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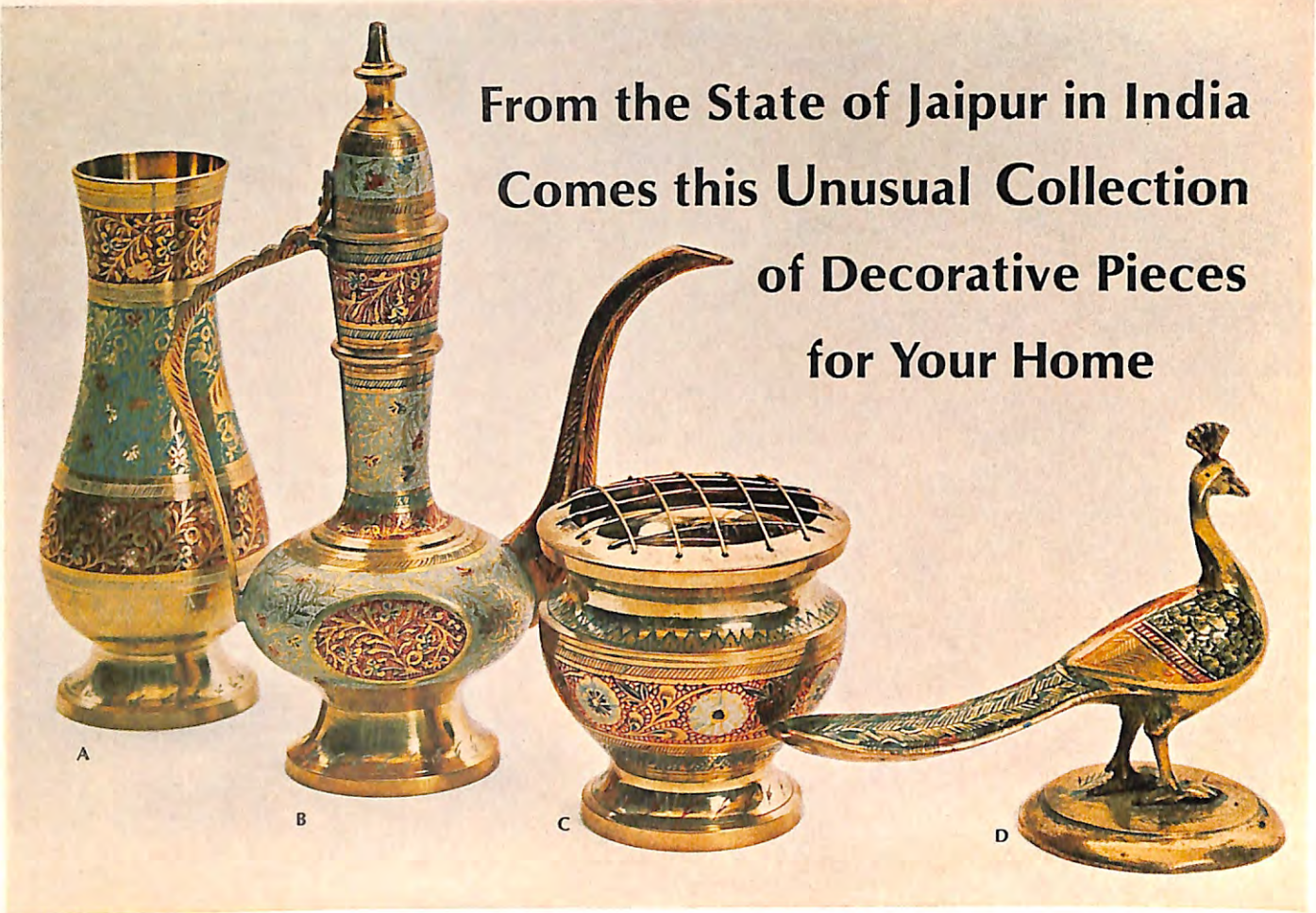
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Let's do it. Let's start off our second century by re-dedicating ourselves to the high purpose that brought our fraternity into existence a hundred years ago. I urge every Elk to show his pride in Elkdom during this centennial year by making a generous gift to the Elks National Foundation.

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Dear Mr. Walker,

I have received your letter notifying me of the \$600 Emergency Educational Fund Scholarship granted me by the Elks National Foundation of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

As I wrote the last line, I stopped and thought how few organizations have "of the United States of America" incorporated in their official title. I felt the greatness of the B.P.O.E. in deed, thought, and spirit when I realized the amount awarded me would enable me to attend Skidmore College. Where but in the United States of America could this happen?

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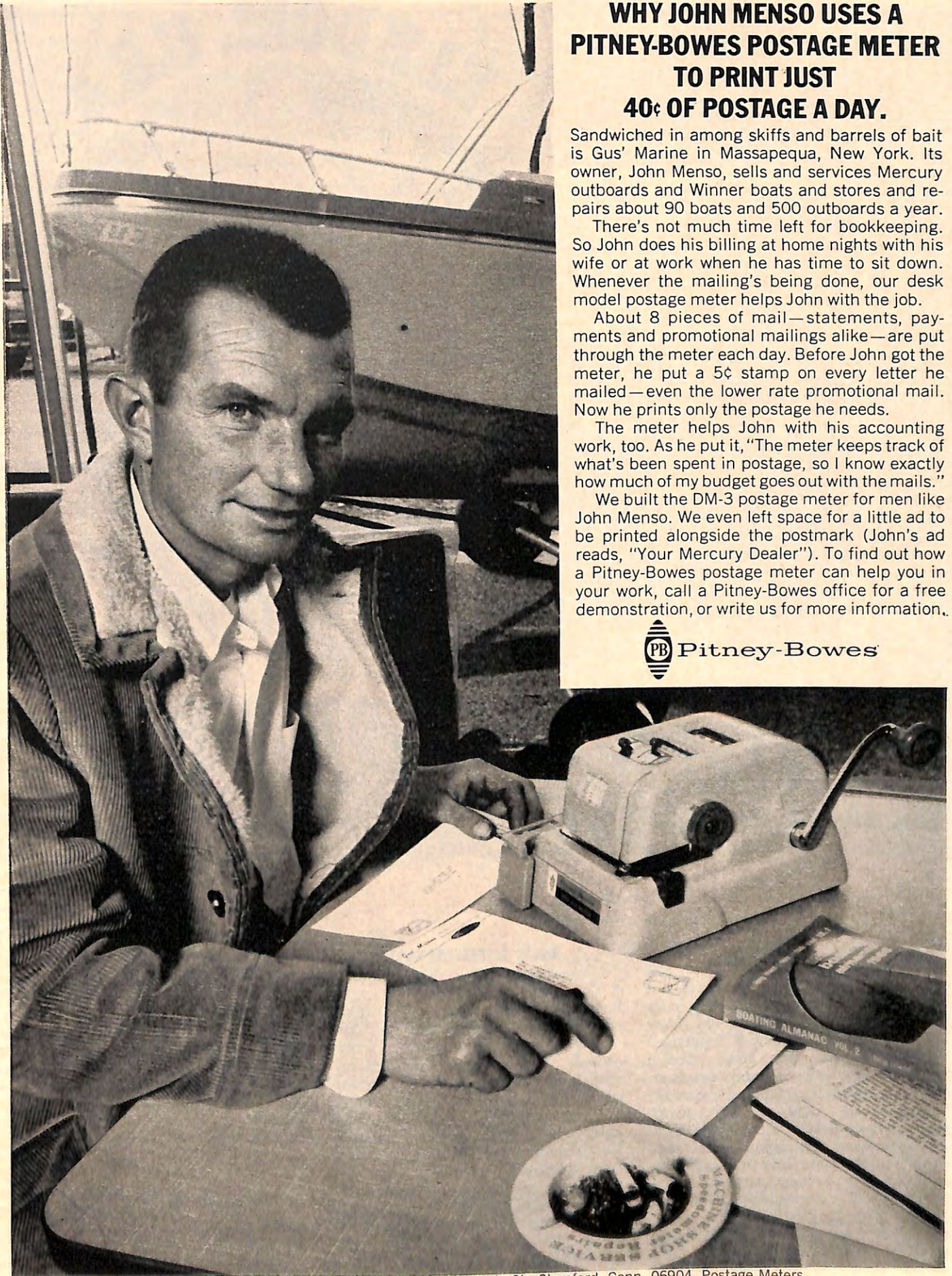
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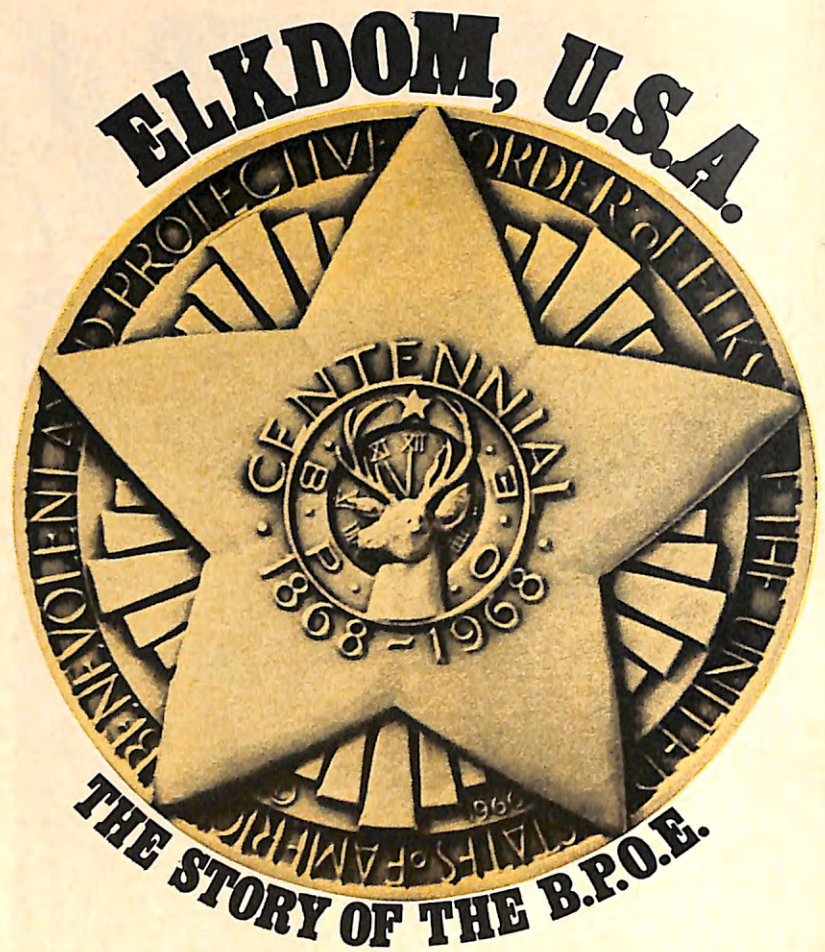
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# THE JOLLY CORKS



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By **T. R. FEHRENBACH**

favorite haunts of actors, theater people, and minstrel singers in New York.

The Star was swinging by nine o'clock. A man named Harding, who was a sort of chairman of entertainment, asked if anyone wanted to volunteer a song, since some of the paid entertainers had not arrived. The young Englishman, who had been quietly sipping his drink, stood up and offered a rendition of "Jimmy Riddle, Who Played upon the Fiddle." Then, to thunderous applause, he gave an encore: "Who Stole the Donkey?" He had a beautiful light baritone, and his audience was enthusiastic. They kept him singing.

John Ireland thought he recognized something good. He sent a waiter around to the American Theater, at 472 Broadway, to bring back its manager, Robert Butler. Butler listened to a couple of renditions and hired the young singer on the spot, to begin work the following Monday, at \$50 per week—then an astronomical salary for a comic singer.

The Englishman's name was Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. He was the son of a clergyman, who had drifted down to London and entered the theater as a music hall man; having a roving spirit, he caught a ship at Southampton for New York at the age of 25. Charles A. Vivian (as Americans soon shortened his name) was never to make any great mark as a singer or actor—





*The original Jolly Corks pictured above (from left): E. M. Platt, F. Langhorne, William Carleton, William Sheppard, R. R. Steirly, Charles Vivian, John T. Kent, H. Vandermark, H. Bosworth, and M. G. Ashe.*

but because he sang in New York that night, he was to enjoy enduring fame.

Now, on Friday night, Vivian had a job, but he had neither baggage, clothes, nor a place to stay. The piano player at Ireland's, Dick Steirly, came to his rescue. Steirly took Vivian to his own boarding house, Mrs. Giesman's on Elm Street, and—since the young man had no money or possessions—even guaranteed his first week's room and board. Mrs. Giesman's guests were mostly connected with the New York theater, as actors, clerks, musicians, or stagehands. Young Vivian felt at home immediately. He was a charming fellow, with "winning ways and infectious good humor." Everybody liked him.

W. L. Bowron, one of the Giesman tenants, loaned him a dress suit for his

first stage appearance. He sang "Who Stole the Donkey?" and was an immediate hit at the American. Vivian seemed to have a real gift as a comic singer, and his engagement at the theater was extended to nine weeks.

Thus launched, and a success, he was soon quite popular in the actors' and musicians' world of New York. People being people, however, some of his colleagues envied him his overnight success—he had hopped off the boat and landed a good job, at a time when,

then as now, many actors and minstrel singers had rough going. Some of this envy was to show itself later on.

Now, Vivian was free to show his high good spirits and convivial ways. To repay Dick Steirly for his favors, Vivian taught him a trick that was going around London. This was the famous "Cork Trick," and Vivian soon installed himself as the "Imperial Cork."

The cork trick had nothing to do with the current theatrical vogue of blackface or with champagne. It was a very simple game, which needed only a few experienced players in on the trick and a victim. And in the friendly atmosphere of New York's free-and-easies, victims were not hard to find.

The victim was invited to join the  
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# which kind of cease-fire in

# VIETNAM?

POLITICAL OBSERVERS have long recognized that the words used by Communists in evaluating international events have restricted meanings, often far removed from normal usage. Such terms as aggression, imperialism, neo-colonialism, disarmament, self-determination, unjust wars, wars of national liberation, free elections, coalition government, neutrality, freedom, will of the people, cease-fire, truce, treaty, peace, peaceful coexistence, peaceful settlement, and world opinion—in fact, all terms of international law—seem to lose their absolute quality and take on an ideological tinge when voiced by Communist spokesmen.

Since words mean different things to Communists and non-Communists, the United States and North Vietnam can with justification accuse each other of “aggression” in Vietnam, although obviously both cannot be “aggressors.” Similarly, both President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh can in all sincerity express the desire to see the war settled “peacefully,” but here again there is semantic disagreement.

It is, therefore, encouraging to note that a pattern of Communist definitions is beginning to unfold.

An editorial published in Denver's *Rocky Mountain News* (April 4, 1967) discussed UN Secretary General Thant's proposal that the U.S. declare “. . . a one-sided cease-fire in Vietnam and 'thereafter fire only when fired upon.' Nothing was asked of the Communist side. It was simply hoped the Communists would follow suit.”

Continuing to comment on U Thant's suggestion, the editorial stated:

“Likewise, all the words being used—peace, truce, armistice, cease-fire—all imply, by definition, actions on both sides. There can be no peace, truce, armistice or cease-fire by only one side. It takes two sides, plus guarantees, assurances and supervision, to make the agreement have a chance of sticking.”

by ROY COLBY

Besides the Secretary General, some sincere Americans, including several U.S. senators and a nationally prominent civil rights leader, have advocated in all seriousness unilateral U.S. action as a constructive step toward ending hostilities in Vietnam. It is submitted that the Communist side would welcome such action as befitting their unique conception of the meaning and purpose of a “cease-fire.”

A copyrighted article, “With War Going Full Tilt Again . . .” (*U.S. News & World Report*, Feb. 27, 1967), which described the disappointing results of the 1967 Vietnamese New Year's “truce,” also pinpointed the Communist version of three terms of international discourse:

“[The] truce in Vietnam turned out to be only a recess, which the Communists used to *gather strength for more fighting* . . . As usual the Communist side *gained* an important *advantage* . . . The Communists were given a *breathing spell*.” [Italics supplied]

The concepts in question are “agreement,” “negotiations,” and “peaceful coexistence,” respectively. To appreciate fully the difference in meaning of these three commonplace terms of international law, it is necessary to define them in accordance with (a) the Western lexicon and (b) the “Communes” lexicon.

#### Agreement

*Western Lexicon:* The language or a writing embodying reciprocal promises.

*Communes Lexicon:* The language or a writing seemingly embodying re-

ROY COLBY, semanticist and educator, now at Colorado State College, was with the U.S. State Department for more than 15 years.

ciprocal promises but actually considered binding only on the non-Communist parties to it; practically, a device to gather strength for more fighting.

The Communes concept of “agreement” stems from Lenin's well-known dictum, “It is ridiculous not to know that a treaty is a means of gaining strength.” It follows that, in the Marxist-Leninist view, all kinds of agreements between East and West—treaties, protocols, conventions, bans, accords, joint declarations, armistices, cease-fires, and truces—are evaluated primarily on the scale of how much strength they will produce for the Communist side. Traditional Western interpretation of these international legal terms obviously bears little resemblance to the sense in Communes.

To consider, then, the New Year's truce a hoax, as some U.S. observers in Vietnam were reported to have done, is to miss the whole point. There was patently no meeting of minds when the truce was made. The Communists merely agreed to gather strength for more fighting during the four-day period, and that is precisely what they did. They did not agree to stop military activities, as we did. It could truthfully be said that we observed our version of the truce, and they, theirs.

