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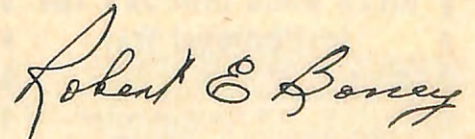
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This year, as always, the Elks all over America will be generous, especially to those who are ill and faced with adversity. I know, too, that we will hold close in our thoughts and our prayers the men who are defending our country and its freedom in Vietnam, and their families.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year of peace, prosperity, and achievement.

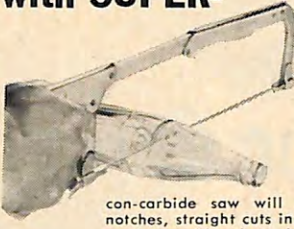
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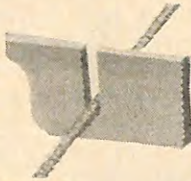


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Letters

From Our Readers

Paris in the Fall

Your article, "Paris," in the August issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, was indeed a fine one: well-written, well-photographed, and most interesting throughout.

Many thanks for clarifying the flag-burning incident.

Thanks, too, for presenting an honest report of these grand people as they really are. Certainly they are not rude. Pleasantness on the part of the visitor is met with pleasantness in turn. Understandably, the role of constant host to the World can become very tiresome, and these people have their own daily problems in life, just as we do. The actions of the average citizen there are about par for the course, whether he be Gaul, Celt, or Norman.

Congratulations for a fine article.

Ronald H. Syriac
41 Mechanic St.
Westfield, Mass.

Memories from the Past

I had a letter from a reader of your magazine after you printed my letter ["Daughter of a Pioneer," p. 27, August 1967]. I have been anxious to know if there were any who were 10 or 12 years of age and were on the route of "Old Scout" during the cross-country race in 1905.

Mrs. B. Wigle Pennington
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On National Forests

We were pleased to read "Camping the National Forests" in the August issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. Mr. Dalrymple did an excellent job of describing the availability and variety of National Forest camping areas.

This article stressed what we, too, feel is an important point—that every U.S. citizen is a co-owner of the 186 million acres of National Forest land. These vast areas are managed so that they can be enjoyed and used.

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RIOTING DOESN'T WIN, declares Director J. Edgar Hoover in the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*. Young thugs and misguided teenagers, he declares, have been led to believe that any crime, committed under a banner of complaint, is justified. Procrastination or uncertainty on the part of authorities denotes weakness or concession to a mob, he points out. Director Hoover says, "If our system of law is to survive, then the law must be enforced. Those who break the law, acting alone or in concert, must be detected and arrested, promptly prosecuted, and given proper, substantial punishment. In removing crime from our nation's streets, this should be the first order of business."

WHITE HOUSE PICKETING gives police little trouble. Years ago the Executive Mansion and the spacious lawns about it were enclosed by high ornamental iron fences. Strong iron gates block the entrances. Sidewalks on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House are about 20 feet wide. There is a law forbidding more than 100 pickets at any time in front of the mansion. So when pickets appear, they do not block the sidewalk, they cannot enter the grounds, and if they become unruly they are arrested and hauled off to jail. Traffic is not obstructed and there is but little confusion.

for president. While both Miami Beach and Chicago have put up well over three quarters of a million dollars for the political conventions, no one has estimated what it will cost the newspapers, magazines, and radio and television networks to arrange for coverage at Miami and then move everything to Chicago.



ANTARCTIC ICE CAP will be drilled by U.S. scientists to find out what's underneath the rocky terrain around the South Pole. Equipment will be taken to drill a mile and a half down through the cap. Is there gold there, or oil, or gas? At least the expedition will find out something about the ancient climates and the changing conditions of the world Down Under.

FLAGS OVER THE CAPITOL are hauled down every session-day and many are sent by Congressmen and organizations in every part of the United States. With the flag goes an official statement which declares the flag flew over the Capitol on a certain day. It is a great honor for any club or society to receive such a flag. Requests have increased, however, to such an extent that on some days flags are hauled to the top of the flagstuffs and hauled down again every 10 or 15 minutes. Some page boys in fact have been given the job of flag raisings. Maybe they need more flag poles.



CASTRO'S BIG GAMBLE to continue to maintain trade from Britain, France, and other nations depends on his contacts with Russia, according to Latin-American experts. Cuba is bankrupt and our nation has tried repeatedly to have these countries stop trading with the island. Russia, however, has been underwriting Castro's debts and, it is reported, will continue to do so in order to maintain a Communist outpost within 90 miles of our shores. This year France sold Cuba \$35 million worth of goods, Britain \$45 million, Spain \$50 million, and Italy \$10 million.



THREE BIG CONVENTIONS will hold the spotlight during next summer. First will be the Elks national convention, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order in New York City. Naturally it will be held there, in the new Madison Square Garden. It will be held in July and will attract a record number of delegates, members, and their wives. Next will come the Republican National Convention at Miami Beach, beginning August 5, at which the Republican candidate for president will be nominated. Finally, in Chicago, beginning August 26, the Democratic National Convention will meet and nominate its candidate

THANKSGIVING LEFTOVERS. Sen. Dirksen (Ill.) will be Grand Marshall of the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day. . . . First manned Apollo space shot originally set for early next year will be delayed until midsummer because of changes in the craft. . . . Tax Foundation, Inc., estimates the average worker spends the first 2 hours and 25 minutes each day working for money to pay taxes. . . . More than a thousand Federal investigators favor a greater use of "bugging" and wiretapping devices. . . . About 4 million Americans went abroad this year, compared to 1.5 million foreign tourists who visited this country.

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The CROGAN'S CHRISTMAS AND THE SNOWSHED

BY JACOB RIIS

A storm was brewing in the mountains. The white glare of the earlier day had been supplanted by a dull gray, and the peaks that shut the winter landscape in were "smoking," sure harbinger of a blizzard already raging in the high Sierras. The pines above the Crogans' cabin stood like spectral sentinels in the failing light, their drooping branches heavy with the snow of many storms. Mrs. Tom Crogan sat at the window looking listlessly into the darkening day.

In the spring she had come with her husband from the little Minnesota town that was their home, full of hope and the joy of life. The mountains were beautiful then with wild flowers and the sweet smell of fragrant firs, and as she rocked her baby to sleep in their deep shadows she sang to him the songs her mother had crooned over her cradle in her tuneful Swedish tongue. Life then had seemed very fair, and the snowshed hardly a shadow across it. For to her life there were two sides: one that looked out upon the mountains and the trees and the wild things that stirred in God's beautiful world; the other the blind side that turned toward the darkness man had made in his fight to conquer that world. Tom Crogan was a dispatcher at a signal station in the great snowsheds that stretched forty miles or more up the slopes of the Sierras, plunging the road to the Land of Sunshine into hour-long gloom just when the jagged "saw-tooth" peaks, that give the range its name, came into sight. Travelers knew them to their grief: a huge crawling thing of timber and stout planks—so it seemed as one caught fleeting glimpses of it in the brief escapes from its murky embrace—that followed the mountain up, hugging its side close as it rose farther and farther toward the summit. Hideous al-

ways, in winter buried often out of sight by the smashing avalanches Old Boreas hurled at the pigmy folk who dared challenge him in his own realm; but within the shelter of the snowsheds they laughed at his bluster, secure from harm, for then it served its appointed purpose.

The Crogans' house fronted or backed—whichever way one chose to look at it—upon the shed. Tom's office, where the telegraph ticker was always talking of men and things in the desert sands to the east, or in the orange groves over the Divide, never saw the sunshine it told of. It burrowed in perpetual gloom. Nine times a day trains full of travelers, who peered curiously at the signalmen with their lanterns and at Tom as so many human moles burrowing in the mountain, came and went, and took the world of men with them, yawning as they departed at the prospect of more miles of night. At odd intervals long freight trains lingered, awaiting orders, and lent a more human touch. For the engineer had time to swap yarns with Tom, and the brakemen looked in to chuck the baby under the chin and to predict, when their smudged faces frightened him, that he would grow up to be as fine a railroader as his father: his yell was as good as a whistle to "down brakes." Even a wandering hobo once in a while showed his face from behind the truck on which he was stealing a ride 'cross country, and grimaced at Mrs. Tom, safe in the belief that she would not give him away. And she didn't.

But now the winter had come with the heavy snows that seemed never to end. She could not venture out upon

the mountain where the pines stood buried many feet deep. In truth there was no getting out. Her life side was banked up, as it were, to stay so till spring came again. As she sat watching the great white waste that sloped upward toward the lowering sky she counted the months: two, three, four—five, probably, or six, to wait. For this was Christmas, and the winter was but fairly under way. Five months! The winters were hard enough on the plains, but the loneliness of these mountains! What glad visiting and holiday-making were going on now in her old home among kindred and friends! There it was truly a season of kindness and good cheer; they had brought their old Norse Yule with them across the seas. She choked back a sob as she stirred the cradle with her foot. For Tom's sake she would be brave. But no letter nor word had come from the East, and this their first Christmas away from home!

There was a man's step on the stairs from the office, and Tom Crogan put his head through the doorway.

"Got a bite for a hungry man?" he asked, blinking a bit at the white light from without.

The baby woke up and gurgled. Tom waved the towel at him, drying his face at the sink, and hugged his wife as she passed.

"Storm coming," he said, glancing out at the weather and listening to the souging of the wind in the pines.

"Nothing else here," she replied, setting the table; "nothing this long while, and, oh, Tom!"—she set down the plate and went over to him—"no word from home, and this is Christmas Eve. Nothing even for the baby."

He patted her back affectionately, and cheered her after the manner of a man.

"Trains all late, the snow is that deep, more particular in the East, they say. Mail might not come through for a week. Baby don't know the difference so long as he is warm. And coal we've got a-plenty."

"Then it will be New Year's," she pursued her own thoughts drearily. Tom was not a good comforter just then.

He ate like a tired man, in silence. "Special on the line," he said, as he stirred the sugar in his coffee. "When the road opens up she'll follow right on the Overland."

"Some o' your rich folks, most like, going for a holiday on the Coast," she commented without interest. Tom nodded. She gave the stove lid an impatient twist.

"Little they know," she said bitterly, "or care either, how we live up here in the sheds. They'd oughter take their turn at it a while. There's the Wrights with Jim laid up since he broke his leg

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at the time o' the wreck, and can't seem to get no strength. And the Coulsons with their old mother in this grippin' cold, an' all the sickness they've had, an' he laid off, though he wasn't to blame, an' you know it, Tom. If it hadn't been for you what would 'a' come to the Overland runnin' straight for that wrecked freight with full head o' steam—"

Tom looked up good-humoredly and pushed back his plate.

"Why, Mary! what's come over you? I only done what I was there to do—and they took notice all right. Don't you remember the Company wrote and thanked me for bein' s'pry?"

"Thanked you!" contemptuously. "What good is that? Here we be, an' like to stay till— You can come up if you want to."

The invitation was extended, ungra-

ciously enough, to a knot of men clustered about the steps. They trooped in, a gang of snow-shovelers fresh from their fight with the big drifts, and stood about the stove, the cold breath of outdoors in their looks and voices. Their talk was of their work just finished. The road was clear, but for how long? And they flapped their frozen mittens toward the window through which the snow could be seen already beginning to fall in large, ominous flakes. The Special was discussed with eager interest. No one knew who it was—an unusual thing. Generally words came along the line giving the news, but there had been no warning of this one.

"Mebbe it's the President inspectin'," ventured one of the crew.

"I tank it bane some o' dem Wall Street fellers on one big bust," threw in a husky Swede.

In the laugh that followed this sally the ticker was heard faintly clicking out a message in the office below.

Tom listened. "Overland three hours late," he said, and added with a glance outside as he made ready to go: "like as not they'll be later'n that; they won't keep Christmas on the Coast this while."

The snow-shovelers trailed out after
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DDGER Paul H. Helberg (second from right) and other Topeka, Kan., Lodge members present more than 300 square feet of leather to Dr. J. E. Smelser (fourth from right), chief of physical medicine and patient rehabilitation for Winter Veterans Hospital in Topeka. The gift was presented during one of the monthly, lodge-sponsored bingo parties for the patients. The leather came from the National Service Commission.

Elks Serve Hospitalized Veterans



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Phoenix, Ariz., Elks welcome patients at the Phoenix Veterans Administration Hospital for a program of entertainment, which included musical selections by the "Desert Quartette" and the Elks Combo. Also, three Fathers Day awards—oldest father, youngest father, and father with the most children—were presented. Pictured are (from left) Albert C. White, L. B. Salyer, Dr. Robert Meyer, Wilson W. Scott, William Blustin, and Brown Boaz Jr. Phoenix Lodge has held this annual program since the hospital opened in 1946.



As part of its veterans program, Leominster, Mass., Lodge remembers the patients at the Army hospital in Fort Devens, Mass., during the holiday season. Pictured at a presentation of gifts are (from left): Emile P. J. St. Cyr; Mrs. Peggy Tucker, Gray Lady; Eugene A. Collins; Levi J. Bergeron; Pfc. Roger Lemieux, Pelham, N.H., who is receiving a gift from Chairman Felix B. Seliga; PER Wilfred J. Thibodeau, and Rita Dixon, Red Cross field director.



Members of Bangor, Pa., Lodge's Minstrel Group are pictured during a recent evening of entertainment held for the patients at the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Brother Joseph P. Ward Sr. was in charge of the program.



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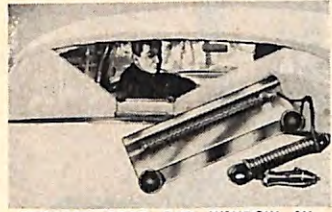


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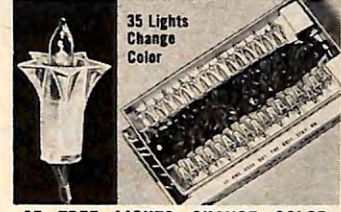
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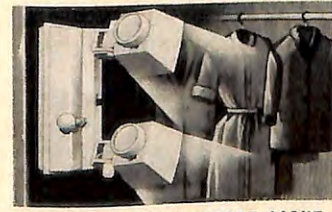
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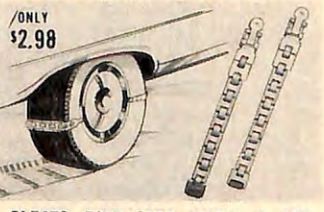
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GROWTH AND GRAND LODGE

This third installment of the official Centennial history tells of the Order's first steps as a national organization

By T. R. FEHRENBACH



Very little is known of the progress of the New York lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, between June 1868, when the Vivian controversy broke, and the start of the next year. That the lodge not only survived its troubles but continued to grow is clear from the old membership rolls. On December 27, 1868, one J. D. Kelly was initiated into the Elks. He was number 76.

The earliest existing record book of Elksdom begins with an entry dated February 21, 1869. The first page of this

old book carried the following information:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reports of committees.
3. Propositions of members.
4. Initiation of members.
5. Balloting for members.
6. Fines and dues collected.
7. Election of officers.
8. General business.
9. Roll call.

Besides the order of business, of convenience to the officers, there was also listed a roster of officials:

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE FOR 1869

R. H. Primo—George W. Thompson
F. D. Primo—John F. Poole
S. D. Primo—Fernando Pastor
T. D. Primo—John Mulligan
Hon. Secretary—Louis Nevers
Treasurer—William H. Brown
Tiler—Albert Hall

Corres. Secretary—George J. Green
Brother Thompson held the presiding chair in both grades of Elk: Right Honorable Primo in the First, and Exalted Ruler in the Second, Degree.

The Elks continued to meet on Sunday, the day most convenient for the theatrical profession. Sessions in the First Degree were held three times a month. The Second Degree convened only on the first Sunday. According to the Constitution, both a business and a social session were conducted at each meeting. A committee of three was always appointed to make sure refreshments were on hand for each session, and usually a chairman was specially appointed for the social activ-

ities. While the formal session followed Elk rules and ritual of the times, the evidence available suggests the social session was hardly distinguishable from the good old days of the Jolly Corks.

Meanwhile, initiation fees had been raised from \$2 to \$5, which either indicated increasing affluence in the membership, or trouble in the lodge treasury. The records do not specify.

A password was used to gain admittance to the lodge. This was at first changed each month. Typical examples were "Invisible" (May), "Undivided" (June), "Invincible" (November). By December 1869, however, it was agreed to issue the password semi-annually. Probably, with so many brothers going in and out of town on road trips a monthly password was a nuisance.

The first recorded Elk session is preserved in the hand of the *Hon. Secretary* as shown below:

"Fifty-first session B.P.O. Elks, February 21, 1869.

R. H. Primo in the chair.

Secretary's report read and approved, etc."

The title R. H. Primo shows that this was a session in the First Degree. "Exalted Ruler" was used in the Second Degree. Also, the "etc.," which seems to have disposed quickly of pertinent business, indicates that perhaps the bung was soon started at this particular get-together, because the *Hon. Secretary* wrote no more.

In June 1869, new elections were held, but George Thompson apparently held over as both R. H. Primo and E. R. of the two Degrees. George J. Green moved from Corresponding Secretary to First Assistant Primo.

But if the written records reveal nothing earth-shaking happening in the sessions, important Elk landmarks still were being made. Impressive rituals were practiced, and the Eleven O'Clock Toast, first proposed by George McDonald, had become a standing custom.

The first death in the Elks was that of Albert Hall, Tiler, who passed away in early 1869. Hall's death does not seem to have been commemorated. However, when George Farmer died in the first part of 1870, the social session was modified to include a memorial exercise and eulogies. The third Elk passed away soon afterward, in February 1870. Brother Green now proposed that a "Lodge of Sorrow" be held for both departed members.

