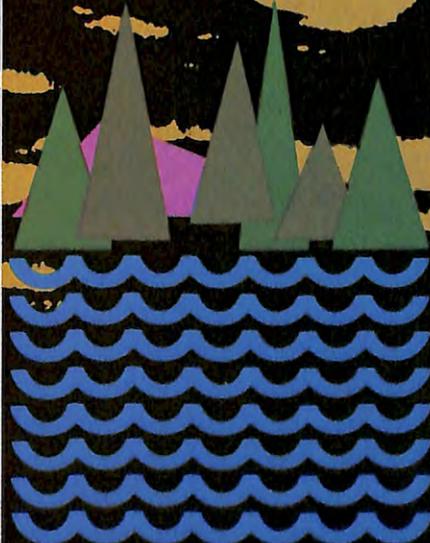


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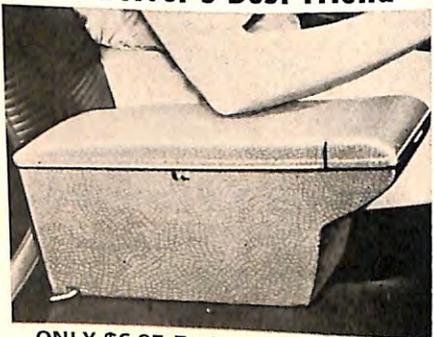
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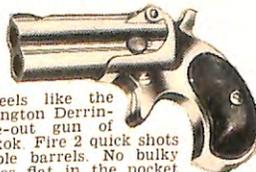
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"HELP THY NEIGHBOR" seems to be the motto of the State Department exchange program. For instance, we sent Libya \$10,000 to teach track and field events; a National League umpire for a mere \$1,845 went to the Netherlands Antilles for 19 days to give baseball lectures; a Chicago chemistry professor went to Poland for \$1,299 to teach volleyball. According to Rep. Elford A. Cederberg (Mich.) the whole list of projects cost around \$500 million.



FOR GOLD PROSPECTORS. The Interior Department, through its geological survey, has four new pamphlets on prospecting for gold and also ways to get financial help from the government. It says, in effect, there is still "gold in them thar hills" if you know where to find it. The pamphlets also list 36 other valuable minerals worth a prospector's efforts.

OUR NEW CARRIER, the *John F. Kennedy*, christened two months ago at Newport News, Va., and proclaimed the mightiest carrier afloat, is under criticism. Rep. Chet Holifield (Calif.), an atomic energy expert, points out it is propelled by oil instead of nuclear power. Other House members declare it already is obsolete. In contrast, the nuclear U.S.S. *Enterprise*, which will be refueled next year, will have enough atomic energy to go for 12 years.

FOR TREATING ALCOHOLICS the District is constructing a detoxification unit to care for 5,000 patients a year. It will cost \$200,000 and will be opened by the end of the year. After a three-to five-day drying-out period, alcoholics will be transferred to the nearby Occoquan Center for rehabilitation.

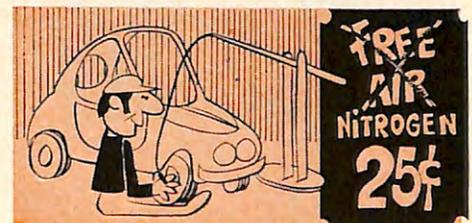
FOR SAFE CIGARETTES. On the theory that doctors will never be able to stop people from smoking, the National Cancer Institute at Bethesda has started an extensive research program. Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, director of the institute, said, "Obviously there are some things in cigarettes which cause cancer. If we can't stop people from smoking, then we better reduce the hazards." Dr. Endicott made plain it may cost between \$500 million to \$1 billion and may take decades. He said there are now over 50,000 deaths a year from lung cancer, which was a rare disease 50 years ago, before cigarette smoking became popular.

LOW INCOME HOUSING problems in Washington may be helped by plans of private groups to take over older apartment buildings, renovate them and rent them under arrangements that will still give them a reasonable profit. Washington has many such apartment buildings that were built after World War II and even after World War I, when it was almost impossible to find a place to live in the city. Many have gradually deteriorated. The Federal Housing Administration will be asked to guarantee long-term mortgages at low interest rates.



BANANA PEELS AIN'T. The hippies claimed when you smoke dried banana skins you get a real bang. So the government tested dried banana peels in a smoking machine and reports they do not produce the hallucinogenic effects. An announcement by the Food and Drug Administration declared that the machine "smoked dried banana peels for more than three weeks and never did get high."

AIR FORCE RED TAPE is sure something, Rep. Otis G. Pike (N.Y.) found out on an official trip to Canada. His orders designated him as passenger 4-4 743 4910 503701. His travel account was charged to 577 3400 307-4399 p491 2111 2151 s503701. He said everything went all right after he got his 20 copies of the orders.



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POPULAR GEORGE CHRISTIAN, press secretary to President Johnson, gets along fine with newspapermen. More than that, he sure pleases his boss. Mr. Christian doesn't go overboard in giving out press information. He is more cautious than his predecessors Pierre Salinger and Bill Moyers and perhaps not as much as George Reedy. He has been with the White House staff over a year, half of it as press secretary, avoids radio and TV appearances, doesn't make speeches.

WASHINGTON HEAT-WAVES. First manned orbiting flight of the moon under the new Apollo program may be ready before the end of next March, but not sooner. . . . An initial \$800,000 is being spent to get the battleship *New Jersey* out of mothballs at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, but it will take much more before it ever sails to Vietnam.

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camping the national forests

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WE HAD BEEN DRIVING all day across Montana, headed west. My family and I were on a summer vacation camping trip, using one of those outfits so popular nowadays, a camp coach on a pickup. Late in the afternoon we rolled into busy Helena, after the long haul across eastern Montana. The valley east of Helena had been hot, the traffic heavy. We were tired, it was getting late—where could we possibly camp?

I was thinking as I battled the city traffic how many thousands of vacationers on camping trips were doing the same thing that very instant. They were coming to the end of a day not knowing where to find a place to camp. Thousands would muddle around in complete frustration, finally locating a place that was not really satisfactory or fun—just a place to stop. Noisy, perhaps; worse yet, maybe not very clean. One part of what had started out to be a wonderful family camping vacation would be ruined.

But ours was not going to be that way. Just a few miles west of Helena is McDonald Pass, up above 6,000 feet. Up there it would be cool, maybe even frosty before morning. The view would be fine, the air crisp and exhilarating. I was co-owner of a camping spot among tall pines up there, and that's where we would home in for the night. It would be quiet, serene. Chipmunks would race around the camp just before sundown, ground squirrels would chatter in the fringes at dawn. We'd build up a big campfire to sit around at twilight,

and all would be peace and contentment in our own wilderness.

Lucky us, huh? Co-owning a spot like that to go to on vacation. But the fact is, *you also are co-owner*. Not just of that one. You, and I, and all other U.S. citizens own hundreds of such camping spots jointly, and they are in my opinion the finest and most enjoyable campgrounds to be found anywhere in the U.S. I'm talking about our national forests.

Now, it is true that a great many campers already know something about the national forest campgrounds, but not a tenth of what they should. My family and I have made a real hobby out of camping. It is also, in a way, part of my business as an outdoor writer. We have camped the U.S. from coast to coast and border to border. We have spent as many as 80-plus consecutive days camping. We've decided these national forests offer the best all-around camping facilities to be found, and we've also discovered that not one in a hundred vacationers has even the faintest idea of what a wealth of camping enjoyment is offered, all over the U.S., in the national forests.

The place where we were to stay that night is just off U.S. 12, at the top of the pass. There are two big campgrounds there, in the Helena National Forest. I have stayed overnight there several times and have never seen these sites crowded, even at the peak of the tourist season. To be sure, there are a few forest campgrounds in the U.S. that do become crowded, like most camping spots nowadays. But the beauty of the national forest approach to camping is that to date it has been kept pretty much *real* camping.

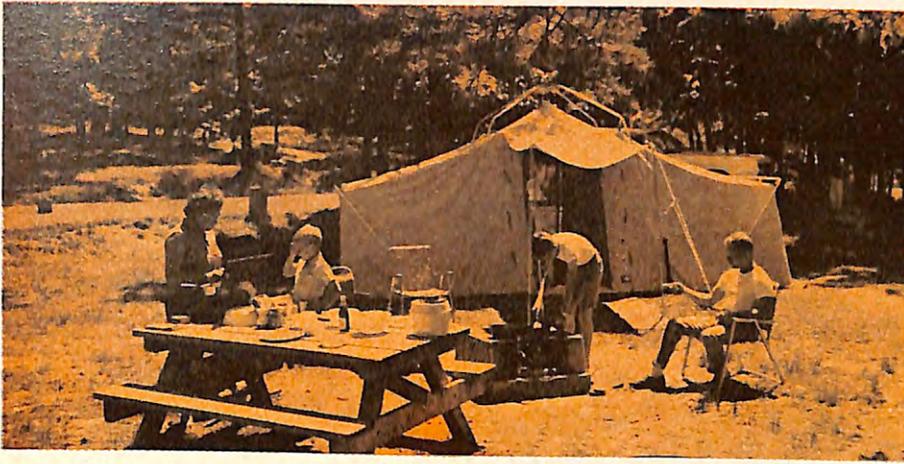
The flush toilets, hot showers, and electric hand driers I recall in spots like Madison Junction Campground in Yellowstone Park are almost never found in the forests. The forest sites are clean, well laid out, always have in and out roads so no trailerist or other

camper with a large rig comes to a dead end and has turn-around trouble. They are almost all equipped only with the basics: picnic tables, small grills, toilets. Most of the ones along main highways have a water source. What more do campers need?

By no means all of the forest campgrounds are along main highways. There are scores far back in the wilderness. Some of these you can drive to on side trails. Others you must horseback or backpack to. These backwoods spots have only the most rudimentary facilities. Again, what more do real campers need?

Nor are these campgrounds just in a few spots of the mountain west. There are in our United States 154 national forests, and 19 national grasslands administered in about the same manner. These cover enough land to amount to about an acre for every resident of the entire nation—186 million acres. Water surface of natural and impounded lakes within these forests covers some 3 million acres. Streams—some swift trout streams, others warmer, lazy and slow—course over 81,000 miles. Inside the national forests, in their more remote portions, there are designated wilderness areas that are held for all time off-limits to any kind of taming influence. There are 88 of these roadless wildernesses, encompassing some 14 million acres.

If all of that bigness seems a bit breathtaking, note the following. Although exact figures are behind development, which has been vastly stepped



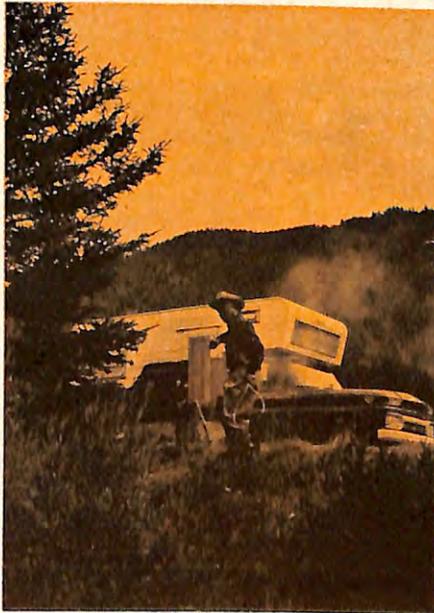
A typical camping unit—this one at Loggers Lake campground, Clark National Forest, Mo.



Family camping near the Pacific coastline.



Campers in a California national forest.



Time for early morning fishing in Montana.



An "unofficial" camping spot in Montana.



Canoeing at day's end—Spirit Lake, Mont.



Camping in Oregon—you name it, it's here.

up the past several years, there were at the last official survey over 6,400 camp and picnic grounds, split up into about 52,000 overnight family sites. Somewhere around 300,000 persons could camp all at once in the national forests, on any given night, at designated sites. During the next few years it is planned to boost the number of camp and picnic grounds to over 20,000 locations.

And still we are only scratching the surface. These national forest lands are public. They are yours and mine. If a campground is filled up, and you wish to just "camp rough," outside an official site, with few exceptions you may do so. Fire permits may be required, that's all. We have stopped beside a trail scores of times and just set up camp wherever late afternoon caught us. So in effect you have 186 million acres of campground. You can't possibly "get stuck" for a place.

Further, of the contiguous states, there are national forests in 40 of them. Thus, regardless of where you live, you are hardly more than a day's drive from some national forest. By far the greatest amount of this land is of course in the mountain west. A great deal also lies along the mountains of the East Coast, across the South, up into the Ozarks, and in the Great Lakes area.

All these heavily forested regions are of course the heartlands of U.S. recreation—our summer playgrounds.

With such a spread of climate and topography, needless to say, your camping vistas in the national forests can be highly varied. On a long summer trip you might stay in a moss-hung cypress grove in the Deep South, take a float trip down a swift Ozark stream, gaze off across Lake Superior, watch a campground-visiting moose in Maine, be awed by a towering rain forest on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, or horseback into a Wyoming wilderness.

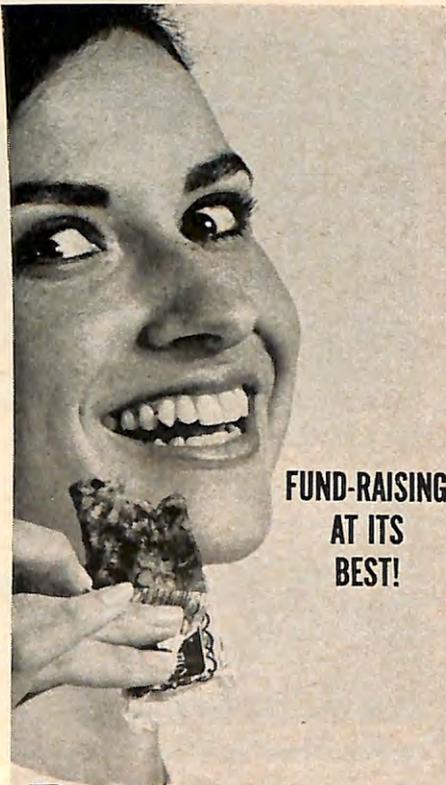
The variety is virtually endless. You are the one who can select what you like best, and if you kept on selecting for the rest of your life you could not possibly come to know all of our national forest campgrounds.

This, then, is what we have available. And, though as a nation of campers we do use it a great deal, we don't even begin to use it enough, or to over-run it. For example, my family and I were in the Yellowstone area for a month a couple of years ago when not a single night passed without swarms of people being turned away from the park campgrounds. The sites were bulging. Yet we never lacked for a good camp site, and many a time we stayed within anywhere from 3 to 25 miles of one or another park entrance. We simply availed ourselves of the forest campgrounds.

Part of this ready availability occurs
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The proposal for a Consular Treaty between the U.S. and USSR was much less due to any need of American tourists than as a step toward expanded East-West trade.

U.S. consulates abroad are largely, if not primarily, economic in function. Aside from this, the willingness of the U.S. Senate to support a measure of conciliation toward the Soviet Union was hoped to be a signal to Moscow that we can do more business with each other. As some academic authorities say: we are moving from co-existence toward co-engagement.

A variety of positions can be taken on this development. Each depends upon what we assume to be the purpose of expanding trade with the USSR.

What are the basic assumptions?

1. We want to strengthen the Soviet economy so that the Soviets will be better able one day to force their rule upon us. Communists in the U.S. and like-thinkers support this goal.

2. We believe trade with the peoples of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union will reduce the possibilities of war. History has repudiated this theory time after time. Trade has less impact upon war than do factors such as greed for power. Some of the scrap steel we sold to Imperialist Japan came back to us at Pearl Harbor.

3. Our aim is to influence the structure of Communist society by elevating practical, business-thinking men into policy-making positions. This is an ingenious concept. Here's why some economists think it could work.

First, the totalitarian organization of the Soviet economy has failed in competition with our economy. The Soviets have been forced to decentralize minor economic decision-making, increase economic incentives, and use price in the marketplace to determine the economic value of production. But all major economic decisions still remain concentrated in the hands of politicians in Moscow.

Second, it is estimated that political control over the Soviet economy can continue only if the Soviet economy is strengthened from the outside—from Eastern Europe, from Western Europe, from the United States.

Third, a most elementary economic concept is that while consumer goods

are used up, discarded, and must be replaced, capital goods (machine tools, factories, and advanced technological knowhow) are not used up rapidly. Instead, they add directly to the strength of the receiving economy.

Fourth, the basis of exchange of goods, therefore, has a direct effect upon the relative strengths of competing economies. Goods sold for cash take out of an economy about as much as they put in. Sales for cash limit what the Soviet Union can buy. But if the sales are on the basis of extended credit, the Soviet Union could immediately increase her wealth at no immediate outlay of capital.

Some economists conclude from all this that if we withhold advanced technological equipment and knowhow and do not sell to the Soviet Union on credit, we will withhold from the Soviets a kind of economic support they need. Lacking it, they will be under more pressure to appoint qualified economic managers to key decision-making positions. Their decisions will have to be based upon economic, rather than upon political objectives, in order to improve the Soviet economy's competitive position with that of the U.S.

The calculation is that economic managers would find that the economies and the societies of Western Europe and America are based upon pragmatic economic laws which Communists violate, but which the Soviets will have to follow if they are to compete with us on an economic basis. If this situation develops, the control of the Soviet Union by Marxist-Leninists would be moderated or even ended.

There is one practical political weakness in this scheme. The U.S. Government does not exercise enough control over our economy to force all of our economic units to go along with such a specific strategy during a period of expanding East-West trade. Once the greater flow of trade starts, so will pressures for permits to export the most advanced technological equipment and do it on credit, giving the Soviet Union close to a total gain on the trade. A few Americans might gain, but the large number of Americans—the tax payers—would lose in our economic competition with the Soviet Union if it goes this way.



The Spirited Family Named "WHISKEY"

"I WAS UTTERLY marooned on the desert," W. C. Fields reported years ago to friends. "Mountains of sand and a hellfire sun, and I was abandoned with nothing more fortifying than food and water."

While Fields' story is undoubtedly pure fiction, it's well known that the late humorist had a certain fondness for high-proof liquids—preferably American-style whiskey. Far fewer Americans, to be sure, share Fields' contention that it is whiskey—not love—that makes the world go 'round. But the fact is that whiskey is America's most popular potent spirit. Even teetotalers admit that a goodly dash of whiskey has won its place in the art of cooking.

Sales of distilled spirits other than whiskey—gin, vodka, brandy, rum, and cordials—represent only a quarter of the total U.S. hard liquor sales. In short, when Americans buy a distilled spirit, it's whiskey three times out of four. Last year, domestic sales reached an all-time high of 203 million gallons—just over a billion fifths. Among the ten best-selling distilled spirits, seven are whiskeys, two are gins, and one is vodka. Win, place, and show in the top 10 are whiskeys.

Despite whiskey's popularity, most of its boosters share a point of similarity

by RICHARD B. JOHNSTON



with those daredevils in the Roaring 20's who snapped up any hootch without examining its credentials. The most knowledgeable whiskey fans know, of course, that whiskey falls into at least six categories: straight or straight bonded Bourbon, U.S. blended whiskey, rye, Irish, Scotch, and Canadian. But few are the whiskey backers who can recite whiskey pedigrees, particularly when it comes to U.S. whiskeys. Even bartenders, according to liquor-industry surveys, are usually no better informed than their customers, and package store salesmen are seldom whiskey experts.

Whiskey has been described lyrically but unscientifically as "liquid gold" and the "gods' amber." Temperance enthusiasts have always described whiskey, equally unscientifically, as "the devil's own brew." Perhaps the only unbiased definition of whiskey is the U.S. Government's: "an alcoholic distillate made from a fermented mash of grain, distilled at less than 190 proof, withdrawn from the cistern room at not more than 110 proof and not less than 80 proof, and bottled at 80 proof or higher."

Incidentally, "proof," the technical term indicating alcoholic strength, referred originally to "gunpowder proof."

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At Queens Borough (Elmhurst), N.Y., Brother Dobson is greeted by P.E.R. John L. Frank, E.R. Francis J. McCormack, D.D.G.E.R. David D. Lee, and P.E.R. George Kleinmeier.

Lodge Visits of Raymond C. Dobson

The Journey's End



Brother Dobson goes deep sea fishing with Pompano Beach, Fla., Elks. Pictured with him are (kneeling): the then E.R. Donald L. Burrie; P.D.D. Herbert Payne, state director, and state V.P. Clyde Brown and (standing): Dick Dobson of Minot, N.D., son of the Grand Exalted Ruler; Dick Harris of Minot, N.D.; S.P. James W. Vann, of Pahokee, Fla., and the present E.R. Donald A. Scheurer.



G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson addresses Eugene, Oreg., Elks at a banquet in honor of his visit. Also shown are Grand Trustee Frank Hise of Corvallis and Glenn Boice, the then Exalted Ruler of Eugene Lodge.



St. Joseph, Mo., Mayor Douglas Merrifield presents Brother Dobson with a key to the city during his visit to the state convention, which was hosted by St. Joseph Lodge. Seated on the right are E.R. and Mrs. Victor C. Gehrs. Also pictured, on the left, is Mrs. Dobson.



During his visit to Atlanta, Ga., Brother Dobson presents scholarship awards to the local winners of the Most Valuable Student contest—Michael D. Day and Deborah S. Cresswell. Also pictured are Committeeman Tom M. Brisendine, E.R. William H. Carlson, Scholarship Chairman Linwood E. Harrington, and P.E.R. Robert H. Young, member of the lodge's scholarship committee.

Camping

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because people of our day are naturally gregarious. They are used to living in cities, crowded together. When they camp, many of them really don't want to be alone. This works to tremendous advantage for the real camping family. In the forests, because facilities, though very nice, are not often plush, one finds the cross-section of the camping fraternity who for the most part truly like to camp. They enjoy the solitude, the big people-less spaces. For that matter, almost all forest sites are so laid out that you have complete privacy, even when your neighbors are only a short distance away.

But the plain fact is, only a scattering of hard-core forest campers follows and seeks out the great opportunities available for camping. Part of this, I've noted, is that they really do not wish to get much off the thoroughly beaten track. Obviously, in areas where there are nationally famous attractions—Yellowstone is a good example—the forest sites are bound to be used more than in many other areas. The same goes for areas near very large cities. However, most of our national forests are not on the outskirts of big cities. Many of them are thus almost unknown to the general public.

For example, we were traveling from Kalispell, Montana, across northwestern Montana, Idaho, and Washington in midsummer two years ago. We stopped to look at a score of beautiful national forest campgrounds, some of which had not a single camper in them. The rest drew a fair crowd at night, for overnight stops. But we never had the slightest difficulty finding a place to put down. I even remember one, on the way back, as we crossed Oregon, with giant redwoods that dwarfed our big Dreamer coach. The forest was still and our surroundings so immense that we were awed to whispers. There were as I recall a dozen camp sites in that campground. We had it all to ourselves.