By the same token, Western diplomats who accuse the Soviet Union of having broken scores of treaties since 1918 seemingly ignore the existence of the Marxist-Leninist ethical system. By whose standards were the treaties broken. Theirs or ours?

#### Negotiations

*Western Lexicon:* The holding of intercourse with a view to coming to an agreement acceptable to both sides.

*Communes Lexicon:* The holding of intercourse with a view to coming to a Communist-style agreement to be taken at face value by the West; practically, a means to gain advantage.

The *U.S. News* article asked a ques-  
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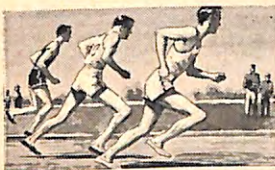
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# FEVER

By Pete Czura



THE STILLNESS of the night drew us together as we checked our gear and flashlights. Clare Dailey slid his old sawed-off .22 rifle out of the trunk of the car and patted Rufus affectionately, as the battle-scarred coonhound trembled with excitement at the sight of the battered gun.

"Come on! We haven't got all night!" Dale Hudson urged slowpoking Dailey. "Look at Rufus, he's rarin' to go!"

I fanned his impatience by adding, "Let's go! I'm ready!"

These reactions are typical of the diehard coon-hunting enthusiasts. When they hit a likely coon spot they are anxious to start. Each minute anyone dallies means a delay of the sweet moment when the hounds are cut loose and pour out a vocal symphony when they hit the hot track of a coon.

This was my first coon hunt this year, and I was just as anxious to get going as Hudson.

We were getting set for a night of coon hunting near Fairbury, Nebraska, about an hour's drive from our homes in Lincoln. In a minute we'd be off stumbling through the inky-dark woods and swamps, following on foot the haunting voice of Rufus and Clare's two young redbones, which we were trying out for the first time.

Overhead, the pitch-black sky was sprinkled with stars flickering faintly like tiny gems in a dark velvet case. A soft west wind caressed our faces. Back in the marsh, bullfrogs boomed out a basso-profundo melody. The hounds whimpered and shivered, waiting for us to release them after the illusive and tantalizing scents of the coon.

When I asked about the dark, Hudson told me, "The darker the better."

"In fact," he went on, "moonlight keeps the ringtails close to their den trees, and snow on the ground is taboo to a coonhunter. On windy nights, it don't pay to go out at all."

"The way things are shaping up to-



night," Dailey chimed in, "I could almost smell them myself."

We worked our way across a small creek, climbed over a barbed wire fence and headed across a field, the hounds straining at the leashes. About a half mile farther we stopped for a last minute conference.

"We picked this spot," Dailey explained, "because of the signs we spotted here last week. The hounds will range between the edge of the field and the creek, and if they jump one we'll be able to hear them."

Then the hounds were turned loose. Leaping into the darkness, noses to the ground, they quickly disappeared into the gloom of the night.

Rufe's first ringing bay sent a chill racing up and down my spine. A minute later the young redbones joined in the baying chorus. Although the bellows of alarm of the first hot coon scent had echoed often in the ears of my companions, the old excitement was still in them, as Hudson murmured softly, "Lord! Listen to them go. They're on a hot one already!"

The sound of Rufe's full-throated roar was indeed heart-stopping. To old

timers in this game, there's a certain pleasure and delight in the eerie sound of a running hound. Each hound sings a different tune and each melody varies, as the hound conveys by his cry the masked bandit's evasive tactics.

In the excitement of the strike, we were all on the move. I started with my companions, but soon was outdistanced as they forged ahead. My cameras and electronic flash proved to be handicaps in maintaining the fast pace they set.

"C'mon!" yelled Clare, as he led us through spike-laced brush which pricked us unmercifully.

Watching Clare Dailey running ahead of me reminded me of the many stories I had heard of how coon hunting can become a fever. Dailey is a tall, rugged man who is worse than a golf nut when it comes to coon hunting. This dark night was his 80th night out in a row, and he swore he'd hit the 100 mark before the season was over. In fact, he's so goofy over this sport that each fall he either quits or takes a leave of absence from his job so he can devote full time to his favorite pastime.

However, don't get the idea Dailey

is the only one afflicted with coon-hunting fever. Far from it. In fact, it's almost a national epidemic. For example, in a small Kansas town, the Justice of the Peace court was closed for three days last fall. The local newspaper reported the judge was "out of town on business." But everyone knew the judge was trying out a new black-and-tan hound he had just bought.

Another classic example of the coon-hunting fever came to light last fall in Pennsylvania when a wife sued for divorce charging four coon hounds with alienation of her husband's affection. At the trial, the man stated, "Your honor, my wife never understood how coon fever grips me in the fall. When my hounds get edgy, I fidget, and when old Buster cuts loose, Judge, there isn't anything going to stop me from going!"

As we plodded along, Dale yelled back to me, "That's a young coon," as his flashlight probed the dark stream in search of a fording spot. Without pausing to see if we were following him, he splashed across.

Echoing down the valley, the baying of the hounds sounded like the steady boom, boom, boom of a kettle-drum. Each cry seemed to start anew before the last one had died.

"They're on a hot one for sure!" panted Clare. "Let's wait for Pete to catch up," he added.

As we paused to catch our breath, Dale told me, "I've had them all—chop-mouths, bird-songs, bawl-mouths, and tenors. That Rufus is a bawl-mouth who never gives up."

However, our brief rest came to a sudden end when Dale grabbed my shoulder and exclaimed, "Listen! He's coming back upstream!"

Clare snorted back, "Nah! He's gone back across the stream. I'll bet he's casting the opposite bank to find out where that slicker went ashore."

"If it's a young coon," he added, "it may have shot straight across, letting the current carry him down a ways. But if it's an old warrior, he'll swim downstream and come out on the same bank he went in. That means the hounds would have to cross and recross the water and cast both sides until they hit the scent again."

Hudson nodded in agreement. "That's how you can tell the difference between a mutt," he said, "and an honest-to-goodness hound."

Rufe's baw, baw, baw came rolling across the valley. Soon his cries were directly below us and as he moved swiftly by us, his bellows became more excited and intense.

Then a new sound jarred us to a stop. The night was filled with the angry sounds of a fight. Rufe's snarls ripped across the valley separating us.

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## Which Kind of Cease-fire in Vietnam?

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tion: "If truce talks do start soon, but fighting continues as it did for two years in Korea, what then?" If this happened, it would seem to indicate that the West had again failed to perceive that "negotiations" are a Communist device for extracting advantages from the non-Communist world. In this connection, the views of former Soviet Premier Khrushchev may be pertinent. Mr. Khrushchev was once quoted as having admitted in one of his not infrequent moments of candor, "We do not negotiate on the basis of the 'give and take' principle. We have nothing whatsoever to 'give'—we will not make any concessions because our proposals do not form the basis of any barter deal."

Many Americans undoubtedly wonder what's the matter with Ho Chi Minh. Why won't he negotiate a peaceful settlement—as any sensible Western

leader would? From the revolutionary viewpoint, the reason is logical. The North Vietnamese leader is a Marxist-Leninist steeped in revolutionary values; he won't negotiate until assured that the results satisfy the Communese interpretation of the term. Apparently the United States has not yet offered him the requisite means to gain advantage in his effort to conquer South Vietnam. A unilateral cease-fire by the U.S. would be, of course, a step in the right direction. If this happened, what would he give in return? Nothing, if he could help it. As the other Marxist-Leninist said "We have nothing whatsoever to 'give'—we will not make any concessions. . . ." Ho Chi Minh will not display interest in a peaceful settlement, in the Western sense, unless it leads to the eventual "reunification" of North and South Vietnam in an all-Communist state. Thus both sides may

be willing to negotiate, but they are referring to different ideas.

### Peaceful Coexistence

*Western Lexicon*: Cooperation between East and West in a relatively peaceful world political climate; a period of Communist mellowing.

*Communesse Lexicon*: Continuation, in a seemingly peaceful world political climate, of the struggle to destroy capitalism by means other than nuclear warfare until the United States is ripe for a take-over; hence, a breathing space in the class struggle.

Was it coincidental that the limited nuclear test ban treaty negotiations and the Sino-Soviet "reconciliation conference" were held simultaneously in Moscow in mid-1963? As a result of the successful treaty negotiations and the unsuccessful conference, was not the United States not only impelled to co-exist peacefully with the Soviet Union

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but also to consider Red China's the only dangerous brand of Communism? Aren't we now striving hopefully to build bridges of cooperation and trade with the Soviet-bloc states and willing to coexist peacefully as long as Moscow wishes? In short, who has stopped being the enemy of whom?

#### The Class Struggle

It is submitted that the Communist ethical system is rooted in their class struggle. Judged by Marxist-Leninist standards, such concepts as good and bad, truth and falsity, and right and wrong are not absolute principles; rather, they derive validity from the progress of the class struggle. The Communist Party adjudges the "truth" about international events simply: that which advances the Cause becomes, *ipso facto*, good and right. This is why Communist aggression against South Vietnam is called a "war of national liberation" expressing the "will of the people."

On the other hand, hindrances to

Communist objectives are deemed to be bad and wrong. This is why U.S. efforts to help South Vietnam preserve its freedom and independence are labeled "aggression" and even "genocidal."

Hence, it can be seen that Communes concepts are directly related not to absolute reality but to the limited reality of the Communist march toward world domination.

It is not surprising to observe, consequently, that despite ideological differences, all Communists and Communist states seem to stand shoulder-to-shoulder against the common enemy, capitalism. This is a natural posture for those who have the same purposes, the same ethical system and the same language—Communes—to assume. It is, or ought to be, by now clear that Red China and the Soviet Union are seeking Ho Chi Minh's brand of peace in Vietnam, not ours. Furthermore, when Mao Tse-Tung disappears from the scene, the possibility of Red China's

peaceful coexistence with the West cannot be ruled out. It, too, may need "breathing space" in the class struggle.

It would seem, then that the war in Vietnam should always be considered within the context of the class struggle, with due cognizance being taken of the significance of the Communes lingo. Certainly, any "cease-fire" or other "agreements" undertaken to bring about "peace" might well be carefully evaluated by both Western and revolutionary standards and carried out by Western standards. For it does, indeed, take "two sides, plus guarantees, assurances, and supervision, to make the agreement have a chance of sticking."

(A book by Roy Colby, tentatively titled Communist Lingo, is scheduled for publication in mid-October by Crestwood Books, Box 2096, Arlington, Va., at \$1.75 per copy. The book is supplemented by a glossary explaining the ulterior meanings of some 250 terms.)

# The Jolly Corks

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"in" group at their table, and asked if he would like to become a "Jolly Cork," the name of the group. Usually, the newcomer agreed. His name would then be taken down, and he had to pay a fee of fifty cents, which sum was entered in a little black book, very formally. Then, everyone at the table produced a cork and set in on the table, and the victim, now smiling happily at being "in," was given a cork, too.

He was informed that the custom was, when the Imperial Cork counted to three, the last man to lift his cork was stuck for the drinks. The victim agreed that this seemed fair and reasonable, since every man had an equal chance. Then, Vivian, grinning amiably, would draw out a count of "one, two, three!" All the old members would jump their hands out at the snap of "three!"—but then slap them palm down over their corks.

The victim, straining not to be last, invariably seized his cork and waved it triumphantly on high—to gales of laughter.

It took a little gentle explaining to make him realize he had lost. True, he had been first to raise his cork—but

since no one else was ever going to raise his, the new member was indisputably the last, too. Shamefaced, the victim had to pay. But soon, in this happy company, he was grinning, too, and planning his revenge on someone new.

The Jolly Corks carried a cork with them at all times, and had to be able to show it anywhere, under penalty of having to buy a round if they could not. One Cork was even challenged at his wedding, but to much merriment whipped his well-used cork out of the pocket of his full-dress suit. While drinking at a bar, each member of the Corks was required to keep his cork displayed in front of him at all times. A popular form of horseplay involved diverting the drinker's attention, stealing his cork—then sticking him for drinks for all.

The "cork trick" caught on in New York's theatrical world like wild-fire, and soon Charles Vivian was the unofficial head of a large, loose, and somewhat hilarious organization. Fun was had by all—but there was one serious cloud on the Corks' happy horizon: the New York excise laws, recently passed by the legislature in its sovereign wisdom, and now ferociously enforced by one Kennedy, the police superintendent of New York. These laws closed up on

Sundays—all day long—every bar, ale house, and tap room in the town.

Since Sunday was also the day when all theaters were closed, and was the theatrical crowd's only day of relaxation, both the law's and Superintendent Kennedy's unpopularity were extreme. Vivian took the leadership in finding a way around this unpleasant situation. He suggested that the Jolly Corks organize into a true social club; every member would chip in on Saturday, so that a store of refreshments could be laid away, and on Sunday, when the town was closed down tight, they could meet at some appropriate place and "enjoy the fruits of their prudence and foresight," as an early historian of the Order of Elks once said.

So, the next fine Sunday a barrel of beer, a piano, and a basket of sandwiches were wheeled into the attic of Mrs. Giesman's boarding house. The Corks met in social session, and until about eleven o'clock that night a fine time was had by all—except one of Mrs. Giesman's roomers, who complained about the noise. The first meeting was so successful that a treasurer was appointed to handle funds, and several new schemes were invoked to raise money for the next session. Vivian imposed "fines," a custom he took from an ancient English society, the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, of which he was a member. A Cork could be fined for almost any trumped-up offense—for singing badly or on the other hand, for singing too well. The object, of course, was to get a few dimes in the pot.

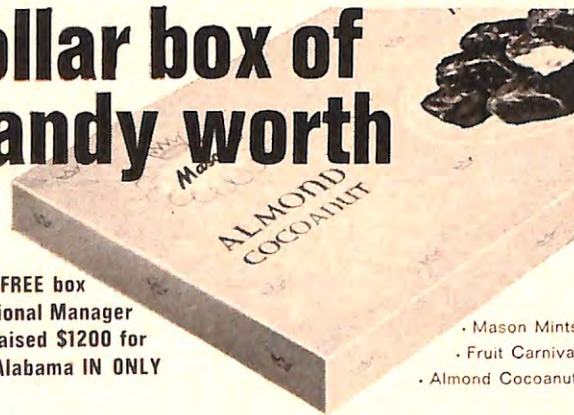
By the next Sunday the word was out: the Jolly Corks had the only "open" place in town. Each Cork was allowed to bring guests—prospective members—to meetings, and now more than a dozen eager initiates showed up. The second Sunday session was so successful, and grew so jolly, that Mrs. Giesman threw the Corks out of her house.

To a man like Vivian, however, this was only a temporary setback. Membership was growing fast, and Giesman's attic had become too small, anyway. The Corks took a room above Paul Sommer's saloon on Delancey Street.

The names of the first eight Jolly Corks are known. Charles Vivian was certainly the first, and the founder of the group. Richard Steirly (who was also born in England) was second. The next members, in order, were named Carleton, Vandemark, Kent, Langhorne, Bowron, and Blume. Most of them were entertainers, and many lived at Giesman's. But the cork trick was pulled on many people, and soon membership in the Jolly Corks reached 15. Among the later group were Thomas Riggs, George F. McDonald, Wil-

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# Elks National Youth Week

The entries in the 1967 Elks National Youth Week Contest were so excellent that the judges had difficulty choosing a winner in each category, according to PDD H. Beecher Charmbury, State College, Pa., the GL Youth Activities Committeeman in charge of the competition.

Nevertheless, the winners were duly selected. Announced at the Grand Lodge annual convention in Chicago, they are: state associations—first place:

Pennsylvania; second: Ohio; third: California-Hawaii; lodges with fewer than 500 members—first: Herkimer, N.Y.; second: Fulton, N.Y.; third: Dunkirk, Ind.; lodges with 500 to 1,000 members—first: Wellsburg, W.Va.; second: Falls City, Neb.; third: Princeton, W.Va., and lodges with more than 1,000 members—first: Richmond, Calif.; second: Phoenix, and third: Longview, Wash.

The observation was held during the first week of May.



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1—In Pennsylvania, Elks National Youth Day found these Danville students visiting the Soldier's Monument National Cemetery at historic Gettysburg. About 1,900 youngsters represented by about 89 lodges made the visit, said the state youth activities chairman—Waynesburg PER John R. Cusic.

2—The judges of the Elks National Youth Week Contest discuss the brochures from their respective states with PDD H. Beecher Charmbury (second from left), State College, Pa., the GL Youth Activities Committeeman who had charge of the competition. U.S. Sen. George Murphy (R-Calif.), U.S. Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), and U.S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio) were assisted in the judging by members of their respective staffs serving as an advisory committee.



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3—Wellsburg, W.Va., ER Keith Donley places the lodge's Elks National Youth Week award on the wall as PER Dino Quaranta, youth week chairman, beams approvingly.

4—Richmond, Calif., Lodge featured a float dedicated to rehabilitation of cerebral palsied children—part of the state major project—in its Elks National Youth Day Parade. Youth activities chairman Jim Manning guided Richmond Elks to their sixth first-place award in the last nine years.

5—The Herkimer, N.Y., Elks National Youth Week mayor—Terry DeMars (center)—celebrates his victory after elections. Flanking Terry are Donald Walsh (left), chairman of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee, and ER Warren J. Keyes.