A beautiful service was held in Clarendon Hall, on 13th Street, with music conspicuously featured.

This first Lodge of Sorrow was held on March 20, 1870, and from this time forward the passing of every Elk was formally commemorated. Memorial services, however, were now conducted either annually or semi-annually, as appropriate. They became not only a feature of the Order but one of the customs most impressive to outsiders.

During the same month, March 1870, the lodge also gave a benefit performance at Hooley's Theater in Brooklyn for Brother Glenn's widow, who was in need. This benefit was a brilliant affair. The services of actor members were given unstintingly, without pay, and more than \$1,000—then a very respectable sum—was turned over to the bereaved family. In a few short months,

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PEEKSKILL, New York, Elks' answer to flag- and draft card-burners is the "I Am An American Day" parade. The lodge sponsored the day with help from the city's Joint Veterans Council. More than 200 Peekskill Elks and about 300 members of other lodges in New York's South District were present for the parade. All carried American flags.

Peekskill Lodge Members Hold "I Am An American Day"

Anti-American acts of flag-burning in New York City's Central Park made Peekskill, N.Y., Elks see red, white, and blue enough recently to plan an "I Am An American Day," complete with a patriotic parade.

The result was the largest parade in the Peekskill area's history, according to newspaper reports. An estimated 5,000 marchers paid tribute to Americans serving the nation in Vietnam and elsewhere as about 15,000 persons watched Sept. 24. Marching bands and floats colored the three-hour spectacle, in which local Elks and other citizens were joined by Brothers from Haverstraw, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Mount Kisco,

Ossining, Yorktown, Scarsdale, Yonkers, White Plains, and Brewster.

More flags were displayed from homes than on recent national holidays and about 200 retail establishments also flew the colors.

A negative note was struck when police seized two youths who were seen atop a roof with a pellet rifle during the parade. No violence marred the event.

GER Robert E. Boney, whom Peekskill Lodge honored that night at a banquet and ball for Elks from New York's South District, termed the display "One that should be repeated in every community" which "never again would be bothered by long-haired punks."



BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS of the Peekskill area display "I Am An American Day" posters and buttons. The youngsters accepted donations for the buttons. GER Robert E. Boney and PDD and PSP James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, were among the dignitaries on hand. Mayor William Murden of Peekskill proclaimed the week, "I Am An American Day Week."

Brother Boney was honorary chairman of the lodge committee for the day, sponsored with the assistance of the city's Joint Veterans Council. Co-chairmen were Cornelius O'Kane of the council and PVP and Peekskill PER Charles B. De Luca.

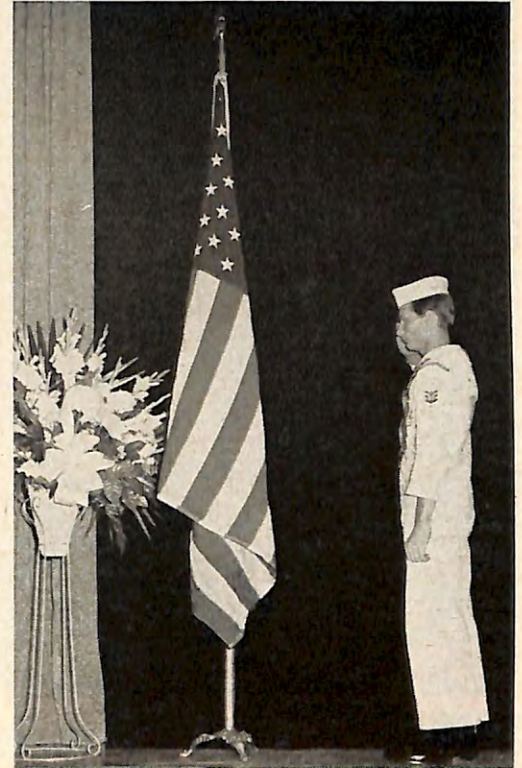
Among the dignitaries at the dinner and ball were PDD and PSP James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; DDGER Charles A. Toterio, New Rochelle; U.S. Rep. Richard Ottinger (D.-Pleasantville), state Sen. Bernard G. Gordon (R.-Peekskill), and Mayor William Murden of Peekskill. Brother Boney was the principal speaker at the dinner.



MARQUETTE, Michigan, Elk Gene Longtine (left), safety and courtesy chairman, presents the lodge's monthly safety certificates to six youngsters who were cited for saving four persons from drowning in Lake Superior. The winners are (first row): Debbie Beaudry, John Steadman, and Tim and Gregory Melka, who all were credited with saving a mother and daughter, and (rear): Thomas Buchkoe and James Jannausch, who were cited for saving two 7-year-old girls. Police Chief George Johnson looks on during the ceremony in the Marquette Police Station.



BURBANK, California, ER Frank E. Stephens Jr. tries out the driver's seat during the 13th annual Elks' Day at the Races at Hollywood Park. At the left is Amendin's trainer and driver—Robert Williams. The event is held for the state association's cerebral palsy fund. Through the courtesy of the Western Harness Racing Assn., each lodge retains 100 percent of its ticket sales for its piggy bank program.



A YOUNG AMERICAN SALUTES HIS FLAG. Raymond Schmit, Chicago, a member of the Sea Elks, sponsored by Chicago (South) Lodge, pays respect to the national colors after posting them at graduation exercises of Little Company of Mary Hospital. The Sea Elks are high school boys.



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS of his son and dramatizing an unusual occurrence in Frackville, Pa., Lodge history, D. William Moll accepts the Exalted Ruler's gavel from his son, retiring ER Lamar W. Moll.



ONE "BABY" LODGE—Santa Clara, Calif., Lodge—has something to crow about. Mayor Larry Marsalli (second from right) holds the special merit award the city of Santa Clara presented to the lodge for its outstanding community efforts. ER William E. Beard (right) holds the special Grand Lodge award for youth activities he accepted for the lodge at the GL annual convention last July in Chicago. Also pictured are Est. Lead. Kt. Lyle McDonald and Est. Lect. Kt. Emil Flosi. In presenting the GL award, Chairman Melville J. Junion of the GL Youth Activities Committee, Green Bay, Wis., praised Santa Clara Lodge as an "inspiration to all 'baby' lodges and also to those established for a long time." The lodge was instituted May 7, 1966.

THE RETIRING CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE GRAND FORUM—now SDGER Benjamin F. Watson (second from right), Lansing, Mich.—accepts an Irish crystal bowl from the current Grand Forum: Justices Edward J. McCormick Jr., Toledo, Ohio, and Thomas F. Rhodes Jr., Trenton, N.J., of Hamilton Lodge; current Chief Justice Thad Eure, Raleigh, N.C.; and Justices John T. Raftis, Colville, Wash., and Harold J. Field, Boston, of Brookline Lodge. The presentation took place during the Grand Lodge annual convention last July in Chicago.





LANSING, Michigan, PER Don K. Catlin welcomes Ann Arbor PER Carl G. Stehle during dedication week for a new, \$600,000 Lansing Lodge building. Looking on are SDGER Benjamin F. Watson, Past Chief Justice of the Grand Forum; PDD Roy R. Gallie, a member of the GL Committee on Credentials, and PDD S. Glen Converse, Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight. All three are Lansing Past Exalted Rulers. A class was initiated during the week.



RIDING PONIES at Woodbridge, N.J., Lodge's annual crippled children's picnic are two of the more than 50 guests carefully supervised by a counselor.



CHECKING HANDICAPS at Ohio Elks' 1967 golf tournament at Lost Creek Country Club, Lima, are Lima PER Joseph J. Blanchard, state golf chairman; Ron Line and Ray LaGoy, Lost Creek pros; SP and PDD Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green; and three Lima Elks—DDGER Richard B. Taylor, ER Edsel R. Peyton, and Arthur Stimmel, the official starter. The tourney, the largest in Ohio Elks' history, had 264 entries.



THE FOURTH ELK SON of North Attleboro, Mass., ER J. Edward Poirier (center)—Neal Poirier (third from left)—is congratulated by his father after the initiation ceremony. Also shown are VP and PDD Joseph E. Brett, Quincy; DDGER Henry G. Crapo, Taunton; Brother Poirier's sons Ross and Kevin, and SDGER and PSP John F. Cahill, Belmont, of Cambridge Lodge. Brother Poirier's fourth Elk son—Donald—now lives in New Hampshire.



THE THIRD GENERATION of the Wagner family to join Sidney, Ohio, Lodge is represented by Dennis P. Wagner (second from right), whose grandfather, George Wagner (third from left), is lodge Esquire and father, Edwin (third from right), is Esteemed Loyal Knight. Also present for the initiation were ER Kenneth Copella, Brother Gary Wagner, brother of the candidate, and DDGER Robert R. Bramble, Springfield, on his official visit to the lodge.



YONKERS, New York, PER Peter Larkin (left) presents junior PER James A. Panettiere (second from right), a municipal justice of Yonkers, with a solid gold card-carrying case and an appropriate membership at a testimonial dinner dance in his honor. Brother Larkin had sponsored Brother Panettiere's membership and initiated him. Looking on are DDGER Charles A. Toter, New Rochelle; VP Rudolph Petrucci, and ER Richard T. Moore.

WATERVLIET, New York, ER Charles J. McGourty (second from right) is ready to snip the ribbon to reopen the lodge's eight bowling alleys in which automatic pinsetters were installed recently. Also shown are PER Edward T. McClellan, Building Committee chairman; Robert E. LaPierre, and Joseph L. Ludzinski, bowling chairman.



AT HAMBURG, New York, Lodge's family picnic, youngsters learn baseball batting technique from a skilled diamond coach—Est. Lead. Kt. Bill Sieber.



MELROSE, Massachusetts, ER William J. Barrett (second from left) presents a \$150 check to Joseph Perna, manager of the lodge's Little League baseball team, for new players' uniforms. Looking on are Robert S. Riley, youth activities chairman, and Secy. Matthew F. Divver. The team has been lodge sponsored for 18 years.



DISTINGUISHED ELKS at the District Deputy's meeting in Raleigh Lodge for the East District of North Carolina include DDGER R. R. Mobley, Rocky Mount; PDD and PSP Thad Eure, Raleigh, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum; state Secy. A. A. Ruffin, Wilson; ER L. Griffis Worthington, Raleigh, and SP and PDD C. M. Adams Jr., Statesville. Also present were seven Past State Presidents.



LIBERTY, New York, Lodge's Boy Scout Troop No. 96 enjoys a summer vacation at Beech Mt. Scout Camp. In the last row are Asst. Scoutmaster Steven Bleier, Scoutmaster Melvin Roth, an Elk, and his twin sons, Eagle Scouts David and Mike Roth.



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER James E. Ekelberry (fourth from left), Delaware, of Ohio's North-Central District, receives the jewels of office from immediate PDD Duane L. Rogers, Sandusky. Others pictured are PDDs Thomas L. Gilliland and Jack J. Flahive, both of Delaware, who hold their gift to Brother Ekelberry of a leather briefcase; Lancaster PER and the Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Washington Court House, Past Grand Chaplain and the main speaker; PSP Walter G. Penry, Radnor, of Delaware Lodge, GL Lodge Activities Committeeman; SP and PDD Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green, and ER Garold Klump, Delaware.



PROVING ONCE AGAIN that it's never too late to become an Elk is W. C. (Gunner) Smith, who was initiated into Cody, Wyo., Lodge recently at the age of 85. Congratulating the octogenarian are his son, Paul (right), a Past Exalted Ruler and lodge Treasurer, and ER Gerald Sedam. Brother Smith's son-in-law, Snooks McDonald, is a 25-year lodge member.

LODGE NOTES

Ready to meet a challenging future, Watsonville, Calif., Lodge reports a proud accomplishment—a 100 percent paid-up membership for more than 25 years. Congratulations, Brothers!

A \$2,000 bequest to the Elks National Foundation by the late Samuel A. Moore, St. Johnsbury, Vt., has provided five St. Johnsbury area students with foundation scholarships.

St. Johnsbury Elks selected the scholarship recipients in conformance with the provisions of Mr. Moore's will, which also stipulated that the grants should go to youngsters living in the area served by the lodge.

Grants of \$500 each went to Barbara J. Griggs, Danville; Stephen F. Maynard, St. Johnsbury, and Judith M. Day, Sheffield. Stephen Elliott, St. Johnsbury, and Patricia H. Albee, St. Johnsbury Center, each received \$250.

Melrose, Mass., Lodge has signed the necessary papers and is erecting its new building to replace the one damaged by fire last December.

Victorville, Calif., Elks appreciate the dedication with which their veterans chairman—Marty Roesner—pleads for "any old magazines, radios, shavers, hides" to be donated to veterans' hospitals. His only reward is the greeting, "Hi, Marty," when he visits one of the hospitals. "You can't buy the affection

in that greeting for any amount of money," Brother Roesner is quoted as saying in an article in the *Victorville Daily Press*. Other dedicated Elks in the country well could agree with him.

Vero Beach, Fla., Lodge takes pride in the fact that it has 19 members whose sons also belong to the lodge. The fathers and sons total 41.

Pratt, Kan., Elks mourn the death June 5 of a Brother—PDD Ray L. Simmons. Brother Simmons was the District Deputy for Kansas' Southwest District in 1956-1957.

Through the generosity of Elmira, N.Y., Elks and their ladies, U.S. servicemen in Vietnam—the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment—recently received a gift of nearly 500 pounds of items like books, magazines, and playing cards and 200 packages of cigarettes.

A Waltham, Mass., High School senior—David J. Coughlan—recently won the local Elks' Most Valuable Student scholarship award of \$500. Coughlan was planning to use it toward financing his studies at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston.

Jamestown, N.D., Lodge recently held its 4th annual Elks Charities Stag in a program through which the lodge has been able to contribute \$10,500 to Jamestown Crippled Children's School. This amount was matched by a Hill-Burton federal grant for physical therapy equipment and support for other handi-

capped children. This last year, the lodge has provided almost \$4,000 for various charities.

Lynbrook, N.Y., Elks believe that their American flag, which measures 12 by 31 feet, is the largest in Elkdom. The flag was handmade by one of the Elks' ladies.

Pryor, Okla., Elks demonstrated how the members of a small lodge can give a bit of themselves to help their community during a recent visit of an American Red Cross bloodmobile.

When donors were given the opportunity to credit firms or organizations for their contributions, the Elks came out on top with 19 credits.

Members of Newport Harbor, Calif., Lodge recently loaned three boats for the enjoyment of about 35 disabled veterans from the veterans' hospital in Long Beach. Accompanied by Red Cross Gray Ladies, the vets were treated to a fun-filled day in the sun which included lunch.

Along with 8-year-old Ricky Burdge, a pupil at the Conyer School for Cerebral Palsy, special guests at Visalia, Calif., Lodge's annual charity circus were children from the Development Center for Handicapped Minors and patients from the Porterville State Hospital of Mental Hygiene. Proceeds from the circus, sponsored by Visalia Lodge for the last eight years, amount to more than \$2,000 each year for the state major project and local charities.



NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Elks present a \$500 check to launch the building program for a local sports stadium which will be the home of the Rancho High School Rams. Secy. Angelo M. Codella congratulates Lt. Ernie Konnyu, organizing committee vice-president, who holds the check. Also pictured are (from left): USAF Capt. John Sanchez, project coordinator; Kenneth Pilkington; Adam Yacenda; John Walsh; Eugene Owens, and PER Pablo Arenaz, principal of the high school. In charge of the project is Mayor William Taylor (not shown), who also is a member of the Order.



GREAT NECK, New York, Elks honor lodge members who are past and present judges at their 12th annual Public Officials Night dinner. Each was given an engraved plaque like the one held by Frank A. Gulotta (fourth from left), a State Supreme Court justice and the guest speaker, and PER Vincent R. Balletta Jr., a state assemblyman and the dinner chairman. Others are (from left): Irwin Browner, a former judge of the village of Great Neck Plaza; James L. Dowsey Jr., a Nassau County judge; Philip Blumenson, a judge of the village of Great Neck; ER James R. Wells; Bernard Tomson, a district judge, and PVP Franklin G. Edwards, a judge of the village of Great Neck Plaza.



OHIO'S STATE PRESIDENT—Elwood W. Reed (seated, center), Bowling Green—discusses charitable plans for the coming year in Columbus with six newly appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. They are (seated): Richard B. Taylor, Lima, and Leo D. Morgan, Circleville, and (standing): Robert R. Bramble, Springfield; James E. Ekelberry, Delaware; Laurence E. Starkey, Ashtabula, and L. L. Hernley, Kent.



MIAMI, Florida, ER Louis J. Herring (left) presents a \$250 check to Boy Scout Commissioner Thomas L. Tatham. The funds are to help send Boy Scouts to summer camp at the Sebring (Fla.) Scout Reservation.



SIX HAPPY STUDENTS in the jurisdiction of Lowell, Mass., Lodge receive scholarships totaling \$2,500 from ER John J. Fleming (fourth from left). The winners are Susan Hubert, Andrea Notini, Patricia Callahan, Nancy Lee Crocker, Sheila Callahan, and Maura O'Neill. The other Elk pictured is PER Walter J. Markham, scholarship chairman.



WOODBIDGE, New Jersey, Lodge hosts the Central New Jersey Crippled Children's Committee at a meeting on the Easter Seal campaign. Michael Berko (right), Woodbridge, committee chairman, welcomes the New Jersey State Elks poster child—Bernadette Oswald of Lincoln Park—and her father, Thomas. At left is Herman York.