One of the reasons I feel these campgrounds, these wonderfully "accessible wildernesses," should be better known and publicized is that today we are having a veritable explosion of interest in camping. Tens of thousands of families who have never before tried camping are wanting to experience such a vacation. Many never find anything but private campgrounds and state parks—all good enough, yet by no means the fine experience that can be found on your own national forest lands.

How do you find all of these secret, hidden, or obscure places? They are not as secret as it may at first seem. There is hardly a U.S. highway that

does not pass through at least one national forest. To be sure, not many campgrounds are right on a highway. The plan is to keep them away from the immediate vicinity. A few are very close, scores more are a mile to a few miles off the main arteries. Seldom do they advertise. In a few of the forests there are rustic signs, easily recognizable as Forest Service signs, that point up a side road and note that such-and-such a forest campground is so many miles. But for the most part you have to search out these campgrounds. That, too, is part of the plan. It takes the

"downtown feeling" away from what should be a true adventure.

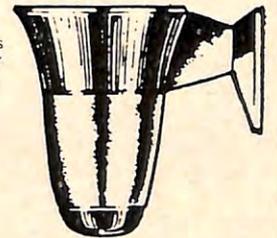
The search is not very difficult. Most highway maps indicate at least some campgrounds. There are numerous privately published campground directories that describe most spots and pinpoint them rather accurately on maps. But the best way of all to camp the national forests is to get your information right at the source, from the Forest Service itself. You can get information for the entire U.S., or for any region.

The contiguous U.S. is divided into
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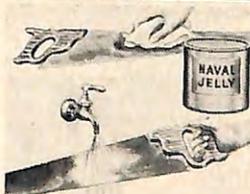
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the big gun in barbados

PROBABLY NOT since Jules Verne has anyone talked much about using a gun to blast an object into outer space. But that's exactly what will happen if sufficient money is made available to Operation HARP (High Altitude Research Project). A satellite will be fired from a gigantic gun and, with the assistance of rockets, will be placed in orbit.

There is no doubt among scientists that the present facilities are capable of putting a 300-pound satellite into an Earth orbit; with modifications, payloads of well over a ton may be possible. Most important, the cost could be as little as about 1 percent of what we are now spending.

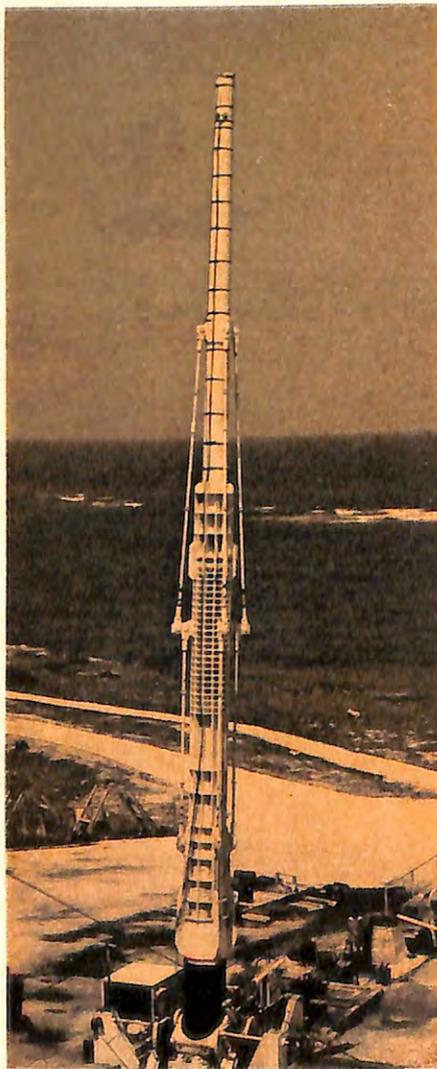
Operation HARP has been conducted by McGill University in Montreal, in cooperation with the United States Army Matériel Command. The project employs the biggest gun in the world—119 feet of 16-inch calibre barrel, gleaming white, standing beneath the coral cliffs of Barbados, the most easterly island of the Caribbean.

More than 150 rockets have been blasted out of the Barbados gun, recently at velocities of nearly 8,000 feet per second and at altitudes approaching 750,000 feet. Already the big gun has made significant contributions to man's knowledge of the ionosphere and to ballistics. Soon its projectiles will be probing outer space. The cost could be as low as \$100 per pound of payload in a low Earth orbit. It is estimated that with the gun as it is, a 300-pound satellite could be put into a 100 to 300 nautical mile circular orbit for about \$40,000 dollars.

By comparison, the least expensive orbital rocket in use today, the American "Scout," costs about \$2,500,000.

The project's non-orbital data-gathering flights cost about \$5,000 each. Pure rocket flights designed to gather primarily the same data cost approximately \$25,000.

By H. R. Aston



It's a classic example of how progress within an incredibly fast-moving technological society sometimes leapfrogs the obvious.

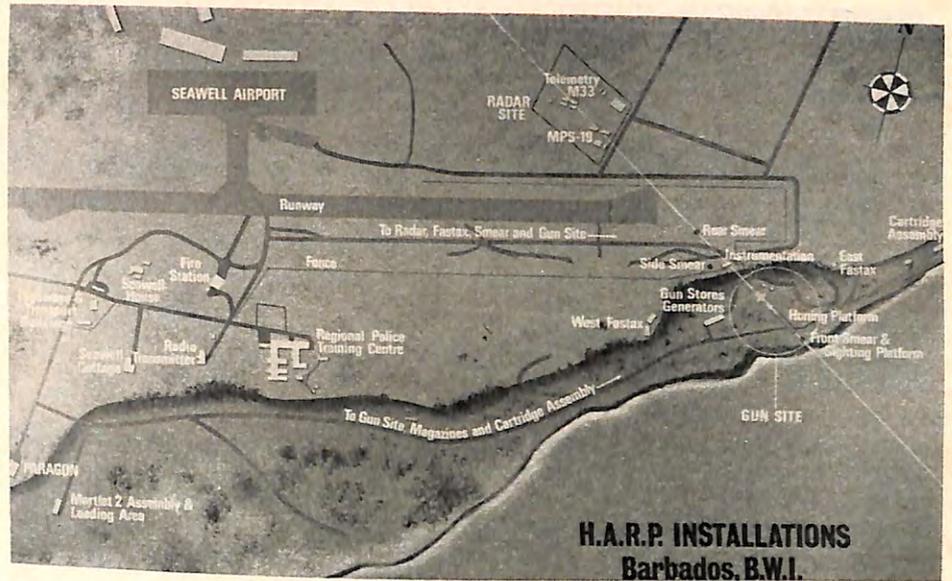
The biggest part of the cost differential is achieved simply because gun wear is negligible and therefore the "first stage"—the gun—can be used over and over again. Rockets from the HARP gun, in most cases, do not fire until apogee (about 15,000 feet—above the dense air region). In "pure" rockets more than half the fuel aboard often is consumed in getting through this dense air.

HARP is being looked to as an inexpensive way to orbit weather satellites and as an important means to re-supply orbiting space stations. There is also the possibility of important military applications. HARP is considered an alternative to the Nike-X ICBM defense system still under development by the United States. There is some disagreement in technical circles, however, about the desirability of HARP vehicles for intercontinental bombardment and anti-missile roles.

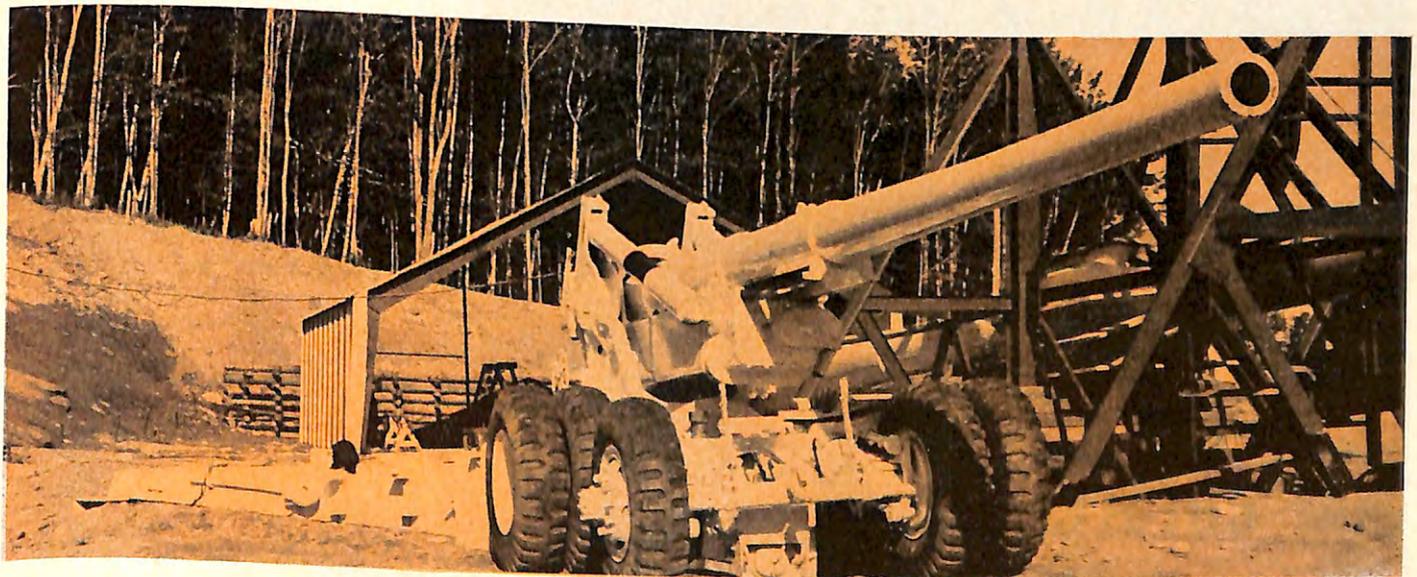
In addition to long-range technological and military applications there is one immediate one. Tests are being conducted now with a smaller HARP gun to establish the accuracy of projectiles in bombardment. If normal artillery accuracy can be achieved, consideration will be given to modifying naval destroyer guns for use in Vietnam. The range of such guns has already been increased by as much as 40 miles.

Tests at the Barbados site have also increased the performance of tank and battleship guns to the point where lightweight projectiles can be fired nearly 100 miles horizontally with tank guns and almost 400 miles with battleship guns currently in use by the U.S. Army and Navy.

The basic techniques used in Project



Though still experimental, Project HARP (High Altitude Research Project) already has sent rocket-boosted projectiles to 750,000 feet, conceivably could place small weather and communications satellites in Earth orbits at a fraction of the present cost. At the left is shown a spectacular firing of the 16-inch calibre, 119-foot gun (opposite page). The HARP installation on Barbados is diagramed above. Research is also being conducted to ascertain the feasibility of rocket-assisted artillery for Army use; an experimental, mobile 6-inch gun for this purpose is shown below.



HARP are not new, but the program is unique in that it is the first time that all known techniques, with modifications and variations, have been applied to make a several-fold increase in artillery range and velocity.

One technique is to use a low-drag, dart-shaped projectile in place of the conventional high-drag, blunt-ended artillery shell, and to fire it from a smooth bore instead of a rifled barrel.

Another technique is to lengthen the barrel to increase muzzle velocity. A further assist is given by sealing the muzzle with light-weight plastic and evacuating the barrel to one-tenth atmospheric pressure.

The last and most important is to use rocket motors to continue accelerating the projectiles after they leave the gun. In the Barbados gun, missiles rest against a butt plate that pushes the vehicle ahead of it. The butt plate falls away as the apparatus leaves the barrel and the rockets ignite either immediately or at apogee, depending upon the type of test being conducted.

An important aspect of HARP both scientifically and militarily is that it can be fired once an hour. That means that under ideal conditions satellites could be placed in orbit at the rate of one an hour from the same gun—and about 50 of them could be put up for the price of a single pure rocket.

HARP is the brainchild of Doctor G. V. Bull of McGill, who originated the idea in 1957 while working with ballistics range tests. The first Barbados firings took place in 1963 with a gun about half the length of the present one.

A HARP firing with the present gun is a spectacular sight as orange flame and smoke stream thousands of feet into the blue Caribbean sky, completely obscuring the rocket for a time and delighting tourists and natives. The concussion can be heard clearly ten miles away when a projectile is blasted southeastward to where the Caribbean and Atlantic Oceans meet. Often the
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Elks in Salisbury, Md., helped sponsor a telethon over a local television station, which resulted in \$3,700 raised for cigarettes for United States troops in Vietnam. In a previous telethon \$2,800 was raised. Conducting the telethon are (left to right) Johnny Williams, of WBOC-TV and a member of Salisbury Lodge; Norman C. Niblett, of American Legion Post No. 64, and P.E.R. Harold P. Athey. The American Legion, as well as, the Jaycees, the Moose, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, also sponsored the telethon.

and entertainment...



These young ladies sing a cappella with E.R. William Fitzgerald of Central City, Col., during the Elks recent visit to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver.

And another thank-you—a note from a Brother of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Lodge to his Brother Elks and to his father-in-law, a Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

Dear Dad and Brother Elks,

I am very grateful for the kind thoughts and understanding that was behind the three cases of Marlboros I have received over the past months. Most of you have spent time away from your families and loved ones because of some world situation and have experienced some of the things I have during this past year in Vietnam. You are well aware of how much it means to know that people back home are thinking of you. It is a shame that more people are not as aware of what is going on in this world as my Brothers in Cuyahoga Falls. If more Americans would practice the ideals of Elkdom in their daily lives I'm sure that there would be a better feeling toward this war. There are many 18 and 19-year-old men here who may not agree with governmental policies 100 percent, but are giving their lives so that those at home may still have the right to disagree.

Sincerely,
Brother Al Hill



Ohio Elks committee members inspect the first shipment of the several thousand playing cards which the Elks plan to distribute to Veterans Administration hospitals. The decks were especially created for the Ohio Elks Association with the Elks emblem on the back. The committeemen are Fred Kessler of Cincinnati, P.E.R. Edwin Turner of Dayton, Mal Eisenhard of Barberton, Logan Burd Jr. of Canton, and D.D.G.E.R. Francis Cupp of Chillicothe, state chairman.



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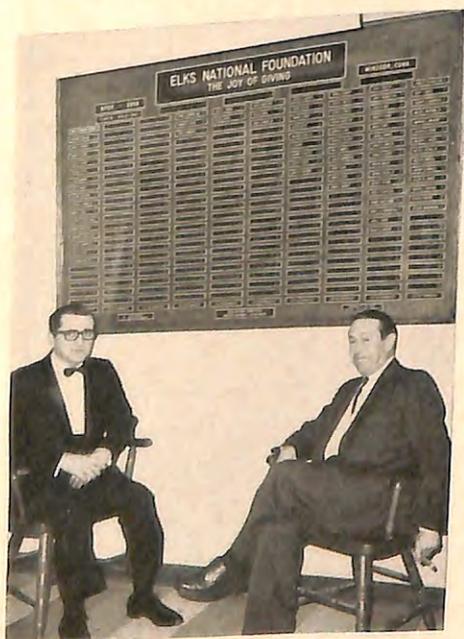
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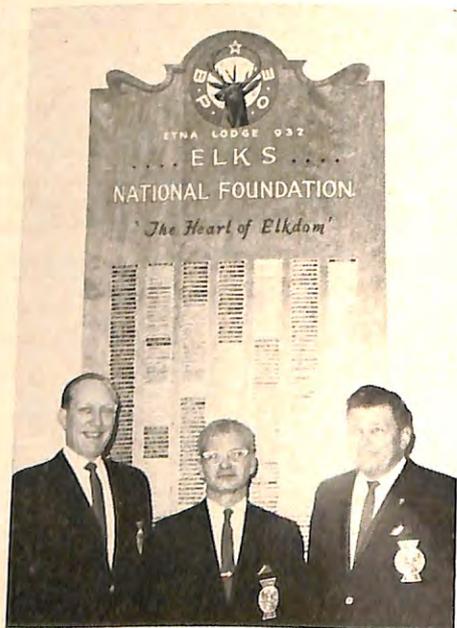


Teaneck, N.J., E.R. William Greco presents Miss Anne Marie Catello, daughter of the late Brother George R. Catello, with a letter of credit for a \$500 Emergency Educational Fund Scholarship from the Elks National Foundation at the lodge's recent annual dinner. The scholarship is given to the children of deceased or incapacitated Elks. Miss Catello plans to attend Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, N.J., in the fall, at which time the check will be sent to the school. Also pictured are P.E.R. Frank W. Handelong and P.E.R. Frank Krist.

Lodges Support Foundation



Windsor, Conn., P.E.R. Antone C. Botelho Jr. (left) and Brother Joseph Weiss, the lodge Foundation chairman, are pictured with the lodge's recently installed Foundation board—a subject of many favorable comments among the Brothers of Windsor Lodge.



To top off a fine year in the promotion of the Elks National Foundation Program at Etna, Penna., Lodge, Brother Gerard Sisca Jr. (center), Foundation chairman, designed and installed the new board. Shown are P.E.R. Eugene J. Dischner (left) and Secy. Howard W. Schran.

nine Forest Regions. Each has a regional office. Because certain forests overlap state lines, a portion of one state may be in more than one region. You can write to any regional office and request information on that region, or on a specific national forest. You can get general information from the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250. But you may be better and more quickly served if you go directly to a regional office. You should ask for specific information.

For example, as I write this I have in a stack beside me a number of booklets. Sample titles are as follows: "National Forest Camp & Picnic Sites in Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Eastern Wyoming." This is from the Rocky Mountain Region. "Recreation Facilities" contains the same information for the Eastern Region. Each region offers booklets such as these that list and describe camp and picnic sites, and many also show ski areas and other recreational areas. A few of the very latest additions to facilities might be missed in some of these not recently updated. But they will give you a wealth of information, and then you can request from a specific forest supervisor's office additional information.

When you have studied facilities and descriptions of any one of these regions, you will by then be apprised of the various forests in each region and, narrowing it further, in each state. If you decide to visit a specific forest area, you can then contact by letter or in person the headquarters for that one. The locations are all in the booklet you'll have from regional headquarters.

Forest supervisors or regional foresters (addresses available from regional offices) can furnish maps, pinpoint camping information, and give road and trail information for each forest. By simply knowing how to avail yourself of all the wealth of free material, you have the wilderness, *your* wilderness, right at your tent fly or camper doorway.

For many years recreational use of the forests was entirely free. That has now changed, because of the tremendous increase in demand. Funds had to come from somewhere to help create more and more facilities. So it was decided to let the actual users help foot the bill. Passage of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act in 1965 created a fee system in the national forests and on other public lands. Nowadays most of the well developed campgrounds have a use fee. There is no fee for driving through the forests, for horsebacking, hiking, fishing, hunting, or other use of lakes and streams.

Entrance fees are thus charged now at designated areas for all persons 16 or older. A few places that furnish such items as electricity, firewood, boat ramps, hot water, etc., have added special charges. But in all cases these are very nominal. You can pay as you go, at each charge area. Or, you can go for the big bargain, the new Federal Recreation Area Entrance Permit. This permit is good for a year, beginning April 1. It admits the holder and all passengers in his vehicle to all national forest charge areas. It costs \$7. It does not cover use of facilities for private concessionaire services, of which there are a scattered few. These \$7 permits can be purchased by mail from any Forest Service office. A family on a camping vacation should by all means get one. It's like opening the gate to 186 million acres of camping grounds.

Once you get the national forest camping bug, it becomes a kind of lifetime hobby in its own right. We've done some horseback riding and backpacking, boating and stream floating in the forests. The opportunities are so vast they're all but appalling. Horseback and hiking trails, adequately marked, cover over 100,000 miles in our national forests. You can even drive a camp vehicle, especially the more rugged ones, deep into many a forest wilderness. New roads are constantly being built, because of logging and other multiple uses. There are well over 150,000 miles of Forest Service roads. The waterways, as I have noted, form thousands of added miles. Camping via canoe or power boat on the large lakes and impoundments is an experience quite apart from all others.

It is a good idea, when you use one of the forests, to know the rules. There are not many. You are not allowed to cut living trees or bushes, you must have regular state licenses to fish or hunt, and at times of high fire hazard you may be restricted to certain areas. All the simple rules are easily available from the various offices, or from any ranger. In fact, the ranger in the area where you camp is one of your best friends, if you need any kind of assistance. He knows the forest intimately, and so do his men. Often they'll tip you off to a hot-spot fishing hole, or a particularly nice camp or trail. I've stopped at the office of a regional forester or forest supervisor many times to inquire about a place I had difficulty finding. Their maps are detailed, and they can straighten you out in a hurry. Don't be a pest with these people. They have a job to do. But if you really need help or advice they'll accommodate you.

Do the forests have seasons for camping? With a few exceptions—such as bad weather into which no tyro should venture—you are allowed to travel the

forests the year round. The developed camp sites, however, are only officially open during the spring, summer, and early fall vacation season. After that the water must be shut off, buildings locked, and garbage collections stopped. You can still use the site—in most instances—but it is up to you to keep it clean.

I think with amusement and delight of a lovely spot high in the mountains north and east of Yellowstone Park—Beartooth Lake. It is almost on the Wyoming-Montana line, but actually on the Wyoming side at that point, a few hairpin turns below the awesome summit of Beartooth Pass going over the hump to Red Lodge. During the very last days of June we casually drifted up there, to stop in the little forest campground.

Snow lay everywhere except on the sunnier slopes, where spring flowers already were popping up. There was no campground water available, of course, except from snow run-off in the rivulets. We parked our camper and huddled snug as could be against the real winter around us. I waded the lake shore, catching the most delicious brook trout and small grayling. I remember how I suffered in an aura of delicious agony. The water was so cold that even with heavy underwear inside my waders I could stand it only ten minutes or so at a time. This, mind you, just before July appeared on the calendar! It was truly great fun!

I recall chugging up the pass across the Snowy Range in southeastern Wyoming one late June, intending to camp at the top at a jewel of a little lake. The post bearing the campground sign was completely buried under six feet or more of snow, and the pass, partially plowed a day or so previously, was one-way at times. We drifted over the hump and holed up among the spring flowers bordering snow banks.

But don't get me started. . . . I was just intending to say that in all of the national forests it is a good idea to know the weather patterns and to go at the most enjoyable times, this of course depending on what you most enjoy. Whatever it is, the forests—your forests—have it. No family, no individual should let this year get by without becoming acquainted with at least a small corner of one of them. This is like yesterday—this is really what the word "camping" is all about, or as close to it as one can get in our scurrying generation. Don't let your family grow up without knowing this part of their heritage which, fortunately, is being forever guarded and preserved for them!