## News of the Lodges

**A TRAVELING GOAT** that Westminster, Colo., Elks hope will earn at least \$4,800 for the state major project is turned over to Boulder Lodge members. Holding down the enthusiastic fund-raiser are Westminster Elks Don Steffen and Harold Bauer. Others pictured are (first row): Esq. John E. Galvin Jr. and ER Raymond J. Talcott, both of Boulder, Secy. Robert W. Ruemping of Westminster and (second row): Westminster Elks Dave Davis, Don Robison, and Pete Seiler, lodge Tiler.

## Foxy Colorado Elks Get Their Brothers' Goat For a Charitable Cause

Elks in Colorado are trying to parlay the nuisance value of a \$15 goat into at least \$4,800 in gifts for the state major project—a school in Denver for mentally retarded children.

The goat—Westminster Bill—is scheduled to visit all 48 lodges in Colorado. Before a lodge can rid itself of the animal, it must donate at least \$100 to the school—Elks Laradon Hall. Then, members can deliver or ship Bill to a sister lodge.

Bill began his travels last summer after taking part in Westminster Lodge's rodeo. Lodge member Harold Bauer had bought the ruminant for \$15 and donated him for the girls' goat-tying

contest. It was VP Gene Costello who suggested Bill as a perfect fund-raiser for Elks Laradon Hall.

After presenting their \$100 check to the school, Westminster Elks took the goat to Boulder Lodge for a formal reception. Bill soon endeared himself to all by eating the floral decorations on the Exalted Ruler's station. As quickly as they could, Boulder Elks raised the necessary \$100, topped it with a second \$100, and sent Bill on his way.



**LOCKPORT ELKS FIELD**—where Little Leaguers show their stuff—is dedicated by Lockport, N.Y., Lodge in memory of PER J. S. McArthur, an athlete who interested himself in youth activities. A plaque presentation by ER Wayne R. Pettit (left) to league president Eugene Garlock (right) officially opened the field. The Elks also presented a flag that had flown over the state and national Capitols. The Little Leaguers pictured are Scott Weatherall and Jim Tagg. North Tonawanda PER Wayne H. Cartwright, Little League Commission district director, was the principal speaker.



**A PARTIAL FAMILY MONOPOLY** is exercised at Madison, Wis., Lodge, where William H. Aspinwall Sr. (second from right) is Exalted Ruler, his son William H. Jr. (left) is Inner Guard, and his son Daniel J. (right) is Esquire. Also pictured is a third son of the lodge's chief officer—Brother Peter H. Aspinwall.



**A QUINTET OF FORDS**, headed by ER William S. Ford (first row, center) is included in Brooklyn Lodge's membership. Brother Ford recently initiated his sons (second row) Peter, John, Frank, and Joseph into the Order. Also pictured are PDD David Lee (first row, left), Elmont, and VP and PER John Manning, Trustees chairman.



**SPONSORSHIP** of a mentally and physically handicapped Boy Scout troop is enjoyed by Ridgewood, N.J., Elks. Members plan to sponsor mentally and physically handicapped Cub Scout and Girl Scout units as well. Those in the rear include George Stein, the lodge's institutional representative; Commissioner Louis Goetting III of Ridgewood, an Elk; ER Richard J. Zelenka, wearing his Scoutmaster's uniform, and Assistant Scoutmaster Jack McAllister (wearing glasses at right), who is a member of Fair Lawn Lodge.



**THAT BEAUTIES OFTEN ARE ENDOWED WITH BRAINS** is proved once again by these young ladies, announced as award winners at a Student Recognition Night at Coatesville, Pa., Lodge. ER Daniel Bartholomew (right) presents a \$600 Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Fund scholarship to Valerie Wallace. Looking on is the Rev. Kenneth Dearstynne, whose daughter, R. Jane (not shown), won a third-place Most Valuable Student award of \$1,300 in the national competition. Local nursing scholarships of \$100 each were won by Barbara Davis (rear, left), Linda Herman (second from left), and Marie Balla (right). Kathleen Slusser (second from right) won a scholarship of \$350 from the Southeast District of Pennsylvania.



**ANOTHER NEW LODGE**—East Brunswick, N.J., Lodge No. 2370—is instituted. Distinguished guests at the April 30 ceremonies included PDD and then SP Harrison S. Barnes (second row, sixth from left), Elizabeth, of Plainfield Lodge, GL New Lodge Committeeman, and PDD Henry J. Behr (second row, seventh from left), Metuchen, then state new lodge chairman. ER John J. Hennessy (first row, center) and other officers also are pictured. The lodge was instituted with 218 members, including 21 transfers, at East Brunswick High School and the officers were installed at Metuchen Lodge.

**SOME OF THE MOST FETCHING** children available were rounded up by Carteret, N.J., Elks to emphasize the lodge float's theme—"As Elksdom Sows, Youth Grows"—in a local parade. The float later was entered in New Jersey Elks' annual convention parade in Atlantic City; it won the first-place trophy for the best lodge float. John Kaznowski Sr. and Dave Brown headed the committee that built the float.



**THE OBVIOUS DELIGHT** of small cerebral palsy patients, pictured with counselors and teen-age volunteers of Camp Little Elk, is more than enough reward for West Shore, Pa., Brothers, who donated their lodge grounds for camp activities. United Cerebral Palsy of Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties says that the 20 patients found the terrain ideal for their outdoor fun and that the donated site was the main reason for the most successful day camp the agency ever has sponsored.



**DUNKIRK, Indiana,** Elks are proud as can be of their achievements in the youth activities field. Judith Mayo of Dunkirk, sponsored by the lodge, won a \$600 Elks National Foundation state allocated scholarship; she also won \$50 and a trophy for placing third in the Indiana Youth Leadership Contest. Flanking Miss Mayo are ER Lee Nuckols (left) and Leo Glogas, youth activities co-chairman, who holds the plaque the lodge received as the overall state winner for 1966-1967 youth activities. At the extreme left is Art Cummins, youth activities co-chairman, holding the 1967 Elks National Youth Week Contest plaque for placing third among lodges with fewer than 500 members.



**MIDDLETOWN, New Jersey,** Lodge dedicates its new building. Dignitaries pictured include PDD and PSP Charles A. Hotaling (first row, left), Red Bank, and (starting first row, third from left): PDD Alvin E. Clayton, Toms River; PDD and PSP Harrison S. Barnes, Elizabeth, of Plainfield Lodge, GL New Lodge Committeeman; ER Lawrence E. Miller, and PGER William J. Jernick, who presided at the ceremonies. PDD and state Trustee Edmund H. Hanlon, Red Bank, stands in the second row, second from the right.



**HARRISONBURG, Virginia,** Elks break ground for a \$75,000 lodge addition, the second in 10 years. Wielding the shovel are ER John H. Byrd Jr. and PSP and lodge Trustee Porter R. Graves, building chairman.



**INDIANAPOLIS** Lodge's "Toppers" act as the honor guard for fellow lodge member Stanley O. Mascoc (left) during his installation as President of the Indiana Elks Assn. Escorting Brother Mascoc is outgoing SP Roy Rogers Jr., the Secretary of Coshen Lodge.



**SOME FAMILIAR FACES** appear at the Idaho State Elks Association's annual convention in Coeur d'Alene. Pictured are PSP Virgil E. McKenzie, Kellogg; PGERs George I. Hall and William S. Hawkins, Mrs. Hawkins (second from left), and Mrs. Hall.



**PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER** Fred L. Bohn congratulates Ohio Elks' new State President—PDD Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green. Looking on are immediate PSP and Cincinnati Secy. Walter G. Springmyer, Cleves; former Grand Trustee and PSP Nelson E. W. Stuart, Chicago, of Cleveland Lodge, Executive Director of the Elks National Foundation, and the Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Past Grand Chaplain and a Past Exalted Ruler of Lancaster Lodge.



**SOME ORLANDO, Florida,** Past Exalted Rulers are among members who mark the lodge's 60th anniversary with a banquet. They are PDD and Secy. Al Coe, DDGER Alvin A. Ehrlich, M. O. Mathisen, Judge and senior PER Victor Hutchins, Ralph LeFever, James Hackett, William Buning, Judge Edward Hanlon Jr., Allan Arthur, James Fountain, Lamar Hutchinson, and Wallace Davis.



**A SAMPLING FROM 53 YEARS** of Elks membership cards is displayed by the owner, Wausau, Wis., PER Len C. Johnson (center), PER and Secy. Robert K. Brainard, and ER Richard O. Holtz. Brother Johnson, a Life Member, has kept every membership card issued to him since he was initiated into the lodge June 4, 1914. He has given the lodge the cards.



**BISMARCK, North Dakota,** ER Carl Elliott accepts a plaque from PGER Raymond C. Dobson on behalf of his lodge, winner of the state youth activities competition, during the state group's annual convention in Williston. Looking on is Williston PER R. W. Moran, state youth activities chairman.



**ALBION, New York,** PER Richard E. Pilon (left) and ER Gilbert M. Bell present Brother Harold P. Hawks an Honorary Life Membership card for outstanding services rendered during 50 years of membership.



**THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** of Catskill, N.Y., Lodge is highlighted by the presentation of a diamond-studded Past District Deputy pin to retiring DDGER William P. Fischer (center) by PER John F. Cummings. At the right is a third lodge member—PDD and Secy. Edward D. Forrester.



**A BLIND MEMBER OF KISSIMMEE, Florida,** Lodge—Fred Fenwick (left)—visits patients at the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital at Umatilla, part of the state major project, with his guide dog, Bella Maria. In the rear is Kissimmee PER Bodo Kirchhoff, Editor of the *Florida Elks News*. Florida Elks own and operate the institution for young persons.



**BROOKINGS, South Dakota,** Elks honor PGER Raymond C. Dobson at a banquet. Also shown are PDD Rick Gereau, Watertown; In. Gd. Arnie Moe; Esq. Edwin Fuller; ER Gerald Moxon; Chap. Doyle Kron; PSP, state Treas., and lodge Secy. Joseph W. Garrity; Est. Loyal Kt. Gerald Albright; Est. Lead. Kt. Robert Wolting; Est. Lect. Kt. Manley Dotson, and Grand Trustee and PSP Francis M. Smith, Sioux Falls. A floor show and dance rounded out the eventful and festive evening.



**SOME HAPPY BOYS** wave good-bye aboard the train that will take them to the Virginia Elks Boys' Camp at Clifton Forge. Brothers Charlie Eubank and Louis Moschetti of Richmond Lodge accompanied the 22 youngsters to the camp, the state major project.



**PATRIOTIC PARAMUS, New Jersey,** Elks are proud of the flag (shown above) that was borne in an American bomber that drew fire over enemy terrain last summer in southeast Asia. ER Ralph D'Aiuto (center) had sent the lodge altar flag to his son, Air Force Maj. Ronald D'Aiuto, a lodge charter member stationed in Thailand. Major D'Aiuto returned the flag with a certification attesting to its activities during its month of absence. Also pictured are PSP William J. Windecker, Orange, a GL Americanism Committeeman, Mrs. Ronald D'Aiuto, Mrs. Ralph D'Aiuto, and PER William E. Salmon. The flag was to be encased in glass and retired to a place of honor in the lobby of the Paramus Lodge building.



**WINNERS** of the Elks national handicap bowling team championship hail from Wheeling, W.Va. Pictured with the team trophy and holding their individual plaques are (first row): Danny Manners and Ted Guthrie and (second row): team captain Harry Walkenhauer, Lou Carl, and Russ Miller. The tournament was held May 7 in Toledo, Ohio.



**A \$5,000 CHECK TO BUY LIFE-SAVING** equipment for heart patients is presented to Sister Mary Jean, C.I.J., administrator of Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre, N.Y., by ER Walter A. Seager of Lynbrook Lodge. Also shown are Trustees Chairman Frank R. Camp and Est. Lead. Kt. Fred T. Bartsch. The check was to buy electronic monitoring equipment for the hospital.



**PADUCAH, Kentucky,** Elks observe their 75th anniversary with a dinner dance honoring PGER Raymond C. Dobson. Pictured are PDD and PSP Billy T. Gresham, Princeton; SP and PDD C. Gay Hatfield, Louisville; VP and PDD Ambrose P. Bell, St. Matthews (Louisville); VP and PSD Donald A. Grant, Fort Thomas, of Newport Lodge, GL State Associations Committeeman; PGER Wade H. Kepner; PDD Garland Guilfoyle, Newport; Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Past Grand Trustee and Past District Deputy; SDGER and PDD R. C. McGuire Jr., Paducah; PDD Joe D. Biancke, Cynthiana; PDD Jerome Staubach, Covington, of Newport Lodge, and VP and PDD Carl V. Young, Ashland.



**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE, Maryland,** Lodge's original officers look into the camera. Lodge No. 2357 was instituted and the officers were installed by Grand Lodge and Prince Georges County Lodge officers Sept. 25, 1966, with a charter membership of 174. Pictured are (first row): Est. Lect. Kt. Charles W. Cooke, Est. Lead.

Kt. William T. Nunnemey, ER and Dr. Evan C. Stone Jr., Est. Loyal Kt. John W. O'Beirne, Secy. Harold P. Kelly Jr., and Tiler George H. Goss. In the rear are Treas. Harold W. Potter, In. Gd. Richard C. Wright, Esq. Robert W. Oliver, Trustee Olof Holtze, and PER and Trustee Herbert W. Abell.

# How's This for a Record?



**KINGSFORT, Tennessee,** Elks win the state ritualistic title for the sixth time in the last seven years. Members of the championship team include (first row): Est. Loyal Kt. Walter O. Waddey; Est. Lead. Kt. A. J. Clonce, now Exalted Ruler; ER Donald H. Hansen, and Est. Lect. Kt. and PER Ray M. Pylant. In the rear are Coach Philip E. Bailey, Dalton, Ga.; Chap. Tom Dossett; In. Gd. Bob Patterson; Esq. Bill Maynard, and Candidate and PER J. Newton Greene. PGERs Raymond C. Dobson and John L. Walker (inset) congratulate Brother Hansen, holding the team trophies. A Kingsport team won the national ritualistic championship in 1965.

## Lodge Notes

The Elks National Bowling Assn. has announced that its 48th annual tournament will be hosted by Columbus, Ohio, Lodge starting March 2 and will run weekends through May 5. All Elks in good standing are eligible to compete for trophies and 2,700 cash prizes. For information write to Secy. R. F. Sutton, P.O. Box 217, Battle Creek, Mich., 49016, or call Area Code 616, 965-5615. The association's new President is Brother Rex Henly of Jacksonville, Ill. Brother Henly has served on the board since his election as a national director in 1957 and has been an officer since 1960.

Page 21 of the July issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE carried a photograph of a float featuring a handsome white stallion that revolved and reared. The float, decorated with thousands of daffodils by Puyallup, Wash., Lodge members on behalf of the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children—the state major project—won a prize in the 34th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival Parade. Puyallup Elks and Mrs. Paul Meyer, wife of the state First Vice-President, are to be commended for designing

and building the float. It reportedly was seen by more than 2,000,000 persons, many of them television viewers.

The Elks of Iowa City recently celebrated the opening of their newly decorated and remodeled basement club room. Also in preparation for the fall opening, new carpeting was installed in the main dining room and bar. As an added convenience for visiting Elks attending State University of Iowa football games, plans have been made for chartered buses to run between the lodge and the stadium.

A Past Exalted Ruler of Quincy, Mass., Lodge—Samuel G. Craig, 78, a retired Milton contractor—was honored at a recent appreciation dinner and dance sponsored by the lodge at the Quincy Elks Home. ER Robert W. Densmore presented Brother Craig with an Elks plaque which cited him for "38 years of faithful and devoted service to Elkdom." The gifts included a wristwatch presented by PER and Trustee Patrick F. Fitzgerald, chairman of the event, and a cuff link set from John F. Wipfler, president of the directors of Quincy Elks Home, Inc., and Mrs. Wipfler. Brother Craig's three daughters and two sisters were among the 200 guests.

A recent high spot in the history of Port Jervis, N.Y., Lodge was the Elks-sponsored homecoming dinner dance in honor of the immediate Past State President—John F. Schoonmaker, Cornwall on the Hudson. Brother Schoonmaker is the first—and so far, the only—member of the lodge to have risen to the state's highest office. ER John M. Viserta welcomed about 300 Elks and guests and PDD Philip Parker, mayor of Port Jervis, extended a verbal "key to the city" to Brother Schoonmaker.

La Salle-Peru, Ill., Elks presented U.S. Savings Bonds to local high school students for achievement in scholarship and leadership. The Youth Leadership Contest winners were Betty Sampson and Dean May; the Most Valuable Student competition winners were Nancy Krolak and Dale Antanitus. Making the presentations was ER Marvin Siensa.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Lodge presented a total of \$1,300 in awards at its annual Youth Leadership and Scholarship Awards Banquet. Among the recipients were the local Most Valuable Student Contest winners—Stuart Rupke and Rebecca Sue Davis. Guests at the banquet included the winners' parents and the lodge-sponsored city Peewee League champions and their coaches.



