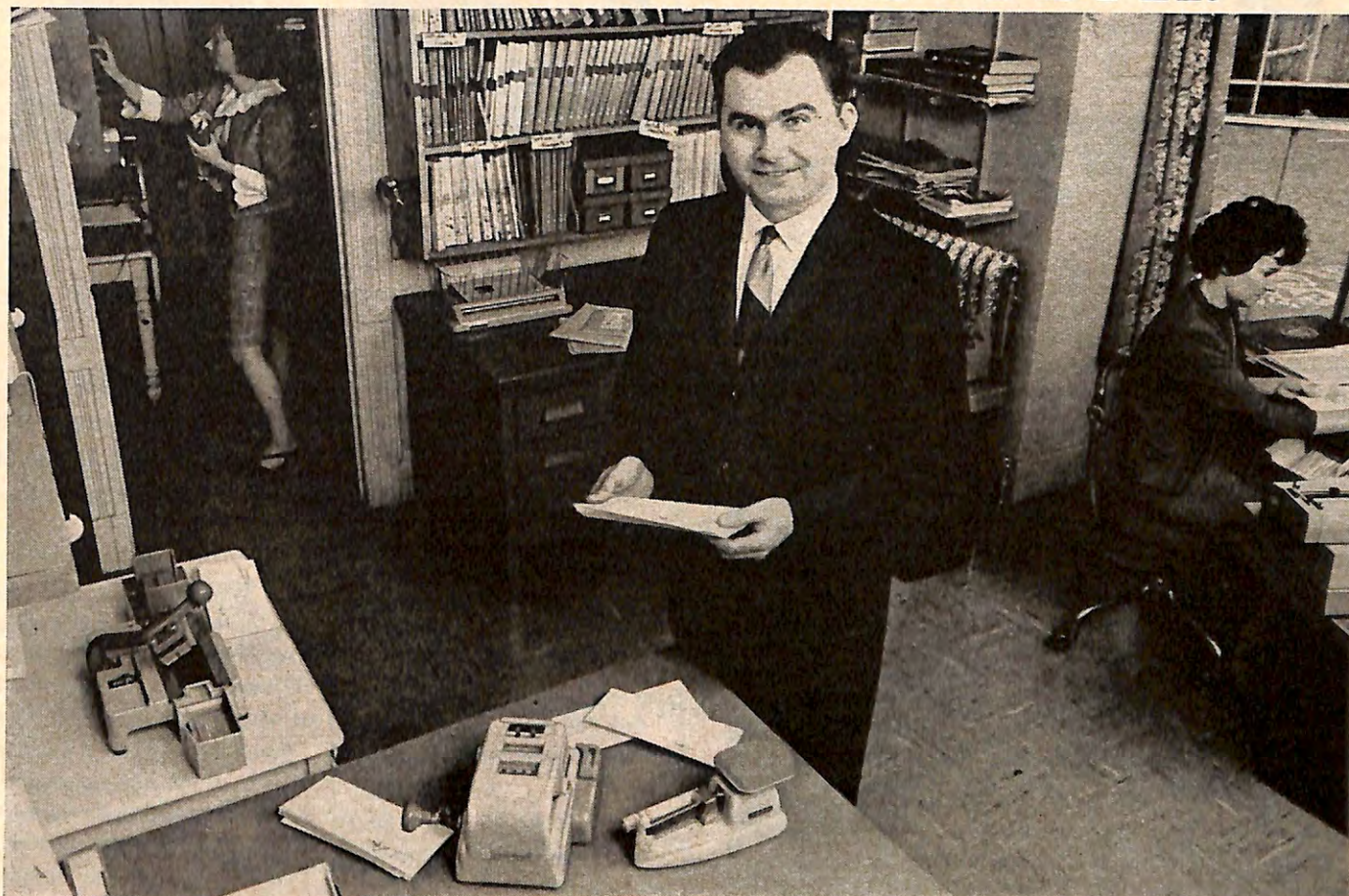
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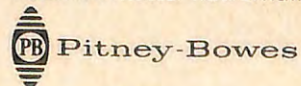
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Sincerely,

Governor

To the Delegates: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Convention

As Mayor of Chicago, and personally, I am happy to extend greetings and a warm welcome in advance to all members of the Order and their guests who will be in our city at the July convention. Chicago is proud to be the host city for this important meeting, and the delegates may be sure that the full measure of our hospitality is extended to them. My very best wishes for a most successful convention.

Sincerely,

Mayor





**Communism Today:
History's Legacy**

In recent years, newspaper and periodical headlines have presented to the American public examples of East-West rapport. President Johnson works actively toward bridges to the East and foreign policy academicians present views of peaceful engagement and cooperation. The ultimate questions still remain: (1) What are the present Communist activities which bear upon this subject, and (2) Are the Communist regimes really reaching accommodation with the West, or are recent actions merely within the context of historical Communist aims of expansion and ultimate world rule.

This article will try to present Soviet foreign policy in an historical perspective pointing out those significant factors which bear upon contemporary Soviet world conduct.

Soviet geography reveals through the centuries the most pressing force upon her foreign policy. Although most good Marxists would probably deny the importance of a nation's geographical position; this fact stands out throughout her long history.

No natural limits exist to which Russia could define or direct her energies. Due to the vast plains and steppes, the country is almost indefensible, with the Russian boundaries often reflecting the strength or weakness of her rulers. The traditional aims of Russian foreign policy are to absorb weak neighbors and to exercise as much control over those unwilling to yield and capable of resistance. Her specific territorial objectives are sea-outlets, ice-free ports, the subject of the historical drives toward the Straits, the Persian Gulf, and the Yellow Sea.

The great demands placed upon Russian rulers have established a need for unity and centralization. Although her constitution is federal in form (distribution of powers), the Soviet Union perpetuates the tsarist tradition of central control by the Communist Party.

Soviet territorial hunger can often be compared to the farmer who, when questioned why he was acquiring so much land, said: "I don't want much land, I just want that which joins my farm." So it is with Russia—she merely wants the security of ruling all the land that adjoins her. As she expands, through the device of using subser-

vient Communist Parties to control nominally independent nations, the borders extend and there are more neighbors to absorb.

Although considerable debate has taken place over President Roosevelt's actions at Yalta, one aspect is clear: Russia received her go-ahead to proceed with her ambitions and expansion. Roosevelt's closest advisor, Harry Hopkins, stated after the Yalta Conference: "The Russians had proved that they could be reasonable and far-seeing, and there wasn't any doubt in the minds of the President or any of us that we could live with them and get along with them peacefully for as far into the future as any of us could imagine."

The post-war era provided Russia with her great opportunity to fulfill five centuries of expansionist dreams. Her

moves, she contends, were within her legitimate spheres of interest and not the concern of the West. Thus, with 175 armed divisions she filled the vacuum left by the Allies. Not until the Soviet Union became a threat to the interests of the United States and Europe, did we answer the challenge; a challenge answered after millions of people were enslaved.

One may define, therefore, Russia's drive to the seas, her search for agricultural lands, and her insatiable need for world recognition in terms of Communism, pan-slavism, messianism or Colonist-imperialism. The ends have remained immutable and merely disguised or guided by differing principles. Communism today has a direct legacy in Russian history.

It is then the task of the United States to remember our national interest and the national interests of free men everywhere. If 'bridges' will in any way serve as an avenue for Communist expansion or enslavement, then we must re-analyze this game. Let us divorce ourselves from gaming with Russia and look to the ends which she hopes to gain from close contact with the West. If these ends are consistent with our policy let us proceed. Five centuries of Russian rule counsel extreme cautions.

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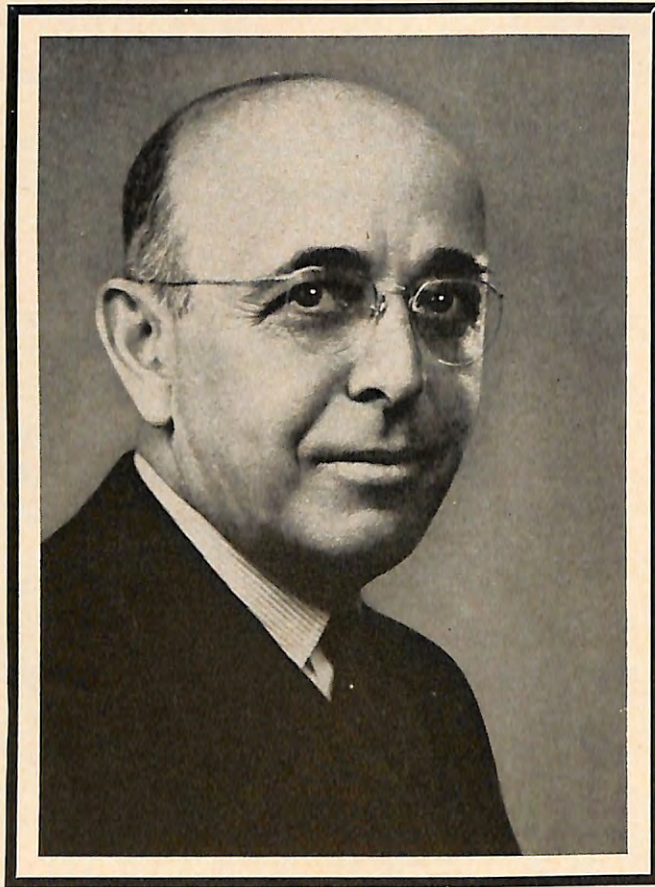
By LUCY SALAMANCA

MISTRESS GRAAF purposefully climbed the stairs to the second floor of the new brick house in High Street and entered the front parlor of her lodger's apartment. Though she and Jacob had been married but a short while, she wore her responsibilities as a prudent and conscientious goodwife with pretty seriousness. Their new lodger must suffer no neglect.

True, in renting their entire second floor—"parlor and bedroom, commodiously furnished and equipt," as the advertisement in *The Packet* had announced—he brought into the household a much-needed 35 shillings sterling each week; but he was, in addition, a gentleman of considerable importance, not only in Philadelphia but in other parts of the colonies, and as such was worthy of an added measure of respect. Although he had been but two weeks in the house, he had already brought there for conferences, on obviously weighty matters, sundry portly

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern

Sam Stern, who was Grand Exalted Ruler in 1952-1953, died May 20, 1967, in the Kahler Hotel, Rochester, Minn., at the age of 79.

The Fargo, N.D., banker and merchant had been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation since 1953. He was known for his work on behalf of the physically handicapped.

He was born Feb. 11, 1888, in Fargo. In 1909, he received a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Minnesota; he practiced law only a short period before entering business with his father. At the time of his death, he was president of the Alexander Stern & Co. department store in Fargo and a director of the Dakota National Bank of Fargo.

A 1910 initiate of Fargo Lodge, Brother Stern was elected Exalted Ruler 14 years later and served as Chairman of the lodge Trustees for a number of years. He was chosen President of the North Dakota Elks Assn. in 1927 and appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for North Dakota the next year. He served two additional terms as State President, from 1941 through 1943.

He was a founder of the North Dakota State Elks

Crippled Children's Committee and served as its chairman for a number of years.

When the North Dakota State Crippled Children's Commission was organized in 1941, Brother Stern was appointed its chairman by the governor. He held the post under two successive governors. He also helped organize Camp Grassick, a summer camp owned by the North Dakota Elks Assn. and offering physical and speech therapy to youngsters, and served as state chairman for the then National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Brother Stern had served on the Grand Lodge Good of the Order Committee, the State Associations Committee, and the Lodge Activities Committee before being elected to the Board of Grand Trustees in 1944. He served on the board through 1950-1951, when he was Chairman. He was elected Grand Exalted Ruler in 1952.

Among those who attended the services were G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson, P.C.E.R.s George I. Hall, Lee A. Donaldson, and R. Leonard Bush, and Nelson E. W. Stuart, Executive Director of the Elks National Foundation. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery, Fargo.

Brother Stern is survived by his brother, Edward.

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high-placed gentlemen whose presence, she felt, added distinction to her humble establishment.

The servant-girl Amelia had admitted these gentlemen frequently during the early part of the week, but for the past two days there had been no visitors; their lodger had shut himself up in his front parlor, writing furiously. This morning, however, he had put aside his quills and foolscap and gone off in a great hurry in the direction of Chestnut Street.

Mistress Graaf had taken advantage of his absence to check up on the serving-maid, and to make sure that the second floor had been put in order against his return, for he was expecting a gentleman—a Mr. Adams, he had told her. The girl Amelia had grown slatternly of late, and sullen, which annoyed Mistress Graaf, who took pride in her household.

She had never known anyone to write as much as their lodger, she thought now. The green-baize top of his writing desk was littered with Holland paper, covered with fine flowing script. A jar of mended quills and ink-pot always stood at hand on the desk and even on the small table beside the tester bed in his chamber. Each morning the table was littered with bits of paper on which he had jotted hurried notes, as if his fired brain gave him no rest, even at night, from thoughts urgent and worthy of preservation.

Jacob's wife drew her hand proudly across the white woven spread on the tester bed, erasing a wrinkle or two that had escaped the lax hand of Amelia, and wondered how the man found so much to write about. Whatever his subject, it absorbed him almost to the exclusion of what might be counted the normal pursuits of other men.

It was not as if the new lodger were advanced in years; he was no more than 33, Jacob had told her one day after a friendly exchange on the stairs. He was pleasant, too, and handsome, if a bit tall and narrow in the shoulders for her own taste, used as she was to the squat square strength of Jacob. Not many bricks a day could their genteel lodger haul and lay, she'd wager.

Mistress Graaf smiled contentedly to herself as she sharpened the edges of the bolster. For her part she was more at ease with a man who worked with his hands, gifted as their lodger undoubtedly was, after his own fashion. There was something satisfying, Jacob often said, about laying bricks—the way a wall rose under the hands or a building was raised straight and sturdy

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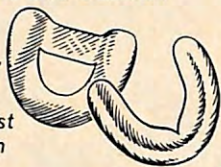
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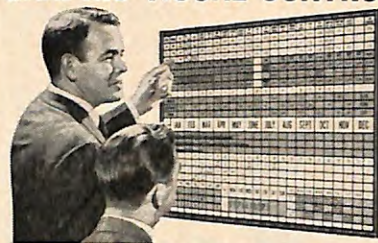


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By HERBERT R. STONE

A LOOK OF INCREDULITY spread across every face at the folding table in the center of what was, for this occasion, the boardroom. Corporate heads wagged in disbelief.

"How could this happen?" inquired the president again. "We've lost money steadily. It's supposed to be the other way around, you know. Our material was of good quality, our product was well manufactured, and our marketing efforts were successful. So what happened?"

The treasurer rose timidly and offered this simple explanation: "It seems, sir, that our costs exceeded the selling price."

The real reason for the group's ini-

tial failure can be attributed to lack of experience. And that's not hard to understand when you consider that the officials of the company ranged in age from 16 to 21. Their organization was one of more than 5,000 operating under Junior Achievement, an international educational program designed to teach the principles of free enterprise by having high school students own and operate miniature businesses. More than 80 percent of the companies in operation last year—including, eventually, the one mentioned above—made a profit.