A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION Certificate of Recognition is presented to lodges in New York's Southeast District by Dr. Philip R. Casesa (center), director of the VA hospital in Brooklyn. Accepting the award are Brooklyn Elks James V. Mangano and Frank Fitzgerald, Elks National Service Commission representative.



MASSACHUSETTS' GOVERNOR—Brother John A. Volpe (center)—accepts two tickets to the state association's 21st annual Charity Baseball Game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees at Fenway Park from the event chairman—Winthrop PER Charles E. Gill. Also shown at the governor's office in Boston are VP and PDD Joseph E. Brett, Quincy; PDD Andrew A. Biggio, Winthrop, founder and honorary chairman of the game committee, and PGER and Judge John E. Fenton. About 2,000 Elks and their families attended the game; as a result, about \$1,500 was contributed to the Elks National Foundation.



DEMONSTRATING TRUE BROTHERHOOD, Sistersville, W.Va., Lodge presented the ritual at the initiation of 11 men into Marietta, Ohio, Lodge in Marietta. Among those shown are PDD M. B. Letzelter (first row, fifth from left), Steubenville, Ohio, a state Trustee, and to the right of him, ER O. J. Gabbert, Marietta, and Sistersville PER Keith O'Brien. In the second row are Marietta PER F. D. O'Connell (left), DDGER William R. Gregory (fourth from right), Paden City, W.Va., of Sistersville Lodge, and Sistersville PERs Donald Stokes and J. A. Case (second from right and right, respectively). A plaque for membership gain was presented by Brother Letzelter.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Robert E. Boney joins Ohio Elks for their 38th annual fall reunion in Columbus. Other dignitaries shown are (seated): SP and PDD Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green, PGER and Dr. Edward J. McCormick and (standing): Grand Trustee and PSP E. Gene Fournace, Canton, of Newark Lodge; Zanesville PER Ernest B. Graham Jr., GL Auditing and Accounting Committeeman; VP and Willoughby PER George B. Walker, Mentor; Toledo PER and Justice Edward J. McCormick Jr. of the Grand Forum, and PSP Nelson E. W. Stuart, Chicago, of Cleveland Lodge, Executive Director of the Elks National Foundation. Also present were PGER Fred L. Bohn and PSP Walter G. Penry, Radnor, of Delaware Lodge, GL Lodge Activities Committeeman.

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THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC Bobsled Team benefits to the tune of \$765 at a dinner sponsored by Keeseville, N.Y., Lodge. The driver of one of the sleds—William Hickey, a lodge member—is shown admiring the Olympic display set up for the affair, arranged by PER Louis J. Riani.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, Elks initiated a class recently to honor PER E. Paul Howard, state Trustees chairman, seated in the center of the first row with ER Ray Ramser. The Howard presented his son with the Elks' pin given to him 20 years ago when he joined the Order.



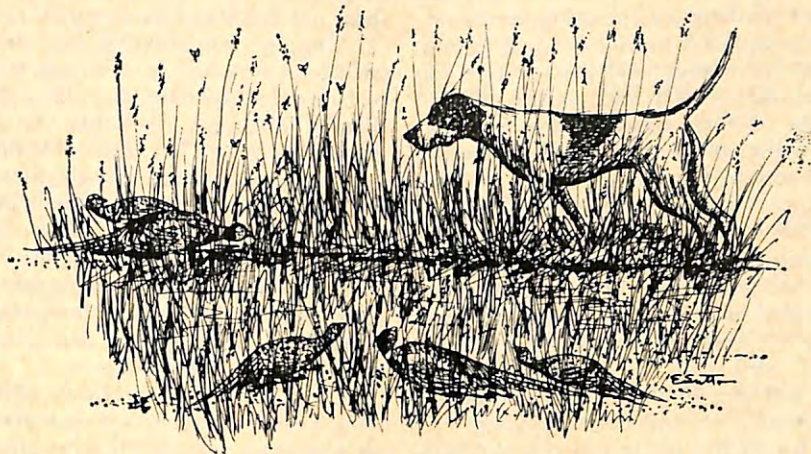
IT'S ALL TRUE

By BILL TRUE

Nebraska for Ringnecks

I walked along the railroad track toward a little slough as my pointer, Joey, looking "birdy," worked the sunny right-of-way to my left and slightly ahead of me. We were hunting pheasants in Nebraska, my favorite ringneck state. It was January and few hunters were afield, although this is traditionally a great month on the Nebraska plains, with hen pheasants added as bonus legal game.

Joey pointed. I eased my over-and-under 20-gauge into the "ready" position and moved to flush the bird. But the pointer moved forward now, his tail wagging like a flag. The pheasant was obviously running ahead of him, as wily old roosters often do. I steadied the dog and ran a few steps forward.



No matter how many times it happens, the explosion of a rooster from tight cover is still one of the thrills in hunting that never fails to jangle my nerves. This one was no exception, rocketing up and to the right with his rapid clucks sounding like a rusty gate. I swung the gun, leading him by two feet as he caught a strong northwest wind and gained speed. I missed with the first shot, kept swinging and folded the gaudy game bird with the full-choke barrel.

"Fetch," and Joey ran, pounced, and brought back the big winter cock bird to my hand.

The advent of the Soil Bank has upped the pheasant population in Nebraska as more and more land has been allowed to lie fallow and go into the thick weedy cover that pheasants love. During the late season in January, I have found that the best spots for locating the birds are along railroad tracks or near sloughs. On bright days, the sunny sides of river banks are hot spots too. As with any bird hunting, the use of a dog adds 100 percent to the sport and eliminates a lot of crippled birds too. My young pointer is a master at handling pheasants, although some quail dogs have a hard time getting used to the big birds that often will not hold to a point.

I prefer a 20-gauge gun with number 6 shot, but many hunters swear by the reliable 12-gauge; a big pheasant rooster can carry off a lot of lead without falling. And if you don't get your bird on the rise, be sure and lead him plenty if he turns and flies downwind. They don't look like aerial speedsters but ringnecks can hit a good clip when they're riding the wind.

TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

Do you know how well your shot gun shoots? To find out, put up a large piece of paper and walk off about 35 to 40 paces, the range at which you'll do much of your shooting. Fire at the center of the paper and check the shot pattern. If there are large areas without shot holes your gun has a "blown" pattern through which game can escape. And to convince yourself that long range shot-gunning is really "for the birds," try a couple of shots in the paper at 70 yards or more. Few guns will deliver an effective pattern at this distance.



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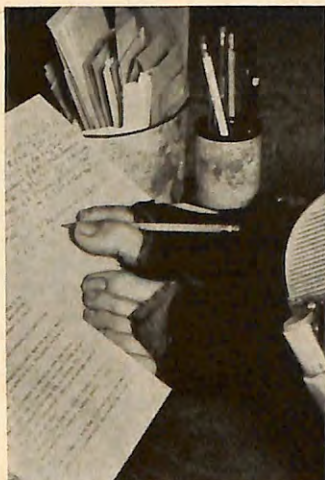
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The Kid With Educated Toes/

By MARVIN SWANSON



The night I called Tracy Hamilton followed a trying day. I had pecked away at the typewriter with two improvised fingers, making exasperating errors.

He was in his iron lung when I rang. While his mother held the receiver the 17-year-old youth told me of his activities on their ranch in the San Joaquin Valley of California. And I learned he typed his homework with his two big toes! By the time I hung up, my own troubles appeared as though viewed through the wrong end of a telescope.

I had never met Tracy—1,600 miles separated us. His toes had marvelous dexterity, and my two “fingers” worked pretty well. So between his two big toes and my fingers we established a communication and fast friendship.

A friend put me in touch with Tracy because I wrote a weekly column and he thought our disabilities complemented each other. I buzz around in a motorized chair, without the use of legs and feet, and Tracy walked without the use of limbs above the waist. Several columns were run on him, and I heard also from his mother and father, a sister, his beloved tutor, and two Elks therapists.

Doctors, nurses, and patients called him “the kid with educated toes.” He lived one breath away from death. If the plug inserted in his windpipe at times became dislodged or if his air flow failed—if an internal block formed—if . . . But Tracy kept his mind filled with the laughter, adventure and joy of life. For 13 years he waged the hardest kind of battle, one that requires limitless patience, renewed faith, hope, courage, and tears and disappointments, to make a useful and happy life and inspire others.

Five-year-old Tracy Hamilton was rushed to an iron lung at Fresno County Hospital on June 19, 1953, with spinal-bulbar polio, the worst kind. Soon he couldn't move a muscle, talk, swallow, or breathe. Tube-fed, he had a tracheotomy. Chances of survival were very small.

Lucille Hamilton learned to read her son's lips. His first silent words to her, during a strictly limited visit, with his

eyes on the minute hand of the clock, were: “I don't want it to jump.” No boy probably ever stated more aptly how much his mother's presence meant.

After a few months he chuckled while he watched in a mirror, through a second-story window, his sisters—Sandy, 10, Gail, 8, Lorna, 7—on the ground below. They did stunts to make him laugh. At home at night they cried in their pillows. Why had it happened to their little brother? Their mother taught them, by her example, “what” they could do was far more important than “why.” She learned to operate the iron lung, the suction machine, and about the therapy ahead.

Eight months later March of Dimes sent Tracy, in his 900-pound iron lung in a moving van, to Rancho Los Amigos in Los Angeles County. There he came out of his iron lung on “positive pressure.” A hose from the lung was attached to his windpipe and supplied his lungs with air while he lay on a bed part of the time. His future seemed bleak—accidental death anytime and total incapacity.

But after months of practice, flat on his back, he watched in a mirror as his toes gripped a pencil and laboriously formed words. By really concentrating on his limited assets, a small boy was finding no limit to the satisfaction he could gain, or to progress, or to fun.

He became a dexterous lower-digital pickpocket and relieved doctors, therapists, and nurses standing by his bed of pens, pencils, tongue depressors, stethoscopes, etc. He played cards with his toes, counted change, gave a nurse's hair an impish tug once in awhile. He could lie with one foot crossed over a propped-up knee, clutching a paperback book in his toes reading.

His joyousness and jokes entertained others—even a certain shot-administering nurse. He quickly unclasped her name pin with his toes and gave her a gentle jab of her own medicine.

After three years Tracy arrived back on the Hamilton's 50-acre irrigated ranch in an ambulance in a Portalong. In his room he had his iron lung and a suction machine in case of a cold. “It's

a good old iron lung to do my breathing," he wrote once, "and it's comfortable, but I wish sometimes I didn't have such a small living room."

When Mrs. Barbara Huey and Miss Helen James, occupational and physical therapists for California Elks Major Project, first visited the 8-year-old boy, he unbuttoned Miss James' blouse, on the sly, with his toes. They brought out a locked portable typewriter, laid the key beside it, and he met the challenge.

Barbara and "Jamie," his close friends and allies in his battle, visited him weekly, devising exercises and projects. He learned to work with fine electronic components with tweezers held between his toes. "Jamie" started him on the road to becoming a radio ham. Soon he had a peg board of tools for intricate work with a magnifying lamp. He learned not to draw a line between the possible and impossible until he had tried. In ten years he grew from a mischievous little kid, who might pot-shot with his rubber dart gun, if they turned around, to a teen-ager they admired and loved.

Tracy's learning to walk was a marvel of patience and courage. At first, his mother hand-pumped air into his lungs while he tried to stand in a walker and move. Every day he practiced "frog breathing," a forced gulping of air with the mouth, throat, and larynx. He overcame the bulbar-polio patient's intense fear of being away from breathing equipment. (He had practically no normal breathing capacity.) For frog breathing, he had a small plug inserted in his windpipe. Should it be dislodged he would suffocate in a few minutes. He wore a body and head brace to stand, his useless arms and hands positioned with splints.

Next, outdoors, his mother walked behind him, holding him and putting her knees behind his. "I would stop often, kneel on one knee while Tracy sat on my other knee to rest," she said.

The sweet day of triumph came after two long years of persevering. Ten-year-old Tracy walked into Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, wearing a cowboy hat and boots. He amazed the staff—he could walk one-quarter of a mile without resting and frog-breathe the limit allowed him, three hours per day. Inside, however, he remained in a wheelchair on positive pressure and slept in the iron lung at night.

Miss Hazel Bailey, his home tutor for two years, felt terrified when Tracy's mother first showed her how to insert a windpipe plug if the electricity failed, so Tracy could frog-breathe. Mrs. Hamilton had to go outside occasionally.

Eight-year-old Tracy, an old hand at living dangerously, calmed her: "Now, there's no call to get excited." Once, before Tracy could frog-breathe, an

ear-splitting lightning bolt knocked out the power. Alone with him in a wild, nightmarish storm, his mother struggled in vain to start a gasoline generator. Every second counting, she quickly attached a hand-pump bellows to his windpipe and kept him breathing for an hour before help came.

"Bailey," as Tracy affectionately called her, soon keenly anticipated tutoring him. "Any gloom I might have from a hard day disappeared like magic," she said. He touched everything with his toes—her dress or sweater, her hair, rocks she brought, artifacts, and flowers. When they sat at a table, her shoes often became untied.

When Tracy longed to earn money, Bailey brought out a jewelry making kit. It was very difficult. With tweezers held in his toes, he arranged tiny shells, rocks, and sea forms in molds, poured in liquid plastic with measuring spoons, mixed and applied colors. He sanded them and glued the backs on.

When he seemed stumped Bailey would say, "I'd hate to think a hunk of plastic is smarter than you are." He labored on and solutions unfolded—even for a 10-year-old, with useless arms and hands, encumbered with a 15-foot hose attached to his windpipe, and propped up by a body jacket.

Bailey wrote, "Believe me, Tracy's candles (which he also made) and jewelry are beautiful and professional-looking. He is a perfectionist." People in California and in the Midwest own bolo (western) ties, earrings, tie tacks, cuff links, key chains, necklaces, bracelets, pins "made by the educated toes of Tracy Hamilton."

Tracy and Bailey remained close, life-long buddies. "We run out of time but never something to talk about or music to listen to," she wrote. Her love for him shone between the lines of her letters. "Anyone is fortunate to know Tracy. He inspires me to do much more with my abilities. He is alive to beauty wherever it is—the most complete and courageous person I've ever known."

Gail, Tracy's sister, wrote, "Growing up with Tracy kept my own troubles in perspective. We girls learned to put pettiness aside and to serve and pull together." The three helped with his therapy and could operate the iron lung as well as their mother.

When Tracy was nine, 12-year-old Gail begged her mother to bring him to a Mother's Day Tea at school. Mrs. Hamilton hesitated. How would the children treat him? Tracy was eager to go, so she took him. He captivated the kids and after he could frog-breathe and walk, umpired at their baseball games.

Tracy played tricks on his sisters. He would grasp a cane with his toes and
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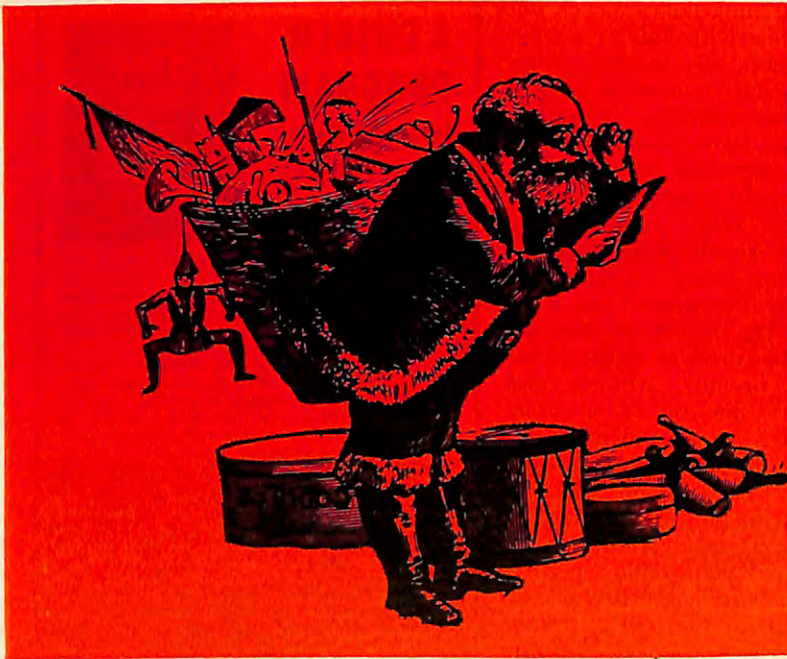
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Santa Claus (Pony Smith) and his helpers from Casper, Wyo., Lodge wait for the pack horse (center) to be loaded with gifts for delivery to needy families' homes on Christmas Eve. The band made many return trips to the lodge for additional gifts.



Elks Add Sparkle to Yule for Needy

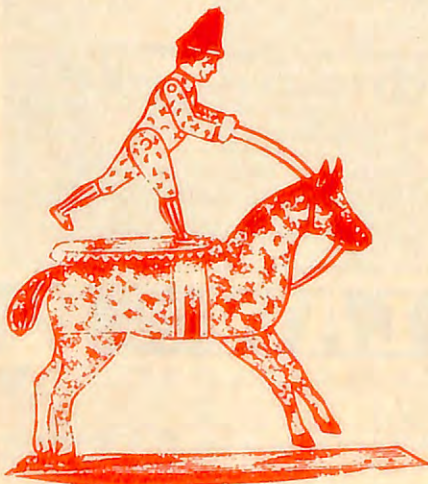
Radiating their Christmas Spirit of '66, Elks throughout the United States and its possessions were busily occupied preparing gifts of food in baskets, new clothing, and toys for carefully selected needy families.

After devoting much spare time to packing the food and toys, the Elks donated more hours to make the deliveries. They used their personal vehicles—pickup trucks, station wagons, autos, horses, and even helicopters.