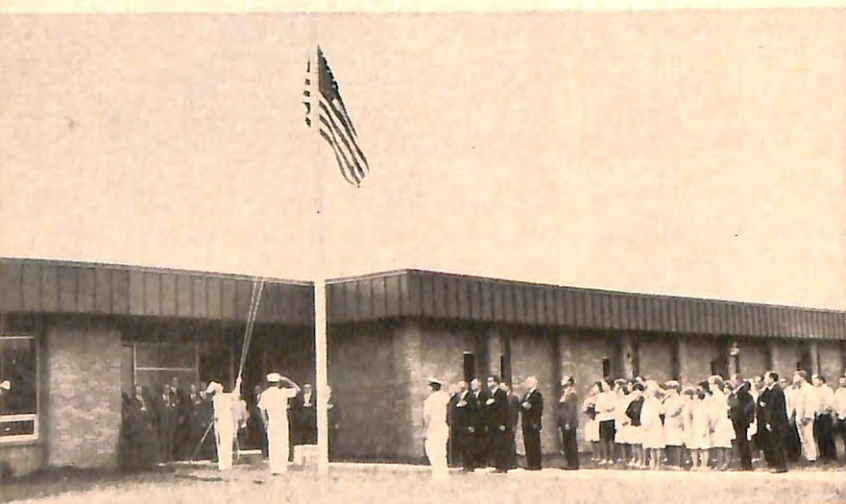
**A 60-YEAR MEMBER** of Dover, Ohio, Lodge—Eldon Steitz—congratulates Collier Dill, son of ER Edgar Dill (right) and one of 14 candidates initiated to honor 37 Life Members. Looking on are Brother Walter Scott, a 62-year member and lodge charter member, and Brother Walter Lind, who is a 60-year member.



**BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio**, PER John D. West presents an annual \$400 memorial scholarship to Tammy N. Tallman at local high school commencement exercises.



**HILLSBORO, Ohio**, Lodge—the golf touney winner at the Southwest District meeting—gains permanent possession of the John Quinn Southwest District Trophy after its third successive victory. Making the presentation to ER Keith Sanderson (right) is PSP John D. Quinn, who next year will introduce a new trophy.



**WATERTOWN, South Dakota**, Elks stand at attention along with civic dignitaries and educational personnel during a flag-raising ceremony at the new Lake Area Vocational-Technical School. The flag, donated by the Elks, is one of 500 placed in classrooms, parks, stadiums, and other public places.

**LANCASTER, Ohio**, Lodge highlights a three-day observance of its 67th anniversary as ER Robert H. Holtzman (left) presents a \$400 check to SP Elwood Reed (second from right), Bowling Green, for the state major project of rehabilitating cerebral palsy victims. Looking on are PER William F. Kessler, event general chairman; the Rev. Harry Yaggi, past state Chaplain; VP L. L. McBee, New Lexington, and DDGER Harry Stoops, Portsmouth.



**STURGEON BAY, Wisconsin**, members watch Girl Scouts raise the flag after helping them erect a new flagpole at the Scouts' Camp Cuesta. Elks pictured are PER Alfred W. Wanke, Dr. G. R. Paulsen, youth activities chairman, and ER John Nebel. The pole was donated by the Bank of Sturgeon Bay and transported in Brother Vernon Olson's truck to the camp site. Brother Howard Krauss provided the flagpole base.





**MARQUETTE, Michigan,** Est. Lect. Kt. Charles Sutherland awards meritorious citation certificates to three men stationed at the nearby K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base for "prompt and alert rescue work" at the scene of a Marine Corps jet plane crash last July 1 at Sawyer. Recipients of the lodge awards are A1C Santos Casaus, A1C Richard A. Palmer, and SSgt. Roy E. Green. Their commanding officer, Capt. Thomas M. Saddler Jr., looks on.



**DENISON, Texas,** Est. Lect. Kt. and Judge Les Tribble presents a U.S. Savings Bond to Gerald Simila, U.S.A. Boy of the Year, at a lodge dinner in the youth's honor. The winner's widowed mother, Mrs. Gerald Simila, shares her son's happiness.



**ROGERS-BENTONVILLE, Arkansas,** ER Charles F. Barclay (right) presents a check for \$2,153.51 to Gerald Lynch, vice-president of the Benton County Assn. for Retarded Children, for the lodge's primary charity—a school at Vaughn for retarded children. Looking on are lodge Secy. and Dr. Harry M. White and three children who will benefit from the donation. The funds are raised by the Elks' annual sale of fireworks for the 4th of July. Since the sales were started in 1961, \$8,536.09 has been given to the school.



**FOUR TROPHY WINNERS** in the Illinois Elks Senior Golf Tournament in Peoria are Frank Moreski, of Springfield Lodge, in the age 50 to 55 group, who scored 70; PER Richard L. Baxter, of Peoria Lodge, age 61 to 65 group, who scored 74; Mac Breed, of Monmouth Lodge, age 56 to 60 group, who scored 69, and Babe Barnes, of the champion Peoria Lodge team, all four members of which scored 72.

**THE ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPION BOWLING TEAM** comes from Paris Lodge. Members of the Black Brothers Bowling Team, displaying the state trophy, are Charles Kirby, Stewart Larson, Francis Black, Arthur Forster, and Dwight Parkinson. Lodge members honored the team at a banquet.



**A DIFFERENT INITIATION**—the induction of 36 men into 8 of 14 lodges comprising Indiana's West District—recently was held at Indianapolis Lodge. Elks from four lodges performed the ritual. Standing are PDD J. Clayton Hughes, Plainfield; In. Gd. John Sloan, Indianapolis; Chap. Davis Piper, Tipton; Esq. Marshall Sharp, Indianapolis; Est. Lect. Kt. James J. Pfeiffer, Kokomo; Est. Loyal Kt. Robert M. Strode, Exalted Ruler of Kokomo Lodge; Est. Lead. Kt. Fred Gilmore, Exalted Ruler of Indianapolis Lodge; ER Earl Thompson, a Past Exalted Ruler of Frankfort Lodge, and SP Stanley O. Mascoe, Indianapolis. The lodge titles preceding the names were those used during the initiation.



**A SPECIAL** Ohio Youth Leadership award—a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond—is presented to blind student Eric D. Parks, 18, by Maumee PER Alfred C. Hahn, state youth activities chairman, at the annual convention in Columbus. Looking on is PER Harold Swigert of Newcomerstown Lodge, which sponsored the young man in the state contest.



Lodge, received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond at the annual Youth Day luncheon, at which Maumee PER Alfred C. Hahn, state youth activities chairman, officiated. Said Brother Hahn, "It would not have been fair to judge this boy in competition with our other Youth Leadership contestants. Eric turned in an excellent contest brochure, but what makes it so outstanding is the fact that he prepared it entirely himself, although completely blind."

## Blind Student-Athlete Wins Special Elks Award

Learning and achievement are not limited to those who have good eyesight. Living proof of this truth is Eric Dean Parks, an 18-year-old Newcomerstown, Ohio, scholar and athlete, blind

since age 7, who won a special Youth Leadership award at the Ohio Elks Association's annual convention in Columbus.

Eric, sponsored by Newcomerstown

According to Eric's teachers, he is an excellent student. The high school senior is president of several teen-age groups and is earning his second varsity letter in track; he is the team's discus thrower. He has been manager of the football and basketball teams and last year, he worked as a sports reporter for the *Dover Daily News*.



**EUREKA SPRINGS, Arkansas,** Lodge's social and community service chairman—Hal Bishop—presents a \$700 check to Sister Mary Michael, administrator of the municipal hospital, to furnish a room in the new nursing wing. Looking on is ER Ragnar E. Dalstrom. The hospital also will receive \$1,400 under the Hill-Burton Act.



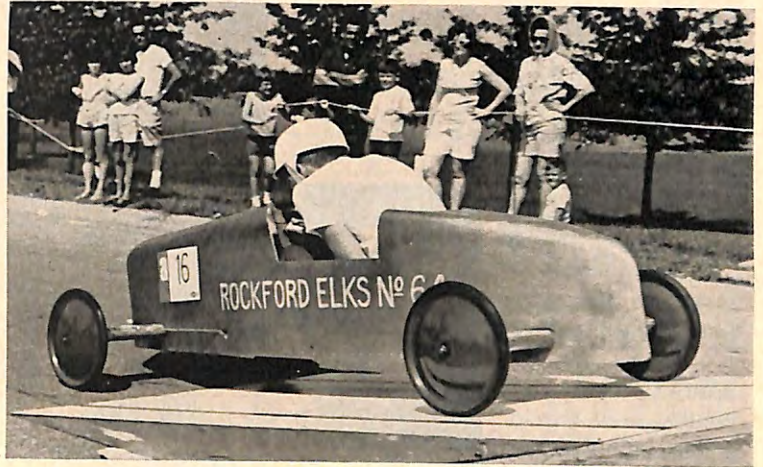
**A 29-YEAR MEMBER** of Hamilton, Ohio, Lodge—Brother Joseph Toman (second from left)—poses proudly with his two sons, Joseph III (left) and Thomas, newly initiated Elks, and ER James C. Imfeld.



**FIVE PATIENTS** from the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital get some special attention in Houston from KHOU-TV personality Sid Lasher (left) and members of the American Football League's Houston Oilers—Pat Holmes, Gary Cutzinger, and Bob Talamini. An exhibition game between the Oilers and another professional team is being planned for the late summer of 1968; proceeds will go to the hospital, the state major project.



**BISMARCK, North Dakota,** Elks' subjunior trapshooting team, composed of boys ages 11 to 13, makes a good showing in the North Dakota State Trapshooters Tournament in Minot. The lads are Tom Parsons, John Gustafson, Rickie Wheeler, Larry Frye, runner-up, and Ken Jennings, who placed third.



**PERSEVERANCE PAYS OFF** for Rockford, Ill., Lodge's entrant in the city soap box derby—Paul Siefert. Paul has entered the race under the Elks' aegis for the last three years. This year, he won the championship trophy and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond.



**TEERING OFF** on opening day of the North-Central District Elks Handicap Golf Tournament at the Norwalk, Ohio, Elks Country Club are Mayor Harold Finch of Norwalk and Gene Widman, tournament chairman. Norwalk PER Henry Schaper, district activities chairman, looks on. Golfers from 15 communities competed in the tourney.



**OHIO ELKS**—Barnesville PER and Secy. Fred L. Cook (seated, left), Southeast District chairman, and Lakewood PER C. M. Burns, state chairman—tabulate the expenditures on community welfare projects during the last year. Assisting are Maumee PER Ray Earle, Northwest District chairman, and VP and New Lexington PER L. L. McBee. The figure reached the \$150,000 mark.



**ANN ARBOR, Michigan,** Lodge activates another type of youth incentive—a \$300 nursing scholarship. Presenting the award to Mary E. Cannon, a second-year student nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, is Est. Lect. Kt. Keith C. Glasspoole, youth activities chairman. Sister Mary Leonette, hospital administrator, looks on.



**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** at Ohio Elks' annual convention in Columbus honors three Past State Presidents who died during the year—Martin W. Feigert, Van Wert; Arthur E. Socin, Bucyrus, and Charles J. Schmidt, Tiffin. Participating were (first row): state Chap. and Van Wert PER Sam Fitzsimmons; PSP Carleton L. Riddle, Willard, and PSP Walter G. Penry, Radnor, of Delaware Lodge, GL Lodge Activities Committeeman. In the rear are Lancaster PER and the Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Past Grand Chaplain; PSP and Cincinnati Secy. Walter G. Springmyer, Cleves; PSP Leslie G. Scrimger, Columbus; Columbus PER and Ohio Supreme Court Judge Paul M. Herbert; the Rev. Harry G. Yaggi, Lancaster, past state Chaplain, and PDD and Columbus Secy. Eldon H. Brown.

**THE TWO HAPPY WINNERS** of the Kentucky Elks' Youth Leadership Contest—Paducah Lodge-sponsored Anne C. Fowler and Michael Tilley—each receive a \$125 U.S. Savings Bond from Paducah PER Robert E. Geuss. Looking on is John R. Anderson, youth leadership chairman. Tilley also won a second-place award of \$1,200 in the national contest.



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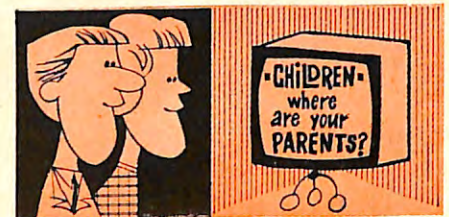
THE YEAR OF SPENDING. That's what they say on Capitol Hill as the Senate and House begin to grind the final months of the first session of the 90th Congress. Seems like most everything has happened. More millions every day pour into the Vietnam war. Riots and vandalism cause damage high above the billion mark. Floods and disasters have swept many states. In other states droughts destroyed crops. Strikes have swept the nation, with demands for higher wages, and the administration is trying to find funds for aid to education, urban renewal, housing, and aid for poverty. Then there is foreign aid and an increasing government payroll. Just how the appropriation bills will be financed is a question. Just how much the surtax on revenues will help is another question. A bigger question is whether the deficit this fiscal year will soar above all estimates. Accurate figures at this time are useless, because many things can happen.



FLYING SAUCERS. The Air Force is still grappling with the problem and is still looking for facts before it comes right out and declares there are such things as flying saucers coming from outer space. Thus far 11,108 unidentified flying objects have been reported to the Air Force, but all except 676 have been tagged as weather balloons, aircraft, meteors, and other objects. So the search goes on.

HIGHWAY SAFETY MOVE has been ordered immediately by Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd in a program to reduce rail-highway grade crossing accidents. He said an estimated 1,800 persons will be killed this year in such accidents.

WASHINGTON'S BIGGEST AMPHITHEATRE will be completed during the Summer of 1969. It is at Wolf Trap Farm Park in nearby Fairfax County, and will cost \$1.7 million. Only the opera house planned for the John F. Kennedy Cultural Center here will have larger stage facilities. Mrs. Jouett Shouse donated the 100-acre park, as well as the money for the amphitheatre.



CHECKUP ON CHILDREN was inaugurated by the Metropolitan Police Department, with frequent broadcasts over local radio stations regularly asking, "Parents, where are your children?" They say it has paid off. Requests also have come to the radio stations to broadcast, "Children, where are your parents?"

NEW USE FOR ATOM BOMBS is scheduled for testing in October. It will be touched off in a 4,300-foot-deep hole in northwest New Mexico, not far from an Apache Indian reservation. The Atomic Energy Commission will explode a bomb which is more powerful than the one which caused the disaster in Hiroshima during World War II. If all goes well the project, "Gas-Buggy," may double our nation's natural gas resources.

NEW ART MUSEUM costing \$14 million, and four times larger than the noted Whitney Museum in New York City, will be built on the Mall at 7th St. and Independence Ave. It will display 5,500 paintings and pieces of sculpture from the Joseph H. Hirshorn collection. The museum will be circular in shape, with a sunken mall and a reflecting pool. Built of tannish stone, it will have four levels, with a restaurant and auditorium on the ground floor.

# WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

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EXTERMINATING RATS is a big problem in many cities. The Federal Rat Control Bill, which would cost \$20 million a year, was defeated in Congress. Some Congressmen said it would be like "pouring money down a rat hole." Rep. Charles M. Teague (Calif.) comes up with this suggestion: "Perhaps a less expensive way to exterminate rats might be to encourage the propagation of cats."

DID YOU HEAR THUNDERCLAPS? To test sonic boom the new SR-71 plane, with a speed of 2000 m.p.h., has been swooping over the nation. People are urged to report any property damage.



STAND-UP DRINKING under a recent ruling of the Alcoholic Beverage Board is now permitted in restaurants here. The Board, however, did not include clubs. The National Press Club, where newsmen stand at the bar, has now applied for a new liquor license, just so everything will be legal.

FALL FLICKERS. Senior Congressmen who chew tobacco say the Rayburn Building has no spittoons and the waist-high sand urns are too tall to hit the target. . . . The army reports in the last three years over 100,000 of its regular soldiers asked to be sent to Vietnam. . . . Sign on a window-glass company truck reads "Frustrated? Break a window, Then Call Us." . . . While the President attended church at Thomas Circle, pickets paraded and passed out pamphlets saying, "Peace with Beatles—Power Is Funlover for Life." . . . Demand for college science and engineering staff members will double in the next decade, National Science Foundation estimates.

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## The Jolly Corks

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liam Sheppard, and George W. Thompson. Significantly, while some of the early Corks were semi-professionals, living on the edges of the theatrical world, Riggs, Sheppard, and McDonald were members of the legitimate stage, and Thompson was a theatrical agent.

It was now apparent that potential membership in the organization was tremendous. And the rapid growth and new type of member coming in immediately created certain problems. Vivian's first Corks had nothing in mind except conviviality—to get together and pass an otherwise blue Sunday in high old style. But as the group grew, and the potentiality was seen, other members, mostly legitimate actors, felt the Corks should have some higher purpose than pure fun and games.

While there is no evidence that Vivian ever intended anything other than social sessions, it would be unfair to brand the Corks as merely a bunch of jolly beer drinkers, who got together to raise the roof at Giesman's. The situation of men who worked either semi-professionally or full-time in the New York theater in those years was highly insecure. This was, and still is,

true of the theatrical profession, but then there was no Actors' Equity or any other kind of private or public assistance for actors down on their luck. Whatever the true status of their art, the men who worked in or around the American stage suffered for it. Much of the outward gaiety and professional Bohemianism was a natural reaction to the terrible insecurity of the trade.

The horseplay behind the cork trick, and the finagling of "fines" to pay for drinks and food, hid the painful fact that many members did not have the price. But two things were noticeable, and established something about the group, even before the Corks were thrown out of Mama Giesman's.