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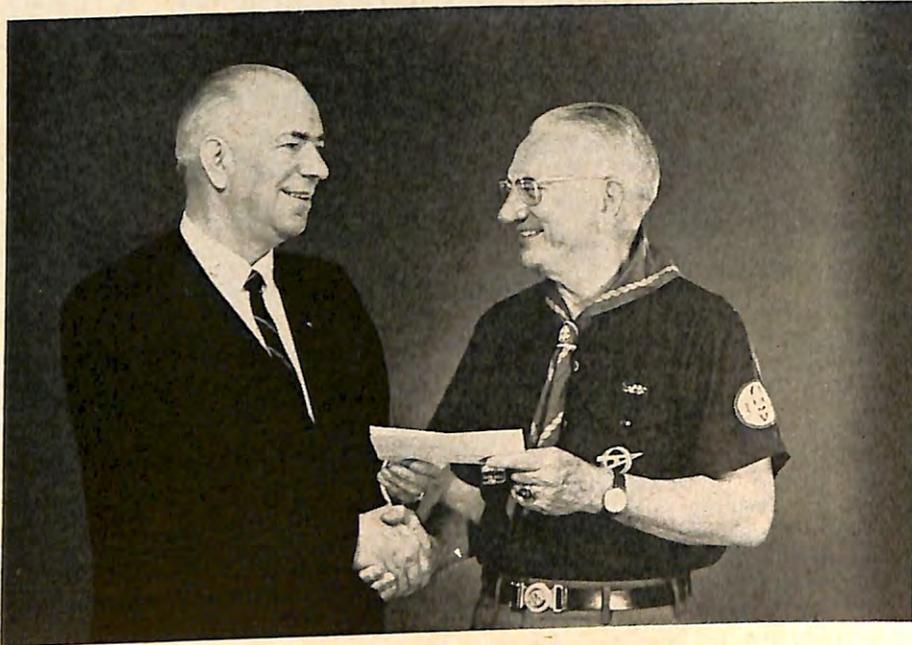
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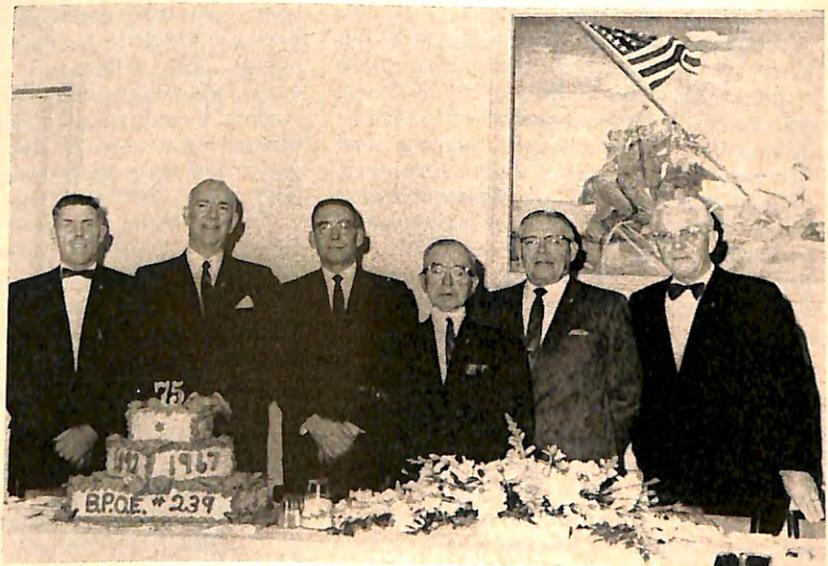
News of the Lodges



\$20,000 Grand Lodge Gift Adds Rodeo at Scout Jamboree

A \$20,000 CHECK for the 12th World Jamboree of Boy Scouts is presented by P.C.E.R. William S. Hawkins to Robert L. Billington, executive director of the Boy Scouts of America. Allocation of the funds had been approved by the Elks Grand Lodge at last year's Dallas convention. The funds were used to finance a two-day, Elk-sponsored rodeo to entertain 15,000 Scouts from 100 countries who attended the recent event in Farragut State Park, Idaho.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT, New York, dignitaries are pictured after participating in one of the largest parades ever conducted in Cohoes in recognition of the city being chosen by *Look* Magazine as one of the 11 All-America cities in the United States. Holding the banner is E.R. Douglas A. Slingerland, of Cohoes Lodge. The others are (from left): E.R. Ted Debonis, of Troy Lodge, V.P. Austin V. Gagnon, Cohoes, and P.E.R. Alexander A. Litster, of Colonie Lodge.



THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY of service to mankind is observed by Anaconda, Mont., Elks. Among the Order's notables at the event were (from left): D.D.G.E.R. F. A. Dorlarque, of Anaconda, P.C.E.R. and G.L. Convention Committeeman W. S. Hawkins, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, G.L. Committeeman on Judiciary Edward C. Alexander, of Great Falls, P.D.D.s Joseph Sullivan, Herbert R. Carlson, and Peter E. McBride, all of Anaconda.



NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio, ritual team—champions of the Ohio Elks ritualistic contest—pose happily with their trophy. They are (seated, from left): Est. Loyal Kt. Richard Musgrave, Est. Lead. Kt. and newly named E.R. Jerry Gordon, P.E.R. James E. Exley, and Est. Lect. Kt. Les Early. Standing, from left, are ritual coach and P.E.R. Glenn A. Bible, Esq. Larry Fontana, Inner Guard Tim Bichsel, Chap. and P.E.R. William Watkins, and ritual coach and P.E.R. Kenneth G. Weller. The team, ritual champions for the fifth time, also won the trophy in 1945, 1950, 1953, and 1961.



THE AMERICAN FLAG waves in front of many Massapequa, N.Y., business establishments located on main streets because of the dedicated efforts of the Massapequa Elks. The flags are presented to the businessmen. Admiring Old Glory are (from left): Peter Provenzale, Anthony Romanelli, P.E.R. Angelo D. Roncallo, and P.E.R. Thomas Earey.



THE TWO WINNERS of Fresno, Calif., Lodge's Western Sweetheart contest in the eighth annual Charity Horse Show are 18-year-old high school senior Linda Person and her mount, Lucky. Miss Person won a \$150 scholarship and was qualified to represent the lodge at the annual California Rodeo and Horse Show. The judges selected the winner by considering horsemanship 40 percent, Western appearance 20 percent, and poise and personality 40 percent. Proceeds from the two-day event are to aid physically handicapped children in the state's major project.



A NEW LODGE—MARYVALE (Phoenix), Arizona, Lodge No. 2369—was instituted on April 23, 1967, by Phoenix Lodge Elks. Among the many dignitaries who attended the initial ceremony were (front row): R. G. (Bus) Hebert, the lodge's first Exalted Ruler, P.G.E.R. Horace R. Wisely, D.D.G.E.R. Manly L. Traylor, Globe, P.G.E.R. R. Leonard Bush, P.D.D. Wayne Adams, of Phoenix Lodge, and P.D.D. Victor H. Stewart, of Safford Lodge.

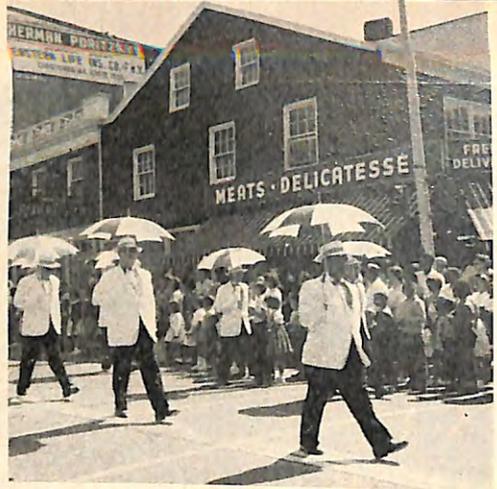


ABILENE, Kansas, Elks, the winners of the Kansas Elks Trapshooting Assn.'s event in Beloit, break 846 Blue Rock out of a possible 1,000. The team members are (from left): Jack Dautel, Harold Beach, Charles Shrader, Butch Leonard, Ed Leonard, Paul Brown, Mike Henderson, Carl Aker, and Laurence Henderson (holding trophy). Despite wind, snow, and sleet, 15 lodges participated in the competition, which this year again was sponsored by Clay Center Lodge.

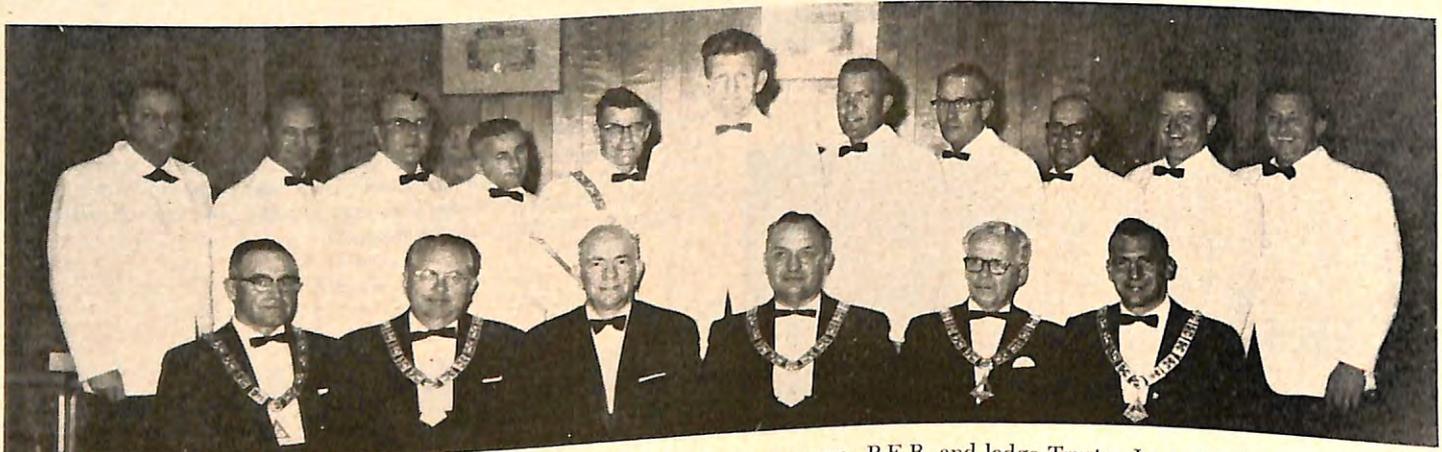
MASSACHUSETTS S.P. John F. Cahill, Belmont, presents a \$1,000 check to Sister M. Kieran, principal of the Boston School for the Deaf. The funds are to equip the pupils in eight classrooms with supplementary auditory devices to improve their learning ability. Other dignitaries at the presentation included S.D.G.E.R. Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, of Boston Lodge; P.G.E.R. John E. Fenton; W. Edward Wilson, Auburndale, of Newton Lodge, G.L. Auditing and Accounting committeeman, and Michael J. McNamara, Randolph, of Brockton Lodge, G.L. Youth Activities committeeman.



FERNDALE, Michigan, Lodge's change of officers provides a living family portrait. The new Exalted Ruler—Judson P. Scudder, who is 6 feet, 7 inches tall and believed to be one of the tallest Exalted Rulers in Elksdom—accepts the gavel of office from his father, P.E.R. William R. Scudder, a 57-year member of the Order. Watching the impressive ceremony are (from left): David Whyte, a brother-in-law; Harry S. Scudder, a brother; Daniel N. Scudder, also a brother, and (far right): Deward E. Gainer, another brother-in-law. All are lodge members.



PEEKSKILL, New York, Lodge wins the award for the best civic unit in the Loyalty Day Parade, sponsored by the Westchester Veterans of Foreign Wars in North Tarrytown. Leading the Elks, who carried purple and white umbrellas and wore the same colors in hats, purple bow-ties, white jackets, and Tuxedo trousers, was E.R. William R. Hayes Jr.



USING THEIR OWN HAMMERS, nails, time, and energy, Grangeville, Idaho, Elks constructed most of their new building. It is about 88 feet wide and 144 feet long, and luxuriously appointed. Among the dignitaries who attended the recent dedication ceremony were (front row, from left): D.D.G.E.R. Willard Scoville, Potlatch, of Moscow Lodge; G. Lester Von Barga, Lewiston, a state association director; P.G.E.R. William S. Hawkins, of Coeur d'Alene Lodge; S.V.P. Donald Rainville; S.V.P. Dan Turnipseed, Boise, and P.S.P. Virgil MacKenzie. In the back

row are: P.E.R. and lodge Trustee James C. Rogers; P.E.R. and lodge Trustee Jay Shinkle; Esq. Jack Marek; Est. Lect. Kt. Venard Frei; Grand Esq. Robert G. Black; E.R. Arthur M. Smith; Est. Lead. Kt. Ted Kelley; Inner Guard Floyd Hall; Est. Loyal Kt. Sydney Walker; P.E.R. and Chap. Norman H. Cox, and P.E.R. and Secy. Ted Hilbert. After completing most of the rough work, the members had a contractor do the finishing work. The basement room was finished by boy scouts, who will be using it.



THE FIRST EAGLE SCOUT in Vermont and a charter member of Barre Lodge, former Senator Donald W. Smith, presents an American flag to his grandson, Eagle Scout Sherman Sprague, Montpelier, at a father-and-son meeting of the local Boy Scouts of America Iroquois Council. His grandson wears his Eagle Scout badge. Silk United States flags, awards of the Barre Elks, also were presented by P.E.R. Elmer F. Mugford (not shown) to five Eagle Scouts during the ceremonies.



BROOKLYN, New York, E.R. William S. Ford crowns "Miss Liberty of Brooklyn." She is Susan Hines, who represented the Elks and Brooklyn Borough in the "Support Our Boys in Vietnam" parade along Manhattan's famous Fifth Avenue. Enjoying the moment is Amedeo J. Lombardi, Brooklyn parade chairman and a past Kings County American Legion commander. Miss Hines also won the Miss Fordham of 1966 laurels. The Elks are sending her photo to Vietnam units.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Lodge's Dr. J. C. Muerman, who observed his 102nd birthday last March, is believed by lodge members to be Elkdom's oldest living member. Born March 24, 1865, in Deerfield, Ohio, he joined the Order on October 23, 1909, while employed as Superintendent of Moscow Schools. He has been a Life Member since April 19, 1920, and also is a Mason, having served as Grand Master of the Idaho Masons in 1899. Brother Muerman now resides in the Jane Francis Nursing Home, which is located in Alliance, Ohio.



Lodge Notes

Members of Huntington Beach, Cal., Lodge viewed, at a recent meeting, a film of the Watts fire riots—described by Chuck Sperrazzo, activities chairman, as a "vivid and pulsating account of the tragedy, disaster, and frustrations encountered by all involved." Of particular interest were the new defensive, fire-fighting, and communication control techniques shown.

The film was supplemented with a factual talk by Battalion Chief Bill Anson of the city fire department. The keen interest shown by the Elks and guests, which included members of the Huntington Beach High School Key Club, was manifested by an unscheduled question and answer period that followed the film showing.

A new flag—the Order's symbol of charity—flies before the Galion, Ohio, Lodge building. The flag has been flown over the U.S. Capitol and was acquired, together with a letter attesting to this fact, through U.S. Sen. Stephen M. Young of Ohio. Keeper of the lodge's flag is P.E.R. and Treasurer T. C. Pilliod.

Sailors attended in the greatest numbers, Norwalk, Calif., Elks discovered at their recent veterans program. The Elks, including outgoing E.R. Lyle Loux and Joe Lyon, veterans chairman, also arranged a party and delivered gifts to hospitalized veterans.

Representatives from 23 of Nebraska's 25 lodges attended the state Elks' 27th annual bowling tournament, which was hosted by Hastings Lodge. The team championship went to Linn's Clothing of Hastings.

Quincy, Mass., Lodge presented certificates of achievement to 178 area youngsters at its recent annual observance of Elks National Youth Day, attended by 500 persons. The Youth Leadership winner, Miss Suzanne R. Sheppard, 17, a senior at North Quincy High School, received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond in addition to a certificate. The Adult Award for Service to Youth went to Miss Katherine McCoy, physical education instructor at the school.

In recognition of outstanding achievement, eight high school students were honored by Safford, Ariz., Elks at a recent banquet. The Most Valuable Student awards went to Dale Lucas, the first-place boys' winner, and Lenore West, the first-place girls' winner. Leadership awards were given to Rick Kempton, the first-place boys' winner, and in the girls' competition Yvonne Smith won first-place, Lenore Taylor, second-place, and Lorna Beth Sutorius and Jo Ann Escobedo, third-place. A second-place Scholarship award went to Mary Jean Flake.

A highlight of Norfolk, Va., Lodge's recent observance of Youth Week was a banquet at which each of the three Youth Leadership contest winners was presented with a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. They are Virginia Ann Vogel, Granby High School; Nancy Eugenia Wester, Maury High School, and Albert Morgan Carmichael, Norview High School.

The 1966-1967 Champion Ritual Chaplain trophy of the New York State Elks Assn. was awarded to Chap. Frederick S. LaSala, of Lynbrook Lodge. Officiating in the presentation ceremony was Lynbrook Ritual Chairman and P.E.R. George Boyd. Credit for a job well done is merited by the

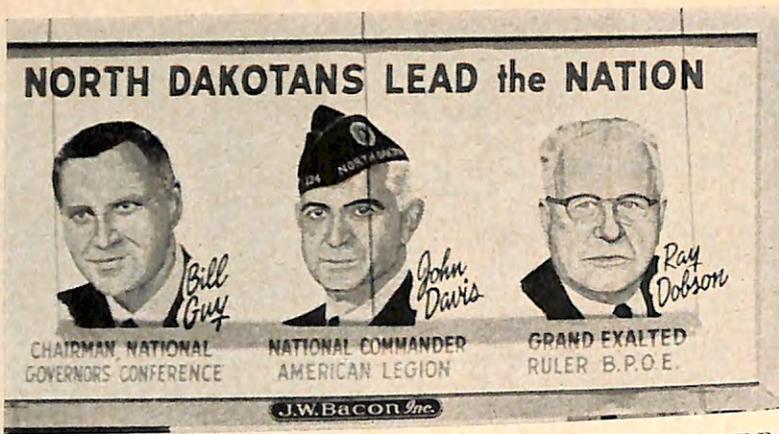
two ritual coaches, P.E.R. Salvatore Stanchi and Dr. and past V.P. Robert F. Thoma, both of whom are lodge members.

Quick action by a Fontana, Calif., Elk—Trustee Ervin G. Nau, a highway patrolman—was credited for saving the life of a 72-year-old man involved in a car collision. Brother Nau was off duty and en route to a class in San Bernardino when he saw the elderly man, Michael L. Meader, of Fontana, lying on the ground near the site of the accident. Meader regained consciousness after Brother Nau applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and was rushed to a hospital for observation. Brother Nau's heroism went unreported until fellow patrolmen learned of his action while taking a statement, a few days later, from an operator of a nearby service station.

Los Angeles, Calif., Elks selected Don T. Nakanishi, a Theodore Roosevelt High School student, as the recipient of their Youth Leadership award, which was presented recently by E.R. Joseph A. Capalbo and P.E.R. Earl Malmrose. The youth also is a second-place winner in the lodge's Metropolitan District competition.

Manila, P.I., Lodge welcomes Elks' sons who are servicemen in Vietnam. E.R. Richard A. Callahan invites them, when they come to the Philippines for rest and recreation, to utilize the lodge's new facilities located at: Estrella cor. Amapola, Bel-Air Village, Makati, Rizal, Philippines.

To symbolize that while time is passing, a lot of work remains to be done at Woodbridge, N.J., Lodge, the Elks presented outgoing E.R. John Nagy a clock at his testimonial dinner.



AMERICAN LEGION billboard poster in Minot, N.D., features P.G.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson as one of the nation's leaders, along with Gov. William L. Guy, of North Dakota, the National Governors' Conference chairman, and former Gov. John E. Davis, Bismarck, the Legion's national commander. All are Elks. Brother Dobson was a guest at the recent North Dakota American Legion convention.



THE WINNERS of the Texas Rio Grande Valley regional science fair—sponsored by Harlingen, Brownsville, San Benito, Weslaco, and McAllen lodges—about to depart for the International Science Fair in San Francisco, are bid bon voyage by Harlingen's E.R. George Grozier (left) and P.S.P. and P.E.R. Joel William Ellis (right). In the first row, center, is J. R. Kell, regional fair director. On the stairs are Anthony Ramirez, Bruce B. Snider, Tate Parker, and Christopher (Kit) Parker. Ramirez and young Parker were the top regional winners, and entered exhibits in the International Fair.



RICHMOND, Virginia, Lodge's new officers are (from left): Esq. Eddie Miller, Trustee Louis Shumaker, Est. Lead. Kt. Taylor Wilson, Treas. Loyal Pickles Green, E.R. Robert H. Houston, Tiler Brodrick Wirt, Est. Lect. Kt. Jay Davis, Inner Guard Harry Perlstein, and Est. Lect. Kt. Arthur Hazlett. Not shown are Secy. and P.E.R. I. Julian Galbraith, and Chap. Ted Partlow.



ELKS FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS in Mendota, Ill., Lodge (from left): John C. Kehm, a charter member, Harry T. Doty, John Faber Jr., Walter Elsesser, and P.E.R. Earl F. Lewis were each given an Honorary Life Membership. The presentation was made at a dinner in their honor by the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers.

MARQUETTE, Michigan, Lodge's monthly highway safety and courtesy award is presented to Chi Sigma Nu fraternity of Northern Michigan University by E.R. Harold St. Arnauld. Fifty-two of the fraternity's members voluntarily cleaned the roadside in and near Marquette of debris. Accepting the civic citation are (from left): James Pettit, who arranged the cleanup program, William Beerman, fraternity vice president, and Thomas Finnerty, fraternity president.

The award was made after a recommendation by the city police. Looking on is Police Chief George C. Johnson.





AT AN INITIATION ceremony of Parsippany-Troy Hills, N.J., Lodge, S.P. Harrison S. Barnes (center), Elizabeth, of Plainfield Lodge, chats with Mayor Henry Luther III of Parsippany, who is a new Elk. Between them is P.E.R. Norbert Kalokira. At the left are V.P. and Green Pond P.E.R. Vernon Miller and D.D.G.E.R. Herbert E. Fay, Springfield. The class was initiated in Brother Barnes' honor.

THE REFRESHING IDEA of Clarksburg, W.Va., Est. Lead. Kt. Patrick Eneix materializes into a free soft drink booth for more than 3,000 band members from the area's 47 high schools. The young people took advantage of the oasis after marching in a parade despite a heavy rainfall.



