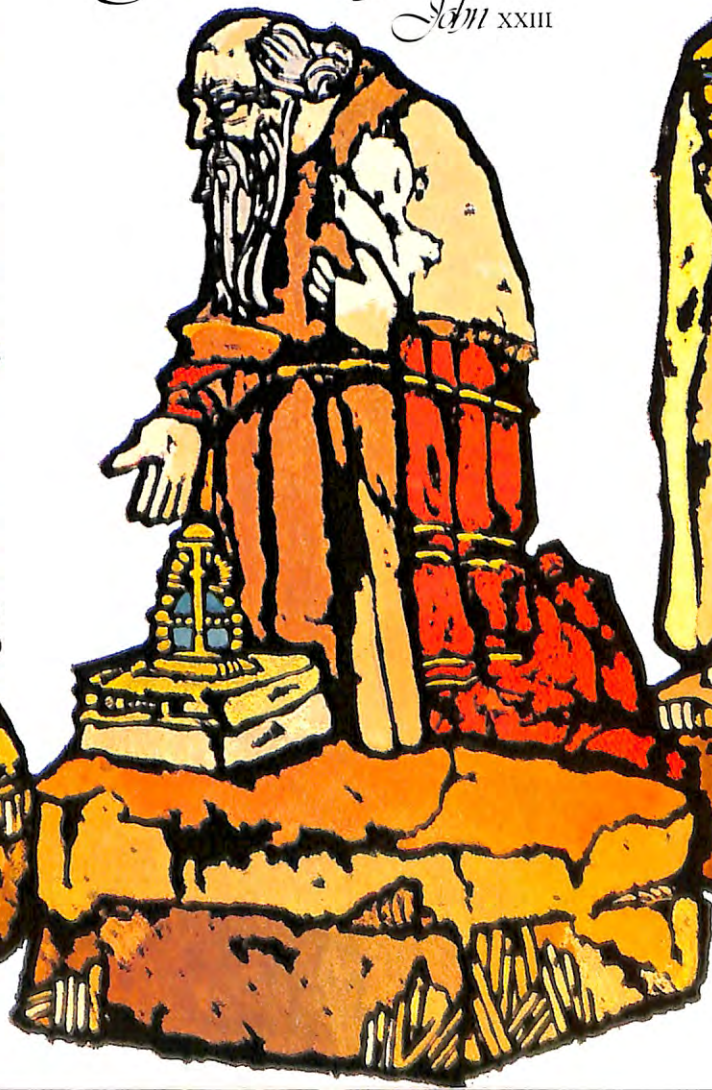


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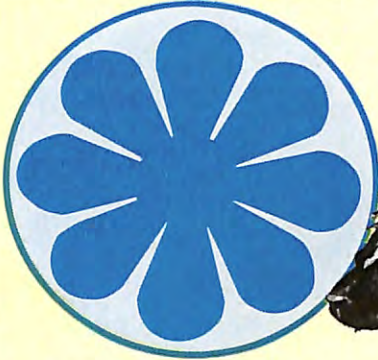
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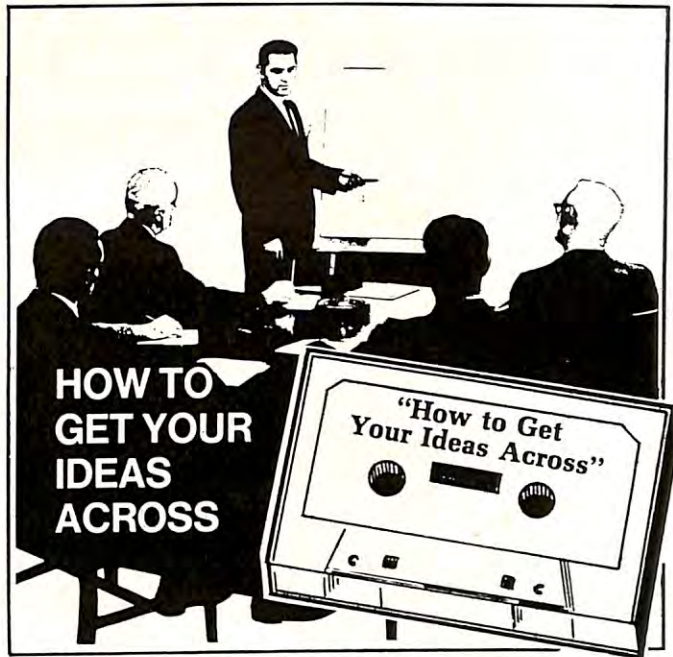
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This nation was founded by extraordinarily brave men and women who had undergone many years of trials and troubles on this continent and in Europe. Religious persecution was one of the reasons many of them emigrated to North America seeking a haven where they might worship free from interference and intolerance.

The first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, in fact, recognizes "Nature's God." When our U.S. Constitution was drawn up, it recognized the existence of God.

We come now to the season of one of Christianity's most sacred holidays, Christ's Mass . . . Christmas. It is the time of year when, traditionally, we make every

effort to gather together our families to celebrate the birth of Christ. We exchange gifts, symbolic of those brought to the Holy Child by the Three Wise Men.

It is also a holy season for our Jewish members and friends since their holiday, Hanukkah, begins on December 20th and lasts for eight days. "The Feast of Lights" signifies the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the Maccabees had defeated the forces of Antiochus of Syria.

We urge each lodge to observe an ELKS DAY OF WORSHIP as part of our Grand Lodge program. There is no more fitting time for this than the month of December. We should rededicate ourselves to the support and growth of our church, our synagogue and our God through active participation, not merely lip service.

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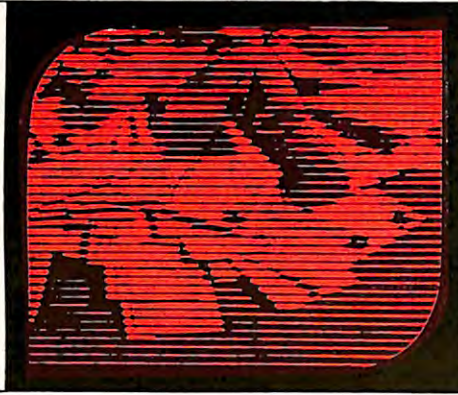
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• The article on gardening ["Ouchless Gardening," September, 1973] hit the spot for us but left many questions unanswered.

Perhaps you live in an area where it rains. What do you recommend for the Mojave desert, where rain is rare?

I started my compost pile in the back yard in about 18 inches of desert soil (I use the term very loosely!). I layer the mulch with a sprinkling of dirt, and turn about once a month. Do you use lime? If so, what kind and how much? Do you suggest sprinkling the mulch with water? Is it necessary to shred or cut up the garbage?

Winona Kenyon
Barston, CA

One of the nice features about mulch is that it retains moisture where the plants need it most—nearest the ground. I don't know how much rain you get out there on the Mojave; but in my home town, just southwest of Chicago, we've gone as long as a month without any appreciable rainfall and temperatures hovering in the 90-to-100-degree range. Yet, the ground below my mulch remained damp.

So far as composting, layering, and sprinkling, I really can't answer that, as I don't bother with any of them. I simply lay my mulch on top of the ground, pushing it tight against my fruit and vegetable plants to discourage weeds. Ideally, I like to keep the mulch six to eight inches thick. As the bottom layer decomposes, the mulch automatically nourishes and loosens the soil, so there's no turning necessary when planting time comes. No compost pile, either, since the mulch goes directly on the garden. Uncut, unshredded. That means tomatoes, cabbage leaves, grass clippings, hay, whatever organic material I can lay my hands on.

Lime? I can't swear you won't need it. I just don't know. I use finely screened lime on my potato plants to keep the slugs and snails clear, though it seems table salt is more effective; so I'm going to try that—in minute quantities so as not to burn my crops—next year and abandon the lime altogether.

Don Bacue

• I was most interested in the article, "Ouchless Gardening," and in the concept of organic garbage cans. I started

this type of can as suggested. But the article doesn't discuss all the fruit flies that develop in the can. How does one cope with this problem? If the can were left uncovered, there would be a problem with the elements. I find the fruit flies an unpleasant factor, and hope you can tell me how to avoid them.

Mrs. H. Schenk
New London, CT

If you want to thwart those flies, empty your mulch can onto the garden every day or two. Or, if your garden is close enough to the back door, take your organic mulch directly from the kitchen to the garden and sprinkle it beneath your peas, tomatoes, or whatever. The only reason I use an organic can at all is I'm lazy. Every other evening, after collecting two days' worth of grapefruit rinds, coffee grounds, carrot tops, and so forth, I take the mulch can to the garden and spread it around. In your area, once the cold weather comes, you can empty the can less frequently—say, once every week or two—since flies will no longer be a problem.

D.B.

• Your September issue is worth the whole years' dues alone. Great articles. Keep up the good work!

In the article by Don Bacue on ouchless gardening—where in the world do we get the *No Work Garden Book* by Ruth Stout? Your pay will be the first bushel of tomatoes—ok?

Jim Hale
Springfield, MA

If you can't find a copy of the *No Work Garden Book* by Ruth Stout at your local bookstore, you can order one directly from the publisher, Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA, 18049.

Hope this information helps you out. Meanwhile, we'll be rooting for you... and your tomatoes!

By the way, everyone with a special interest in gardening will want to watch for "Backyard Gardener," by Jon Peterson. Starting next month, Peterson will cover topics of interest to all gardeners, from taking care of your lawn to "taking care of" the insects in your vegetables.

• I read with interest the article "Invisible Surgery" in the July issue of *The Elks Magazine*. I think you might be interested to know that the local chapter of the Elks donated money to our Research Foundation which we organized to buy a two man diploscope microscope in 1963. With this microscope, we were able to do some of the basic experimental surgery, which opened doors to toe replantation, finger replantation and more recently, immediate transplantation of large pieces of skin and subcutaneous tissue. Such basic research would not have been accomplished by me had it not been for the generous support of the local order of Benevolent Elks.

Harry J. Buncke, M. D.
San Mateo, CA

• In the September issue is an article by Frank L. Remington, "Snakes Alive!"

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 J. D. Imhof, M. D.
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Yes, the statement is startling. That is exactly why I opened my article with that statistic. I have mailed you a folder from the National Humane Education Center. You will note one entire page is devoted to that statement. Hope this is ample proof for your skeptical questions.
 Frank L. Remington

• The article titled "Purple Thumb" [September, 1973] whetted my taste for home-made wine. Could you give me the address of Wine-Art referred to in the article, as we do not have any of their stores in this area.
 Virgil F. Miller
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• I read with interest the editorial [October, 1973] titled "Troubles and Brotherhood," with particular reference to the small attendance at the funeral of a deceased Elk. Albuquerque Lodge No. 461 has done something about this which may be innovative.

A year ago, at the suggestion of Bro. Oren Strong acted upon by Richard D. Volk, ER at the time, we organized an "Hour of 11:00 Committee," comprised of about 20 members, mostly retired and therefore available to attend funerals. Other Lodge officers and I swell this representation. We had special badges made, white with black lettering—the Lodge name and number across the top, the Elks emblem in the center, and the words "Hour of 11:00" in caps at the bottom. The Brothers in attendance at a funeral are seated in a body and make a good impression for the Lodge, as evidenced by appreciative letters from deceased Elks' families and friends.

I will be pleased to furnish further information on this to any other Elks Lodge interested in doing something similar.
 Robert Van Driel
 Albuquerque, NM

• Where may I obtain the law enforcement decals you mentioned in the August, 1973, editorial, "Elks support law enforcement"??
 A. Standiford
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AMERICA'S MOST PRIZED POSSESSION

by Lynwood Mark Rhoder

The more than 20,000 people who each week view the most treasured document in American history undoubtedly must wonder how it ever reached the National Archives in Washington, D.C., intact. They should. Soiled, frayed and blurred to the point that much of the text and some of the signatures are illegible today, no roll of parchment has faced so many pitfalls or come so close to destruction as this precious symbol of our heritage—the Declaration of Independence.

Yet, neither the ravages of time nor the physical neglect of past years has obscured the wondrous phrases, the dateless language in this ghostly specter from the first dark days of America's birth. Now, as then, it is still the real thing—a stirring statement that inspires Americans to their noblest actions, a ringing challenge to tyrants who would ride herd over mankind, a profound proclamation marked with a universality that transcends time and space.

Admittedly, some men in every generation have scoffed at the Declaration's ideals. Others have paid only lip service to them. Still others have been distressed by the slow and imperfect attainment of its democratic promises. Maybe this is as it should be. Even the signers of the Declaration realized that defining their heartfelt



hopes was one thing, that achieving them quickly was quite another.

"I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this declaration," a wise and foresighted John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, shortly after he'd voted in 1776 to throw the gauntlet of independence squarely at the feet of the British king. "Yet through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth the means; and that posterity will triumph, even though we should rue it, which I trust God we shall not."

Surprisingly enough, the crusty old Bostonian was probably one of the few patriots—at the outset, at least—who recognized the Declaration as anything more than just another congressional paper. To most people, it was simply a long overdue call to arms. Eloquently stated, perhaps. But hardly a sacred relic. Certainly when Thomas Jefferson penned the decisive words of independence, he never suspected that they eventually would be memorized by every schoolboy, much less ultimately immortalized.

The astonishing fact remains, nonetheless, that there is really no such thing as "The Declaration of Independence." Not for anyone who enjoys hairsplitting. What we do have are three official copies of a document,

none of which bear the title that we know it by today. For, strictly speaking, the Declaration is not the act by which independence was declared. Congress accomplished that deed by passing a resolution on July 2, 1776. Rather, it is a document that proclaims to the world our *reasons* for declaring independence.

The earliest copy of the Declaration is in the Library of Congress. It is a rough draft in Jefferson's handwriting, composed sometime between June 10th and June 28th, 1776, when he was chairman of a committee appointed by the Continental Congress to draw up the formal announcement of independence. Why the committee members—John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Roger Sherman of Connecticut and Robert Livingston of New York—chose him for the task of putting the upstart colonies' thoughts into words is an intriguing historical footnote.

Franklin had a national—in fact, a world-wide—reputation as a writer. But he also was ill with a severe case of gout at the time. Adams was certainly better known, but his writing style was ponderous and dull. Sherman readily admitted that he was no writer. And Livingston had opposed outright independence from the very beginning. Thus, the logic of circumstances pointed the finger of destiny

at Jefferson. Except in later years, Adams recalled that the committee asked him and Jefferson to do the job in partnership as a sub-committee of two.