During their business year (October to May), the junior executives go through all the steps of an adult firm. They have sales meetings, keep ac-

counting records, pay taxes (which go into a scholarship fund), and liquidate at season's end. A detailed annual report from each company informs stockholders of all transactions.

The Junior Achievers elect officers among themselves. The president, treasurer, marketing executive, and advertising manager are positions filled by high school students. But adult businessmen, civic leaders, and educators participate actively in the program. On a typical board of directors you might find a banker, a sales manager, a high school principal, a corporation president, and a representative of a service organization. The board of directors guides the program in its local area.

Oglesby, Ill., Lodge presents George A. Shields for Grand Trustee

At a regular meeting of Oglesby, Ill., Lodge No. 2360, held on May 2, 1967, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother George A. Shields has served Elksdom with great dedication; and

WHEREAS, Brother Shields has served the Order as Exalted Ruler; and

WHEREAS, Brother Shields has further served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and the Illinois Elks Association as its President; and

WHEREAS, he further served as Grand Inner Guard, and Committeeman of the Grand Lodge New Lodges Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that Oglesby Lodge No. 2360 of Illinois with great confidence, present to the Grand Lodge Convention to be held in Chicago in 1967, the name of Brother Shields to the office of Grand Trustee, for a period of four years, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

HAROLD MINDOCK, *Exalted Ruler*
FRANK RIGAZIO, *Secretary*

The executive director in each area is a Junior Achievement staff member and he is ultimately responsible for coordinating and directing all activities.

For almost 120,000 young people in 48 states and 5 Canadian provinces the program means a chance to work at free enterprise, a chance to use personal initiative in the framework of our economic system. Young people get to know what profit means, how it provides jobs and a better standard of living for all. Adult businessmen from counseling firms teach students the most efficient methods of production, sales, and management. Junior Achievers get an early jump on the techniques of business. Educators call the program "a laboratory in everyday economics . . . the perfect practical supplement to the theoretical knowledge of the classroom."

One Achiever in Omaha, after his first month of corporate experience, commented, "I thought all we had to do was find some product to manufacture for about 30 cents, sell it for \$1, and keep the other 70 cents. But we sure found out it's not that easy to make a profit."

Another Achiever confided, "Everything went pretty good while we were organizing and selling stock, but when we started manufacturing and selling the product we had quite a struggle keeping our heads above water."

The president of still another J. A. company confessed, "We racked our brains and came up with a novelty game we thought was good. We bought the material, went into production, and fell flat on our faces. We overlooked one important aspect of the business world—demand. Nobody wanted our product."

Fortunately the products of most J. A. companies are wanted, and by a wide range of people. One company, for example, produced a danger signal light

for motorists. It sold for \$2.90. That same company also made and marketed an expandable hemp belt with a brass buckle that retailed for \$1.75. Some companies work on a seasonal basis. One produced Yuletide logs until the middle of December and then turned to a plastic card container.

Achievers issue themselves salaries and commissions based on sales. Very often, the young people, upon graduation from high school or college, will look up the businessmen who advised them in the program. These men remember the young people and help them into careers, either in their own firms or in those of associates. Not only do Achievers get their first taste of business in the program, they often make the contacts that lead to their first job.

Al Seitz, an advisor in the Columbus, Ohio, program, put it this way: "Junior Achievement opens many doors to creativity if the public understands its true meaning and purpose. If given an opportunity such as J. A., youth will be better able to meet the challenges of the adult world. What better place to be given this opportunity than in a program supervised by trained and dedicated people whose sole purpose is to channel the ambitions and impulses of restless, awakening youth into development."

Benjamin H. Oehlert, Jr., senior vice president of the Coca Cola Company, commented, "Through Junior Achievement, today's youngsters have an unequalled opportunity to experience firsthand the pitfalls and the pleasures, the heartaches and the hurrahs, the tears and the triumphs of free enterprise."

These were also the feelings of Horace A. Moses, president of the Strathmore Paper Company, when he conceived the program almost 50 years ago. Mr. Moses had been intrigued by the "Learning by Doing" method used by 4H

clubs to teach farming to young people in rural areas. Mr. Moses wanted to apply these principles to the young people of urban areas whose future lay in the business and industry of the city.

With the help of the late Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Junior Achievement was established in December of 1919. Seven years later J. A. was incorporated in Massachusetts as a nonprofit organization. In 1929 the program was taken for the first time into a large metropolitan area, New York City, and at that point took on its present form.

Junior Achievement activity was severely curtailed by World War II, but in 1948 a vigorous expansion program established J. A. nationally. Today there are centers in 410 communities in 48 states, 5 Canadian provinces, and 6 foreign countries. Stockholders in J. A. firms number 600,000. In 1966, 5,746 miniature companies produced goods and services worth almost \$3 million. That in itself is a significant contribution to a free-enterprise economy.

Last year 275 companies were represented in the Chicago area trade fair, compared with 15 companies 12 years ago. And 10 had actual production lines to demonstrate to the public their manufacturing processes.

Junior Achievement, very simply, is a community attempt to teach youth the philosophy of free enterprise by having them deal with it firsthand. Advisors and financial support are supplied by business, moral support by educators and civic leaders; private individuals and foundations are contributors to the program—in short, participants include anyone interested enough to insure that each new generation learns what free enterprise means, and that each new generation learns before adulthood whether it is selling itself short of a reasonable profit.

News of the Lodges



DIGNITARIES at the institution of Hollywood West, Fla., Lodge No. 2365 include Chairman Glenn L. Miller of the G.L. Committee on Judiciary, Logansport, Ind.; P.G.E.R. Lee A. Donaldson; P.G.E.R. William A. Wall; S.P. James W. Vann, Pahokee; E.R. Bernard F. Dolan, and D.D.G.E.R. Karl H. Klaeger, West Palm Beach.

TWENTY MEN were initiated into Las Cruces, N.M., Lodge in honor of a most distinguished member—Chairman Robert E. Boney of the Grand Trustees. The new Elks include his son-in-law, Greeley Myers (left), and his son, Edward. A subsequent testimonial dinner for Brother Boney was attended by about 200 guests, among whom were P.D.D. Ed L. Harbough, Roswell, and S.P. Bob Boyd, Carlsbad, dinner speakers. Other dignitaries present included D.D.G.E.R. T. J. Williams Jr., Albuquerque, and P.D.D. Jerry A. Gorman, Las Cruces, who was master of ceremonies and event chairman.



AT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES held by Kearney, Neb., Lodge for its \$260,000 addition and remodeling project, the first shovelful of earth is scooped by an eminent lodge member—P.G.E.R. H. L. Blackledge—and E.R. Wayne R. McKinney. Other lodge officers watch. The original building was erected when the lodge's membership comprised 600; current membership is 1,920.



A TOUR OF ELKS AIDMORE HOSPITAL, Atlanta, is taken by G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson. Shown with Brother Dobson and three patients are Grand Trustee Roderick M. McDuffie, Atlanta, of Cascade-East Point Lodge, Mrs. Dobson, and P.G.E.R. Robert C. Pruitt. Support of the crippled children's hospital is the major project of Georgia Elks. Recent contributions to the hospital totaled \$70,576, of which \$44,413 was contributed by the Elks lodges and \$26,163, by the Elks Aidmore Hospital Auxiliary.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Raymond C. Dobson accepts a mock missile at a dinner in his honor at Cocoa, Fla., Lodge from outgoing E.R. Robert F. Trosset. Other dignitaries pictured are P.E.R. James W. Hooper; D.D.G.E.R. Charles E. McConnell, Titusville; P.G.E.R. William A. Wall; S.P. James W. Vann, Pahokee, and V.P. Henry D'Amico, Cocoa. The Elks left the dinner to see the firing of a missile at the nearby Kennedy Space Center.

A BEAUTIFUL CAKE commemorates the 93rd birthday and 67th year in Elkdom of P.D.D. Lou J. Nelson of Rawlins, Wyo., Lodge. His record of service in the Order includes 16 years as a lodge Trustee. A number of Brother Nelson's buddies enjoyed cake and coffee at the lodge to mark the occasion.





EUGENE, Oregon, E.R. H. C. Smartt receives the jewels of the lodge's highest office from his father, P.E.R. H. D. Smartt. The father was installed in the same office 50 years ago and is the lodge's oldest living Past Exalted Ruler.



DOWAGIAC, Michigan, Lodge honors 10 men who have been Elks for 50 years or more by presenting each with a plaque on Old-Timers' Night. Seated is George Chapman, 98, the lodge's only living charter member. He has been an Elk for 64 years. At the left is D.D.G.E.R. Albert F. First, Dowagiac, and at the right is outgoing E.R. Wallace Hammarstrom.



JOHN DAY, Oregon, Lodge initiated a class of 88 men, the second largest class in the lodge's history, recently. The new Elks include four sons of the Piquet family (seated): David, Alan, and Tebeau, who are triplets, and V. John. Next to them is their father, Virgil Piquet, a long-term Elk. Seated to the right of the Piquets is outgoing E.R. Joe E. Stewart.

SYCAMORE, Illinois, Lodge honors P.E.R. Charles B. Townsend (center) and P.E.R. and Judge Cassius Poust (right) in recognition of their long-term membership in the Order. Brother Townsend is a 54-year member and Brother Poust, a 51-year member. Outgoing E.R. Robert Caukin (left) presented each with a commemorative plaque. The ceremonies included the initiation of 11 candidates.



SOMETHING NEW IS ADDED to Florence, Colo., Lodge's status as one twin succeeds the other. E.R. Mario Di Nardo (left) accepts the gavel from his brother, retiring E.R. Albert Di Nardo. Lodge officers believe that this may be a first in Elkdom.



AN UNUSUAL FIRST in the 66-year history of Mahanoy City, Pa., Lodge has occurred with the installation of Robert F. Kline (right) as Exalted Ruler. He is the third Kline brother to serve the lodge in this high office. Also shown are P.E.R. Frank R. Kline, Robert's twin, and P.E.R. John A. Kline Jr.



A SURPRISE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY celebration to honor Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. C. P. Hebenstreit (fourth from left) and his wife, Lorraine, was arranged by other Past Exalted Rulers of Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge. They presented a pair of engraved, golden goblets to the couple. Also shown are P.D.D. and P.S.P. Steve Compass, P.D.D. Jerry Hawkins, P.D.D. and state Trustee Floyd E. Tumbleson, and P.E.R. Stanley O. Jones.



THE CALIFORNIA veterans service chairman—Harry Larson, San Gabriel—stands amid \$16,000 worth of toilet articles donated by the Mennen Company. The entire stock was distributed to hospitals in the state for the wounded returning from Vietnam.



PARADISE, California, Lodge's float in the annual Gold Nugget Parade commemorates the discovery at nearby Whiskey Flats of the largest nugget ever found in the state. It weighed 54 pounds. Shown are the Nugget Queen and her attendants. The float was built by Elks, aided by some of the ladies.



WINNERS OF THE NEW ENGLAND Past Exalted Rulers ritual contest, held in Biddeford-Saco, Maine, Lodge, are New Hampshire entrants: Candidate Edward Provencal, Laconia; Inner Guard Raymond F. Cotillo, Portsmouth; Est. Lect. Kt. Robert W. Dorman, Franklin; E.R. William H. Nadon Jr., Laconia; Chap. and outgoing E.R. John M. Mandziej, Nashua; Esq. Robert S. Ordway, Concord; Est. Lead. Kt. William H. Nadon Sr., Laconia, and Est. Loyal Kt. and outgoing E.R. Donald J. Dussault, Concord. Five of the participants were All-New England selections.



PONTIAC, Michigan, Lodge's Elks Male Chorus members are pictured at the close of another successful season; 24 of the 35 members are shown. The singers, who are well-known throughout the Detroit metropolitan area, perform at neighboring lodges and hospitals and for charitable and other special events under the direction of David Stimac.



A 36-GIRL PRECISION DRILL TEAM has been sponsored by Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge for the last three years. Under the direction of Brother Don McGee, the El Kadettes have won the last five State Open Championships. In the last three years, the team has performed for about 58 Elks Lodges, 29 outside of California. The girls traveled to Milwaukee to vie for the 1965 National Open Contest; they placed sixth. They travel by bus and carry sleeping bags, staying overnight at Elks lodges along the way. Team members and their Parents Booster Club raise funds for the trips by holding candy and peanut sales, rummage sales, barbecues, and such other affairs as special breakfasts and dinners.



ALLEGHENY, Pennsylvania, Lodge entertains stars of the "Hello Dolly" cast—Miss Carol Channing and Milo Bolton, a member of Essex Fells, N.J., Lodge. At the left is outgoing E.R. James S. Miller and at the right is Brother Robert V. Lascher.

TUCSON LODGE'S outgoing E.R. Morton K. Tuller (right) presents two elk heads to Brother Gene Reid, supervisor of Tucson parks and recreation, for the community zoo, under construction. The lodge is seeking two live elk calves to give to the zoo. Any member who can solve Brother Tuller's problem is asked to contact him.



Lodge Notes

Lake Hopatcong, N.J., Elks have good reason to be proud of their lodge as well as of their newly dedicated building. The Elks were left homeless when their old building burned to the ground. But through the efforts of P.E.R. Frank Seeley and the cooperation of Dover, N.J., Elks, who offered their facilities, the Lake Hopatcong Elks were able to remain together and active and obtain 50 new members while awaiting the completion of their new building.

The thrill of flying over Niagara Falls was the experience of 62 handicapped New Jersey children, many of whom had attended the Elks' Somerset County Children's Treatment Center in Somerville. The unusual, two-hour airplane trip, provided by Trans World Airlines, was sponsored by Plainfield, N.J., Lodge and the New Jersey chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, a men's professional journalism fraternity. Among the unofficial chaperons was Arthur Brown, chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee.

A high school senior who has kept up her schoolwork while confined to a hospital for six months—Miss Barbara Bivans—received a \$250 scholarship from Liberal, Kan., Elks recently. Miss Bivans was injured in an automobile accident which took the lives of two classmates and the parents of another girl.

Circleville, Ohio, Lodge has added something new to its successful program of assisting rehabilitated patients from the veterans hospital at Chillicothe to secure employment. Selected veterans now can obtain jobs in the area

while receiving treatment at the hospital. Under the program, directed by P.S.P. and Dr. David S. Goldschmidt, mock job interviews are held for the veterans. Industrial and business personnel interview the veterans as they would any other job applicants.

P.E.R. Albert W. Savage of Nashua, N.H., Lodge recently received a citation from the National Recreation and Park Assn. for his outstanding service to the recreation and park movement in the Nashua area. The presentation was made by John Shubelka, the local park commissioner, at the first anniversary banquet for the Elks Trojans Junior Drum and Bugle Corps. Brother Savage, who has been active in various youth programs for many years, is one of eight Elks cited in this award.

Hawthorne, Calif., Lodge recently observed National Coin Week, proclaimed locally by E.R. I. O. (Jim) Lepper at the invitation of Brother John Parrish, president of the Southern Hub Coin Club. During the special week, which is sponsored annually by the American Numismatic Assn. and observed by all coin clubs in the nation, Brother Parrish provided the lodge with exhibits of various wooden and metal coins and paper money. The Elks joined in the celebration, which includes sponsoring a queen candidate, in keeping with their policy to cooperate with other organizations in communitywide projects.

Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge recently combined with the Point Pleasant Beach High School's Garnet Gulls Boosters Assn. to honor the school athletes at a dinner in the lodge.

Outstanding high school students of Deer Lodge, Mont.—winners of the local Elks' Youth Leadership and Most Valuable Student Contests—recently re-

ceived their awards. The Youth Leadership winners were Steve Jennings and Gladys Wangerin, first place, and Rick Beck and Lyn Speck, second place. Beck also placed first in the Most Valuable Student Contest, along with Linda Kratzer; the second-place winners were Nancy Landers and Jeff Denton.

North Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge's Most Valuable Student Awards went to three outstanding Rancho High School seniors: Frankie Susie DelPapa, first place; Georgeann Roberts, second place, and Dawn Kemp, third place. A panel of civic leaders selected the winners for their records in scholarship and extra-curricular activities. The awards were presented by the scholarship chairman, Carl M. Gross, Secy. Angelo M. Codella, and E.R. Paul Arenaz.

Brother John Tintinalli's three stepsons—Bruno, Jerry, and Larry Lizzi—recently were initiated into Sandusky, Ohio, Lodge. Their induction raised the number of new Elks to more than 100 for the year.

Red Bluff, Calif., Elks mourn the death of an Honorary Life Member—Fred W. Smith, an Elk for 47 years. A Past State President of the Nevada State Elks Assn. and a Past Exalted Ruler of Hawthorne, Nev., Lodge, Brother Smith also was Secretary of Red Bluff Lodge for five years.

Redondo Beach, Calif., Lodge awarded a total of \$500 to the high school student winners of the local Youth Leadership Contest.

On behalf of Carlsbad, N.M., Lodge, outgoing E.R. William B. Davis and Lon Golden, Americanism chairman, presented to Mayor Bob Boyd a national and a state flag to be used in the City Council chambers.



THE WINNER OF WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Lodge's first annual Foot Road Race for high school youths under age 19—Bob Sandole—is congratulated by PGER John E. Fenton, honorary starter of the race. ER Matthew R. Hehir Jr. presents the trophy to Sandole as SP John F. Cahill, Belmont, watches. The 2.35-mile race, held on Patriots' Day, a Massachusetts legal holiday, drew 76 athletes. Youth Activities Co-Chairmen William E. Leetin and Paul J. Cannalla planned the event.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES launch a \$175,000 improvement program for Plattsburgh, N. Y., Lodge. About to turn the first shovelful of earth is PER Robert J. Feinberg, chairman of the Building and Planning Committee; Trustees Chairman George J. Cronin holds the pick. The completed project will include new kitchen and dining facilities and lounges, a rathskeller, and a relocated lodge room. Elks who plan to visit Expo 67, the Canadian centennial world's fair, are invited to stop at Plattsburgh Lodge for tourist information.



KEYS TO THE COMPLETED New Lexington, Ohio, Lodge building are handed by DDGER H. H. Stoops Jr. (left), Portsmouth, to PER and Trustees Chairman William Switzer at the dedication ceremony. Also pictured are Andrew McMillan, the contractor, holding a plaque presented to him for his contributions to the building program; SP and Cincinnati Secy. Walter G. Springmyer, Cleves, the principal speaker; VP and PDD L. L. McBee, New Lexington, who served as the master of ceremonies, and ER Andrew Totten.



A DEDICATION CEREMONY for the new social hall of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lodge draws many dignitaries. Shown at the event are Grand Treas. Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami; PGER Wade H. Kepner; PGER Lee A. Donaldson; SP James W. Vann, Pahokee; outgoing ER R. C. McNamara; GER Raymond C. Dobson; PGER William A. Wall; Chairman Glenn L. Miller of the GL Committee on Judiciary, Logansport, Ind., and VP Clyde H. Brown and PDD Fuller M. Richardson, both of Fort Lauderdale.



LAKEWOOD, New Jersey, Lodge serves as host at a farewell luncheon for 17 foreign exchange students. In the second row stand Mayor Joseph Buckelew of Lakewood, outgoing ER Edward L. Frankman, and Brother Sidney Milbourne. The students were weekend guests of the community.



CORRY, Pennsylvania, Lodge has two sets of fathers and sons who have served as Exalted Rulers. Second from the right is outgoing ER Thomas W. Cragg with his father (right), PER Harold G. Cragg, who served in 1936. At the left are PER A. J. Morrison, who served in 1958, and his father, PER Alfred M. Morrison the 1952 leader.



TWO NORTH CAROLINA LODGES, Statesville and Salisbury, cooperated to honor GER Raymond C. Dobson at a recent initiation of 57 men. In the first row, wearing black dinner jackets, are Statesville officers: Tiler B. M. Garrison Sr., Chap. James Ferron, In. Gd. Earl Mooneyham, Est. Lect. Kt. Bill Hallman, Est. Loyal Kt. Moffatt Cloer, Est. Lead. Kt. Leon Campbell, and outgoing ER W. Ray Lackey. Also pictured are (second row): Statesville Treas. Bert Hughey, PDD and Secy. W. P. Alexander, and Esq. Charles Mills. Salisbury officers, wearing white dinner jackets, are: outgoing ER Allen R. Arey, Est. Lead. Kt. Cecil Burleson, Est. Loyal Kt. Pat Bencini, Est. Lect. Kt. Leonard Wolfe, Chap. Bill Riddick, In. Gd. John Plyler, and Esq. John Bombardier. The rituals were conducted by Salisbury officers at a session of Statesville Lodge.

HOSPITALIZED Brother Raymond F. Wentworth is presented with a Life Membership in Dover, N.H., Lodge on Old-Timers' Day. The visitors include outgoing ER Paul F. Ayer, who is presenting the card and pin to Brother Wentworth, ER John F. Duyon, and Est. Lead. Kt. William Carroll. Standing in the rear are PER Leo F. McDonough and Est. Loyal Kt. Harold Reynolds.



THE FOUR-DAY FISHING TRIP sponsored annually by Cody, Wyo., Lodge for all Wyoming and southern Montana Elks is held in Yellowstone National Park. Among those who enjoyed this year's great-outdoors excursion were outgoing ER Bryce O. Beemer, "Phonograph" Jones, 94, the lodge's oldest member, and Bill Pauley, event chairman. Brother Jones usually takes over the cooking chores and other kitchen responsibilities during the popular outing.



TWENTY-SEVEN men were initiated recently into Ossining, N.Y., Lodge in honor of VP and local member Barney J. D'Amato, who sits to the right of outgoing ER Patrick D. Pilla in the first row. The initiation resulted from a selective membership dinner meeting arranged by Est. Loyal Kt. Charles Pilla Sr. and PER Frank A. Faillace Jr. The guest speaker was Past Grand Est. Loyal Kt. and PSP James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, a GL Lodge activities committeeman.



A FUND-RAISING CONCERT given by San Mateo, Calif., Lodge's Glee Club nets \$750 for the Order's cerebral palsy project. Outgoing ER Cecil H. Wells Jr. (left) accepts the check from Jerry Gordon, Glee Club co-chairman, while John McDonald, co-chairman, and Ed Baker, club director, proudly look on.



DELTA, Colorado, Lodge donates basketball shirts to the Roubideau Honor Camp Basketball Team. The garments were delivered by outgoing ER T. H. Satterfield and Est. Lead. Kt. Wayne Roberts. The camp, one of the major state rehabilitation centers, depends on charitable contributors for such items.



THE BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP trophy in the New York State Elks Youth Bowling Tournament is presented by Utica, N.Y., E.R. Robert L. Sprague (fourth from left) to Arthur Dawes, youth activities chairman of Greenwich Lodge. The tourney was held in Utica. Also shown are the winning team's five youths, with their individual trophies. A total of 35 teams bowled in the largest roll-offs in the tournament's history.



SLIDES AND A RECORD on Americanism are donated by Decatur, Ga., Lodge to the De Kalb County School Information Center. Presenting a copy of the slides and record are outgoing E.R. William H. Breen Jr. and E.R. Matthew A. Hitlin to Jim Cherry, county school superintendent. The gift was paid for by donations from the individual lodge members.



THIRTY-NINE AWARDS are presented by Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Lodge at its 17th annual Night of Champions dinner honoring athletes of the city and Dutchess County. Among those participating were Est. Lead. Kt. and toastmaster Kenneth Smith; Edward Key, general chairman; outgoing E.R. John D. Hogan; P.D.D. and Secy. Ernest L. Tinklepaugh, dinner chairman; D.D.G.E.R. Gerard P. Day, Pearl River, and S.P. John F. Schoonmaker, Cornwall on the Hudson, of Port Jervis Lodge.



BILLERICA, Massachusetts, Lodge's Color Guard participates in a reception held by Gov. John A. Volpe in the Massachusetts Statehouse. Shown are Brother Robert Keefe; outgoing E.R. Edward T. MacGivray; P.E.R. Charles F. Swan Jr.; S.P. John F. Cahill, Belmont; Brother Fred McKay; Mrs. Mary Gauither, Gardner, president of the Massachusetts Elks' ladies; Brother Eugene Carver; Est. Lead. Kt. James Brennan, and Brother Hank Topping.



LACONIA, New Hampshire, P.D.D. William H. Nadon Sr. enjoys the privilege of installing his son William H. Jr. as Exalted Ruler for 1967-1968.

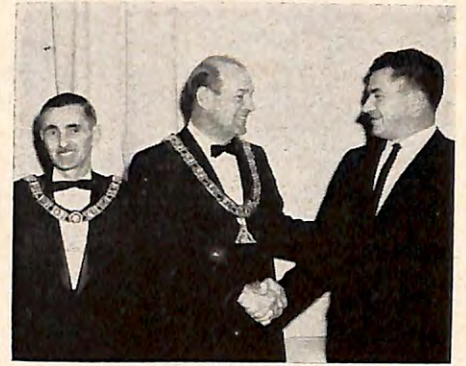


A HIGHLIGHT of Rockville, Md., Lodge's Third Anniversary Charity Ball is the announcement of a gift of therapeutic equipment valued at \$400 to the local Easter Seal Treatment Center. Ball Chairman William Guilday (center) presents the check to Robert C. Gilmore, president of the center. Looking on is outgoing E.R. Robert E. Hanna. At the ball, Neil A. Ofstun, the city's director of recreation, was presented a plaque for helping improve and expand recreational facilities and competitive sports. Chap. J. Henry Garrett received an Elks pin for 25 years of membership in the Order.



HEMPSTEAD, New York, outgoing E.R. Arthur C. Espey (center) presents the lodge's first annual Marcus Christ Award to lodge member and Associate Justice Marcus G. Christ of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court (left). The award was made in recognition of distinguished service by Justice Christ to his profession and to Elkdom. Also pictured is P.E.R. A. Holly Patterson.

WOODBIDGE, New Jersey, Lodge initiated a record number of 83 candidates recently in one of the last functions during the term of retiring E.R. John Nagy (left). The class leader, William Burns, is congratulated by D.D.G.E.R. William Francis, North Plainfield, of Scotch Plains Lodge, in whose honor the class was dedicated.



NINE 50-YEAR ELKS are honored by Hudson, N.Y., Lodge. Six who were able to attend are (seated): Laken Miller, Frank W. Wise, A. T. McKinstry, P.E.R. Thomas F. Moy, P.D.D. and Treasurer Michael J. Degnan, and Robert W. Evans. Each was presented with a diamond-set Elks pin and an Honorary Life Membership. Dignitaries present included V.P. Austin V. Gagnon (standing, left), Cohoes, outgoing E.R. Newton R. Watts (third from right), and D.D.G.E.R. William P. Fischer (second from right), Catskill.



HOLLYWOOD, Florida, Lodge initiated 10 men recently in honor of P.E.R. and Secy. John G. Fisher (in white jacket), who has served the lodge as Trustee and for two terms as Exalted Ruler. At the extreme left is P.E.R. Francis C. Daggett, and at the extreme right is Brother James V. O'Leary, who sponsored three members of the class.



MIDDLESEX, New Jersey, Lodge initiated a class recently in honor of S.P. Harrison S. Barnes (seated, sixth from left), Elizabeth, of Plainfield Lodge. To his left is E.R. Bruno Sieler and to his right is outgoing E.R. Charles Z. Nagy.



CHILDREN SEARCH FOR EGGS during a hunt sponsored by Lake City, Fla., Lodge. The Elks provided 360 dozen eggs, which two lodge-sponsored Boy Scout troops helped hide. Participating were about 1,000 children, some retarded. Civic authorities cooperated in managing the egg hunt.



POINT PLEASANT, New Jersey, P.E.R. Warren Sutherland (left) relinquishes the gavel to his successor, E.R. Ira Gray. Elks, their wives, and guests attended a dinner dance to celebrate the occasion.

A \$1,000 CHECK is presented by Glens Falls, N.Y., Lodge to the local YMCA building fund. Outgoing E.R. Walter D. Jennings (right) gives the check to W. T. Clark, president of the YMCA board of directors, as Mrs. Kenneth Hodgson, a volunteer worker, watches the gift presentation.





A PROUD FATHER and member of Red Bank, N.J., Lodge—Thomas J. LoPresti Sr.—poses with his three sons, Gerald, Richard, and Thomas J. Jr., who recently were initiated into the lodge. At left is outgoing E.R. Floyd Gray.



OUTGOING EXALTED RULER Ray C. McNamara of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lodge takes part in the annual ritual of presenting the keys. Also participating is newly-installed E.R. Ben Kossuth.



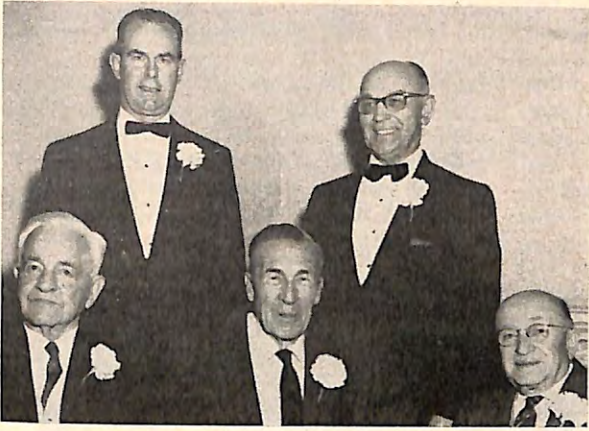
QUINCY, Massachusetts, P.E.R. and Secy. Edward Densmore (seated, second from right) installed his son, Robert (second from left), as Exalted Ruler for a first in the lodge's 62 years. At 29, Brother Robert is the lodge's youngest Exalted Ruler. Others are (seated): Mayor James McIntyre of Quincy, an Elk, and D.D.G.E.R. Charles Laffan, Milton, and (standing): Newton P.E.R. W. Edward Wilson, Auburndale, a G.L. Auditing and Accounting committeeman; Michael McNamara, Randolph, of Brockton Lodge, a G.L. Youth Activities committeeman, and S.D.G.E.R. Edward Spry, Roxbury, of Boston Lodge.