While there was no formal or business session when the Corks met, when a member was missed and inquired after, the comment that he was sick, not working, or down on his luck—and therefore could not afford to come or chip in—invariably produced a vote to send along \$5 or so, collected from those Corks who were more flush. This money was collected in a joking manner, but the purpose underneath was serious, and entirely charitable, in the oldest and best meaning of the word.

By the time the Corks met on Delancey Street, this custom was informally but well established. The "absent ones"

were also remembered, in a way, when the party broke up, usually around eleven p.m., by the other members eating and drinking up the refreshments set aside for them. There was already a certain sense of brotherhood, keenly felt, but as yet not formally recognized.

It was this feeling, and the perilous state of the theater, that led some of the Corks to want to form a real brotherhood, a society with a purpose beyond how to buy next Sunday's beer. Such a formalized group would mean regular membership, dues, a responsible treasury, regulations, and—following the custom of all such societies—some sort of ritual.

The push for this change, apparently, did not come so much from Charles Vivian and his early coterie as from the so-called legitimate actors. Human nature being what it is, a certain amount of factionalism already had invaded the Jolly Corks. According to early chroniclers, two small groups within the Corks were somewhat unhappy with Imperial Cork Vivian and his care-free leadership. Some of these were merely jealous of Vivian, his instant success as a comic singer, and his good wages; the more important group wanted to turn the Corks into a more stable, serious organization.

Some of the dissatisfied, or ambitious, held "secret" rump meetings and discussed ways to change the organization, or to take control away from Vivian and his friends. There will always be some dispute about the exact happenings, motives, and dates of the following events. But the pattern is clear, and whether such-and-such an event took place in January or February, 1868, is relatively unimportant.

There is also some question—unfortunately, the early records were lost—as to how long the Corks met over Sommer's saloon on Delancey Street before moving, apparently in February 1868, to the top floor of Military Hall, at 193 Bowery. This again is not really important. The exact time and place did not matter, but what now happened did.

At a Sunday session on Delancey Street, George McDonald made a motion to the Imperial Cork, that "we resolve ourselves into a benevolent order, and that a committee be appointed to draft rules and a ritual and to select a name." Both the serious actors and those few who merely wanted to embarrass Vivian joined in an alliance, and this motion carried when put to a vote. However, things were still openly harmonious, and as yet there was no hint of any kind of break.

As presiding officer, Imperial Cork Vivian declared the motion carried, and immediately appointed the required committee. It consisted of George Mc-

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The Elks National Foundation Trustees furnish an application blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts" which must be properly executed and filed with the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate Elks lodge in which the applicant is a resident. Closing date for filing with the proper subordinate lodge officials is February 15, 1968. The National Association of Secondary-School Principals has placed this contest on the Approved List of National

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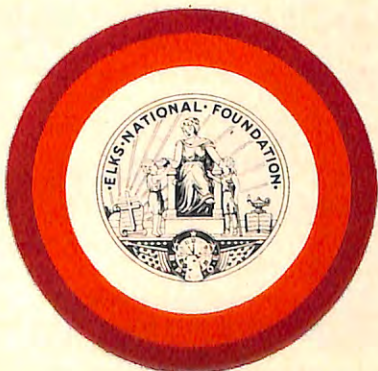
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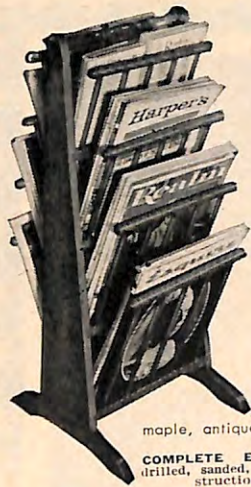
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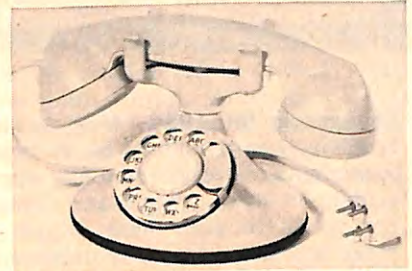


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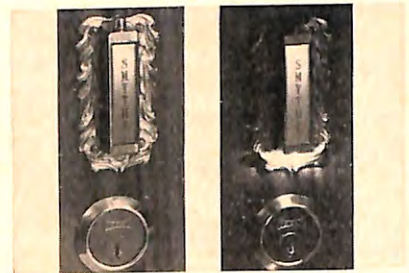
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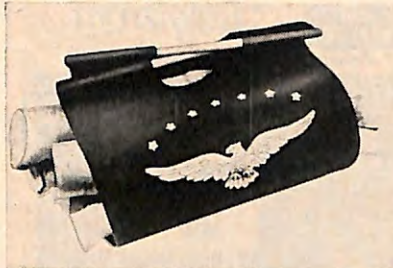
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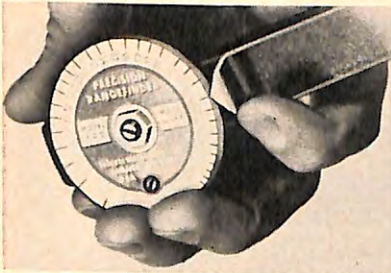
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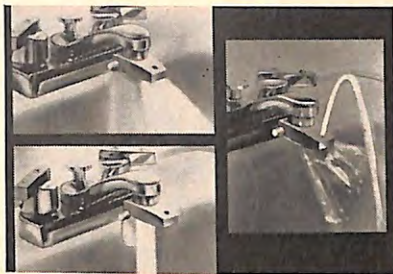


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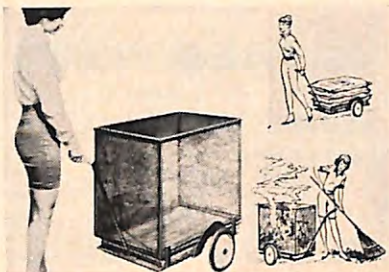
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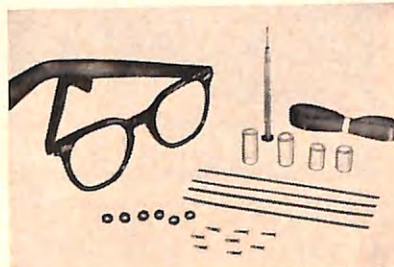
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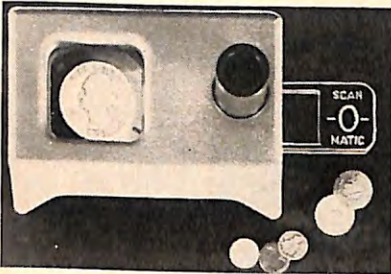
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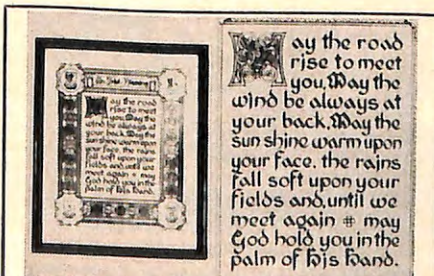
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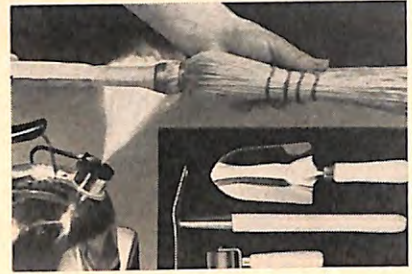
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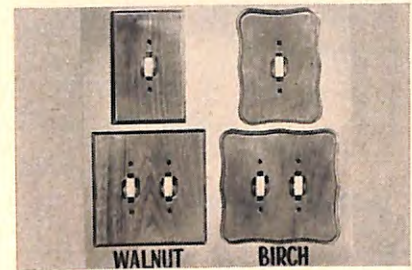
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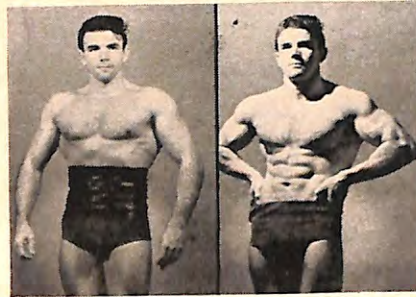
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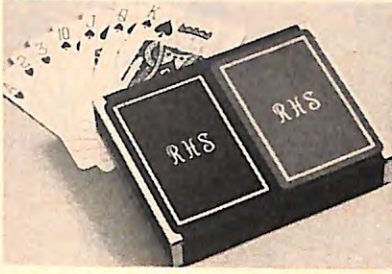
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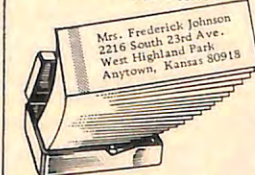


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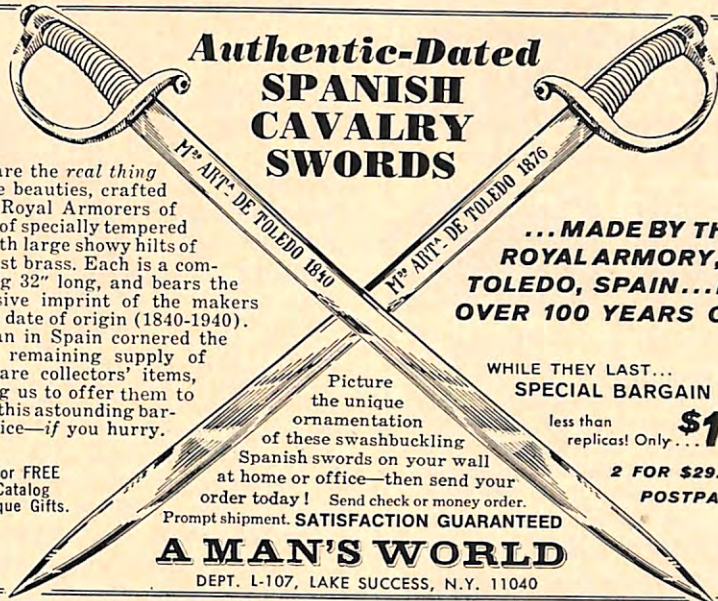
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# AMENDMENTS

to Grand Lodge Statutes,  
adopted at Chicago

A number of amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes were adopted during the annual convention in Chicago in July. A digest of the more important changes, prepared by Glenn L. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, follows:

Sections 134(e), 134(f), 134(g), and 134(h) were added, making it mandatory for the Exalted Ruler, at the first regular session of the lodge after he is installed, to appoint an Americanism Committee, Membership Committee, Memorial Day Committee, and Flag Day Committee, each to consist of not less than three members.

Section 143, as amended, requires the payment of \$10 to the Grand Secretary for a Certificate of Status, instead of \$5, by a member of a suspended or dissolved lodge who has been stricken from the rolls of such lodge at the time of its suspension or dissolution, or was not in good standing for non-payment of dues thereto.

Section 123 was amended to make it unnecessary for the Exalted Ruler of a lodge to file a report with the Grand Exalted Ruler during the month of September of each year giving information relative to his lodge.

Section 183(a) was deleted from the Grand Lodge Statutes. This related to organization of new Antlers lodges.

That portion of Section 161 relating to the initiation fee for members of an Antlers lodge in good standing was deleted, so that no longer does Section 161 contain any reference thereto.

Section 180 was amended to require a member dropped for nonpayment of dues to pay \$10 instead of \$5 for a Certificate of Release, and to pay an affiliation fee of not less than \$15 to the lodge with which he desires to affiliate, when he is residing within the jurisdiction of such lodge to which his application for affiliation is made. The fee for reinstatement in his own lodge shall be not less than \$15.

Section 208 was amended to require a Certificate of Completion to be signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary of the lodge and filed with the Board of Grand Trustees. Such officers found guilty of violation of this provision may be subject to a penalty by suspension of not less than 30 days and not more than one year, or by expulsion from the Order.

Section 208(a) was added to the Grand Lodge Statutes to require a lodge to give written notice to the membership of the lodge, to the District Deputy, and to the Past Grand Exalted Ruler having jurisdiction over the area in which the Lodge is located, before it may vote to borrow any money which is being used for any purpose other than is provided for in Section 208. Such written notice must set out the amount of the proposed loan and the purpose for which such funds are to be used and the terms of the obligation to be created thereby, and shall be read at a regular meeting of the lodge and laid over by a vote at a designated regular meeting, to be held not less than two and not more than six weeks thereafter. In addition to notice to the entire membership of such proposal, such written notice must be sent by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the District Deputy and to such Past Grand Exalted Ruler at least ten days before the meet-

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## JAMES W. PLUMMER



**PAST GRAND INNER GUARD** James W. Plummer, 49, died July 13 at Cleveland Clinic. He was secretary to Fred L. Bohn during his term in 1956-1957 as Grand Exalted Ruler.

Elks memorial services were held for Brother Plummer in Zanesville, Ohio, where he was born Aug. 21, 1917. Like Brother Bohn, he was a Past Exalted Ruler of Zanesville Lodge.

He was appointed a District Deputy for Ohio's Southeast District for the 1954-1955 term and was elected President of the Ohio Elks Assn. in 1957. He was Grand Inner Guard in 1958-1959 and a member of the GL Auditing and Accounting Committee from 1960 through 1964.

Survivors include Brother Plummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Plummer, Zanesville; the widow, Jane; two daughters, Mrs. Robert T. Hanson Jr. and Kay, and a son, William.

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## Fever

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"Sounds like the son-of-a-gun has turned to fight," Dale said.

We began to run toward the sounds of the battle. Then Rufus' cries started up again—this time in a more business-like manner.

We read the story in the soft mud along the creek bank. The coon's tracks, laced with Rufus' pads revealed the site of the battle. Pointing his flashlight at the clawed-up ground, Dale grunted. "Rufe must have jumped an old boar along the creek and went after him."

"If it is an old boar, he'll show us some new tricks tonight," puffed Clare.

While we followed the sound of Rufus' bays, Dale explained what we were up against. "This old coon is not predictable," he said. "What's more, if it's the same old timer that has given us fits before, we're in for a wild night."

And before the night was over, it was wild. During the chase I also found out why good coon hounds are so highly prized by the night-prowling devotees. Running out of earshot now, the hounds ran without guidance or aid, many miles from their masters. How a hound performed under such trying conditions would reveal his true ability.

On the summit of a ridge commanding a three-mile sweep of the drama unfolding below us, we rested a bit and talked. Dale and Clare gave me the lowdown on this sport.

To Hudson, ringtail hunting is a religion. He has been on the track of the masked bandits from the time he was

10 and his Dad first took him out into the hills of Kentucky.

In answer to my question of how they train hounds, Hudson answered, "We don't. I like to buy my hounds already trained."

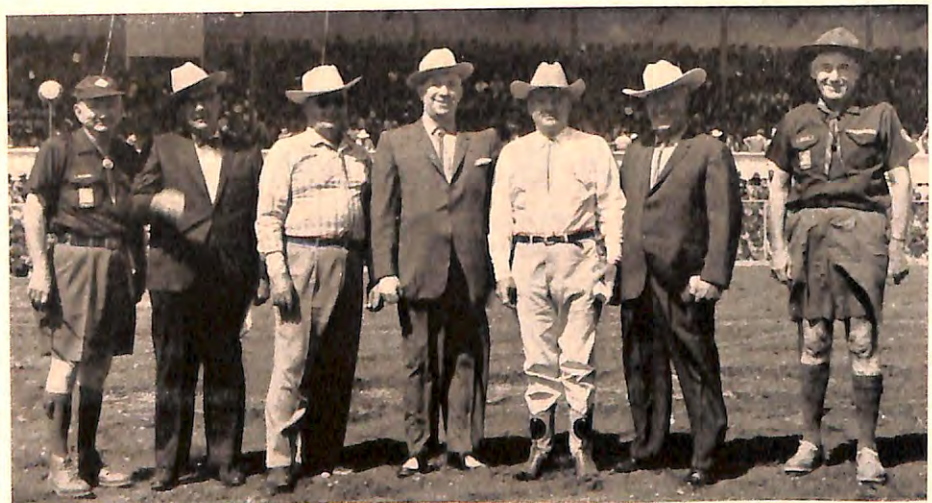
When Rufe's predecessor was retired, Hudson launched a search for another capable hound. His travels took him as far as 500 miles from home on some weekends to observe the tryout of some promising hound.

"I tried over 30 hounds before I found Rufus," he said. "And I would have tested a 100 more if necessary."

If you are planning to get into the coon-hunting game, these veteran houndsmen have some words of advice to offer. They say not to run a hound until it is at least 12 months old, and then only together with an experienced hound. The pup will learn his lessons best from a hound battle scarred by many coon hunts, they claim. A mistake many beginners make, they said, is the one of not taking hounds out often enough.

Hudson put it this way: "A hound can't learn how to hunt bandtails by reading books or by being tied to a chain in a backyard. It's the experience that makes him good and gives him the vital know-how of coping with the tricky coon tactics he will encounter in his solo ventures afield.

"Good hounds," he added, "can be had for \$50 and up. The low priced ones are rare bargains, and a person should be prepared to pay much more for a good hound. Bred for hunting instinct and stamina, today's hounds are classed into six groups: Bluetick, Red-



GRAND EXALTED RULER ROBERT E. BONEY and other eminent Elks attend a rodeo in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, during the 12th World Jamboree of Boy Scouts in Farragut State Park. The Grand Lodge donated \$20,000 to the two-performance rodeo to entertain 15,000 Scouts from 100 countries. Also pictured are Robert L. Billington, executive director of the Boy Scouts of America; Joseph A. McArthur, Lewiston, chairman of the GL Americanism Committee; Grand Est. Lead, Kt. Patrick H. King, Boise; PGER William S. Hawkins; PGER Earl E. James, and Irving Feist, international commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. The Elks also attended a dinner in Coeur d'Alene Lodge.

bone, Black-and-Tan, Plott, Treeing Walker, and English."