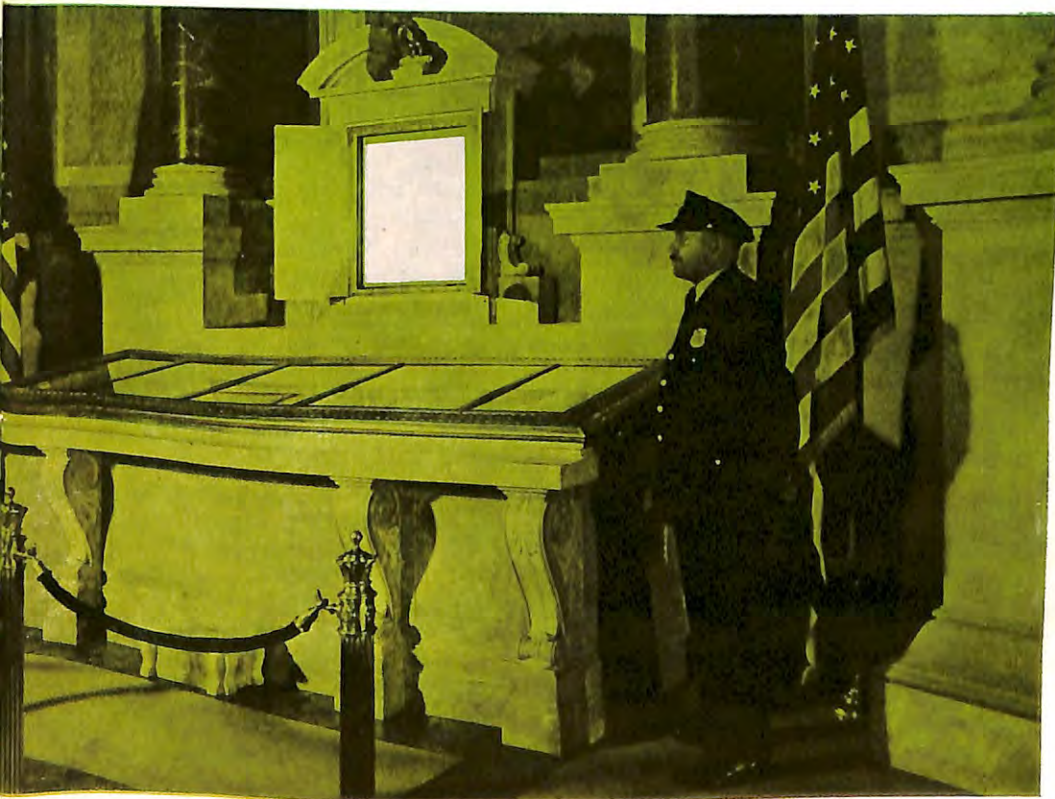
Adams gallantly declined the honor. "You can write ten times better than I can," he remembered telling Jefferson.

"Well, if you are decided," the 33-year-old, redheaded Virginian is supposed to have answered, "I will do as well as I can."

Jefferson denied that the conversation—or the sub-committee—ever took place. What really happened was that the full committee "unanimously pressed on myself alone to undertake the draft," he unabashedly owned up in his twilight years. "I consented. I drew it." Both men were octogenarians when they tried to recollect the course of events which occurred on that fateful day. Perhaps neither was entirely wrong—or completely right. Memory "at the age of eighty," as the gracious Virginian frankly conceded, "is not wonderful."

In any event, the pride of authorship for what he called "A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in General Congress Assembled" unquestionably belongs to Jefferson. And a careful look at the rough draft reveals that he might possibly have intended to use the word "Independence" in the title after all, then changed his mind. Immediately following "Declaration," he's written "of" and, in a quick quirk of author's license, overlaid it with the substitute "by."

The committee made other changes. Five of these appear on the rough draft in Franklin's hand. Where Jefferson had said "We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable," for example, the astute man from Philadelphia blue-penciled the last three words and replaced them with the cooler and sharper "self-evident." Jefferson personally made 16 additional



Thousands visit the shrine at the National Archives in Washington, D. C., each and every year to see the living Declaration.



The first page of Jefferson's four-page draft of the Declaration. The entire document is still preserved in the Library of Congress.

changes and added three paragraphs—whether because of a change of heart or at the committee's insistence isn't known—before taking the draft over to the Pennsylvania State House on Chestnut Street in Philadelphia where Congress was sitting.

There, the delegates spent the better part of three days nit-picking it sentence by sentence, word by word. It's generally agreed that their editing helped more than it hurt. Unnecessary phrases disappeared. Extravagantly worded charges were defeated, particularly the one blaming the foreign slave trade on George III.

But no amount of revision by the well-intentioned congressional editors changed the spirit of the Declaration. It still imparted a rare beauty of phrase, a passionate chant for freedom. Deliberately and seemingly effortlessly, Jefferson had breathed a spark of eternal life into what probably would have been merely a dull state paper from the hand of almost any other man.

The second copy of the Declaration is attached by a wax wafer in a blank space that had been left for it in the *Journal of Congress*, now in the Library of Congress. This, the first official version of the Declaration, is one of the copies which a Philadelphia printer named Dunlap prepared on

the night of July 4th from a clean sample of Jefferson's corrected text which Congress had adopted late that afternoon. Bearing only the printed names of John Hancock as President of the Congress and Charles Thomson as Secretary, it is titled "IN CONGRESS, JULY 4th, 1776. A DECLARATION By the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN GENERAL CONGRESS Assembled."

The document signed by Hancock and Thomson—the one that Dunlap used to print the copies—is actually the original Declaration of Independence, but it has long since disappeared. What happened to it? No one knows. It apparently never came back from the printer, for Thomson was meticulous about saving official documents—especially ones formally signed by members of Congress. To our everlasting regret, some unknown journeyman or printer's devil quite likely threw it away after he'd finished using it to set and proof the type—or took it home for a souvenir. So, it may yet turn up someday in a forgotten attic trunk or a misplaced family Bible. History has played stranger tricks.

The next day, July 5th, Congress began sending copies of the new Declaration throughout the colonies. It got rave reviews. In Boston, Abigail

Adams said that the crowds there gave "great attention to every word, then three cheers rent the air, the cannon were discharged, the cry was 'God save our American states!' and every face appeared joyful." The Liberty Bell clanged in Philadelphia. Washington's troops in Lower Manhattan heard the Declaration read within sight of the English forces on Staten Island and the British fleet in the bay. The General, astride his white horse, noted that his soldiers gave it "their warmest approbation." That was putting it mildly. Our rambunctious brigade of the Sons of Liberty were so moved by the stirring words that they proceeded to tear down the largest statue in the New World—an equestrian figure of George III in Bowling Green.

And so it went up and down the new nation—bonfires, volleys of musket salutes, ringing bells—continuing intermittently until August 10th when Savannah, Georgia, finally received its copy and held a "liberty pole" celebration. The Declaration accomplished a purpose beyond its writer's wildest expectations—a startling crystallization of public opinion. As John Langdon, a delegate to Congress from New Hampshire, chortled, "this Declaration has had a glorious effect, has made these colonies all alive."

The historical consequences of the celebrations, of course, is that we continue to observe Independence Day on the wrong date. Presumably because we believe the Declaration was signed by Congress on the Fourth of July. It wasn't. And nothing proves it better than the third official copy of the Declaration—the one on view at the National Archives today and the ones that Americans popularly consider the rightful Declaration.

In a resolution passed on July 19th, the delegates ordered that the Declaration "be fairly engrossed on parchment and the same be signed by every member of Congress." This parchment copy has the title "In CONGRESS, July 4th, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united STATES OF AMERICA." It is identical in wording with Dunlap's printed copy of the Declaration in the *Journal*, although the layout is entirely different.

There are no paragraphs as such, only dashes to indicate where indentation should be. Part of the trouble stems from the writing style of the engraver, Timothy Matlack. It is the sort customarily used in formal documents in those days, pleasing to the eye but easier to look at than to read. Indeed, in his anxiety to get the entire title on one line, Matlack committed a faux pas as amusing as it is significant. The word "united" is in lower case,

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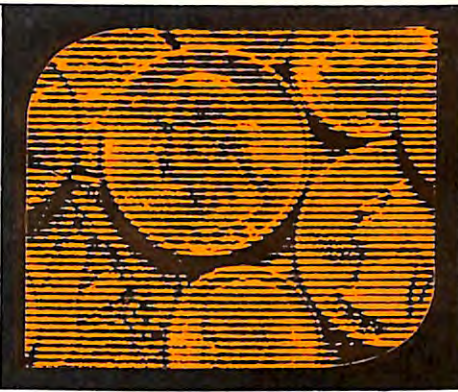
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

by J. L. Slattery/R. Gosswiller



By October this year it was just about impossible for people in Illinois to get home-mortgage financing.

"It's a statewide emergency," said Mr. Warren Pursell, executive vice-president of the Illinois Savings & Loan League. "In effect, no homes in any numbers are being bought or sold."

Some Illinois home-building firms and some savings-and-loan institutions had been urging the state legislature to raise the legal ceiling on mortgage interest rates from 8% to 10%. But the Illinois Legislative Council, the legislature's research group, said that "solutions to the current Illinois mortgage market crunch probably lie much more in monetary, fiscal and economic policies determined in Washington than on any simple statewide policy change."

The Illinois building-trades union locals weren't sure which side to take in the matter. Mr. Robert G. Gibson, secretary-treasurer of the state's AFL-CIO, said that while some of his union's members feared they'd be out of work if the interest ceiling weren't raised, there was also the feeling that the 8% limit had been "a real safeguard" for the average worker as a home-buyer.

The mortgage-financing problem in Illinois was merely one of a number of indications of how the U.S. economy has been going. And it was just one of many signals that were being flashed to warn the American people: "You just **cannot** have all of the things you **want!**"

That simple but unpleasant fact is going to be strongly evident in 1974—and probably for some years to come—in some ways that millions of Americans are likely to find quite upsetting.

And it won't help to keep shouting "But we've got the **money!** We've got the **money!**"

Is there a community newspaper in your locality? What does a copy of it cost, ten cents? Well, there's a real possibility that you soon might not be able to **get** a copy of that newspaper even if you were able and willing to pay **ten dollars** for it! Newspapers are printed on the kind of paper that's called "newsprint." About 65% of the news-

print used in the U.S. comes from Canadian trees. Well, there's already a serious shortage of newsprint—and it may last at least three years!

Can a desperate newspaper publisher make trees **grow faster** by frantically waving \$1,000-bills at them?

But it's not just the newsprint type of paper that is—and is going to be—in short supply.

"I think it fair to predict an extreme shortage of paper and paper products lasting not only through 1975 but for some years beyond," said Mr. Samuel M. Kinney, Jr., last September. He's president of Union Camp Corporation, a big manufacturer of paper products.

Now let's think in terms of both paper and chocolate. Think of the familiar paper-wrapped chocolate bars and the paper boxes of chocolate creams and other chocolate goodies nestling in their individual thin-paper cups. Chocolate comes from cocoa beans and most of them come from Brazil and Ghana. In 1967 the price of cocoa beans averaged 21.9 cents a pound. But by early last August the price had gone up to **93-cents a pound!** And because of bad weather conditions, this year's crop of cocoa beans are expected to be 10% below the 1972 level.

Last August, big General Foods Corporation said that it might have to close down its chocolate-making operations. And Hershey Foods said it was planning to stop supplying chocolate to secondary manufacturers.

Suppose that by next August those Americans who like chocolate have a hard time even finding chocolate bars in U.S. stores and that when they do find them they also find that a bar that cost only 10 cents "back in the Good Old Days of 1973" then costs 30 cents!

Inconceivable? Not to us. And that little example will serve nicely to introduce our two main topics.

Inflation—and Shortages

Last September, in New York, 415 members of the National Association of Business Economists (NABE) attended their organization's annual meeting. By

a big majority they predicted that inflation would be the country's No. 1 economic problem not only in 1974 but for the next five years!

And as we've just indicated, there's also going to be the problem of shortages.

We mentioned two categories of materials and products in which there are likely to be shortages next year and perhaps for some years to come. But in contemplating the prospect of shortages, you'd be wise to start with "A for anchovies" and go right through to "Z for zinc."

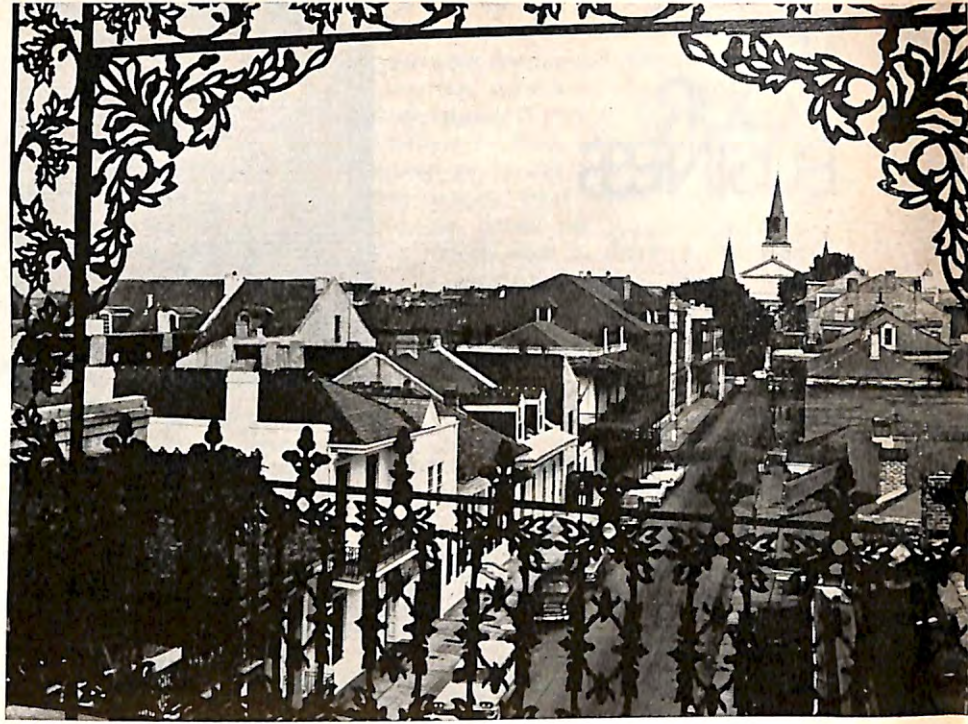
You, of course, already know about "E for energy. As this article was being written, early last October, the nations airlines were planning to meet—if the government permitted—to plan cooperative ways of reducing their consumption of fuel. And the Detroit auto manufacturers were worried because the Michigan electrical-power companies had warned that by late next year they might have to start **rationing** power.