SIX WINNERS of Everett, Mass., Lodge's 13th annual high school oratorical contest, shown with Est. Lead. Kt. Charles J. Crafts (fourth from left), contest moderator, and Brother Charles W. Collins (right), Everett High School principal, are Dennis Catanzano, William Hagan, Brenda Flynn, Carol Webber, Stephen Fulchino, and Charles Goldenberg, winner of the day. Each received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond and Goldenberg received an additional \$50 Bond.

AT THE VINING GRADE SCHOOL showing of a Billerica, Mass., Lodge-sponsored film which tells children how to recognize the child molester are Tewksbury Police Sgt. Phillip Bradnick, the narrator; Billerica Police Chief Joseph Ryan; Principal K. Shirley Cowdrey, and Charles P. Cooke, youth activities chairman. Chief Ryan and Police Inspector Joseph Martin directed the film's presentation in seven schools. To further the program, the Elks purchased 1,500 coloring books with the same theme; one is to be given to each child when he starts school.



QUEENS BOROUGH (ELMHURST), New York, Elks and their wives at New York's Kennedy International Airport are about to board a plane for a three-week visit to The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.



SPORTS JACKETS from Hartford, Vt., Lodge are worn by members of the Hartford High School football team, the Class I champion in the state. Standing in the center is P.E.R. Clarence Church; kneeling in a business suit is Tom Addison of the Boston Patriots, the speaker at the lodge program.

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, Lodge honors two long-term Elks with Life Memberships. The recipients are Charles E. Coyne (fourth from left), a 50-year member, and A. J. Ryan Sr. (third from right). Other lodge members pictured are P.E.R. and Secy. John C. Fisher; James V. O'Leary, the lodge's Elk of the Year; Mike Fogarty, past Trustee; Bill Zinkil, Broward County tax assessor and former Hollywood mayor; State Sen. A. J. Ryan Jr., who made the presentations to his father, and Brothers Coyne and O'Leary; State Rep. Tom McPherson; P.E.R. John F. Breslin, and State Rep. Hugh B. Cramer. The presentations followed the initiation of eight candidates.



THE TWO WINNERS in New Jersey's North District youth contests are Mary Louise Pfeil (second from left), who received the Most Valuable Student award, and Rita Marie Koch, the Youth Leadership award winner. Both students at St. Luke's High School, Ho-Ho-Kus, were sponsored by Ridgewood Lodge. Also shown are P.D.D. William Valentien Jr., Pompton Lakes, district chairman of the Most Valuable Student Committee; D.D.G.E.R. Arthur L. Fellner, Totowa Borough, of Passaic Valley Lodge, and P.V.P. and Passaic Valley P.E.R. Nicholas R. Amento, district chairman of the Youth Leadership Committee.



TEWKSBURY-WILMINGTON, Massachusetts, Lodge officers, selected as the State Ritual Champions for 1966-1967, are Est. Lead. Kt. Anthony J. Cappucci, Est. Loyal Kt. N. John Powers, Est. Lect. Kt. Gordon M. Prentice, E.R. Alfred C. Thompson, Esq. Edward J. Turowsky, Chap. Daniel J. Donovan, Inner Guard George F. Higgins, and Candidate Al Parsons. Coach Thomas J. Dowd was absent when the picture was taken.



SOUTHBRIDGE, Massachusetts, P.E.R. Philip B. L'Ecuyer and Tulio Osimo, youth activities committeemen, congratulate the lodge-sponsored Little League baseball graduates after presenting trophies to them.

WOODBIDGE, New Jersey, Elks sponsor their second dance for handicapped teenagers. Music was provided without charge for about 50 youngsters by a teen-age band, the Ridge Riders. At the left is E.R. Fred Karney.



SEVENTEEN MEN were initiated into Miami, Fla., Lodge during a recent ceremony.





IN TRIBUTE to his years of dedicated service, Rutherford, N.J., Elks present a set of jewels to outgoing E.R. Emil LaMagna (left) at a testimonial dinner dance in his honor. Making the presentation is D.D.G.E.R. Arthur L. Fellner, Totowa Borough, of Passaic Valley Lodge. Raul Berruti was the event chairman.



HUDSON, Massachusetts, Elks emphasize their interest in youth activities by presenting sports jackets to Hudson high school athletes at a recent banquet. Modeling the jackets are Paul Lujan (left) and John Jacobs Jr., the banquet speaker. Among those attending the presentation were (from left): G.L. youth activities committeeman Michael J. McNamara, Randolph, of Brockton Lodge, Robert Helen, banquet chairman and toastmaster, E.R. Manuel Almada, and Mike Holovak, Boston Patriots coach.



SOMERVILLE, New Jersey, P.E.R. Edward J. Oliver (right), chairman of the lodge's 10th annual Golf Tournament, presents the Top Golfer trophy to Ralph Sternadori. Looking on is E.R. Ercole Sena. The day-long event was followed by a dinner in the lodge.

MOUNTAINSIDE, New Jersey, P.E.R. and Secy. Richard Pullen, the Crippled Kiddies Chairman, accepts a \$100 check from the Elks' ladies to aid local handicapped children. Making the presentation is Mrs. Mary Place, president of the women's group.



YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, New York, Lodge's 1966-1967 champion bowling team, called the Busters, are (first row): Hank Prince, Eli Vetrano, and Nick Schafer. In the back are Dave Hanke and Nick Belcameno.



VALLEY STREAM, New York, Lodge conducts a session on narcotics in cooperation with the Narcotics Victims' Assistance Program, a part of the state major project. The guest speaker, Dist. Atty. William Cahn of Nassau County (center, left), holds the exhibit that illustrates his talk with P.E.R. Edward R. Schmidt. Members of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee, which arranged the lecture, are Ed Futterer, Ed Veter, Harry Seebinger, Chairman Cliff Magee, V.P. Joseph T. Annona, Mike Millilo, Angelo Marando, and Norman Brower.

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Whiskey

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To determine the potable strength of their product, early distillers mixed an equal amount of spirit and gunpowder, and applied a flame. If the powder failed to burn, the liquor was too weak; if it burned brightly, it was too strong. But if it burned slowly with a blue flame, it was "100 percent perfect" or "proved." This did not mean 100 percent alcohol, but represented the drinkable mean—approximately 50 percent alcohol by volume. The rest was water. The half-and-half mark was proven about right through experience, and became the standard for gauging spirits.

The grains transformed from cereal to distilled spirits are barley, rye, wheat, and corn. The chemical magic is wrought in much the same way wherever whiskey is made.

Basically, here's how whiskey is born: grain is made into a mash by milling and the addition of water; malt is introduced to turn the mash to sugar; yeast is added to convert the sugar to alcohol; in a still, heat is applied to drive the alcohol from the watery mixture. The vaporized alcohol cools and condenses into whiskey. The whiskey, a clear liquid, is stored in wooden barrels where it ages and takes on color.

Differences in distilling processes and ingredients, plus the individual skills of master distillers and blenders, produce whiskey's limitless variations.

The word "whiskey" (or "whisky") is Celtic and comes from the Gaelic word *uige-beatha*. Literally translated, *uige-beatha* means "water of life"—a name the early Celts in Ireland chose to sum up both the quality and the necessity of their native liquor. Occasional elbow-benders might be more inclined to agree with the fanciful Celtic description of whiskey than the teetotaler. But not even total abstainers can deny that whiskey and history have been frequent bedfellows.

Where whiskey's history begins, no one is quite sure. Classical allusions suggest that it may date back to the pyramid-builders, when the Egyptians fortified themselves with a potent barley distillation. More certainly, the Irish Celts were already accomplished distillers when England was still an island of barbarians, and most historians contend that whiskey's true past is shrouded in the mists of the Celtic dawn.

Some Irishmen claim that Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, was the first whiskey-maker; others say that he was a brewer of beer. But since whiskey is really distilled beer, perhaps there's an element of truth in both claims. Patrick lived during the fifth century A.D., and it's probable that the Irish have been

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Letters

From Our Readers

A Real Railfan

(This letter was addressed to author H. R. Whitaker.)

I thoroughly enjoyed your article "I'll Miss Those Sleepless Nights" [February 1967]. You certainly hit the nail on the head with your description of Pullman travel.

As a railfan myself, and seeing as you did that the Pullman is soon to be a thing of the past, I took it upon myself to preserve one. I recently purchased, from the Pennsylvania Railroad, their Pullman "Poplar Heights," a six-section, six-double-bedroom car.

Thanks again for sharing your feelings with us through your article.

Robert L. Havens
Southampton, N.Y.

Thanks for "Dropout"

(This letter was addressed to Richard Neissink, author of an article in our April issue.)

Your "Dropout" is terrific. I rarely ever read anything more than once, but Rufus and his lord (and potential master) compelled me to read it four times within a half hour. I laughed harder and teared more with each reading—the understanding, happy kind of tears.

The closest thing I have seen to compare with "Dropout" is Jack Alan's "From Pillar to Post." That is in the literary department—we have had innumerable very personal experiences with a couple of canine characters on this homestead whose rollicking, napping, and chomping have exposed us to a very open-minded attitude about dogs.

I'm sure that Rufus loves you, and I know that you have made a lot more friends because of the delightful humor that you shared with so many.

Marion Paoli
Paradise, Calif.

Daughter of a Pioneer

A friend gave me a copy of your magazine to read. I enjoyed it very much—of course, the article "Cross Country in 44 Days" by John Clark Hunt was the main reason, as my father was Milford Wigle [one of the racers]. He died July 1, 1964. A lot of his records and pictures were given to James Melton's "Aurorama."

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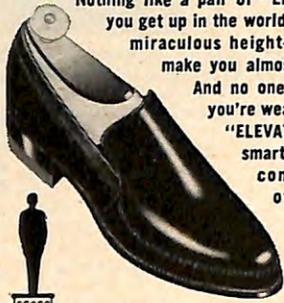


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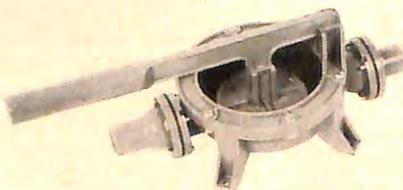
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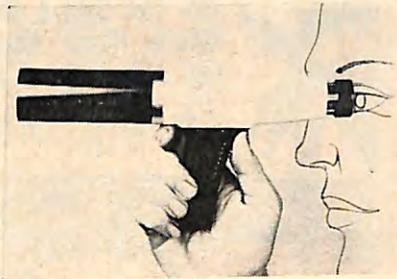
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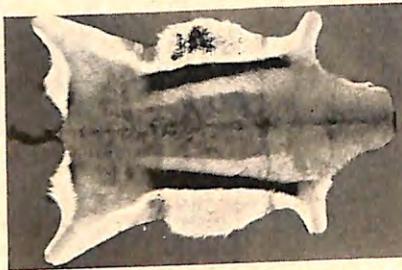
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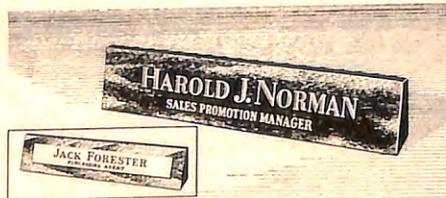


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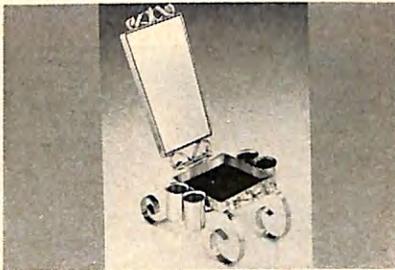


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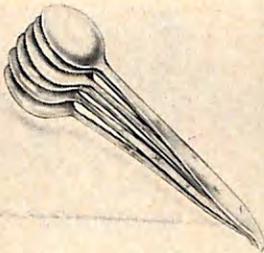
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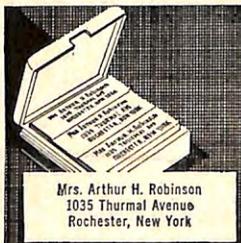
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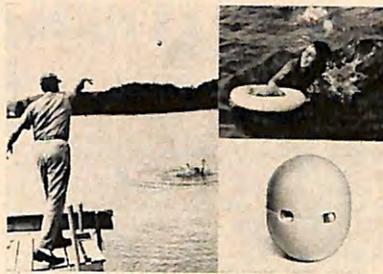
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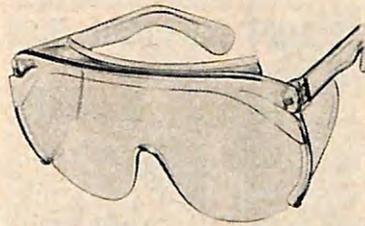


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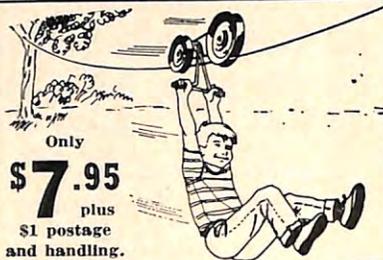
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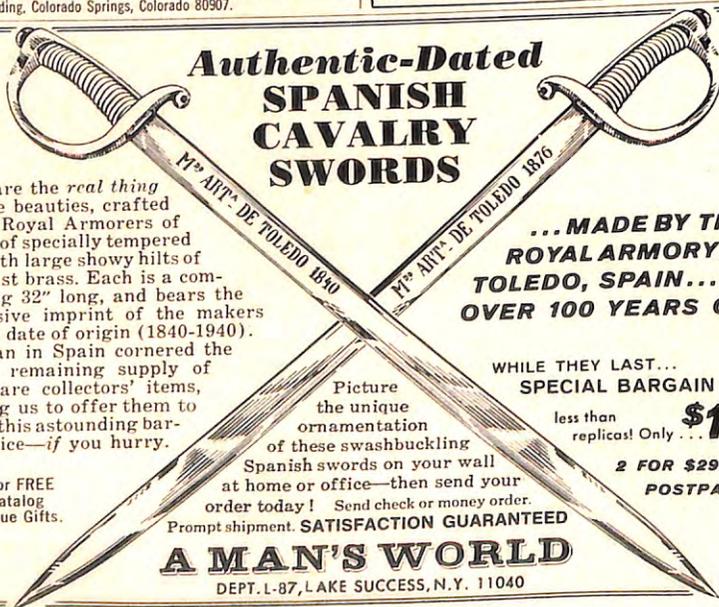
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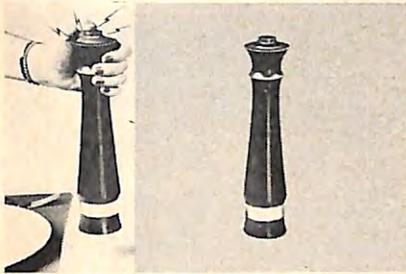
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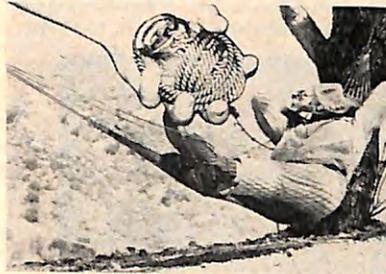
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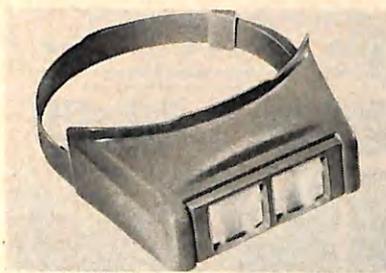
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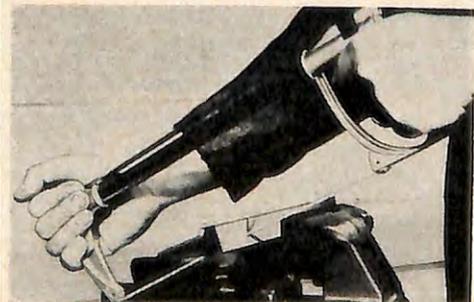
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From the Emerald Isle, the art of distilling migrated to the bleak Highlands of Scotland. By the 17th century, almost every farmer had his own still and produced just enough invigorating spirit to quench his own thirst. Early Scotch whisky was made solely from barley malt, dried over peat smoke, and double-distilled to raise the alcohol content. Malt whisky was a heady spirit, meant to be drunk by a sturdy Highlander accustomed to backbreaking labor and a dank climate that called for a soul-warming brew.

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The Scots, who to this day remain touchy about English regulations, reacted vigorously and, in many cases, violently. The government sent agents, called gaugers, to the Highlands to collect duty on every gallon of malt whisky; every distiller considered it his duty to avoid paying, if possible. Scotch whisky buffs relish this story and swear that it's recorded in the archives at Inverness:

"Sandy," said a gauger to a distiller known to be smuggling, "I'm telling ye for your own good. From now on I'm on your trail. And ye know I'm a man o' my word."

"Thanks," says Sandy. "Ye'll admit my word is as good as yours. On Friday next I'll bring in a firkin o' whisky under your very eyes, and it'll be on the north road between sunup and sundown."

On Friday the north road was blockaded by excise officers. First came carts with hay. Each cart was searched. Then came carts with sheep, carts with wood, carts with turnips. Then came a dray loaded with oats, followed by a lengthy funeral cortege. Then more carts. Sundown came and the tax collectors had found no contraband whisky.

That evening the government gauger and Sandy met to compare notes.

"Ye broke your word," the gauger grumbled. "Man, I trusted you."

"My word is still true," said Sandy. "The whisky is in Inverness now."

"Ye carried the whisky on the north road between sunup and sundown?" the gauger asked. "Have ye any witnesses?"

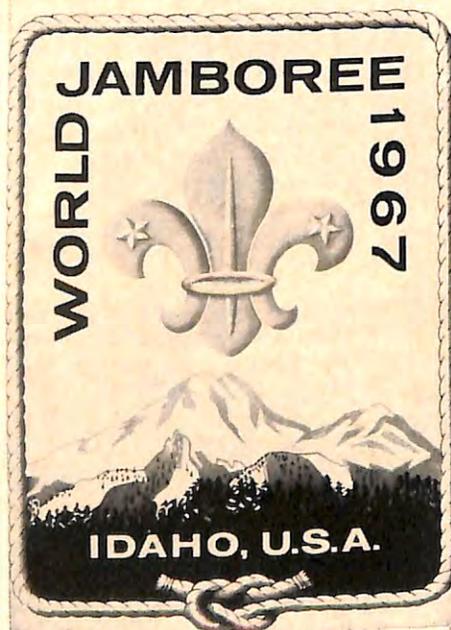
"Aye," says Sandy. "Yourself. Man, ye took your hat off to it."

Inevitably, government control came to the entire Highland whisky industry. In 1823, the use of family-size stills was prohibited. The small fellow sold out to the big fellow, and the big fellow with sales outlets all over the British Empire found that the public desired a Scotch whisky with a milder taste. The age of blending began.

Today, there are still 101 straight malt whiskies distilled in Scotland, but they are not bottled for the world market. Instead, they are blended with lighter whiskies made from rye, wheat, and corn. One popular Scotch is a crossbreed of over 40 Highland malts and a secret number of grain whiskies. The color of Scotch originally came from aging in used sherry casks or the addition of a caramel solution. Today, however, many Scotches are aged and take on color in used Bourbon barrels imported from the U.S.

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Canadian whiskies. Whisky distilled under the Maple Leaf flag was not always so popular. But during the Prohibition, Canadian brands came across the border in generous quantities to help slake the great American thirst. Ever since then, they've held a firm, though small, share of the U.S. market.

Connoisseurs claim that Canadian distillers produce the world's lightest, most delicate whisky. True or not, they've been making a grand try since at least 1800, when almost every grain miller in eastern Canada stoked up a pot still in the back room. Like distillers everywhere, Canadians found that grain in the form of whisky brought a far better return than grain in the form of bread.

Canadian whisky is a blend of spirits made from corn, rye, and barley, and heavy on the corn side. Reflecting, perhaps, Canada's stringent tipping laws, 80 percent of its production is sold on the U.S. market.

Less stringent, however, are the government regulations that control production. It's much easier in Canada than it is in the U.S. for a distiller to choose his own ingredients, distilling processes, and aging methods. Some Canadian distillers use wine to color raw whisky and smooth off rough edges; others prefer prune juice to accomplish the same ends.

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Some of the Order's dignitaries at the Tennessee Elks' annual state convention in Kingsport include (first row): P.G.E.R.s John L. Walker and Raymond C. Dobson, Mrs. Doral E. Irvin (second from left), Mrs. Dobson, and (second row): Past Grand Trustee, P.D.D., and P.S.P. Edward W. McCabe, Nashville; Virginia V.P. and Lynchburg P.E.R. Doral E. Irvin, Superintendent of the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va., and Mrs. Walker.

Carlotta Barnett, 17, a cerebral palsy victim who learned to walk under the Ohio Elks' CP treatment program, receives a \$1,000 check for the program from E.R. William Morris of Toledo Lodge during the annual state convention in Columbus. At the rostrum is P.D.D. and P.S.P. Lawrence R. Derry, Barnesville, state fundraising chairman for the CP program, the state major project.

Elks Sum Up Results at Annual Conventions

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULERS John L. Walker and Raymond C. Dobson were among eminent Elks who attended the Tennessee Elks Association's annual convention April 8 in Kingsport.

Also present were Past Grand Trustee, P.D.D., and P.S.P. Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, and Virginia V.P. and Lynchburg P.E.R. Doral E. Irvin, Superintendent of the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.

Lt. Gov. Frank Gorrell, Nashville, state Americanism chairman, delivered the address at the memorial service.

About 400 Elks and their wives attended the meeting, which concluded with a dinner dance.

Kingsport Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest for the sixth time in seven years.

William R. Rigell, Kingsport, was elected to succeed S.P. Charles T. Cate Jr., Gatlinburg. Other new officers are: Bill Stanfill, Columbia, President-Elect; Walter Key of Jackson, Laurin Hunter of Gatlinburg, and Stanley Smith of Johnson City, Vice-Presidents; Charles Cook, Chattanooga, Tiler; Jack E. Huntoon, Kingsport, Chaplain; David Cope-

land, Athens, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Ed Wohlbold, Nashville, Trustee. John M. Smith, Oak Ridge, and George Farr, Chattanooga, were reelected Executive Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The midyear meeting will be held in September in Jackson.

MORE THAN \$150,000 was spent by Ohio Elks on charitable projects this last year, they learned at their 69th annual convention May 4 through 7 in Columbus. The total included more than \$111,000 for community welfare projects, and more than \$34,000 in cerebral palsy grants.