MARBLEHEAD, Massachusetts, Lodge initiated a class of 20 candidates in honor of D.D.G.E.R. Arthur F. Kingsley (center), Salem, during his recent annual visit. Others shown are Est. Lect. Kt. Bill Edwards, Est. Lead. Kt. Ralph Carlton, outgoing E.R. Frederick W. Carone, and Est. Loyal Kt. Paul Beloff.



YONKERS, New York, E.R. Richard Moore, honorary referee of the first annual Elks' Indoor Swim Championships for children, is pictured with two winners—Jim Egan and Frances Frey. The lodge, the Yonkers Aquatic Council, and the city's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation sponsored the meet. It and a talent show were arranged by Youth Activities Chairman Tom Meier, Co-Chairman Gordon Russell, and Joseph Davidson, city commissioner of recreation. More than 1,400 persons saw the event.





GLENS FALLS, New York, Lodge honors 20 Elks who are 50-year members and over. Three of the veterans are (seated): Brother James F. Leeds, P.E.R. Theodore F. Kalbfleisch Jr., and Dr. Morris Mason. Standing are outgoing E.R. Walter D. Jennings and S.P. John F. Schoonmaker, Cornwall on the Hudson, of Port Jervis Lodge, who was the guest speaker.



SOMERVILLE, Massachusetts, Lodge co-sponsors the 13th annual Junior Fire Patrol Program with the Somerville Fire Department. Instructive information on fire prevention was provided to a total of 65 girls and 62 boys.



JERSEY CITY, New Jersey, Lodge honors 31 Elks for completing 50 years of membership. Pictured are 15 veterans with outgoing E.R. D. Paul Davis, P.D.D. and Secy. James P. Dolan, event chairman, and P.C.E.R. William J. Jernick, who was the main speaker.

POTTSTOWN, Pennsylvania, Lodge initiated a class of 30 candidates recently in honor of P.E.R. and Treasurer Leonard S. Baker (first row, left), who retired after 18 years of handling lodge finances. Also in the first row are Robert B. Harp Jr., a new member, and the outgoing Exalted Ruler—C. Roy Bush.



THE ELKS YOUTH LEADERSHIP girl winner in Pennsylvania—Patricia M. Dunn, Levittown—accepts a local award of a U.S. Savings Bond from William Lynde, Fairless Hills Lodge's youth activities co-chairman. Miss Dunn, a high school senior, later went on to win the state award. Looking on is Andrew Miller who is co-chairman of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee.

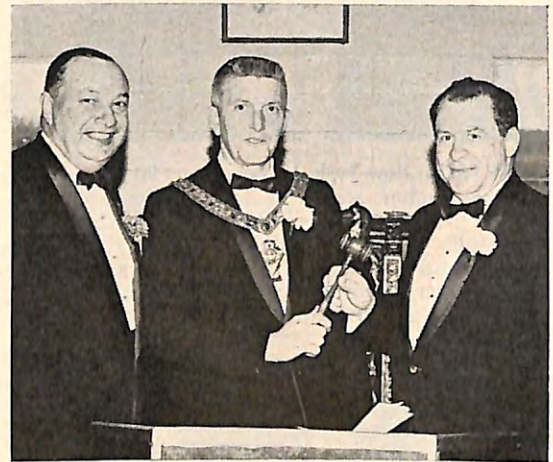


FUN AND FROLIC highlight German Night at Queens Borough (Elmhurst), N.Y., Lodge. More than 500 members and guests attended the party. Taking part in the festivities were Est. Lect. Kt. Robert Breitfeld and P.E.R. and Judge George J. Ballbach, a G.L. State Associations committeeman, event co-chairmen, and P.E.R. Wm. Eisenhardt.



GLASTONBURY, Connecticut, E.R. Robert Smith (center) accepts the gavel from retiring E.R. Wallace Page. Looking on during the ceremony is P.D.D. and P.S.P. Michael Kiro, East Hartford.

NEW CASTLE, Pennsylvania, Lodge's youth activities program gets a double boost with the presentation of a charter for Girl Scout Troop No. 369 by Scout Director Florence R. Carr to outgoing E.R. Charles E. Twaddle and of a charter for Boy Scout Troop No. 69 by Scout Director Edward Fedorawitz (right) to P.E.R. Clarence D. Blough. In the center is Est. Lead. Kt. Charles A. Kennedy, youth activities chairman.



HOULTON, Maine, Elks honor the varsity basketball teams from Houlton and Sherman High Schools at a sports banquet. Standing are Houlton Coach Terry Spurling; University of Maine Coach Brian McCall, the guest speaker; toastmaster Lafayette Ervin; Sherman Coach Ron Marks, and Bert Daniels, banquet chairman. Seated are Willie Varney and Carroll (Boog) Lee, co-captains of the Houlton Shiretowners—runners-up in the eastern Maine tournament—and Rick McAvoy and Randy Cullens, co-captains of the Sherman Hornets, who won the state Class S championship, a coveted honor.



CHARLESTON, West Virginia, Lodge initiated a class of 102 men in honor of S.P. A. S. (Buddy) Ammar (seventh from left), Logan, on his recent visit.



SOUTHBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Lodge presents a banner to the Southbridge High School basketball team, champion of the Southern Worcester County Basketball League. Displaying the banner are outgoing E.R. Philip L'Ecuyer, Coach Donald Bernard, and Youth Activities Chairman Vincent Osimo. Coach Bernard accepted the banner for the team. He is the son of Arthur Bernard, the lodge's Americanism chairman.



PALATKA, Florida, Lodge's youth activities chairman, Harry Nilsson, presents a \$600 Elks National Foundation scholarship to one of the five state winners—Susan Enzor, Palatka, a St. Johns River Junior College graduate and substitute teacher. Looking on are E.R. F. D. Roche and Robert M. Oliver, a youth activities committeeman.

Preview

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against the sky. She could understand that. Jacob's work created solid structures that stood for generations. On the other hand, meagre satisfaction, concluded Mistress Graaf, was to be derived from working with words. What could a man hope to accomplish with such frail materials?

With disapproving cluck and shake of her head for the remissness of Amelia, Mistress Graaf picked up the filled waste basket. Ever since the indentured Amelia Way had requested the privilege of buying back the remaining two years of her service time with the Dutchman's money, and had in all reasonableness been refused, she had proved as disgruntled and ineffectual a servant as one might come upon in all the colonies. 'Twas a pity, too, for they had considered her a woman of neatness, courtesy, and dispatch, at the time of acquiring her. They had, in a way, inherited Amelia. She had already served five of her seven years' time with Jacob's uncle. They had bought up the remaining two years when the uncle had departed for Canada and had congratulated themselves on a good bargain, until recently.

Stepping efficiently down the narrow stairs that ran from the small hall separating the second-floor parlor and chamber, Mistress Graaf considered the origin of Amelia Way's unrest. Again it struck her as unseemly that a bound girl should openly exhibit her passion for a sea-faring man, or for that matter, any other man. The fretting and discontent had begun, looking back, soon after the forward Amelia had exchanged a few pleasantries with a stranger in Smith's Tavern, where she had gone one evening to fetch a mug of ale at Jacob's bidding. The girl met the fellow boldly after that, on the commons, or at the out-of-door hustings where Philadelphians were gathering of late to discuss the wisdom or un wisdom of breaking ties with England. The entire affair had been most indelicate, thought Mistress Graaf, with the girl making no effort to conceal the impropriety of her feelings and the Dutchman announcing openly that he meant to buy off her time, take her to wife, and sail with her to Holland.

Newly-married, and with the responsibility of a three-story house, Mistress Graaf had been unable to spare the girl and had refused to discuss the terms of her release, insisting upon the full two years' service that were her right under the law. The girl had been churlish and exasperating ever since. The Dutchman was still seen in the taverns or along the waterfront.

As she entered the downstairs kitch-

en, Mistress Graaf saw that her husband had come home earlier than usual and was washing the red dust of his trade from his face and neck and hairy arms at the wash-bench just outside the open door to the garden. The heat was well-nigh unbearable. Throughout May it had been suffocating and had left them stewing and steaming. Now that they were well into June there seemed little promise of relief. No doubt it was the heat had brought her husband home this soon. As Jacob came into the

room, treading heavily across the sturdy floorboards, he echoed her thoughts.

"The heat nigh overcome me. I think to go back for a bit when the sun has lowered."

"Sit ye down then and rest a spell," his wife invited. "I have been above stairs. Truly the girl Amelia grows daily a greater trial."

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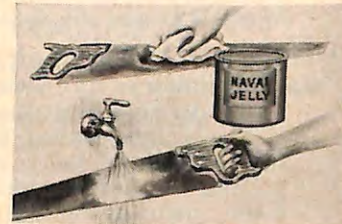
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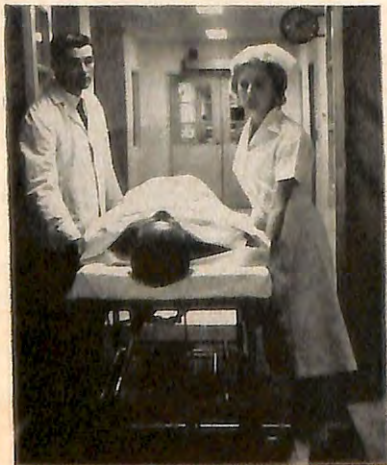
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FOR LAW AND ORDER Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI says: "When we remember there is a murder every hour in the United States, let us also remember the heartless apathy of those who do not want to get 'involved'; when we read there is a forcible rape every 21 minutes, let us also recall the hoodlum who is judicially tapped on the wrist and allowed to return to the streets; when we remember there is a robbery every four minutes and a burglary every 25 seconds, let us also think of the hard-working citizens who are forced to close their businesses because of repeated criminal acts against their private property."



WE'LL WIN IN VIETNAM if past history means anything. The U.S. helped win victory in West Germany, the Philippines, and Korea. Our successes were not as great as many desired, but these countries stand firmly on our side against Communism. South Vietnam is a rich but undeveloped country. It has resisted Communism. Sentiment is increasing in this country to win the war since the mammoth parade in May in New York City, which belittled all protest marchers and demonstrations. Since then, in many cities, citizens are wearing a simple American flag, pin or button, to show they stand with our government. Observers in Washington say there may be no quick decision in the war but that the tide of battle is turning in our favor.

HIGHER POSTAGE is coming but Congress will not get around to figuring out the raise for at least three months. First-class postage is expected to be raised to six cents, third-class to 4½ cents.

TO PROTECT MOUNT VERNON, the historic home of George Washington, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas joined those seeking federal funds to buy land on the opposite side of the river. The old mansion and the countryside around it have changed little since colonial days. However, real estate developers have had their eyes on the land in Piscataway across from the estate. Justice Douglas says this natural wilderness must be preserved to keep it from becoming a maze of subdivisions and apartment houses. As a result the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee restored \$2 million of the \$2.7 million cut by the House for the purchase of land for a proposed Piscataway National Park opposite Mount Vernon.

MEDICAL COSTS ARE UP. They increased more last year than any other item in the cost-of-living index, and hospital costs are expected to double in the next four or five years. Health care increased 7 percent, the sharpest jump since 1946 and more than twice the 3.3 percent increase for all consumer goods. Average U.S. hospital care for one person a day is now \$50.86. The American Hospital Association estimates costs will be \$58.00 by the end of this year, \$67.00 in 1968, and \$77.00 in 1969.

MOVING A BRIDGE is easy if you know how. Demolition crews had no trouble at all in taking down the old highway bridge across the Potomac to make way for a new six-lane bridge now under construction. The center section of the bridge was 216 feet long and 45 feet wide and weighed 420 tons. They moved huge barges partially filled with water under the span, pumped out the water, waited for the tide to rise, and floated the bridge off on the barges. Tugs moved it to a convenient shore where it could be taken apart.

EXPO 67 CONFUSION may result if you call the chief information man of the Ottawa office. His name is Pierre A. Forget.

INSURANCE RATES have boomed here for burglary and theft covering merchants and homeowners. During the past three years they have increased three times more than the national average, a Senate Small Business Committee was told. Nationally, premiums are up 18.2 percent. In Washington they have increased 61.2 percent.

TWO NEW MEDICINES tested in Vietnam may soon be on the market. One is a spray-on film which is plastic and which can be used on wounds or cuts to halt bleeding without stitches. The other is a silicone ointment which can be used on foot injuries because it creates a waterproof layer over the skin.

POLICE CADET WINS in a parking case here. The defendant told the judge the young cop was not 21 and had not been sworn in as a policeman, so the parking ticket was null and void. Judge Milton Korman admitted that a police cadet is not old enough to vote but said he is old enough to fight and is thereby old enough to issue a parking ticket.



SENATORS HAVE APPETITES, a Senate appropriations subcommittee learned from a witness. He said two Senators owe as much as \$5,000 each at the Senate restaurant, but he declined to reveal their names. Sub-committee chairman John Pastore (R.I.) observed, "I wouldn't be surprised if these gentlemen weren't always talking about economy in government." They cannot be sued, but if a senator dies in office the restaurant can collect any outstanding debts from his final pay check. (According to a late news report, the two senators with the oversized bills have since paid up.)

WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

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ADMIRAL RICKOVER WINS in a nine-year-old case involving his speeches. The far-reaching decision by a District Court judge said that the speeches prepared by government officials on their own time are their private property and can be copyrighted. The case involving speeches Rickover delivered in 1958 reached the Supreme Court last year and was remanded for a new trial. The court held that the speeches were his private property and anyone would have to obtain permission to publish them.



THE LONE EAGLE, Charles Lindbergh, can look back at this time to the history he made as an aviator 40 years ago. Following his solo flight of 33 hours and 28 minutes on May 20, 1927, from New York to Paris, he made other record flights in his plane, the *Spirit of St. Louis*. This reporter was one to help in his take-off 40 years ago from Bolling Field, Washington, on a solo flight to Mexico City. The field was muddy, the plane heavy with gasoline. Army officers and newspapermen pushed it through the mud until it had speed enough to rise above the turf. It finally just cleared the trees at the end of the field, but Lindbergh made it to Mexico.

EXCUSE IT PLEASE. Old friends in Texas keep coming back to mind. Sen. Tom Connally was one of them and so, in writing an item about Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, we had Tom Connally in mind when we said the justice, before being appointed to the high court, was one of the most popular men in the Senate. Justice Clark was U.S. Attorney General and not a Senator.