There's already a big shortage of cotton and wool. And just one effect of the shortage of cotton is that there's a shortage of white cotton rags for use in cleaning industrial equipment and plants. This in turn has forced companies to start using disposable paper products for that purpose. And of course this puts a further strain on the already tight supply of paper.

Will there be shortages of **credit** and **money** next year? Very probably. On September 12, in Washington, Federal Reserve System chairman Arthur F. Burns told the House Banking Committee that tight-money conditions and record-high borrowing costs can be expected to continue, "I must acknowledge that I can see no easy way out of our current dilemma," he said.

Now, all of the conditions we've mentioned so far had developed even **before** the Mideast war had broken out! When this article was written, that war was only a few days old. But no one could tell how long it would be lasting. And in Washington, on October 10, U.S. Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar said that if that war continued very long, it might be necessary to impose **fuel rationing** in the U.S.

And that's only one of the many serious possibilities that could materialize from the Mideast turmoil.



The Second Time Around

**Red sails in the Sunset?
They beckon you and your favorite lady
to lands of intrigue and romance.**

by Jerry Hulse

■ Given the opportunity for a second honeymoon, where would you choose to go? Europe, the Orient, the South Seas? Or would you remain right here at home? After pondering the question for several days I have surfaced with a number of suggestions—ideas which I pass on to Elks and their ladies who may be considering such a happy anniversary plan.

First, it would be impossible to put together such a list without including San Francisco. It is, it seems, "Everybody's Favorite City" as the Convention and Visitors Bureau continues to proclaim. Dozens of us remember the

Mark Hopkins Hotel on Nob Hill. The Top o' the Mark was where servicemen went for a final farewell drink during World War II. Later when the fighting was finished, thousands returned to this city by the Golden Gate. Second honeymooners still come back to stroll along Fisherman's Wharf and to ride the cable cars, to feed the pigeons in Union Square and to ride the ferry over to Tiburon.

A second honeymoon? Well, what of those plush nests for love birds in the Poconos? My friend Horace Sutton refers to the area as the "marriage capital of America," tracing it from a





(Clockwise from lower left) Beach near Kona Village on island of Hawaii / Homes in New Orleans' French Quarter / Cable cars clambering up and down Nob Hill on Powell Street, San Francisco.

honeymoon farm established in the 1930's. Later new resorts spread through small villages in these Pennsylvania mountains. At one honeymoon hideaway you may swim in a heart-shaped pool and afterward snooze in a heart-shaped bed. Off in Penn Hills there are even heart-shaped signs to keep honeymooners with stardust in their eyes from getting themselves lost. Last year nearly a quarter million honeymooners invaded the Poconos where roughly a dozen resorts cater to the whims of all lovers. Of the dozen, romance hangs heaviest at Penn Hills in Analomink, Pa.—Penn Hills being the Waldorf of the Sweetheart Set. Couples desiring total privacy are deposited inside slick villas along with bottles of champagne. A week of this sort of happiness is priced at less than \$500. Elsewhere Penn Hills Lodge bids couples welcome for something under \$400.

There also comes to mind Cap Ferrat, a perfect gem on the French Riviera, midway between Monte Carlo and Nice, a favorite of actor David Niven and legions of others in tune with romance. Were I off on a honeymoon I'd check in at Voile d'or with its candlelight dinners and marble baths—a hotel facing the snug and peaceful village of Cap Ferrat and a harbor filled with little fishing boats and big expensive yachts.

It is loveliest at sunset, a time when the sea is drained of its brilliance, the water making soft, musical sounds, followed by the peacefulness of twilight. Cap Ferrat is a small crescent just off the Riviera, its buildings crowned with

red tile and dripping with geraniums that overflow their window boxes. Each morning church bells ring out loudly, awakening everyone. But if you are young and in love, who cares?

Another honeymoon? Well, perhaps I would choose Las Brisas in Acapulco. Yes, I'm sure I would. The last time I counted there were 200 casitas—each with its own swimming pool—strung up and down a hillside a couple of miles outside of town. Alas, I was there alone. A honeymoon cottage and no one to share it.

When a new guest arrives at Las Brisas Mexican girls appear with baskets of hibiscus, sprinkling petals in the swimming pool. Linda Bird Johnson honeymooned at Las Brisas. She was my neighbor, and each morning the Mexican girls returned with fresh flowers while others stocked the refrigerator with beer. At Las Brisas when the sun finally gives up, lights flash on down by the bay—a necklace reflected by incoming tides.

In Mexico I have in mind another honeymoon hideaway—beyond Mexico City, just over the hill from Cuernavaca in the village of Cocoyoc. It is an old hacienda and it has stood for 400 years, viaducts running through its walls so that water creates a sleepy, musical melody for guests who come seeking romance. At Hacienda Cocoyoc there are special honeymoon offers that include meals, champagne, sightseeing and a photograph album.

For couples choosing total aloneness there are suites with private swimming pools and complete privacy. At night, newlyweds gather in El Trapische, a

night club installed in the hacienda's old sugar mill, and meals are taken in an ancient barn. Should someone arrive who is unwed, well, that's all right, too. Mass and marriages are held in the hacienda's private chapel, just beyond the ancient patio.

Returning now to France, I recall another perfect setting for honeymooners: Chateau de Chamontel, a delightful 15th Century castle standing in a forest a few miles north of Paris, surrounded by a moat and acres of grass and paths for walking in the surrounding woods. Thick comforters are placed on the beds and meals are served in the grand salon. Vegetables are picked fresh daily and flowers are delivered from the castle garden. When the weather is warm honeymooners dine outside in the garden with its sweet, mossy smell of the woods. For those who are curious, take Auto Route 16 out of Paris to Val de Oise at Chantilly.

On a second honeymoon perhaps I would choose the Palacio at Bussaco in Central Portugal. Once the summer palace of Portuguese kings, it rises on a mountaintop 160 miles north of Lisbon, hemmed in by forests and surrounded by gardens. Newlyweds and other guests reign in a setting of marble staircases, sculptured gardens, tiled murals, Persian rugs and imported furniture. For honeymooners with sufficient cash and a desire for total privacy, the management offers the key to a suite with its own silver setting, dining room, terrace and marble bath. Indeed, it was here that Anthony Eden found privacy during

his own honeymoon, many years ago.

Other romance is provided by Greece and its islands—Hydra, Crete, Rhodes, Mykonos. These and many others. For myself, though, I would choose Mykonos. At Mykonos there is a harbor like a miniature St. Tropez, a crescent-shaped place, pleasantly warm, with orange and blue fishing boats rocking on the swells. The waterfront is lined with noisy “tavernas” and small hotels; lovers sit at sidewalk cafes, hypnotized by an incredibly blue sea. Later, as day ends and the water turns its silvery blue, they sip retsina by candlelight and as darkness spreads there is the melody of strolling musicians.

With night crowding the dusk, the tavernas glow with the light of many candles burning in old wine jugs at the Nine Muses and Fouskis, and sometimes the music continues till dawn and another day, which begins much like yesterday and ends exactly the same way—warm and peaceful and happy. With the dawn, those who have forsaken sleep remove their shoes, diving into the water to wash away the sleepiness. Everywhere there are churches—365 I am told, one for each day of the year—built by sailors who returned safely from the sea. As a result, there is no shortage of chapels

for lovers planning a lifetime of togetherness.

Speaking of a honeymoon, who could deny the romance of Italy? Especially Positano, a seaside village which hangs precariously to cliffs along the Amalfi drive. Far below, the sea heaves gently with its cargo of little fishing boats; and bougainvillea grows purple and heavy over the steep, rocky stairway, shading those who pass on their way to the sea. Evening breezes are soft, like the skin of someone still young, and when morning comes the lovers, and others in Positano, are wakened by the bells of St. Maria Assunta. There is danger, though, for honeymooners in Positano—a risk that they may toss their tickets to the wind, deciding to remain forever. One thing I know—those who leave are never quite content again.

There is also risk with a honeymoon in Hawaii, the setting I have in mind being Kona Village, off on the Big Island, a miniature Polynesia complete with native huts and king-size beds. At Kona Village there are no cars, no smog, no crowds. Remote and peaceful, resting on lava, it faces the sea, trade winds blowing softly through keawe trees and coconut palms—the perfect place for a honeymoon. No other civilization for miles around.

Off on the island of Kauai helicopters drop honeymooners on deserted beaches below the awesome cliffs—20 miles of inaccessible shoreline with the sea pounding at the door. One beach, Honopu, is a favorite with couples in love. There is a helicopter pilot who leaves his passengers with a honeymoon kit containing air mattresses, blanket and a book of poetry. Millions of years of ocean anger have created this particular beach, waves cutting the lonesomely lovely cliffs overhead. There are no hotels, no bungalows. Only the peaceful sands. Two in love share their happiness in a sleeping bag. Later the chopper pilot returns, delivering the honeymooners back to the civilization from where their trip began.

Other island lovers choose Raiatea near Tahiti where mountains rise into the clouds, their flanks green with coconut palms which cascade to valleys below. Islets appear in the lagoon and there is no reason to hurry. There is only time for the luxury of being alive in a world nearly as perfect as the time of its creation. Each day blends with another in the peacefulness of Raiatea. It is a magic island, for it is here and only here that a delicate flower known as the apatahi is found. Nowhere else does it grow on earth. And so when an island boy (or honeymooner) is in love he hikes to the summit of Emahanie, the magic mountain, to gather a bouquet of apatahis for the woman who shares his devotion. Such is the honeymoon romance of Raiatea.

And then there is Maison de Ville in New Orleans, a small hotel in the French Quarter, small but with great warmth, rooms facing a flowered patio, a fountain making musical sounds, all of this just behind the Court of the Two Sisters, which, as anyone familiar with New Orleans knows, is one of the Quarter's best restaurants. At Maison de Ville fresh fruit is placed in the rooms daily and morning coffee is served in the patio where guests reflect on a time when steamboats crowded the Ol' Miss.

Closer to home, other honeymooners sign in at Heritage House, an 18th Century inn overlooking the wild and lonely Mendocino coast, three hours by car north of San Francisco. Antiques fill the living room with its lighted fireplace and there is a lounge looking off at the garden and a grassy hillside which slips away to the sea, hundreds of feet below. Gulls soar overhead and whistling buoys, far out at sea, sing back at night, serenading the couples in love.

Here by the Pacific my list of honeymoon retreats comes to its end. For those still in love, God bless. . .

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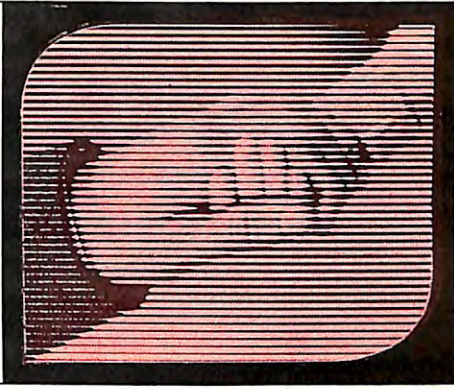
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The 28 newly initiated members of Greensboro, N. C., Lodge subscribed to the National Foundation. With them were Foundation Chm. M. M. Mashburn and committeemen, Howard Ambrose and W. A. Jones.

A student wrote recently to Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge to thank the Elks and the National Foundation. A three-time scholarship winner, Steve Jones said in his letter:

"Words will never express my gratitude to you and the entire Elks organization for what you've done in enabling me to obtain a college education. I will always remember the banquets and state conventions that I've attended and will always remain deeply impressed by the genuine sincerity and concern displayed by the Elks for the young people of our area, our state, and our nation."



The Elks' ladies at Bismarck, N. D., Lodge made a contribution to the National Foundation. President Beva Werre presented the check to ER Terry Dennis.

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NEWS OF THE LODGES



A PLAQUE was presented to Past Grand In. Gd. Charles Fox Jr. during a District Deputy clinic at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia. Brother Fox was honored for his outstanding work as founder and as a director of the Virginia Elks boys camp. Robert Shaw of Harrisonburg Lodge made the presentation as SP Sidney Sullivan observed.



THE MONUMENT to PGER Earl James was dedicated recently at Rose Hill Burial Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Present for the ceremony were (from left) PGERs Lee Donaldson, William Wall, Horace Wisely, Glenn Miller, Robert Pruitt, GER Robert Yothers, PGERs George Hall, Edward McCabe, R. Leonard Bush, Wade Kepner, Robert Boney, Frank Hise, and Raymond Dobson.



THE BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE EAST at Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania was attended by Grand Est. Lead. Kt. H. Beecher Charmbury (right). The event included exhibits dealing with conservation, a buffet reception, and fireworks display. Also present were GL Americanism Committeeman Donald Oesterling (left) and Chief Scout Executive Alden Barber.



MATAWAN, New Jersey, Elks sent four underprivileged youngsters to Elks Camp Moore for crippled children, the state's major project. With campers Barbara Jones, Robin Jones, Mark Roach, and James Dean were Brother Don Hogarty, ER Jay Helt, and Chm. Charles Forsell.



THE CHILDREN of St. Christopher's Home were treated by Glen Cove, N. Y., Elks to an outing, the sixth sponsored annually by the lodge. (From left) Secy. John Fahey Jr., Chm. Stanley Domagala, and ER Francis Deegan joined in the fun.



A TROPHY recognizing Colonie, N. Y., Lodge for its membership increase over the past three years was displayed by ER Walter Klee (right) to three Brothers who helped the lodge attain this honor. They are (from left) membership chairmen William Meyer, Robert Dufresne, and John Frey.



TWO SAILBOATS were presented by Marquette, Mich., Lodge youth committee to Camp Hiawatha for local Boy Scouts. Brother Hank Normand and Brother Charles McIntyre coordinated the project. Inspecting the boats were Jim Huff, Dale McIntyre, and Earle Kins, camp waterfront director.