Elkdom's Christmas Charity Program aided and entertained a total of 248,772 persons in 51,218 families, according to the 835 lodges reporting. The total expenditure reported was \$846,798.09.

The food baskets varied in cost from \$10 to \$15 each. Some contained a turkey and a picnic ham and all the trimmings, others, a chicken, plus staples, canned goods, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

At each lodge, Yuletide decorations



Youngsters huff and puff during the balloon-blowing contest at Ocala, Fla., Elks' annual Christmas party. Lonnie Edwards, a judge, awaits the first explosion.

Living up to a lad's expectations, a silken-bearded Santa Claus gently proffers a wrapped peppermint cane during San Jose, Calif., Elks' children's party.

With White Plains, N.Y., Lodge's children's party the destination, Santa Claus (Brother Patrick Kelley) is about to board a helicopter at Westchester Airport.



and a glittering Christmas tree lent the proper background for the children's parties. Of course there was a Santa, too, rotund, jolly, and well-supplied with gifts for all.

During the holiday season of 1966, the Elks spread happiness at their annual parties among thousands of members' children, orphans, the crippled, the mentally retarded, the blind, and the deaf-mutes. Entertainment included variety shows, movie cartoons, performances by clowns and magicians, and puppet shows.

Elks' Santa Clauses did not limit their good works to children's parties and food baskets. Armed with gifts, they also visited hospitalized children, indigent adults, and hospitalized veterans, as well as homes for destitute men, homes for unwed mothers, and convalescent homes.

Scranton, Pa., Elks gave 302 area children, ages 6 to 12, complete outfits of clothing plus bags of fruits, vegetables, candy, popcorn, and comic books. On the morning of the party, the Keystone Beauty School donated its services for boys' haircuts and Antone's Beauty School donated its services for cutting and setting girls' hair.

Long Beach, Calif., Lodge obtained funds for its Christmas charity activities from a Christmas Charity Ball which netted \$30,000. The remaining funds were used throughout 1967 to help more than 40 charities.

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A jovial St. Nick assures two young charms at Portland, Oreg., Elks' Yule party that he gave them special surprise gifts.



Santa Claus' gifts of goodies at Fayetteville, Ark., Lodge's annual party fascinate all the youngsters, even a babe-in-arms.



Busy Washington, Mo., Elks sort toys by age groups for children in more than 100 families. Manning the first-row assembly line are PER Victor Hase and ER Richard Nickerson.



A pantomime features a plush-garbed Santa Claus, Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and a helper at Fond du Lac, Wis., Lodge's children's party. The 400 guests enjoyed treats and gifts.

Boulder, Colo., Elks, after assembling food baskets and other gifts for 150 needy families, check their address list before starting deliveries.



CHRISTMAS 1967

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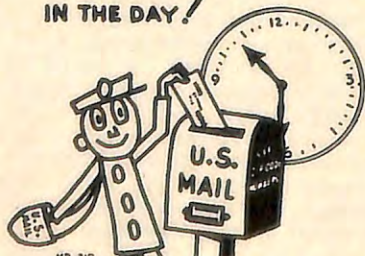
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Miss Jo Ann Clelland, recipient of a \$1,000 Elks National Foundation grant, is pictured working with a cerebral palsied child, three-year-old Elizabeth Burr, at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Clelland, sponsored by Birmingham, Ala., Lodge, received the grant to help finance her studies in the treatment of cerebral palsy victims at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. The Foundation previously awarded Miss Clelland \$900, which she used to complete her first year of training. She expects to receive a Master of Science degree in physical therapy next year.

Excerpts from a letter
from Miss Norma Boekel of Greeley, Colorado:

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Norma Boekel

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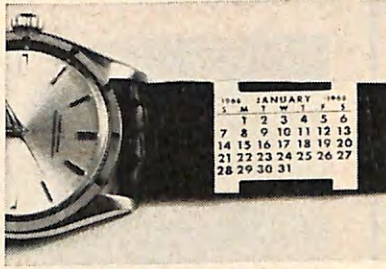
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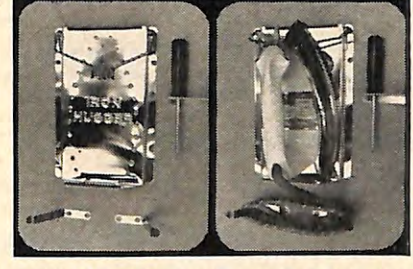
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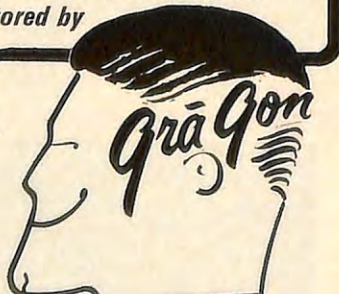
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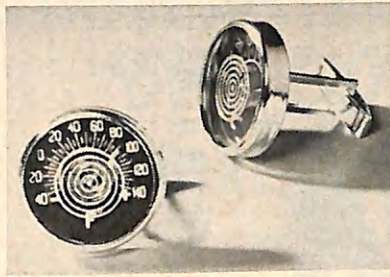


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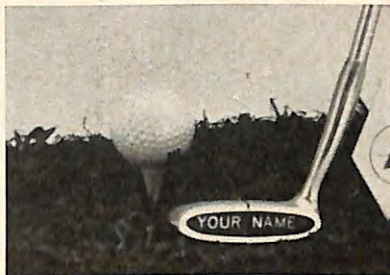
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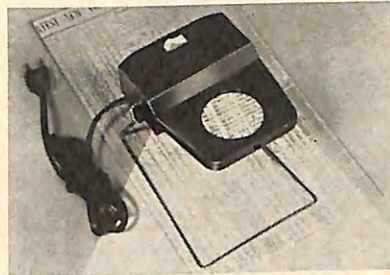
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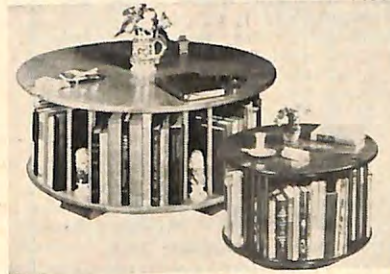
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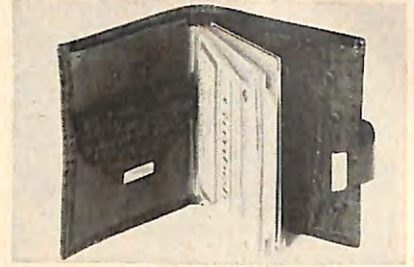
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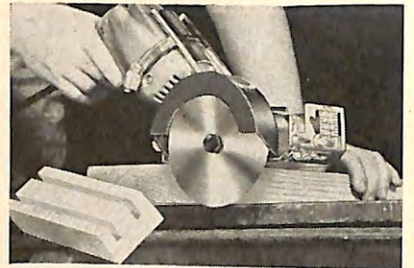
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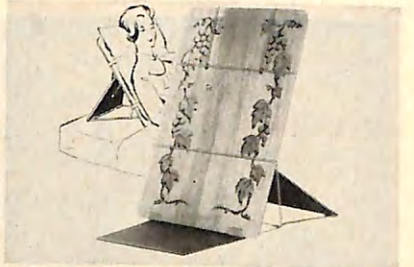
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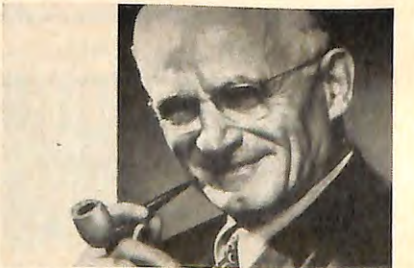
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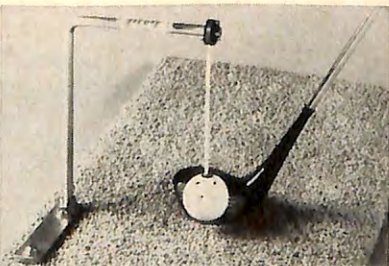
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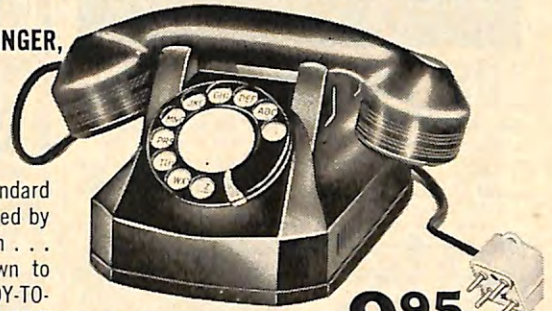
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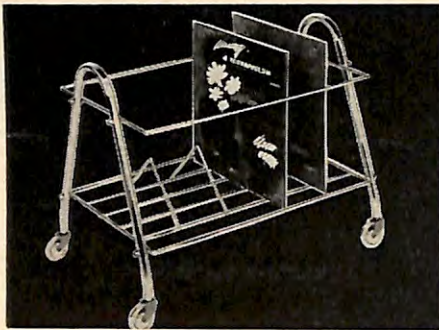
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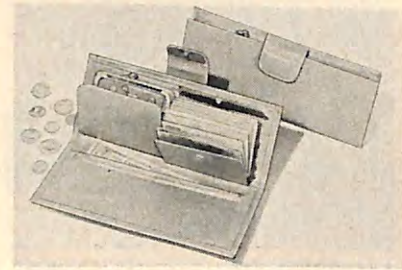


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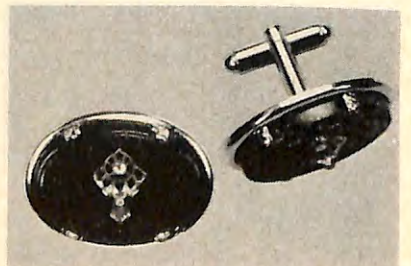
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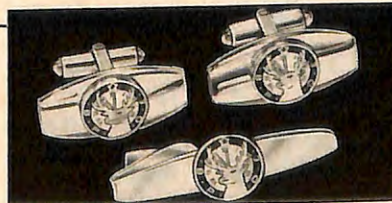


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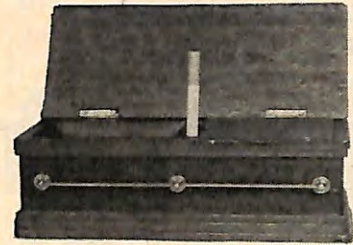
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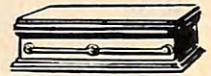


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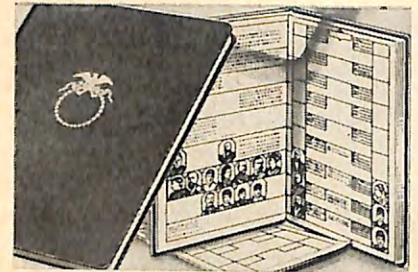


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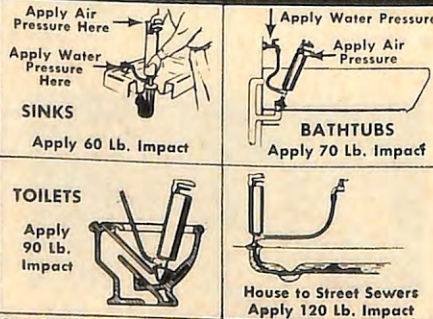
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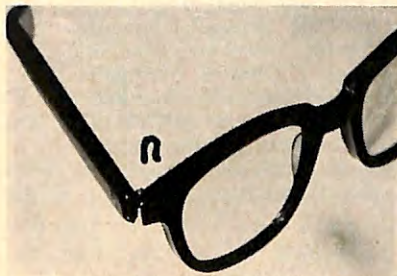
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GER Robert E. Boney was an honored guest at the 38th annual fall reunion of the Ohio Elks Association in Columbus. On this occasion Brother Boney received an honorary membership of the Ohio Past Exalted Rulers Association from Dover PER Robert Kennedy, first vice-president of the PERs association.



During his tour of New England, GER Robert E. Boney stopped at Hartford, Vt., Lodge and congratulated members of the lodge on their fine Elks National Foundation participation. Pictured with Brother Boney are (from left) Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Raymond J. Quesnel, Montpelier, Vt.; ER Gilbert A. Currier; Peter Hall, lodge Foundation chairman; PGER John E. Fenton, Boston; SDCER Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, Mass., of Boston Lodge; and PER W. Edward Wilson, Auburndale, Mass., of Newton Lodge, member of the GL Americanism Committee.

The honored guest at the Virginia State Elks Association convention in Lynchburg, GER Robert E. Boney presents a Most Valuable Student certificate of \$800 to Kathleen E. Dawson of Portsmouth. Looking on is Joseph W. Freeman, Austinville, sponsored by Pulaski Lodge, who placed second in the national competition and won \$1,400.



GER Robert Boney addresses an audience of almost 200 at a dinner and ball that concluded a recent Elks-sponsored "I Am An American Day" in Peekskill, N.J. Brother Boney complimented Peekskill Lodge and the city for showing "faith in America in staging the greatest demonstration I have ever seen." The highlight of the celebrations was a colorful parade sponsored by the lodge with the assistance of the Joint Veterans Council and participation by community organizations.



Grand Lodge

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in dignity, in fellowship, and in effectiveness, the Elks had come a long, long way from the gathering of convivial spirits known as Jolly Corks.

During 1870, a Committee on Jewels was formed, met, did its work, and presented the lodge with its first set of officers' jewels.

Another significant event was the proposal of Brother Tony Pastor "that the lodge set apart an evening for the purpose of inviting our mothers, wives, sisters, and female friends to our social session, and that no male friends be admitted on that evening." This was done, and in that day and age it was an almost unprecedented move. The male lodge or club or society was regarded as sancrosanct, where no female was permitted. But this, as nothing else, brought the families of Elks into an awareness and approval of the B.P.O.E. and its works.

A steady increase of membership forced the lodge to move to larger quarters. Negotiations were opened to acquire Masonic (later called Clarendon) Hall on 13th Street. While this building was being renovated, the Elks met for a time at 720 Broadway. When the move to Clarendon Hall was finally made, initiation fees were raised to \$10 for each degree, or \$20 in all.

This was, in the era of penny sodas and nickel beer (with free lunch included) a very considerable fee. But in this, and in accepting relatively heavy per capita taxes, the Elks were obviously thinking of future progress. A benevolent society had to have or raise a reasonable amount of money, the great tool and lubricant for good in American life, and certainly the leaders of Elkdom were concerned with their emerging image. Elkdom was now, very soon, leaving its Bohemian background behind and becoming a solid organization, of solid citizens, the kind of men who were both concerned with and could be effective in their community.

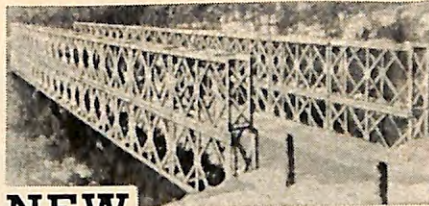
This last feeling led the lodge to petition the New York legislature for a state charter. This was not granted, because of opposition of some state officials. The argument against the charter was that the B.P.O.E. lodge was merely a subterfuge to evade the "Blue Laws" of the city, and to run an "open saloon" on Sundays—an argument Elks would hear again, in other times and places. Blocked in the legislature, however, the lodge tried again, by applying to the state Supreme Court. This body issued a charter allowing Elks to hold up to \$50,000 worth of property, and the New York lodge was so incorporated.

Meanwhile, an event of great importance was brewing. When Charles Vivian had gone to Philadelphia in March, 1868, he had quickly organized a coterie of Jolly Corks in that city. The Corks of Philadelphia continued and grew, much fertilized by frequent visits from members of the older organization in New York. When Gotham's Jolly Corks flowered into the B.P.O.E., fortunately there never seems to have been any serious friction between the two organizations. The Phil-

adelphia group apparently never envisioned setting itself up as a rival order. In fact, friendly relations between the two are shown by the fact that on July 3, 1870, the Elks of New York presented "an engrossment of resolutions" to their offshoot in the City of Brotherly Love.

The success of New York Lodge, B.P.O.E., convinced the theatrical professionals based in Philadelphia that they should become Elks, too. In the
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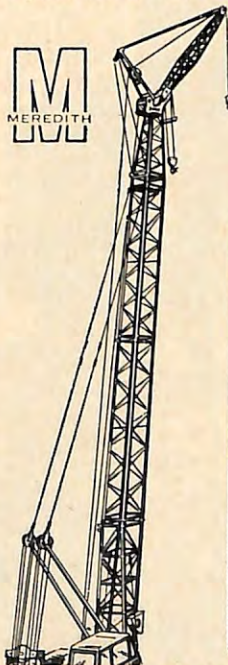
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East is east and west is west, but in far-off Istanbul both meet beside the Bosphorus—the only city in the world overlapping two continents. Istanbul is the bridge between Asia and Europe, a city divided between ancient Araby and the modern world. In the beginning it was the Greek city of Byzantium. Later it became Constantinople, the capital of the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman empires. Sultans reposed in splendid palaces filled with treasures and there were harem girls more beautiful even than those in a Hollywood Technicolor splash.

Some cities are easily forgotten, but Istanbul is not one of them. Its waterfront rivals that of Hong Kong—even San Francisco's. The seven hills of the city look down on the Bosphorus where ships pass, flying the flags of a hundred nations. Because it reminds one of San Francisco, it is movingly romantic at day's end, when the sun is gone and the lights return. Ships clog the Golden Horn, steaming in from the Dardanelles and down from the Black Sea. As darkness falls, harbor lights wink back at elegant homes rising from hillsides above the bay. Huge ocean liners wail mournfully and ferries hurry back and forth on 10-minute trips between Europe and Asia. More than 1.5 million live in Istanbul. Some work in Europe and live in Asia, and vice versa.