Major Projects Chairman Thomas Price, Zanesville, reported that therapists drive Elk-operated treatment units 500 to 600 miles a week to reach CP patients. Grants totaling \$26,000 for treatment of such patients were approved. Logan Burd Jr., Canton, veterans service chairman, said that Ohio Elks provide entertainment once a month in the five Veterans Administration hospitals in the state and that cigarettes are sent to American ser-

vicemen in Vietnam.

Distinguished Elks at the meeting included: P.G.E.R.s Fred L. Bohn and Edward J. McCormick; P.S.P. Nelson E. W. Stuart, Chicago, of Cleveland Lodge, Grand Trustee and Executive Director of the Elks National Foundation; P.S.P. E. Gene Fournace, Newark; P.S.P. Walter G. Penry, Radnor, of Delaware Lodge, a G.L. Lodge Activities committeeman; Ernest B. Graham Jr., Zanesville, a G.L. Auditing and Accounting committeeman; Charles P. Bender, Evansville, Ind., of Wabash, Ind., Lodge, a G.L. Ritualistic committeeman, and the Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster, Past Grand Chaplain.

Delegates to the sessions represented more than 56,000 members of the 97 lodges in Ohio.

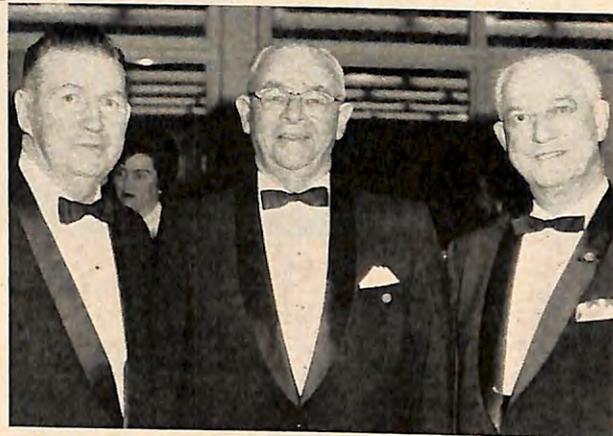
Norman C. Parr, Columbus, reported that student loans totaling \$3,300 were made during the year.

Scholarship and Youth Leadership awards valued at more than \$9,700—for a \$1,200 increase over last year—were announced. Most Valuable Student winners of \$600 scholarships



Past Grand Exalted Rulers Robert G. Pruitt, Earl E. James, and Raymond C. Dobson take time out during the Oklahoma Elks' annual state convention in Muskogee to congratulate the Most Valuable Student state scholarship winners—Barbara Ann Terry, Shawnee, Gregory Schultz, Enid, and Dean Taylor, Shawnee. At the left is outgoing S.P. E. F. Carter, Duncan, and at the right is Frank Hammond, Enid, state scholarship chairman.

Participants in the banquet festivities at the Vermont 40th annual convention were (from left): retiring S.P. Leo F. Keefe, Rutland; Special Deputy Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, of Boston Lodge, who was the banquet speaker, and G.L. Americanism committeeman Raymond J. Quesnel, of Montpelier Lodge.



Past State Presidents attending the Missouri Elks' annual convention in St. Joseph pose with retiring S.P. and P.D.D. William F. Gill (first row, third from right), Kansas City, of Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge. Also pictured are (first row): Ben B. Hanis, Kansas City; H. H. Russell, Warrensburg; Judge Richard M. Duncan, St. Joseph; Rudolph J. Betlach, St. Louis; Dr. H. C. Oltman, Joplin; Ed F. Huncker, St. Charles, and (second row): Robert A. McIlrath, Farmington; Wayne A. Swanson, Maryville, who also is chairman of the G.L. Committee on Credentials; Clyde J. Ellis, Kansas City; Anthony J. Beckmann, Washington; Howard A. Bopp, of Kirkwood-Des Peres Lodge; Francis B. Karr, Trenton; Judge Daniel B. Tammany, St. Louis, and Judge Orville F. Kerr, Springfield.



were: Nancy Hall, Lakewood; Barbara Ann Johnson, Alliance; David Orin, McKermott; Sandra Magyar, Martins Ferry; Theodore Williams, Youngstown; Daniel Gunsett, Van Wert; Janice Chulik, Lorain, and Janice Graham, Bethesda. First-place winners in the Youth Leadership Contest—Kirkmon Dolby of Warren and Susan Swigert of Newcomerstown—each received a \$500 cash award.

S.P. Walter G. Springmyer, Cleves, of Cincinnati Lodge, said that about \$45,000 was spent this last year to foster youth activities.

Succeeding Brother Springmyer is P.D.D. and P.V.P. Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green. Other new officers include: George B. Walker, Mentor, of Willoughby Lodge, L. L. McBee, New Lexington, and Charles E. Sims, Wilmington, Vice-Presidents; Fred Lees, Maumee, Secretary-Treasurer; Earl E. Sloan, Elyria, Trustee; Irving W. Davies, Lakewood, Sergeant-at-Arms; Sam Fitzsimmons, Van Wert, Chaplain; C. Richard Smith, Canton, Inner Guard, and Lewis Kilpatrick, Troy, Tiler. Kenneth Kidd, Bowling Green,

was elected President of the Elks State Past Exalted Rulers Assn.

New Philadelphia Lodge won the State Ritualistic Contest. Ray Perry, Martins Ferry, was named to the Elks' Hall of Fame and Lloyd G. Varner, Alliance, won the "Elk of the Year" award.

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER Raymond C. Dobson complimented Missouri Elks on their contributions this last year of more than \$60,000 to local and state charitable projects during their 57th annual convention May 5 through 7 in St. Joseph.

This figure does not include the \$52,774 expended on dental work for handicapped youngsters—the state major project. There now are four Elks' mobile units, fully staffed by dentists and nurses, in the project. It is supported by individual contributions of \$10 a year.

Brother Dobson also commended 372 delegates for a membership gain over the year of about 865 men.

Mayor Douglas A. Merrifield of St. Joseph, a local lodge member, welcomed the group. S.P. and P.D.D. Wil-

liam F. Gill, Kansas City, of Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge, presided at the meeting.

Washington Lodge won the State Ritualistic Contest. A membership gain trophy was presented to Farmington Lodge.

Eldon R. Welton, of Nevada Lodge, was elected President. Other new officers include Earl A. Toulouse, of Festus-Crystal City Lodge, Vice-President-at-Large; Richard E. Martin, St. Joseph, Galen Marr, Warrensburg, David McIntire, Hannibal, and Al Elbert, St. Louis, all Vice-Presidents; O. M. Flory, Nevada, Secretary; R. Maxe Frye, St. Joseph, Treasurer; L. H. Durley, Sedalia, Chaplain; Larry Raup, Florissant, Tiler, and Fred Rakes, Kansas City, Inner Guard.

THE VERMONT ELKS Association announced at its 40th annual convention in Rutland that during the past year more than \$38,000 had been raised for its major project, the Silver Towers Camp for retarded children. This amount represents the largest raised to date in one year.



Mississippi State Elks Association new official family, elected at the group's recent annual convention in Greenville are (seated): Tiler, Douglas Cook, Clarksdale; Trustee, John Law, Columbus; (standing from left): Convention Co-ordinator, Raphael Franco, Vicksburg; Sergeant-at-Arms, Tom Ros, Natchez; Vice President (South), Clyde Hulbert, Gulfport; President, Charlton Brent, Greenville; Secretary-Treasurer, S. D. Scott, Greenville, and Chaplain, Bernard Hazlitt, Biloxi. Named as Vice President (North) was E. A. Nichols, Greenwood, and as Trustees, W. J. Terry, Gautier, and Harry Piazza, Vicksburg, all three not shown.

Participants in the work and fun program at the North Carolina Elks Association spring convention, held in Statesville Lodge, included Grand Forum Justice Thad Eure, Raleigh, the state's Mr. Elk; P.C.E.R. John L. Walker, Trustee of the Elks National Foundation, of Roanoke Lodge; retiring S.P. A. J. Crane, Kinston, and P.D.D. C. M. Adams Jr., of Statesville Lodge, the new State President.



Wyoming's retiring S.P. Francis J. Smith, Powell, presents the keys to a 1967 Chevrolet station wagon, a gift of Wyoming Elks, to Paul Child (in vehicle) of the Wyoming Easter Seal Society, during the recent state annual convention.



Some of Elkdom's notables at the Florida State Elks Association 61st annual convention held recently in Fort Lauderdale are G.L. Treasurer Chelsie J. Senerchia, of Miami, P.C.E.R. William A. Wall, San Juan E.R. Hector Ledesma, P.S.P. James W. Vann, Pahokee, G.L. Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, and newly named S.P. Marvin L. Kimmel, of Miami Beach Lodge.



Elected to serve as the association's official family for the coming year were: John L. Barber, of Bellows Falls Lodge, President; J. Paul Bushnell, of Brattleboro Lodge, Gerald Kelly, of St. Johnsbury Lodge, and Dennis C. Brooks, of Springfield Lodge, Vice Presidents. Reelected as Secretary for the 21st time was Roger J. Sheridan, of Montpelier Lodge, and reelected as Treasurer was R. Newton Owens, of Rutland Lodge. John Elliott, of Bellows Falls Lodge, is the new Tiler. Named as three-year Trustees were Harold P. Rudd, of Bennington Lodge; Wallace E. Gillander, of Montpelier Lodge; Joseph L. Shabbott, of Springfield Lodge, and Ruppert N. Lampman, of St. Albans Lodge. Elected as a one-year Trustee was Stephen L. Kendrick, of Brattleboro Lodge. Appointed as Chaplain was John E. Welch, and as Sergeant-at-Arms, John Brown, both of whom are of Bellows Falls Lodge.

Highlighting the annual banquet was the talk given by Special Deputy Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, of Boston Lodge, the guest speaker. At the annual Memorial Service, the speaker was Lt. Gov. John J. Daley. During the service, an announcement was made that in tribute to the memory of John F. Malley, a Past Grand Exalted Ruler, a state per capita of \$1.42 had been raised, which is the largest amount yet raised.

Awards for the various annual competitions went to St. Johnsbury Lodge as the top ritualistic team, Newport Lodge for highest achievement in new members, and Bellows Falls Lodge as the bowling and cribbage champions.

Bellows Falls Lodge was selected as the host for the 41st annual convention scheduled in May, 1968.

ELECTED PRESIDENT of the Mississippi State Elks Association at its recent

annual convention in Greenville was P.D.D. Charlton Brent, Vicksburg. Named to serve with him during the coming year were Vice Presidents E. J. Nichols, Greenwood, and Clyde Hulbert, Gulfport. The post of Secretary-Treasurer went to S. D. Scott, Greenville. Comprising the new Board of Trustees are P.S.P.s W. J. Terry, Pascagoula, Harry Piazza, Vicksburg, and John Law, Columbus. Named as Chaplain was Biloxi retiring S.V.P. Bernard Hazlitt, Tom Ros, Sergeant-at-Arms, Natchez, and Raphael Franco, Vicksburg, Convention Coordinator.

Honored guests at the event were P.C.E.R. Raymond C. Dobson and Mrs. Dobson, P.C.E.R. William A. Wall and Mrs. Wall, and S.D.C.E.R. Robert B. Cameron, Redington Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Cameron. Brother Dobson, the principal speaker at the meeting, emphasized in his talk the need for increasing membership.

Retiring S.P. W. J. Terry, Gautier, in his report to the conventioners stated that Mississippi Elks had gained in membership every year for the past 10 years. He also announced that the major project established during the past year, which is to aid handicapped children, had elicited generous contributions from every lodge. Brother Terry further pointed out that Clarksdale and Vicksburg Lodges are in process of building new lodge homes, three other lodges are enlarging their meeting facilities, and that Hattiesburg Lodge is adding to its lake facilities.

Award presentations included the first-place ritualistic team award, which for the seventh consecutive year went to Columbus Lodge.

Brother Hazlitt, ritualistic chairman, conducted the Memorial Service.

The youth activities award winners in the state competitions were: Most Valuable Student scholarship award, John Joseph Berry, who was sponsored by Canton Lodge; the Tom Sud-deth award, Margaret Montgomery, who was sponsored by Gulfport Lodge; and Youth Leadership awards, Susan Shannon Shiver and Michael Foster Whidden, both sponsored by Biloxi Lodge.

WYOMING ELKS, hosted by Cody Lodge for their four-day state association annual convention, elected as their new President Dr. A. J. Kelley, a Grey-bull dentist. Others named to the new official family are: F. R. Anderson, of Rawlins, Paul Cody, of Casper, Richard Bertagnoli Jr., of Rock Springs, Vice Presidents; re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer was L. G. (Lou) Mehse, Laramie; Sergeant-at-Arms, Oliver Foust, Thermopolis; Chaplain, Richard Collins, Lusk; Inner Guard, J. T. Langdon, Worland; Tiler, John Crawford, Cheyenne, and Trustee, Francis J. Smith, Powell, retiring State President, who presided at the business sessions.

The Memorial Services oration was presented by P.E.R. Glenn E. Livingston, Cody.

At the awards banquet, two publicity media were cited with public service awards for their excellent coverage of the Elks. The newspaper award was presented to The Cody *Enterprise*, and the radio-television award was presented to KTWO-TV.

The Riverton Lodge ritual team won the state ritual contest.

Serving as chairman for the annual convention was busy and capable Secy. Jack H. Cash, of Cody Lodge.

AT THE 61ST Florida State Elks Association annual convention in Fort Lauderdale delegates of 84 lodges elected P.D.D. Marvin L. Kimmel, of Miami Beach Lodge, as President.

Named as Vice Presidents were Richard Burnett, Madison; Harold Haimowitz, Jacksonville; R. W. Evans, New Smyrna Beach; Malcolm McCall, Eustis; Henry Schmidt, Tarpon Springs; Charles E. Legg, Sarasota; James P. Murphy, Delray Beach, and Daniel Satin, Miami. The roster of officers also includes William Lieberman, Leesburg, reelected Secretary; Frank J. Holt, Miami, Treasurer; L. M. Strickland Sr., Tallahassee, Historian; Michael Stevens, Ormond Beach, Tiler; Norman P. O'Brien, South Miami, Chaplain; Harold Rosen, Miami Beach, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Charles Doolittle, Daytona Beach, Organist.

In reporting on the Harry-Anna Crippled Childrens' Hospital at Umatilla, the state major project, Administrator George Carver stated that in the past year \$352,272 had been expended to rehabilitate 2,606 children, and that six outpatient clinics had been established in which 375 patients were processed. Home therapists treated 1,967 children in their own homes.

The 2,606 children treated comprised an all-time high for Florida Elks.

The two Youth Leadership Contest winners, introduced by Youth Activities Chairman Robert Ladew, Melbourne, were presented with Grand Lodge and state association awards

during one of the sessions. They are Mildred Hall, Homestead, and Eli Mizrahi, Miami Beach.

Elections for the hospital's Trust Fund resulted in the naming of P.S.P. Charles I. Campbell, of Tampa Lodge, as five-year Director, P.S.P. Victor O. Wehl, of St. Petersburg Lodge, as a seven-year Trustee, and, as two-year Directors, Robert G. Gonzalez, Warrington, Ralph O. Hardie, Ormond Beach, George Borde, Lakeland, and Robert Grafton, Riviera Beach.

The guest speakers included P.G.E.R. William A. Wall, who addressed more than 1,000 Elks and their ladies at the opening session, and G.L. Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick. The Memorial Address was given by Florida Supreme Court Justice Stephen C. O'Connell and P.S.P. Harold Colee, a member of St. Augustine Lodge, who eulogized P.D.D.s Wesley Lyons, Tarpon Springs; J. Porter Tyner, Plant City; Robert J. Skanes, Lake Worth, and Lewis J. Fraser, Pahokee.

Orlando Lodge, announced as the Ritualistic Contest winner, was selected to represent Florida at the Grand Lodge convention. Daytona Beach Elks were named as the convention hosts for the 1968 meeting. For the 1969 Florida annual convention site the delegates chose Miami.

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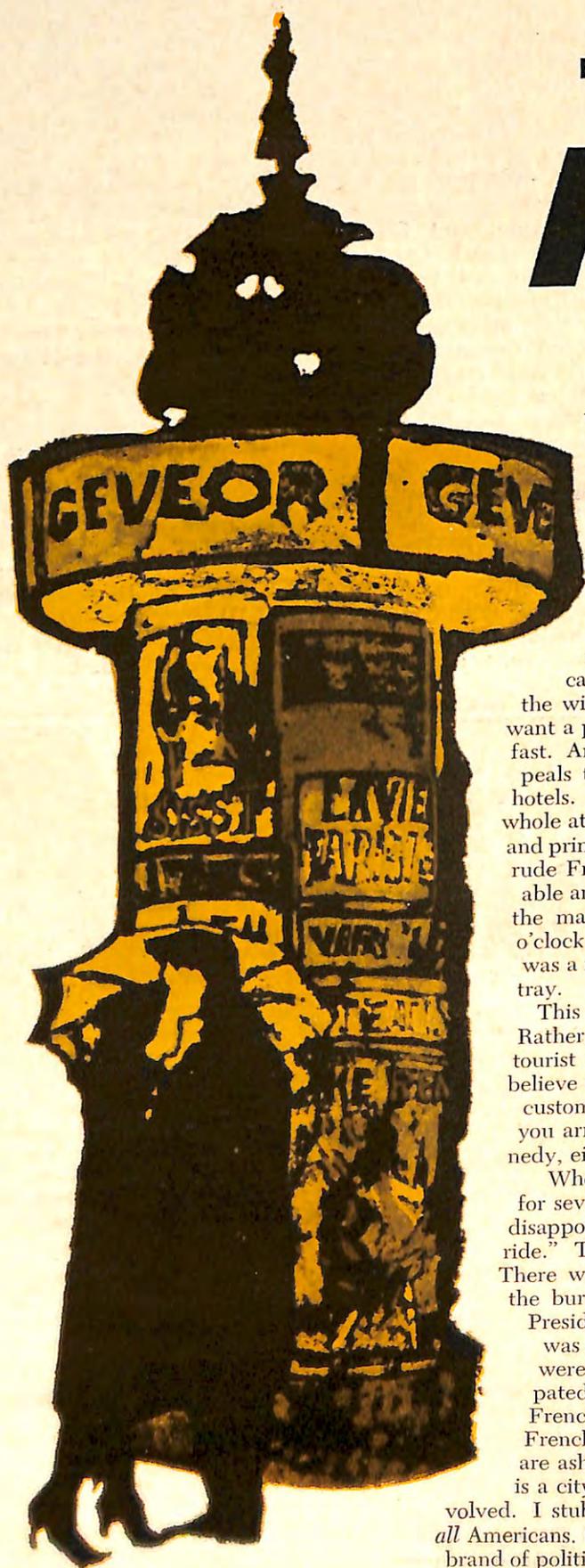
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By JERRY HULSE



IN PARIS there is this hotel where I stay that once was somebody's private home. It is very old and very French, and it is not like living in a hotel at all. I hasten to add that it is not expensive either. The name of it is Hotel St. Simon, a pleasantly quiet place on Rue St. Simon, half a block off Boulevard St-Germain on the Left Bank in Paris. Guests enter through a courtyard, and downstairs there is a reading room with a fireplace and good books and American newspapers. Most of the rooms are upstairs and reached by a winding staircase. Each room is decorated differently, the bedspreads duplicating the design of the wallpaper and the draperies on the windows. Rates start at \$5 a day, but it is \$7 if you want a private bath. This also includes a continental breakfast. Ambassadors and diplomats go there sometimes; it appeals to those who wish to escape from the busy tourist hotels. My reason for mentioning Hotel St. Simon is that its whole atmosphere is contrary to what you hear about France, and primarily Paris, these days—the outrageous prices and the rude Frenchmen. At Hotel St. Simon the prices are reasonable and the staff is genuinely friendly. When I checked in, the maid asked what time I wished breakfast. I said 9 o'clock, and so precisely at 9 o'clock the next morning there was a rap on the door and there she stood with my breakfast tray.

This is no testimonial on behalf of French hospitality. Rather, it is an effort to present a proper picture of the tourist scene today. First of all, it is simply ridiculous to believe that all Frenchmen are rude to tourists. Perhaps the customs officer at Orly Airport didn't turn on the smile when you arrived, but then, they aren't exactly all smiles at Kennedy, either, are they?

When I was in Paris in April, I tramped across the city for several days, earnestly seeking signs of rudeness. I was disappointed. Not a single taxi driver took me for the "long ride." The cops were courteous. So were the shopkeepers. There was, of course, that aggravating incident concerning the burning of the American flag. This was during Vice-President Hubert Humphrey's visit, but the picture we got was somehow out-of-focus. What we failed to distinguish were the faces of our own American students who participated in this humiliating anti-U.S. display. As for the French who took part, if the truth were known, the average Frenchman probably is as saddened by the incident as we are ashamed of those American students. Considering Paris is a city of vast millions, relatively few Frenchmen were involved. I stubbornly refuse to believe that *all* Frenchmen dislike *all* Americans. Certainly I'm not impressed with Charles DeGaulle's brand of politics; but that goes, too, for a number of other countries

around the world. If France suffers a decline in tourism this year, Mr. DeGaulle can take exclusive credit.

Don Cook, the Paris correspondent for the Los Angeles *Times*, and previously the New York *Herald Tribune*, believes most Americans arrive in Paris with the preconceived idea the French are waiting in ambush. Certainly, Paris is expensive. But so is New York and Chicago and Los Angeles. Likewise, each of these cities, Paris included, has its inexpensive side for those who seek it out. As for the French, an American waitress at the new Paris Hilton asked, "Why do so many Americans keep coming back to Paris year after year if the French are so terribly unfriendly? The truth is, the average Frenchman is far too busy with his own life to be bothered about being rude to strangers."

At any rate, you can expect the French to try harder to attract the tourist this year. After all, the hoteliers, the restaurateurs, and others face a desperate struggle to counteract the attitude of DeGaulle.

At any rate, the French have touched up Paris for this year's crop of tourists. Such time-honored picture-postcard scenes as the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, the Opera House and Place de la Concorde remain undisturbed. But rising in their shadows are an English pub serving Yorkshire pudding and yet another version of the American drug store. Like the others, it is called Le Drug Store and is doing a lively business on the Left Bank on St-Germain. Le Drug Store is attracting a whole new lost generation of bearded writers, artists, and students who've forsaken the sidewalk for the mahogany-and-brass coziness of its snack bar. Instead of sipping compari, as Hemingway did, they spoon away at giant ice cream sodas and nibble on *le hamburger*.

Le Drug Store faces Blvd. St-Germain, directly next door to the famed Brasserie Lipp, a restaurant long popular with French politicians. Few other drugstores in the world serve both *le malted au milk* and *le dry martini*, but this one does. At last count Paris had a total of five American-style drug stores, but this one on St-Germain is the most ornate. Television sets are sold along with men's shirts and women's wigs. There is the mod look and the weird look, like the patron I brushed by with a Beatle haircut, a double-breasted blazer, and a cat on a leash.