OVER 100 local civic leaders attended the luncheon honoring a police officer of the month at Pompano Beach, Fla., Lodge. (From left) Trustees Chm. John Coffey and ER Fran Weed welcomed Sgt. S. J. Campodonico, State Rep. Randy Avon, and Police Chief O. J. Franza.



A CRUISE of Puget Sound was taken by four foreign students and three local students thanks to two members of Bremerton, Wash., Lodge. PER Eddie Adams and PER Sam Green planned the event using Brother Adams' boat.



HONORS won by Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge were exhibited by some of those members whose efforts helped the lodge produce award-winning programs. The Brothers are Flag Day Chm. Jim Langley, Est. Lead. Kt. Bob Benson, ER Larry McMilton, Americanism Chm. Bill Delheimer, and Est. Lect. Kt. Bob Franklin.

THE YOUTH PROGRAM at Hudson, N.Y., Lodge was recognized recently. ER Bardis Davi and Chm. Gerald Wood displayed the plaque presented in recognition of the lodge's National Youth Week brochure.



FOUR TELEVISION SETS were presented to the Long Beach VA Hospital through the combined efforts of the nine lodges in the California South Central District. Among those gathered to present the gifts to Hospital Recreation Director Sid Silverman were District Vets Chm. Alfred Guth, Paramount ER Marvin Ezzell, Bellflower ER Norman Turnbull, and San Pedro ER Bob Sanchez.



BROOKLYN, New York, Elks treated handicapped persons to a ball game at Shea Stadium. Enjoying the day with wheelchair fans were (standing, from left) PER Bert Behan, ER Frank Colavito, Trustee Monroe Berliner, and Brothers Charles Arena, Dan Sabatino, Frank Tuttlemondo, and Frank Basile.



OPEN END DISCUSSIONS have been held lately in addition to meetings at Miami Beach, Fla., Lodge to stimulate members' interest. Brother Austin Burke (second from right) has led the sessions which include speakers for both sides of an issue and then discussion in which he attempts to involve all the Brothers. Among the participants were (from left) Phil Strous, Abe Greenburg, Jack Bernard, Harry Klieaman, PER Allen Goldberg, ER Irving Firtel, Dick Bernard, and Max Marin.



▲ **AN OPEN HOUSE** and carnival staged by the youngsters at Meadowood Speech Camp near Weston, Oregon, was attended by several Elks. This year, 70 scholarships to the camp for underprivileged children with speech or hearing disorders were made possible by donations from the Oregon State Elks Association. Visiting with two campers were (from left) State Secy. L. A. O'Neill, SP Bill Flatt, and State Treas. H. M. Randall.



VETERAN PARADER Charles Rusciano (right) of Point Pleasant, N. J., Lodge received a trophy from SP George Frick. Brother Rusciano has participated in many Elks parades and wore these clothes when he and other lodge members marched in the state Elks convention parade.

THE EMERGENCY SQUAD for Easton, Pennsylvania received a check for \$324 from Easton Lodge. A benefit dinner was sponsored by the Elks for the financially distressed squad, and Secy. Edwin Reiss presented the check for proceeds to Sara Messinger, ladies president of the emergency squad.

LODGE NOTES

ANN ARBOR, Mich. The 54th Elks National Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Ann Arbor, Mich., Lodge. All members in good standing can compete for 2,800 cash prizes and trophies starting February 23 through May 5, 1974, excluding Easter weekend, April 14. Interested Elk bowlers should write R. F. Sutton, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 217, Battle Creek, Michigan 49016, or phone 616-965-5615.

SHERWOOD, Ore. Immediate PER John Rennie helped save 13-month-old Stephen Kenyon from a near-drowning accident. Brother Rennie and three other men pulled the child from a river he and his mother were plunged into when their truck veered off the road. By using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Brother Rennie revived the boy.

WOODBIDGE, N. J. At an initiation ceremony for 41 new members, the Elks honored PGER William Jernick. Other guests included ER David Smith, PERs Steve Dorko, Dominick LaPenta, Frank Mueller, A. Martin Mundy, Trustees Charles Blum, Louis Decibus, Peter Greco, DDGER Sol Goldberg, VP Jim Kesely, Treas. George Ceremak, and Est. Loyal Kt. John Sahr.

HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

Gerald L. Powell, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight and Coordinator of the Elks National Free Throw ("Hoop Shoot") Contest, has announced that the second annual competition is ready to go. Last year's contest drew some ¾-million entries.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert A. Yothers has strongly urged that all subordinate lodges conduct the contest and send their winners to the district competitions. Yothers urged in his acceptance speech in Chicago that we make this a youth year. "The finest asset we have and the best investment that America can make is in the youth of today," he said.

Powell said that last year there were local contests conducted by about 60 percent of all Elks lodges, and he urged those lodges which did not participate to make every effort to take part this year. There are three age brackets for entries: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Following the local competition, there will be district contests with the winners going to the state contest. State winners will go to one of the nine regional semi-final contests, and the winners there will compete for the national titles at the annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (N.A.I.A.) finals in Kansas City, Missouri on March 16, 1974.

Local contests must be completed by January 12; district finals by January 26; state finals by February 9, and regional semi-finals by March 2, 1974.

Local contest chairmen are urged to contact their junior high school athletic director, recreational commission, YMCA, CYO, Boys Club, church athletic leaders and elementary school coaches for assistance. A personal meeting should assure their complete cooperation.

For additional information, contact Brother Powell at P.O. Box 520, Peru, Indiana 46970.



A CHARITY BALL was held by Groton, Conn., Lodge to benefit the Newington Crippled Children's Hospital which is the state's major project. In attendance were (from left) immediate PER George Blackwell, state Crippled Children Chm. Francis Adams, lodge Crippled Children Chm. P. Buck Richardson, and ball Chm. Frank Sisco. The affair raised over \$1,000 for the hospital.

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri, Elks held a ceremony recently to burn the mortgage to the lodge home. Putting the torch to the document were (from left) PER Glen Kitchell, SP W. H. Stewart O'Brien, PGER Edward McCabe, ER Willard Harrison, and Secy. Jesse Edwards.



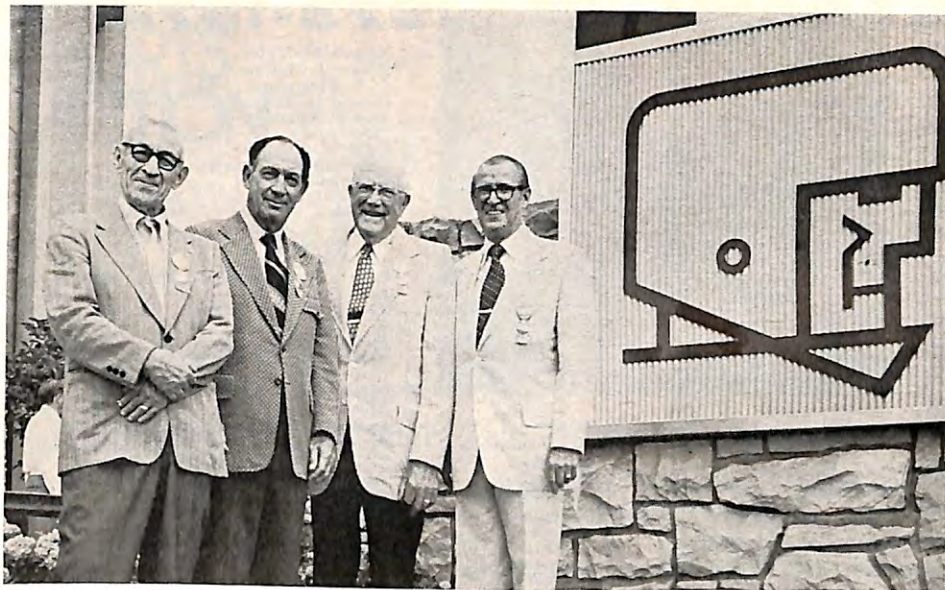
A PHOTO GALLERY of all the Past Exalted Rulers of Lancaster, N. Y., Lodge was unveiled recently. The pictures were displayed by (front row, from left) project Chm. Harold Lewis, PER Albert Roll, DDGER Lucian Mazur, PER Bernard Wirth, and (back row) PER Leo Weimer, PER Clemens Miller, and PDD Neal Cheavacci.



A NEW WHEELCHAIR was presented by Woodbridge, N. J., Lodge to Crissy Thorn. Making her smile were (from left) Chester Rowinski, Tom Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. James Thorn, Crippled Children Chm. Peter Pelletreau, and ER Dave Smith.



FALMOUTH, Massachusetts, Elks were guests of the U. S. Coast Guard for a day cruise on the White Sage to Nantucket and a clamboil. Among those enjoying the sea air were PER Frank Spencer, PER Lawrence Palmer, Est. Lead. Kt. Francis Creighton, and Brother Jim Seward, Commander of the vessel.



THREE ELKS who are former professional and college football players visited the enshrinement ceremonies of the National Football Hall of Fame at Canton, Ohio with PGER E. Gene Fournace (right). They are (from left) Robert Osborn of Lansing, Mich., Lodge, Clarence Parker of Portsmouth, Va., Lodge, and Ed Healey of Niles, Mich., Lodge.



DISTRICT DEPUTIES from Florida and the Canal Zone gathered with some Grand Lodge dignitaries recently. (Seated, from left) were DDGER Stewart Brown, PGER Robert Pruitt, PGER William Wall, Past Grand Forum Chief Justice Willis McDonald, DDGER Charles Bethel, and (standing) were DDGERS Lawrence Hoffman, Earl Sapp, Robert Fluck, Donald Yates, Frank Poitras, Carl Vaughn, Arthur Cushing, and Robert Howell.

◀ **A GRANT** of \$1,500 has been presented by the IBM fund for community service to the cerebral palsy mobile unit sponsored by New York Elks. VP James Palumbo handed the check to Chris DeLuca, Dutchess County therapist.



THE 39th ANNUAL PARADE sponsored by New Orleans, La., Lodge featured the grand prize winning float, titled At a Snail's Pace. Parade Captain Harold Thibodeaux and his Krewe of Orleanians committee organized the event. A banquet and dance were held later at the lodge.



A BOND from the Massachusetts Elks Association was presented to Sue Ellen Green, a junior high school student at Notre Dame Academy. She received the award from Lowell Lodge Youth Chm. Robert Lafferty for an essay she wrote about the American flag.

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by Don Bacue



SUNDAY EXCITEMENT . . . OR FOOTBORE?

Usually, when the local sports scribes start clamoring for some change or another in some major sport or another, I skip those pages those mornings and jump to the obituaries. Usually, I feel I don't miss a thing. But lately, I've noticed some real Monday morning quarterbacking going on all week long. And, lo and behold, some of it makes sense!

I'm talking, of course, about the increasingly obvious problem of the field goal's domination of modern football.

Usually, sportswriters kick off their sundry crusades by touching on a topical problem, then hammering it to death until the sports-minded public becomes conscious of it. That's the way the rift between Leo Durocher and the Chicago Cubs—culminating in the Lion's taking a powder—snowballed. But in this, The Great Field Goal Controversy, it's different. This time, fan discontent was there before sportswriters coast to coast began touting it. It's a fact that makes this Crusade just a bit more valid than some of those in the past.

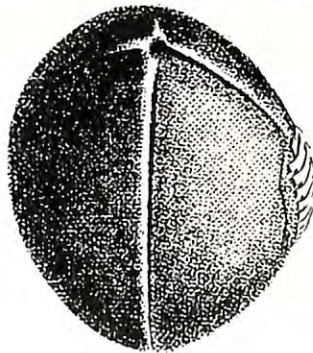
Has the press nonetheless blown the problem out of proportion? Is football really turning into a kickers' game? Is the "long bomb" simply a phrase out of history? Lets talk statistics. Then you decide.

On a recent football Sunday, there were—guess how many!—38 field goals kicked in 12 different games. That's what I said . . . 38! Which comes down to better than three a game, nearly one in each and every quarter of football played. As if that weren't enough, that same Sunday witnessed 45 touchdowns. That's right, nearly as many field goals as touchdowns. For the same number of teams playing one Sunday last season, there was a more realistic ratio of two T. D.'s for each F. G. scored.

But even that's not the sad part of the tale. The true klinker is the intense degree of boredom present at practically any NFL stadium on any particular Sunday during the course of the

year. What's to merit excitement? A team can collect the game-opening kick-off on its own 30, march 30 yards downfield, stall, and kick a field goal from the 46. It's happening just that way in a disturbingly large number of games. And if that's what NFL owners call "excitement," I'd just as soon spend my Sundays in the park watching a game of broomball.

What can be done to bring the forward pass, the run, and the T. D. back to the pro game? The most frequently advanced suggestion is to place a one-point value on field goals, instead of the attractive (often game-winning) three points kickers now enjoy. But think about it a minute. A 35-, 40-, or 45-yard boot is a work of art. A coup d'etat. And nearly as exciting as a touchdown. No, penalizing the kicker for a near-super accomplishment—and penalizing the fan as well—is



hardly the answer. What the NFL has to do if it wants to fill those empty seats they've been blaming on the removal of home-game TV blackouts is eliminate the dull, sure-fire field goal from close range. That'll liven things up. You can count on it.

I'll never forget watching the game in which Oakland snapped Miami's NFL record-tying, 18-game winning streak. George Blanda did it single handedly (single footedly?) by kicking the pigskin through the uprights four

different times for a 12-7 victory. Every shot a cinch.

So how do we do it, if not by devaluing the F. G.? I have a few suggestions.

1.) Ban the field goal from less than 30 yards out. Anything else and the kicker's really working; he deserves three points . . . if he makes it. If not, well, we'll cover that later.

2.) On the field goal attempts, spot the ball at whatever point laterally it was downed on the previous play, instead of moving it to the hashmarks nearer the center of the field for an easy-angle shot. Increase the angle (say, from five yards inside the out-of-bounds line) and you decrease the chances for three points . . . and increase the drama, too.

3.) In the case of a missed field goal, award the opposing team an automatic three points. A team will have to be really desperate—or really sure—to risk a field goal knowing there's more than an exchange of the ball at stake if it's unsuccessful.