Tourists sightseeing in Istanbul stop to rest in the shade of trees that grew beside the ancient Hippodrome. The peacefulness there is in contrast to the tumult in the streets, where traffic is as bad or worse than in places like Paris and Rome. Streets are old and sometimes narrow and the Turks love to drive big cars. It makes for a nightmare during the rush hour. Many of Istanbul's commuters use the ferry, commuting from one continent to another. Every day nearly 200,000 international commuters ride back and forth between their homes in Asia and their offices in Europe. The ferries operate around the clock, the ride lasting about



10 minutes and costing a dime. For long years plans have been under way to retire the ferries and build a bridge or else dig a tunnel to link the two continents. But there is much talk and little action.

Although in Istanbul east meets west, the spies mostly have gone south. Istanbul used to be an exciting international spy center. Now, instead of looking around for spies, the tourist must content himself with little excursions into the underground cisterns, the immense palace of the sultans, the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia's, and the Grand Bazaar.

During Istanbul's spy days, agents came from the world over to take the pulse of this ancient crossroads between east and west. Mostly they took rooms at the popular spy hotel, the Park. After this they would sip aperitifs on the veranda, happily counting the ships passing up and down the Bosphorus between the Black Sea and the Dardanelles. It was good fun being a spy in Istanbul. Everyone knew what everyone else was doing. So they would all sit together there on the veranda at the Park Hotel, counting the ships and exchanging pleasantries.

There was one specially notorious spy. Five Fingers, he was called (his code name was Cicero) and he spied for the Nazis. There were many, many others. Istanbul was their beat. Because of its position near the Balkans, the Middle East, and Black Sea lanes leading to Russian ports, it was a grand listening post. That's why they all counted the ships.

Well, there are still spies in Istanbul, but not like in the days of World War II. They came with their phony passports and their aliases and they saturated neutralist Turkey. Of recent years the spy game has been falling off. And then last year foreign intelligence agents were ordered to move to Ankara, the capital, or lose their diplomatic immunity. This included the naval attaches of the U.S., the U.S.S.R., France, and Britain. They'd been keeping an eye on the Bosphorus and the movement of ships.

Still, they say, a few James Bond types remain. And still the best place to spy from is the old Park Hotel. I went there one day and sat on the veranda where the spies sat during World War II. I ordered tea and I counted the ships moving up and down the Bosphorus, pretending to be a spy. At one time the Park was also the meeting place of ambassadors, prime ministers, and correspondents. It has been compared for intrigue with the Raffles in Singapore and the Peninsula in Hong Kong. Huge white telephones are beside the beds. There is wicker furniture and a garden filled with geraniums.

Correspondents in trench coats used to come to the Park to spy on the spies. It was all very James Bondish with a dash of Humphrey Bogart. Even today you look for Peter Lorre lurking in some corner. On a recent day I'm sure I saw a spy on the veranda. He was a fat man. He looked like Sidney Greenstreet. He wore a rumpled white linen suit like the spies wear in movies. His tie was pulled down and he was perspiring, for it was very hot. And he was sipping a gin and tonic. What else would a spy drink?

From the veranda guests watch the ferry boats streaming back and forth between Europe and Asia. Sagging buildings hang against the waterfront. In case you come to Istanbul, the Park has doubles for \$12.50 a day. The good ones face the Bosphorus so you can count the ships and pretend you're a spy. It's a pleasant place whether you're a spy or a tourist.

The Hilton is a far poorer place for spying. The view of the Bosphorus is bad. You could never count the ships. And besides, it is far more expensive. Doubles start at \$16.70. If you want to see the Bosphorus it is \$2.75 extra. The suites cost \$66, \$88, and \$133. This doesn't include the 15 percent tax.

Besides spies, Istanbul is noted as a city of mosques. There are more than 500. The most famous are the Blue Mosque and St. Sophia (first a church, then a mosque, and now a museum). It is also world famous for its Grand Bazaar, a city within a city. It is the largest covered bazaar in the world—completely roofed and walled, with nearly 5,000 shops and 45 miles of streets. Treasures of the Near East spill from the shelves: bracelets of gold, Oriental rugs, precious tapestries, and rare antiques. Nothing is tagged. Everything must be bid for. Shop owners shout and tourists haggle. The proprietors start high while the tourists begin low. Somewhere in between they will meet. A sign at one entrance to the Grand Bazaar—there are at least a dozen—reads: "Welcome, dear tourist. While you are touring our bazaar you won't need a translator." Shopkeepers are multilingual—spilling forth words like auctioneers. Besides shops there are small mosques and dozens of small cafes.

The food in Turkey is exotic—the most popular meat being lamb. And the Turks have found 1,000 different ways to prepare it. A dish I like is called *borek*—a thin pastry filled with white cheese, egg, and parsley. A couple of excellent restaurants are the Abdullah Efendi and the elegant Sadirvan Supper Club in the Hilton. At Abdullah's both lamb and beef are served, as well as tender game birds when in season.

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William H. Magrath, Chicago, of Bronx (New York City) Lodge, General Manager of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, describes at the Illinois Elks Association's fall meeting in La Salle-Peru Lodge how the publication serves the Order. Seated are state Chap. John R. Wilson, Centralia, and First VP and Sterling PER Robert T. Flynn.

News of the State Associations

INFORMATIVE SESSIONS featuring authoritative speakers highlighted the fall meeting of the Illinois Elks Assn. Sept. 22 through 24 in La Salle-Peru Lodge. There were more than 550 registrants attending the event.

The principal speaker, William H. Magrath, Chicago, of Bronx (New York City) Lodge, General Manager of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, talked on "How THE ELKS MAGAZINE Serves the Order." While he stressed the numerous ways in which the Magazine serves the Order and assists in promoting its many programs, Brother Magrath also voiced thanks to those members and their families who patronize the Magazine's advertisers and who let them know that THE ELKS MAGAZINE was responsible for bringing their products or services to their attention.

He stated, "It is this kind of loyalty which has given the Magazine a special advertising value and thus has helped, beyond measure, to produce surplus revenues which have meant so much to the Order."

Brother Magrath was presented with an Honorary Membership in the state association.

The speakers included PCER Lee A. Donaldson.

Ernest Kovarik, La Grange Park, state chairman for the Elks National Foundation, set a 1967-1968 goal of 1,500 new enrollments—15 enrollments for each of the state's 100 lodges; the monetary goal is \$77,000. Each lodge with 25 or more new enrollments will receive an award during the spring meeting, Feb. 2 through 4 in Champaign.

The association's new athletic commission announced that the 1968 state golf tourney will be held in Quincy, the senior golf tourney, in Mount Vernon,

and the state bowling tournament, in Granite City, the last-mentioned starting the second weekend of March.

THE SECRETARY and an honorary life member of Concord, N.H., Lodge—Charles A. Coffin—was elected President of the New Hampshire State Elks Assn. at its 39th annual convention May 19 through 21 in Portsmouth. He succeeds Ronald E. Simpson, Portsmouth.

Other new officers include: First Vice-President, John T. Delaney, Littleton; Second Vice-President, Robert E. Smith, Nashua; Third Vice-President, Raymond L. Cushing, Laconia; Fourth Vice-President, Walter D. Fish, Claremont, and Fifth Vice-President, William F. Pforte, Dover.

Also named were: Secretary, Kenneth Stanley, of Exeter-Hampton Lodge; Treasurer, Dana F. Emery, Littleton; Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert S. Ordway, Concord; Chaplain, Donald J. Duseault, Concord; Organist, Wells E. Tenney, Concord, and Tiler, Paul F. Ayer, Dover. Trustees named were Charles E. Bouchard, Manchester, and Theodore Hatten, of Derry-Salem Lodge.

ABOUT 400 ELKS and their ladies enjoyed the program presented at the Iowa Elks Association's annual convention May 19 through 21 in Davenport. The entertainment included a banquet at which Muscatine Lodge's Chanters sang.

Elected President was Thomas Rush, Ames, along with four Vice-Presidents: Ron Lemkau, Muscatine; Jerry Kinvig, Mason City; Harry J. Carney Jr., Perry, and R. W. Coan Jr., Boone. Reelected Secretary was Sanford H. Schmalz, Muscatine. James Tait, Boone, was named Treasurer, succeeding Mike Lee,

Marshalltown, who had held the post the last 26 years.

The winner of the ritualistic contest was Muscatine Lodge.

The midwinter meeting will be held Nov. 17 through 19 in Waterloo.

ELECTED PRESIDENT of the Massachusetts Elks Assn. at its 57th annual convention June 16 through 18 in Pike, N.H., was Arthur D. Kochakian, Haverhill.

Other new officers are: Vice-Presidents, Henry T. Flaherty, Clinton, PDD Joseph E. Brett, Quincy, Thomas F. O'Malley, Framingham, and Charles M. Zellen, Everett, and Treasurer, Thomas A. Julian, Springfield. Re-elected Secretary was Alfred J. Mattei, Worcester.

Among the dignitaries present were PGER John E. Fenton; Lawrence PER John J. Harty, Methuen, member of the GL Committee on Credentials; PDD Michael J. McNamara, Randolph, of Brockton Lodge, GL Youth Activities Committeeman; Newton PER W. Edward Wilson, Auburndale, GL Americanism Committeeman, and Past Grand Trustee and SDGER Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, of Boston Lodge.

The 58th annual convention will be held June 5 through 7 in West Harwich.

A special feature of the meeting was the adoption of a resolution inviting the Grand Lodge to hold its 1975 annual convention in Boston during the 200th anniversary of the birth of our nation.

A \$63,000 DONATION was presented by Michigan Elks to their major projects chairman—PDD and PSP Hugh L. Hartley, Owosso, chairman also of the GL New Lodge Committee—at their 63d annual convention May 19 through

21 in Muskegon. The funds are used to aid handicapped children in the state major project.

PDD and PSP Irvine J. Unger, Lake Orion, of Detroit Lodge, the veterans service chairman, reported that the state group expended \$8,288.94 this last year for hospitalized veterans.

Lewis L. Nurnberger, Jackson, of Manistee Lodge, was elected President. Others named were: Vice-President-at-Large, Robert J. Lace, Niles; Treasurer, PDD S. Glen Converse, Lansing; Chaplain, James F. Johnston, Manistee; Sergeant-at-Arms, Llewelyn J. Evans, Clawson; Tiler, Neil K. Sheriff, Hillsdale, and Organist, George Andreas, Muskegon. Leland L. Hamilton, Niles, was reelected Secretary.

A gain of 1,739 members this last year was reported.

Two main speakers featured at the President's Banquet were retiring SP Ray Creith, Detroit, and SDGER and Past Chief Justice Benjamin F. Watson of the Grand Forum, Lansing.

St. Joseph Lodge won the ritual trophy. The award for the best drill team went to Otsego Lodge.

Benton Harbor was selected as the site for the 64th annual convention.

HIGHLIGHTING Connecticut Elks' 39th annual convention June 2 and 3 in East Hartford was the presentation of \$30,000 by the Major Projects Committee to the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children. The money was a payment on the Elks' \$300,000 pledge for the construction of an outpatient wing in a \$5,000,000 complex at the hospital.

The Veterans Service Committee reported that during the year funds were contributed for 50 wheelchairs for the veterans' hospital in West Haven.

Winner of the ritualistic contest was Norwich Lodge.

Elected were President, New Haven PER Harrison G. Berube; Vice-Presidents, Louis Triano, Naugatuck, Francis Adams, New London, and Henry Kuryla, Milford, and Treasurer, Edward Kligerman, Branford.

Reelected for his 12th term as Secretary was PDD Thaddeus J. Pawlowski, Norwich, the keynote speaker. Named Trustees were Southington Secy. Louis I. Olmstead; James R. McDermott, New London; Fitzhugh Dibble, Westbrook; Terence V. McMahon, Bridgeport, and Robert S. Lewis, New Haven.

Norwich will be the site for the 40th annual convention June 7 and 8.

INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Assn. at its 47th annual convention June 22 through 25 in Annapolis, Md., was PDD Horace E. Pugh Sr., Leipsic, Del., of Dover Lodge.

Other officers are: First Vice-President, John Fetty; Second Vice-President,

L. L. Jenkins; Third Vice-President, Edgar I. Gore; Treasurer, Joe Motyka; Chaplain, Lee Tull; Sergeant-at-Arms, Richard Harding, and Tiler, Kenneth Stockslager. Reelected Secretary was Hobart C. Wright, Edgewater, Md.

Trustees are PDD and Frederick, Md., Secy. E. Robert Bowlus, chairman, Thompson Kimmel, Ernest Short, R. Edward Dove, William Wise, Benjamin L. Lewis, Phil Hickman, and PSP Jerry Stegman, Washington, D.C.

At the Awards Banquet, the main speaker was state Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein. Youth Leadership awards were presented to Susan M. Ailor, Maria Metcalfe, Heath A. Woodman, William Donaldson, Stephen Elliott, and Richard Winters.

Raymond F. Gafney, Frederick, Md., scholarship chairman, presented scholarship awards to Mary White, Donald Barkman, Rosella Poffenberger, Mary Scalon, Thomas J. Hersch, and Kenneth Cooper.

A \$2,000 check was donated to the Cerebral Palsy Project of Maryland.

THE PURCHASE of 210 additional acres for Minnesota Elks' Youth Camp was reported at their 63rd annual convention June 15 through 18 in Rochester. The camp—near Brainerd—is part of the state major project. Last year, \$18,300 had been allocated for the acreage purchase.

Honored guests included PGER Raymond C. Dobson, the principal banquet speaker, and Mrs. Dobson.

PDD, PSP, and Rochester Secy. L. R. Benson was reappointed the Rochester Welfare Project's full-time representative. Brother Benson serves as contact man for Elks and their families from throughout the nation who are hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic and other in-

stitutions in Rochester. It was reported that \$3,600 is allocated yearly by the association for the welfare project, part of the state major project.

Elected President was Everett F. Anderson, Brainerd, who succeeds Dr. David C. Johnston, Red Wing. Others elected were: First Vice-President, William R. Thompson, Hibbing; Second Vice-President, Steve Sadowski, Winona; Third Vice-President, Verdie M. Gysland, Hopkins; Treasurer, Cecil Brown, Rochester, and Trustees, Bert H. Gaetke, Bemidji, Fred Bieber, Minneapolis, and Kenneth C. Hanson, Owatonna.

Appointed were: Secretary, Parker Campbell, Brainerd; Tiler, James P. Berg, Fairmont; Sergeant-at-Arms, Leo F. Cantrill, Eveleth; Chaplain, John Kennedy, Brainerd, and Parliamentarian, Victor F. Angerhofer, St. Paul.

At the memorial service, a special eulogy paid tribute to the late PGER Sam Stern.

The recreational program included a golf tournament, trapshooting, a fish fry, and the annual parade.

THE FORT WAYNE, Ind., team of Lowell LeClair, Vern Leazier, Harvey Collins, and Keith Anno stroked a 36-hole total of 594 to claim the title in the 22nd annual State Elks Golf Championship Tournament Aug. 12 and 13 in Fort Wayne. Brother LeClair was the individual champion with a 141.

A total of 504 players competed.

Archie Dees, Bloomington, was elected President and Fritz Flanagan, Marion, was elected Vice-President of the Indiana Elks Golf Assn. at its annual meeting the first day of the tourney.

Lafayette was selected as the site for the 1968 tournament Aug. 10 and 11.

LAWRENCE T. BRAZER

THE SECRETARY of Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge—PDD and PVP Lawrence T. Brazer, 79—died recently in the local Veterans Administration hospital after an illness of about six months. He had been an Elk for more than 40 years.

He was born in Philadelphia. In 1914, he moved to California to work as a tobacco firm representative.

Before becoming Secretary of Palo Alto Lodge in 1951, Brother Brazer served as Exalted Ruler, a state Vice-President, and the District Deputy for California's West-Central District, the latter in 1939-1940. Through his efforts, the lodge was changed from a strictly male club to a family-oriented activity center.

Funeral services were held in the lodge.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Beverly Noble of Los Altos and Mrs. Constance Kline of Concord, and three grandchildren. Brother Brazer's wife, Elsie, died in September 1966 of burns suffered in a fire at the couple's residence.



NORTH DAKOTA ELKS convened in Williston for their 47th annual meeting June 10 through 13. Dignitaries attending included PGER Raymond C. Dobson.

The program included trap shoots, dances, a golf tournament, a concert, a special breakfast to honor Exalted Rulers, and a colorful parade.

Elected President was Thomas C. Goulding, Devils Lake, who succeeds Norman W. Horstmann, Dickinson. Elected Vice-President was Robert W. Moran, Williston. Re-elected were Treas. Everett Palmer, Williston, and Secy. Ray Greenwood, Jamestown. SDGER and the Rev. F. J. Andrews, Minot, Past Grand Chaplain, was reappointed Chaplain.

MISSOURI ELKS' annual fall meeting, held Oct. 13 through 15 in Columbia, was attended by delegates from 25 of the 37 lodges in the state.

Distinguished guests included Sen. H. Basey Vanlandingham, the principal banquet speaker, and PGER H. L. Blackledge.

The membership committee reported a gain of 531 members for the first six months of 1967; this brings total membership to 15,500. Welcomed as the newest lodge in Missouri was Kansas City (Northland) Lodge.

According to the reports presented, a number of lodges are in the process

of building new quarters or remodeling.

The Elks National Foundation donated \$1,000 and St. Charles Lodge's ladies donated \$100 to the state major project, consisting of four mobile dental-care units for handicapped children which operate daily throughout the state. The project also is supported by half the state dues and by contributions to the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust.