Back on the Right Bank, near the Etoile, stands a brand new bistro, Le Sir Winston Churchill Pub (5 Rue de Presbourg). Signs over the bar tell of gingerbread and Irish coffee, salmon, eels, oysters, herring, roast beef, and turtles. In a rail car atmosphere patrons sink deep in black leather lounges and sip away at Watney ale. Pictures on the walls show Winnie during glorious days

of triumph and dark days of gloom. One may order a Soho salad, Yorkshire pudding, baked beans on toast, and Cambridge sausage. There is a choice of two tea blends—Queen Anne and Earl Grey—which the management is proud to point out come directly from that society grocer in London, Fortnam & Mason.

No city is gayer, no city brighter, than Paris by night. Tourists are discovering a new basement bistro, the Carnaby Club, at 10 Rue Servandoni. Its proprietor, a French actor known only as "Steve," shoveled out the coal and installed a dining room discotheque deep in the cellar. Here, between walls 800 years old, he serves steaks and fine wines and the latest "rock" tunes. Upstairs, patrons unravel in a room filled with deep sofas and comfortable chairs. Candles flicker on ancient tables in an atmosphere that's a pleasant wedding of Victorian gaslight and Louis XIV. As for Steve, he knows only three words in English: "maybe" and "very well."



Passerby feeding pigeons near the Arc de Triomphe (top). Aerial view of the Arc de Triomphe, center of Paris' Etoile (above, left). Bridge of Alexander III over the Seine (above, right). Saint-Séverin Church (below).

Montparnasse, that other Bohemian campground on the Left Bank, has as its newest star attraction an ex-San Francisco schoolteacher, John Joseph Kennedy, who operates Paris' swiftest discotheque, Jacky's Far West Saloon. A sign over the door says "Brigham Young & All—This is the Place." French youths with long sideburns and cowboy hats descend the stairs at Jacky's, packing the place from 6 p.m. till 6 a.m. You don't walk into Jacky's. You fight your way in. The music isn't loud. It's deafening. Booze is served from a buckboard and Jacky stands taller than six feet in a rawhide jacket and black Stetson. Jacky's is around the corner from where Modigliani painted and Hemingway wrote, and where a lost generation sought itself in the sidewalk cafes of



Montparnasse. Until dawn he plays hill-billy melodies and pop tunes for French ye-ye's and expatriates of a dozen different lands.

On the night I stopped off at Jacky's, a bearded Britisher, an umbrella swinging from one arm, stood at the bar. Jacky filled his glass and then, with a bar towel, busied himself polishing the badge pinned to his rawhide jacket. It said "sheriff." Jacky claims every Frenchman, given the chance, would wear chaps and a cowboy hat. They come into his saloon all night long, cap pistols hanging from holsters strapped to their sides.

Possibly Paris' most sophisticated saloon is still the Crazy Horse. At 12 Ave. George V you step off the sidewalk and down a flight of stairs to be swallowed by darkness and caught in a crush of

shadowy humanity. You're blind at first. Later, when your eyes begin to focus, you find that those shadows are other customers and waiters and musicians and voluptuous dancers. You scream at the waiter in cowboy clothes and he screams back. You see his lips moving, but the words are lost in the noise. On a wall is this preposterous picture of Chief Crazy Horse, a lonely face 6,000 miles from home. The night I looked in they were spotlighting the "nude international stars" Bettina Uranium, Rima Symphony, Maria Tuxedo, Tracy Tiffany and Bella Remington. Voila!

Paris is full of expensive restaurants, but likewise there are literally hundreds of marvelous little cafes where one can dine inexpensively. Some places with soup and wine come to little more than a dollar a meal. I recall a bouillabaise

Marseillaise at Le Vieux Paris (2 Rue de l'Abbaye) that would make even the chef at Maxim's bow in respect.

This last trip I dined across from Cathedral Notre Dame at Quasimodo's (42 Quai d'Orleans) which is named for the hunchback of Notre Dame, whose figure looks down from shelves above the diners. Stepping from a mural is Esmeralda, the Gypsy girl with whom Quasimodo fell in love. The Seine flows past the windows, Notre Dame stands silhouetted against the sky.

Another, La Pistole (8 Rue du Dragon) has an intimate upstairs dining room and an owner who tablehops to be certain his guests are enjoying themselves. Meals are around 30 francs (\$6) —no tip, no cover.

Now if only they could shut up De-Gaulle. . . . ● ●

The Big Gun in Barbados

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first thing one sees when flying in and out of Barbados is the big gun lying in its cradle, and more than one tourist has asked whether this tiny island, 18 miles long and 14 miles wide, is expecting an attack from the direction of South America.

The main disadvantage with HARP for scientific purposes is that all vehicles and components must be engineered to withstand about 25,000 g. This limits the types of research that can be carried out with gun-launched vehicles, which are therefore less versatile than pure rockets. The fractional cost of the gun probe, however, far outweighs this limit.

But the most sensitive thing about the whole project at the moment is money.

As of June of this year the Canadian Government was no longer contributing financially to the HARP program. However, money has been fairly easy to come by in Washington, and so long as results are produced there is every indication that the U.S. administration is willing to bear, if necessary, the entire cost of the operation.

The original agreement called for the U.S. and Canadian governments each to contribute \$1.2 million annually. With this relatively small amount the HARP project has, in the past three and a half years, established a scientific team of 60 people in Montreal, set up a large engineering development laboratory staffed by 75 people at Highwater, Quebec, developed the Barbados range manned by 75 people, and installed a large gun at Yuma, Arizona. Smaller HARP guns are at White Sands, New Mexico; Wallops Island, Virginia, and Fort Greely, Alaska.

Sub-orbital flights from Barbados have resulted in payloading perfection

for the release of the chemical trimethylaluminum (TMA), for on-board telemetry and for electron probes. About 75 TMA trails have been made and measured and, coupled with ionosonde soundings, have yielded the most comprehensive body of data in existence on ionospheric wind motion. Winds are measured by triangulation of the drift of luminescent trails left by the TMA. Such information is considered vital by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in planning manned space flights.

Officially, the U.S. Army backed Project HARP because it offered promise of producing a low-cost replacement for certain sounding rockets, because it could possibly allow very large-scale exploration of the upper atmosphere, and for its effects on communications and weather.

The Canadian government obviously places no great faith in gun-launch methods of exploring space. It points to the Black Brant rocket program in Churchill, Manitoba, which is engaged in exploration of the ionosphere and which also receives U.S. support. A number of foreign governments are now proposing the Black Brant rockets for use in space programs.

The Ottawa administration also points to the Alouette I and Alouette II satellites which were developed and manufactured in Canada and launched from Cape Kennedy in 1962 and 1965.

Since the cancellation of the Canadian Avro Arrow Mach 2.5 interceptor in Canada in 1957, there has been a marked tendency for Canada to rely heavily on foreign technical work, and for the government to spend money only on those projects that can contribute to the country's economic growth in the near future.

The Arrow, by any nation's standards, was an ambitious project. It held strong promise of establishing world speed records and it cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Most Canadian politicians believe the Arrow was too ambitious for a nation with Canada's population and that cancelling it was the right course, even though the aircraft had already entered its flight test program.

There are others, of course, who think Canada ought to support promising projects even though they may not bear economic fruit for years.

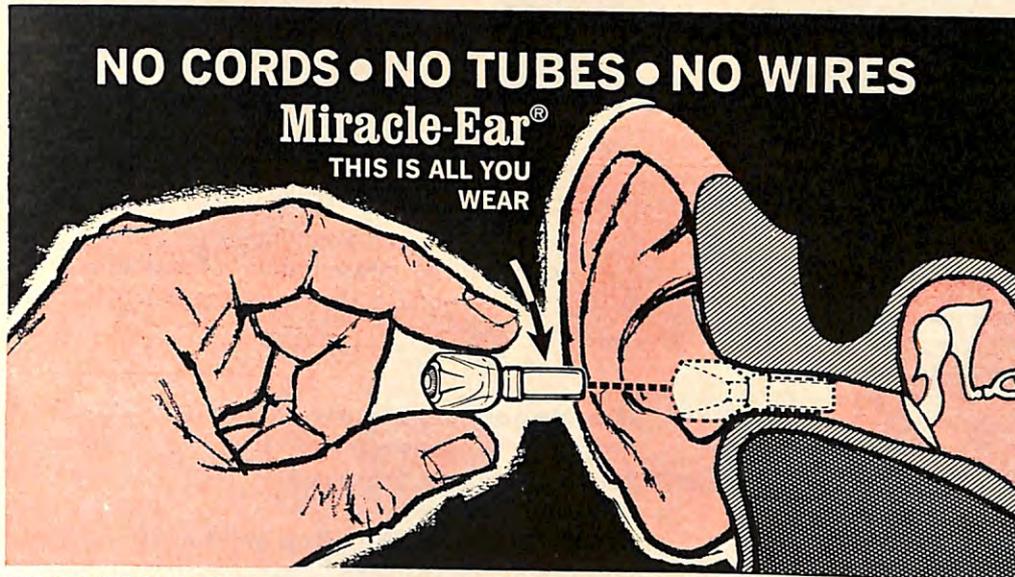
The debate between these two factions has grown severe in recent years and was largely responsible for the creation of the Scientific Secretariat, established to review the country's entire technical activity. Preliminary reports have been only lukewarm toward HARP.

The project has been mentioned prominently in parliamentary debates and these discussions have revealed a significantly large group of elected lawmakers who automatically turn away from suggestions that Canada develop its own capacity to launch space vehicles. They contend flatly that the costs would be prohibitive and that Canada can afford such activities even less than it could afford the Avro Arrow.

The response by this group has been negligible even when it is argued that HARP is leading to the development of a new class of space vehicle that would be perhaps 100 times less expensive than the ICBM-type space launchers of today. The opposition is unwavering and says Canada should continue with its current policy of participating in international cooperative projects.

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Big Gun

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The Arrow is often brought into the discussion because of the similarity in government action in both projects: that is, financial support was withdrawn after each had proved its capabilities.

A cut in support by the U.S. Army—and none is foreseen—would not indicate a de-emphasizing of gun-launched rocketry, as in Canada, but rather jurisdictional disputes about control in this field; and this undoubtedly would precipitate greater spending by other U.S. agencies.

The fact is, interest in HARP is so strong that interservice and intraservice rivalries are beginning to appear. Within the Army itself, for example, there is question about which command should handle HARP development—the one that normally handles guns or the one that handles rockets. And, on a broader scale, the Air Force has indicated that it will ask for jurisdiction when HARP achieves orbit.

These rivalries have been largely responsible for a delay in the installation of large HARP guns at White Sands, New Mexico; Cape Kennedy, and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

One possible alternative to a complete financial takeover by the United States is for the province of Quebec to bear Canada's share. McGill University, naturally, is anxious for Canada to remain strongly in the picture.

Such a move, however, would create problems, not the least of which is the French Canadian attitude toward McGill, an English speaking university in a French speaking city. The provincial government would be hard pressed to justify the expenditure of millions to the McGill Space Institute.

The problem might be circumvented by provincializing the institute, to remove it completely from McGill's jurisdiction, and to make some kind of Crown Corporation of it.

Project Director Doctor Bull sees HARP as an opportunity for even the smallest nation to establish its own space program for scientific purposes. Weather and communications satellites could become joint efforts with hundreds of nations participating, resulting in huge savings for the United States.

HARP guns could also give inexpensive and powerful military capabilities to tiny countries, although their uses for such a weapon would be limited by geography and by the awful shadow of major powers.

And anyway, retardation of technological progress because it can be applied to purposes other than peaceful is not the answer to ignorance and aggression. ● ●

1966 Freedoms Foundation Awards

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has announced presentation of numerous awards for patriotic activities of the B.P.O.E.

The Honor Certificate to PGER R. Leonard Bush for his message, "Demonstrate for America," published in the June 1966 issue of this magazine.

The George Washington Honor Medal, for outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the film, "Freedom Mine," produced by the Grand Lodge Americanism committee under the chairmanship of Joseph A. McArthur, Lewiston, Idaho. The film was cited as "a stirring record of our American freedoms and their universal validity for each individual citizen of our Nation."

The George Washington Honor Medal to Arlington-Fairfax Lodge No. 2188, Fairfax, Virginia, for its patriotic community leadership throughout the year and especially for promoting "Know Your America Week" in November 1966.

The George Washington Honor Medal to Kelso Elk Pack 309, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the Kelso, Washington, Lodge No. 1482, for its "Stars and Stripes" program, based on the Elk Flag Day ritual and presented before other Scout units.

Pennsylvania Elk Passes

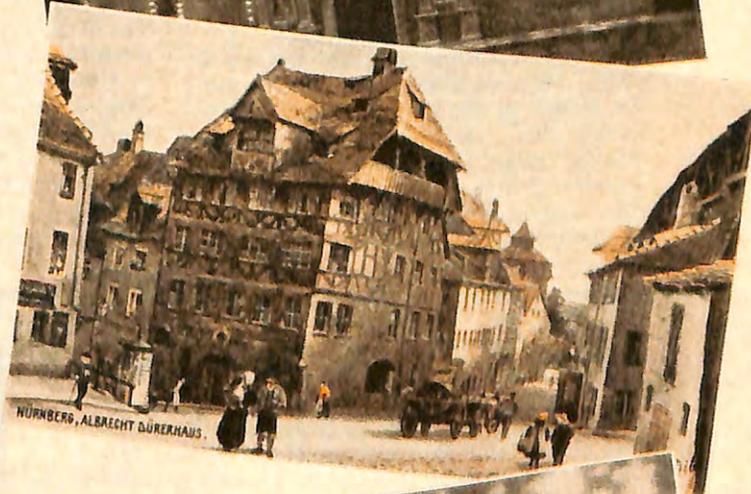
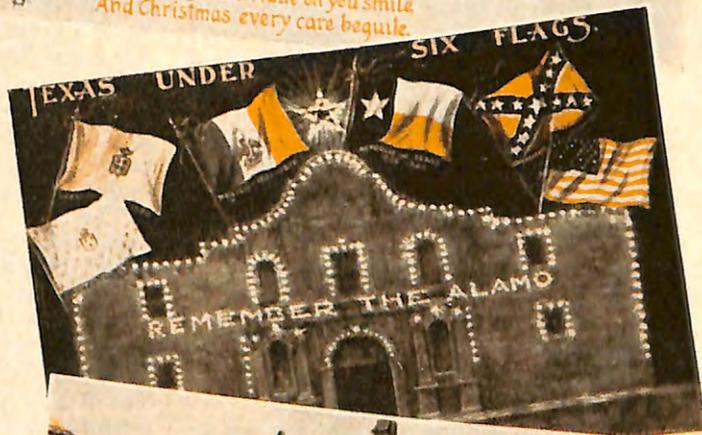
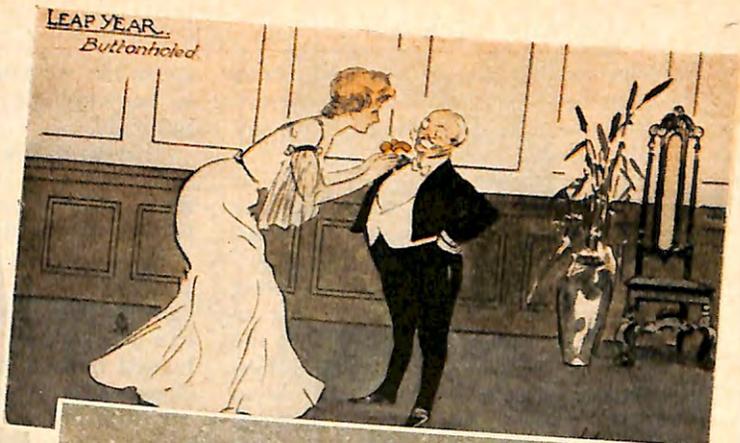
H. EARL PITZER, 63, a Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge member since 1936 and personnel director of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, died March 9. He was a Past District Deputy and a Past State Vice-President for the South-Central District.

Brother Pitzer helped organize the district association and was its first President in 1941. In 1951-1952, he served as State President, and thereafter, as a member of the state's Advisory Board.

He was born Nov. 17, 1903, in Pennsylvania's Adams County.

Brother Pitzer served as a state representative, liaison between the governor's office and the state's legislative branch, state Director of Traffic Safety, and county Republican chairman. His latest public post was as turnpike commission personnel director.

Survivors include the widow, Marguerite, two sons, H. David and James F., and three brothers.



Postcards from the collection of Edward Rohrlack

ANTIQUE HUNTING —NEW STYLE

By **PAUL KAGAN**

WAS IT THE TRIVIA PROGRAM she had just seen on television? Or was it merely the pinch of autumn in the South Carolina air that triggered recollections of long-gone days? Whatever it was, Mrs. Josephine Cleary found herself pleasantly caught up with her good old days, and memories of old Charleston, her mother's city. She found her slim figure, deceptively youthful for a grandmother's, being mysteriously propelled toward the attic.

She hadn't visited the attic in months, for there was nothing up there but the past, cobwebbed by the accumulating dust of the present. She didn't like to visit the attic too often, because she found that the older she became the easier it was to think back to the past. "Strange," she mused at the threshold, "the further you go forward, the closer you get to the beginning."

Inside the attic her involuntary movement continued to a massive black trunk in the corner. It had been her mother's, and bore the marks of a dozen ocean crossings. Josephine lifted the lid and let yesterday out.

There were mostly old clothes. A small box of costume

jewelry nestled among some souvenirs of cherished visits to points of interest. There were a host of things that every family collects.

But there was one item, way down at the bottom of the trunk, that Josephine had never noticed in past explorations. "Why, it's a picture postcard album," she exclaimed, extracting it and blowing off the dust of decades. Talking to herself, she read off the dates on the postmarks—1903, 1898, 1873. She hurriedly closed the trunk, took the album with her and retreated down the stairs, back into the 20th century.

As an antique collector, Josephine suspected the album was far too valuable to keep buried in a trunk. And she was right. She bought a copy of the *American Card Catalog* at the bookstore and learned that five of her mother's cards were now worth \$100 each. And according to the latest reports, her neighbors have been turning their attics upside down ever since she told the story.

They aren't the only ones. There are well over 50,000 people in this country searching high and low for old copies of the little darlings with the one-cent stamps on the back. The searchers range in age from 8 to 80, and they call themselves "deltiologists" (from the Greek *Deltion*, or small card). They hoard postcards like they're going out of style, for, even though 4 billion new cards are printed every year, old cards are definitely disappearing. Bookshop and antique store supplies are rapidly dwindling, with attics getting most of the action these days.

Ben Papell, a New York postal worker and member of the far-flung Metropolitan Post Card Collector's Club, recalls a rare kind of lucky discovery.

"I was at a rummage sale one day in 1948," he remembers, relishing the minute details of the biggest day in his collecting life. "A woman overheard me talking about postcard collecting, and wondered if I would be interested in providing a good 'home' for her mother's collection. My intuition tingled be-

cause the woman was in her 50's, and so her mother's cards must have been quite old.

"I went to her home and discovered two bundles of 14 albums each. Why, there must have been nearly 10,000 cards in the batch. The woman thought I should take one bundle and come back the next day for the other, but I didn't want to take any chances on someone else getting any of those cards. So I lugged home both bundles by myself. They must have weighed 60 pounds, and my arms nearly fell out of their sockets by the time I took the bus and walked a quarter of a mile from the bus stop to my house. But it was well worth the effort. The collection was worth at least a thousand dollars and was the greatest acquisition I ever made."

It is probably a coincidence that deltiology is growing along with the parade of old radio programs, 1930 movies, and comic book super-heroes. More important, perhaps, was the opening and closing of the World's Fair in New York, that sprawling exercise in bankruptcy that made money for everybody but its stockholders. Nothing stirs a card collector's heart like a World's Fair. Any fair is the champion source of souvenirs, and as soon as one closes, the leftovers go on auction. Call them instant antiques. And because fair cards are printed in limited quantities, they naturally carry a higher price tag.

The New York fair was no exception to the rule. Young Allen Wright and his father, H. Allyn, proprietors of a stamp and card collecting firm called Hobbyville, U.S.A., headed straight for the remaining stock of official Fair cards published by the Manhattan Post Card Co. The Wrights have some 25,000 of these, priced as high as 50 cents.

According to the *American Card Catalog*, a set of 10 cards from the Columbian Exposition of 1893 at Chicago is valued at \$15. A Boston 1883 card and a Fifth Cincinnati 1874 bring \$50 each. Prices range down to such cards as those from the Lewis & Clark Exposi-

tion at Portland, Oreg., in 1905, which are valued at \$1 to \$3.

Every collector has at least one specialty, in such areas as main streets, trains, bridges, gardens, ships, maps, flowers, famous people, churches, comic cards, astronomy, antique cars, and animals. Such cards often carry token value, such as 10 or 25 cents apiece. Still other collectors specialize in card publishers, such as the Detroit Publishing Company and the Raphael Tuck House.

Postcard collecting first boomed at the turn of the century, when new postal regulations made it possible for everyone to send a penny note to a friend or relative. The hobby picked up steam, but then one world war, then another, with the depression in between, somehow shoved it into oblivion—and the upstairs attic. The modern development of Kodachrome rekindled interest in postcards, and the stirrings of nostalgia in the U.S. in the last decade has carried the hobby to new heights.

Prices and values came to cards in the early 1950s, under the aegis of the late Jefferson Burdick, whose own million-card collection is now on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. "With value as a guide," wrote Burdick, "collectors can buy or exchange with assurance. If we obtain the card for less than value, we know we are getting more than an even exchange on the deal. If we pay more than value, it is a personal matter and quite all right if we feel that the card is worth it as an individual want."

A former associate of Mr. Burdick, and now one of the nation's leading dealers in old cards and other items of nostalgia, is Woody Gelman of Franklin Square, N.Y. The director of product development for the Topps Chewing Gum Co., Mrs. Gelman says, "Nostalgia is here to stay, and it will get bigger and better all the time. With today's hyperactive communications media, we are manufacturing nostalgia almost every day."

In explaining the history of the postcard and the new postcard nostalgia, Mr. Gelman graphically points out that the postal regulations that spurred the penny card literally "forced cameramen to start taking pictures of our countryside. That's why the old cards are the best ones. They're historically the first, good photographic cross-section of America."