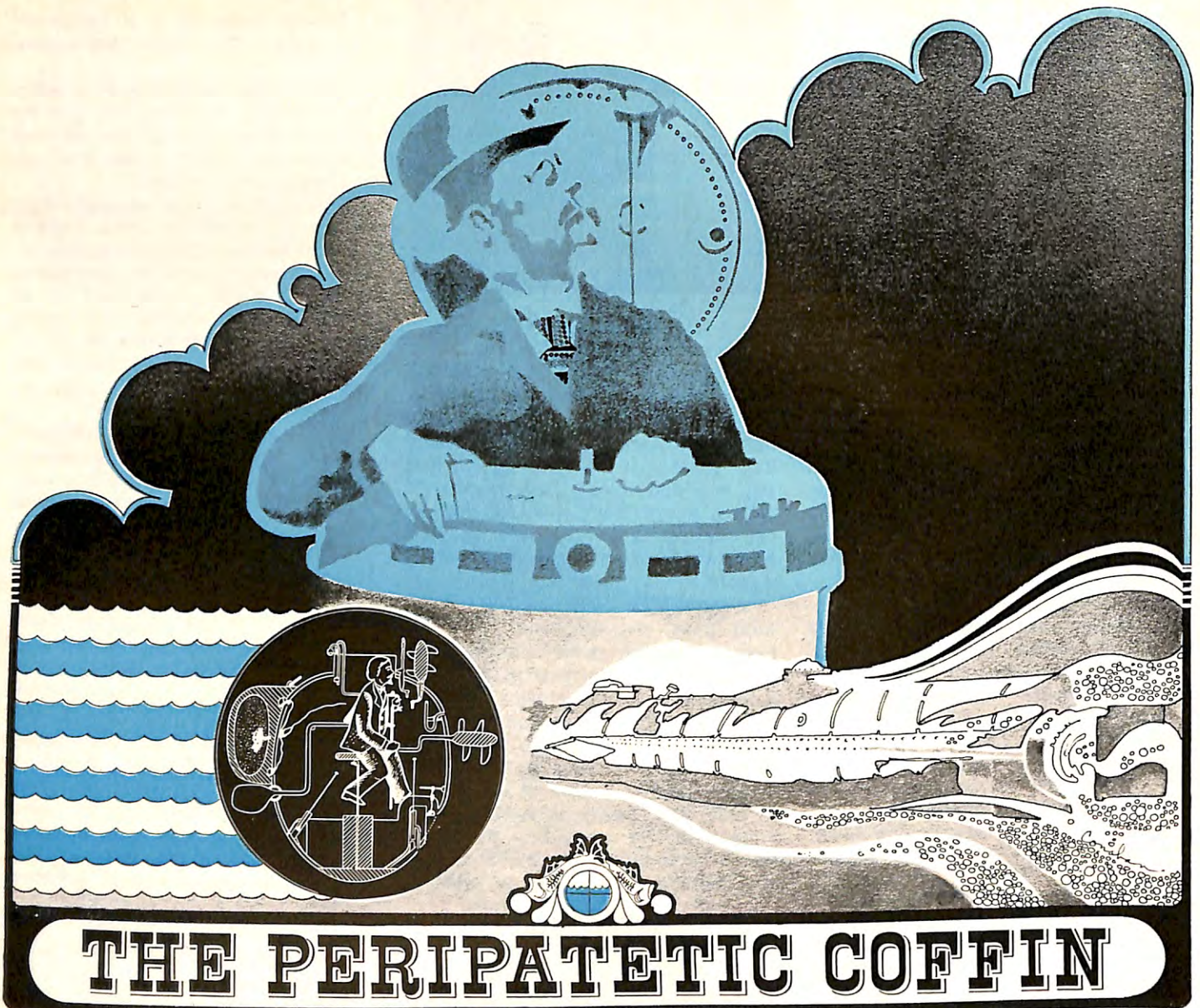
4.) Eliminate the "point after" and score a T. D. an automatic seven points. The P. A. has become nearly as automatic as the quarterback sneak at the one-foot line. Why kid around? Or . . .

5.) Insert a two-point "pass-throw" option after a T. D. That's one more reason a team should go for the big one rather than settle for the "sure" one.

If the NFL adopts some or all of these rules tomorrow, there'd be a whole new brand of football unfolding



at Soldiers Field next Sunday—or anywhere in the League. It'd mean once again bringing the excitement, the thrills, the challenge back into the game. If they don't, well, time can only tell. But I'll guarantee you one thing: If I wanted to watch a kicking game, I'd watch soccer. And I haven't seen a soccer game in years . . .



THE PERIPATETIC COFFIN

by Robert L. Williams

When the Northern blockade of Southern ports exerted a stranglehold on Rebel hopes during the latter half of the Civil War, Confederate leaders saw the legible and terrifying handwriting on the wall. The message was impossible to misunderstand: Break the blockade or surrender!

The South elected to try to break the blockade, and the Confederate Congress took immediate steps by offering one-half the value of all ships and cargoes destroyed to any person who could devise a plan to debilitate the Federal navy. Confederate General Joseph Eggleston Johnston had already invented the "booby trap," which consisted of land mines left to cripple or kill occupying enemy soldiers and the use of the air-balloon had become fairly common, but these tactics were of little avail, except in the psychological sense.

Two Southern naval officers had successfully destroyed a Federal vessel by tying two demijohns of powder together and floating them in the river, then, as an enemy ship passed over them, detonating the powder charge by means of an electrical charge. However, the Confederate Congress refused to pay fifty per cent of the value of the *Cairo*, which was the first ship sunk by this operation, because the men were already members of the armed forces and thereby ineligible.

An unknown gentleman came to Richmond with plans for a terrible machine that would "destroy the entire Federal navy," from ironclads to scows, in a matter of hours. Another enterprising Horatio Alger prototype theorized that the blockade could be broken by burning every ship leaving a Northern port for the South and by similarly burning

and scuttling every ship from any foreign port in the world leaving for the United States.

The men who were very nearly successful in their work with naval defense, however, were not Americans at all; nor were they nineteenth century personalities. Their names read like an all-star cast in world history: Aristotle, Herodotus, Pliny the Elder, Alexander the Great, Leonardo Da Vinci, Roger Bacon, Dr. Edmund Halley (of Halley's Comet fame), and James I of England (also James VI of Scotland) who also was greatly responsible for the publication of the King James Version of the Bible. Heading the second team are Archimedes and Robert Fulton.

The brain child of these and other men was easily the most controversial weapon of modern times, prior to poison gas and atomic bombs: it was the

submarine torpedo boat, the weapon which invariably gives advantage to the military power with the weakest navy.

During the pre-Christian centuries, Archimedes sketched out plans for a vessel that would utilize the laws of hydrostatics—a vessel that could float or sink, then reverse the process, at the option of the operator. Aristotle, quite possibly the greatest intellect of all time, further discussed the operation of a submarine ship. Pliny and Herodotus went on record as having witnessed successful operations of such crafts, and Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.) went so far as to make a descent in a glass barrel, in which he remained submerged for several minutes.

By the end of the thirteenth century—before the time of Geoffrey Chaucer and *The Canterbury Tales*—Roger Bacon, foremost levitationist, magician, and scientist of his day, had invented an operable submarine. By the beginning of the sixteenth century, half a century before William Shakespeare, Leonardo Da Vinci had planned, described, and sketched plans for some of the most devastating marvelous inventions of all time: the tank, machine gun, helicopter, parachute, automobile, jet-propelled plane, and the submarine—between such activities as painting *The Last Supper* and performing the first autopsies and studying the human organic, skeletal, and muscular systems.

Thus far in history scholars and an assorted bevy of advanced thinkers and some few crackpots had placed the submarine in the category of the pipe dream or novelty, but in 1624 a reigning monarch of perhaps the greatest country on earth took a submarine ride, and instantly the world began to regard the ship as more than a toy. King James I, who thirteen years earlier had authorized the translation and publication of the King James Version of the Bible, boarded a wood and leather contrivance fashioned from a rowboat and the king and the operator disappeared beneath the waters of the Thames River. The trip was made at a depth of about fifteen feet, and over an hour later the sub emerged on the other side.

Most of the subs had been made of rowboats with leather coverings and were propelled by oars protruding through water-tight portholes. It was not until 1652 that a significant modification was made by a Frenchman

named Le Son. Le Son's boat was made of wood and it was seventy-two feet long, twelve feet deep, and was powered by paddlewheels located at midship. It came equipped with iron-tipped legs to enable it to rest on the bottom without miring too deeply in the mud and silt.

During the American Revolution a Yale student named David Bushnell innovated the use of mines or torpedoes. His craft was called the *Turtle*, and Bushnell used it to demonstrate that gunpowder could be exploded underwater. The *Turtle* had a one-man crew, and this operator propelled the sub by means of a steering oar and two hand-driven screws, one for horizontal and one for vertical lift. The vessel "submerged" by taking in ballast until only a small portion of the ship remained visible. The battle plans called for Bushnell to sneak up to the hull of an enemy ship, attach a keg of gunpowder by driving screws into the planking of the boat, and a clock-controlled fuse was to explode the mine after the sub had time to escape from the area. The only problem was that he was unable to force screws through the copper covering on the ship's hull.

After the Revolution, Robert Fulton attempted to sell his steam-powered submarine to Napoleon for use against the English blockade, but even though Fulton destroyed a ship in the Seine, Napoleon refused to invest the necessary capital into the venture. Fulton in turn offered his machine to England, where William Pitt was extremely interested. Unfortunately for Fulton, British Admiral John Jervis was alarmed about the future prospects and told Pitt: "Don't look at it and don't touch it. If we took it up, other nations will; and it will be the greatest blow at our supremacy on the sea that can be imagined."

For a brief time the world was blissfully without naval warfare, and then with the coming of the Civil War, interest once again returned to the matter of submarines. In response to the Congress of the Confederacy's urgent call, Theodore Stoney of Charleston, South Carolina, financed and built a submarine and offered it to the Confederacy. Called the *David*, the craft was operated by a steam engine and carried a "torpedo" on a spar so that it stuck out in front of the sub. The torpedo, which was in reality a mine, consisted of about sixty pounds of explosive and a detonating fuse. The idea was to

ram the spar and powder against the side of a ship so that the force of the impact would set off the blast.

On October 5, 1863, the *David* was put into action. However, one technicality had to be overcome: the question of the legality of the sub as a "conventional" battle weapon. Was it legal, since it carried no usual weapons?

To offset the technicality, Lt. W. T. Glassell, who was placed in command of the *David* and its crew of four, carried a shot gun on board with him. Their target was the Federal ship *New Ironsides*, then resting at anchor in the Charleston harbor. As the sub approached, a lookout on the *New Ironsides* spotted the cockpit of the *David*, which was not totally submerged. In response to the lookout's challenge, Lt. Glassell opened fire on the *Ironsides*, not with the torpedo but, ludicrously enough, with the shotgun, which was roughly equivalent to attacking a grizzly bear with a fly swatter.

The forward thrust, however, of the *David* was sufficient to carry it close enough so that the spar, laden with gunpowder, made contact and a terrible explosion opened a gaping hole in the side of the ship. The swell caused by the explosion caused water to pour down the smokestack of the *David* and extinguish the boiler fires. Commander Glassell was either knocked out or washed out of the sub, and federal boats picked him and another member of the crew from the water.

The remaining members of the crew somehow managed to re-light the boiler fires and the *David* steamed back to Charleston on its own power. The tiny *David* had won the first encounter with the Goliath *Ironsides*.

The submarine with the legendary background, however, was not the *David* or any of its predecessors. The most notable of all submersible craft at this time in history was the CSN *Hunley*, a jinxed vessel if ever one floated.

Created by H. L. Hunley of the Hunley and McClintock Company of Mobile, Alabama, the craft was apparently perfect in every way, except for one tiny flaw that was to result in tragedy after tragedy. This one flaw, however small, was sufficient to cause the *Hunley* to kill several times as many of its own men as it destroyed enemy men.

This first really genuine wartime submarine was ironclad, shaped like a giant twenty-foot cigar, and equipped with lateral fins to aid in surfacing and

submerging. Powered by a crank-operated propellor which was turned by a crew of seven or eight men, the *Hunley* had ballast tanks to aid in descents but the builder had neglected to make provisions for a supply of fresh air. Here was the fatal error. Previously successful submarines had made use of leather bags which would be filled with air so that the operators could stay submerged for as long as twenty-four hours. Halley's submarine, for instance, could provide fresh air for a crew of five to stay underwater at a depth of sixty feet for well over an hour. Wilhelm Bauer's *Le Plongeur-Marin* made 134 successful dives and at one time carried a small orchestra which, in the 1850's, rendered the Russian national anthem so clearly that it could be heard completely across the surface of the harbor at Kronstadt.

From the beginning it seemed that the *Hunley* was doomed. Almost as soon as it was put into operation, tragedy occurred. The craft was tested in Mobile Bay, where it sank, drowning or suffocating the entire crew. After a few successful runs, the sub was shipped by rail to Charleston for use against the blockade, but tragedy continued to follow. Under the command of a Lt. Payne, the *Hunley* was tied at the wharf when the swell from a passing freighter caused her to sink, drowning all but Payne, who happened to be close enough to the hatch to escape.

By this time the sub had been labeled "the peripatetic coffin," so named

because of the up-and-down pacing of the ancient philosophers and also because the peripatetic schools seemed to be filled with frustrations and totally unable to control their course of destiny. The label was an accurate one, for within a week the incident was repeated, and again Payne escaped. This time the crew was somewhat luckier, and two crewmen escaped with Payne.

Inventor and builder Hunley came from Mobile and Charleston to take matters into his own hands. Feeling that the crew lacked judgment and experience necessary to operate such a complex vessel as a submarine. Taking the *Hunley* to the Stono River for practice runs, Hunley himself put the craft into a dive. An eyewitness, Arthur P. Ford, author of *Life in the Confederate Army*, reports that he saw the sub execute a perfect dive but it did not come up again. Divers later found the sub, its nose buried in the mud at the bottom of the river. All on board perished.

Having killed four crews, the *Hunley* was given another chance. After it was refloated, the sub was put through a drill using the Confederate *Indian Chief* as a dummy victim. Again tragedy occurred: this time the *Hunley*, which was supposed to dive under the ship and drag a mine or torpedo, towed by a long cable, against the side of the ship, became entangled in the anchor chain of the *Indian Chief* and sank, again killing the crew.