In honor of PDD and PSP Rudolph J. Betlach, St. Louis, a \$500 memorial fund was established. Two traveling bowling trophies also were established to honor the late Brother Betlach, who was President of the Elks National Bowling Assn. this last year. One trophy, established by the Missouri Elks Bowling Assn., is the R. J. Betlach Trophy, which will go to the winning bowling team each spring. The other is an all-events trophy, donated by Dr. A. J. Murrah, St. Louis.

The spring meeting will be held May 3 through 5 in Springfield.

THE ALASKA STATE ELKS Association's 13 lodges contributed a total of \$38,956.58 during the traditional cerebral palsy "March of the Exalted Rulers" at the 20th annual convention Sept. 14 through 16 in historic Seward.

Ross Lowder, Anchorage, CP Commission chairman, reported that the Elks' physical therapists traveled thou-

sands of miles during the year ended March 31 to provide about 3,575 treatments for 528 patients in the state major project. The therapists visited the patients by auto, boat, and plane from southern Ketchikan to northern Kotzebue.

According to retiring SP Harold J. Dunn, Palmer, the Elks National Foundation granted \$1,000 for special uses in the CP program.

Elected President was James G. Barry, Ketchikan. Other officers named included First Vice-President, T. Stanton Wilson, Anchorage, and Second Vice-President, Richard W. Freer, Juneau. Gus H. Gissberg, Juneau, was reelected Secretary.

Among the distinguished guests were PGER Robert E. Boney and Mrs. Boney; PGERs Emmett T. Anderson, George I. Hall, and Horace R. Wisely; Grand Trustee and PDD Frank Hise, Corvallis, Oreg., and PDD Robert A. Yothers, Seattle, GL Ritualistic Committeeman.

Two hundred Elks and their ladies heard Brother Boney speak at the banquet honoring Brother Barry.

Kodiak Lodge edged Juneau Lodge in Alaska's first state ritualistic contest.

Delegates voted to hold the next annual convention in May 1969, with an interim meeting for officers and committee chairmen slated for May 1968 in Petersburg.

The Kid With Educated Toes

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shoot it out to trip one, and she would give him a whack. When they were expecting a date, in high school, he would pound on the door early and send them scurrying for cover. He trounced their boy friends at chess and kidded them for dating his sisters. "Some people are shocked that we treat him in give-and-take like a normal brother," Gail stated, "but he loves it. He never misses watching my team bowl, and he boos when I goof." But she knew his faithful attendance showed how much he cared.

Tracy bought presents for his family impulsively anytime with his hard-earned money, such as a rifle for his father, a clock his mother coveted, wearing apparel for his pretty sisters. Even when he came home from the hospital in a body cast and in a Portaling, he brought presents.

Silver-winged jets from Castle Air Base at Merced, California, struck a keen enthusiasm in Tracy from the time he struggled to walk outdoors. What freedom—what beauty—what brave men must fly them! At 10, thanks to a teacher and a lieutenant-colonel, he made two inspection trips to the 330th Bombardment Squadron at the base, became an honorary ser-

geant, and received a squadron leather cap, T-shirt, and a plaque showing his rank.

The second time, Tracy insisted on walking nearly all of the three-hour inspection trip, frog-breathing. The air-men admired his progress and grit as much as he admired them. He departed from his military bearing only once to kick Gail on a shin for asking an honorary sergeant if he was tired. He examined and sat in the B-52, the KC-135 Stratotanker, and the F-106. His folks went along, carrying a hand-pump bellows, a reminder of the danger that stalked the shiny-eyed, smiling boy.

At 11, Tracy and two boys at Rancho Los Amigos "ran away" in wheelchairs. Wouldn't it be great, they daydreamed together, to get out in the world and look and go where you pleased? One boy couldn't push his chair at all. Tracy could use only his feet, so Tracy and the third boy took turns pushing their companion. Soon everyone was looking for them. An off-duty nurse apprehended them half a mile away, headed for adventure.

The Hamiltons, a very close, hard-working family, played hard too, enjoying Sunday dinners, free fairs, foot-

ball, basketball, baseball, sight-seeing trips. Tracy wrote about taking his girl friend "with Dad's help" to the Los Banos May Day celebration for "a fun-filled day." He had girl friends who came to see him, and, like any normal boy, enjoyed playing records or going places with them. But at 15 he sensed accurately one girl felt sorry for him. He told her she was wasting her time.

"Tracy makes us feel things the way he does," Mrs. Hamilton wrote. "When I'm disappointed about not getting to do something, he says, 'When you do get to do it, be like me—really enjoy it!'" His whole-hearted investment in good times paid off in regular dividends of happy recollections for the whole family. He never let minor aggravations—people staring, being on positive pressure from a portable respirator for longer car trips, discomfort, delays—ruin his expectation.

Tracy had a natural bass voice and was determined to sing. Every week he went to a teen-age choir practice at the Church of Christ, in Firebaugh, California. On Sundays he stood with the choir, with his head brace on, and sang, forcing every breath into paralyzed lungs. His faithful attendance

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Grand Lodge

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last half of 1870, a delegation of three Philadelphia Corks went to New York and petitioned entrance for their group into the order into Elkdom. They were told to "go ahead," as the minutes read.

However, the birth of a truly national order was not so easy as all that. For one thing, the Elks technically were not yet an order, but merely a single lodge chartered under the laws of New York. Their charter did not give them the right to charter or commission subordinate or sister lodges, although the term "Grand Lodge" was already frequently in use, and even indicated in the heading of the first Elk Constitution of 1868. To bring the Philadelphia lodge into the Order required some changes.

On December 4, 1870, Bro. Tony Pastor moved that measures be taken immediately to establish an "Exalted Grand Lodge." This Grand Lodge would be organized to approve, charter, and regulate any and all future subordinate lodges of the B.P.O.E. This meant that New York lodge could not any longer consider itself as the "Grand Lodge" but must form two separate organizations, one on the local, the other on the national arena.

The committee formed to solve the problem—Elks were always inclined to appoint committees to study any problem and, perhaps surprisingly, something always got done—reported on January 1, 1871: "Resolved, That the first G.L. of the B.P.O.E. consist of the following: The original founders of the Order, together with all past and present officers of the First and Second Degrees who are now in good standing in the Order, and that the above take effect immediately."

There seems to have been no real opposition. Any and all rights claimed by the whole New York lodge to be a governing body were thus surrendered, and the legislature was petitioned for "an act of incorporation securing requisite powers."

Pending approval, a rump meeting of the proposed Grand Lodge was held January 22 at 512 Broadway. Bro. Green, who chaired the First and Second Degrees, presided, and 13 other qualified Elks attended. However, business was suspended until all Elks in the Second Degree could be notified by a special communication, in final ratification of the January 1 resolution.

Some of the Elks who had friends or influence in Albany, especially Gus Phillips and several newspapermen, lobbied to get quick action from the state. They were successful; it was no longer put up that Elks were simply

drinkers trying to avoid the law. On March 10, 1871, the New York legislature passed a special act of incorporation for the Grand Lodge of the B.P.O.E. which was rushed to the governor, who signed it willingly. Thus the Grand Lodge became a New York corporation, with powers to issue charters to subordinate lodges throughout the United States.

At this time no one thought seriously of trying to secure a Federal charter from the Congress for the Elks—and this was to cause a certain amount of trouble later on, since the Grand Lodge was constituted solely under New York State law.

A charter dated March 10, 1871, was immediately issued to those Elks not eligible for GL membership, who had already petitioned the now-legal ruling body to be known as "New York Lodge, No. 1, B.P.O.E." For obvious seniority reasons, the charter issued to Philadelphia was delayed two days, and issued effective March 12. Philadelphia became No. 2.

Bro. George J. Green now vacated the chairs of New York Lodge, No. 1, and became, as he was first called, Exalted Grand Ruler of the Order. Henry P. O'Neil was given the main task of writing a constitution and by-laws for the new, super-lodge. To help

the Grand Lodge get started, a per capita tax of \$77 was paid to it by New York, whose treasury fortunately held over \$500.

The last session of the Elks in New York as a single body was held on March 19, 1871. Thereafter, Grand Lodge and New York Lodge, No. 1, met separately, at different times or in different rooms, though there continued to be a certain amount of cross-fertilization, and even confusion, among the officers of each group. Grand Lodge, during 1871, held nine regular sessions, and had three communications. It was in business. The Elks were "national," and firmly organized for future expansion.

But to keep things in true perspective, everything was not so completely different in the "exalted" atmosphere of Grand Lodge, where the elders and rulers of Elkdom convened. At one meeting, in 1871, it was moved, seconded, and approved, that "the Tiler be authorized to procure a suitable 'skid' for the purpose of holding the refreshment keg on."

In any new organization, there are always problems.

(The next installment of the Order's official history, "Growing Pains and the Good Old Days," tells of the members' expansion into new fields.)

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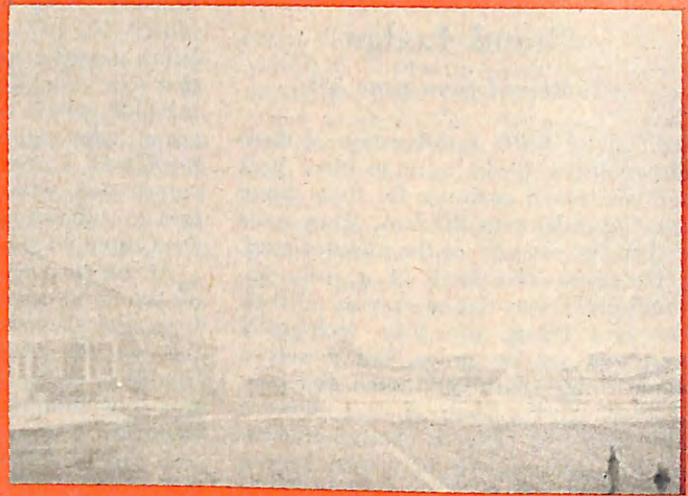
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Now They're **DOING** Something About the Weather

By VICTOR BLOCK

NOT FAR OFF the bleached sands of the Caribbean islands, a young hurricane is destroyed before it can blaze a trail of death and destruction along the east coast of the United States. Hundreds of miles away, an injection of silver-iodide crystals into a dark cloud formation hanging over central Florida reduces the first November hailstorm to a harmless whimper, saving the fragile citrus crop.

In the midwest, wheat farmers breathe a sigh of relief as a gentle rain breaks a two-month drought. And in California, teen-agers plan a beach outing, confident that the weather bureau's prediction of sunny skies will prove correct.

Does this verbal portrait sound like a weatherman's fantasy? It would have been, until a very few years ago. Today, though, it describes a goal toward which hard-headed scientists are striving, confident that man's ability to control the weather is on the verge of a tremendous breakthrough.

For decades, men have toyed with the dream of weather control. Scientists speculated about the benefits of breaking up hurricanes and other destructive forces, moving climatic zones to bring rain to barren deserts, or melting Arctic ice to provide water to parched coastal regions.

Until recently, however, most scoffed at man's conceit in thinking himself capable of altering nature's plan in any meaningful way.

Now this skepticism has been replaced by an even greater enthusiasm. Weather control is considered a practical possibility, and there are already signs of success.

What has accounted for this turn-

about? The answer is the one thing that no scientist can ignore: experimentation. In both the United States and abroad, a number of attempts to alter local weather conditions have proved more successful than previously believed possible.

In separate studies published early last year, a panel of the non-governmental National Academy of Sciences and a special commission of the government's National Science Foundation both took note of man's potential to alter the weather. Summing up a two-year look at the present status of weather modification, the NAS said our ability to produce desired, beneficial changes "is no longer either economically or politically trivial." At the same time, the National Science Foundation's Special Commission on Weather Modification urged the government to begin investigating at once the possible consequences of changing the weather, including not just the scientific aspects but also potential effects on humans, legal and legislative problems, economic benefits, and problems in international relations.

Control of the weather would have ramifications in these and other areas, and there is no doubt that it will create certain difficulties. But scientists agree that the potential benefits of weather modification far outweigh any obstacles that remain to be overcome, or that will arise in the future.

Consider as an example the havoc created in 1965 by Hurricane Betsy, the devastating tropical storm that left a trail of death and destruction in its 3,000-mile wake. Betsy caused 76 deaths and injured 21,000 persons. It destroyed property worth \$20 million



cover at Salt Lake City airport, allowing resumption of normal operations (Photos courtesy of United Air Lines)

and accounted for an expenditure of nearly \$200 million for relief and rehabilitation activities. Betsy was a dramatic example of the cost, in both lives and money, that may be caused by nature gone awry. Each year, hundreds of lives and millions of dollars are lost in similar rampages.

Property damage alone from major storms and floods annually costs this country at least one-half billion dollars. The normal vagaries of weather—rain, lightning, dry spells—cost untold millions more in crop damage, forest fires, business losses, and other expenses. Another factor is the inconvenience caused millions of persons each day, from the school child unexpectedly (but not unwillingly) kept at home by a snowstorm to the housewife stranded in a supermarket while a sudden rainfall drenches her open convertible outside.

These persons and others—in fact, every one of us—will benefit as new breakthroughs are made in the battle to control nature. What progress has been made to warrant a new call for action in a field previously reserved for pie-in-the-sky dreamers? What promise does weather modification hold for the average person, from the beach-party planner to the Florida citrus farmer, from the harassed housewife wondering how to dress her children to the businessman mapping a seasonal promotion? Let's look at the present state of research in various areas of controlling the weather, and the outlook.

Rainmaking. Since 1947, modern rainmakers have been seeding the clouds with silver-iodide crystals, which serve as nuclei for the formation of ice

crystals or raindrops. Until quite recently, reports of success with this method of inducing clouds to give up their water vapor met with a response ranging from cautious optimism to ridicule. But a thorough study of documented experiments by the two government-supported panels has changed this. Both groups report that rainmakers can make rain after all. Studies indicate that their efforts can increase rainfall by an astonishing 10 to 20 percent.

Of course, this single statistic does not reveal the complicated work still to be done in determining what types of clouds to seed, when to seed, and a number of other factors that must be taken into account. Nevertheless, the potential of cloud-seeding operations is clear. The northeastern states, for example, have been parched by a 25 percent decrease in rainfall over the past four years. Yet during the 1965 crisis in New York, when citizens were asked to shower instead of taking baths and a restaurant patron had to ask for a glass of water, all proposals from commercial rainmakers were turned down. With the impetus of the recently published reports, this attitude is changing. New York City officials are studying the possibility of giving rainmakers an opportunity to show what they can do.

Furthermore, the federal Environmental Science Services Administration, created in 1965 to coordinate government weather activities, planned to conduct its own cloud-seeding experiments in the Northeast. Another agency, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation, is trying to increase rainfall over parched regions of the

West. Already, rainmakers are filling appointment books, and it may not be long before a town or city seeking their help will have to call far in advance.

Weather Forecasting. Imagine the benefits of reliable, long-range weather forecasts. Farmers would know the best time to plant and harvest crops. Industrial planners could make better long-range projections. Transportation could be timed to avoid major disturbances, or could be directed around them. Even a worried hostess could postpone her party if rain threatened, completely confident in the accuracy of the prediction for clear weather ahead.

This is exactly the type of reliability for which scientists are striving. Recent advances show great promise that it will be achieved soon.

You may have seen photographs of cloud formations or hurricanes relayed back to earth by orbiting Nimbus and Tiros satellites. These photos are a big help to weathermen in giving relatively accurate 48-hour forecasts. Even more modern tools are on the way that scientists hope will permit accurate global forecasting on a two-week basis.

Meteorologists explain that the key to our weather lies in the atmosphere many miles above the earth. Here turbulent winds, bursts of solar energy, sudden temperature changes, and cosmic rays combine to affect weather on the surface. To gather information here, scientists hope to establish a network of balloons, equipped with monitoring and transmitting devices, suspended at various altitudes in the atmosphere. The radio-equipped balloons, held at constant levels by

double-pressure cells, could either send their information to orbiting weather satellites passing overhead, for relay to earth stations, or they could transmit data direct to the ground.

In conjunction with these devices, weather scientists are also working on buoys, to be deployed in the ocean around the world, which could also collect and transmit data on a continuous basis. The information supplied by such a network, fed into high-speed computers, would give a picture of the world's weather that could make long-range forecasting more accurate than today's two-day predictions.

Fog Dispersal. A baby whimpers in an airport terminal. Businessmen impatiently pace the floor. On the runway, a line of passenger planes waits under a ceiling of fog.

Then, a little plane noses aloft. Climbing above the fog, it scatters dry ice particles. Minutes later, the overcast parts and the first of the stranded planes roars on its way.

Similar scenes have taken place frequently at a number of air terminals during the past three winters. United Airlines, a pioneer in fog-dispersal operations, has provided service to thousands of passengers who otherwise would have been delayed, diverted, or stranded. Revenue from fog-free operations has been six times the cost of cloud seeding.

Similar techniques of clearing away cool fogs (warm fogs cannot yet be dispersed) are in use in France and the Soviet Union. In each instance, the dry ice or other seeding material lowers the temperature of the water droplets making up the fog, turning them into crystals that fall as a fine snow.

These examples of weather modification and prediction represent the most successful efforts of scientists. However, they by no means complete the list of objectives. For example, a great deal of attention is being directed to suppressing hail and lightning, and to understanding the life history and structure of hurricanes, with a view to predicting and modifying them.