Both men agree that the way to find a good coonhound is to tag along on a hunt where a seller will display the hound's abilities. Look for these qualities: stamina, a keen nose to unravel the tracks of a coon trying to outfox him, and a good mouth. Also, he should never chase fox, rabbit, deer, or any other game scents which spring beneath his nose.

As we sat there talking, the men tried to figure out the moves of the wily coon and what course he would take. Listening to Rufe's baying ring through the valley, I figured all he needed was a little time.

We waited quietly now, as Rufe's powerful voice told us the story of his chase. Unimpeded, he could quickly run down the coon, but the steady tone of his cries told us of the hundreds of snarls and complications the cagy quarry was laying for him. Suddenly he stopped singing. The dark silence of the woods enveloped us as we strained our ears to catch the voices of the hounds. Nothing. Minutes of silence slipped by as we waited.

"Listen!" Dailey burst out gleefully. "The hounds got him tapping. Come on!"

With bone-weary bodies we trudged along slowly, trying to pace ourselves to save our sapping strength. As we barely moved along, Dale explained about coon tapping.

"When an old coon gets tired of running," he said, "he starts to tap trees. He'll climb one tree, then jump from tree to tree, and continue this in a last ditch effort to shake the relentless hounds. That makes it necessary for the hounds to cast around each tree to make sure the scent doesn't lead away from it, as the crafty coon tries to beat a hasty exit."

Then we heard Rufe's cry change. It wasn't the steady beat of the chase. This time he was letting out a staccato bawl.

"Talk to him, boy!" shouted Dale.

We struggled up the ridge. My heart pounded like a worn-out washing machine and my lungs strained for each gasp of air. About a half-mile ahead we heard Rufe cut loose again.

"Must have seen him," wheezed Dale.

Then the baying ceased. Only the muffled thud of our heavy footsteps forging through the woods broke the silence of the night.

Now Rufe went into high gear. His baying rolled and re-rolled across the night. When we finally reached him, he was jumping in a frenzy up the gnarled trunk of a tree.

We circled the tree slowly, flicking the lights on the crotches, while Rufe and the other hounds continued their yammering and leaping. Then, from be-

hind a fork high in the tree, a masked snout peered down at us. His eyes gleamed brightly like two spotlights.

"There he is," I shouted, pointing him out to Hudson. A quick aim and Hudson's first shot knocked him off his perch. He fell down heavily, clawing for branches as he tumbled. The excited hounds were atop him before he struck the ground. Rufe's excited yips changed into snarls, as with rage and fury the coon fought him to a complete standstill in the wild meleé.

Daily recklessly barged in among the battlers to pull Rufe away so Hudson could have a clean shot. But all of the hounds, with the coon in the middle, were rolling together on the ground too fast, locked in mortal combat.

Suddenly, the coon broke loose and beat a hasty retreat into a nearby creek. Once in the water, the odds shifted to his favor—for a few minutes, anyway. When he swivel-hipped away from one of Rufe's snapping lunges, Hudson got the opening he needed and his shot caught him dead center in the engine compartment.

When we walked up, Rufe and the young hounds were worrying the carcass. All of them were letting out little growls of joy.

If you should think for a moment that the coon was outnumbered by over-

whelming forces, forget it. A coon, especially one over 40 pounds, is a fighter of the first rank and possesses the strength and disposition of a wolverine. Some coons can be more than a match for any hound and if a hunter doesn't get there fast enough to part them, he stands a good chance of losing a hound.

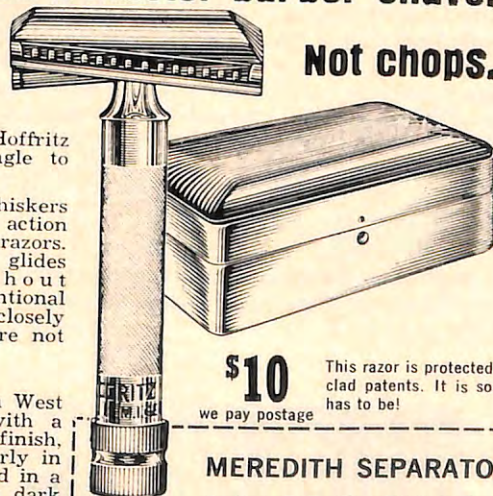
If you still aren't convinced that coon hunting is a fever, maybe this will do it.

Rogersville, Missouri, is so coon-happy it has erected a large sign on the highway near the town's entrance, which notifies all it is the "Raccoon Capital of the World." And the State Legislature of Mississippi apparently has many coon-hunting devotees, because it recently passed a law which made the penalty for swiping a coonhound a two-year prison offense.

As we rolled homeward that morning I remember thinking how the sound of Rufe's deep-throated roar will live forever in my memory.

I have no intention of coming near Dailey's mark of 80 consecutive hunts, but you can bet your last dollar you can get hooked on this sport if you try it once. You see, I'm planning to go out a few more times this year to enjoy the national epidemic of the coon-hunting fever . . . but not before I get a good rest from the last hunt!

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## News of the State Associations

**A NUMBER OF DIGNITARIES** in the Order attended Montana Elks' 65th annual convention July 26 through 29 in Havre.

GER Robert E. Boney, on his first official visit to an annual state meeting, and Mrs. Boney were greeted at the airport by drum and bugle corps from Anaconda, Billings, Butte, Great Falls, and Helena and a girls' bagpipe band from Medicine Hat, Alta.

Gov. Tim Babcock of Montana, an Elk, bestowed an honorary Montana citizenship on Brother Boney. Both men were principal speakers.

The attendance included 762 Elks; on hand were 9 Past State Presidents and 15 Past District Deputies.

The convention class of 24 candidates was initiated by Glasgow Lodge's ritual team.

Elected President was James V. Kruzich, Glasgow, who succeeds Chester L. Krueger, Lewistown. Others named included: First Vice-President, Anaconda PER August W. Vidro Jr. and Second Vice-President, Sidney PER Henry A. Anderson. Reelected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer was SDGER Ray Kelly, Polson.

Elks National Foundation scholarships and Youth Leadership awards were presented to James Ragan Jr., Townsend; Kathleen Blodnick, Anaconda; Linda M. Wagner, Cut Bank, and Doreen Ostrom, Big Sandy.

An unusual program feature was a one-hour, closed-circuit, unrehearsed television program entitled, "Convention Hilites," which originated in Havre Lodge. The program also included golf tournaments for the men and women. A ladies' brunch was a psychedelic "happening" with stereophonic music and flashing lights in a room decorated with "pop" and "op" art and hostesses wearing "mod" outfits.

Miles City has been selected as the site for the 66th annual convention.

**THE 779 ELKS** and their ladies who attended the New Mexico Elks Association's 38th annual convention April 13 through 15 in Farmington were warmly welcomed by Mayor Floyd Davis, a member of the Order.

Among the honored guests were PGERs Raymond C. Dobson and Horace R. Wisely, the featured speakers, and GER Robert E. Boney.

Elected were: President, Alex Coull, Las Vegas; First Vice-President, Jerry A. Gorman, Las Cruces; Second Vice-President, T. J. Williams, Albuquerque; Secretary, James Leger; Treasurer,

Elk notables at the New York State Elks Association's 55th annual convention visit Yankee Stadium to describe the state aid program for cerebral palsy patients to a jam-packed attendance. Talking to first baseman Mickey Mantle are PGER Ronald J. Dunn; retiring SP John F. Schoonmaker, Cornwall on the Hudson, of Port Jervis Lodge; Francis P. Hart, Watertown, Grand Trustees Secretary, and PDD and PSP Martin Traugott, New Rochelle. Two cerebral palsy mobile units were displayed on the stadium field while their purposes were announced. Brother Dunn told a nationwide radio-television audience of the cerebral palsy work done by Elks over the country.

E. H. Jahraus; Tiler, Henry Harper; Chaplain, Julian Pierce; Organist, J. Gibbs Spring; Sergeant-at-Arms, A. G. Sianz, and Trustee, Howard Nunez.

Tucumcari Lodge won the membership achievement trophy provided by Brother Wisely for showing a net gain of 13.1 percent. Carlsbad Lodge won the ritualistic contest.

Recreational features included a golf tournament, dinners, and dances.

The spring meeting will be held April 11 through 13 in Roswell.

**OREGON ELKS**, at their annual convention May 18 through 20 in Grants Pass, learned that the Elks Children's Eye Clinic, Portland, part of the state major project, provided visual care for 1,405 patients in the first four months of 1967. This information was reported by the clinic's administrator, Dr. Kenneth C. Swan, professor of ophthalmology at the University of Oregon Medical School, the clinic site.

He added that the clinic has treated 15,630 patients since it was started in 1949. The Elks donated special equipment valued at \$3,942.31 to the clinic during the first four months of this year.

The Hide Committee reported that 13,294 hides were collected. The first-place award for hide collecting went to Baker Lodge.



Three Grand Lodge dignitaries' ladies—Mrs. Robert E. Boney, Mrs. Raymond C. Dobson, and Mrs. Horace R. Wisely—hold floral money pots presented to them by Farmington, N.M., Lodge at a luncheon in their honor during New Mexico Elks' 38th annual convention in Farmington.



Earning a well-deserved rest, PGER Raymond C. Dobson relaxes briefly during his visit to the Texas Elks' 42nd annual convention in Houston. With him are PSP Joel W. Ellis, Harlingen, and PGER George I. Hall, whose jurisdiction includes Texas.

Elected President was Robert M. Stults, Medford, of Roseburg Lodge. New Vice-Presidents are: Raymond R. Schroth, Hermiston; Robert H. Clark, Bend; Worth Blacker, Corvallis; Warren G. Zandell, Gresham, and Reuel Rians Jr., Medford. H. M. Randall, Salem, is Treasurer and L. A. (Bud) O'Neill, Madras, was reelected Secretary. Other new officers include: James D. Wilson, Roseburg, Sergeant-at-Arms; Lee M. Anderson, Pendleton, Chaplain; Frank Bisaccio, Milwaukie, Inner Guard, and William J. Harris, Burns, Tiler. The Trustees are G. Les Herburger, John Day; Chester Baron, Myrtle Creek; C. Norman Freeman, Milwaukie; Merv Mortensen, La Grande, and Willard Bodtker, Albany.

Portland was chosen as the site for the 1968 annual convention.

**BEAUTIFUL JEKYLL ISLAND**, off the coast of Georgia, was the site of the Georgia Elks Association's 66th annual convention June 9 and 10. The host was Brunswick Lodge.

Delegates unanimously agreed that a history of the association should be prepared. PGER and Judge John S. McClelland was selected for the task.

Major projects chairman Tolbert P. Sexton, Decatur, in reporting on the Elks Aidmore Hospital, for crippled children, disclosed that the hospital

Posing happily in their gay garb are the winners of the Luau Costume Contest, a feature of Georgia Elks' 66th annual convention. The event was held at the group's perennial site, beautiful Jekyll Island, off the Georgia coast.



GER Robert E. Boney, on his first official state visit, attends Montana Elks' 65th annual convention in Havre. Also seated are SDGER and state Secy.-Treas. Ray Kelly, Polson; PGER William S. Hawkins, and retiring SP Chester L. Krueger, Lewistown. Standing are Havre PER and Secy. Clifford J. Matthews; Mrs. W. E. Weatherly; Havre ER W. E. Weatherly; Mrs. Hawkins; Mrs. Boney; Havre PER Dwayne L. Kretchmer, convention co-chairman; PDD Edward C. Alexander, Great Falls, a member of the GL Committee on Judiciary; DDGER Fred W. Gersmeyer, Havre, convention co-chairman, and SP James V. Kruzich, Glasgow.



Oregon Elks pose during their annual convention in Grants Pass with distinguished guests and three youngsters who have benefited from the Elks Children's Eye Clinic, Portland, part of the state major project. Seated are PGER Emmett T. Anderson; SP Robert M. Stults, Medford, of Roseburg Lodge, holding Donnie Bell; Newport PER Fred Simpson, major projects chairman, and PDD Fred Stefani, Oregon City, clinic Secretary, holding Brook Lowell. Standing are Don Lutz and PDD George Justice of Enterprise, both clinic committeemen; Doug Daniels, a Medford Junior High School student who is blind; Jim Wilson, Roseburg, and Pete Miller, both clinic committeemen, and Port Townsend, Wash., PER A. Clemens Grady, a member of the GL Committee on Judiciary. The youngsters appeared before the convention as dramatic examples of what the clinic accomplishes.

PGER Lee A. Donaldson, a nurse, and a cerebral palsied girl stand before one of the mobile units used by Pennsylvania Elks in their CP home treatment program—the state major project. Two or three mobile units may be added to the program this year, the Elks learned at their 61st annual convention at Tamiment.



The Fort Buford 6th Infantry Troops salute PGER Raymond C. Dobson as he approaches his home state's 47th annual convention in Williston, N.D., with newly elected VP R. W. Moran, Williston, general convention chairman.



trust fund has reached a total of \$1,409,000; the goal is \$2,000,000. The hospital is on Emory University's campus in Atlanta.

Brother Sexton was elected President; he succeeds Roy Jaeckel, Albany. Others named were: Executive Vice-President, James A. MacDonald, Elberton; other Vice-Presidents, Harmon Franklin, Watkinsville, Reed Tanner, Valdosta, James T. Riddle, Moultrie, and Richard Salese, Atlanta; Chaplain, Clifford Townsend, Dalton; Sergeant-at-Arms, William H. Carlson, Atlanta, and Tiler, Veran O. Blackburn, Valdosta. Reelected Secretary-Treasurer was Grand Trustee and PDD Roderick M. McDuffie, Atlanta, of Cascade-East Point Lodge.

Dalton Lodge won the ritualistic contest.

The quarterly meeting will be held Oct. 21 and 22 in Tifton, the winter meeting, Jan. 20 and 21 in Waycross, and the spring meeting, March 16 and 17 in Atlanta. Jekyll Island was selected for the 67th annual convention.

**COMBINING BUSINESS AND PLEASURE**, the program of the Louisiana Elks State Association's 31st annual meeting, which was held April 28 through 30 in Shreveport, drew an attendance of 400 Elks, plus their guests.

The two principal speakers at the

event, PGER Raymond C. Dobson and PGER William A. Wall, were honored by Shreveport's Mayor Clyde E. Fant, who presented each with a key to the city and an honorary citizen's certificate.

Plaquemine Lodge received an award for the year's most outstanding lodge activities and Slidell Lodge was presented with the ritualistic trophy for the second consecutive year.

Named as the Youth Leaders were Ralph Hubbard, of Baton Rouge High School, and Patricia Parmer, of Plaquemine High School. Each received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond from the Elks National Foundation.

The top three scholarship winners were Dale L. Rathke, of Ben Franklin High School, New Orleans; Robert McMurdo, of Baton Rouge High School, and Betty Ann Hoag, of Jennings High School.

Richard W. Glaholt, Shreveport, was elected President to succeed Charles R. Champagne, Plaquemine. Two Vice-Presidents were elected; they are Herman L. Shacklett, Baton Rouge, and Dr. Robert H. Cassel, Alexandria.

Others elected to serve in the state official family were: Secretary, E. F. (Gene) Heller Sr., Alexandria; Treasurer, C. W. McGill, Slidell; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Sullivan, Shreveport; Tiler, Eugene Coriel, Exalted Ruler of Lafay-

ette Lodge, and Chaplain, Theo J. Du-hon Jr., Baton Rouge.

Appointed to the Board of Trustees were retiring President Champagne; George J. Lupe, New Orleans; Charles B. Emery, Shreveport; B. L. Champagne, Baton Rouge, and J. Arthur Fontenet, Opelousas.

Slidell was selected as the site for the 32nd annual convention.

**BREAKING ALL RECORDS**, Pennsylvania Elks contributed \$83,960.30 to their state major project—the cerebral palsy home treatment program—during a recent fund-raising campaign. This was reported at the 61st annual convention June 2 through 4 at Tamiment by Robert McCormick, CP fund-raising chairman. He said that if such gains continue, two or three mobile units may be added to the program this year.

Notable guests included PGER William A. Wall and Mrs. Wall and PDD Willis C. McDonald, Slidell, La., of New Orleans Lodge, and Mrs. McDonald.

William C. Kuhn, Gettysburg, was elected President. He succeeds Richard C. Megargell, Orangeville, of Berwick Lodge. Others elected were: Vice-President, Nicholas P. Chacona, Sayre; Treasurer, Samuel M. Braybrook, Freeland, and Trustee, Charles E. Moon, Sharon. Homer Huhn Jr., Mount Pleasant, was reelected Secretary.

A gain of 1,301 members for the year brings the total to 91,941. The ritualistic trophy winner was Shamokin Lodge.