Resurrected once again, the *Hunley* was granted one more opportunity to

strike a blow for the Confederacy.

The victim was the *Housatonic*, a Federal warship that was anchored in the harbor. Because of the history of tragedy, the *Hunley* approached while surfaced; nevertheless, the torpedo struck the hull of the *Housatonic* and the explosion rocked the harbor. Within seconds the ship was listing badly, and in less than five minutes she sank. It was her one moment of glory.

But even this brief moment was filled with irony, because the huge ship disappeared beneath the surface as the deck was covered with water, then all motion stopped. The ship rested, suspended, it seemed, and refused to sink further. The mast and rigging were still as dry as a chip. The ship had sunk in only twenty-seven feet of water, and the crew climbed the rigging and waited calmly until other Federal ships rescued them.

The *Hunley* was not so fortunate. The force of the explosion caused a great swell that swamped the sub, and it too sank. The entire crew was killed.

The *Hunley's* life was over. No further efforts were made to salvage and use this grandfather of all submarine warfare vessels. After the war, when the harbor was being cleared, the hull of the *Housatonic* was found intact. Nearby, still pointing at its prey, lay the wreck of the *Hunley*.

The final score was 6-1 in favor of the North. The whole drama of submarine warfare had been more comic than serious; even the most ardent supporters of the *Hunley*, the *Davids* and the *Turtle* would have to admit that the vessels were little more than pesky minnows nibbling at the toes of the giant men of war.

Yet, half a century later, the minnows had grown into sharks, and no one was laughing when, in 1917, German U-boats sank nearly three thousand ships and a total of 5,639,000 gross tonnage, along with thousands of lives and untold billions of dollars worth of goods. To the Civil War buff, the history of the *Hunley* and other submarines is a matter of academic curiosity; to the cynic, the story of the peripatetic coffins was a bitter comedy; but to the human being not totally inured to the horrors of war, it was another dreadful scene in the tragedy of Progress. ■

Elk of the Year

TO: Exalted Rulers
and all lodge members

This year has now passed the half-way mark and by this time, the Exalted Ruler and his committee should be able to select and recognize a Brother for his devotion, dedication and loyalty to his lodge.

Only one Brother can be chosen and he cannot be a lodge officer, so the selection of this outstanding Brother must be taken with great care to be certain he is the one that is deserving of a citation as the Elk of the Year. He may be a member that has given of himself for the promotion of Elkdom in his lodge, or he may be a member that has put his talents to use for the betterment of his community.

After you select and approve this Brother for his service and activities, write Grand Secy. Homer Huhn Jr., 2750 Lakeview Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois, 60614 and request a certificate to be presented to this Brother.

When the citation is received, the Exalted Ruler and his committee should set aside a special night for the presentation and invite the members of the lodge. This meeting could be held on a regular lodge night, or the ladies could be invited with the committee planning social activities such as a dinner or a dance.

Exalted Rulers, please get busy and promote this program. Stimulate interest and make it an outstanding event in your year. The Elk of the Year program will certainly show your appreciation to those that are trying to make your lodge one of the best.

Paul J. Manship, Member
GL Lodge Activities Committee
Do not send any Elk of the Year material to the Magazine.

Pardon Us!

For reasons beyond our control, the addresses of two Grand Lodge Officers were incorrectly listed on page 25 of the November, 1973, issue. The correct address of Convention Committee Chairman George I. Hall is 8 Inner Circle, Scottsdale, Arizona (85258). The address of Advisory Committee Chairman Ronald J. Dunn is 112 Farrier Avenue, Oneida, New York (13422).

LODGE VISITS

GRAND EXALTED RULER
ROBERT A. YOTHERS



A pledge of support from the New York State Elks Association was given to GER Yothers during his visit to the state Elks' fall conference. Welcoming Brother Yothers were (from left) PGER George Hall, SP William Steinbrecher, and PGER Ronald Dunn. Over 800 delegates and their families were present for the meeting.



On his visit to Anchorage, Alaska, Lodge, GER Yothers gathered with several Grand Lodge, state, and local officers and their wives. Included in the group welcomed at the lodge home by ER and Mrs. Larry Hermann were SP and Mrs. Ross Lowder, SDGER Robert Haag, PGER and Mrs. Frank Hise, GER and Mrs. Yothers, Marge Anderson, SDGER Arthur Roy, Past GL Lodge Activities Committeeman and Mrs. Raymond Schroth, VP Foster Simms, Oregon SP and Mrs. William Flatt, Clifford Whittle, secretary to GER Yothers, and Mrs. Whittle, and DDGER William Saindon.

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News of the State Associations

SOUTH DAKOTA ELKS gathered at Aberdeen Lodge for their annual convention. Among the delegates and guests present were then-GER Francis Smith and PGER Raymond Dobson.

The business meetings were conducted by now-PSP M. J. Mickelson. Entertainment outside the business sessions was provided by the Aberdeen Elks chorus and band.

New State President of the South Dakota Elks Association is Ralph Holmes of Rapid City. President-Elect is Gordon Duff, Brookings, and Vice President-at-Large is Mel Mickelson, Aberdeen. Serving as Vice Presidents are George Brandsma, Huron; Ted Mickelson, Yankton, and Thomas Bennington, Rapid City. Wayne Shenkle of Sioux Falls is Secretary and Joseph Garrity of Brookings is Treasurer.

Brookings Lodge will host the 1974 annual convention June 7-8.

THE REPORT of the Major Project during the Virginia Elks annual convention showed that the boys camp begins its 25th year of operation by the state association, and over 500 boys attended this past summer. Other reports were that membership for the year increased statewide by 400, and several awards were presented by the scholarship committee.

A total of 436 delegates and guests attended the session in Harrisonburg which included an open house at Harrisonburg Lodge. Winner of the state ritualistic contest was Arlington-Fairfax Lodge.

New officers include State President Sidney Sullivan, Fredericksburg; Vice Presidents Robert Taylor, Onancock; William Berryman, Roanoke; Wesley Petrie, Martinsville; Secretary Charles Curtice, Petersburg, and Treasurer Cecil Duffee, Norfolk.

The 1974 annual convention will be held in June at Fredericksburg.

PLAQUES were presented to PGER Wade Kepner and State Secy. Garnett Shipley during the 65th annual convention of West Virginia Elks which was hosted by Huntington Lodge. Brother Kepner and Brother Shipley were named honorary State Presidents for their service to Elkdom.

All 23 lodges were represented at the convention which totaled 731 in attendance. Among the distinguished guests was GER Robert Yothers.

The Major Project reported two one-week camps for handicapped children

An exhibit of the crippled children's camp sponsored by West Virginia Elks was on display at their annual convention. Discussing the major project were GER Robert Yothers (right) and then-SP William Rosen.



Present for the annual convention of the South Dakota Elks Association was then-GER Francis Smith (left). He was joined by (from left) PGER Raymond Dobson, SP Mel Mickelson, and then-GL New Lodge Chm. Donald Balvin.

were held. A total donation of \$1,000 was made to the Elks National Foundation by the state association.

West Virginia Elks sponsored an Americanism program in the high schools. Volunteer work was carried on by the lodges in the state's four veterans hospitals. A decision was made to continue work towards achieving a state publication.

The association's new officers for the year include State President Donald L. Stokes, Sistersville; Vice Presidents Grover Smith, Mannington; H. E. Curry, Huntington; Robert Lenkner, Weirton; Secy. Garnett Shipley, Martinsburg, and Treas. Ralph Adams, Huntington.

A mid-year meeting is planned for April 19-21 at Weirton Lodge. Parkersburg Lodge will host the 1974 annual convention.

LOUISVILLE LODGE hosted the annual convention of the Kentucky Elks Association. A total of 338 Elks and their ladies were registered including several Past State Presidents and PGER and Mrs. Edward McCabe of Tennessee.

Awards for the most male delegates and for the most female delegates travelling the farthest to the convention went to Ashland Lodge and to Newport Lodge, respectively. The state ritualistic contest was won by Newport Lodge with Louisville Lodge placing second.

Youth Leadership awards went to Susan Stewart, Paducah Lodge and to Richard Holland, St. Matthews Lodge. Top winners of the Most Valuable Student contest were Peggy Fritz and Robert Little, both sponsored by Ashland Lodge.

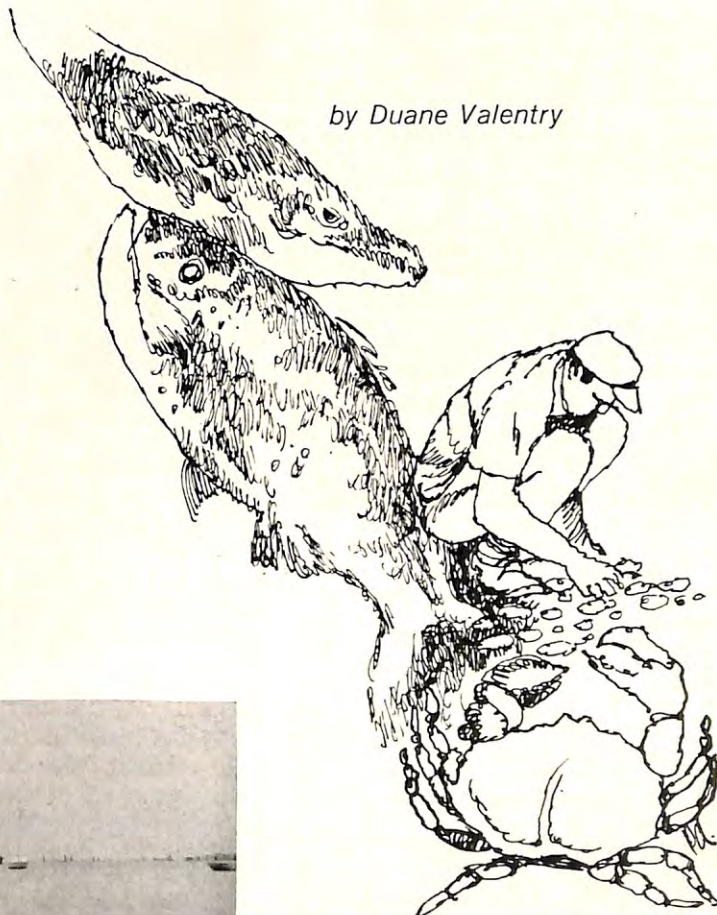
Trooper's Island for underprivileged children sponsored by the state police received \$3,174 from the state Elks' Major Project fund.

James W. Franklin of Louisville leads the slate of new officers as State President. Others include President-Elect Charles Barber, Ashland; VP James Loftus, Princeton; VP Theodore Zimmer, Newport; VP William Stamps, Bowling Green, and Secretary-Treasurer Garland Guilfoyle, Newport.

Covington Lodge will be the host for the 1974 annual convention May 30-June 1.

NATURE'S WEIRD JUBILEE

by Duane Valentry



Typical Jubilee equipment includes a large net for flounder, a small mesh net for shrimp, and a wash tub for your booty.

The soft warm summer night carries the tang of salt and the fresh wind from the bay. Lights gleam in the cozy waterfront cottages but no one, it seems, is inside. Children walk the beach, through the wharves that front each cottage. Men and women stand on porches, docks, and at the quiet water's edge, staring, waiting. Some sit around beach bonfires.

And the water, dark and still as thick glass, says not a word. It's eerie . . . the quiet, the waiting, the strangeness of the night.

"It's always like this just before it happens," says a sneakered teenager,

never taking his eyes from the water. "Then sometimes it doesn't happen after all—you just never know."

Overhead the full moon glows orange, then yellow. Somebody far up the beach spins out a tune on a harmonica, someone else has a transistor radio going softly. But mostly it's quiet, very quiet.

"I hear something," someone says. Everyone begins to listen to the splash-splash of agitated water.

The beach springs to life—suddenly there's movement, action, yells. "Jubilee! jubilee!"

From everywhere they come, young

and old, loaded down with huge galvanized tubs, with croaker sacks, with gigs. Some haul floundering lights, others pull rowboats to the water's edge, wading out with them.

Nobody tends the bonfires, nobody walks the beaches, as excitement runs high—the way it'll be now for four or five hours.

Jubilee is on!

One of the rarest events in the world, the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, Alabama, several times a summer, sometimes as many as a dozen, celebrates its famed "Jubilee," when for no reason under the sun or moon, the fish

did you know..



Norwich, CO, Lodge No. 430 is sponsor of a Children's Zoo they have presented to the City. Total cost will be about \$60,000 with the lodge committed to providing half and raising the other half of the needed funds.

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The Indiana Elks Association has voted approval for the purchase of a Newborn Intensive Care Unit. The project is estimated to cost about \$50,000 and will consist of a mobile ambulance, specialized equipment to care for newborn babies and qualified personnel.

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The Florida Elks Association major project, Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital, is now operating from temporary, leased quarters in Eustis, FL. At their last state convention, the Association voted unanimously to build a new 100-bed hospital on the original site in Umatilla, at an estimated cost of \$2 million. They are now conducting a drive to raise the funds needed.

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Four United States Presidents have been members of the Order of Elks . . . Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy.

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Among our present members of the United States Congress, 126 are members of the Order. There are 26 Senators and 96 House members who hold membership cards.

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The Kentucky Elks Association assists financially in the operation of Trooper Island, a camp for underprivileged children, sponsored by the Kentucky State Police. The camp is on Dale Hollow Lake.

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The Nevada Elks Association major project is a speech therapy program for children and adults, mainly in rural areas. The program, costing the state's Elks some \$9,000, is operated in conjunction with the Easter Seal Society.

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The Rhode Island Elks Association has budgeted \$3,000 for their major project of working with crippled children, 18 years of age and under.

come in in droves to throw themselves on shore.

Those first splashes were the sound of the eels swimming in to the shore. A close look reveals small crabs swimming in on top of the water, and the soft shell crabs clinging to wharf posts. And there in holes along the shore line are dozens of fat flounders, waiting to be picked up!

By now it's well after midnight, a favorite starting time for Jubilee, but who worries about sleep? This is a night of fun, excitement, and wonder, and one to talk about for days.

In July of 1967, there were the three residents of Fairhope who hauled in 369 flounders in two hours, *all* over three pounds in weight!