But for every collector who sees the beauty on the front of the card, there is always one looking at the other side. Norris Baker, a lithographer who doubles as stamp collector and deltiologist, keeps his eye peeled for an unusually fat penny Franklin stamp. "There were a few mistakes distributed in 1923," he says, "and each one of them is worth around \$50,000. I've been looking for 43 years and I haven't given up yet." •

DENHAM HARNEY

A 46-YEAR MEMBER of Jacksonville, Ill., Lodge—P.D.D. and P.S.P. Denham Harney—died March 25. At the time of his death, he was a member of the G.L. Committee on Credentials.

Brother Harney devoted much of his spare time to helping war veterans in the state mental hospital at Jacksonville. He had served the lodge as Exalted Ruler for two terms and as Secretary and Manager for a number of years.

He was appointed District Deputy for Illinois' West-Central District in 1931. During the 1953-1954 term, he held the post of President of the Illinois Elks Association.



IT'S ALL TRUE

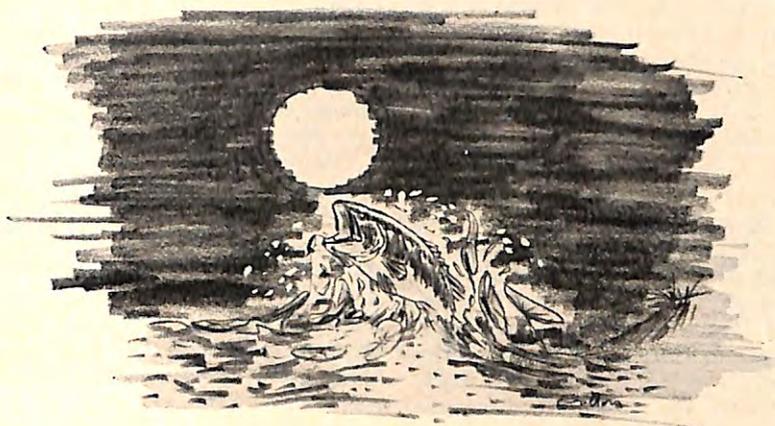
By BILL TRUE

Night Fishing: Cure for Summer Doldrums

The little electric trolling motor pushed the 14-footer so silently along the shoreline that only a slight breeze in my face told me we were moving at all.

It was just before midnight.

Place: a lily-pad-strewn lake in northern Illinois. Time: August on a moonlit night. Object: largemouth bass.



When hot weather comes, fish—like people—become a little sluggish. They avoid the shallows in the daytime and just seem to stop hitting lures or bait when the sun is out.

But if you try "thinking like a fish," hot-weather fishing can be productive.

Take the night described above. In the daytime you could just as well forget fishing. First, because the lake is heavily used by boaters, water skiers, and other fishermen; second, because in the leaden heat the bass just wouldn't cooperate.

But at night it was a different story: little fishing competition and plenty of action. On my second cast that night I connected with a three-pounder on a black surface lure, and followed with four more bass before daylight.

There's something particularly exciting about night fishing with a topwater lure too; you fish by sound. You set the hook when you hear the splash of a strike. Of course, a little moonlight helps, but many old fishing pros will claim that the dark of the moon is even a better time for night fishing.

In deeper lakes, too, I've always had good hot-weather luck after dark, with bottom-hugging leadhead jigs garnished with either an eel or a strip of black pork rind. Equally important is a s-l-o-o-o-w retrieve!

On some northern lakes and streams you can find productive daytime fishing during the Dog Days. Try the shady spots.

One of the nicest summertime strings of bass I ever hefted came from the Fox River in Illinois on the Fourth of July—with speedboats squirting water all around. Every bass—and they averaged over three pounds—was taken literally from under a pier or inside the entrance to a boat house!

So my sure cures for the doldrums of hot-weather bass fishing are easy: fish at night, or find the shade. Try it!

TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

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The Spirited Family Named "Whiskey"

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of rum to Washington's troops, the idea being to make the hard winters and the rugged marches more tolerable.

By the end of the 18th century, Scotch-Irish frontiersmen were pushing through the Shenandoah Valley, across Pennsylvania's ridges, and through the Cumberland gap. Besides the Anglican Bible, they carried a fine touch with the pot still and a Gaelic conviction that a hard-day's work warranted a man-sized flagon of whiskey.

In western Maryland and Pennsylvania they found the soil and climate ideally suited for crops of rye. Some of the rye went into the crude pot stills and out came rye whiskey, locally known as Old Monongahela. Historians thus say that rye whiskey was the new nation's first native whiskey. Along with the long-barreled squirrel rifle, oak casks of Old Monongahela became standard traveling gear as the nation moved west.

But just as their Old World forebears had run afoul of government, so did America's pioneer whiskey-makers. The result was the insurrection known as the "Whiskey Rebellion." When Alexander Hamilton sought to impose a tax on the manufacture of spirits, frontier farmer-distillers rose up in arms. They viewed the tax as the same sort of oppression that had sparked the War for Independence just a few years earlier.

In 1794, Hamilton persuaded President Washington that the disgruntled

farmers were a threat to the authority of the new government. The militia of four states decamped and double-timed to western Pennsylvania, and suppression of the Whiskey Rebellion was swift and sure. The tax, over which much blood was spilled, was lifted eight years later.

Meanwhile, frontiersmen, some just restless and some trying to escape the government's long arm, were arriving in Kentucky, at that time still part of Virginia. In the heart of the Bluegrass country, they found one Reverend Mr. Elijah Craig preaching part time, as well as operating a wilderness still near what is now Georgetown, Kentucky. Elijah was using corn as the basis for his mash, and the pioneers judged his product as superior to Monongahela.

Craig's still was built in 1789, a vintage year in American history. In February of that year George Washington was chosen first President; in March the Constitution went into effect, and shortly thereafter the first U.S. Congress convened in New York City. Bourbon, America's distinctive whiskey dates from that year, and the Reverend Craig became known as the father of Bourbon. The name of his whiskey was taken from Bourbon County, Kentucky, so called in honor of the French ruling house that aided the Colonies during the Revolution.

By 1811, some 2,000 stills were at work in Kentucky. Bourbon, highly transportable and universally desired, became a major medium of exchange in the frontier.

Carl Sandburg recounts what is probably the best known story of Bourbon as "frontier cash." In 1816, Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas, sold his farm at Knob Creek, Kentucky, and set out for Indiana. He received \$20 in cash and 400 gallons of Bourbon, worth about \$640 at that time. When a raft carrying the Lincolns' worldly goods overturned, Thomas Lincoln salvaged the Bourbon first, then returned later for the household effects.

To this day, Kentucky is the home of Bourbon, last year producing almost 70 percent of the 400 million fifths, both straight and bonded, that were consumed worldwide. There are those who claim Kentucky's limestone water is responsible for the quality of Kentucky Bourbon, just as others claim that the limestone water is equally responsible for the courage of Kentucky colonels, the speed of its horses, the beauty of its women, even the eloquence of its politicians.

Bourbon is regarded as a good mixer. It mixes well with other grain whiskeys and distilled water to produce blended

whiskey; it mixes well with other straight Bourbons to produce the blended straight Bourbon brands.

It is also a favorite in mixed drinks. Eleanor Roosevelt once told a story about the Bourbon Old Fashioned. In the 1930s, King George and Queen Elizabeth were about to visit President Roosevelt at Hyde Park. FDR awaited the royal pair with a tray of Old Fashioneds, while the president's mother looked on disapprovingly, claiming the king would prefer a cup of tea. When King George arrived, FDR said, "My mother thinks you should have a cup of tea. She doesn't approve of cocktails."

"Neither does my mother," the king replied, reaching for an Old Fashioned.

Like most other whiskeys, Bourbon emerges from the still as clear as water. At that stage it has a raw, biting taste that only careful aging can cure. The Bourbon goes into oak barrels, charred on the inside, and the char, plus time, imparts color and smoothness. By federal regulation, no artificial coloring may be added to Bourbon, and the barrels may be used only once.

The whiskey family in the U.S. has other members worthy of note. Tennessee whiskey, for example, is a distinctive product featuring charcoal filtering, which, as one brand claims, makes the whiskey "lighter than the step of a bluetick hound." The Japanese have entered the U.S. whiskey market with a blended brand of grain spirits, and there's a "corn likker" produced legally in Georgia, bottled in fruit jars, and guaranteed not more than 30 days old. Then, too, 7 million gallons of illegal moonshine, considered a type of whiskey by some folks, was distilled last year, based on the 7,432 stills seized by federal agents.

Overseas, American whiskey, represented primarily by Bourbon straight and bonds, is invading the traditional strongholds of other potent beverages. Within the last five years, Bourbon sales to Europeans have jumped 275 percent. In Moscow it's rumored that many a Russian is testing Bourbon on the sly; in France Bourbon is reported to be the "in" drink among the Parisian "jet set"; and in Rome the Bourbon Manhattan has caught on as a chic aperitif.

Perhaps sometime soon, another American president will drop a mention of Irish whisky, and undoubtedly sales of Irish will take a jump at the expense of other whiskeys. But whatever ardent spirit is temporarily in the limelight, it'll most likely be a member of the whiskey family, which the Irish long ago—undoubtedly in a moment of high frivolity—were inspired to call the "water of life." • •

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Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Chicago, July 1967



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



Grand Exalted Ruler

Raymond C. Dobson

Bigger and better than ever before!

This summarizes the condition of our Order as my year of leadership comes to an end.

We observed our 99th birthday during the year, and never has there been greater vigor demonstrated in our long and proud history.

To the thousands of good men, united as volunteers, goes the credit. They can be found everywhere in the Order—in the subordinate lodges, the State Associations, Grand Lodge officers and committees, as District and Special Deputies, and outstandingly among our former leaders who constitute the Advisory Committee.

They are the reason Elkdom has grown not only in numbers and in good deeds done, but in public prestige.

For the 28th consecutive year the membership of our Order has shown an increase, and certainly this is proof that we are offering something worthwhile to those we invite to join our ranks.

Hundreds of man-hours have gone into planning for the observance in the coming year of 100 years of existence by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The observance program is being directed by the Centennial Committee, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson is chairman. Every subordinate lodge will be furnished with material intended to be helpful in commemorating the Centennial.

I look at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at age 100, and detect no wrinkles on its brow—and none in its heart.

But let us not, as we move into a second century of proud and helpful existence, forget that duty to our fellowmen will continue to be a shadow, ever clinging to us. Pleasant recollections can't be permitted to obscure the fact that new duties and obligations challenge us in the future.

High ideals in the future, as they have in the past, will bring their good reward.

In my travels the past year to all parts of the nation it has been a privilege to visit several Veterans Administration hospitals, and in each the Elks are outstanding for their good work.

In every community where a VA hospital exists, there are Elks volunteers who give willingly of their time and talents to bring cheer to the nation's sick and disabled veterans.

In all sincerity I can say, based on observations, that the pledge given long ago—"So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Elks will never forget him"—is being faithfully pursued.

This is but one phase of the Elks work that makes one proud of the membership card he carries and which as I have said on many occasions might well be characterized as a "Distinguished Service Emblem."

All too few members, I believe, realize the responsibilities which rest upon the Board of Grand Trustees, which this past year has been under the capable chairmanship of Robert E. Boney.

These eight men carefully guard the resources of the Grand Lodge, making certain that funds are wisely invested and expenditures are prudent.

Working hand in hand with members of the Advisory Committee, the Trustees, past and present, have given us a sound Grand Lodge, and to them is owed a salute which I gladly give.

Death, always an unwelcome visitor, invaded our ranks in the year to claim 1,060 members of the Grand Lodge.

Two of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers, L. A. Lewis and Sam Stern, were among those summoned.

In my final message in THE ELKS MAGAZINE I said:

"And so, at journey's end, I extend my thanks to thousands of individuals in hundreds of communities who have helped to make the journey pleasant. Many personal kindnesses to Mrs. Dobson and myself have made us forever indebted."

No truer words ever were written!

The extent, the magnitude of the B.P.O.E. and its activities and causes, filling a need of Americans in communities everywhere, is something one has to see and feel to appreciate fully, as I now do.

The richest resource of Elkdom is not in dollars but in unselfish people willing to lend enthusiasm and vitality, loyalty and devotion to accomplish things that would challenge others of lesser determination.

Please give to my successor an equal or greater measure of cordiality with which you have greeted me.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Every Exalted Ruler take steps to tie in a local anniversary of his lodge with the Centennial observance of the founding of the Order. Never before has such an opportunity existed to arouse enthusiasm with resultant membership and other benefits.

2. All District Deputies avail themselves of the opportunity to use Grand Auditors and Grand Esquires in making their visitations. These offices are strictly unofficial, but their use in some areas has proved to be very effective.

3. Those subordinate lodges not now

extending the privilege of family participation do so in their own best interests.

4. Those few State Associations without major projects, or those only half-heartedly supporting such efforts, without delay begin or intensify such programs.

5. Those lodges with so-called downtown properties which are disintegrating in patronage and value study the question of "moving out" where there is ample elbow room and parking space. Those, almost without exception, which have done so have found nothing but success rewarding their forward step.

6. Each subordinate lodge review its initiation and dues structure, and if merited, adjustments be made in keeping with the economy which exists today.

7. Each subordinate lodge concentrate in the coming year on a program to eliminate the need for dropping members for nonpayment of dues. Don't wait until year-end—make dues collection an everyday job. Those becoming delinquent will appreciate the attention given them.



Elks National Foundation

John L. Walker, Chairman

Increased contributions, a conservative investment program and securities sales have resulted in another record year financially for the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation's annual report for the fiscal year April 1, 1966, through March 31, 1967, reveals contributions totaling \$804,607.39. Sales of securities during the year brought the total book value to \$12,203,625. The Foundation's investment portfolio is appraised at \$17,273,826. These figures do not include vast amounts indicated in wills and pledges.

The following record of disbursements totaling \$548,439.80 contains no item of expense for administrative pur-

poses. The Foundation emphasizes again that as the Order's principal benevolent trust, it makes no deduction from income to defray administrative costs. During the past fiscal year these costs amounted to \$137,249.09 and were paid by the Grand Lodge.

State Association Projects—\$122,900. Foundation funds assist State Associations with established major projects and those being organized. The success of the program is reflected by an increase of nearly \$18,000 in disbursements over last year.

Scholarships Allocated to States—\$140,085.68. This amount was distributed by the State Associations and does not include scholarships administered directly by the Foundation.

"Most Valuable Student" Awards—\$103,597.40. This program provides scholarship awards ranging from \$800 to \$1,500 to outstanding students.

Grants for Special Training in Treatment of Cerebral Palsy—\$73,729.07. To date, more than 1,700 persons—as a direct result of this program—have received vital training in connection with the treatment of cerebral palsy victims.

Emergency Education Fund—\$80,000. This fund makes available assistance to the children of any Elk in good standing who loses his life or becomes incapacitated.

Youth Awards—\$14,850. The Foundation makes this sum available annually to the Grand Lodge for its program of awards to the youth with outstanding leadership qualities.

T. L. Bear Fund (Grants for Vocational Training)—\$4,875.

Nathan O. Noah Scholarship Trust Fund Grants—\$8,402.65.

The annual report states, in conclusion, that no part of the principal fund is distributed for any purpose; it is income earned through wise investment that perpetuates our charitable programs.

The Foundation's report, now in print, contains detailed tables on all financial transactions and every Elk is urged to study them.

Trustees of the Elks National Foundation are Past Grand Exalted Rulers John L. Walker (Chairman), H. L. Blackledge, John E. Fenton, Edward J. McCormick, Sam Stern (deceased, May 20, 1967), William A. Wall, and Horace R. Wisely.



Board of Grand Trustees

Robert E. Boney, Chairman

Following the close of the Grand Lodge session and installation of officers in Dallas July 7, 1966, the Board of Trustees met, organized, and elected Robert E. Boney as Chairman; Joseph F. Bader, Vice-Chairman; Francis P. Hart, Secretary; Frank Hise, Approving Member; Nelson E. W. Stuart, Home Member; George T. Hickey, Pension Member; and Roderick M. McDuffie and Vincent H. Grocott, Building Application Members

Nelson E. W. Stuart resigned as Grand Trustee on November 18, 1966, to accept appointment as Executive Director of the Elks National Foundation. E. Gene Fournace, Newark, Ohio, Lodge No. 391, was appointed his successor.

The Board, at the direction of the Grand Lodge, procured and presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush, to retiring Board Chairman Edward W. McCabe, and to retiring Vice-Chairman Arthur J. Roy.

From May 1, 1966, to May 7, 1967, the Board received and reviewed 249 applications from subordinate lodges requesting approval to purchase, sell, or erect buildings, make alterations or ad-

ditions to existing property, purchase new furnishings, or place mortgages on their property. Authorization of these applications, totaling more than \$23 million, was granted by the Board and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Board reviewed the limits of the surety bond covering all officers, officials and employees of the Grand Lodge and approved the amounts as being adequate. It also reviewed the coverage and limits of the insurance on the buildings and physical property of the Elks National Home.

A report on the Grand Lodge Retirement Trust showed securities having a total cost of \$813,000, with a market value of \$901,000. Since May 31, 1966, the Trustees have purchased approximately \$18,000 of CIIT fixed-income securities and increased the yield at cost on this portion of the trust from 4.87 percent to 4.97 percent through February 1967.

Over this period, they have added approximately \$27,000 to common-stock investments. While the stock market, as measured by the Dow-Jones Industrial Average, has declined about 5 percent, the stocks in our trust have increased in value about 1 percent.



Elks National Service Commission

James T. Hallinan, Chairman

Vietnam occupies the headlines as did Korea 17 years ago, World War II 25 years ago, and World War I 50 years ago. These conflicts have always pressed the Elks into service. We have truly been "first in war, first in peace."

It is not our purpose to examine the reasons or consequences of wars. Our interests lie in the welfare of the American serviceman who bears arms to defend and protect the principles of our American way of life while in combat, and to perpetuate the gratitude we owe to those who were the casualties. As America's leading patriotic fraternity, this is a plain and unmistakable duty.

We can be justifiably proud of our attention to this duty. Our record goes back to a time when many present-day service and veterans' organizations did not exist.

In these days of global unrest and veiled threats against the security of our country, we recall the anxious days of World War II and the Korean War. We are deeply concerned with our problems in Vietnam. Our memories focus on the millions of gallant servicemen of all wars and the debt we owe to the sick and disabled in Veterans Hospitals. The members of this Commission deem it a privilege to be associated with this noble work of Elkdom . . . keeping faith with our hospitalized veterans.

This dedicated task has been unselfishly carried out by loyal Elks and their ladies in every Veterans Administration hospital in the United States ever since the end of World War II. They have brought entertainment, cheer, comfort, and new hope to the bedridden, the crippled, the mentally ill, and the tubercular. They have given ample evidence that an Elk truly practices brotherly love. To them, we express our profound gratitude.

There is little in the way of public acclaim to reward these constant visits of mercy to a veterans' hospital. Encouragement and commendation were graciously extended to our committee workers by Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond C. Dobson whenever his nationwide travels brought him in contact with them. For this, we are deeply grateful. His many personal visits to Veterans Administration hospitals, despite a busy schedule, emphasized to hospital authorities our abiding interest in the welfare of their patients.

Any Grand Lodge program that achieves any degree of success must enjoy the close cooperation of the Grand Secretary's office. This assistance has always been cheerly and willingly given by Grand Secretary Franklin J. Fitzpatrick and his efficient staff. To them all, we extend our deep appreciation.

The knowledge of the progress of our program would be limited to periodical reports were it not for the generous space afforded the Commission in THE ELKS MAGAZINE. Through the talented editing and skilled writing of those in charge of our monthly page, our story has been told throughout the year.

The achievement of the goal in any Grand Lodge endeavor is due in a great measure to the interest and active support of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen, District Deputies, and State Association officials. This support has been given in the fullest measure and the benefits derived by our hospitalized veterans have much of their origin in this enthusiastic and generous cooperation.

The nationwide planning and specialized programming of the Commission's many diversified activities, to-

gether with the necessary coordination with the Veterans Administration and other agencies, require skilled administration. Thanks to our Executive Director, Brother Bryan J. McKeogh, and an efficient and faithful office staff, we have this year again maintained the high level of operation which has characterized the management of the affairs of the Commission through the years.

The great abundance of assistance on all levels would be meaningless without the cooperation and support given by the officers and members of subordinate lodges. We take pride in reporting that this aid was given in the fullest degree. Commission funds have been augmented by individuals, lodges, and State Associations to make our programs more attractive. Truly, the great heart of Elkdom is represented by our subordinate lodges.

Through its many years of activity, our Commission has established itself firmly as an effective nationwide branch of civilian aid to our government. Our record during the war years and in the years following the cessation of hostilities has earned for the Order of Elks an outstanding reputation for willingness to serve and results achieved.

We dedicate ourselves to the preservation of this prestige and stand ready for whatever the future might present.

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

Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

*John S. McClelland,
Chairman*



For visitors to this year's convention in Chicago, a prime point of interest was the Elks National Memorial Building, one of the finest architectural examples of its type in the world. During the past year, more than 51,000 people visited the building, bringing to 2,714,247 the total number who have toured it since its erection.

Designed by architect Egerton Swarthout, the building features murals and sculpture in its public areas. Functionally, it also provides office space for the staffs of the Grand Secretary and the National Foundation.

The cost of maintaining the building and its art treasures, currently amount-

ing to more than \$100,000 annually, is paid from earnings of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. The building has an appraised sound valuation of \$5,831,676, and its replacement cost is estimated at more than \$7 million.

Approximately 50,000 Memorial books have been published, and about 5,000 are still available for sale at \$2.25 per copy. Entitled *The Story of Elkdom*, the latest edition not only reports

the accomplishments of the Order but presents full-color reproductions of many of the beautiful murals and other decorations in the Memorial Building.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE

In the June 1922 issue of this magazine there appeared this declaration of intent:

"It is not to be a mere bulletin or calendar of events, but a vigorous, high class, literary and fraternal journal. . . .

"It is to contain matters of interest and information to all members of an Elk's household.

"It is designed to be entertaining as well as instructive; but primarily its purpose is to place in the hands of each one of the million Elks in the United States a monthly volume of fraternal information that will insure recognition of the Order's beneficent power, a keen appreciation of its uplifting mission, a deeper pride of membership and a constant inspiration to a renewal of fraternal obligations, and an incentive to greater fraternal activity."

The members of the commission have tried to adhere consistently throughout their administration to these standards set by the founders of the magazine. Their task, and more especially the work of the magazine's staff, has been made easier during the past year by the fact that all administrative, editorial, circulation, and advertising operations are now centralized in the magazine's own building in Chicago. Located immediately adjacent to the Memorial Building, the magazine building provides the most modern facilities, especially designed for magazine publishing.