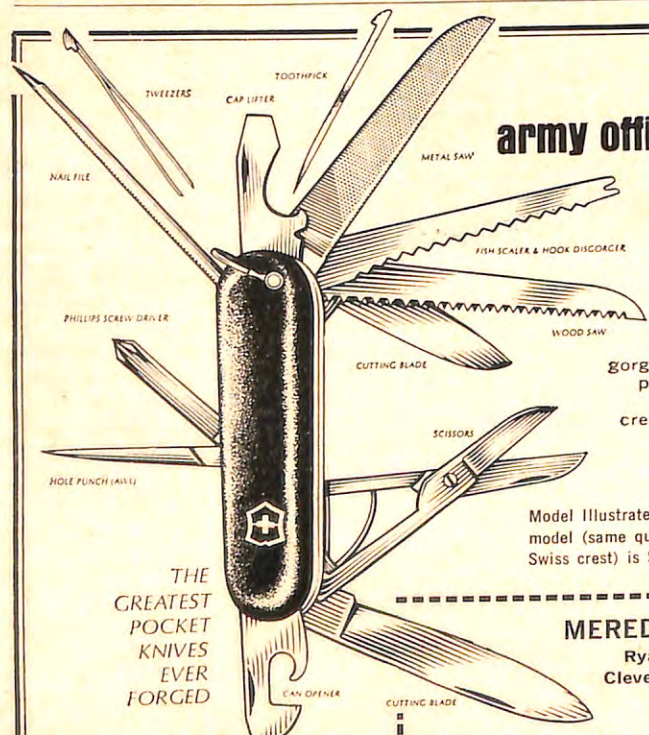
Pittsburgh was selected for the 62nd annual convention.

**THE ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION** held its 52nd annual convention May 17 through 20 in Phoenix, drawing an attendance from Arizona's 34 lodges that totaled about 600.

A number of Grand Lodge notables participated in the sessions; they included PGER Raymond C. Dobson, the keynote speaker; PGERs George I. Hall, Horace R. Wisely, and R. Leonard Bush; Grand Trustee and Santa Barbara, Calif., PER Vincent H. Grotcott; Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. and Palo Alto, Calif., PER John B. Morey, Menlo Park, Calif., and Past Grand Chap. and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George M. Scott, San Pedro, Calif.

Elected as President was Santry C. Fuller, Tucson. New Vice-Presidents are L. Wayne Adams Jr., Phoenix; Roland W. Wilpitz, Jerome; Frank M. Clark Jr., Bisbee, and George D. Pick-erel, of Casa Grande Valley Lodge. Victor M. David, Tucson, was named Secretary and Arthur L. Welch, Miami, was elected Treasurer. Ray N. Wombacher, of Casa Grande Valley Lodge, was appointed a Trustee.

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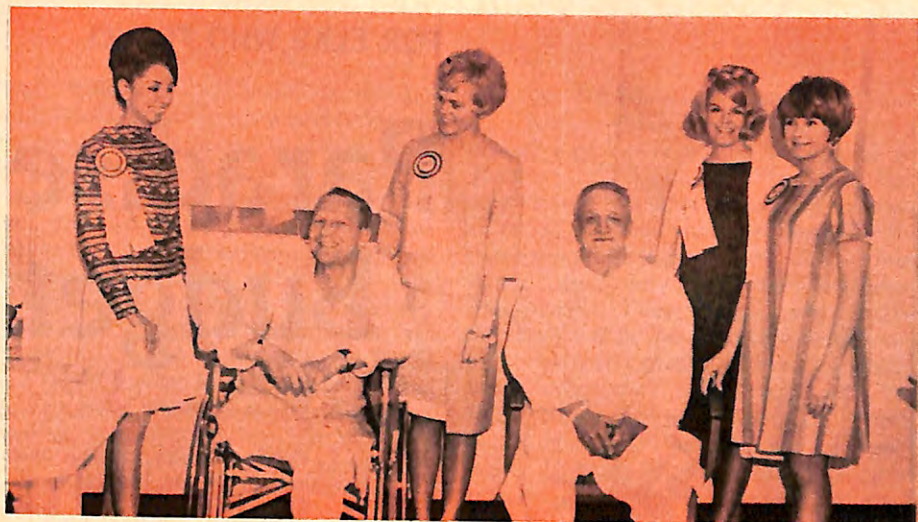
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At a recent Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held at the Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration Center, Martinsburg, W. Va., the Elks National Service Commission and Martinsburg Lodge were awarded for "exceptional and continued outstanding service to the center." Brother A. A. Gavazzi (left), center director, made the presentation. Accepting the award on behalf of the commission is Garnett W. Shipley, lodge veterans chairman, and on behalf of the lodge, ER Fred T. Moler.



South Dakota beauty queens brighten the day for patients at the Veterans Administration Center, Hot Springs, as part of a yearly tea sponsored by the state Elks with the assistance of the ladies of Hot Springs Lodge. The nineteen girls assisted Elks volunteers in visiting each bedside at the hospital. Pictured with Otto Tomsik, of Rapid City, a World War II and Korean veteran, and Joe Petric, Chamberlain, a World War II veteran, are Charmaine Whiteface, Miss Black Hills; Linda Mae Holvet, Miss Prairie Village; Sally Jo Iverson, Miss Sioux Falls and now Miss South Dakota, and Janeane Linnae Baldwin, Miss Custer. After visits to the wards, refreshments were served.

## ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION



Displaying some of the hides presented by Erie, Pa., Elks to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Erie, are PDD George E. Goodill, representing the Elks National Service Commission; Dr. L. C. Davis, hospital administrator, and Mrs. Dorothy M. Livingston, occupational therapy director at the hospital. The hides were furnished by the California Elks Association's Veterans Service Committee.



Connecticut Elks verify the delivery of 52 wheelchairs to the Veterans Hospital in West Haven—a gift of the lodges in the state. Standing, far left, is PDD Edward Kligerman of Branford Lodge and, from the right, Anthony L. Trapani, hospital director; Miss Catherine Potter, the hospital's chief of volunteers; West Haven PER Frank J. Vellali, who headed the program, and (sixth from right) PSP Thomas M. Newton, Cos Cob.

Members of Englewood, Littleton, and Fort Collins, Colo., Lodges present hides for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver. Accepting the gift from Brother John C. Kreiling (left) is Mr. Roy Rickus, assistant to the hospital director.



FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

# Paradise on a Budget

By JERRY HULSE

WHEN I WAS A BOY, which was quite a while ago, I saw Jon Hall, the actor, in a film about the South Seas; ever since then I have had this desire to run off and live in a grass shack. Preferably some place in the South Seas. This has been going on for 30 or 35 years. Now, at last, it has happened. I have been there recently, having gone to live like Jon Hall lived in that old film. It was on the storybook isle of Moorea. This is across the Sea of the Moon from Tahiti, a place with spindly palms arching above a lagoon; it can be described only as a liquid rainbow. My grass shack stood among those palms beside that very lagoon. You, too, can live like Jon Hall, and in a

moment I'll tell you how. First let me describe what it's like to go native in a place like Moorea.

To begin with, I must warn you that life is not all pineapple and poi in Paradise. At night mosquitoes fly sorties through the open windows of these South Seas huts. But then, moonlight also washes through the windows, and there is the sweet scent of the perfumed trade winds. The trades do the air-conditioning—blowing through the screenless, curtainless windows. Cracks show between boards on the floor and there is something I don't recall Jon Hall had in his hut—a hot water shower and a basin to shave in. Outside lovely brown-skinned maidens drowse



*This "annex village" in the Eolian Isles is used by members touring from Club Méditerranée villages at Cefalù, Sicily, and Palinuro.*

in the hot sunshine, bodies wrapped in colorful bikinis and pareaus. One needs nothing more than a swim suit—and, of course, there is no tipping. This is Tahiti, remember?

The danger of going to such a place as Moorea is that you may never want to come home again. If you enjoy the simple life, this is your paradise. People get lazy. One man kicked the smoking habit because he was lying on the beach in Moorea and discovered his cigarettes were back in his hut. He simply couldn't bother to run after them. So he quit, just like that. At this place most men stop shaving after two or three days. After awhile all anyone does is take a shower in the evening and put a tipanie—that's the night flower of Tahiti—behind his ear.

The name of this place is Club Méditerranée. It is a vacation club appealing to the traveler aiming to escape—well, temporarily—at least—the hectic pace of city life. All this at bargain-basement prices. Actually, there are 20 villages with 27,000 beds belonging to Club Méditerranée, scattered up and down the Mediterranean and clear from the Alps and Morocco to the one I've described in the South

Seas. What Club Méditerranée has accomplished is an exciting revolution in the travel habits of thousands of ordinary, as well as influential, vacationers. Now camps in Tahiti, France, Israel, and North Africa are within the reach of nearly everyone, no matter how modest his means.

Two weeks in Tahiti, for instance, will cost you \$585, which includes all meals, your own private grass shack and round-trip jet fare all the way from Los Angeles. Free wine is provided as well as free skin diving lessons, outrigger canoe rides, fishing, picnic excursions to a nearby island, horseback riding, and other pleasures. For two weeks, money worries are forgotten. Drinks at the bar are the only extras. And these you pay for with beads. Club members also forget about the outside world. Without radio or newspapers or TV, no one knows for sure if the rest of the world still even exists. They lose track of Peanuts and Dick Tracy and the war in Vietnam. The atom and the freeway seem distant, as if belonging to some other world.

Club Méditerranée's vacation outposts are spotted in places mostly unknown: Cefalù in Sicily . . . a bright

spot on Yugoslavia's Dalmatian Coast . . . Arziv, which is near Haifa . . . a peaceful plot in Turkey . . . Djerba in Tunisia . . . Agadir in Morocco. Examples of the low prices are those clubs in Tunisia and Sicily—\$95 for two weeks. Air fare is extra, but it does include every other need but your evening martini. There are all-inclusive 18-day holidays in the Mediterranean costing from \$440 to \$625. Prices include everything—even round trip jet fare from New York. Besides the areas mentioned, the resorts are spread across Italy, France, Corsica, Sardinia, and Greece. To become a member will cost you only \$5, or there is an \$8 membership fee for an entire family.

Club Méditerranée was founded several years ago by a World War II Resistance hero, Gerard Blitz. Before the war he was a diamond cutter in Brussels. After this, he went to the Mediterranean and developed the urge to remain. From this desire was born the idea for Club Méditerranée. Gerard Blitz decided to found his own club—a place for budget vacationers. The first village was established on the island of Majorca. Although it was only a tent village, it was successful almost im-



*Horseback riding along the beach—one of the many sports offered at no extra cost at the Club Méditerranée in Tahiti.*



*New arrivals catch a glimpse of their South Seas paradise from a boat transporting them from the airport to the village in Tahiti.*

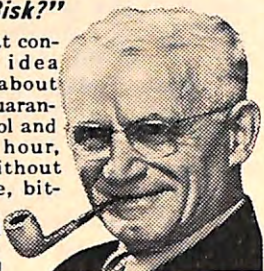
*Dressed in colorful Tahitian pareos, members enjoy the relaxed social atmosphere in a Club Méditerranée village.*

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mediately. Blitz had expected response from a few hundred. Instead nearly 3,000 swarmed to his vacation retreat. His key to success: informality.

Meals are an exception. Since Club Méditerranée is basically French, meals are traditionally French. Both red and white wines are included with lunch and dinner. The only thing I found surprising was that they didn't try to pour wine at breakfast. This they did on the flight down to Tahiti! Somehow I've never gotten used to red wine and corn flakes.

The majority of the villages open in May or June, operating into fall and sometimes winter. Depending upon the particular resort, members sleep either in the Polynesian-style hut already described or in stone cottages, such as those in Agadir. In France, Switzerland, and Italy, winter villages are operated for skiers. Members register at conventional Alpine hotels. This is the only exception to the general format. Otherwise the same general rules apply that exist at the summer camps.

Consider these other locations: Corfu in the Ionian Sea with the scent of acacia and the taste of ouzo . . . Sveti Marko in Yugoslavia, where the village is the sole occupant of a flowerstrewn isle . . . Donoratico along the Tuscan Riviera in Italy, with stone cottages rising up from a pine forest . . . Cadaques, which is plotted on Spain's Costa Brava . . . St. Moritz and the Reine Victoria Hotel for skiers . . . Nesebar, below Bulgaria's Balkan mountains.

Founder Blitz isn't through dreaming. He has plans for a number of new villages. There will be a 600-bed club on the island of Martinique in the Caribbean—this one designed strictly for Americans looking for all the comforts of home at the same bargain prices. The cost for a two-week stay will be about \$350, including round-trip jet transportation from New York. Two villages will open in Mexico—one on Isla de Mujeres off the Yucatan Peninsula and the other near Acapulco. Two weeks at either village will cost around \$400 with jet transportation. Blitz is even thinking of opening villages in the U.S. itself. Presently he claims Club Méditerranée has as many beds as the Hilton overseas chain.

His two biggest villages are on the island of Corfu and on the north coast of Sicily, with accommodations for more than 1,200 persons in each camp. There is a school for scuba divers at Cadaques on the Spanish Costa Brava and at Palinuro south of Salerno in Italy. Sailing buffs check in at Cefalù (Sicily) and Caprera, a nearly deserted island off the coast of Sardinia. Couples with families are especially welcomed to Club Méditerranée on the island of

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## Amendments

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ing of the lodge at which such proposal is to be voted upon. Favorable vote of two-thirds of all members present is required for its adoption.

Section 208 was amended so as to provide that a subordinate lodge may make a gift of its real property, after securing a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees, approved by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Section 209 was amended so as to retain therein that portion thereof relating to the operation of the club facilities by the lodge from that portion which authorized the lodge to form a separate corporation to operate such a facility owned by the lodge. It further provides that no member of such supervising or managing body shall be employed in any capacity except those so employed at present.

Section 209(a) was added to the Grand Lodge Statutes and covers the formation of a separate corporation by a subordinate lodge to operate its club facilities. It further provides that such separate corporation will be subject to the provisions of Section 208 in all matters relating thereto.

Section 240 was amended to require the Grand Secretary to send to each lodge a copy of any amendment to the constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge by August 15 and requires the lodge to vote thereon at its first regular meeting in September.

Section 48 was amended to permit the Grand Exalted Ruler to install and instruct his District Deputies at a time and place other than at or following the Grand Lodge session.

Section 172 was amended by requiring nomination of a member for Life Membership to lay over for action thereon at a regular session not later than the third regular session after such nomination is made, and notice thereof is required to be given to the entire membership of the Lodge at least ten days prior to the regular session when such election is being held. The amendment further provides that written nominations for Honorary Life Membership must be filed with the Secretary of the lodge, and written notice, containing in full the copy of such nomination, must be given by the Secretary to the entire membership of the lodge not less than ten days prior to the regular session at which the election is to be held. Such election must be held not later than the third regular session after the nomination is made. If such nomination is rejected, no new nomination for Honorary Life Membership shall be presented within one year after such rejection.

# IT'S ALL TRUE

By BILL TRUE

## Duck Calling: An Essential Art

The pair of mallards pitched down, wings cupped and feet outstretched. They were just a few feet from the mud in the flooded cornfield when Roy and I really poured out the persuasion with our duck calls. Both ducks slammed on their air brakes and rose again, intent on finding the even greener pastures promised by our loud hails on the calls.

Bill, the third man in the blind, stared when the pair circled directly overhead, then jumped to his feet and dropped the drake with his double. Roy folded the hen, and our three-man limits were filled.

It was a banner day on Goose Pond in the heart of the Illinois River valley's prime duck-hunting area last fall. Our blind was not the best drawn at the club that day, lying near a wooded bank but not far from the flooded corn. The birds came over in singles, pairs, or triples from the rafts out in the wide water, intent on feeding in the cornfield, and usually passed out of range on their way.

But Roy and I had been working as a team on the calls for a couple of years and learned that our particular brand of loud calling is something the greenheads find hard to resist. Bill said he couldn't believe that ducks with succulent corn almost within their bills would rise and come to the call. But they did it that day—over and over again.

I've been working a duck call since I was a little guy; my dad made his own line of duck calls and decoys and taught me how to use both. And Roy is an artist with the call, especially in his home hunting area on the Illinois.

Too many hunters head to the blind with little or no experience with a duck call, persist in making outlandish noises all day, and wonder why the ducks don't respond. I always give them the same advice: If you can't use a duck call well, it's better not to bring it into the blind. The time to practice is at home, using a good duck-calling record as a guide. Many times I've been calling, myself, hit a false note accidentally, and watched incoming ducks veer away as if they were on a string.

Practice on the basic calls first: the loud "highball," the feeding chuckle, and the purring, diving duck calls are some of these. Then you can get into the variations, and these are different in almost every duck-hunting area.

Using a duck call well adds much to a great sport. It's also a lot of fun in itself. Many times after knocking down a few ducks I like to sit in the blind and try to pull them in without shooting.

Ducks over decoys. Prettiest sight in the world, I think.



## TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

Let's go from hunting to fishing for a minute. Lots of fishermen are shut out during the cold winter months but I don't know any angler who doesn't like to plan his next spring and summer trips in advance. A handy little assistant is a Pocket Fishing Calendar that shows the best, good, and fair fishing days for 1968—all figured out scientifically by expert Joe Godfrey. If you'd like one free, drop me a card: Bill True, THE ELKS MAGAZINE, 425 W. Diversey, Chicago, Ill. 60614.



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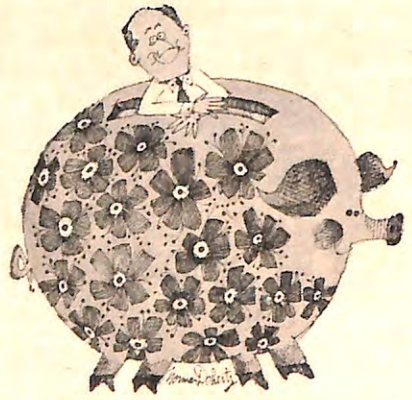
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**Paradise**

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Corsica and along the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia.