Jubilees occur from June 1st through September 30th, making for a bonus vacation joy school children love. A big Jubilee—they vary—will bring in flounder, shrimp, mullet, crab, croakers, eels, stingarees, and catfish. Sometimes it's just a "Crab Jubilee"—nothing but crab flinging themselves on the beaches.

Along a continuous stretch of beach from Townpoint, north of Daphne, to Mullet Point, south of Point Clear, Alabama, the unique event occurs. Though no one has ever taken a measure of the quantities of seafood harvested, the big jubilee may produce 25,000 two to three-pound flounder, and probably 60,000 to 100,000 blue crabs.

"This is based on 5,000 people (average) catching 5 flounders and 1 dozen crabs each," says a resident. "This is a very conservative estimate, actually."

Nature has many mysteries up her capacious sleeve—add the Jubilee, which has been puzzling scientists for decades. What's wrong with this apparently moonstruck sea life? Pick up a somnolent crab lying there under your hand in the ripples—after pinching your finger severely, he skitters away.

No, they aren't sick. "More like intoxicated," some say. "More like *stunned*," another.

Whatever's wrong, they're perfectly edible and perfectly delicious, as any jubilee will testify. The flounder appear to be lying there in a drugged state, but you have to gig them in the usual manner.

Hours pass, fish are scooped up on every side and the excitement begins to die down. Everyone's tired and it will soon be over now.

Jubilees have been known to occur in winter months but if so, it's freakish. Usually they seem to require certain conditions and summer is one of them. There's usually a wind before and during, the same kind of east wind, and a rising tide, says a Daphne boater who recalls most of them back to the start-

ing date, which was around 1933.

"That was our first recorded Jubilee, at any rate, on June 21, though there may have been some before that nobody remembers too well. Since then at least 100 have been set down for the record. If you ask a few of the local oldtimers, you may get somebody recalling them in the early 1900s."

Is it a Red Tide that chases the fish in? Is it an influx of fresh water mingling with the salt that panics them toward shore? Or the east wind doing something to the water making it uncomfortable for them?

"There are really two theories—one, that when fresh water comes into Mobile Bay fish can't take the taste and try to escape. When the rivers surge into the bay they muddy it sometimes 30 miles south of Mobile. Or—two, it may be sudden temperature changes in the water after big rains that could cause the oxygen content to change, affecting the fish." Harold Loesch in a 1960 journal publication, *Ecology*, conjectured on possible causes and decided the event had to be a combination of both oceanographic and meteorological factors. Residents are inclined to let it rest at that; they even like the mystery.

Come summer, they're ever on the alert. Isn't the bay a bit more salty? Feel that steady east wind? Then, if the bay becomes calm as a pond, and if there's a full moon or a new moon—both seem to work—the cry of "Jubilee! Jubilee!" may soon be heard and, ask any poor flounder, that's where the action is!



AN ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE was held for Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James at Rose Hill Burial Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Brother James, who was a member of Oklahoma City Lodge, initiated a youth center at Lake Texoma sponsored by the state association. At the dedication were (from left) Dr. L. Frank James, daughter Mrs. Mary Dobson, Mrs. Earl E. James, and Earl E. James Jr.

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An Elks arts and crafts contest was held for patients at the VA Hospital in Bronx, New York. Winners received their checks from Conrad Gable, chief of the therapy section. They are (from left) Martin Tevnan, Paul Ferrara, Robert Bostic, and William Deyampert.



A beaded cross was the winning entry in the arts and crafts contest held by Georgia Elks for veterans. Committee members included (from left) R. E. McIntire, Decatur VA Hospital director, Renee Hernandez, Nell Daniel, Ethel Hughes, and Chm. Tom Brisendine.

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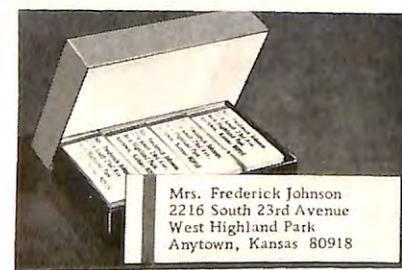
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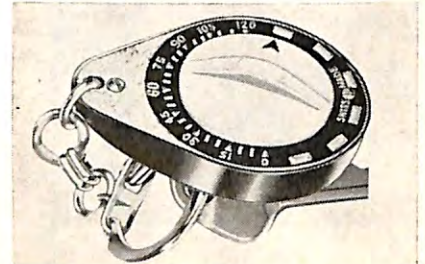
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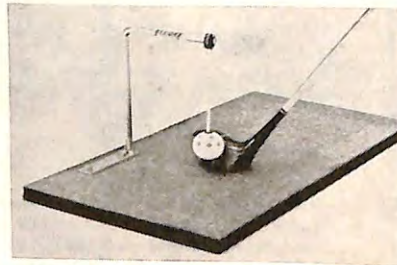
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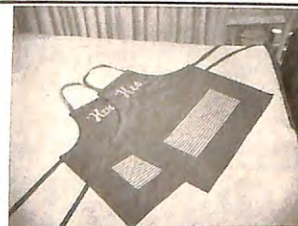
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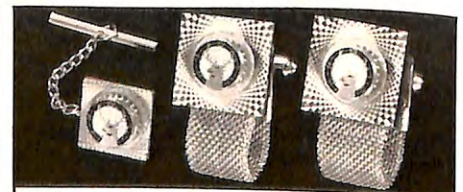


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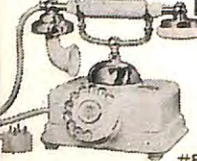
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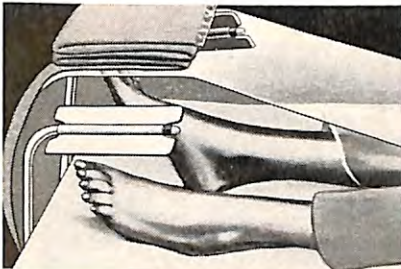
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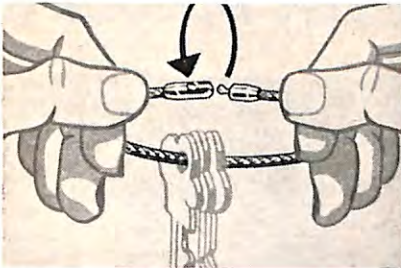
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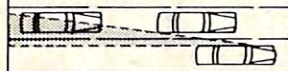
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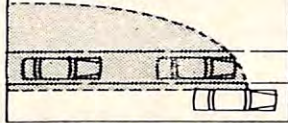
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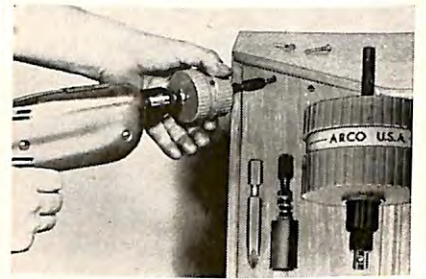
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"STATES" is in large letters—which, as one candid historian says, really "was not an inaccurate representation of the actual political situation" and the feelings of several of the colonies at the time. The error is innocent enough, otherwise. It would have been an impossible feat for Matlack to get the title on a single line if he'd used a swirling capital "U." But whether lower or upper case, the remarkable feature in all the various copies of the Declaration is that never before 1776 had the colonists referred to themselves officially as "United States."

Congress received the parchment on August 2nd and the delegates began signing it. Again, contrary to popular belief, not all the signatures that eventually appeared on the document were put there that day. Nor did all the men who helped draw up or voted

for the Declaration sign it. (Robert Livingston, for example, did not though he was a member of Jefferson's committee.) And, as blasphemous as it may sound, the famous painting of the signing by John Trumbull, "The Declaration of Independence," can only be a figment of the artist's imagination.

Some of the patriots pictured were not present in Philadelphia on August 2nd, others were absent on July 4th. All of them were never in the same room at the same time. This in no way detracts from the painting's patriotic fervor or its historical value. Trumbull drew more than three-fourths of these important men from life—he captured Jefferson's likeness on the canvas in Paris some ten years after the depicted event—and, thus, we see them as they must have looked in their own time. Fifty of the 56 signers did put their

signatures to the Declaration on August 2nd. Of the remaining six—George Wythe and Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, Oliver Wolcott of Connecticut, Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts (his name is perpetuated in the word "gerrymander"), Thomas McKean of Delaware, and Matthew Thornton of New Hampshire—five had signed by year's end. The lone straggler was McKean. His name doesn't even appear on the authenticated copies of the Declaration which Congress ordered sent to each of the states on January 18, 1777. Apparently, he finally got around to the chore at some later date, for his signature is on the parchment copy today.

When the British approached Philadelphia in December, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Secretary Thomson boxed it with other records of Congress and hurriedly carted the papers away to Baltimore by wagon. The Declaration was back in Philadelphia by springtime—there is no record of a first anniversary celebration—only to be hauled away again that autumn to Lancaster and later to York, Pennsylvania, where it was stored in a courthouse. It returned with Congress to Philadelphia in 1778 and on July 4th of that year the first celebration of the kind that we continue to observe—fireworks, patriotic speeches, parades—took place.

The parchment hung in the Pennsylvania State House until 1783, then followed the ever-movable Congress on another series of wanderings. To Princeton. To Trenton. To Annapolis. Finally to the City Hall on Wall Street in New York, where Washington was inaugurated in 1789. Acting Secretary of State John Jay accepted responsibility for its safekeeping until Jefferson arrived from France to officially assume the position.

It's believed that the Declaration's creator kept it in his temporary offices on Lower Broadway before taking it with him to Philadelphia when the government moved there for ten years, starting in 1790. It was about this time that Jefferson began to be aware of its historic significance. In writing an epitaph for his tombstone-to-be, he named the achievements he most wanted to be remembered for. Authorship of the Declaration of Independence topped the list.

In the fall of 1800, the government set up shop in the nation's brand new capital, a sea of mud called Washington, D. C. The State Department hardly had room enough for its furniture, so John Marshall gave custody of the Declaration to the better equipped War Office. Well and good—until the invading British decided to burn

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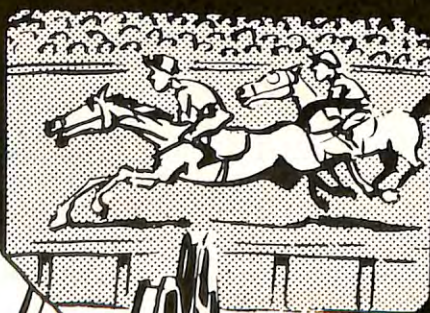
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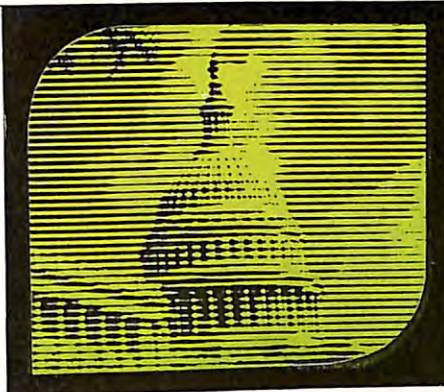
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HOME FREEZER SALES are way up here and commercial food lockers have so much business they are turning customers away. This spurt in business has been touched off by a new trend in food buying. Many suburban dwellers are trying to beat rising prices by buying meat in large quantities and storing it.

ALL-YEAR SCHOOL. Three hundred thousand students in 31 states, including some northern Virginia suburbs of the nation's capital, now attend schools that operate on a year-round schedule, according to a survey conducted by the New Jersey Department of Education. Instead of nine months in class and three months on vacation, the students go to class nine weeks at a time and then are on vacation for three weeks.

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One of the most meaningful times in the holiday season is when Elks throughout the land express their Great Heart of Elkdom by extending the spirit of Christmas to those less fortunate than themselves.

Elks everywhere worked many long hours last year to spread the warmth of yuletide cheer wherever needed. Reports of 500 lodges on their 1972 Christmas Charities programs showed that an excess of \$450,000 had been spent and that 140,738 persons were entertained and helped.

The programs provided a light of unexpected happiness to many, both children and adults, by presenting foods for the needy, gifts to veterans and bedridden children in the hospitals, parties for the handicapped and the underprivileged, toys and games for distribution at community service toy shops, assistance to poor family groups, and

Santa Claus for the children.

Brother George Chambers, member of the GL Lodge Activities Committee, urgently requests that every lodge conduct a Christmas Charities program and extend the Great Heart of Elkdom into the community. Keep a narrative and submit a report to this committee. A form for this report will be mailed to each Exalted Ruler shortly after January 1, 1974. In addition to the report, pictures (8x10 glossies) of the program with written captions should be included. Some of these pictures will be used in *The Elks Magazine* for the 1974 Christmas display.

Send the pictures along with the report to George F. Chambers, member, GL Lodge Activities Committee, 253 Ivy Place, Orinda, California 94563, not later than February 14, 1974.

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Washington, D.C., during the War of 1812. Before the fires started, Secretary of State James Monroe wisely decided to pack the papers of his department and evacuate them to safety.

The Declaration was put in a coarse linen sack, spent one night in an old barn across the Potomac, and waited out the rest of the war in the home of a clergyman named Littlejohn in Leesburg, Virginia. Events turned out better than anyone had reason to expect. The British were roundly defeated. The blackened Executive Mansion got a glistening garb of white paint—and a new name in the process. And, in 1820, the Declaration went to its first permanent home, the new State Department Building on the site of the present Treasury.

A hundred years later, Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes recommended the Library of Congress as the proper custodian. On September 20, 1921, the Declaration—now 145 years old—was gently transferred in a mail truck to Capitol Hill. It remained in the office of Dr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, in company with that other supremely sacred document, the Constitution, while an appropriate resting place was being built within the Library.

Both were finally enshrined on February 19, 1924, in a marble crypt designed by Francis H. Bacon, brother of the planner of the Lincoln Memorial. The ceremony was a simple one. Characteristically, President Coolidge said only a few—though well chosen—words. Dr. Putnam put the documents in their respective niches. The spectators sang "America." The Declaration had made its last journey. Or so the curious and admiring public thought who flocked to see it.