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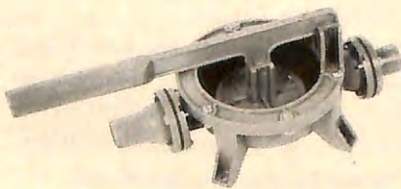
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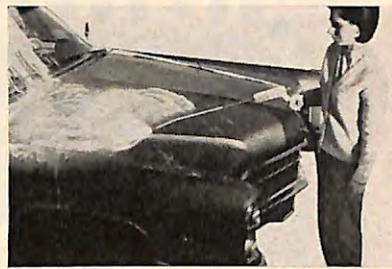
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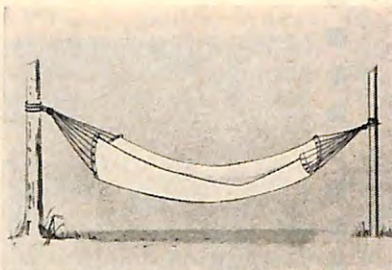
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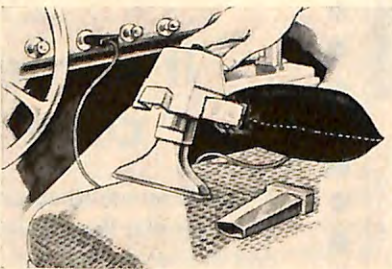
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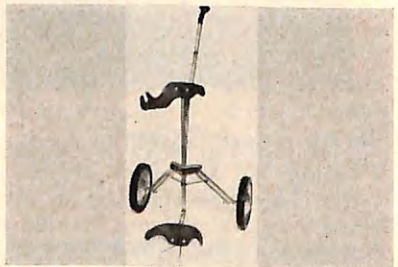


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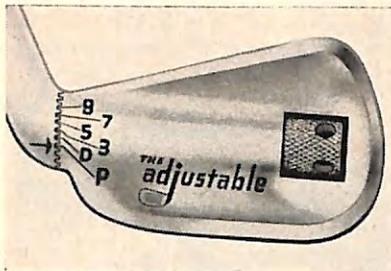
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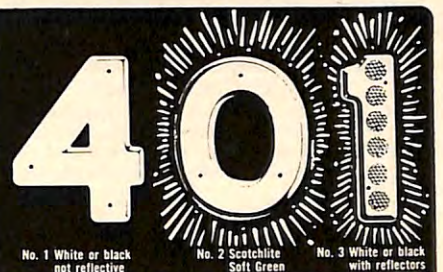
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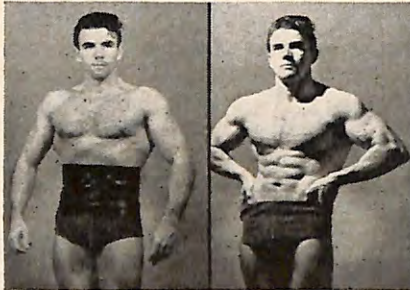


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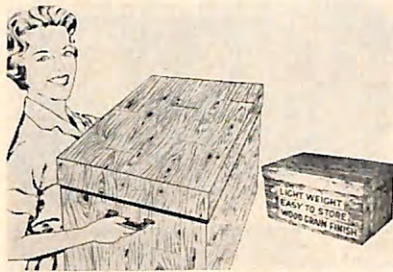
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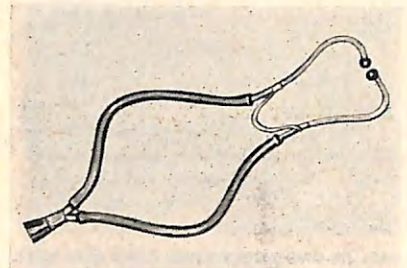
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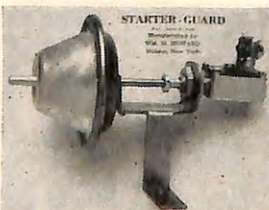
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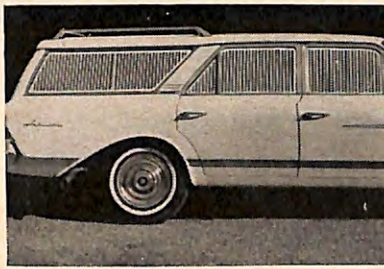
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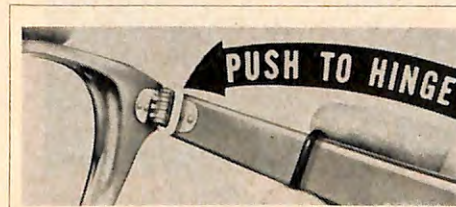
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Elks extend a helping hand



Monterey, Calif., Lodge's veterans chairman, Eddie Williams, chats with some of the 35 veterans from the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Ord, Calif., who were invited to the lodge for entertainment. Lodge members also sponsor bingo for the veterans, many of whom have returned from Vietnam, each Wednesday at the hospital. Favorites among the prizes are ballpoint pens made especially for the program and inscribed with the slogan, "Be Sure to Write Home."



Lincoln, Neb., Lodge members watch as patients at the Veterans Hospital in Lincoln open their gifts—two portable television sets—during an evening of entertainment hosted by the Elks. The veterans, who are also Elks, are Pat Hayes of Hastings, Neb., Lawrence Thompson of Durango, Colo., and Jim Hutchinson of Lincoln. The evening also included a bingo game and the presentation of a dollar bill to each veteran in the hospital who had a birthday that month. Attending the event were E.R. Howard W. Spahnle, Est. Loyal Kt. Al Jacobs, chairman, and Committeemen Ray Johnston and Lou Klein.



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Preview

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onto the wooden settle by the hearth and watched his young wife with satisfaction. How cool and fresh she appeared, even in this withering heat! She was delicate made, yet with a strength, too, and a pretty determination.

"What have ye there?" he asked, inclining his head. She knelt before the hearth, the basket in her hands, and tilted its contents onto the scarred bricks.

"These be papers our lodger ha' done with," she told him. "I declare 'tis a curious thing a man can find so much to draw out of his head and put on paper."

She busied herself at the hot ashes. The fire had been allowed to die down because of the day's heat, but, lifting a pot of mush to one side, she blew up a small flame. Into it she thrust some of the crumpled papers and they flared up in a brief, bright blaze. She saw a note, "Pay hairdresser and wine merchant," curl up blackly and disintegrate. As she scooped more papers from the basket, her eye was caught by a sheet that fluttered to the floor.

She drew her full skirts about her cotton stockings and leaned to retrieve it. Sitting back on the heels of her buckled shoes, she held it out before her, on impulse, and began to read.

"What think you of this, Jacob?" she asked, "'Tis one of the pages that has kept our lodger so busy these last two days."

"Let's have it, then," her husband said good-naturedly, "since mine own eye is truer when it comes to a line o' bricks than ever it was with a line o' letters." His own deficiencies made him proud of his wife's learning. He sat forward, his face seamed with that heavy concentration that marks the faces of those who read seldom, to catch every word as it was formed and uttered.

The words seemed to spring to life from the sheet of paper. Jacob sat up straighter; neither heard the first knock at the outer door. It took on peremptory vigor and the serving-maid Amelia hurried in from the wash-house in the garden, through the kitchen to the hall. Mistress Graaf looked up, listening.

"The gentleman is not at home, sir," she heard Amelia announce to the caller, and immediately there came a crisp, cultured voice, direct, courteous, yet somehow imperious, inquiring if he were expected shortly.

"An' it be Mr. Adams," Mistress Graaf called down the passageway, "he is to go up and wait."

The girl's voice came after a pause, "'Tis Mr. Adams, Mistress."

"Then show him up!"

They heard the heavy tread of Amelia as she preceded the visitor up the stairs. His steps were springy, light, and assured. They heard the door of the upper parlor close upon him and the returning steps of Amelia. She passed through the kitchen without glancing at her master or mistress and disappeared again into the garden. Mistress Graaf returned her attention to the paper in her hand. She got up from the hearth and crossed to the long scrubbed table that occupied the center of the room. She laid the sheet of foolscap on the boards before her.

His legs thrust out before him and his hairy hands clasped contentedly across his leathern vest, Jacob spoke unexpectedly. "Let's have 'em again, wife. There's summat about the words as appeals to the head an' the heart of a man."

Some time later they heard their lodger let himself in and ascend the stairs and there came to them the sound of voices raised in greeting in the upper parlor. But Jacob's wife did not turn her head. She stood absorbed, preoccupied, beside the scrubbed table, looking down on the sheet of paper. Only when a tall figure loomed in the doorway did Mistress Graaf look up.

The man stood more than six feet tall, but there was no awkwardness nor angularity about his long frame. His thick, reddish-brown hair was parted in the middle. His gray-blue eyes were kindly; there was a powdering of freckles across his slightly upturned nose. He was dressed in a coat of gray stuff of a faintly clerical cut, and gray breeches, and he wore a tall collar and a wide white neckcloth.

He smiled in friendly greeting, showing remarkably white and even teeth. Mistress Graaf curtsied.

"Good evening, Mr. Jefferson," she said.

His voice in answer was low, musical, and hesitant.

"Pray forgive this intrusion, Mistress Graaf," he said. "There is an important sheet of paper missing. It is the first page of a draft of a declaration I have been busy upon, and it must have slipped into the basket with others and been carried down in error. I should not trouble you, were it not for the fact that Mr. Adams has been at some pains to come here to carry the manuscript to our colleague Mr. Franklin, who is laid up with the gout. Think you it may be somewhere about? As it contains the opening lines, I should be hard put to it to phrase the whole as neatly again."

Mistress Graaf looked from him to her husband in confusion. Holding out the salvaged sheet she said, "Pray, sir, do not take it amiss that I have made

so bold as to read it, for it was quite clear it was something of a public nature."

He received the paper from her hand, scanning it in evident relief.

"I am indebted to you, ma'am, especially since certain words and phrases are set down with great difficulty a second time."

"This is true," she told him, "of words like these, words that uncommonly stir the heart."

He bent a long, thoughtful, appraising look upon her, again bowed his thanks, and went out of the room. Mistress Graaf stood beside the table, lost in thought. She found herself unable to banish the words she had read. Phrases isolated themselves, standing out radiant and significant in her seeking mind:

"... the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them. . . ."

Then, like the triple tolling of some prophetic, sacred, solemn bell: "Life." "Liberty." "The pursuit of Happiness."

Bricks, she thought, looking across at her husband, and it was as if a great light streamed across her consciousness. Bricks can build a house that will stand for generations. But words are nobler . . . aye, words are for the building of nations . . . words can change the lives of men . . . they are like healing fingers on blind eyes. . . .

"Amelia!" she cried out abruptly.

When the girl stood before her Mistress Graaf said, "An' he be still about these parts, run fetch the Dutchman who would set you free . . . go . . . waste no time!"

Amelia's hands shot outward, as if materially to receive the ineffable blessing of freedom. "Mistress. . . ." She hesitated as if she could say no more. Then, without another word, she turned and fled down the passage, her wooden clogs clattering joyfully, on her way to the tavern.

The lusty voices of a band of patriots, singing as they strode down High Street, came to them through the open window:

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Jacob rose. "'Tis the pamphlet o' this Thomas Paine ha' set them off," he told her.

*Great Washington prepares the way
Nor can he doubt to win the day!*

"Up and down the streets and in every tavern, they do naught but talk of it," Jacob went on.

*With life and toil his armies march,
Though winters freeze and summers parch,*

*Not hunger, thirst, nor cold nor heat
Shall ever make them to retreat.*

The patriots passed the house; their voices grew fainter and fainter, then died away altogether. ● ●

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INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL is furthered at a conference of G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson and the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of Canada—Robert K. Coulling, Regina, Sask.—in Brother Dobson's own Minot, N.D., Lodge. Each displays his native flag. The two organizations are not affiliated. This was the first known meeting of their respective leaders. The 55-year-old Canadian organization is comprised of 348 lodges located within the Canadian boundaries, with a membership of 40,000. Our Order, which will celebrate its centennial in 1968, has nearly 2,100 lodges, with a membership of approximately 1,400,000. The visiting Canadians were officially greeted by newly installed E.R. Charles H. Westlie of Minot Lodge, who succeeds P.E.R. and Mayor Clarence D. Johnson. Other notables at the event included a Past Grand Chaplain and a Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler—the Rev. F. J. Andrews, Minot—and D.D.G.E.R. L. B. Price, Dickinson.

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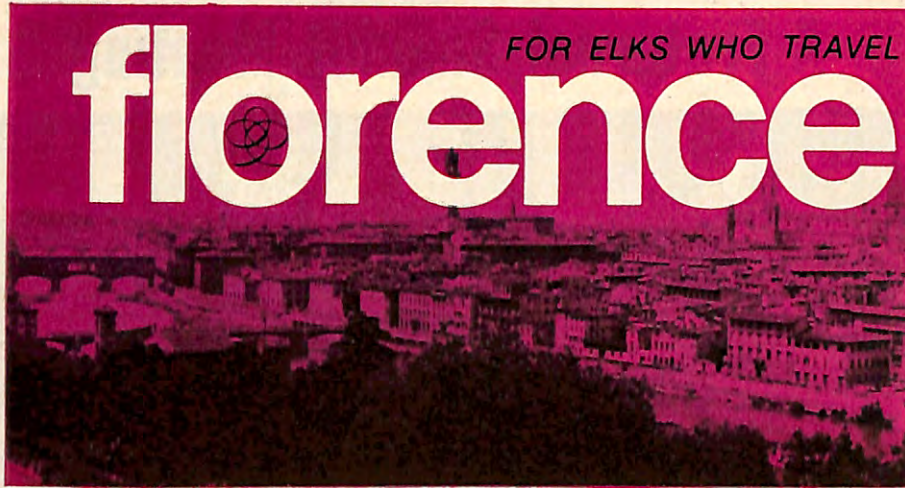
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FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

By JERRY HULSE



Even after the disastrous flood of last November, Florence remains beautiful as ever.



The 270-foot bell tower by Giotto.



Ponte Vecchio—the city's beloved shopping bridge.



Castle of Brolio in the heart of Chianti district.



Sidewalk cafe at the Loggia della Signoria—a pleasant spot from which to see Florence.

NEARLY NINE MONTHS AGO, at the dawn of a day born of ugly black skies, the River Arno in Florence, Italy, overflowed its banks. While a gray daylight seeped through the clouds overhead, huge waves of muddy, debris-strewn water surged through the city's streets, turning peaceful piazzas into lakes . . . hotel lobbies and basements into swimming pools . . . tearing through the doors of hundreds of shops. As the water rose, the real tragedy of the moment was yet to make itself known. Before long, the world would learn of a far greater loss—the damage or outright destruction of art treasures that could be described only as priceless.

The Arno is to Florence what the Seine is to Paris, the Tiber to Rome, the Thames to London. Just as the others praise their rivers, so it is with the Florentines. When the Arno spurned this love the city was temporarily paralyzed, but only temporarily. With the sort of courage born of disaster, Florentines began digging out shortly after the Arno began receding. A force of 10,000 men and a fleet of bulldozers met the challenge. Now, months later, summer has returned, along with the tourists—and the scars are unbelievably few.

It is a miracle when one considers those terrifying hours of flooding last November. Among the magnificent art treasures that became victim to the flood, the greatest loss was Cimabue's Crucifixion. Professor Ugo Procacci of the famed Uffizi Gallery stood waist deep in mud, clutching the remaining fragments and sobbing unashamedly, "This was Italy's finest Crucifix." In water 14 feet deep, 80 percent of the masterpiece had washed away. Altogether, 1,300 paintings were damaged, millions of books were soaked. Dr. Procacci estimates the cost of restoration at \$30 million. During the flood the furniture in hotel lobbies floated away and entire stocks of stores disappeared in a muddy torrent.

This sounds, of course, as if all of Florence had washed away, which really isn't the case. Granted, the flood was savage, but the majority of Florence's art treasures were saved. Heroic efforts on the part of Florentines themselves resulted in the negligible loss. Now museums have reopened, along with nearly 400 hotels and pensiones, among them the Grand, the Excelsior, the Villa Medici, and the Minerva.