Hail suppression is an activity in which little further basic research is required; success, according to the National Science Foundation, "can be attained in the not-too-distant future." Suppression efforts in the U.S., Switzerland, Argentina, and the Soviet Union all utilize seeding with silver iodide in the "collection zone" of storms. This is the turbulent area where, without the calming action of seeding material, tiny ice crystals would be transformed into hailstones by successive collisions with supercooled water droplets.

Some success in reducing the frequency of cloud-to-ground lightning



THE OAKLAND, California, Elks Rest, in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, has belonged to the lodge for 73 years. The property was purchased by members in 1894 and formally dedicated March 15, 1896. Frank Ench, a lodge member from Aug. 25, 1892, until his death in 1901, was instrumental in acquiring the plot of land.

strokes has been achieved by the U.S. Forest Service through massive seedings of lightning storms with silver iodide. The crystals neutralize enough internal electricity in clouds to prevent lightning charges from forming.

The major U.S. effort to control hurricanes has been "Project Storm Fury," a joint Navy and Weather Bureau program. The aim is to dissipate big blows by spreading their whirling vortex outward, so that the lengthened path slows the circling wind. Using a "bomb" that releases silver iodide in vertical sheets 20,000 feet deep, scientists have achieved some success on a small-scale basis. They hope a continuous attack over longer periods of time will enable them to "explode" storms outward, taming their fury.

The National Science Foundation is supporting investigation of other methods of hurricane modification. For example, explaining that the "fuel" on which hurricanes feed is the shallow layer of warm water on the surface of tropical seas, the NSF envisions a method of sealing off the surface of the ocean, perhaps by spreading a thin layer of oil or chemicals, to cut off the supply of moisture. In this way, it says, hurricanes could be "starved into submission in their own breeding ground."

While such methods of changing the weather are studied and tried, some meteorologists offer suggestions for large-scale alteration of not just the weather but the climate of entire regions. They theorize about the benefits of spreading coal dust over arctic

ice caps to melt them away; diverting ocean currents to carry warm water toward the poles, and to cool humid coastal regions; and spreading an evaporation-preventing chemical over the ocean surface.

The National Academy of Sciences notes the theoretical possibility for changing desert regions by altering the ground's thermal properties.

In general, however, the Academy takes a dim view of such large-scale proposals to tamper with nature. It objects not so much on grounds of the plausibility of such efforts, but rather because of the lack of knowledge about their outcome. Says the NAS, "The important question . . . is not *whether* the climate would be altered, but *how*." Until this has been answered, suggests the Academy, experiments in climate modification would be better left in the laboratory.

Two other obstacles to weather modification efforts come from outside the scientific community. One concerns the legal implications of efforts to control weather.

Consider, as an example, future efforts to steer hurricanes. What government agency should have the power to decide which way to divert a hurricane? Who will pay damages to homes in Maryland if a big blow is diverted from Florida toward the sea, but reverses itself farther north and heads inland? On the other hand, should Florida homeowners be able to collect if the decision is made *not* to steer the hurricane away?

Nor are catastrophic storms the only

possible source of legal complications. Someday, scientists may be expected to learn how to dispel warm-weather fogs. Then, what will happen if a highway department acts to keep roads clear, and a nearby artichoke crop suffers from too much sunshine? Who will pay how much to whom?

These are the type of legal problems that may be expected to arise as efforts to control the weather increase. In an initial attempt to forestall them, the National Science Foundation now requires persons undertaking weather modification activities to file notice at least 30 days in advance.

Along with local problems within a country, weather modification activities will require international agreements to control the placement of weather buoys in some waters or of balloons suspended in the upper atmosphere. Agreements will also be necessary to help settle disputes if one country's tampering accidentally dumps a snowstorm on its neighbor or sinks foreign ships when it diverts a hurricane to sea.

These legal questions represent a ticklish challenge that will have to be met. Most scientists believe it will be possible to dispose of them when the need becomes more urgent. Of greater immediate importance, many insist, is the need for funds to expand research and development efforts.

The National Academy of Science urges a six-fold increase in federal support for weather modification research, from the \$5,000,000 set aside in 1965 to at least \$30,000,000 a year by 1970. The Academy describes the present U.S. program as "a large number of relatively small efforts." At the same time, it estimates current expenditures in the Soviet Union at about \$70,000,000 a year.

It appears that a substantial increase in spending may be necessary if the United States is to keep pace in this vital work. It's equally clear that the amount spent will represent only a fraction of the money that will be saved by successful weather modification activities.

Commenting on the need for increased spending, Dr. John von Neumann, a former Atomic Energy Commission member, and Dr. Edward Teller, of H-bomb fame, have warned that the nation that first achieves the ability to control the weather will have a weapon more mighty than the nuclear-tipped ICBM.

A brighter view of the potential of weather modification was taken by the National Science Foundation: "The rewards to be gained may equal or surpass atomic energy in dealing with the world's population and other problems requiring maximum benefit from natural resources."

Istanbul

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son. The same owner operates a second place down along the Bosphorus. Reservations at Abdullah's farm are a must (it's about a 15-minute cab ride from the Hilton or Park).

Istanbul's answer to the Staten Island ferry is the ride out to the Princess Islands—Kinali, Burgaz, and Heybeli. When you return to Istanbul by water, minarets and mosques fill the skyline. It has, though, its seamy side—shanty towns with clapboard houses that rise in the space of a single night. These are the city's squatters, who put up illegal homes on private and public lands. They build at night to avoid eviction. Once moved in, it is difficult to move them out. For there's an old Turkish custom which guarantees the right of a man to remain in a home once he has completed it. Some even rent out rooms to others who are newly arrived in Istanbul and without shelter.

Besides being stubborn, the Turks are tough. During World War I the Turks fought on the side of the Germans. With the war over the allies decided to slice up Turkey. The Turks thought otherwise, took up arms again and fought on for four more years,

driving out the Greeks and retaining control of their country.

After seeing where the spies spied, tourists may visit where the sultans lived. At Topkapi Palace beautiful girls filled a harem. Now it is the state treasury. It contains the richest collection of jewelry anywhere in the world. There is a solid gold throne set with 30,000 jewels. They say it is worth \$50 million. The treasury contains exquisite pieces of jade, the world's biggest emerald, the third largest diamond, and a 100-pound gold candelabrum.

During its golden years 20,000 persons lived inside the palace. Hundreds of beautiful girls from a dozen nations were enslaved, the companions of the sultans. No one without the sultan's permission was allowed inside the harem. In 1808 partisans of Sultan Mustafa IV attacked the harem seeking Prince Mahmud, the heir apparent to the throne. His life in turn was saved when a harem girl stood at the top of the stairs and threw ashes in their faces. The prince made a fast exit and the girl won his heart.

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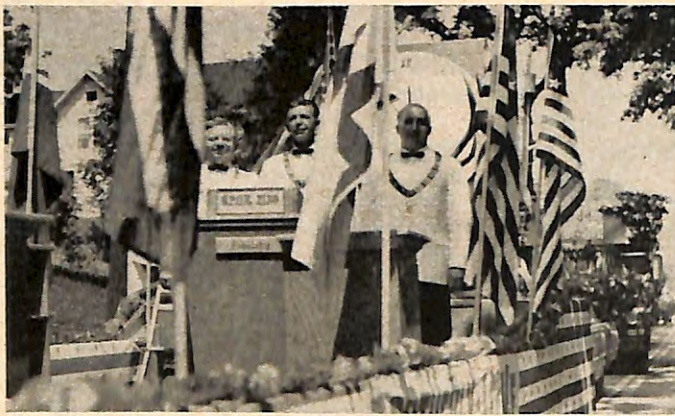
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PORT JEFFERSON, New York, Elks participate in a patriotic parade by entering a float on which are VP Clement Casimir, ER Robert F. Loun, and Est. Lead. Kt. Norman Kelly, parade chairman. After the parade, the Elks hosted the crew of the destroyer USS *John R. Pierce* at an open house.



SOME OF THE NOTABLES at Renovo, Pa., Lodge's Old-Timers' Week celebration are (seated): SP William C. Kuhn, Gettysburg; PGER Lee A. Donaldson; PSP John H. Bennett, Renovo; PDD and state Secy. Homer Huhn Jr., Mount Pleasant, and (standing): PDD Robert H. McCormick, State College, and PDD and Williamsport Secy. Harry W. Klett, state veterans chairman and toastmaster. Event chairman was PER Lewis D. Hubbard.

AN OLD-FASHIONED CLAMBAKE provides Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge with funds for its community service, scholarship, and youth activities programs. Among the 200 guests and members at the affair were ER Ira M. Gray; Est. Lead. Kt. Ronald Gehr; Harold Love, event chairman; Trustees Frank Dias and James Churchill; PER and Treas. Walter E. Whelan; Russell Wilcox, and Est. Loyal Kt. Charles Pettitt.



DOUBLE HONORS go to Weymouth, Mass., Explorer Scout Michael Daley. ER Milton Openshaw (second from left) presents the youth with an Eagle Scout Badge and PER Alfred L. Kemp (second from right) presents a patriotic award. Looking on are Robert Waddell (left) and Norman Coffman, advisors to the lodge's Explorer post.

A \$400 PLEDGE-FULFILLMENT CHECK from Revere, Mass., Elks is presented by PDD Michael J. McNamara, Randolph, of Brockton Lodge, GL Youth Activities Committeeman, to Sister Shawn, superintendent of St. Coletta's School for Exceptional Children, Hanover. Also shown are five of the youngsters and James L. Colbert, Somerville, state youth activities chairman, and ER Francis D. Doris, Revere. Last year, the lodge pledged \$500 and gave a \$100 installment on the pledge.



WEBSTER, Massachusetts, Lodge's hard-working Picnic Committee members take a refreshing pause from their chores at the well-planned affair. They are (seated): ER Bernard O. Gelineau, Trustee Edward Papski, Est. Loyal Kt. John Spiewakowski, Trustee Donald W. Morin Sr. and (standing): Steward Francis W. Munsch, Stanley Ryzewski, In. Gd. Alfred Piasta, George Chauvin Sr., Bruno Bembenek, Trustee Lionel Nadeau, Francis Kelley, and PERs V. L. Wilson Jr. and George Brusco.



FOUR RELATIVES of Concord, N.H., Elks share in the lodge's third annual \$1,000 scholarship program, in which only close relatives of lodge members are eligible. Receiving the awards from ER Gregory T. Mamos (left) are Roberta Ritchie, Mahala J. King, and Wayne T. Blanchard. The fourth recipient (not shown) is Elizabeth M. Carroll. Miss Ritchie, daughter of PER Robert Ritchie, also was presented a \$100 special award for correct action when a fire occurred in the apartment of a neighbor.



WINDSOR, Connecticut, Elks donate \$1,500 to the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children, the state major project. Presenting the check to PSP Thomas M. Newton (second from left), Cos Cob, of Greenwich Lodge, is Nicholas Zambrella, crippled children's chairman. PER Antone C. Botelho Jr. and Frank Adams, Branford, state Chaplain and credentials chairman, witness the gift-giving.



MRS. SYLVIA FINKEL, Hillside, N.J., public health nurse, tests the hearing of Mary Catherine Miller, 6, a first-grade pupil at Christ the King School, with an audiometer, the gift of Hillside Elks. Observing are the Rev. William Smalley, assistant pastor of Christ the King Church, and PER Frank E. Balter, Crippled Children's Committee chairman.



MASSAPEQUA, New York, PER Edward Turner (second from right) congratulates his son Peter after initiating him on his 21st birthday. Waiting to welcome the new Elk are PSP and PDD Peter T. Affatato, of Levittown-Hicksville Lodge, a member of the GL Committee on Judiciary; DDGER Howard S. Bateman, Wantagh, of Freeport Lodge, and ER William L. Crawford. In 1962, when Brother Turner was Exalted Ruler, he initiated his son Edward. Two more of his four sons are marking time until their 21st birthdays.



UNION, New Jersey, ER George Pregrim accepts the lodge trophy for the 1967 Union County Senior Baseball League championship from Joe Classen, captain of the lodge-sponsored, winning team.



WILKINSBURG, Pennsylvania, ER Walter J. Daw Sr. (right) and Charles Lutz (left), scholarship co-chairman, present scholarships totaling \$1,525 to seven students. The winners are Thomas Leax, Marilyn Angelo, Elizabeth Fairley, Lorraine O'Leary, Donna Jean Harris, Constance McMannis, and Stephen J. Hannon.

Educated Toes

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made other teen-agers prize more the joy and privilege of singing.

Yearning to participate more in music, he got a guitar. He learned to play about anything with his toes, lying down on his bed with the guitar propped against a wall.

At 13, Tracy had an operation for spinal fusion to make his spine rigid and straight. Afterwards an Air Force team flew him home from the hospital with a Portalung, in a cast from neck to legs, which he wore a year. But it didn't do the job. Two years later he had another spinal fusion and a steel rod was inserted. His high spirits encouraged other patients, and he was thrilled to have Loretta Young buy his jewelry.

"Each surgery takes a lot out of Tracy, but he bounces back because of his persistence and his wonderful family," Helen James, his Elks home therapist, wrote me. Each time he had to learn to walk all over again.

Tracy went to church, at times reclining in a body cast. Once he ended the concluding prayer with, "Father, please be with those who are not so fortunate as we." Perhaps he was

thinking of the miracle that happens when dedicated people and a severely handicapped child work together. A miracle that released him from a lonely cocoon of complete incapacity and pain into an exciting world of light, discovery, and love.

Nearly every spring or summer day he had the riches of three hours of frog breathing to spend outside—free. He trained his beloved dog, "Sarge," a German shepherd, throwing a ball with his toes, and they walked in the San Joaquin Valley. He catalogued hundreds of specimens of rocks and sold sample collections. He loved to visit his white-faced calf and pigs, and pet the cats with his toes. With a pellet gun, a pistol, he shot with his toes at tin cans once in awhile.

The Panoche Hills to the west, the Sierra Mountains, the meandering San Joaquin River, the sun, breeze, and sky were close friends—won by years of struggling to move paralyzed muscles, frog-breathe, walk alone, and overcome the fear of accidental death. Those friends helped Tracy find himself, renew his faith and his determination to possess more of life.

"I don't know of any place I'd rather live," he wrote.

His mother sent photos of him occasionally—a tall, tan, crew-cut youth,

always grinning or laughing, playing bongo drums, standing with his family at Lorna's wedding, sitting in the yard with Sarge's paws over his knee, standing beside a redwood tree. In newspaper clippings—6-year-old Tracy in an iron lung sparking off a March-of-Dimes drive; his mother welcoming him home at 8 with a kiss; a 10-year-old honorary sergeant standing in front of a B-52; an eighth grader writing to friends with his toes at a foot-high desk at home.

At 18 he again faced a hospital stay. This time for six months for a series of operations on his spine and a body cast with a "halo" that fastened to his skull. He told the San Joaquin Valley and Sarge goodbye. In the spring he would return. He would learn to walk once more and stand straighter, frog-breathe easier. Wanting to play for friends he packed his guitar. He could still use his toes, couldn't he?

Tracy's eager involvement in life spread a contagion of lifted spirits wherever he went.

Mrs. Hamilton wrote, "It's so lonely on the ranch without Tracy I can hardly stand it." When she made the 250-mile trip to see him, he was playing his guitar, reclining in a cast, for 25 entranced teen-agers, who visited regularly.

She was astonished at his proficiency. "You must have practiced!" she said. "Yes," said his buddy in the next bed, with a grin, "nearly all the time."

His teenage admirers raised over \$100 to present him with an electric guitar on Christmas day. But he never knew it. A week before Christmas death finally struck down, at 18, the kid with educated toes, who had lived so precariously and so well. And their gift became a grave marker instead.

Sarge waits in vain, this time, for Tracy to return.

His mother wrote, "We knew it could have happened anytime, anywhere. We're so grateful it didn't happen sooner. It was accidental—an internal blockage in his trachea. It's a difficult adjustment. He gave so much meaning to our lives." She received letters and cards from Tracy's doctors, nurses, therapists, and friends. More than one doctor said he inspired patients with Tracy's accomplishments.

Tracy's motivation shone through his actions and letters—a constant reaching out, receiving and giving, with no retreats, in spite of his limitations. He shed any tears alone, his mother told me once, and shared his interests and joy in life and music with all he contacted.

A beautiful western tie, with sea forms in it, hangs where I see it when I type. Tracy sent it to me. It's a symbol of courage, a lasting inspiration, from the kid who used to write to me with his two big toes.

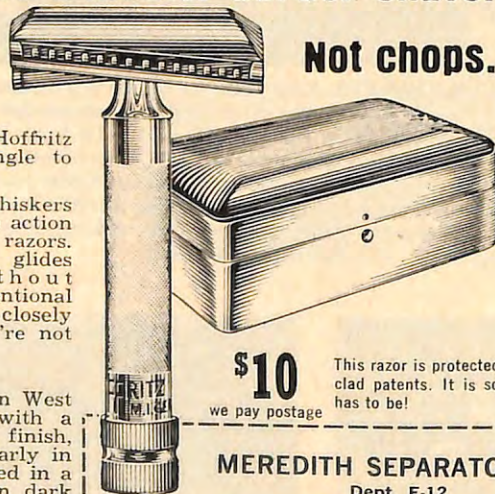
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Elks' Yule

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Garland, Tex., Elks brought great joy to 234 children, including those of the Garland Assn. for Retarded Children. Each was given a filled Christmas stocking. Toys obtained in lieu of admission fees for a lodge-sponsored, teenage dance were donated to the state major project—the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine.

Miami, Fla., Elks entertained 87 Seminole Indian children. The lodge also provided 47 needy families with funds for food and presented a cash gift to Camillus House, operated by the Brothers of the Good Shepherd, to permit them to provide food for the hungry.