During the past fiscal year a total of 17,564,939 copies of the magazine were published. The total number of pages, including covers but excluding business inserts, was 688, an average of over 57 pages per issue. The magazine's earnings for the fiscal year totaled \$396,565.82, compared with \$372,093.57 for the previous year. Advertising sales produced \$573,701.69 of the gross revenue. In addition, through the pages of the magazine, the Commission offered members a series of Elks lapel pins, and net sales of these for the fiscal year amounted to \$15,020.25.

In its 45 years of existence, the magazine has earned an aggregate surplus of \$9,940,882.40. Of this sum the Commission has already turned over to the Grand Lodge \$8,629,874.29, or an average of about \$190,000 per year. If it had not been for these payments from the magazine to the Grand Lodge, the per-capita tax for many years would have had to be increased; instead, the magazine's earnings have made it possible to balance the Grand Lodge budget and provide for a Reserve Fund and other expenditures.

After careful deliberation, the members of the Commission have decided to turn over to the Grand Lodge this year, from surplus earnings of the magazine, the sum of \$100,000; this, added to previous payments, brings the total amount transferred to the Grand Lodge to \$8,729,874.29.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In addition to overseeing publication of the magazine, the Commission administers the public relations program of the Grand Lodge.

Publicity for the 102nd Grand Lodge convention in Dallas was the best in several years, both locally and nationally. Associated Press and United Press International carried 25 stories and 6 wirephotos, and the two Dallas dailies covered the convention with a total of 49 items, including 40 news and feature stories. In addition, the four Dallas television stations carried 11 reports on the convention.

Special news releases, accompanied by photos and biographical sketches of

Grand Exalted Ruler Dobson, were sent to local lodges or state associations in advance of each of his 98 scheduled official visits, and local news releases were supplied to each lodge that sponsored a winner in the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest.

An increasing share of attention and energy is being devoted to preparations for the Centennial observance next year. Work is nearing completion on a Centennial publicity kit that will provide lodges with full material for developing Centennial coverage in their local press and on radio and television. Arrangements were made to conduct a publicity seminar for Exalted Rulers, during the Chicago convention, to display and explain the publicity materials that will be made available to them.

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



Grand Secretary

Franklin J. Fitzpatrick



During the year ended March 31, 1967, our subordinate lodges added to their membership rolls 113,491 by initiation, 19,128 by dimit, and 10,348 by reinstatement. In the same period 62,463 were dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues, 86 were expelled, 29,585 granted dimits, and 21,959 lost by death. The total membership of the Order as of March 31, 1967, was 1,417,435, showing a net increase of 28,874. The total number of lodges on that date was 2,091.

(Membership tables accompanying this digest report cover the period from April 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967. The statements on Grand Lodge finances are for the period from June 1, 1966, to May 31, 1967.)

The Grand Lodge holds in its various investment accounts United States government and other securities, and cash, in the following amounts, at cost:

General Fund	\$195,416.00
Reserve Fund	682,443.86
Home Fund	318,758.15
Emergency Charity Fund	98,093.00
Uninvested Cash	2.99

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$2,733,300.67 and fixed assets are \$1,998,480.60, making the total assets

of the Grand Lodge \$4,731,781.27.

At the Dallas session of the Grand Lodge, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge, from surplus earnings of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, the sum of \$100,000, which amount was credited to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge and was of material assistance to the Board of Grand Trustees in making up the final budget.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER

It is gratifying to report that our Order has completed another year of progress and growth under the stewardship and dedicated leadership of Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond C. Dobson. Individual and Lodge contributions to the Elks National Foundation reached a new peak for any year; our various activities in serving the youth of our nation were more extensive than ever before; and our Order continues to even more vigorously support our beloved country, our government, and our servicemen who have fought and are continuing to fight for the preservation of freedom and democracy. Ours is a fraternal organization and as such its basic ingredient is brotherly love, a brotherly love which we have extended beyond the

confines of our membership to encompass all who are worthy and need our help. In the year past the reported charitable expenditures of our Lodges reached an unprecedented total in excess of \$8 million. This in brief is part of the record of accomplishment in which we all may take great pride.

Obviously, in order to sustain and increase the activities of which Elks are so proud, we must continue to attract new members to our doors and, to the best of our ability, retain and keep interested and active those presently on our rolls. Nevertheless, an analysis of the membership figures reveals that as in the past lapsation continues to be a major problem. While we added to the rolls a total of 142,967 by initiation, affiliation, and reinstatement, we during the same period lost 114,093 thru death and other causes, of which total losses 62,463 were dropped for nonpayment of dues. The poor delinquency record of many Lodges is due, at least in part, to lack of a businesslike approach to the collection of dues. Every Exalted Ruler, and certainly every Secretary, should devote diligent and continuing attention during this coming year to the important problem of lapsation, keeping in mind that while it is vitally important to attract new members it is equally important to save those we have. Lapsation can be lessened materially by a systematic and closely followed dues collection policy.

DISPENSATIONS

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler R. Leonard Bush:

GRANTED DISPENSATION	NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE	INSTITUTED
2- 7-66	Sherwood "Robin Hood", Ore., No. 2342	6-26-66
3-31-66	Phil-Mont, Pa., No. 2345	5-28-66
4- 4-66	Westminster, Cal., No. 2346	8- 6-66
4-11-66	Santa Clara, Cal., No. 2347	5- 7-66
5-13-66	Liverpool, N.Y., No. 2348	6-12-66
5-18-66	Apache Junction, Ariz., No. 2349	6-24-66
5-18-66	Coolidge-Florence, Ariz., No. 2350	6-25-66
5-31-66	Lindsay, Okla., No. 2351	6-11-66
5-24-66	Hialeah, Fla., No. 2352	8- 6-66
5-25-66	North Las Vegas, Nev., No. 2353	7-30-66
6- 6-66	Edgewood, Md., No. 2354	7-31-66
6- 3-66	Woodbridge, Va., No. 2355	6-25-66
6-20-66	Sparta, N. J., No. 2356	6-26-66

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond C. Dobson:

7-11-66	Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Md., No. 2357	9-25-66
7-16-66	Kern River Valley, Cal., No. 2358	1-21-67
10-20-66	Smithfield, R. I., No. 2359	10-30-66
11- 3-66	Oglesby, Ill., No. 2360	1-15-67
11-16-66	West New York, N. J., No. 2361	1-15-67
12-14-66	Oak Harbor (Nav Air), Wash., No. 2362	3-18-67
12-29-66	Evergreen, Colo., No. 2363	4- 2-67
1- 6-67	Paso Robles, Cal., No. 2364	3- 4-67
1-23-67	Hollywood West, Fla., No. 2365	3-19-67
2- 7-67	Wyckoff, N. J., No. 2366	2-12-67
2-27-67	Camillus, N. Y., No. 2367	3-19-67
3- 6-67	Perryton, Texas, No. 2368	4- 1-67
3- 6-67	Maryvale (Phoenix), Ariz., No. 2369	4-23-67
3-15-67	East Brunswick, N. J., No. 2370	
3-20-67	Ord, Neb., No. 2371	4-30-67
3-20-67	Meramec (Arnold), Mo., No. 2372	4- 9-67
3-21-67	Dresden, Tenn., No. 2373	4- 1-67
4-25-67	Montvale, N. J., No. 2374	5- 7-67
5-17-67	Vernal, Utah, No. 2375	

BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of Charitable, Educational, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the Lodge year from April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967:

ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 630,482.37
Summer Outings, Camps and Health Resorts	371,820.55
Cerebral Palsy	905,474.96
Crippled Children	973,087.51
Medical Aid and Hospitals	470,102.16
Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets	1,095,566.14
Elks National Foundation	376,451.39
Youth Work (except for scholarships, free textbooks, etc.)	1,341,574.97
Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc.	570,487.49
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	241,474.43
Veterans' Relief	184,559.59
Miscellaneous	705,846.75
Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of July, etc.	252,817.64
Total	\$8,119,745.95

ACTIVITIES BY STATES

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

by each State and Special Jurisdiction, during the period from April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967:

STATE	AMOUNT	STATE	AMOUNT
Alabama	\$ 78,656.74	New Hampshire	40,219.72
Alaska	66,371.03	New Jersey ..	497,849.62
Arizona	175,730.57	New Mexico ..	86,794.42
Arkansas	34,117.99	New York	502,758.77
California	1,248,223.44	North Carolina	107,041.07
Canal Zone	11,030.51	North Dakota	69,831.92
Colorado	245,152.53	Ohio	183,551.94
Connecticut	172,190.54	Oklahoma	76,776.76
Florida	270,068.21	Oregon	282,138.81
Georgia	197,763.24	Pennsylvania	402,733.99
Guam	2,988.00	Philippine Islands	2,853.84
Hawaii	15,103.81	Puerto Rico	2,240.00
Idaho	120,765.21	Rhode Island	46,721.19
Illinois	277,534.69	South Carolina	104,096.54
Indiana	206,119.55	South Dakota	62,698.54
Iowa	61,377.77	Tennessee	86,674.47
Kansas	126,119.35	Texas	192,176.40
Kentucky	32,829.24	Utah	108,901.78
Louisiana	28,405.88	Vermont	61,642.85
Maine	26,513.00	Virginia	74,034.46
Md., Del., D.C.	105,627.60	Washington ..	386,671.75
Massachusetts	364,489.81	West Virginia	92,451.82
Michigan	216,097.91	Wisconsin	115,793.07
Minnesota	77,319.15	Wyoming	32,973.27
Mississippi	23,529.36	Total	\$8,119,745.95
Missouri	62,590.09		
Montana	101,933.85		
Nebraska	112,355.42		
Nevada	39,114.46		

Membership by States-1967

State	Membership	State	Membership
Alabama	7,965	New Hampshire	7,465
Alaska	8,085	New Jersey	44,463
Arizona	21,302	New Mexico	12,259
Arkansas	4,340	New York	77,963
California	160,238	North Carolina	13,700
Canal Zone	1,537	North Dakota	22,157
Colorado	35,611	Ohio	57,735
Connecticut	25,021	Oklahoma	12,913
Florida	39,915	Oregon	64,795
Georgia	20,064	Pennsylvania	91,935
Guam	270	Philippine Islands	243
Hawaii	1,664	Puerto Rico	384
Idaho	23,122	Rhode Island	7,393
Illinois	71,392	South Carolina	10,889
Indiana	51,811	South Dakota	13,535
Iowa	30,102	Tennessee	14,611
Kansas	28,429	Texas	24,886
Kentucky	7,315	Utah	9,086
Louisiana	4,127	Vermont	7,321
Maine	5,558	Virginia	13,388
Maryland, Delaware, Dist. of Columbia	14,938	Washington	93,047
Massachusetts	44,938	West Virginia	21,160
Michigan	56,064	Wisconsin	25,338
Minnesota	17,043	Wyoming	13,517
Mississippi	4,621	Total	1,417,435
Missouri	13,423		
Montana	24,097		
Nebraska	26,609		
Nevada	7,651		

Membership Gains and Losses by States

Lodge Year Ended March 31, 1967					
State	Gain	Loss	State	Gain	Loss
Alabama	200		New Hampshire	168	
Alaska		75	New Jersey	995	
Arizona	300		New Mexico	609	
Arkansas	28		New York	657	
California	1,121		North Carolina	224	
Canal Zone	88		North Dakota	2,039	
Colorado	793		Ohio	1,006	
Connecticut	900		Oklahoma	623	
Florida	1,079		Oregon	3,212	
Georgia		419	Pennsylvania	1,295	
Guam		26	Philippine Islands		54
Hawaii	78		Puerto Rico		9
Idaho		62	Rhode Island	113	
Illinois	1,444		South Carolina	171	
Indiana	567		South Dakota	679	
Iowa		828	Tennessee	906	
Kansas	298		Texas	133	
Kentucky	328		Utah		64
Louisiana	92		Vermont	142	
Maine	70		Virginia		127
Maryland, Delaware, Dist. of Columbia	1,383		Washington	4,604	
Massachusetts	933		West Virginia	275	
Michigan	1,739		Wisconsin	211	
Minnesota	348		Wyoming		97
Mississippi	128		Gain	31,113	
Missouri	454		Loss		2,239
Montana		478	Net Gain	28,874	
Nebraska	558				
Nevada	268				

The foregoing Digest of Annual Reports was prepared by the staff of THE ELKS MAGAZINE from texts of the official reports involved. Each of the reports was published separately in its entirety. In addition, the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, and the several Chairmen presented supplementary remarks at the Grand Lodge Session held in Chicago July 16-20. These remarks appear in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session.

SAM STERN—EXEMPLAR OF CHARITY

It is one of the everlasting strengths of the Order of Elks that the men who gain the top position and serve as Grand Exalted Ruler do not look upon that honor as terminal to their service to the fraternity, but instead as the door to even larger and more important responsibilities. High among those responsibilities is the discovery of younger men whose talents and dedication mark them for future leadership, and the encouragement of their progress up the ladder of success.

It was a great satisfaction to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern when, at Dallas in July 1966, the Grand Lodge chose his fellow North Dakotan, Raymond C. Dobson of Minot, to follow in his footsteps as Grand Exalted Ruler. Brother Stern did not live to see the completion of Grand Exalted Ruler Dobson's administration, but he lived long enough to know that his judgment had been more than amply vindicated, to know happiness in the knowledge that he had given the Order an outstanding leader.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Stern had made Elkdom an intimate part of his life from the day he was initiated in Fargo Lodge No. 260 in 1910, a short while after his graduation from law school. At that time, Fargo, where he was born in 1888, was a town of but 14,000 population. There weren't many Elks in North Dakota in those days, but, as Grand Exalted

Ruler Dobson expressed it, "Sam Stern was talking Elkdom in North Dakota when it was a little-known subject. He maintained his interest up to the last."

Elkdom's benevolences, especially the fraternity's concern for physically handicapped children, were the basic reasons for the Order's strong hold on Brother Stern's interest and energies. In turn, as is so often the case, his concern for the physically handicapped was linked to personal tragedy—the loss of an infant daughter, and then the death of an only son after a protracted illness following an attack of polio, which was suspected also as the cause of the daughter's death.

Brother Stern's death ended a warm friendship with a much-beloved and distinguished Elk, James A. Farley, past President of the New York State Elks Association. They met in a Pullman diner in 1925, en route to the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Ore. The Elk pins they were wearing opened a conversation that began a 42-year friendship, highlighted by Brother Farley's speech seconding his friend's nomination for Grand Exalted Ruler in 1952.

In his lodge, his state association, in the Grand Lodge, as a trustee for many years of the Elks National Foundation—in all of these Sam Stern was a conscientious and concerned Elk, an exemplar of the virtue that we rightly regard so highly—charity.

Mrs. Alliluyeva on Communism

When the bolsheviks seized power in Russia 50 years ago, intellectuals and liberals hailed the event as the dawn of a new era for mankind. Many of them still have no trouble overlooking communism's bloody record of terror at home and abroad, while being quick to accuse the United States of making war on women and children when some of our bombs miss their military targets in Vietnam. Operation of this double standard is one of the fascinating mysteries of contemporary life.

It would seem reasonable to suppose that anyone of genuine goodwill, who was still confused about the nature and intent of communism, might learn a great deal from the defection earlier this year of Mrs. Svetlana Alliluyeva and what she had to say, once she had gained the West and freedom.

One of the most important statements made by this daughter of the late Joseph Stalin was that those who hold the reins of the communist dicta-

torship in Russia today are just as guilty as Stalin of the crimes for which they denounced him after his death in 1953.

And the clergymen who have been so busy proving that God is dead should ponder Mrs. Alliluyeva's simple declaration: "I found that it was impossible to exist without God in one's heart. I came to that conclusion myself . . . that was a great change because since that moment the main dogmas of communism lost their significance for me."

Yes, there is indeed impressive evidence that the winds of change are blowing in Russia. Mrs. Alliluyeva's flight to freedom is dramatic proof of that, and serves also to make the fiftieth anniversary of the bolshevist revolution a showcase of failure, not success.

All Americans welcome any evidence that forces for peace and international understanding and cooperation are at work in Russia. They would rejoice at any sign that the rulers in the Kremlin have abandoned their imperial dreams of world power through aggression. In short, the American people—and most of the rest of the world—want a peace-

ful world in which the nations can work for the common good of man.

For example, Russia could stop its support of North Vietnam's aggression in South Vietnam. It could stop sponsoring terror and revolution in South America. It might even halt its sponsorship of treason in the United States. There are any number of methods open to the Russian dictators to signal a fundamental shift in their policy away from war to peace. Until such concrete evidence is forthcoming, the American people will be properly skeptical of those ardent advocates of "building bridges to the East." Unless bridges are supported at both ends they are an invitation to disaster.

Meanwhile, we would be well advised to be guided by the philosophy stated in the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1919, opposing by all lawful means the spread of communist doctrines and barring from membership in the Order anyone who does not give undivided loyalty to our flag, a position that is just as valid today as it was 48 years ago.

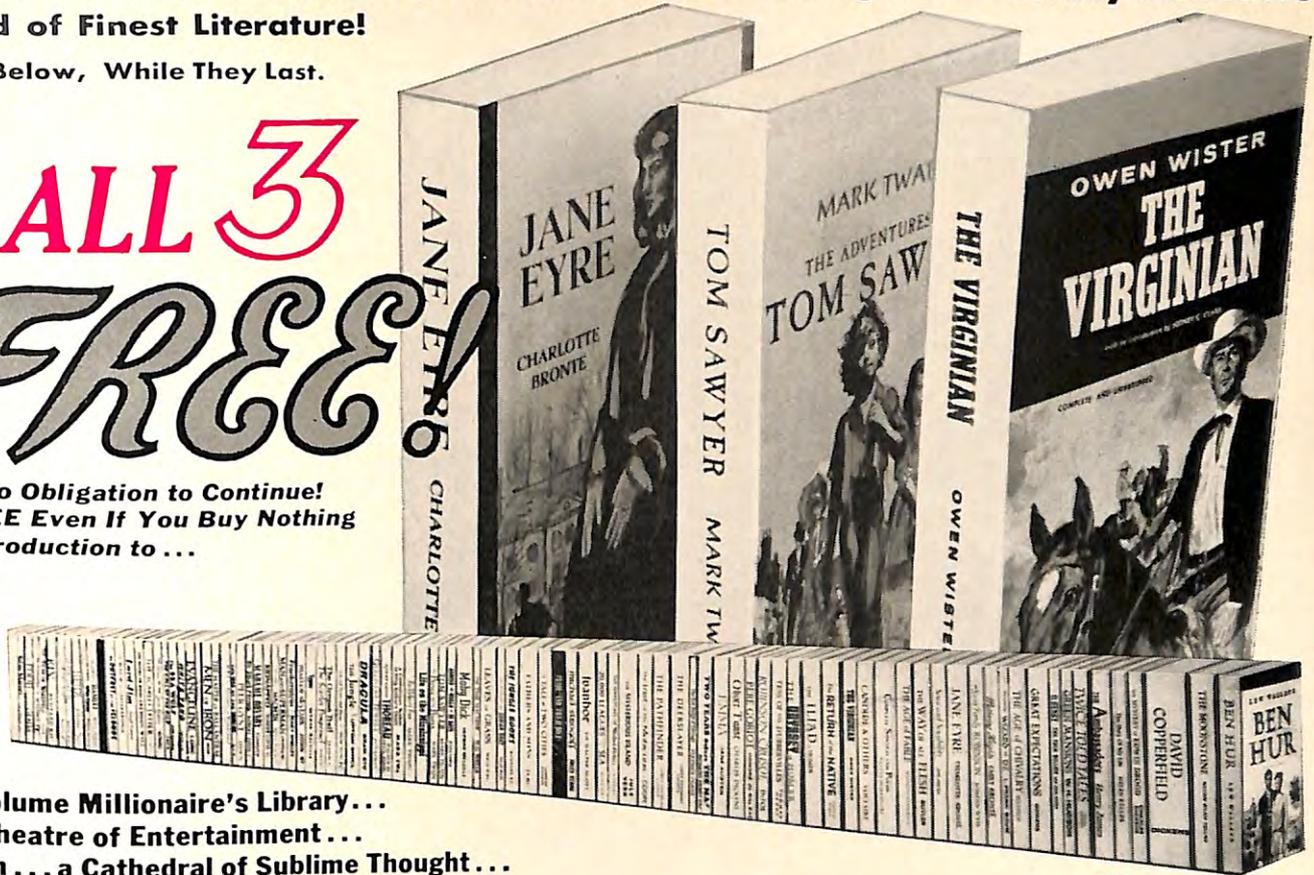
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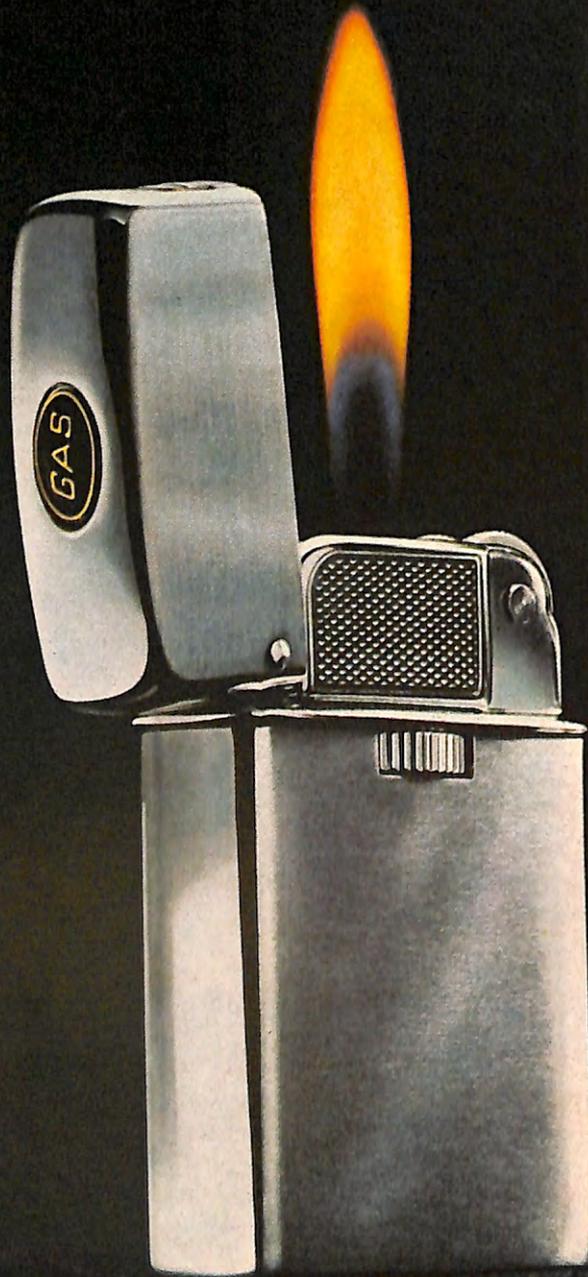
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