(The Excelsior alone suffered \$2 million damage, reopening only last April.)

Now with the return of the tourists, some come out of curiosity, others to inhale the beauty of the old city, I among them. It is like this today: look closely and you can still see the high-water marks on buildings throughout the city—but only if you look closely.

New marble tablets stand out against a number of buildings, the inscriptions telling how on Nov. 4, 1966, the Arno rose to such-and-such a level.

Stonemasons are still returning cobles to a few streets. And repairs to the 14th century Ponte Vecchio, Florence's beloved "shopping bridge," are nearly completed. Silver and jewelry shops are doing business once more. So high did the water rise that it washed clear over the bridge, doing considerable damage to a number of shops. But as I say, repairs are nearly completed and only slight damage remains visible.

When the flood came it poured through the metal doors of the Baptistery, tearing away five of the bronze panels depicting scenes from the Old Testament. These were recovered from the mud—the same panels so artistically created that the door on which they were placed was described by Michelangelo as "The Gate of Paradise." Water rose to its highest level around Michelangelo's home, the Biblioteca Nazionale, and the Church of Santa Croce. The tombs of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, and others in the church were covered with tons of mud, which now has been removed. There is slight damage to the pictures and frescoes inside the church; otherwise, evidence of the flood has vanished.

Florence's major museums and churches have reopened and the Florentines are whispering, "Come back to Florence." While they feared tourists would remain away because of the publicity given the flood, I would rather imagine it will be a record year. As with all disasters, the curious are attracted. Thus, along with those who come to Florence for the pure pleasure of exploring its museums, there will be the tourists seeking to satisfy this very curiosity.

With the arrival of summer the voice of the tour guide is heard once again across the city. Neither mud nor flood nor river's rampage can stay him from his rounds. Gather together a handful of visitors and out of the cobbled alleys he strolls, delivering a 2,000-year course

in history in a single day. His voice echoes across Piazza della Signorini. Flowers are in bright bloom outside the sidewalk cafes. Cathedral bells toll loudly. And here and there horse-drawn carriages glide down narrow alleys.

In Florence, as elsewhere in Europe, guesting with royalty is the No. 1 status symbol in this year of the tourist, 1967. The traveler who hasn't spent the night in the shelter of a duke or duchess, a count or countess, will have little new to talk about on his return home. Anybody can say he slept in a Hilton or a Left Bank pension. Thus, Florence's most "in" inn is an 11th century villa operated by a charming young contessa, Cristina Villorosi de Loche. Alitalia delivered us almost to her doorstep. Her guests sleep in \$8,000 Tuscan beds and dine where the bluebloods once took supper. The big difference today is that the villa also contains more than 30 bathrooms, all new and installed by the contessa after she decided to take in guests to pay the tax bill.

So ancient is the villa it has been declared a national monument by the Italian government. It looks out on a garden running over with flowers, and nearby is a courtyard filled with lemon and orange trees. Tulips flame outside the windows, and inside the contessa exchanges pleasantries with her guests during candlelight dinners. Antiques seldom seen outside a museum fill the rooms, and at mealtime guests dine on 13th century tables. They also swim in a 20th century pool. To live like royalty in such a setting comes to \$8 a day single, breakfast and dinner included.

Returning to Rome, we motored along the Etruscan Riviera, stopping at Porto Santo Stefano, where royalty comes to play—as well as such noted tourists as Jackie Kennedy and Liz and Richard Burton. At Porto Santo Stefano the cliffs fall precipitously to the sea, hundreds of feet below, and above them grapevines as green as the sea itself lie like carpets across the undulating hills.

Already the word is spreading that a new Italian riviera is taking shape. Maybe even another Capri. Visitors need travel only 90 miles north from Rome, on the Via Aurelia, to discover for themselves the peacefulness of Porto Santo Stefano, a relaxed fishing village
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During his Florida swing, Brother Dobson inspects a missile at Cape Kennedy Space Center. The tour, plus lunch at the center, was furnished by the U.S. Air Force for Brother Dobson's party and members of the Florida East (Central) District. Also pictured are Est. Lead. Kt. Frank Poitras of Cocoa Lodge, D.D.G.E.R. Charles E. McConnell, Titusville, and E.R. Robert F. Trosset of Cocoa Lodge.

Lodge Visits of RAYMOND C. DOBSON

DOWN SOUTH

D.D.G.E.R. W. Ben Word (left) and P.G.E.R. Robert C. Ptuit welcome G.E.R. and Mrs. Dobson to Dothan Lodge, the largest in Alabama, for a banquet honoring Brother Dobson's visit to the "Heart of Dixie." At the banquet, Brother Dobson praised the work of the Elks Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery, which he toured earlier. He also received contributions for the Elks National Foundation, including \$200 from Dothan Elks.

Another Florida stop for G.E.R. Dobson was the beautiful Cypress Gardens. The owner, Dick Pope Sr. (first row, left), hosted the party which also included Mrs. Dobson and (second row): P.G.E.R. William A. Wall, West Palm Beach, Winter Haven E.R. William L. Carter Jr., and S.P. and Mrs. James W. Vann, Pahokee. Brother Dobson also participated in the cornerstone laying ceremony at Winter Haven Lodge and received a key to the city from Winter Haven Mayor Hughes Steele.



G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson receives an honorary citizenship of Greenville, S.C., from Dr. J. C. Robertson, District Deputy. Also pictured are two Greenville Elks, Est. Loyal Kt. Sam C. Pou and Secy. C. John Collins. The presentation was made during Brother Dobson's visit to Charleston.



During his visit to central Florida, G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson presents scholarships to the two winners of Orlando Lodge's youth activities program. The happy recipients are Alan F. Ballard and Sharon Ann Taylor. Looking on is state V.P. and P.E.R. Alvin H. Ehrlich, a member of Orlando Lodge, which hosted the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Florida's Central District.

Florence

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framed by the Mediterranean, with red-tiled homes, hotels, and villas hanging precariously on the cliffs. The scene is a cross between Portofino and Positano, those long-established spas not so far away.

Eons ago Porto Santo Stefano and the surrounding countryside was awash. It was an island. Then a curious thing happened: the natural movement of the tides created two causeways, connecting the island to the mainland. Now tourists may either drive or sail there.

A Madonna guards the harbor entrance, and not far off a Roman villa from the second century still stands. Romans who came to escape the summer heat piled huge stones into the sea, creating a swimming pool. It is visible to this day. Outside town, the Contessa Bertuzzi Benini operates Hotel Torre di Cala Piccola on a cliffside 400 feet above the sea. Rising beside an ancient Saracen tower are bungalows which come equipped with hot and cold running showers and a magnificent view of sheer cliffs spilling off into the blue immensity of the Mediterranean.

In a cove of incredible beauty, far below the hotel's rocky promontory, guests swim or sail in the warm Italian sunshine. Motor launches carrying 20 persons rent for \$120 a day for picnic cruises to the isle of Giglio, lunch included. On a clear day from Porto Santo Stefano, one can see the island of Giannutri as well as Giglio.

It is in such a setting that Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, Prince Albert and Princess Paola of Belgium, and the Duke and Duchess of Bedford frolic.

Anyone in the market for a villa may order one from Prince Alessandro Borghese and his brother Prince Francesco, the going price being anywhere from \$80,000 to \$150,000. There are also one-bedroom apartments selling for \$15,000.

The Saracen tower around which she established her bar was used 500 years ago as a lookout for pirates sailing over from Africa. Outside, the air is filled with the perfume of oleander and bush blossom and the voice of the sea. Hill-sides are smoky with olive trees and verdant with pine.

During the last war Porto Santo Stefano was used as a German U-boat base. Along with the town it was destroyed in Allied bombings. Now the new town rises against the same hill-sides, walls yellow like the abundant sunshine, shutters green like the surrounding countryside. Oranges and tomatoes and flowers are sold in the open

markets, down by the waterfront, and fishermen in berets and turtle-neck sweaters repair their nets in the coolness of dawn.

All that was left of Porto Santo Stefano when peace came to Europe was the town's 16th century Spanish fort—it and the Saracen tower. Now the fort is used in summertime for moonlight concerts. Other entertainment is stirred up evenings at a cliffside pub called the Sea Witch. Couples dance till dawn, and then while the sun turns softly toward the horizon the swinging set kicks off its shoes to wash away the drowsiness with a splash in the sea. Vacationers in black tie and formal gown come from parties tossed in the villas to twist in the Sea Witch beside couples in slacks and unpressed jeans.

Snug against the waterfront is Armando's, the village's No. 1 cafe. One goes there on Saturday night to see exactly who has come to Porto Santo Stefano. Candles burn in old wine jugs. Shadows play against the walls. If it's all a little comy, well . . . it's a little romantic as well.

Before the tourists came the peasants and fishermen of Porto Santo Stefano walked or rode donkeys. Now they drive motor scooters and cars. And soon Porto Santo Stefano will never be the same again. • •

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Multiply this by 60 million active checking accounts in the country today, and you can see why check crime is at a record high—\$1,500 diverted from legitimate channels every 60 seconds, and the national toll of fraudulent check transactions expected to top \$750 million for the current year.

The victims, in the majority of instances, are not the wealthy. On the contrary, most budget a modest income, and can't afford the chances they take. The busy housewife, the too-rushed worker, the trustful businessman—the routine checks of these persons are largely responsible for that steadily rising annual total.

Stop and think a moment—will the check you just wrote be a 1967 statistic?

“All I did was cash a \$5 check at the corner grocery, but now the bank won't do a thing about its being raised to \$50!” a neighborhood acquaintance

complained recently. “They claim I was careless, and didn't tell them soon enough—does that make sense?”

Unfortunately, it does!

Relying on the grocer to stamp in the store's name, she had left the payee line blank, which made the check a bearer instrument, as negotiable as a dollar bill. Consequently, when a produce order was delivered, the grocer included hers among the checks he counted from the till in payment—unstamped and unendorsed.

“I figured he could fill in his own name—I've dealt with the supplier right along, and know he's honest,” the merchant explained afterward. “Plenty of small stores pay for merchandise with checks taken in during the day—saves us the bank charge.”

How many others handled that payeeless check, is anybody's guess. By the time it reached Mrs. D's bank, however, her check was made out to, and bore the endorsement of, a dingy tavern in a

nearby town. The raising of its amount was skillful enough to escape detection and, everything else appearing in order, her account was debited for \$50.

“The bank misses a forgery, then says I have to stand the loss,” she continued to protest. “Isn't that renegeing on its responsibility?”

The answer is in a rule of law applicable to the relationship between banks and their depositors: When one of two innocent parties must suffer a loss by the fraud of another, the one whose original act made it possible assumes the loss. By leaving the payee line blank, Mrs. D made it possible for her check to circulate without restriction until it reached the hands of a check crook.

While banking law is complex, the element of care—or lack of it—is the yardstick used to measure liability for check frauds. In this case, an examination of her microfilmed account record showed that Mrs. D habitually wrote

Some examples of what the forger can do to cheat you . . .

Eighthundred ^{\$800⁰⁰} *Fiftyfive* ^{15⁰⁰}
Seventy ^{70⁰⁰} *Eightyeight* ^{88⁰⁰}
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This portable laboratory, recently picked up in a hotel room, includes: acetone, used to remove print and other writing; needles, while paper is wet to make perforations or push back ruptured paper notches made by mechanical checkwriter or protectograph; steam iron, to dry paper; sun lamp, useful for tracing signatures and amounts and also for forging birth certificates; trays, to mix solutions and wash down negatives; magnifying glass, to examine the tampered paper; large brown bottle, used in photograph work for glossy finishes. A money order "kited" from \$1.00 to \$100 is shown in front center. The photo was furnished by Inspector F. Maguire of Special Frauds Bureau, New York City Police Department.



checks loosely, which means that she left space beside the figure and word amounts—wide-open space, easily filled by another's fraudulent penmanship.

Most of us make the same careless mistake, although if a loss occurs, banks will ordinarily reimburse the depositor as a matter of policy. But Mrs. D also allowed nearly a month to slip past before looking over her monthly statement, and the cancelled checks enclosed. You've probably done the same, and so have I. The law, however, feels there should be a limit to how long that irksome task may be delayed. My friend had exceeded the time set by our state, and the bank decided that its good will couldn't be stretched to cover this final carelessness as well.

As bank customers, the burden is on us to discover and report any disputed check within a reasonable time, which varies in the different states. Oregon, for instance, interprets "reasonable" as 14 days; Hawaii gives the procrastinator 120 days; other states like Alaska and Alabama say six months; and several are even more liberal.

"But after that," in the words of one banker, "you might just as well hold your peace!"

So, if the bank wasn't liable, what about Mr. Schwartz—doesn't the person cashing a check for groceries, or any other purpose, have a right to rely on its being banked, not passed along willy-nilly to strangers?

When someone breaks a \$10 bill for you, there is no implied right to question the subsequent circulation of that currency. The same applies to check-book dollars. Both are lawful mediums of exchange, and a merchant is entitled to substitute one for the other in trade.

Since many small shopkeepers oper-

ate on a dime-thin margin of profit, the few cents per check charged by banks on commercial deposits must be counted. Therefore, although few customers know of this practice, the expense-saving strategem that resulted in Mrs. D's loss is fairly common. This only underscores the necessity for extreme care in all check transactions—and the crook-proofing of every check issued.

But even a flawlessly drawn check is only partial protection, for there are several varieties of check crook, and each calls for a specific safeguard. For instance, the average person regards coded checks as a sure crook-repellent. But did you know that since electronic processing of checkbook money has become an established procedure, theft reports increasingly list checks as the only item taken in a burglary? Not the family silverplate, or an office typewriter, just checks bearing the printed code number that identifies an account.

Such selectivity reflects the burglar's endorsement of a program approved by the American Bankers Association in 1957 to encode checks with a common machine language, using magnetic ink characters. Known as MICR (magnetic ink character recognition), this language makes possible the amazing speed of automation. By its use, checks are sorted and listed 30 to 50 times faster than clerks can handle them.

When fraudulent penmen found that MICR-coded checks were easier to cash, they recognized this advantage as another potential of the magnetic ink characters—"mail order forgery," an investigator dubbed their newest and most burgeoning criminal enterprise.

Acquiring a supply of coded checks through home or office prowls, the

forger fills them out for varying sums, then discounts the lot to a middleman. Although he may realize as little as 10¢ on the face-dollar, it's cash on delivery, and eliminates the hazards involved in passing his own handiwork. A quick, easy deal leaves the penman free to concentrate on the next order of bargain checks.

A few months ago, the office of a West Coast insurance firm was broken into, but nothing seemed to have been stolen. Later, the bank notified the firm that its account was overdrawn, and investigation uncovered a fine example of wholesale forgery. Several pages had been torn from the center of the check-register, where a gap in serial numbers might go unnoticed for a comfortable length of time. The company's own typewriter and check protector were used to fill in the checks, and the signature of its manager was traced from unmailed correspondence left on top of his desk.

The series of about 50 checks, drawn in payment of fictitious claims and premium refunds, had apparently been forwarded to an out-of-state jobber for distribution to professional passers operating in a number of eastern cities. Although the checks were phony as three-dollar bills, MICR-encoded check forms were genuine and were recognized as such by the computer. And an authorized signature, expertly reproduced, got the forgeries past the vigilant scrutiny of bank clerks until the account was drained, the overdraft finally disclosing their bogus nature.