More than 100 servicemen and women enjoyed Christmas away from home when Hollywood, Calif., Lodge officers and their families hosted a USO holiday dinner.

Eighteen Boy Scouts of the Florence, S.C., Lodge-sponsored Troop No. 471 visited the local crippled children's home to sing carols. The Cub Scouts collected 100 pounds of used children's clothing for unfortunate children in Athens, Greece. On Christmas morning, the Elks visited the crippled children's home to distribute gifts. They aided not only 160 needy families but also 285 children.

Crogans' Christmas

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Tom with many a fog-horn salute of Merry Christmas to his wife and to the baby. The words, well meant, jarred harshly upon Mrs. Crogan.

Merry Christmas! It sounded in her ear almost like a taunt. When they were gone she stood at the window, struggling with a sense of such bitter desolation as she had never known till then. The snow fell thick now, and was whirled across the hillside in fitful gusts. In the gathering darkness trees and rocks were losing shape and color; nothing was left but the white cold, the thought of which chilled her to the marrow. Through the blast the howl of a lone wolf came over the ridge, and she remembered the story of Donner Lake, just beyond, and the party of immigrants who starved to death in the forties, shut in by such a winter as this. There were ugly tales on the mountain of things done there, which men told under their breath when the great storms thundered through the cañons and all were safe within. She had heard the crew of the rotary say that there was as much as ten feet of snow on some of the levels already, and the winter only well begun. Without knowing

it she fell to counting the months to spring again: two, three, four, five! With a convulsive shudder she caught up the child and fled to the darkest corner of the room. Crouching there by the fire her grief and bitterness found vent in a flood of rebellious tears.

Down in his dark coop Tom Crogan, listening to a distant roar and the quickening rhythm of the rails, knew that the Overland was coming. Presently it shot out from behind the shoulder of the mountain. Ordinarily it passed swiftly enough, but today it slowed up and came to a stop at the station. The conductor hurried into the office and held an anxious consultation with Tom, who shook his head decisively. If the storm kept up there would be no getting out that night. The cut over at the lake that had just been cleared was filling up again sure with the wind blowing from the porth. There was nothing to do but wait, anyhow until they knew for certain. The conductor agreed with bad grace, and the rotary was started up the road to reconnoiter. The train discharged its weary and worried passengers, who walked up and down the dark cavern to stretch their legs, glancing in-

differently at the little office where the telegraph kept up its intermittent chatter.

Suddenly it clicked out a loud warning: "Special on way. Clear the track."

Tom rapped on his window and gave quick orders. The men hurried to carry them out.

"Not far she'll go," they grinned as they set the switch and made all safe. At the turn half a mile below the red eye of the locomotive gleamed already in the dusk. In a few minutes it pulled in with a shriek of its whistle that woke the echoes of the hills far and near, and stood panting in a cloud of steam. Trackmen and signalmen craned their necks to see the mysterious stranger. Even Mrs. Tom had dried her tears and came out to look at the despised big-bugs from the East, rebellion yet in her homesick heart.

The news that the "Big Boss" might be on board had spread to the passenger train, and crowds flocked from the sleepers, curious to get a glimpse of the railroad magnate who had made such a stir in the land. His power was so great that common talk credited him with being stronger than Congress and the

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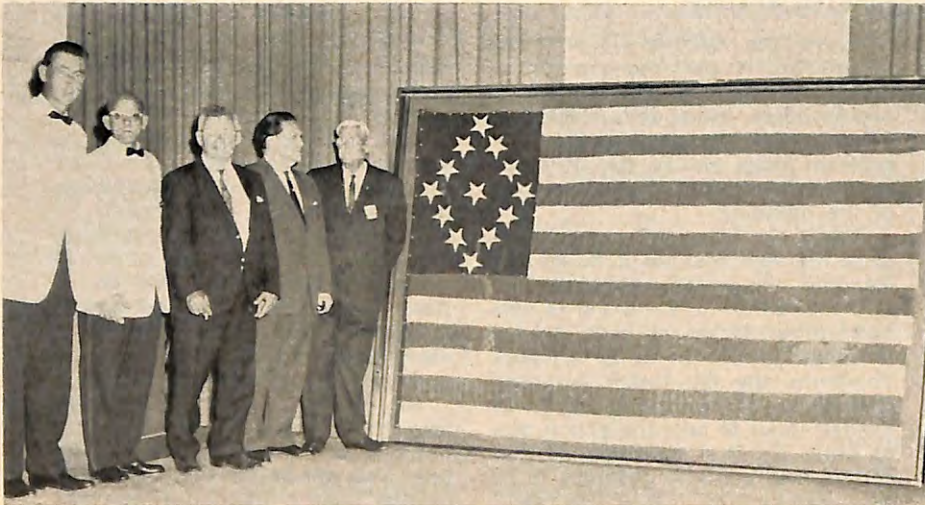
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Elks Display a Grand Old Flag



ORANGE, California, Elks proudly exhibit at a patriotic gathering a 192-year-old, 13-star, American flag, torn and faded from attempts to wash out the bloodstains, that was flown at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775 during the American Revolution. Pictured are ER Gene L. Pleines; Brother John Luksik; George Fletcher, Anaheim, the flag's owner; Dr. Oliver W. Jennings, an editor, and senior PER A. L. Tomblin, a 65-year, charter member. The banner has been in Fletcher's family for 11 generations and is reported to have been carried by one of his ancestors in the Continental Army. It measures 5½ by 8½ feet. The stripes are of linen, the blue field is of homespun wool, and the stars, irregularly cut, are of quilted linen. The flag has been shown publicly only twice in recent years.

courts combined. The newspapers recorded all his doings as it did the President's, but with this difference, that while everybody knew all about the Man in the White House, few if any seemed to know anything real about the railroad man's private life. In the popular estimation he was a veritable Sphinx. At his country home in the East he had bought up the land for five miles around—even the highways—to keep intruders out. Here now was an unexpected chance, and the travelers crowded up to get a look at him.

But they saw no luxurious private car with frock-coated officials and liveried servants. An every-day engine with three express cars in tow stood upon the track, and baggagemen in blue overalls yelled for hand-trucks, and hustled out boxes and crates consigned to "The agent at Shawnee." Yet it was not an every-day train nor an ordinary crew; for all of them, conductor, brakemen, engineer and fireman, wore holly in their caps and broad grins on their faces. The locomotive flew two white flags with the words "Merry Christmas" in red letters, and across the cars a strip of canvas was strung their whole length, with the legend "The Christmas Train" in capitals a foot long. Even in the gloom of the snowshed it shone out, plain to read.

Tom in his office rubbed his eyes for another and better look when the conductor of the Special, pushing his way

through the wondering crowds, flung open the door.

"Here's yer documents," he said, slapping down a paper, "and the orders are that ye're to see they gets 'em."

Tom Crogan took up the paper as if dazed, and looked at the entries without in the least understanding what it all meant. He did not see the jam of railroad men and passengers who had crowded into the office on the heels of the conductor until they filled it to the doors. Neither did he notice that his wife had come with them and was standing beside him looking as mystified as he. Mechanically he read out the items in the way-bill, while the conductor checked them off with many a wink at the crowd. What nightmare was this? Had some delirious Santa Claus invaded the office of the Union Pacific Railroad, and turned it into a toy shop and dry-goods bazaar combined, with a shake of his reindeer bells? Or was it a huge, wretched, misbegotten joke? Surely stranger bill of lading never went over the line, or over any railroad line before.

This was what he read:

"Crate of fat turkeys, one for every family on the station (their names followed).

"One ditto of red apples.

"One ditto of oranges, to be similarly apportioned.

"For Tom Crogan, one meerschaum pipe.

"For James Wright, lately injured in the service and not yet recovered, a box of

books, and allowance of full pay during disability. Ordered to report at Sacramento until fully restored.

"For John Coulson, Christmas gifts, including a warm flannel wrapper for his old mother; also notice of back pay allowed since suspension, with full restoration to place and pay.

"For Mrs. Thomas Crogan, not on the official payroll, but whom the Company takes this opportunity to thank for assistance rendered her husband on a recent occasion, one dress pattern, with the wishes of the Superintendent's office for a very Merry Christmas.

"For Master Thomas Crogan, not yet on the official payroll, being under age, a box of toys, including rubber ball and sheep, doll and Noah's ark, with the compliments of the Company for having chosen so able a railroad man for his father.

"For Master Thomas Crogan, as a token of regard from passengers on the Overland of November 18, one rockinghorse, crated."

"Oh Tom!"—Mrs. Crogan caught her breath with a gasp—"and he not a year old!"

Tom looked up to find the room full of people laughing at him and at her, but there was hearty, happy goodwill in the laugh, and Mrs. Tom was laughing back.

The conductor got up to go, but checked himself abruptly. "If I didn't come near to forget," he said and reached for his pocket. "Here, Tom, this is for you from the Superintendent. If it ain't a secret read it aloud."

The message was brief:

Thomas Crogan, Esq.,

Agent and Dispatcher at Shawnee Station:

The compliments of the season and of the Superintendent's office to you. Have a Merry Christmas, Tom, up in your shed, for we want you down on the Coast after New Year's.

FRANK ALDEN,
Superintendent.

Tom looked up with a smile. He had got his bearings at last. There was no doubt about that signature. His eyes met his wife's, brimming with sudden joy. The dream of her life was made real.

The railroad men raised a cheer in which there was a note of regret, for Tom was a prime favorite with them all, and crowded up to shake hands. The passengers followed suit, ready to join in, yet mystified still. But now, when they heard from the conductor of the Special how Tom by quick action had saved the Overland, the very train they were on, from running into a wrecked freight two months before, many of them remembered the story of it—how Tom, being left alone when everybody else lost his head in the smashup, had sprinted down the track with torpedoes, while his wife set the switch and waved the signal lantern, and had just caught the Limited around

the curve, and how narrow had been the escape from a great disaster. And their quick sympathy went out to the young couple up in the lonely heights, who a few moments before had been less to them than the inert thing of iron and steel that was panting on the track outside like a huge monster after a hard run.

When it was learned that both trains were stalled, perhaps for all night, the recollection that it was Christmas Eve gave sudden direction to their sympathies. Since friends on the Coast must wait they would have their Christmas where they were, if it were in a snowshed. In less time than any one could have made a formal motion the trainful of excited passengers, just now so disgruntled, resolved itself into a committee of arrangements to which were added both the train crews.

A young balsam from the mountain-side made its appearance, no one knew exactly how, and in a trice it shone with a wealth of candles and toys at which the baby, struggling up to a sitting posture in his cradle, looked with wide-eyed wonder. The Crogans' modest living-room was made festive with holly and evergreen and transformed into a joyous dining-room before Mrs. Tom could edge in a word of protest. All the memories of her cherished Yule surged in upon her as the room filled with the smell of roast turkey and mince pie and what not of good cheer, borne in by a procession of white-clad waiters who formed a living chain between the dining-car and the station. When in the wake of them the veritable rocking-horse, hastily unpacked, was led in by a hysterical dandy, and pranced and pawed its way across the floor, its reins jingling with silver bells, Thomas Crogan, Junior, considered it, sitting bolt upright, one long minute, sighed and, overwhelmed by such magnificence, went calmly to sleep. It was too much for one Christmas Eve, and he not a year old.

When as many as could crowd in were seated with Tom Crogan and his wife—the conductors and engineers of the two trains representing the road—the clergyman in the party arose to remind them all that they were far from home and friends, keeping Christmas in the mountain wilderness.

"But," he said, "though a continent separates us we meet with them all here tonight before the face of Him who came as a helpless Babe to the world of sin and selfishness, and brought peace and goodwill to men." And he read to them how "It came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed," and the story of the Child that is old, yet will be ever new while the world stands.

In the reverent hush that had fallen

upon the company a tenor voice rose clear and sweet in the old hymn:

"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old."

When the lines were reached:

"Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurl'd,"

many of the passengers joined in and sang the verse to the end. The familiar words seemed to come with a comforting message to every one in the little cabin.

In the excitement they had all forgotten the weather. Unseen by every one the moon had come out and shone clear in an almost cloudless sky. The storm was over. A joyful toot of the rotary's whistle, as dinner neared its end, announced its return with the welcome news that the road was open once more.

With many hearty handshakes, and wishes for happy years to come, the unexpected Christmas party broke up. But there was yet a small ceremony left. It was performed by a committee of

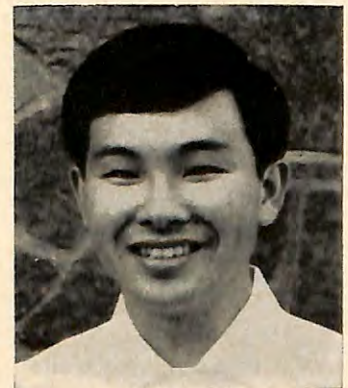
three of the Overland passengers who had friends or kin on board the train Tom Crogan had saved. They had quietly circulated among the rest, and now, with the conductor shouting "All aboard!" they put an envelope into Tom's hand, with the brief directions, "for moving expenses," and jumped on their cars as the engine blew its last warning whistle and the airbrakes wheezed their farewell.

Tom opened it and saw five crisp twenty-dollar bills tucked neatly inside.

The Limited pulled out on the stroke of midnight, with cheering passengers on every step and in every window. Tom and his wife stood upon the step of the little station and waved their handkerchiefs as long as the bull's-eye on the last car was in sight. When it was gone and they were left with the snowshed and the Special breathing sleepily on its siding she laid her head on his shoulder. A rush of repentant tears welled up and mingled with the happiness in her voice.

"Oh, Tom!" she said. "Did ye ever know the like of it? I am fair sorry to leave the old shed."

Therapist Is Repaying Scholarship Money



YAMAMOTO

A PHYSICAL THERAPIST who received part of his training through a California Elks scholarship is repaying the money to benefit another qualified student.

Steven K. Yamamoto, 23, an Army second lieutenant practicing physical therapy at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, recently wrote John S. Clawson, Administrator of the California Elks Major Project:

"I would like to thank the California Elks for their help in sending me through school. Enclosed, you will find a check for \$50 which I hope to contribute monthly to aid some qualified student, determined by you. My eventual goal is \$1,500."

Yamamoto, who believes he may become a physician and teach medicine eventually, was in his final year at Loma Linda (Calif.) University when California Elks granted him one of their 12 annual therapy student scholarships. The grants are for the last year of study only.

His sponsor for the scholarship described Yamamoto as an excellent student with many fine personal qualities suiting him for physical therapy. The native Hawaiian, one of seven children, decided while still in high school to enter the field, where demand far exceeds the number of therapists.

Saluting Our Volunteers

We offer a special Christmas tribute to the thousands of Elks and their wives whose tireless and dedicated efforts are the real reason for the success of the many benevolent programs for which this Order is so well known. They deserve the gratitude and thanks of every Elk, and none more so than those who, year after year, have carried on the work of our Elks National Service Commission on behalf of the sick and wounded patients in our veterans hospitals.

All Elks have a part in this work, through the Grand Lodge dues they pay to finance it. But the men and women who reside in the vicinity of the 170-odd hospitals and who carry the full load of making the program tick are the ones who merit the appreciation not only of the members of this fraternity but of all Americans for their unselfish devotion.

Month in and month out, they arrange all sorts of entertainments for the hospitalized defenders of our country. They will provide special touches for Christmas, as they do at other times of the year, and that is well; but it is the regular, continuing program that counts. One time it will be a variety show; another, it will be a bingo game, or a boxing bout. There even are picnics, fishing trips, or an afternoon at a ball game for those who can get about.

These things take a lot of doing—a great deal of planning and labor to make them come off successfully. One's heart has got to be in it, and that is what thousands of good Elks and their wives put into this work. Many of them have been engaged in our veterans program for long years. They have given cheer to countless thousands. They have given hope, courage, and strength that have helped men to face the future without an arm, sightless, scarred. They have helped to lessen pain, despair, bitterness.

It is our pledge that "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals the Benevolent and Protective Order will never forget him." That we have faithfully kept that pledge is due to the concerned leadership of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman, and the members of the National Service Commission, and its Director, Bryan J. McKeogh, and to the devotion of the army of volunteers who put their hearts into their work.

In Goodwill United

The message of Christmas has always transcended the mundane differences that have divided men through the ages, but the ecumenical spirit abroad in the world today surely will give the Christmas message a wider welcome than it has ever known before.

There is nothing sectarian about peace on earth. Men of all faiths and men of no religious faith at all yearn and strive for peace among the peoples of the world. That is why those who are not Christians, as well as those who are, find themselves moved to a more charitable, a kindlier feeling toward their fellow men as the Christian festival of Christmas approaches. It is a response to the message of Christmas, a working of the eternal miracle of Christmas.

Nevertheless, it is the religious significance of Christmas that is at the heart of the Christmas magic, that gives to this season the power to mellow men, to turn our thoughts and resolves away from the meanness that divides us and toward the goodwill that unites us. For it is a Babe in a manger, the embodiment of God's promise to men, that gives Christmas its meaning and sets it apart from all other times.

With the world in the state that it is, our devout hope is that the message of Christmas will stir the hearts of men more deeply than ever before, turn aggressors to the paths of peace, replace hate with love and charity. That is more than a pious hope. It is imperative if the world is not to continue on its present perilous course.

There are not many people who really want war. The apostles of hate and violence are far outnumbered by men of goodwill, even though at times it may not appear to be the case. Those who want a better world for all men, and who know that the way to achieve it is through building, not destroying, are far more numerous than the others, although not nearly so vocal. The state of the world would soon take on a rosier aspect if only men of goodwill throughout the world would unite to promote amity and discourage the foolishness of aggression. Cheered by that prospect, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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