The attack on Pearl Harbor upset this reckoning. As a safety measure, the two precious documents were locked in special bronze containers the day after Christmas, 1941, taken to Union Station, and rode in Pullman-car comfort accompanied by Secret Service agents to the most protected site in the United States—the underground gold-bullion vault at Fort Knox, Kentucky. There they stayed until the fall of 1944. During these years of hiding, the older and more damaged of the two—the Declaration—was inspected and re-conditioned by experts from the Bureau of Standards. They carefully unmounted it, removed a nasty accumulation of glue and other adherent materials, laboriously drew the creeping cracks and tears together. Then they placed the Declaration in a vacuum of insulated glass. On October 1, 1944, when it seemed reasonably safe to do so, the two docu-

ments were taken back to the shrine in the Library of Congress.

But there was one more step to take in the endless wandering. In 1952, Congress designated the new building housing the National Archives as the depository for the official records of government. This obviously included the Declaration, as well as the Constitution. The result was that a special hall was set aside in the building to display these two relics from our past.

Everything was ready by December 13, 1952. A company of guards from all the armed services carefully carried the two scrolls down the steps of the Library. No mail truck was waiting this time. A defiant tank treaded the few blocks to the National Archives with the two documents. The Chief Justice presided over the acceptance ceremony and President Truman delivered the welcoming address. Representatives from every state watched as the Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Library unveiled the shrine.

Now, at last, the Declaration is home for good. Jefferson surely would approve. As its author once said. "The earth belongs always to the living generation." And though the timeworn phrases and dim autographs are difficult to read, the Declaration is still a living document. This song of freedom, this hope of oppressed men will never disappear from the minds of the millions who gaze upon it. For, in the final analysis, only in the human heart does the Declaration achieve immortality.

Today, with its 200th birthday just around the corner, the Declaration is sealed in a helium-filled glass and bronze case designed to protect it from destructive oxygen. (So is the Constitution.) No further deterioration is possible. No human hand has touched it for over two decades. And like the American flag, it is raised each morning and lowered every evening. The old parchment scroll spends its daytime hours on display in its special shrine under armed guard. Each night, along with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, it is tenderly lowered by an \$86,000 electrically operated apparatus into a 50-ton fireproof and bombproof vault located well beneath the floor of the exhibition hall.

These elaborate measures actually serve to insure the document's preservation more than to guard it against theft. Indeed, it's pointless even to muse lightly on the notion of theft. "After all," smiles Dr. Frank Burke, a director of the National Archives, "The Declaration of Independence would be pretty hard to fence." ■

Obituaries



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Warfield Z. Miller, who was a member of Richmond, Ky., Lodge, died recently.

Brother Miller was Exalted Ruler of his lodge in 1941-1942 and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East District in 1942-1943.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Virgil E. Bowman, who was a member of Marion, Ind., Lodge, died August 8, 1973.

Brother Bowman served two terms as Exalted Ruler of his lodge and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East District in 1962-1963. He was a member of the Elks National Service Commission for 25 years.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY William H. Evans, who was a member of Webster, Mass., Lodge, died August 17, 1973.

Brother Evans served as Secretary for 31 years and as Exalted Ruler of his lodge. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the West Central District in 1958-1959.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY William H. Reinking, who was a member of Aurora, Ill., Lodge, died September 2, 1973.

Brother Reinking served as Exalted Ruler of his lodge and as State Vice-President. At the time of his death, he was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Raymond M. O'Donnell, who was an honorary life member of Coatesville, Pa., Lodge, died recently.

Brother O'Donnell served as Exalted Ruler of his lodge and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District in 1965-1966.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Fred H. Connelly, who was a member of North Attleboro, Mass., Lodge, died August 11, 1973.

Brother Connelly served as Exalted Ruler of his lodge and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District in 1942-1943.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Joe L. Neyer, who was an honorary life member of Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge, died July 27, 1973.

Brother Neyer served as Exalted Ruler of his lodge and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District in 1961-1962.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER E. Gene Fournace shoveled the first dirt for the cornerstone of Parma, Ohio, Lodge, while ER James Geekie watched. The groundbreaking was celebrated at a buffet dinner in honor of Brother Fournace.



YOUTH BOWLING CHAMPION of the national girls handicap division, Mary Stephenitch, won a trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship. Sharing her excitement were (from left) her parents Mrs. Stephenitch and PER Donald Stephenitch from Mendota, Ill., Lodge, and Al Elsesser, Mendota Elks bowling alley manager.



A TOTAL of 51 new members, who joined Pascagoula, Miss., Lodge, formed the largest initiation class in the lodge's 65-year history. ER J. H. Causey directed the ceremony.



A GOLF WEEKEND for Gerald Ford (second from left), U.S. House Minority Leader, was hosted by Michigan SP Ralph Shoemaker (left). Ford has been a member of Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge for 27 years. The foursome included Martin Karant (right), Grand Lodge director of public relations, and lodge Trustees Chm. Alfred Grzeszak.



THE SAFETY AWARD was presented to Gary Dallas by Brother Alan Tappenden from Marquette, Mich., Lodge. Dallas had rescued a motorist who was overcome with carbon monoxide gas.



THE CORNERSTONE was laid for the new home of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge. Present at the ceremonies were (standing, from left) Treas. Richard Burdick, Esq. Nick Baudo, Est. Lead. Kt. Clarence Krueger, Tiler Alex Behm, Est. Lect. Kt. Howard Rivette, Est. Loyal Kt. Donald Eckers, Trustee Hal Vilar, PER David Hanser, and (seated) SP Al Kowalchyk, DDGER John Elleu, and ER Francis Reale.



LEATHER CRAFT TOOLS and other supplies for occupational therapy at Louisville Veterans Hospital have been purchased by a donation from Louisville, Ky., Lodge. Present were (from left) Henry Dearth, hospital director of volunteer service, and Vets Chm. J. Baldwin, who presented the check to Hospital Director Donald Cowley.



NEW ORLEANS WEST BANK, Louisiana, Lodge was instituted at a ceremony attended by lodge officers and several guests. Those present included PGER William Wall, Past Grand Esq. Martin Moe, DDGER Feltus Rhodes, PDD George Ketteringham, SP Harry Hover, and ER Dorsey Cole.



THREE SONS of Brother William Sample were initiated at Jeffersonville, Ind., Lodge. ER Gerald Wisdom (left) joined the Samples, (from left) William Sr., Edward, William Jr., and Steven.



EXALTED RULER JIM HEUBERGER cut the ribbon at Mansfield, Ohio, Lodge to mark the completion of remodeling. Also present were PDD John Kepple, Est. Lead. Kt. G. Danas, Est. Lect. Kt. R. Stake, Est. Loyal Kt. L. Doktor, Secy. D. Stake, In. Gd. C. Webster, Esq. T. Baker, Chap. L. Stake, Trustees Chm. Robert DeMoise, and Trustee D. Fighter.



THE 80th ANNIVERSARY of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Lodge was celebrated with a program honoring the Past Exalted Rulers in which PER B. D. Silliman reviewed the lodge history. Among those attending were (from left) State Secy. Sanford Schmalz, VP David McGuire, PGER Glenn Miller, ER George Hill Jr., and SP Al Humphrey.



A BASEBALL GAME was the treat for local grade school patrol boys sponsored by Carbondale, Ill., Lodge. The youth committee accompanied about 60 boys to a St. Louis Cardinals-Houston Astros game in St. Louis, Missouri. Chm. Bill Gasaway coordinated the annual event.



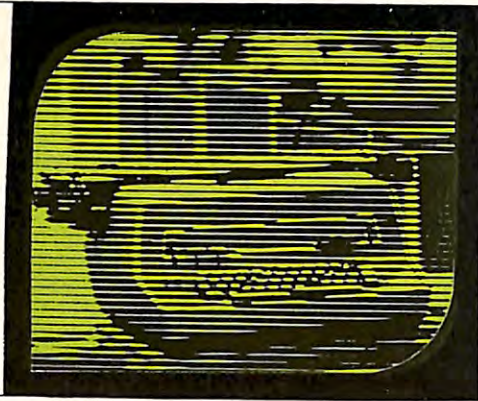
COACH CAL STOLL of the University of Minnesota's Golden Gophers talked football to students at the crippled children's school during a visit to Jamestown, N. D., Lodge. ER Jim Tollefson and PER Jack Brown welcomed him to the lodge, where he spoke at the father and son banquet.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Robert Yothers joined several Elk dignitaries in Green Bay, Wisconsin to attend church services. Present were (from left) Grand Secy. Homer Huhn Jr., DDGER George Rapp, Grand Trustee Mel Junion, GER Yothers, DDGER John Ellen, DDGER Kieran Purcell, DDGER William Lucas, and PGER Lee Donaldson.

A CLASS OF 19 was initiated at McAllen, Tex., Lodge in honor of Brother Jack Woerstell (back row, fifth from right). Among the initiates were three brothers, Richard Savage (front row, fourth from left), Robert Savage (fifth), and Tim Savage (sixth). Brother Joe Alleyn (back row, sixth from left) sponsored them.





Gratitude to the B.S.A.

Grand Exalted Ruler Yothers, following his visit to the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree in Idaho last August, made some excellent points about why Elks lodges should sponsor one or more Scouting units.

We agree that we should all be proud of our record of 47 percent of our lodges sponsoring Boy Scout units, but even this excellent figure represents *less than half* of our lodges. What about that other 53 percent?

We would wager that there isn't a single lodge in our Order which doesn't have several members who, if they'd just admit it to themselves, owe a real debt of gratitude to the Boy Scouts of America. Think of what they have done to make our young people better citizens . . . *and that includes you*, if you were ever a Scout. Think of what they are doing to help you rear your sons in the way you want them to go.

We have found through many years of experience in journalism that the number of young men who were ever members of Boy Scout units and who later got into trouble with the law is extremely small. On the contrary, examine the biographies of our country's most outstanding citizens in any field you care to name and you'll find a high percentage have some Scouting in their background. Surely that tells us something!

Exalted Rulers should immediately scrutinize carefully their membership rosters for likely men to head up and take part in Scouting through the Youth Activities committee. Sure, it's a lot of hard work at times to run a Scout troop . . . but remember that someone did that work when YOU were a Scout. Now you have a chance to repay his efforts by extending some of your own. Think about it . . . and then GET WITH IT!

Blue Collars Badly Needed

We saw some figures recently that showed a decline in college and university enrollments this past fall . . . the first time this has happened in several years. Disappointed? Not necessarily. This might well be a very good thing for our young people . . . and for our country.

For many years, we have almost made a fetish out of our youth getting their college degrees. Nobody would deny that higher education is a wonderful thing . . . but we found that many young men and women who entered colleges and universities didn't go on to get their degree. They just weren't interested, in many cases. . . or they couldn't "cut it," as they said.

Many went to college because of pressures from home. Dad was a lawyer so son was almost automatically slated to follow in his footsteps. Mama had been a teacher or a nurse so daughter should be also.

Meanwhile, this country has been steadily experiencing more and more shortages in the "blue collar" trades. Ask any home owner or businessman . . . he'll tell you how difficult it is to get a good plumber, carpenter, painter, plasterer, cabinet-maker, mechanic, lathe operator, draftsman and so on and on. It's really frustrating to not only find these people, but to get them to do your work even if you DO locate one. It's getting to the place where one needs an appointment months in advance, much as with medical doctors or dentists, etc.

A lot of young people who earned college degrees in education are now finding, much to their distress, that teachers are having a hard time finding a job. It's now

a buyer's market and the young person trying to get into a school is a plentiful commodity; so boards of education are quite selective.

Perhaps now we will be able to get more young people into trades where they are so sorely needed and where, incidentally, they can make excellent salaries or go into business for themselves. There are literally hundreds of such careers open to willing youngsters. Any big city newspaper's classified ad section will confirm this, as will a lot of small community papers.

We are NOT trying to say that a college degree or a profession isn't highly desirable. . . far from it! There will be an increasing demand for college trained professionals in almost every field of endeavor, particularly the sciences. And the order of Elks gives millions of dollars in scholarships to young men and women to help them toward a college degree.

What we DO mean is that it's time for parents to think seriously about this matter before they advise their offspring on careers. Lay aside pure sentiment and approach this vital topic as objectively as possible. Encourage young people to follow a career they will really enjoy and in which they can truly excel, even if they might get a little dirt under their fingernails!

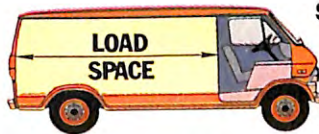
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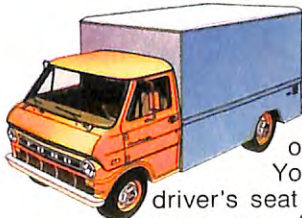
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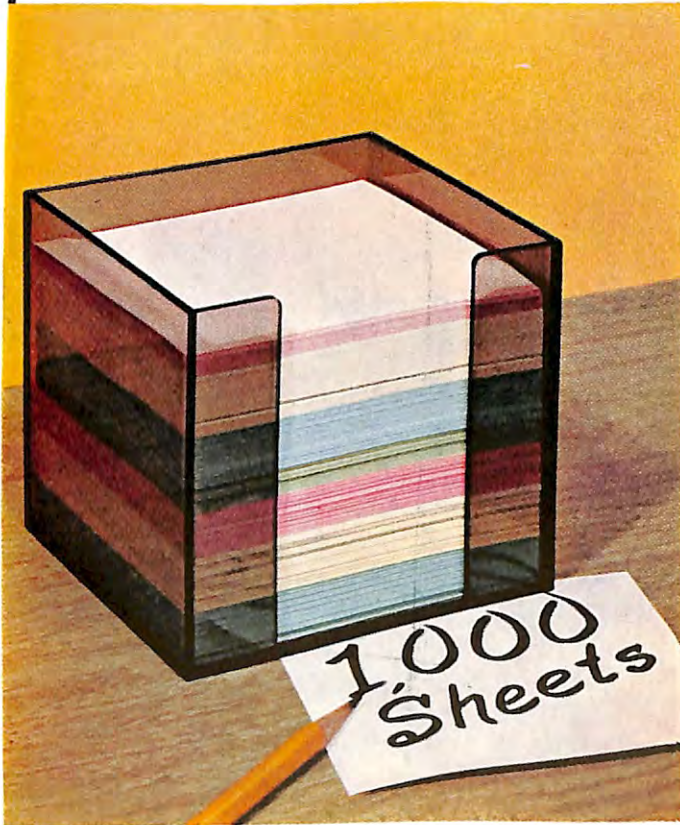
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