As in this case, a few magnetically printed checks, together with an example of the depositor's signature, are a real bonanza. The size of the victim's bank balance matters not a whit to a

forger, only that his penmanship can be passed. Our carelessness is his stock in trade, and for that reason banks warn customers to keep blank checks, credentials, or any samples of their full signature under lock and key. Sound advice, but like the leaflets of check-writing do's and don'ts distributed by most banking institutions, it goes unheeded far too often. Yet, J. Edgar Hoover states that check crime has now reached the proportions of a "national pestilence." Furthermore, the combined efforts of FBI, police, and other protective officers, have been unable to halt its spread.

Why not? Because you and I haven't learned a simple four-letter word that experts would prevent 75% of the check frauds plaguing the nation today. According to them, until *care* is a part of our daily checkbook vocabulary, we encourage crime; just as the woman who leaves a valuable diamond ring on the washbowl of a public restroom must blame her own carelessness if somebody appropriates it.

In fact, one variety of forger makes a specialty of this very sort of carelessness—the mishandling of checks that come to us by mail.

Richard Bogue, Chief Postal Inspector of Portland, Oregon, is outspoken about where the blame lies for such thefts. He contends that first-class mail, although handled carefully in transit, becomes a foundling when it reaches the householder's doorstep.

"A \$2.50 slot mounted in the front door would put a stop to these losses," he points out. "Carriers must deposit mail in whatever receptacle is provided, and often the box is either antiquated or badly in need of repair—even cardboard cartons taped to the wall are sometimes used!"

In older apartment buildings, it's a similar situation: a tier of flimsy, poorly protected boxes in full view of anyone passing by, or else mail is left in the hallway outside a tenant's door.

Nevertheless, there's no legislation to control the care of mail once it has been delivered to the proper address, nor can the U.S. postal service regulate the kind of mailbox to be used. The only exceptions under which the postmaster may require a specific type are those for rural routes, or when an urban multiple dwelling is installing new boxes.

Today, \$9 out of every \$10 owed is paid by check. We shop by check and pay our bills by check, because a checkbook is convenient, as well as being safer to carry than cash.

To the check crook, however, those paper oblongs are worth more than a \$20 bill. They're just like money out of the bank. Your bank, and your money. So, with the vastly increased number of checkbook dollars in circulation, the

way we treat such money deeply concerns every law enforcement officer and every banker in the country.

Speaking on a national broadcast recently, Police Inspector Raymond Maguire, of New York's Special Frauds Bureau, warned that anyone with larceny in his soul can "kite" (raise) a check.

"It's probably the easiest major crime to commit," he said. "Once the forger procures somebody else's printed check, he needs only deception, plus speed, for success."

No guaranteed method has yet been devised to fully "crookproof" a bank account, although Inspector Maguire insists that ordinary caution on the part of check writers, endorsers, and cashers will prevent most of the fraudulent check transactions.

But, isn't the problem too complex for the private citizen to solve—why look to an average housewife or family man to do what apparently stumps even trained operatives?

I asked that question of bank officials in all 50 states, and bankers from Maine to Hawaii answered that careless checkbook habits are the principal cause of losses from forgeries. The boast of Dale Courtney Townsend, who wrote his way to a place on the FBI's "Most Wanted" list, confirms their judgment: "I don't need a gun; this

gets me all the money I want," he often said of his pen.

Crookproofing a checkbook isn't complicated, and it isn't time-consuming. Just the opposite. It's as simple as—well, as signing your name to that next check.

One of the most frequent mistakes found in checks is open space. Fill in every line tightly, so that nothing can be added, bankers advise. For example, if loosely written, a \$6 check is easily raised to \$160. Merely slip a "1" to the left of the figure amount, and a zero after it, write the words *one hundred*, and add a "ty" to the "Six."

Another precaution: Never sign a check in blank, and don't rely on the payee to fill in his own name—remember what happened to Mrs. D?

Then, the date. Always make it the day you write the check (and this also goes for Sunday or a holiday).

When your pen runs dry, borrow one. Even if the check is payable to your favorite aunt, don't risk using pencil. If it gets into the wrong hands later, your bank balance may be erased along with the original amount of the check.

How you sign your name is important, too. Handwriting experts recommend a signature that is clear, without intricate flourishes. Not only will it be more legible, but the bank clerks can readily detect discrepancies.

There are two other important, and mistake-littered, areas that trip the unwary. Suppose you are asked to cash someone's check—are you willing to guarantee payment? That's literally what your endorsement does. With this in mind, always precede your signature with a restrictive clause. "For deposit only," or "Pay to the order of" a named third person, are examples. If the check is then lost, its later circulation has been limited, protecting you somewhat against the penmanship of a larcenous finder.

Now, about bank statements and cancelled checks. Be sure to examine them promptly upon receipt. Doing so puts you in a better position to enforce a claim for reimbursement, besides alerting authorities while the forger's trail may still be fresh.

Finally, don't be thrown off guard by automation: it's only a bookkeeping aid, not a protective measure. Think again of the \$800 million that is being fraudulently withdrawn from checking accounts all over America this one year alone. Think, too, of those men and women whose careless checkbook habits have made that spiraling sum possible; ordinary people who know from experience that forgers play no favorites. And then, ask yourself—what about my checkbook, is it crookproof? Because, if it isn't, you may become a statistic almost any day now! • •



It's convention time again—July 16-20—and our front cover depicts some of the sights visiting Elks will see during their stay in Chicago. As Jerry Hulse said in his article on the city last month, "It's Chicago, chum—a rollicking, reckless, helluva town." The scenes on the cover:

1. The skyline, including—among other impressive buildings overlooking Grant Park and the lake—convention headquarters, the Conrad Hilton Hotel. 2. Twilight on the lakefront. 3. The Water Tower, survivor of the Great Fire and landmark from the 19th century. 4. Fireworks over the lakefront. 5. Baseball, a major preoccupation with Chicagoans. 6. A 20th-century landmark, Marina City, and the Chicago River. 7. A restaurant in the city's newest tourist attraction, Old Town.

IT'S ALL TRUE

By BILL TRUE

Archery: Healthy Sport for All



Dick Wilson, a leading American archer, hunts with bow and arrows on North Manitou Is., Mich.

"Archery: art, practice, or skill of shooting with a bow and arrows."

That's what Mr. Webster says. But I know a better authority on the subject of sport and fun with a bow. He's Dick Wilson, one of the country's best known bowmen and a friend of mine.

I asked Dick, who's a member of the Professional Archers Association, to tell me why archery is one of the fastest growing outdoor and indoor activities in the country today

"There's tremendous satisfaction," Dick explains, "in seeing an arrow hit the bull's-eye. And fun hearing a balloon explode when you use it for a target. Not to mention the relaxation the archer feels after he has exhausted his frustrations pounding arrow after arrow into a target.

"The shooting of a bow and arrow is a mild physical activity (well suited for the entire family) that is better than taking a tranquilizer, and is one heck of a lot more fun!"

So how do you get started with this intriguing sport if you've never tried it before? Wilson recommends recreational (or "backyard") archery first.

Number one: get the equipment. You can buy a bow for about \$6.00 and up; fiberglass models are a good bet. Length should be between 56 and 66 inches and draw weight 25 or 30 pounds. (This means it takes a pull equal to lifting a 25 or 30 pound weight to draw the string 28 inches.)

Arrows ought to be at least an inch longer than your draw length. And to measure your draw length, draw the bow string back until your index finger touches the corner of your mouth.

Caution: never release the string without an arrow. You could break the bow! Matching arrows to your bow is easy, as the matching weight is marked on the arrow box. If you have a 25-pound bow, buy 25- or 30-pound arrows.

An armguard and finger tab are necessities too. Every good archer uses them to prevent painful welts or blisters on his shooting arm or fingers.

You now have an archery outfit that costs from \$15 to \$50 and you want to learn to shoot. Ask your sporting goods dealer for the name of an archery professional who can teach you, or contact your local YMCA, YWCA, high school, or college. Or you might write to the American Archery Council, 100 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill., for their instruction booklet and information on archery teachers in your area. (Enclose 30¢ for the booklet.)

Where to shoot? No problem, if you remember that distance shooting is something you won't be fooling around with at first. Find 15 or 20 feet of space in the basement, garage, or your backyard. Add three bales of straw, or a commercial mat, for a target backstop, and you're set to go.

Once you join this wonderful world of family archery you might soon be ready to get with that great sport—bowhunting. But more about that in a later column.

TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

When you're getting pretty good with a standard archery target, try putting up three rows of balloons, three to a row, on your hay bale or other backstop. Then play tic-tac-toe with the family, scoring just as you do in the pencil-and-paper game. Have fun!

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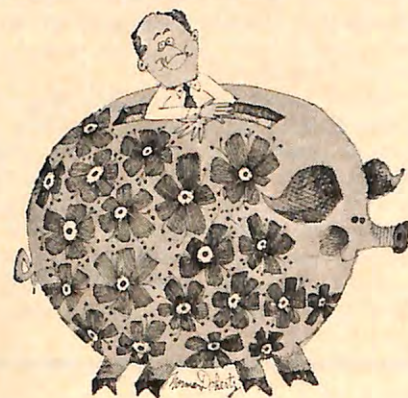


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A Lasting Tribute to Elks

10,000 Windows

(Continued from page 33)



Elks and their families attending the Grand Lodge convention in Chicago this month will have an opportunity to visit what has been called the most impressive fraternal edifice in North America—the Elks National Memorial building. Standing upon a commanding site overlooking Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan, the building was dedicated in 1926 as a memorial to Elks who served in World War I, and rededicated 20 years later to include Elks who served in World War II.

Its architect, Egerton Swarthout of New York, described the building as “classic, and more Roman than Greek; I would prefer to say it was modern, and that it was American. It certainly is modern in conception, and while it is classic, it is not archeological.”

The central feature of the building is the rotunda, surmounted by a dome ris-

ing 115 feet above floor level. Contributing to the modern aspects of the building are the U-shaped embracing wings, which contain offices of the Elks National Foundation and the Grand Secretary, as well as a formal reception room and two conference rooms at the rear. In the rotunda and reception room, and in exterior niches of the building, there are murals and sculpture by such noted artists as Eugene Savage, Edwin H. Blashfield, and Laura Gardin Fraser.

Immediately adjacent to the Memorial building, although not visible in the photograph above, is the Elks Magazine building, opened in 1966. Although it is modern in every respect, its architects planned the exterior to blend with the essentially classic design of the Memorial building. Visitors will be welcome at both buildings during and after the convention.

hired and fired over the years—once asked Mrs. Winchester why she wanted so many stairways which were baffling, twisting, and hazardous. She replied haughtily:

“Don’t you know that the Other Ones—the evil spirits—follow me day and night? If I can elude them by confusing them in the halls, rooms, and on the stairways, then they cannot come near me and inflict harm.”

Mrs. Winchester’s mansion five miles from San Jose has 160 rooms, 13 bathrooms, 47 fireplaces, and a dozen fake chimneys connecting to no flue or duct. It has upside-down pillars because Mrs. Winchester thought such construction oddities would baffle the ghosts that plagued her. Costing more than \$5 million to build, the unfinished building required a household staff of 50 employees, most of whom had to have maps and plenty of courage to explore the vast and baffling mansion with its fake closets, blank walls, twisting passages, and false panels.

One housekeeper died after 18 years of service in this strange mansion. In all that time, she had visited only half the rooms of the building. The others were locked up or so difficult to locate that she had stopped trying.

The multimillionaire woman who built this weird residence was the wife of William Wirt Winchester, son of the founder of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, Connecticut. For several years the young couple was happy living in New England in the 1880s; then their infant daughter died, and Mr. Winchester became ill and succumbed soon thereafter.

The stunned widow could find no solace except in spiritualism. She consulted numerous mediums and soothsayers. As she was terrified by thunderstorms, Sarah Winchester was told by one seeress:

“The thunder is the sound made by the angry spirits of the renegades, Indians, criminals, and innocent people who have been shot down by the guns whose manufacture made your husband a very rich man. They hate you, Mrs. Winchester, for you live in luxury while they have been dispatched to the other world by Winchester rifles. They are out to seek revenge.”

“What can I do to divert their hatred?” cried the young widow. “I have done them no harm.”

“You must keep busy by planning a new house with many rooms,” was the reply. “As long as you keep building, the spirits will not attack you. But if your house is ever finished, then they will carry you off with them.”

ARTHUR C. SMYTHE

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER Arthur C. Smythe, 52, a member of Duluth, Minn., Lodge and a resident of Duluth for 49 years, died March 24 while bowling. He was purchasing agent for the Minnesota Power & Light Co.

He was born in Devils Lake, N.D., and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

An Elk for more than 20 years, Brother Smythe devoted much time to fraternal affairs. At the time of his death, he was a Trustee of Duluth Lodge as well as District Deputy for Minnesota’s North District. He had served on the boards of directors of the Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind and the Duluth Athletic Club.

Survivors include the widow, Rilla; two daughters, Mrs. Michael Strand and Miss Mary Jane Smythe, and his mother, Mrs. A. R. Smythe.



Mrs. Winchester, with a \$20 million inheritance and an income of \$1,000 a day, set off to find an ideal spot for her marathon construction project. She hated the snow, ice, and thunderstorms of the East, so she journeyed west, pausing in California to inspect the lovely Santa Clara valley near San Jose. It was serene and quiet, an ideal location for a mansion which would take years or even decades to complete.

At first, the townspeople called her "that crazy woman with all the money," when Sarah drew her own plans for the initial stages of her never-to-be-finished residence. But her huge bank account, generous paychecks, and indomitable will soon changed their designation from "crazy" to "eccentric."

Mrs. Winchester spent \$3,000—a huge fortune in those days—for two imported windows made of magnifying lenses. She told the astounded glaziers: "Sometimes the spirits come in very small shapes. I want them optically enlarged so I can detect them outside the house and run and hide if necessary."

From the day it was started in 1884, two generations of Californians watched as the mansion assumed a vague, rambling form, its 160 rooms obscured by fake roofs, balconies without doors, and a man-high hedge. Each morning at eight Mrs. Winchester was in her wicker chair, rapping out orders, changing plans, cancelling yesterday's directives, and adding new and baffling touches to her house.

As the rooms multiplied, the servants became fearful and refused to enter certain sections of the building. One hysterical 20-year-old cook's helper became lost in the mansion and was not found for seven hours. She quit her job that night and told her friends:

"I wouldn't live there another day if I had all of Mrs. Winchester's money. Maybe she's right, I think the spooks are trying to get her; I heard the darnedest noises and groans while I was trying to find my way out of that maze."

Mrs. Winchester ordered maps printed for her constantly increasing army of cooks, servants, scullery maids, gardeners, janitors, and carpenters. In each room she installed an electric alarm bell connected with a numbered board in the servants' quarters. If the owner became lost or confused in a distant, unvisited room, Sarah could ring the buzzer and her employees would arrive, guided by the maps showing the location of all chambers and doors.