Sun worshippers as well as desert fans fly to Morocco and divide their time between villages at Agadir and Al Hoceima—visiting Marrakesh, Ouarazate, Tinerhir, Erfoud, Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Moulay, Idris, and Fez. The tab—around \$400—includes air transportation from Paris.

You may be living in a grass hut, but you'll be sleeping on beds, taking showers, and provided with outlets for electric razors. This is the civilized way of roughing it. Take the village of Mirurina in the Dolomites, for example: it lies halfway between Innsbruck and Venice, looking off on a lake framed by forested mountains. Buses run to Cortina, where one may shop, dine, and go night-clubbing—this in case one gets restless with the peacefulness of Club Méditerranée.

(Right now, before you ask, the address of Club Méditerranée's offices are 516 Fifth Avenue, New York, 10036, and 530 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, 90014.)

But I was telling you about my own holiday at the club on Moorea. Awaiting the new arrivals is a bus with wooden benches. The Tahitians call it *le truck*. During the 30-minute ride from Cook's Bay to Club Méditerranée, natives wave back from villages along the narrow country lane. In one direction thick coconut groves rise beside the roadway; in the other a lagoon shimmers like a liquid rainbow. Rounding a bend, the bus comes nearly head-on with a jeep driven by a roly-poly, red-faced Frenchman, Jean-Paul Richiez, the club's happy-go-lucky greeter. Jean-Paul makes a wild U-turn, grinds gears, and escorts *le truck* to the club entrance. The transformation is startling. Clothes are cast aside as demure secretaries from the United States appear suddenly as seductive maidens dressed in bikinis. Male white-collar workers, freed from the city skyscrapers, grab a wahine, a rum punch, and the chase begins.

For the next two weeks Club Méditerranée guests live as Tahitian as it's possible. They sail outrigger canoes, bed down in a hut, and swill rum with abandon. The truth is the "natives" of Tahiti never had it so good. Guests at Club Méditerranée enjoy maid service, meals created by French chefs, and wine that gushes forth free of charge. This isn't to imply that the native life of Club Méditerranée would appeal to everybody. That rugged sport who believes that spending a night in a Hilton is roughing it would be utterly miserable. No one dresses for dinner,

except perhaps to change bikinis. The difference between dream and reality for those planning a trip to the South Seas can be great, indeed. Visualizing the thatched hut hidden among palms and living that way are two different things.

To someone like attorney Mark Tumbleson of Los Angeles, though, it is precisely the paradise he dreamed it would be. He spent a recent fortnight shelling along a magnificent beach fronting the club, sipping rum, wading in the surf, and reading a couple of novels between naps. He even grew a beard when shaving became a nuisance. Tumbleson was under an attack of Polynesian paralysis in its most virulent form. To his wife Barbara he suggested, "If we play our cards right maybe we can miss the plane home." To which she responded rather languorously, "Mark, what day is it?"

At first, guests flown in from the West Coast set their watches and count the hours till cocktail time. Later the hour and even the day have little importance. If one remained too long, possibly the year itself would become meaningless. As for attorney Tumbleson, he had fallen victim to a way of life that's deliciously carefree.

"If I wanted real comfort I'd go home," he said. "So many people are insecure when they leave their Cadillacs and neon. I could forget even my name in this place. You know what my wife and I did this afternoon? We sat for three or four hours just watching the waves break against the reef. We waited till we were sure we'd seen the biggest wave of the day."

Again, non-conformism is the rule at Club Méditerranée. Tahitian employees mix with guests in their off hours, and more than one romance has been ignited by a South Seas moon. As the sun extinguishes itself in the sea and twilight casts a spell, guests turn to the bar. A Tahitian drum sets the tempo. Torrid dances make the twist and the Charleston appear by comparison like the Tennessee Waltz. The music continues till a yellow moon splashes into the sea. While it's not exactly a symphony for a sick sacroiliac, it makes the boy with a little gray in his hair—or no hair at all—feel a little frisky.

**A CORRECTION**

The "Wednesday Highlights" section of the annual convention story in our September issue should have stated that a total of 152 new Elks-sponsored Boy Scout troops were added during the last year, bringing the total to 1,209; as a result of the accelerated Girl Scout program, the Elks now sponsor over 300 girls' troops.

# where in the world are you ?

by Jim Cardwell

During the last summer many Elks took advantage of travel bargains to go to all parts of the globe. Some of the migrating Elks haven't yet returned to their home feeding grounds—but, during the tours, they saw, among other new and strange things, a whole new breed of automobiles.

So, here's a little game you can play along with them. On this page are ten photos of 1967 automobiles. Give yourself 5 points for each country-of-origin you can name, and an additional 10 points if you can name the automobile itself. You'll find answers on page 55.



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## The Jolly Corks

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Donald as chairman, William Shepard, Edgar Platt, and Thomas Riggs. Vivian also appointed himself, and later George W. Thompson was added. Noticeably, this rules and ritual committee was heavily weighted with performers on the legitimate stage.

Vivian, although evidence indicates he did not initiate the new turn of affairs, did not oppose it—in fact, he apparently favored it. He had no objections to the Corks' becoming a benevolent society, but here certain aspects of Charles Vivian's character need to be explored, because this is necessary to understand later events.

Vivian, by all accounts, was one of those gay spirits who loved life and faced it unafraid, taking the bad and the good with equal good humor. He had great talents, but seemed to be entirely indifferent about making them pay. He had a fine voice, and proved he could be a great success as a comic minstrel. It was reported in a newspaper that he was "a man of feeling, a brilliant humorist, a scholar, and a wit." All of this was borne out by recollections of the men who knew him, and certainly Vivian's life and career should have been brilliant. But, as a newspaper drama critic also wrote: "His inborn carelessness and his preference for the club circle over his professional duties barred him from fortune."

He was extremely popular with the Bohemian group, and a great favorite with people his own age. But there is no question that his continued semi-professional status (he would not apply himself to the disciplines of the legitimate stage), his careless grace, and his amiable indifference toward taking life with deadly seriousness alienated others. They liked Vivian—most people could not help but like him—but Vivian obviously had certain handicaps when it came to providing leadership for all sorts of men.

Vivian was thus the sort of chap who could brilliantly conceive and gather round him a coterie such as the original Jolly Corks. But when the Corks' membership exploded, new, more serious-minded members joined, and it became obvious there was both a need for and a chance to form a benevolent society for the theatrical world, Vivian was not the sort of man who could easily remain in control for any length of time.

A larger club had to have some kind of real organization, plus a serious purpose, or it would fragment or go out of business. Many, many informal organizations such as the Jolly Corks sprang up from time to time, then and later. Most lasted only a short time, then were heard from no more. Vivian had created a nucleus with his wit and personality, a vitally important nucleus around which greater things might be built. It was this that George McDonald and some of the others recognized, and while some of the things that were



**A GROUP OF ALASKA ELKS** attending the Chicago convention visit Mike—the white polar bear they brought to the city as a cub in 1956. Fully grown now, Mike resides in Lincoln Park zoo. Shown are Stanley Zaborac Jr., Hessel Ragins, James Barry, Richard Freer, G. H. Gissberg, Grand Trustee George Hickey, Robert Lewis, and Alaska SP Harold Dunn.

done were unfortunate, the motives of the men who did them should always be regarded as sincere.

Charles Vivian certainly founded the Jolly Corks, and he was certainly their guiding spirit. He put a stamp upon the Corks, and upon the organization that grew out of them, that was vital, and would remain. When, years later, Elm Street on which Giesman's boarding house stood was renamed Elk Street, it was argued that not the Elks, but the Jolly Corks, had been founded there. This was technically correct. But Vivian was to be, in real terms, the founder of the Elks as well, because he was not only the first presiding officer of the Elks—he was the spark that lit the flame.

The committee that was to change the name, regulations, and purposes of the Corks met, made a partial report on February 2, and agreed to give its decisive recommendations in open session on February 16, 1868.

The end of the Jolly Corks, and the birth of something new, was at hand.

(In next month's issue, the second installment of this official history of the B.P.O.E. will describe how its organizers almost called themselves Buffaloes, Bears, Beavers, and Foxes—and why they finally settled on "Elks.")



**THE 104TH GRAND LODGE SESSION** in 1968 will be held in New York City, where the Order originated 100 years ago. In a booth at the Chicago convention depicting an 1868 setting, CL Committeeman George J. Balbach (center), Queens Borough (Elmhurst), N.Y., Lodge, confers with Charles Gillett and Royal Ryan of the New York Convention Bureau.



## State Associations

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During the memorial service, Brother Bush eulogized PGER L. A. Lewis, who died last Oct. 16 during the association's fall meeting in Flagstaff.

Top-state ritualistic honors were won by Tucson Lodge.

**ACCENTING** their continuing support of the Kansas Elks Association's state major project—a training center for mentally retarded adults—registrants at the 62nd annual convention May 4 through 7 in Wichita contributed \$8,300 during a business session. About 825 Elks attended the convention.

Elected President was Clifford A. Lyon, Hiawatha. Others elected were Deputy President, W. Harold Young, Salina, and Vice-President, George J. Huegel, Wellington. Reelected to serve as Secretary was Fred H. Kelly, Salina, and, as Treasurer, Forest E. Link, Pratt. Named a four-year Trustee was George Butler, Chanute.

The winner of the ritualistic contest was Manhattan Lodge.

Youth Leadership awards and scholarships totaling about \$7,800 were presented to 28 high school students.

The membership chose Topeka as the fall meeting site. Selected as next year's convention city was Wichita, where Kansas Elks plan to meet May 2 through 5.

The recreational program included dances and a luncheon and style show for the women.

**THE MAINE ELKS ASSOCIATION'S** 39th annual convention, held May 21 in Waterville, elected Bath PER Philip H. Oliver President, succeeding William A. Tippens, Millinocket.

Chosen as Vice-Presidents were Bangor PER Richard Hughes, Biddeford-Saco PER Charles M. Gallagher, Presque Isle PER Donald Ireland, and Lewiston PER Samuel Michael. Reelected as Secretary-Treasurer was Portland PER Edward R. Twomey.

At the awards banquet, two high school students were presented with \$600 Elks National Foundation scholarships. Two other high school students won \$125 Youth Leadership awards.

The delegates voted to hold next year's convention in Portland.

**TYPICAL SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY** prevailed at the South Carolina Elks Association's annual convention June 16 through 18 in Greenville due to a well-arranged program that was enjoyed by the 300 Elks and their ladies. Even the weatherman cooperated; the weather was described as perfect.

The recreational program included dances, social hours, a golf tourney, and

## PLANNING AHEAD



**A CENTENNIAL BALL** to celebrate Elksdom's 100th birthday is being planned by the Exalted Rulers of the 10 lodges in California's South-Central District. The ball is to be held Feb. 15, 1968, at the Golden West Ballroom in Norwalk. Shown with their wives at a kickoff meeting are ER and Dr. Harry Isbelle, Downey; ER John Case, Norwalk; ER Keith Houdysshell, Long Beach; ER Robert Wunderlich, Bellflower; ER Dale Campbell, Compton; ER Thomas Roberts, Lakewood; ER Norvan Calsing, Montebello; ER John Petrini, Paramount; ER Eugene DeAngelis, San Pedro, and ER Jack McCrary, Huntington Park.

a buffet luncheon that featured a fashion show.

The principal convention speaker was PGER Robert G. Pruitt.

A total of \$6,000 in scholarships was awarded by the association to 10 boys and girls.

In the Youth Leadership Contest, a total of \$1,200 in U.S. Savings Bonds was presented.

Orangeburg Lodge was the first-place winner in the ritualistic contest, Charleston Lodge won second place, and Rock Hill Lodge won third place.

**A BUSY YEAR** for the Nebraska Elks Assn. was described to the 790 registrants at the 55th annual convention May 19 through 21 in Norfolk.

Nearly \$25,000 had been expended on the state major project—the rehabilitation of crippled children—it was reported.

Honored guests included PGER H. L. Blackledge and Past Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Bernard M. DeLay, Norfolk.

Deanna Lackaff, 18, of Bassett, girls' winner of the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest, was honored by the delegates.

The first Past Exalted Rulers' Scholarship, for \$150, was awarded to Katherine Ann Huss, sponsored by Holdrege Lodge.

Elected President was C. A. Thomas, Scottsbluff, who succeeds John R. Brainard, Broken Bow. Other new officers include: First Vice-President, Max C. Stanley, Omaha; Second Vice-Presi-

dent, Orvel Holt, York; Third Vice-President, Walter W. Stewart, Ogallala, and Treasurer, Elmer L. Bradley, Columbus. Reelected to serve as Secretary was Chester O. Marshall, Kearney.

Lincoln Lodge won the ritualistic contest.

The 56th annual convention will be held May 17 through 19 in Lincoln.

**MORE THAN 500 ELKS** attended South Dakota members' annual convention June 2 and 3 in Aberdeen. The keynote speaker was Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Chicago, of Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge.

William A. Stringham, Sioux Falls, was elected President and Edward A. Belmore, Rapid City, was named President-Elect.

Youth activities awards were presented by Grand Trustee and PDD Francis M. Smith, Sioux Falls.

Delegates chose Pierre as the site of the 1968 convention.

### Where in the World Are You?

Here are the answers to the Auto Quiz on page 53 (name of car, followed by country of origin):

1. Berline 2600 (Alfa-Romeo); Italy
2. GT4 Alpine; France
3. Hindustan Ambassador; India
4. GT1300 (Alfa-Romeo); Italy
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8. Spyder 1600 (Alfa-Romeo); Italy
9. Checker Marathon; U.S.
10. Saab; Sweden

## Extremism Condemned

People throughout the country are becoming more and more aroused by extremist tactics employed by some groups in opposition to the stand of our government against Communist aggression in South Vietnam. This growing sense of awareness of a time of crisis and the necessity for patriotic citizens to speak out now was strongly manifest in a resolution adopted at the Grand Lodge convention in Chicago last July condemning such divisive tactics and those who employ them. The resolution was offered by Alameda, Calif., Lodge No. 1015, and was adopted unanimously amid a standing ovation. The resolution follows:

"Whereas the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been steadfast in upholding the principles of Americanism and its members have served as exemplars of patriotic citizenship, and

"Whereas the United States has been engaged in a bitter struggle in an undeclared but *de facto* war believed to be a manifestation of the 'cold' war with Communist elements, and

"Whereas subversive groups and individuals within our country have flouted the authority of the United States government, have sought by illegal means to impede the successful prosecution of the conflict in Vietnam, have desecrated the American Flag and thereby committed acts of treason under the shield of rights and freedom guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Convention assembled, speaking on behalf of over 1,400,000 members, hereby proclaims its complete allegiance to all men in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and strongly condemns all irresponsible and disloyal acts which have a tendency to give aid and comfort to the enemy, to prolong the war, and to impair the morale of the valiant members of our Armed Forces,

"And that by this reaffirmation of the patriotic principles which guide the destiny of our Order we solicit and urge the support of all other patriotic American citizens and groups in public condemnation of all subversive elements."

## HEED THE SHOFAR

We extend fraternal greetings to our Jewish Brothers and their families as they observe the High Holidays this month.

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year—the year 5728 in the Jewish calendar. It begins at sundown October 4 and lasts for two days. To our Jewish Brothers and their families, to Jews everywhere, as they observe Rosh Hashanah we join in offering warm greetings and best wishes for a good and sweet year.

Rosh Hashanah ushers in 10 days of penitence, 10 solemn but not sad days, which are climaxed by Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest of all days to Jews. This year, Yom Kippur will begin at sundown Friday, October 13, with the traditional Kol Nidre prayer for God's forgiveness for broken vows, that penitent man may be at peace with his conscience and his God. On Yom Kippur, the Jews will hold *Yizkor*, a memorial service recalling the good deeds of those dear to them who have passed away.

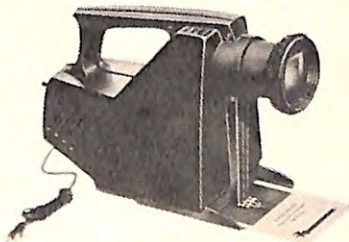
Let the blowing of the shofar, which heralds Rosh Hashanah and ends the fast of Yom Kippur, be a warning—not just to Jews but to all men—to mend their ways and walk in the path of honor and justice that there may be peace among men reconciled with one another and with God.

## FAIRBANKS DISASTER

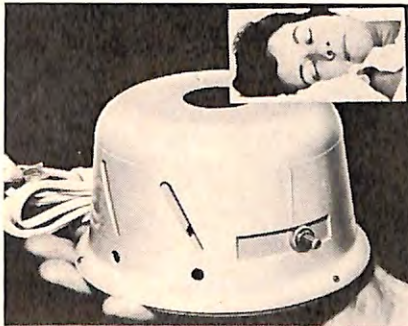
Our Brothers in Alaska have had more than their share of disasters recently. Three years ago, an earthquake and tidal wave caused extensive damage to the homes of several of our lodges in southern Alaska. Then, this past August, torrential rains sent a river out of its banks and flooded the city of Fairbanks under seven feet of water. According to early reports the Elks lodge home was destroyed. To Fairbanks Elks, as they struggle to recover from this severe blow, go the sympathy and good wishes of their Brothers everywhere.

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