The house is so large that it has its own power plant, water and sewage system, and three elevators. During her decades there, Mrs. Winchester never received a guest or paid a visit. People who called on her were brusquely turned away by the gateman.

Once, Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, pay-

Centennial Medallion Will Be Distributed at Chicago Convention

The Grand Lodge Centennial Committee has announced that a Centennial medallion with matching key chain will be presented to each Subordinate Lodge representative and to each Grand Lodge member who registers at the 103rd Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, July 16-20.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, said that he and his associates had made the decision to present the souvenir medallions to Subordinate Lodge representatives at this convention because they will be serving as Exalted Rulers of their lodges when the Centennial year opens next January 1.

It had previously been announced that the medallions would not be distributed until the Centennial Convention in New York in 1968.

The souvenirs to be distributed in Chicago will consist of a bronze medallion, an inch and a quarter in diameter, to which will be attached a matching bronze chain and key ring.

The Centennial Committee has under study proposals to make the Centennial medallion available for purchase by members of the Order. Numerous requests for purchase of the medallion already have been received. How and when the medallions may be purchased will be announced as soon as the committee's plans are firm.

ing a visit to California, heard of the mysterious mansion and expressed a desire to visit it. His wish was conveyed to Mrs. Winchester, who frostily replied:

"My home is my castle—visitors are not welcome. Give the President my respects but tell him I never receive strangers."

Mrs. Winchester ordered rare woods, metal grillwork, stained glass, and bejeweled fixtures, spending at the rate of \$100,000 a year. She rented three warehouses to hold the extra building materials—enough to construct 100 additional rooms—which she never used.

To tell her astral cronies what time it was in this world, she built a bell tower with an unscalable wall and imported a Japanese bellringer to toll the gong precisely at midnight, 1 o'clock, and 2 a.m. So the man would be reasonably accurate, Sarah Winchester provided him with three \$500 chronometers and a telephone to the observatory atop Mount Hamilton outside San Jose, so he could check his timepieces with the stars each night.

Only four feet, ten inches tall, diminutive Sarah Winchester had agents abroad prowling the art centers of Europe and Asia for treasures to install in her mysterious mansion. Sight unseen, she paid vast sums for imported parquetry, stained glass, embossed French wallpaper, fine linens.

But there was not a single mirror in any of her 160 rooms. "I would not like to catch sight of one of *them* behind my back," she told a housekeeper, referring to the evil spirits which she had kept at bay for years.

To contain her gold, silver, jewels, and bundles of currency, Mrs. Winchester had thirteen safes placed in remote rooms which were hard to find,

even for servants who had worked there for years. She was never troubled by burglars or would-be safe crackers. The underworld knew of the hidden passageways and the rooms where a stranger could become lost and trapped; besides, the six-acre estate was patrolled at all hours by fierce watchdogs. Though the Winchester mansion was known to contain more than a million dollars in cash and jewelry, it was never invaded by a thief.

In 1906, the mansion—still unfinished—was jolted by the great San Francisco earthquake which tumbled homes even in San Jose. Mrs. Winchester fled to Burlingame 40 miles away, after telling her servants:

"The evil spirits are angry with me! They tried to kill me by shaking my fine house." In Burlingame, she dredged out a private canal, built a lavish houseboat, and lived on it for several years, convinced that "they" would cause a great flood which would wipe out America.

But when no flood came, she returned to her mansion after several years and resumed supervising the construction work which had gone on even during her lengthy absence.

Mrs. Winchester slept in what she called the "white satin chamber" which led by a tortuous passage to the Blue Room where she held solitary communion with the ghosts. Fascinated by the number 13, she wore 13 gowns of various colors which "are pleasing to the spirit world," as she informed her servants. Windows were designed in groups of 13 panes; stairways had to have exactly 13 steps.

One day she told a new architect: "I want a room with four fireplaces built at once. Put in it four hot-air radiators as well."

"But this is California!" the man exclaimed. "Our weather never drops to the freezing point."

"I have met a new and friendly spirit who is always cold," replied Mrs. Winchester. "This room is for him, not myself. Do as I say or I shall hire another architect."

The dazed man complied, and the over-heated room still puzzles tourists who wonder why Mrs. Winchester required such a torrid secret chamber.

The mansion has 2,000 cupboards, some only an inch in depth, others reaching through to other rooms—or to space outside the building fifty feet up in the air. Mrs. Winchester believed that evil spirits took their repose in cupboards; by making these receptacles uncomfortable or dangerous, the ghosts might go away and leave her in peace.

After she took up residence in the "Winchester Mystery House," as it is known to this day, the eccentric widow never again opened her magnificent \$10,000 double-doors which had been designed by Tiffany's. She erected dummy doors in front of these regal portals, and thenceforth slipped in and out via a concealed exit at the rear of her home.

To spy on her 50 servants, the old woman had glass doors installed in their living quarters and bathrooms. She watched through a peephole all activities in her vast kitchen, which has 100 sinks. Each night, she dined in solitary grandeur although the table inevitably was set for 13 people.

"Twelve friendly spirits always eat with me," she told a startled new cook. "You will serve them the same food

FRANK B. LEMONT

AN ELK FOR 29 YEARS, P.D.D. Frank B. Lemont died March 10 in a Birmingham hospital. The native Chicagoan had retired as an engineer with United States Steel Corp.

Brother Lemont served Ensley (Birmingham) Lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1943; he was re-elected in 1944. He was a District Deputy for Alabama's South District in 1946-1947.

He became a charter member of Fairfield Lodge when it was instituted in 1950.

Brother Lemont devoted much time and energy toward acquisition of the land on which the new, \$200,000 Fairfield Lodge building stands and to the building's proper construction.

Active also in the Alabama Elks Assn., he was a past Director of the Alabama Elks Foundation.

Memorial services were conducted at Fairfield Lodge.

Survivors include the widow, Lena, and a son, Francis B. Jr., both of Birmingham.



that I eat. It is a very cozy arrangement. That is why I never have other people here; they would not understand my guests from the spirit world."

One spring day in 1922, frightened Sarah Winchester felt pains in her chest, but resolutely banished the thought of death. After all, the sound of constant hammering and sawing still filled her ears after 38 years. Twenty carpenters and laborers were building another wing at the mansion, her staff of servants was at hand, and the malignant spirits were at bay. . . .

But an hour later the widow's heart

gave out and Mrs. Winchester was dead. Respectfully, the workmen put down their tools, the servants gathered round, and an undertaker was summoned. In death as in life, Sarah left her strange mansion by the hidden rear exit.

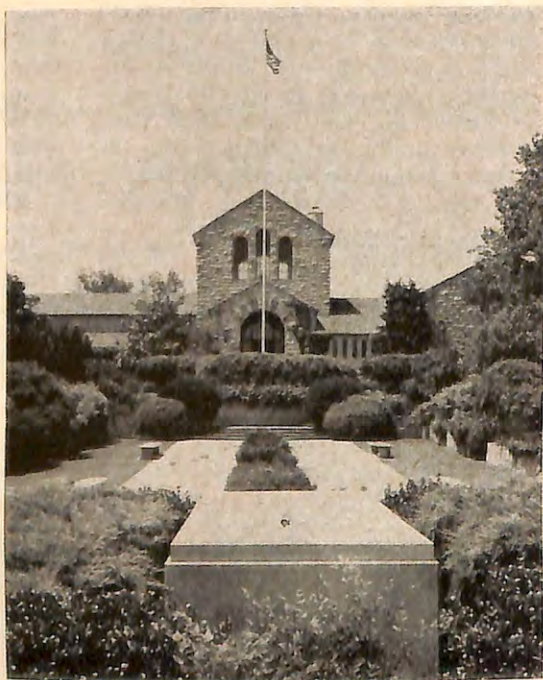
Mrs. Winchester bequeathed the ghostly house to a niece who refused to live in it. She kept it one year and then sold it in 1922 to three San Jose families who pledged to maintain the place as a museum.

Organizing a family-owned corporation, the San Jose residents over the decades have maintained the multi-roomed monstrosity exactly as it was during Mrs. Winchester's lifetime. Managed by John Marx, who started as a caretaker in 1936, Winchester Mystery House occupies five acres of the most valuable real estate in California. It is entirely surrounded by shopping centers, theaters, restaurants, and gas stations. San Jose real estate men say the Winchester land is worth upward of \$4 million.

Though Mrs. Winchester had banned visitors, some 60,000 awe-struck people now troop through her residence each year, escorted by guides and directed by signs and arrows so they will not lose their way.

Occasionally, a foolhardy tourist will leave the group, go exploring on his own, and get lost in the cavernous house and its dangerous mazes. Not infrequently, such a lost visitor, after being rescued, will shakily announce that he saw a little old woman dart in or out of a fake cupboard or blind passageway. But this is nonsense, of course, for everybody knows that there aren't any ghosts. Even in an unfinished house with 160 rooms and 10,000 windows. ● ●

THE WILL ROGERS TOMB (foreground) and Memorial (background) in Claremore, Okla., are pictured. Brother Rogers joined New York Lodge No. 1 in 1910 and was made a Life Member in 1915. He was born Nov. 4, 1879, in Oklahoma Indian Territory and became a well-known humorist. He died Aug. 15, 1935, as a passenger of aviator Wiley Post after the plane crashed in fog near Point Barrow, Alaska. A biography of Brother Rogers was written by his niece, Mrs. Paula M. Love, who sent complimentary copies to G.E.R. Raymond Dobson and P.G.E.R. Robert Pruitt.





ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

"The Joy of Giving"



Executive Director Nelson E. W. Stuart and Alice Kavanaugh (rear right), office manager, direct activities at the Foundation's new headquarters.



Careful Planning Pays Off

By the time the Grand Lodge convention rolls around this month, the Elks National Foundation will be fully settled in its new quarters in the Elks Memorial Building on Chicago's North Side.

Last winter's move from Boston was designed to centralize Grand Lodge activities and to modernize the Foundation's operation. But modernization involved more than removal to larger and newly-furnished quarters in Chicago. It included developing a more efficient method of reporting to subordinate lodges on the standing of their members with respect to Foundation pledges.

Under the present system, a donor normally receives two certificates from Foundation headquarters, the first when he makes his initial pledge, and the second after he has sent his final payment. The contributions in between are not acknowledged.

The new system, which it is hoped will go into effect this summer, would provide receipts to the Foundation chairman or the secretary of the donor's lodge for each payment received. This would improve the record keeping of both the lodge and its members.

According to Nelson E. W. Stuart, the Foundation's executive director, in-

conveniences caused by the move were held to a minimum, thanks to careful planning. Such planning was critical since the first three months of the year are traditionally the Foundation's busiest. The Foundation's main concern, its wide-ranging program of benevolent works, was in no way affected by the move.

One of the biggest jobs of any such move is the hiring and training of new employees. This task fell to Alice "Pat" Kavanaugh, the Foundation's office manager, and the only staff member to make the move from the East.

The office staff of six women, supplemented by extra help when the work load demands it, receives and records donations sent in from all parts of the country. Another of its detailed duties is the issuing of certificates of appreciation to donors. The scope of such an operation requires a vast filing system with tens of thousands of entries, the maintenance of which is also performed by the office staff.

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A HEALTHY CENTENARIAN

It is reassuring and gratifying to note that in its 100th year the Order of Elks shows the vitality and vigor more often associated with youth.

When Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond C. Dobson turns his high office over to his successor this month, he can do so with the full knowledge that Elkdom's health is excellent.

For evidence there is the increase of 28,874 in membership as of March 31. This is the largest that has been recorded in year-to-year figures since 1951. It is also the 28th consecutive membership gain that has been registered each year since 1939.

There is nothing phony about the figures. The increases were not confined to any particular section of the country, indicative of the fact that all parts of Elkdom are sharing in its prosperity. This is not to say that some areas of Elkdom are not growing faster than others. Furthermore, as every Elk well knows, there are no premiums, no prizes or other inducements to membership in this fraternity.

Grand Exalted Ruler Dobson can take justifiable pride, also, in the knowledge that as of June 1 under his administration, 16 new lodges had been added to the Order. Brother Dobson issued 19 dispensations, and there were seven more lodges awaiting institution, thus getting the Order off to a good start in its upcoming Centennial year.

As a matter of fact, by the time Elkdom begins its Centennial the number of Elk lodges will have surpassed 2,100.

It is evident that Elks took to heart Grand Exalted Ruler Dobson's slogan, "Be enthusiastic, live and let live," inasmuch as lodges spent a record \$8,119,746 for benevolent purposes, thus bringing the total spent since 1880 to over \$205 million.

More pleasing, probably, than anything else to Brother Dobson was the splendid record of \$781,448 in contributions to the Elks National Foundation from individuals, lodges, and state associations. The Foundation has long held a strong claim on Brother Dobson's affections, and as Grand Exalted Ruler he has been an articulate and persuasive spokesman on behalf of the Foundation.

That he spoke from the heart was evident to all who read Brother Dobson's messages and who had the privilege of listening to him speak. In his messages especially, Brother Dobson's background as a newspaper editor was reflected. They were direct and marked by stimulating wit and wisdom, and a deep and penetrating understanding of the principles of this fraternity that revealed a concern not alone with the substance but more especially with the spirit.

Grand Exalted Ruler Dobson has given the Order of Elks a year of vigorous leadership that has resulted in solid progress which ought to be extremely gratifying to him and to every member of his administration. Thanks to the achievements of the past year, Elkdom will be able to move ahead into its second century with a momentum and a confidence that augur well for the future.

ATTRACTIVE CHICAGO

Chicago got a late start among the nation's great cities, but the site for Elkdom's up-coming 103rd Grand Lodge Convention this month has made up for a lot of lost time once it got going.

The federal census of 1840—the first for Chicago as an incorporated city—found 4,470 persons resident there. Just to show the disparity, New York at that time had a population of 312,710, and that figure was for Manhattan only. By 1870, two years after the Order of Elks was founded, Chicago's population was 298,977, about one-third of New York's 942,292.

The capital of midwest America has narrowed the population gap considerably, however, in the decades since. The last census in 1960 gave Chicago 3,550,-

404 to New York's 7,781,984, an advantage in Gotham's favor reduced to only 2 to 1, but still leaving Chicago a long way to go before it can have any hope of overcoming New York's population lead.

There are, however, other and perhaps better ways of gauging leadership standing than size, and here Chicago need take a back seat to no city. For example, although little known, it is a fact that Chicago is the birthplace, if that is the right term, of the skyscraper. It was in Chicago that that great pioneer in architecture, Louis Sullivan, conceived and erected the world's first skyscraper. He also made many other lasting contributions to architecture.

Chicago's development of its greatest natural asset—the shorefront of Lake

Michigan—to its almost maximum potential is a tribute to the city's vision and a good index to its dynamic character. At the moment, Chicago is experiencing a tremendous development, with tall buildings (including one of 100 floors) and handsome ones as well, going up on every side.

Still one of the handsomest structures of all is the Elks National Memorial Building at Lakeview Avenue and Diversey Parkway. Now, with the adjoining, recently completed Elks Magazine Building, housing the staff of our monthly publication, and the headquarters staff of the Elks National Foundation housed in the Memorial Building, Chicago holds even greater attraction to Elks as a convention city.

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